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**FLOTILLA COMMANDER  
(FC) Rhett Skubis**

**FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER  
(VFC) Chris Hillas**

**March 2013**

### From the Vice Division Commander

The Division is excited as the days are ticking past to the beginning of the boating season. All of our members have spent time this winter training and honing their skills to be able to support the boating public. Public education classes are being held by many flotillas, first aid/CPR classes, vessel examiner workshops and operational workshops are well under way. Once again, the Auxiliary is up for the challenge of keeping our boaters safe. Division 35 proudly supports Station Calumet Harbor and the boating public of Lake Michigan.

*Maryellen Begley*

*Vice Division Commander, Division 35*

### From the Flotilla Commander

In this time of uncertainty concerning federal spending, we in the Coast Guard Auxiliary need to redouble our efforts to provide the most effective support to the Gold Side, while maintaining our focus on our core missions of Recreational Boating Safety, Public Education, and Operations.

We should all take a moment to reflect on the spirit that animates the Auxiliary: volunteerism, commitment to public service and the public good, love of country, sense of camaraderie with our fellow Auxiliarists, and satisfaction in tasks performed with excellence. Taken together, these attributes are invaluable to our efforts. And they are, quite literally, priceless, since they cannot be bought or sold.

*Rhett Skubis*

*Flotilla Commander, Twelve Chicago*

### Member Training

National has set up one web page for access to AUXLMS (Learning Management System), NTC (National Testing Center) and the Online Classroom. (also included is access to the FEMA web site for ICS 100,200,700 & 800)

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=TDEPT&category=online-learning>

Going to one site initially should help members to navigate better between the various systems that the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary are maintaining. Also, ICS-210 when completed online, satisfies the requirement for coxswain and/or Marine Safety.

The Symposium planners have asked each unit in the Ninth District to forward their "Best Practices" in every aspect of the Auxiliary. If you have not submitted your suggestions to FSO-MT Skubis, please get them to him promptly. He needs to have his submissions to division by 3/20.

*Submitted by Mike Scott*

### Become a Vessel Examiner in 2013!

Learn all you need to perform US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks. Division 35 will be sponsoring member training and a workshop for all interested US Coast Guard Auxiliary members pursuing certification as a Vessel Examiner or looking to refresh their skills prior to the spring. The formal training will take 4 hours followed by an optional lunch at the station (nominal fee required) and an optional 1 hour PWC/Paddlecraft VSC presentation. The presentations will include:

- An overview of the VE Mission
- A review of content from the Vessel Safety Check Manual
- Practical training on how to prepare for and conduct a VSC
- Inland and Coastal (Great Lakes) pointers
- Test taking pointers for new Vessel Examiners and instruction on how to get involved in the mission
- Special items for PWC and SUBS Vessel Safety Checks

Current Vessel Examiners are encouraged to attend to refresh and share experiences with the class and items specific to performing checks in the Calumet Harbor AOR.

Who/What: YOU! - Vessel Examiner Workshop & Training

Where: USCG Station Calumet Harbor Training Room  
4001 E. 98th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60617  
Park across the street from the station; use gate buzzer for entry

When: 23 March 2013

0900-1300 Core VE Workshop  
1300-1400 Lunch and Fellowship (optional)  
1400-1500 VSCs for PWC and Paddlecraft (optional)  
Dress: Dress ready to perform a VSC - ODU or appropriate civilian attire w/ collared shirt  
How: RSVP if you will attend class and/or lunch to Mike Scott at 09535.somt@gmail.com AND Chris Hillas at hillaschris@gmail.com

What to Bring: - Note taking materials (if desired)  
- \$6 fee if attending lunch, cash or check (payable to "U.S. COAST GUARD")

Prerequisites - Attendees should:  
o Be in Applicant (AP) status, having passed a Basic Boating Safety course  
o Have read the Vessel Safety Check Manual (1-3 hours) [http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/cim\\_16796\\_8.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/cim_16796_8.pdf)

All US Coast Guard Auxiliarists will be welcomed to class; however people who do not RSVP may not get a seat and will be standing for 4+ hours!

