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ZOOM INTO THE NEXT MEETING OF FLOTILLA 39-02, 17 FEBRUARY!

Our Flotilla still holds meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be February 17, 2021, at 1930 (7:30 pm). It is a chance to meet our newer members, see your old friends, and hear the latest Coast Guard news, and help decide what our Flotilla will be doing.

The meetings after that are scheduled for 17 March and 21 April.

SPEAKING OF WHICH: Our Flotilla decided at the January meeting that we would buy our own Zoom license for online meetings and classes. So, look for an invitation to come from Tim or Bridget directly, not Shawn Landa.

DOING CLASSES: Your FSO- Public Education (ahem) has been busy. I have been teaming up with Bob Allan of division 35 to help with his AUXOPS classes. I assisted with two chapters of Auxiliary Seamanship last month, and this month with Auxiliary Weather. I had taken the old AUXWEA with dear Amy Seeley a few years ago, then boned up on the new course to teach it, so you could say that I've looked at clouds from both sides now... We are also pleased that several members of our Flotilla, including-but-not-limited-to Ruben, Jim Davy, Sylvia, and Arcia, are taking this class.

On February 20 and 27, we will be teaching our first session of Boat America, the new basic boating course that replaces About Boating Safely. We had planned on doing this last month; the ducks didn't get in the row, so we

teamed with Bob Allan again and taught a chapter under Division 35.

One other Zoom-based activity: I addressed the Riverside Fishing Club on the subject of boat safety classes and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. One of the club members had talked to us at a boat show, then saw my name on the Boat Class announcement board. I described Boat America, GPS for Mariners, and wrapped up with a plea to wear lifejackets.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: This from the podcast "Under the Influence": A water park in Indiana decided to make soft drinks, water, and tea FREE to visitors. They put in 900 stations to dispense beverages at no cost. The finance guy called the President stupid to his face. But...word of mouth brought in lots of people who liked not having to tell their kids "no." And — first aid calls for dehydration fell by 90%.

