



BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9TH WR
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OUR NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, 17 April 2019 – 18:30 (6:30 pm CST)

Des Plaines Park District Prairie Lakes

515 East Wolf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

AGENDA:

PROPER UNIFORM WEAR



UPCOMING EVENTS

27 April: GPS FOR MARINERS

We had to change the date for our March GPS for Mariners class. Now it will be Saturday, 27 April, at Generations/Oakton Arms in Des Plaines. Time is 0830. This is a really excellent class that goes into charting and piloting, then talks about the Global Positioning Satellite system, how it is used for navigation, and (most important) how it can lie to you. All boaters with more than two electrons to rub together should take this.

18 – 25 May: NATIONAL SAFE BOATING

WEEK At the last meeting, a committee was formed to organize this start to the summer boating season. Proclamations from local towns, the Spring Fun Fair and Canoe Marathon are already being lined up. Station Open House, parades, the Memorial Day observance are in the works. Keep it in mind, and be ready to help out!

SAVE THE DATE(S)

From Division Vice Shawn Landa, tentative schedule for Auxiliary Div.39 Facilities to appear at various events. SO-PV Ron Dziagwa (luc_swimpilot@hotmail.com) is a great resource to contact about these events, please take the time to do so. He can provide specifics.

*April 13th Chicago Yacht Works VE Blitz,
Contact: Marc Pullman

*April 27th Kids Day YMCA DesPlaines

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067/090 TBD on operational need.

* May 3rd: SWH multi agency Law Enforcement
event. The Auxiliary is part of this event, call if
interested in attending- Boats 090/067 on display

* May 18th Station Open House. Chili Cook Off to
follow. All members and public welcome to open
house.- Boats 067/090 on display.

* May 27th Winnetka Parade – 067 participating

* May 27th Arlington Heights Parade - 033

* May 31-June 1 Chicago Yacht Club – 033

24 August Chicago Leukemia Cup Race

And these from Rick Tamraz, Station Cal Harbor:

July 13 Mac Race

July 23-29 EAA, Oshkosh

July 27 Dragon Boat Races

July 27-31 Tall Ships

Aug 10 Swim Across America

Aug 15-18 Chgo Air Show

Sept 7 Big Shoulder Swim?

Sept 28 Tough Cup?

(We will have to learn more about some of these)

CHILI IN MAY

Certain iron-stomached individuals in our Division have been agitating for a Chili-Cook-off contest, like what Station Cal Harbor holds every fall. We had planned on holding it the same time as the Ice Rescue demonstration this winter, but there never was enough ice in Wilmette Harbor to allow that demonstration. So, it has been tentatively planned to hold a cook-off after the Station Open House on 18 May. So, if your *Abuela* had a *muy secreto* recipe for sudden-death chili, bring along a crock-pot and see what everyone else thinks.

ANOTHER LOSS TO OUR FAMILY

Ed Siegel's grand daughter Nicole passed 12 Feb, just before our February meeting. Our sympathy goes out to Ed and his family.

D-TRAIN

The Spring District Training session (D-Train) was held 22-24 March in Lisle, IL. We were pleased to see several of our new members attending. Most of their time was spent in New Member Boot Camp. There were several good training sessions on Vessel Safety Checks, qualifying for AtoN inspection, Recreational Boating Safety visitor, and Paddlecraft safety outreach. Tim Darrey assisted with a presentation about the EAA Oshkosh / Auxiliary activities. Our Flotilla won First Place – Recruiting, (Yay John and Carol)

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

With the new recruits we have taken on board, and some of us old salts who have slipped a bit, our April meeting is going to go into proper uniform wear and appearance. Tim has promised a "Runway Show" of the different kinds of uniform (Quick: How many are there?) and describe what's right, what's maybe excusable and what is very much wrong. We have had a couple of recent occurrences where one of our members thought they had an acceptable uniform, but didn't. And it was noticed. Plan on coming to the meeting. If you can't make it, review the on-line uniform wear materials that have come out in the last couple of months.

Rolf Larson

A Life Celebration will be held for Rolf in Chicago on Saturday, May 11 at 11:30 am at Biagio's (4242 N Central Ave)

His funeral and burial will be in Sweden.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to:
North Park University: Office of Advancement
3225 W Foster Av. Box 6, Chicago, IL 60625