Directions to Class:

USCG Station Calumet Harbor, 4001 E. 98th Street, Chicago, IL 60617

From all points North, Southwest, and West:  
Take I-94, the Bishop Ford Freeway Expressway, to exit 65 – Stony Island Avenue/95th Street/103rd Street.  
Travel on the ramps for 95th Street and take a right on to E. 95th Street.

From the Southeast and Northwest Indiana:

Exit from the I-90 Skyway, to exit 0 - Indianapolis Blvd. Take a left at the exit and travel north and then take a right on to S. Ewing Ave. Take a right on to E. 95th Street.

From 95th Street:  
Travel down E. 95th Street and enter Calumet Park. Take your first left inside the park and travel around to the Station on the southeast end of the park. Parking is directly across the street from the Station.

### **Sequestration Hits!**

THE NATIONAL COMMODORE  
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
Thomas C. Mallison

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2 March 2013  
FROM: NACO

TO: National Board

SUBJECT: Sequestration Day 1

As we begin a new approach to Federal budget management, we will undoubtedly be hearing a number of rumors about how funds will or will not be available for various Auxiliary programs. At this point in time, specific budget responses to the sequester are still largely in the developmental stages.

We have only one definitive program response at this time. Potential adjustments in the Coast Guard AFC-56 funded training were announced by BSX-1 on 26 February to the training community. It is expected that Priority 1 & 2 schools, which include Auxiliary Aviation Commandant Mandated C-Schools, would be reduced by 20%. It is further expected that Priority 3 & 4 schools, which include all Auxiliary National C-Schools, would be cancelled for the balance of FY13. Orders that may have been issued for Priority 3 & 4 courses not already in progress are expected to be cancelled, and orders are not expected to be issued for any Priority 3 & 4 courses scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The extent of adjustments to Auxiliary AFC-30 budgets, if any, has not been determined at this time. Because Coast Guard funds will logically need to be prioritized toward primary operational missions, we can expect to see fewer funds available for travel, conferences, and administration. When we have been made aware of

budgetary decisions in this area, I will advise the National Board of their impact.

The next critical key to funding will occur in late March when a Continuing Resolution is expected to be received. That resolution will identify how many dollars will actually be made available to run the government. Once that pie has been divided, we will be made aware of the size of our slice, and we can refine our plans accordingly for those missions that are performed under Coast Guard orders.

Please keep in mind that our mission to promote recreational boating safety (vessel safety checks, public education, public affairs, etc.) is not solely dependent upon Coast Guard funding. We will continue to serve the boating public as the foremost volunteer maritime organization in the world, and we will continue to be Semper Paratus.

Should there be questions about specific items, please refer them to me. I will be working closely with the Chief Director's office as events unfold.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Mallison /s/  
National Commodore

### **CGMA Fundraising Campaign**

April is CGMA campaign month, and this year's theme is, "Supporting the People, Supporting the Mission." We encourage you to support CGMA, and in so doing, support your shipmates throughout the area. This fund is also available to the benefit of the Auxiliary, and many members have benefited from it in the past. Please review the letter below regarding the fund raising campaign. I will be forwarding a solicitation to all members in April. Please try to donate \$5.00 to this wonderful resource.

FLAG VOICE # 369

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance 2013 Fundraising Campaign

Our people and their families are the heart of operational readiness. Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) has a significant role in maintaining the well-being of Coast Guard families by minimizing the impact of personal financial crises, especially among our younger families. The outstanding support provided by CGMA is possible only through the generous contributions of the Coast Guard community.

April is CGMA campaign month and this year's theme is, "Supporting the People, Supporting the Mission." I offer two important facts for all Coast Guard members to remember when considering whether or not to donate.

