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From The Helm - Michael Gardner -
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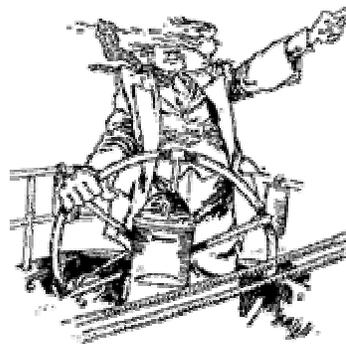
All operational orders for facilities have been temporarily suspended because the Coast Guard is \$200,000 in the red for this year. It is with great pride that I announce several skippers have offered the use of their facilities using non-reimbursable orders. Insurance will be in place but no payment of fuel, ice, meals, etc. All qualified members must still meet their commitments, as there will be no waivers. Money for patrols should be available sometime in October. Be aware, this may change but it my intention to keep you informed of all changes.

National Safe Boating Week is upon us and so far we have received proclamations from the Town of Highland Beach, Cities of Delray Beach, Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton. A booth was manned for the Deerfield Bash and we will be manning a booth at the main campus of Florida Atlantic University. I thank all the members who have and will partake of these activities. Without you it would not happen.

A new BS&S – 8-lesson program will start June 1. If you know of any neighbors or friends that would like to participate in a safe boating class let them know about this class. We have been trying to increase the number of people attending this course. If you as members try, I am sure we could increase the amount of participants. Please, try to attend, as it looks good to have members in uniforms to answer questions and reassure them. For some of these people it has been many years since they were challenged in a classroom.

Doug Shubert is a Coastie that has attended many of our meetings. He is leaving Station Ft. Lauderdale and Division asked us to contribute \$25.00 for a gift thanking him for all he has done. This motion was passed at our last Staff Meeting. Another request for money has come to the flotilla regarding phone calling cards. It has been suggested that Auxiliarist contribute money for Coasties that are overseas for phone calling cards so they can stay in touch with their families and friends. The staff agreed that the 50/50 conducted at our next meeting only should be split with the winner and the rest goes to purchasing calling cards. If any member who can't attend the meeting would like to contribute send me a check (I also take cash) made out to Division 3. I will make sure all contributions will be properly handled.

8 members have passed the Auxnav A exam. Their letter of congratulations will be given out at our next general meeting. 2 members have taken the instructor exam and their papers have forwarded for grading. The flotilla appears to be on a steady course and with your help all our goals can be achieved.





From The Helm – Pat Feighery
Vice Flotilla Commander 36
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BOW WATCH

It looks like we are in for a summer season with a different twist, as we stand down from surface and air operations. But let's not abandon the ship.

First let's talk about why the District is over budget. The price of fuel has surly impacted the funds, couple this with the stepped up tempo of the Auxiliary's surface and air missions and it doesn't take an Einstein to do the math

There is still plenty to do. North radio is still needs to be covered, we can increase our presence at the boat ramps for Vessel Safety Checks, take an on line course or bone up on some SAR and Navigation exercises that haven't been plotted for a while. Those of us with OPFACS can use the time for repairs, maintenance or getting them re-inspected. Seek out, organize and staff public affairs events to promote boating safety and boater education. If we are not on the water or in the air we need to still find ways to promote boating safety.

Oh yeah, we can still get non-reimbursable orders and I am sure a few hearty souls will step up to that challenge.

Let's pull together as a Flotilla and use this time to make our Flotilla stronger and better.

And now on to other things, congratulations and thanks to Tony Quesada for organizing 36 'National Safe Boating Week. Proclamations were received from all cities within our AOR.

The Deerfield Beach Blow Out was almost blown out with winds of 15 plus knots making for blustery weekend on the beach and in the interest of safety forced the Flotilla's participation in the on the water rescue demonstration that is always part of the Deerfield event to be canceled.

Thanks too to everyone who showed up at the various city commission and council meetings to receive the NSBW proclamations and thanks to all who staffed the booth at the blow out.

