

Flotilla 36

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**From The Helm – Alick Elliott –
Flotilla Commander 36**
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Our June Flotilla meeting was once again well attended with over 55 people present. Our speaker was Laura Porter, the Operations Manager of The Florida Drawbridge Company. This Company is responsible for the operation and maintenance of about 22 State Bridges in South East Florida. At the end of this very interesting presentation, many of us were a lot wiser about the laws that govern Bridge openings. At the July meeting there will not be a featured speaker, but we will have an entertaining video about the Coast Guard Heavy Weather Boats on the Oregon Coast.

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On June 17th we had a tragic and unexpected opportunity to demonstrate our ability to respond to a disaster. About 2000hrs two small aircraft collided about a quarter of a mile off Deerfield Beach. Some of us were attending the BS&S Class at the Base when Sandy Gardner received a phone call from the DCP advising us of the accident and asking for a boat. Meanwhile Mike Gardner activated the Radio Room. I was aware that “China Clipper” had been prepared for a next day Patrol in Ft Lauderdale and, of course, is positioned close to Hillsboro Inlet, so I contacted Art by phone and he said he could be ready to go in 20 minutes if he had crew. Jerry Edelman and myself jumped in our cars and headed for “China Clipper” still dressed in Tropical Blue long. We were on station under the control of Coast Guard Cutter “Gannet” by 2100hrs and assisted in the search until midnight. We were home in bed by 0130hrs. At 0715hrs the phone rang again, the DCP said the Coast Guard would like to have six boats to assist in the search. We were able to deploy “Slow Flight” with Dick Azzarito, Irene Azzarito, Chuck Statkus and Bob Madden, and “Endeavor” with Alick Elliott, Mike Hanuschak, Neil Hennessey, Jim Mullen and Pete Stevenson. Flotillas 34 and 37 deployed four more giving the Coast Guard all six vessels they requested.

From the above deployment we have found that our “Call Out” needs reviewing. Many of our members shut off the ring on their telephones at night, this makes emergency calling impossible. Does anyone have any carrier pigeons?

I would like to thank everybody who has worked so hard throughout this very busy month.

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
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Career Counselor	FSO-CC	Art Makenian	954-784-7876
Communication Services	FSO-CS	Joseph G. Dinmore	561-742-8520
Communications	FSO-CM	John P. Feighery	561-347-7423
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 – Michael Gardner
Vice Flotilla Commander 36
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The Director of Auxiliary thanks all the members who came to our base to have their picture taken for the new ID's. During the summer months there are college interns who work at Diraux and they have in a large part taken over the duties of processing the new identification cards. If you have not had your picture taken remember it is passport size with a red background. The flotilla will, if the request is large enough to have one of our members take your picture. If any member who is not in the Boca Raton area at this time sends me the picture and completed form I will be happy to forward them. It will give me a chance to look over the information and be sure it is complete.

It is with pride that I can report that after the terrible plane accident that occurred by the Deerfield pier our flotilla had a boat out that night. Much thanks to Art Makenian, Alick Elliott, and Jerry Edelman. I am sure you will read about the other boats from our flotilla that worked that unfortunate case.

I look at the calendar and cannot believe half the year is gone already. Any members who have qualifications please do the necessary tasks to remain certified. If you are not sure please check with the appropriate staff officer. Looking forward to working with you all,

FROM THE STAFF



Communications Services

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

Your Staff Officers have wanted an up to date Membership Roster on our website, one that members can input their personal information, and see if their qualifications are current or see their present status.

I have been working on it for several months, with limited success. Trial roster after trial roster, each one getting more difficult for writing code and trying to make it work properly. A new member recently joined our Flotilla, Steve Grevemeyer. He has expertise in this field. He has volunteered to construct, sponsor and make it work professionally. Your Staff Officers have reviewed it, and are pleased with it. We are designing the format for the output of information. We are progressing rapidly, and should have it online by August. It will be password protected. Many thanks to Steve Grevemeyer, and I will introduce him at the July meeting.



Member Training

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

With 6 months gone, we are proceeding nicely with the completion of our crew class on June28, This brings a total of 12 new crew people in the flotilla.