First, annual campaign contributions ensure CGMA's ability to meet needs that arise. As a donor-supported, non-profit entity, CGMA receives no federal funds, and it does not solicit funds outside the Coast Guard community. The annual campaign is crucial to ensuring CGMA can continue its important role of supporting the Coast Guard family.

Equally important, the campaign increases CGMA's visibility as a Coast Guard resource. CGMA becomes ineffective if our people don't realize that help is available when crises arise. The campaign is a once-a-year reminder that Coast Guard personnel can turn to CGMA in times of financial need.

The goal for campaign coordinators and key workers is to reach 100 percent of our active duty members and civilian employees. This way, all of our members will receive the basic facts about CGMA, and where to turn for more information, i.e. local CGMA Representatives and the CGMA Web site ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)).

While the reserve community is reached primarily through direct mailings, I highly encourage commands to engage senior reserve officers and enlisted leadership reach out to reservists under their charge.

Please do what you can to support the campaign effort, through command encouragement and personal generosity, to ensure that CGMA continues to be a vital source of aid within the Coast Guard.

More information about CGMA and the services it provides to the Coast Guard community is available at [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org).

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Assistant Commandant for Human Resources

Very respectfully yours,  
Maureen C. Van Dinter  
Commodore 9WR USCGAUX

**Medical Topic of the Month**

As the boating season speeds up on us many of you will meet someone, at some point that will need medical help. This Month’s Medical topic will cover the highest cause of death during the summer if gone untreated for boaters, Heat Stroke. (Boat Crew members pay attention!)

Heat stroke is the most serious form of heat injury and is a medical emergency. If you suspect that someone has heat stroke – also known as sunstroke – you should call 911 immediately and render first aid until paramedics arrive. Heat stroke can kill or cause damage to the brain and other internal organs. Although heat stroke mainly affects people over age 50, it also takes a toll on healthy young athletes. Heat stroke often occurs as a progression from milder heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps, heat syncope (fainting), and heat exhaustion. But it can strike even if you have no previous signs of heat injury.

Heat stroke results from prolonged exposure to high temperatures – usually in combination with dehydration – which leads to failure of the body’s temperature control system. The medical definition of heat stroke is a core body temperature greater than 105 degrees Fahrenheit, with complications involving the central nervous system that occur after exposure to high temperatures. Other common symptoms include nausea, seizures, confusion, disorientation, and sometimes loss of consciousness or coma.

**Symptoms of Heat Stroke**

The hallmark symptom of heat stroke is a core body temperature above 105 degrees Fahrenheit. But fainting may be the first sign.

Other symptoms may include:

Throbbing headache, Dizziness and light-headedness, Lack of sweating despite the heat. Red, hot, and dry skin, Muscle weakness or cramps, Nausea and vomiting Rapid heartbeat, which may be either strong or weak, Rapid, shallow breathing Behavioral changes such as confusion, disorientation, or staggering, Seizures, Unconsciousness

First Aid for Heat Stroke:

If you suspect that someone has a heat stroke, immediately call 911 or transport the person to a hospital. Any delay seeking medical help can be fatal.

While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, initiate first aid. Move the person to an air-conditioned environment – or at least a cool, shady area – and remove any unnecessary clothing.

If possible, take the person’s core body temperature and initiate first aid to cool it to 101 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. If no thermometers are available, don’t hesitate to initiate first aid.

If emergency response is delayed, call the hospital emergency room for additional instructions.

**Illinois Masonic Hospital ER- (773) 296-5270**

After you’ve recovered from heat stroke, you’ll probably be more sensitive to high temperatures during the following week. So it’s best to avoid hot weather and heavy exercise until your doctor tells you that it’s safe to resume your normal activities.

