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From The Helm – Commander Alick Elliott

Alick and Jean Elliott would like to thank the members of Flotilla 36 for their messages of sympathy following the death of their daughter-in-law, Cynthia Elliott. They were much appreciated by all the family.



From The Helm – Vice Commander Michael Gardner

It is with great sadness that I report two members of our flotilla have suffered a terrible loss. Alick Elliott, our Flotilla Commander's daughter in law, has passed away and leaves behind her husband Ian Elliot and two grandchildren. Irene Azzarito's mother has also passed away. Our prayers and best wishes go to both families. Also our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Ethel Schwartz (Lenny's wife). Now, on a happy note Jim Wilson has become a grandfather and if Nathan is like his granddad he should be tying knots in the next few weeks.

In my last article I reported that all schedules are set and it is up to the members to respond. In the boat crew program (BCQP) there are now 22 members, the Vessel Examiner's class (VE) 12 members, and the weather course (AUXWEA) has 14 members. I'm sure Tom Kegan will have information regarding other opportunities of learning in his article. Be sure to read the log carefully as many new things are going to be happening to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our Public Education Boating class has about 30 people. The class meets on Tuesday and it would be greatly appreciated if some members could come to the class to help with knots and answer questions. Remember at graduation Andrea bakes a special cake and she will make sure you get a big piece for helping.

I have had the opportunity to attend many meetings and I hear the same message with many different messengers. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is needed more than ever and we are needed for many missions. They are confident of the training we get and hope that we can be reliable and dependable as we have in the past. Again, it goes back to the members of the Flotilla, with your help all is possible. For success we need you.

Thanks to Rich Dunne for throwing a wonderful picnic. I not sure of the head count that attended but I can say I sure had a good time. Again, thanks to Rich and his committee. The flotilla is bouncing around some ideas for another get together. If you know of something contact Rich with the info.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful staff. I personally feel that they are doing a great job. They are trying to communicate with you, the members of the Flotilla. So when you get another questionnaire or correspondence please respond. We need not only you but also your ideas. Communication is most important to the Flotilla and is a two-way street.

OFFICERS for 2003

Elected Officers			
Commander	FC	Alick Elliott	561-994-2542
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Information Services	FSO-IS	Jerald Edelman	561-218-3614
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Secretary/Records	FSO-SR	Connie Sprake	561-451-3075
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FROM THE STAFF

Personnel Services

Sandra L. Gardner, FSO-PS

As Mike has mentioned in his article, our hearts go out to the Elliot and Azzarito families. We all wish them well.

The following are the names of people that will be getting awards this year.

Hackett, Albert	January	10 years
Finley Joseph	February	5 years
Gardner, Terry	February	15 years
Hanuschak, Michael	February	5 years
Mullin, James	February	15 years
Deam, John	March	5 years
Wagman, Morrie	March	10 years
Forget, John	April	15 years
Fitzgerald, Fred	May	35 years
Dinmore, Joseph	June	20 years
Dolan, Patricia	June	5 years
Kegan Thomas	August	25 years
Lovern, Lynne	August	10 years
Sutherland, Deann	August	10 years
Sutherland, Thomas	August	10 years
Angona, Steven	November	15 years
Edelman, Gail	December	5 years
Edelman, Jerald	December	5 years
Shuster, Sanford	December	5 years

Publications

Tom Sutherland, FSO-PB (fso-pb@flotilla36-boca.org)

Most of you by now, know that we switched to electronic delivery of our E-Log to reduce the Flotilla's operating expenses. Before we decided to, you should know that we would not have switched if we could not offer a better more illustrative and informative E-Log that would be fun and enjoyable to read. Perhaps even something that you would look forward to with anticipation. A black and white copy of the Log does not lend itself to those goals. I ask that all members be patient with the downloading of the E-Log. The few minutes that the recent downloads have taken have saved hours of volunteer time especially in the packaging of the final mailed product and the conversion to HTML code for our website. Time better spent in obtaining and developing a higher level of content. We appreciate your patience in our transition.

Aids to Navigation

Mark Thompson, FSO-MV

The U.S. Coast Guard announced that a three month pilot program to put 20 drawbridges over the Intracoastal Waterway on a twice an hour schedule. The changes are expected to start in early March. Bridges will be opening on either the hour and half hour, or 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. The bridges would be timed to open sequentially as the boats approach. The bridges would operate on a schedule from 6am to 8pm SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, and operate on demand through the night. The bridges WILL NOT open for recreational boaters from 8 to 9am, and from 5 to 6pm on weekdays. The regulations would not apply to tug boats towing other vessels, emergency boats and U.S. government vessels.