Our AUXOP courses are also going well with the completion of AUX. Seamanship on June 23. The next endeavor will be bringing vessels of members, who wish to, on line. This will take place in July. Upon completion of this we will start a Coxswain and crew class in AUG. Our Auxop. Course also will continue in the latter part of Aug.



Publications

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

I am very pleased that Joe Dinmore and Steve Grevemeyer have paired up to bring our Flotilla Roster Database System online via the Internet. This opens up a wealth of tools that your staff and the general membership can use. One of the tools will be the ability for you to change your mailing address (email/postal/both) in the database. This example will help ensure that you will receive your E-Log notices or postal Log on a timely basis. When you are planning to be away, simply change your address information online. If your not online, you can contact a staff officer to change the address for you. Stay tuned to the next Log as our staff will notify you of ongoing changes and enhancements to the E-Roster as it becomes available during the 3rd quarter of 2003. Big kudos to Joe & Steve.



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.



Finance & Materials

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

Around this time you will be receiving your letter concerning the 2004 dues. If you are not aware, dues are to be paid to the Flotilla before September 1, 2003. A second notice is mailed on August 1, 2003 reminding you that we have not received your dues. If we do not receive your dues at that time, a registered letter will be sent to you and we will start the disenrollment process. Please, send in your dues when you receive your first letter. Do not put your dues letter on the side and forget about it. Pay it at once. If you have a problem, please call me at 498-4863 and I will try to help you.

Remember to fill out all the information we require and mail back with your check. Thank you all for your help in this matter.



Emergency Preparedness & Operations

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



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Once again we are entering the hurricane season. **Are you ready?**

Now is the time to take down the old plan and dust it off and see if anything has changed since you first established it. What's that? You don't have one. Well now is the time to establish one. <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes> is an excellent place to start. If you don't want to go there here are some of the things you need to think about before a storm strikes. What Should I Do?

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON STARTS

- Plan an evacuation route.
 - Contact the local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter, and ask for the community hurricane preparedness plan. This plan should include information on the safest evacuation routes and nearby shelters.
- Learn safe routes inland.
 - Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.
 - Have disaster supplies on hand.
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - First aid kit and manual
 - Emergency food and water
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Essential medicines
 - Cash and credit cards
 - Sturdy shoes
- Make arrangements for pets.
 - Pets may not be allowed into emergency shelters for health and space reasons.
 - Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.
- Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.
 - Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
 - Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
- Protect your windows.
 - Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2-inch plywood - marine plywood is best - cut to fit each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window.
 - Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.
- Check into flood insurance.
 - You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective.
 - Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.
- Develop an emergency communication plan.
 - In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
 - Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

Sempre Paratus



Communications

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

Bravo Zulu Flotilla 36!

The month of June saw 32 hours spent on radio watch. Every time we had a boat on safety patrol we had a watch stander in the radio room. This is what it's all about the Flotilla taking care of the Flotilla.

Six months remain in 2003, I will be forwarding to all Watch Standers a mid year update showing how many more radio watches each of you need to fulfill the required number of watches to maintain your currency. Lets not get caught short in the last two months of the year.

The Flotilla is soliciting members to become part of the Flotilla's ALERT ACTIVATION TEAM. In the event of a situation that requires notification of Flotilla members to respond to that situation the Alert Activation Team is put in motion telephoning members and advising them of a specific need for them to respond. The team is composed of 4 or 5 people. If you are interested in assisting please let me know.

It was extremely gratifying to see the operations board fill up with watch standers at the Flotilla meeting. Thanks to all of you who took watches.

Boca Radio Out!

United States Coast Guard			
CO, Group Miami		CAPT James D. Maes	305-535-4301
AUX, Liaison, Group Miami		CWO Steven Craddock	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



Public Affairs

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

I would like to personally thank all those members who helped promote Boating Education and Safety during the month of June at the many activities our Flotilla arranged or participated. Your time and effort is always appreciated.

The month of July is upon us, Summertime, vacation time and for many of us, we are the ones visiting friends and relatives instead of the other way around. I will be among this group of travelers, albeit by land, visiting family and friends and even the area covered in our training chart 1210.