-Frank Rojas, EMT-P, LPN

**Auxiliarist Training Moment Picture**



(Above) Gary Markle and CWO Hinken at a recent Coxswain training class

Submitted by- Mike Scott

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UNIT NO.		UNIT NAME (As recorded in AUXMIS)			Members Present BQ + AX
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DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION		TYPE OF MEETING (X)	
19 Feb 2013	1900	Moody Bible Institute, Sweeting Center 860 N LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois		REGULAR X	SPECIAL
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT (List office abbr. and last name only) FC Skubis, VFC Hillas, FSO-FN Hendele, FSO-HR/IS Markle, FSO-SR Spohr, FSO-PB Rojas, FSO-VE Markle.					
GUESTS PRESENT: Jade Crittenden, Gina Crittenden, Raymond Blanchard					
<b>CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON:</b> FC Skubis called the meeting to order at 1900, Frank Rojas led the Flotilla in the Pledge of Allegiance.					
<b><u>Communications to the Membership/ Division 35 Meeting Summary:</u></b> -FC Skubis provided summary of Division 35 meeting, including reports of division staff officers. Specific discussion surrounding Division geographic					
<b><u>Officer Reports:</u></b> Officer reports were provided to VFC Hillas prior to the meeting and were shared with the membership during the meeting.					
<b><u>Committee Reports:</u></b> Fellowship – We will continue our fellowship after the meeting. COW- No report Audit Committee: 2012 audit has been completed and submitted.					
<b><u>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:</u></b> A motion was introduced by Gary Markle, seconded by Chis Hillas, to approve the Minutes of our January 2012 meeting. Motion was Passed.					
<b><u>Old Business:</u></b> None					
<b><u>New Business:</u></b> A Motion was introduced by Mike Foley, Seconded by C Hillas, to take a vote to move leadership representation from D Capt East and move to D Capt South for Division 35. All members present were in support of moving representation and vote was unanimous. Motion was passed. A motion was introduced by Mike Scott, to make a \$50 donation to the Wounded Warrior Across America charity. Discussion took place regarding potential violation of motion. Motion was voided.					

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**Awards Presentation:**

Several awards were presented, including Division and Flotilla awards that were presented at the Division Change of Watch.

**Member Training Topic:**

None

**Member/ Guest Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

A Motion to adjourn by Michael Scott, seconded by Frank Rojas, took place at 2010. Motion carried.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING (*Give time, date, and location*). TIME: **1900**      DATE **19 March 2013**  
 Location: **Moody Bible Institute (Sweeting Center), Chicago, IL**

DATE SUBMITTED 7 March 2013	SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT Michael Spohr.
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**2013 Flotilla Staff**

Flotilla Commander .....Rhett Skubis  
Vice Flotilla Commander .....Chris Hillas  
Immediate Past FC .....Maryellen Begley  
Computer Services .....Mike Parages  
Finance .....John Hendele  
Information Services .....Gary Markle  
Human Resources .....Gary Markle  
Materials.....Nevin Hofing  
Member Training.....Rhett Skubis  
Navigation Services .....Mark Chertow  
Public Affairs .....Nevin Hofing  
Publications .....Frank Rojas  
Secretary.....Michael Spohr  
Vessel Examinations .....Shelley Markle

**VACANT STAFF OFFICES**

Public Education  
Marine Sciences  
Operations  
Diversity  
Communications

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

3/23 Vessel Examiners Workshop @ USCG Station Calumet Harbor, 0900  
4/6 Program Visitors' Workshop @ Mead Training Room, 1000  
4/13 New Member Orientation @ Mead Training Room, 1000  
4/20 8-Hour TCT @ USCG Station Calumet Harbor, 0900  
4/27 Division 35 Operations Workshop @ USCG Station Calumet Harbor (TBD)

Boat Crew & Coxswain training continues at Mead Training Room on 3/16, 3/30, 5/4

<sup>2</sup>Division Training is conducted at Mead Westvaco Training Room, 1400 E. 98<sup>th</sup> Street (Building 8), Chicago, IL. Register with SO-MT 35

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