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From The Helm – Commander Alick Elliott

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The Flotilla Survey taken in January has been evaluated. We received a total of 67 replies out of the 147 mailed out, or 46%. I am told this is a very good return for this type of survey, but I had hoped for more. However I thank every one of you who took the time to fill out the questionnaire and mail it back. Please don't let me hear complaints from those members who couldn't be bothered.

There was an overwhelming consensus that our monthly meetings should be streamlined. The Bridge should say what has to be said in a concise manner. Staff reports should be kept to a minimum as many of these can be read in the log, where they can be absorbed at leisure. We must also find a way of presenting the awards in an efficient and worthwhile way. Making sure that the new members realize what the recipient of the award has done to earn this award.

Interesting speakers should be chosen to give a talk of approximately 30 minutes duration, and any other visitor should not speak for more than 5 minutes unless time was previously requested.

At our last meeting the speakers were Lt. Lang the Marine Services Commander at Station Lauderdale and his XO Lt Ltjg. Rivera. In March I have been promised a Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue Swimmer from Opa Locka. The last time I heard one of these men give a talk it was absolutely fascinating. Come and listen. We had an attendance of nearly 70 people at the last two meetings. Let's make the next one even bigger. The 4th Cornerstone is now in attendance in the person of Richard Dunne, so refreshments will be available.

By agreement the Division Capt or Vice Captain will be in attendance once every 3 months to enable them to bring us up to date. This will also lighten the load on them. John Rungo was with us at the February meeting.

All of the above only covers the first question, but the one we received most replies too. I have asked Mike Gardner, Pat Feighery, Bob Madden and Tom Kegan to form a committee with me to decide the best way to implement many other suggestions that have come from the survey. If any member would like a copy of the survey's results, let me know and I will email you one.

There will shortly be available an opportunity for new, BQ, or qualified members to carry out a very useful service to Station Lauderdale. This is operating the "Cat's Eye" at the Station. It is a surveillance system of the port carried out by a series of video cameras controlled at the Station. Training is needed. Bob Madden has already been trained and I hope to go this week. If you are interested contact Bob.

As you read the log you will see that many of your Staff Officers and many members including new members have had a very busy month. My thanks go out to all of them for an outstanding job. Keep it up. NOW, if we can only persuade some of our lesser known members to step out and see what's going on, we will be well on our way to having a really active Flotilla, not just a big one.

***TRY COMING TO THE MARCH 6TH MEETING,
YOU MIGHT ENJOY IT.***

OFFICERS for 2003

Elected Officers			
Commander	FC	Alick Elliott	561-994-2542
Vice Commander	VFC	Michael Gardner	561-278-9031
Immediate Past Commander	IPFC	Art Makenian	954-784-7876
Staff Officers			
Aids to Navigation	FSO-AN	Mark Thompson	561-997-8604
Career Counselor	FSO-CC	Art Makenian	954-784-7876
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Public Affairs	FSO-PA	Ronald Dillon	561-997-0430
Finance	FSO-FN	Leonard Schwartz	561-498-4863
Information Services	FSO-IS	Jerald Edelman	561-218-3614
Marine Dealer Visitor	FSO-MV	Jeffery R. Grady	561-998-0443
Materials	FSO-MA	Len Schwartz	561-498-4863
Member Training	FSO-MT	Thomas H. Kegan	561-278-7390
Operations	FSO-OP	Robert Madden	561-482-4217
Personnel Services	FSO-PS	Sandra L. Gardner	561-278-9031
Publications	FSO-PB	Thomas Sutherland	561-272-9171
Public Education	FSO-PE	Andrea Rutherford	561-495-6702
Secretary/Records	FSO-SR	Connie Sprake	561-451-3075
Vessel Examinations	FSO-VE	Anthony Elvas	561-686-9790
Marine Safety	FSO-MS	Marie Thompson	561-997-8604
Emergency Procedures	FSO-EP	Robert Madden	561-482-4217
Fourth Cornerstone Committee		Richard Dunne	561-865-



From The Helm –
Vice Commander Michael Gardner
 (vfc@cgauxboca.org)

Communication – the exchange of information and ideas. No organization can be without communications and exist. One of the ways we can exchange information or communicate is at our meetings. Every member is entitled to express his or her opinions and ideas to every other member. Our flotilla monthly publication, the Log, is an excellent way to keep informed of what we are doing in the flotilla. Tom Sutherland, the editor is communicating and is doing a great job. Let us not forget Email, telephones, faxes, and talking to each other, all forms of communication.