Interested in doing an ATON patrol as either a crewmember or verifier? Please contact Bob Madden.

Communications Services

Joseph G. Dinmore, FSO-CS

More changes are coming to our Website; our two primary Domain Names are now:

<http://www.cgauxboca.com/>

<http://www.cgauxboca.org/>

The old name www.flotilla36-boca.org is still operational, but will eventually be phased out of service. It was just too hard for people to remember and type into the computer.

At the Flotilla Staff Meeting, several new suggestions were offered and will be implemented soon. These will be announced in the near future.

Please help advertise our website, we can't do it without YOU.

Public Affairs

Ronald Dillion, FSO-PA

We are starting this years' efforts by focusing on the young (and the young at heart) of our community.

Our effort will use a new color poster that was prepared by Andrea Rutherford highlighting the 4 training programs being offered by the flotilla throughout the year. These posters will be strategically placed at our Boca college campuses, high schools, youth organizations, the Boca Raton Community Center, City Hall, library and signature community learning centers such as Gumbo Limbo and Sugar Sand Park.

I am very encouraged by the cooperation I received from FAU's Marine Program Safety Officer, Calvin Powell, who has linked their website to that of our flotilla, apprising students of our vessel exams and training programs.

We also plan to make maximum use of the new training brochure also prepared by Andrea Rutherford by distributing them at vessel exam set ups, boat show exhibits and other appropriate facilities and opportunities where boaters may obtain more details about our training programs.

Thanks to our very own Pat Feighery, operating in his expanded capacity as Public Affairs Officer for the entire district, the boat registration facilities in Palm Beach County are coordinating efforts with the other flotillas in Palm Beach County to distribute information about the training programs being offered by all of the Palm Beach county Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas at the time boats are registered.

As always, your input is paramount to the success of our overall goal, which is to educate the boating public about safety on the waterways. Please email me directly @ mrillion@mindspring.com with any suggestions you may have.

Public Education

Andrea Rutherford, FSO-PE

The Boating Skills & Seamanship class started January 14 with 30 students. Among them are 5 new members, who are some of the most motivated. So far, **Rick Celestino** and **Pat Feighery** have taught a class, with **Leah Dalton** and **Mike Gardner** handling marlinespike, and **Sandy Gardner** and **Gail** and **Jerry Edelman** helping out as aides. A special thank you to **Lenny Schwartz** and **Mike Gardner** for setting up the room ahead of time.

With the BS&S course underway (and making way), I will start planning the next classes:

- Coastal Navigation, beginning March 11, Tuesday evenings, 11 weeks
- Boating Safely Course on March 15, all-day Saturday
- GPS on March 22, all-day Saturday

If any members want to enroll in the Coastal Navigation class (for AUXNAV), please call Tom Kegan. If you or any friends/family want information about any public education class, feel free to call me.

Information Services

Jerald Edelman, FSO-IS

I hope this will be a happy, healthy, and a form correct New Year. Please try to get your 7029 (old 99) forms to me monthly. I am being asked by division to get your 7030 forms to them as close to 30 days after the mission is completed as possible. Before sending me your forms, double-check them. If there are any questions please call.

Member Training

Thomas H. Kegan, FSO-MT

Our member training is progress well.

1. Vessel Examiner Course, Has 12 members enrolled With exam on Feb.22
Vessel inspections on Feb.8, and 15. FSO/VE Tony Elvas will coordinate these dates
There is a Vessel Workshop & MVD Workshop for 2003 Date TBD.
2. Auxop course Weather, Has 14 members enrolled with Exam on March 8.
3. Our BOAT CREW class has 22 members enrolled. Quit a eager bunch of members, for these member please check the calendar in the log for dates and changes

The members in these classes will keep the flotilla strong and headed in the right direction. They all have my gratitude.

Now for members who wish to become mentors, helpers and meet these new members classes are on Sat. 0900. We will also need Vessels to train on and qualify on.

There is a change in the way you have to report Annual Currency Maintenance. A new Form which has to be attached to your 7030. Please send me a copy so I can track it.

There is also an Operation Work shop this year needed to be completed by June 03, 2003 for our Flotilla. The Date is MARCH 8, 2003 Time 1300- 1600 at our base. All members in Operations need to take this workshop (Crew, Coxswain, Radio watchstanders)

Emergency Preparedness

Robert Madden, FSO-EP, FSO-OP



GREETINGS FROM THE OPS DECK

Many thanks to those Coxswains and Crews who have answered the call and stood their patrols in January. Endeavor, Cornflakes II, My Three Sons, Holodeck, and China Clipper, **“Job Well Done”**.

