



**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Subj: 2024 FLOTILLA OF THE YEAR

1. I am pleased to announce National Commodore Mary Kirkwood's selection of the Auxiliary Great Lakes District - Western Region's Flotilla 35-6 of Chicago, IL as the 2024 Flotilla of the Year. Congratulations to all Flotilla members for their dedication and achievement! Bravo Zulu!

2. Flotilla 35-6 is recognized for its outstanding achievements in direct Coast Guard support, public affairs, member training, recreational boating safety visitations, vessel examinations, and recruiting. It delivered more than 10,285 hours of service to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary during the year.

3. Flotilla 35-6 provided excellent member training to ensure mission preparedness to support and augment Coast Guard search and rescue missions on the waters of Lake Michigan. A few other notable achievements include:

- 818 hours as underway boat crew.
- 303 hours of federal government and incident management support.
- 271 radio watch stander hours.
- 43 boat crew augmentation hours.
- 34 waterways management hours.
- 1,323 hours of vessel examinations, RBS visitations, and public education classes.
- 90 hours of recruiting and Coast Guard Academy admissions partnering.
- 1,666 public affairs hours.

4. The members of Flotilla 35-6 have earned our utmost regard and respect for their dedication to the Coast Guard Auxiliary's success during the last year and for their numerous and substantial contributions to the Coast Guard. Commodore Kirkwood will formally recognize Flotilla 35-6 in person on July 30, 2025.

5. Internet release is authorized.

Sincerely,

Brent R. Schmadeke  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX)

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