I am sure in this log there is an article about an operational workshop. It is mandatory but more important it is an exchange of ideas that the Coast Guard would like us to review. If you as a member are better informed you are a better Auxiliarist. There are so many new thing happening let us keep in touch and tell each other our wishes and ideas to promote the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Let's communicate,

FROM THE STAFF

Personnel Services



Sandra L. Gardner, FSO-PS (fso-ps@cgauxboca.org)

My next classes will be Mondays March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7. Please, if you know anyone that wishes to join or learn about us, please have him or her call me.

Communications Services

Joseph G. Dinmore, FSO-CS (fso-cs@cgauxboca.org)

The Roster is now online. It is in PDF format and is in a password-protected format.

USERNAME: 070306

PASSWORD: texas

The link is below:

<http://www.cgauxboca.org/membertng/mt-home.htm>

This will take you to the MEMBER TRAINING PAGE, click on ROSTER or MEMBERS ONLY.

This will bring up a password window. Enter the above information for access to the ROSTER

The download is only about 1 minute in time.



Member Training

Thomas H. Kegan, FSO-MT (fso-mt@cgauxboca.org)

As you can see by the calendars, we are very busy with Member Training courses. As always, if you have a problem call me or email me at the above email address.



Public Affairs

Ronald Dillion, FSO-PA (fso-pa@cgauxboca.org)

In keeping with our recent emphasis on the young, it should be noted that February 9th-15th, 2003, was Child Passenger Safety Week. While it was focused on automobile child safety, we see a natural link to child passenger safety on boats. Coincidentally, the Child Passenger Safety Week closely coincided with a new Federal life jacket regulation requiring that children wear a life jacket at all times while aboard any vessel. Florida state law takes precedence over Federal regulations in this case, but it just makes good sense to err on the side of safety. To encourage your young boating passengers to wear life jackets, it is suggested that you set a good example. Children model their behavior after role models such as parents and grandparents. By each adult wearing a life jackets whenever onboard, children can't help but accept the concept that life jackets are for everybody, not just for the very young or "sissies". There is a large variety of fashionable life jackets available on the market to make the task easier – but please don't forget that a proper, snug fit is of paramount importance. Also, please keep in mind that **inflatable life jackets are not acceptable for children under the age of 16.**

Beginning March 1st, 2003, the USCG will operate under the direction of the Homeland Security Agency instead of the Department of Transportation. Our support of the Coast Guard's efforts is expected to increase. We are all anxious to learn about our increased responsibilities within the coming months. It would appear that the public awareness of the Coast Guard and its' auxiliary members may come into a position of much greater prominence.

As a follow-up to previous efforts to increase our public visibility and presence, I am asking that all interested members distribute 3-5 safety program brochures at their respective places of business and/or social meeting places. Interested members should contact me at 561 997-0430 or email me at the above email address.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcomed.



Vessel Examinations

Anthony Elvas, FSO-VE (fso-ve@cgauxboca.org)

The Blitz at Silver Palm Park on the 15th of this month was superb. We were able to get our new trainees their quotas to qualify as VE's. We are going to reschedule our Blitz days back to the first and third Saturdays of each month. This will help members to better schedule their time. I want to thank the members who helped train the new VE's into the final phase. All who participated are:

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ray Aymerich | Ron Dillon | Rich Dunne | Antonio Quesada |
| Al Trocolli | James Canavan | Martin Jaffe | Michael Reitman |
| Pat Feighery | Mark David | Ronald Lankford | David Deboben |
| Daniel Madden | | | |

Congratulations to all.

Public Education

Andrea Rutherford, FSO-PE

The graduation for the current Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S) session will be Tuesday, March 4 at 7pm. You are invited to attend and mingle with the 30 graduates as they get their certificates and learn more about the CG Auxiliary. This is a motivated graduating class, and several have already joined the auxiliary.