We supported the MSO Officers from Station Ft. Lauderdale in their Marine Safety and Security patrols, completed some Currency Maintenance requirements, patrolled our AOR and had fun doing it.

Thanks also to Pat Feighery and his Watchstanders for all their support while our boats were underway. It’s a great comfort knowing that they are there while we patrol.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to stop at the base and meet our newest member **“Oscar”** the rescue dummy. He was donated by our good friends at Station Lauderdale, special thanks to Petty Officer, Paul Zminkowski for our new friend. Oscar will be used as part of our new Patrol Training Modules for man overboard drills. More on Patrol Training in the near future.

This year is shaping up to be one of the most challenging we have seen. As we become part of Homeland Defense, our role in support of the U.S. Coast Guard is becoming more vital. Let’s all do our parts, be prepared, and be ready when called upon.

Sempre Paratus



A workshop for FSO-OP staff officers was held 1/11/2003 at Flotilla’s 3-4 home base.

Communications

Pat Feighery, FSO-CM

Flotilla 3 6's Comms program for 2003 is out of the blocks and, while not running at full tilt, we are jogging at a good clip.

I want to thank Al Troccoli and Dave DeBoben for taking the PM watch on January 25th and thank Richard Geisler, Bill Diamond, Bob Madden and Mark David for committing to stand watch on January 25th and January 26th. Due to a change in the starting time of morning Patrols on the 25th and mechanical difficulties with the 26th's Patrol Boat their watches were cancelled but their commitment will not go unnoticed.

If you haven't been in the radio room lately please take note that 3 6 now has a third VHF radio in the room, thanks to a donation by Richard Geisler and installation by Art Makenian. The third radio will serve as a back up and will allow watch standers to monitor other frequencies used by the Boca PD Marine Patrol.

The light at the end of the tunnel is in sight concerning the ADF. Art Makenian has been in contact with the manufacturer who has advised to move the ADF antennae to eliminate interference from the VHF antennae. Hopefully the ADF will be operational soon.

February 8, 2003 is a training day for all watch standers and trainees. The training will take place from 900 – 1500 at our base. The morning session will be conducted by Rob Honer and will be in conjunction with the BS&S class that is currently in session. The afternoon session will deal with chart plotting for radio watch standers. We will collect for lunch and order in.

If you haven't signed up yet please do let me know if you will attend.

Boca Radio Out

United States Coast Guard			
CO, Group Miami		CAPT Mark Kerski	305-535-4301
AUX, Liaison, Group Miami		CWO J. Cocking	305-535-4409
CO, Station Fort Lauderdale		LT Anthony P. Powell	954-927-1612
Auxiliary Radio Stations			
Boca Radio Base	561-391-3600	Hollywood	305-921-3034
Boca Radio North	561-243-1313	Ft. Lauderdale (McVey)	954-463-0034
Boca Radio East	561-368-5943	Pompano	954-941-5781

Materials

Leonard Schwartz, FSO-MA

As you are all aware, our little store is there to help with your needs and to earn a few dollars for the Flotilla. I will try this year to bring other items to the store that will reflect our Flotilla. If you require special items I will be happy to try to get them for you. Some items are really not in our purchasing requirements and cannot be purchased, so please understand. See you at our Flotilla meeting in January.

Annual Currency Maintenance has begun for 2003



VFC Mike Gardner has a vessel full Auxiliariist needing to do their annual maintenance for 2003. In addition, their were several trainees in attendance. Fenders are out, the stations are manned.



A successful long tow has been performed on the vessel HoloDeck.



The long tow was followed by the side-by-side tow, again successfully.

Activity Calendar for February:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Crew Class Coxswain Class 8A.M. –1200 noon
2	3	4 Public Education Lesson # 4 7. P. M.	5 Auxop Weather Course 7 P M Ch. 7.8	6 Flotilla General Meeting 7:30 P.M.	7	8 P.E. Class Radio 9A.M. –1100 CME's at Tropic Bay 0900 North Radio 0900 Crew class 8- 11A.M. 1300-1600
9 North Radio 0900	10	11 Public Education Lesson # 5 7. P. M.	12 City Use of Building	13 Vessel Examiners course 7PM 9 PM	14	15 CME's at Silver PK ramp 0900
16	17	18 Public Education Lesson # 6 7. P. M.	19 Auxop Weather Course Ch.9,10	20 Flotilla Staff Meeting 7. 15 .P.M.	21	22 Crew Class Coxswain Class 8A.M. –1200 noon North Radio 0900
23 North Radio 0900	24	25 Public Education Exam 7. P. M.	26 Auxop. Weather Course Chapter 11,12 Division, Capt.& Staff Meeting	27	28	



The Picnic held on 1-18-2003 went very well. The blood drive produced 14 donations. Recently Tom Kegan was recognized as our Flotilla's Outstanding Member for 2002. As you can see, not only does he give his time, but life saving blood as well. Notice the warm clothing on the members. Yes, it was a bit chilly.