USCG Auxiliary Websites of Interests	
USCG Aux What's New Page	http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/memtable.shtml
USCG Aux On-line Testing Page	http://cgexams.info/testing/
USCG Aux AuxInfo	http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/
USCG Aux e-Train	http://www.auxetrain.org/
USCG Aux Forms &Manuals Page	http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/tbforms.shtml
7 TH District DirAux West	http://www.dirauxwest.org/
ChDirAux Items of Interest Page	http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/
DIRAUX District 7 Homepage	http://www.d7oax3.net/
DIRAUX District 7 Directives	http://www.d7oax3.net/pol_dir.htm
USCG Aux D7 Member Page	http://www.cgaux7.org/index_members.asp

Flotilla 3 6 Home page: www.cgauxboca.com

FROM THE STAFF



Member Training

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

As most of you know, there has been a vast curtailment of Auxiliary operational patrols. Safety patrols have been cut. ACM patrols for qualification are being accepted on a limited basis, as are QE missions. So everyone please remain focused and motivated to accomplish your qualifications. More to come at the Flotilla meeting.

By the Time this read TCT and operational workshops must have been completed. (Deadline June, 1, 04)

The following members need 5yr recertification, Susanne Dickens, Vickie Miller, Tom Orfanos, Fred Romig,

Members Who require ACM are:, Ray Americh, Irene Azzarito, Rodger Beckham, Marc Blanchney, Robert Boucher, Ed Colina, Mark David, Richard Geisler, Art Hockey, Robert & Robin Madden, Helen Houge, James Mullin, Sandy Shuster, James Smith, Connie Triefeltti.

Richard Azzaritto, Art Makenian, Dan Reid, Mike Zampini.

A QE Mission is planned for June 5,04 Mike Hanuschak and Alick Elliott are the vessel captains. More on this at meeting.

On June 16 a Nav. Rules Exam will be given to: Bill Bartley ,Dave DeBoben, Richie Dunne, Steve Grevemeyer, Tony Quesada, And Sandy Shuster.



Finance & Materials

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

Please remember that we are only opened before our monthly meeting. We still have our new t-shirts, so get them before they are all gone. See you at the meeting.

FINANCE

You will be receiving your dues notice the first week of July for next year. Please try to get your dues to me ASAP. It really helps us get our reports out in a timely manner. Thanks for your help in this matter.



Publications

Joe Sarno, FSO-PB (fso-pb@cgauxboca.org)

Hope all is well with everyone, here is an article that Mike wanted me to include:

In the Lee of the Longboat by Skip Gross

The background for this story goes back several years. In 1952 while I was in the navy I was stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. I was operations officer for the local office of the Military Sea Transportation Service. Our main reason for being in the area was to re-supply the Dew line sights across western and northern Alaska. These were Radar sights in remote areas along the coast. In most cases there were no aids to navigation or proper charts for any of the waterways we used to deliver supplies for the year.

The navy maintained a fleet of cargo vessels for our use. One of the sights we re-supplied was about 30 miles upstream on a river. The vessel best suited for this operation was a small two - hatch cargo ship designated as an " AKL". It was shallow drafted and about 200' long.

The civilian captain was notified of the mission. He knew of a captain who was familiar with the area, who had retired and was living in Seattle. We arranged for the retired captain to undertake to write sailing directions for the river we were planning to navigate to reach the radar sight. The handbook was delivered on time along with his corrected chart of the area.

While the cargo was being loaded on the ship in Kodiak, the captain asked for a conference with my staff and me. During the conference we delivered the Sailing Directions and the upgraded chart to the captain.