Thanks to all the BS&S instructors for their fine job in conducting this session: **Rick Celestino, Pat Feighery, Jeff Grady, Bob Hersey, John Deam, Rob Honer, and Alick Elliott.** Thank you also goes to Marlinespike instructors **Leah Dalton, Roger Lang, Mike Gardner, and Bob Hersey.** And of course the session ran smoothly thanks to the ever-helpful and resourceful aids: **Mike and Sandy Gardner, Jerry and Gail Edelman, Lenny Schwartz,** and several others who contributed in many ways. It takes a "cast of thousands" to put on the high-quality program that we offer, and thankfully, we have many talented, dedicated people in the flotilla willing to help out!

March will be an especially busy month because we will offer two one-day classes and start the spring session of Advanced Coastal Navigation. Start-up dates include:

- Sat., March 8 -- Advance registration for Boating Safely Course (9-10am)
- Sat., March 15 -- One-day Boating Safely Course (9am - 5pm)
- Sat., March 22 -- GPS, registration at the door (8am --1pm)
- Tues., March 18 -- Advance registration for ACN (7-8 pm)
- Tues., March 25 -- First ACN lesson (7-9pm)

If you or your family or friends are interested in enrolling in one of the above sessions, please feel free to call me at 495-6702.



Publications

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

Hey everybody.....Can you see the changes in this issue of the log? The hardest part was taking my own picture. Hope you enjoy this enhancement to be able to recognize the staff that really runs this place...☺. Also, thanks to Joe Dinmore, all staff members have email addresses to allow you to communicate directly to them. Thanks to those who have filled out the Patriot forms. We still need more from the general membership. A second email has been sent to solicit your input into a master database that will be used in case of an emergency. Also, a part of the Patriot information is to collect from the membership, what training courses they would like. This helps Tom Kegan in prepping for upcoming classes. Finally, thanks again to Joe Dinmore as he is working to be able to have you fill the forms out on our website and place it into the database all automatically.....magically....



Information Services

Jerald Edelman, FSO-IS (fso-is@cgauxboca.org)

I would like to thank everyone for taking their time in filling out their forms. Please, if there are any problems, please call me so I don't have to send an incorrect form back.



Emergency Preparedness & Operations

Robert Madden, FSO-EP, FSO-OP (fso-op@cgauxboca.org)



February was another busy month for operations. Thanks to the coxswains and crews of China Clipper, Parrott Ayes, Endeavor, Cornflakes II, HoloDeck, Once Morre, and On-Line for patrolling our AOR, providing Station Lauderdale with Marine Safety Patrol platforms, and making our water ways safer with our ATON crew. And, once again we had another month where our vessels were backed up by our fine radio Watchstanders. Thank you all.

“Oscar” our newest crewmember passed his swim tests aboard Scott Ellington’s, Parrott Ayes. He floated for half an hour (in non-shark infested waters) and came aboard none-the worst for wear after his experience. When last heard from he was headed to On-Line for another test of vessel and crew.

Last month was the beginning of “Operation Cat’s Eye”. This Station Lauderdale security watch is coming on line and is very exciting. State of the art equipment is in use and Auxiliarists are taking the responsibility for watch standing. This is something any member can become involved in. All you need is the desire, and the willingness to stand 4 or 8 hour watches at the station. If you are interested in learning more about it please see me or email me at the above address.

On the Horizon:

March will see the beginning of a new patrol type. Our AOR will be plotting and charted to identify all waterways and to conform to Station Lauderdale’s MSO (Marine Safety Office) patrol requirements. Once this has been accomplished and Coxswains and Crews certified, the MSS (Marine Safety & Security) patrols will begin within the Boca AOR. More information will be forthcoming at our Operations Workshop on 8th of March.

Sempre Paratus



The membership continues to grow. The seven new members are taking the Auxiliary Oath administered by Flotilla Commander Alick Elliott.

January 2, 2003



Communications

Pat Feighery, FSO-CM (fso-cm@cgauxboca.org)

February proved to be an active month in the radio room. Approximately 72 hours were put in standing watch and guarding our vessels on the water.

A special thanks to Dick Azzarito, Bob Tust, Leo Killian, Marie Thompson, John Deam, Al Troccoli and Bernie Kramer for taking the time to instruct the trainees that stood watch with them.

Speaking of trainees, Bill Diamond and Dave DeBoben completed their three watches as trainees in February. Paper work has been forward to Diraux West to complete their Certification process as watch standers.