I overheard Tom Kegan say to a new member regarding the wearing of uniforms that and I quote, “ we are all suppose to look (dress wise) the same, that is why they call what we wear a UNIFORM “ unquote. He makes his point very clear, as he usually does. We have been asked to pass along to you a D7 article entitled “ A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”. I like Tom’s version better. **Have a great July!**

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

We have all heard the old adage that “a picture is worth a thousand words”. This couldn’t be truer when a picture of a Coast Guard Auxiliarist appears in any media or an Auxiliarist appears in person in an inappropriate uniform or without the proper equipment.

What does this have to do with Public Affairs and Marketing? Everything!

The first impression is usually the best impression and the most memorable impression of a person or organization. What are we telling the public if three Auxiliarists are working a booth and the uniform of the day is tropical blue long and one person in addition to shoulder boards is wearing collar insignia? How does it look if one person is wearing a crew neck T-shirts and everyone else is in the proper V-neck shirt? Or even worse, Auxiliarists on a boat are not wearing life jackets, how do we convince the public to wear the life jacket if we don’t?

You might think that some of the above is insignificant but when it comes to projecting the correct image of a professional organization that is a major component of the Coast Guard Forces it becomes very significant

The Auxiliary Manual and Auxiliary web sites instruct us in how to wear our various uniforms from the hats we wear to the correct footwear and everything in between. The District PA team is very concerned with the image that is being projected by some members. It is critical that photographs be reviewed and approved by the PA team prior to publishing and that uniforms be inspected to assure that they are in good order and being worn correctly prior to being seen by the public.

Take a look around at your next Flotilla meeting, how many variations of our uniform are being worn? How do we look to the meeting’s guests or representative from the Station? Blue trousers are blue trousers but the manual doesn’t allow pleats or the wrong shade of blue.

Rededicate yourself, your Division and your Flotilla to projecting the correct image. Wear the uniform proudly and correctly, look professional be professional.



Career Counselor

Art Makenian, FSO-CC (fso-cc@cgauxboca.org)

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37 cent US Postal Stamp Displayed by Broward County Commissioners and RADM Johnson.



Art Makenian, Alick Elliot, Rear Admiral Johnson, Ron Dillon, Jerry Edelman, Connie Trefletti



Art Makenian
FSO-CC



Local Dignitaries & RADM Johnson braking ground for the Barefoot Mailman Stone statue at the Light station grounds.

Final Prepping for QE Day 6/28/2003

After months of training both in the classroom and on the water, our newest candidates (by the time you read this Log) will have taken the last step towards being crew qualified. The dreaded QE Day!



My Three Sons had 9 POB's. Ron Honer (middle, in the cockpit) watching like a real QE), lending his QE knowledge to the exercise.



The Holodeck had 6 POB's. Mark Thompson mentoring James Hannah and Terry Crawford.



Connie Sprake, Carol Esco, Connie Trefletti discussing #1 line responsibilities during the side by side towing exercise.



Coxswains Chuck Statkus, Mike Gardner and Rob Horner discussing the finer points of the training exercise.



Robin Madden dancing and celebrating a successful completion of the side by side towing exercise.



Carol Esco wanted to use Sandy Gardner for the man over board exercise. She was joking wasn't she??

Activity Calendar for July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 P.E .B.S.& S @ 7. P.M. Lesson # 4	2	3 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 P.M.	4 Happy Birthday AMERICA	5
6	7 New Member Class @ 7.P.M.	8 P.E .B.S.& S @ 7. P.M. Lesson # 5	9 City Use	10	11	12 TCT Workshop 0800-1700
13	14 New Member Class @ 7.P.M	15 P.E .B.S.& S @ 7. P.M. Lesson # 6	16	17	18	19 BS&S Radio class 0900-1100
20	21 New Member Class @ 7.P.M	22 P.E .B.S.& S @ 7. P.M. Exam	23	24 Staff Meeting 7:15 Meeting	25	26 North Radio
27 North Radio	28	29 P.E .B.S.& S @ 7. P.M. Graduation	30	31		

