



# BILGEWATER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39-02, Des Plaines, IL 9<sup>TH</sup> WR  
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## **ZOOM INTO THE NEXT MEETING OF FLOTILLA 39-02, 18 NOVEMBER!**

Wednesday, we will again get together online, starting at 19:30 (7:30 pm) This meeting is important, because we will hold Elections for the Bridge.

NOTE: The ZOOM license is held by VDCO Shawn Landa. So, when you get an message from him before the third Wednesday, it will be a link to our Flotilla meeting. All Flotilla members are urged to follow the instructions and click on the link to attend remotely.

## **ELECTRONIC TRAINING**

We are sort of staggering back into doing Coast Guard activities. November 7, your Editor participated in a Zoom version of About Boating Safely, organized by good friend Bob Allen of Division 35. 10 students (count ‘em!) participated. One week later we did the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the class. Shelly Markle ran the Zoom and conducted the quiz, done on a google survey-type platform that worked really well. (Your editor got 59 out of 60, but that was because he deliberately missed the Knot question to see what would happen – Honest!)

## **CHRISTMAS SHIP**

By Rick Tamraz, Division 95

Shipmates: I received this message from MSU:  
Good morning Mr. Tamraz,  
Just wanted to give you an update on the Christmas Tree Ship. It is going to be a quick trip for the CGC *MACKINAW*.

Arrival: Friday, December 4

Tree off-load: Saturday, December 5

Departure: Sunday, December 6

Due to the pandemic the ceremony, tours, and associated activities are cancelled.



Permission still must be obtained from the Admiral in Cleveland for any Auxiliary activity.

For those of you who don't know: 100 years ago, small schooners plied the waters of Lake Michigan, hauling whatever cargoes they could get. One profitable activity was to cut trees in Upper Michigan and sell them off the dock in Chicago. The Coast Guard observes this tradition by loading the Cutter *Mackinaw* with trees purchased up north and donating them to families here.

In past years, members of our Flotilla have helped with unloading and tours of the ship. That's out, this year.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Thanks to the new scheme for disseminating information, and the efforts of Tim Darrey at District and Ruben Howard, we have two new member in our Flotilla: Arcia Moss joined 3 April, and William Markey on 15 October.

Welcome Aboard, gentlemen! We look forward to making your acquaintance when the craziness settles out.

*“My father was the sort of man who, if wrecked on a desolate island, would find his way home – if he had his jack knife and could find a tree.”*

--Capt. Joshua Slocum