Thanks to Art Makenian the ADF project is progressing. Art is in the process of assembling a tower for the ADF antennae with any luck and a lot of help the project will be complete by the end of March. Art also advises that the third VHF radio will be operational shortly.

I will continue to email all watch standers and trainees the schedule of open watches. If you want to stand watch let me know ASAP, as the open slots do fill quickly, and of course I do twist an occasional arm or two when needed. Feel free to sign up on the Operations Board during the Flotilla meeting.

Thanks for all of your help....BOCA RADIO - OUT

United States Coast Guard			
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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

Finance & Materials

Leonard Schwartz, FSO-FN/MA (fso-ma@cgauxboca.org)

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 March.



Secretary / Records

Connie Sprake, FSO-SR (fso-sr@cgauxboca.org)

Towards the end of this Log, are the minutes of last months general meeting. If you have any questions about the minutes please feel free to email me at the above address.

Flotilla 36 Keeping Busy



No, Scott is not the Dummy,
Oscar is his name.



Time to see if Oscar can float!



Yep, For a full 25 minutes.

On Feb. 8, 2003 Captain Scott Ellington aboard facility Parrot Eyes performed a “dunk” test for Oscar while on a Safety Patrol. Crewmembers were Richard Celestino, Sandy Schuster, and Richard Geisler. As you can see, the test was a success. Oscar will be used as a training device for Patrolling vessels to practice lifting a lifelike person out of the water and on to your vessel.



Vessel Examiners
and
Trainees

Blitz at Silver Palm Park

2/15/03

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 Crew Training 0900 CME's at Silver Park Ramp 0900
2	3	4 Public Education Graduation 7. P. M.	5 Auxop course Weather Ch. 13 Ash Wed.	6 Flotilla General Meeting 7:30 P.M.	7 Auxop Weather Exam	8 Public Education BSC Registration 9.Am-10A.M. Operation Workshop 1300-1600. North Radio
9 North Radio	10	11 Elections Use of building	12 City Use of Building	13	14 Auxop Weather Exam	15 Public Education BSC 8.A M-5 P.M. CME' at Silver PK ramp 0900
16	17 St. Pats Day	18 Public Education A.C.N. Registration 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 # 1 7 P. M.	26 Division General Meeting	27	28	29
30 Flotilla Picnic	31					

Activity Calendar for April:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Public Ed. A.C.N. Lesson # 2 7.P.M.	2	3 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 P.M.	4	5 CME'S at Silver Palm Park Ramp 0900 Vessel Examiners and MDV Workshop 1300
6	7	8 Public Ed. A.C.N. Lesson # 3&4 7.P.M.	9	10	11	12 Public Education BSC Registration 9.A.M.10 A.M.
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Public Ed. A.C.N. Lesson # 5 7.P.M.	16	17 Flotilla Staff Meeting 7:15 P.M. First Day Of Passover	18 Good Friday	19 Public Education BSC 8.A.M.-5 P.M. Vessel Exams Silver Palm Boat ramp 0900
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Public Ed. A.C.N. Lesson # 6 7 PM.	23 Division Meeting	24	25	26 Public Ed. A.C.N. Course 1&2 9.A.M.
27	28	29 Public Ed. A.C.N. Lesson # 7 7.PM	30			