Activity Calendar for August:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Boating Safety class 0900 - 1700
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 GPS class 0900 - 1500
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 North Radio
24 North Radio	25	26	27 ACN Registration 1900-1100	28	29	30
31						

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 3-02)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING			
UNIT NUMBER		UNIT NAME (as recorded in AUXDATA)		MEMBERS PRESENT	
0700306000		FLOTILLA 3 6		IQ or BQ – 39 AX – 14	
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION		TYPE OF MEETING	
5 June 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, IS Edelman, MS Marie Thompson, MV Grady, CM Feighery, MT Kegan, OP-EP Madden, PA Dillon, PE Rutherford, FN-MA Schwartz, PB Sutherland, PS SGardner, SR Sprake, VE Elvas				Mrs. Laura Porter, Operations Manager of The Florida Drawbridge Company	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON					
<p>Invocation – Alick Elliott</p> <p>Introduction of Guest Speaker – Mrs. Laura Porter gave a very interesting talk about her job as supervisor over 150 bridge tenders. She related difference between county and state regulations and also stated that she did not think the timed-bridge openings would continue. Questions from the audience were answered.</p> <p>FC – 1) New members Robin Sherman, Steven E. Grevemeyer and Stanley G. Silverman was sworn in. Ron Barrett a recent transfer was welcomed. 2) Reminded coxswains they are able to renew vessels any day of the year with a 45 day grace period. 2) Suggested members contact each other by phone or in person rather than using e-mail, unless transferring info. 4) Asked some of the officers to introduce themselves and what their job in the Auxiliary entails. Several new members also introduced themselves. 5) Mentioned he sent out 20 letters to coxswains for an important meeting June 25.</p> <p>IPC-CC – 1) Sat. June 14 - Staking out of the Barefoot Mailman stone statue at the foot of the Hillsboro Lighthouse will take place midday. The ceremony is open to the public and is sponsored by HLPS. 2) Mon., June 16 – Commemoration day for the US Post Office 37 cent stamp of Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse and braking ground for the barefoot mailman stone statue. Event is sponsored by the Broward County Historical Society, the USCG, and HLPS. There will be a pavilion set at the inlet bridge park by our Flotilla along with other pavilions of USPO and HLPS.</p> <p>MT – 1) Pictures for new I.D. cards will be held at the base June 14 and 15. Fill out form including blood type. 2) Next QE Mission Qualification will be June 28 for crew trainees, 5-year qual and annual currency maintenance.</p> <p>PB – The cost of publishing The Log has been cut by 2/3 using E-Mail.</p> <p>IS – Be sure to check forms before turning in.</p> <p>MS – Ft. Lauderdale has Marine Safety Patrols every Wednesday.</p> <p>VE – Requests help on weekends for vessel inspections.</p> <p>4th Cornerstone Committee – The picnic at Morikami Park was a great success. The Change of Watch dinner will be December 7 and will be held at the Delray Beach Golf Club with a 3-piece band.</p> <p>No Old Business or New Business addressed.</p> <p>Motion made to adjourn.</p>					
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED					
TCT Training will be in Ft. Lauderdale June 21. Operations Workshop – last class June 22 at the base.					
REMARKS (Include special events, future plans, awards presented, special guests present, etc.)					
<p>5- Year Membership – Patricia M. Dolan, 20-Year Membership – Joseph G. Dinmore, Certificate of Appreciation for Public Education – Andrea J. Rutherford, Communication Specialist – Steven E. Grevemeyer, Instructor – Kristine Colina, Navigation B – Pat Feighery, Operations Marine Safety – Jeffrey R Grady, Marie L. Thompson</p> <p>PWC Facility Inspection – Marc H. Blanchenay, Vessel Examiner – Antonio P. Quesada, Ronald B. Lankford</p> <p>Watchstander – David C. Deboben, William W. Diamond</p>					
NEXT MEETING					
DATE		TIME		LOCATION	
3 July 2003		1930		Base	
DATE SUBMITTED			SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT		
22 June 2003			Connie Sprake, FSO-SR		

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