Activity Calendar for March:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Division Training day Ft. Lauderdale
2	3	4 Public Education Graduation 7. P. M.	5 Auxop course Weather Ch. 13	6 Flotilla General Meeting 7:30 P.M.	7	8 Public Education BSC Registration 9.Am-10A.M. Operation Workshop 1300-1600. North Radio
9 North Radio	10	11 Public Education A.C.N. Registration 7 P. M.	12 City Use of Building	13	14	15 Public Education BSC 8.A M-5 P.M. CME' at Silver PK ramp 0900
16	17	18 Public Education A.C.N. Lesson # 1 7 P. M.	19	20 Flotilla Staff Meeting 7:15 P. M.	21	22 Public Education Electronic Navigation 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.
23	24	25 Public Education A.C.N. Lesson # 2 7 P. M.	26 Division General Meeting	27	28	29
30	31					



Many, many kudos to Rob Honer, Marie & Mark Thompson taking time out Christmas Day to deliver presents and food to the Coast Guard members who were on duty. Based on the many pictures I had to choose from, they were real appreciative for being remembered.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 3-02)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING	
UNIT NUMBER		UNIT NAME (as recorded in AUXMIS)	MEMBERS PRESENT
0700306000		FLOTILLA 36	IQ or BQ - 41 AX - 12
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING
2 January 2003	1930	Base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT		GUESTS PRESENT	
FC Elliott, VFC MGardner, IPFC - CC Makenian, AN Mark Thompson, CM Feighery, IS Edelman, MS Marie Thompson, MT Kegan, MV Grady, OP Madden, PA Dillon, PB Sutherland, PE Rutherford, PS SGardner, SR Sprake, VE Elvas Excused Absences - CS Dinmore, FN - MA Schwartz		Jean Elliott, Jerry Rappoport, Janet Wilson, John Manton, Robert Parseu, Terry Day	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON			
<p>Invocation - Leah Dalton</p> <p>FC - Reminder for members to fill out and return Activity Questionnaire. Administered oath of membership to: William Bartley, Lori Campbell, Terry Crawford, James Hannah, Ronald Lankford, Robin Madden, Karen Shrewsbury, and James Smith Standing Rules and 2003 Budget approved with quorum attendance December meeting minutes approved</p> <p>VFC - Administered oath of Office to Pat Feighery who will assume Communications position and Art Makenian taking the Career Counselor position.</p> <p>IS - Reminded members not to use out of date forms.</p> <p>PB - Requests e-mail addresses for new members so they can download The Log.</p> <p>OP - Goal in 2003 is to fill all patrols; the input is on plan and need to reserve time slots.</p> <p>PE - The first 8-week BS&S classes start Jan. 7 and will be offered in June and September. The one-day Boat Safely class will be offered Saturdays in March, May, August and November. Advanced Coastal Navigation classes will be offered in March and August. The GPS/Electronic Communications class will be offered on Saturdays in March, August and November.</p> <p>MT - There is a change in the Annual Currency Maintenance reporting system. Coxswains have to turn in form 7030 to get patrol credit along with sending a copy to Tom Kegan. The AUXOP Weather, Vessel Examiner, Boat Coxswain/Crew training classes are available for sign-up. Those taking the Weather course should start saving the weather page from the Sun-Sentinel.</p> <p>CM - At each scheduled Radio Watch Stand, two people are needed. For the blood drive and picnic January 18, 20 people have signed up to give blood. It will be held at Spanish River Park, site 10 starting at 11 am and bring a dish to pass.</p> <p>IS - Missions 2002 paperwork must be turned in by January 20, 2003 to get credit.</p> <p>General discussion of the party given for the people working Christmas Day at the Ft. Lauderdale facility.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned</p> <p>Peter Stevenson of Flotilla 6 Inc. conducted a general business meeting.</p>			
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED			
None			
REMARKS (Include special events, future plans, awards presented, special guests present, etc.)			
AIMS Cadet Robin Passero presented a brief overview of her experiences as a freshman cadet. TRAINING: AUXMIN - Pat Feighery; AUXNAV-A - Mike Hanuschak; PWC Operational Certificate - Jeff Grady			
NEXT MEETING			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
6 February 2003	1930	Base	
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT	
26 January 2003		Connie Sprake, FSO-SR	