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 – 43 AX - 14	
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION		TYPE OF MEETING	
6 February 2003	1930	Base		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus	
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT			GUESTS PRESENT		
FC Elliott, VFC MGardner, IPC-CC Makenian, AN Mark Thompson, CS Dinmore, CM Feighery, PA Dillon, IS Edelman, MV Grady, MT Kegan, OP-EP Madden, PS SGardner, PE Rutherford, SR Sprake, VE Elvas, MS Marie Thompson Absent: FN-MA Schwartz, PB Sutherland			John Rungo, DCP, Div. 3, District 7 Lt. Lang, USCG Commander of Marine Safety & Environment Lt. Victor Rivera, Executive Officer, Sta. Ft. Lauderdale M. Zakys		
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON					
<p>Minute of Silence in Memory of the Columbia Astronauts</p> <p>Introduction of Guests</p> <p>FC – Stated that the Survey turnout was good with 45% return. The #1 item members wanted at the meetings were guest speakers. Guest Speaker for March will be a Helicopter Rescue Swimmer. He also thanked Scott Ellington for the monitor he donated; it will be used for training and Dick Geisler for his donation of a VHF radio.</p> <p>Swore in Anthony Quesada for re-enrollment.</p> <p>Guest Speaker Lt. Lang – He gave his Coast Guard background and the future of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.</p> <p>Guest Speaker Lt. Rivera – He explained the role of the Marine, Safety and Environment Division and then invited questions from the audience.</p> <p>VFC – Awards presentation (see below under Remarks and 2nd page).</p> <p>IS – Training class on forms in the future. Turn all forms in within 30 days and it is too late to turn in 2002 forms.</p> <p>CS – Roster will soon be on the Internet requiring a password to access. Alick Elliott said he thought “The Log” was the best in the Division.</p> <p>OP-EP - He, Tom Kegan and Pat Feighery have created training modules that are ready for tryout. Scott Ellington’s boat will be the first boat for the float test with Oscar, the rescue dummy. He also suggested setting up a secure web site for members to use for patrol entries. Let him know when you have an Annual Currency Maintenance Requirement so he can schedule boats.</p> <p>CM – Slots are still available for Watchstanders. He congratulated Rich Dunne for his effort to make the Blood Drive/Picnic a success. The donated blood from the Auxiliary is identified as AUX B.</p> <p>MT – Operation Patriot Readiness Form – Mail form or fax to Tom Sutherland by end of Feb. The crew class will attend a Radio class given by Rob Honer on Feb. 8 and Tom Kegan and Rob will conduct a Navigation class that afternoon. He praised Tim Fry (Ocean Rescue) class on First Aid held Feb. 1 for crewmembers. The Operations Workshop must be completed by June 1 with the first mandatory meeting scheduled March 8 at 1300. All Coxswains make sure crewmembers are qualified before going on patrol.</p> <p>4th Cornerstone Committee – Rich thanked everyone for their help on the picnic Jan. 18. He plans to have another picnic the end of March. Entree will be BBQ pork and he suggests members bring similar food items they brought to the last picnic.</p> <p>Marc Blanchenay was the big winner for the Raffle drawing.</p> <p>No Old Business or New Business addressed.</p> <p>Motion made to adjourn.</p>					
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED					
None					
REMARKS (Include special events, future plans, awards presented, special guests present, etc.)					
Certificate of Appreciation presented to Alick Elliott by John Rungo; Certificate given to Anthony Elvas for 108 VEs. Service Awards – John B. Deam, 5 years; Morrie A. Wagman, 10 years PE Service Awards for hours spent preparing, teaching, acting as an aide, etc. Gail M. Edelman, Jerald S. Edelman, Michael M. Gardner, Thomas H. Kegan, Andrea J. Rutherford, and Leonard M. Schwartz					

**AIR, SEA SHOW –
29 APRIL TO 06 MAY 2002**

Irene Azzarito
Richard Azzarito
Richard Celestino
George Cousins
Joseph Dawson
Davis Deboben
Richard Dunne
Suzanne Dickens
Caral Dobbs
Gale Edelman
Jerald Edelman
Alick Elliott
Anthony Elvas
Joseph Finley
Michael Gardner
Thomas Kegan
Michael Hanuschak
Bob Hersey
Ernest Leduc
Lynn Lovern
Thomas Lovern
Arthur Makenian
Burnett Radosh
Katherine Radosh
Dan Reid
Leonard Schwartz
James Stafford
Peter Stevenson
Marie Thompson
Mark Thompson
Connie Trifletti
Morrie Wagman

**MISSING MEDALS & RIBBONS
FOR OPERATIONAL HOURS**

George Cousins
Jerald Edelman
Gail Edelman
Alick Elliott
Michael Gardner
Jeffrey Grady
Seymour Gross
Michael Hanuschak
Arthur Hockey
Robert Honer
Thomas Kegan
Arthur Makenian
Joseph Poces
Mark Thompson

**SPECIAL AWARD FOR
GETTING NEW MEMBERS**

Mike Hanuschak – Kevin Mitchell
Mark David – Edward Colina
Bob Madden – Robin and Daniel Madden
Richard Celestino – William Bartley
Richard Geisler – Connie Sprake

NEXT MEETING

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
6 March 2003	1930	Base
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT
28 February 2003		Connie Sprake, FSO-SR

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