At this time he requested that we design the load so that at completion the ship would sail down by the head by about three feet. The captain explained to us that he was taking the ship into strange waters with very few if any, proper aids to navigation. He would steam ahead very slow so that if he did miss the deepwater channel and happened to ground, he would only bury the stem head. Putting both engine & astern would allow him to back off and search for a deeper passage without doing any damage to the vessel's underbody. Weeks later I learned that everything had gone as planned and the captain was kind enough to deliver to me an upgraded ,corrected ,chart of the river. This is known as local knowledge. Some years later I was in a small powerboat with three other men making our way upstream, in a narrow river, with no aids to navigation. We used the same system by putting all hands forward and proceeding gently.



Secretary / Records

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

Please pass the contents of this message down your "chain" to ensure all members are aware and can take the appropriate steps to make all of our lives easier.

For security reasons, when an Auxdata User has not logged on for 6 months, their logon account will be automatically deleted by OSC. When that occurs, they will have to request and be given a new account. In the very near future the 6-month period will be changed to 3 months.

The newly operative phrase for Auxdata accounts is: "Use it or Lose it!"

1. Mr. Duda is returning forms outside the 90 days turnaround time allowed.

This message from Ed Duda (SO-IS) appeared in the Log in February.

"For 2004, reports should be submitted within a **maximum of 90 days** in order to be entered. For example, a mission performed on 01 Oct should be received for Auxdata entry prior to 01 Jan in order to be entered. This will allow members to turn in their reports to the FSO-IS at the meeting following the completion of the activity, and in turn, allow the FSO-IS time to verify the data and forward for AuxData entry."



Public Affairs
Antonio Quesada, FSO-PA (fso-pa@cgauxboca.org)

Flotilla 36 participated in the Deerfield Beach Firefighter Challenge Beach Blowout on Friday May 14, 2004 through Sunday May 16, 2004. We had a good time at this event. The Auxiliary booth faced the ocean and experienced generally good weather. The Auxiliary staffed the booth, distributed literature and answered questions from "Blowout" attendees during the three day event.

My thanks to the members that participated in this Deerfield Beach event:

On Friday May 14, 2004: Jerry Rispoli helped me staff the booth;

On Saturday May 15, 2004: Pat Feighery and Dave Deboben staffed the booth;

On Sunday May 16, 2004: Phil Shapiro helped me staff the first booth shift and Kristie and Ed Colina staffed the second Auxiliary booth shift.

Although the Auxiliary was scheduled to participate in an "Air-Land-Sea Rescue Demonstration" on Saturday May 15, 2004 around 1200, unusually rough seas prevented that activity from being completed as originally planned.

Flotilla 36 participated in the Florida Atlantic University Safe Boating Week (SBW) activities on Wednesday May 26, 2004. We performed a good public service and had a good time.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary members participated in two ways: 1) members stationed at the Auxiliary booth distributed literature and answered questions (about boating safety and Auxiliary Boating Safety programs) from "SBW" attendees, and 2) members stationed at the booth indicated to "SBW" attendees that they were available to make appointments for Safety Vessel Checks for "SBW" attendees (and others).

My thanks to the members that participated in this FAU SBW event:

Mike and Sandy Gardner and Dave Deboben helped me staff the Auxiliary booth.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to Pat Feighery for assisting in setting up the Safe Boating Week Proclamations at Highland Beach, City of Delray, City of Deerfield, and Boca Raton.

My thanks to the members that participated in these Proclamations:

On Tuesday May 4, 2004: Mike and Sandy Gardner and I attended the Highland Beach Proclamation;

On Tuesday May 18, 2004 at 1800: Mike and Sandy Gardner, Kristie and Ed Colina, and Rich Dunne attended the City of Delray Proclamation;

On Tuesday May 18, 2004 at 1900: Pat Feighery, and Andrea and Tom Rutherford attended the City of Deerfield Proclamation;

On Tuesday May 25, 2004: Mike and Sandy Gardner, Pat Feighery and I attended the Boca Raton Proclamation.

The Cities' Proclamations read as follows:

WHEREAS, between 700 and 800 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States. and nearly 70% of these fatalities are caused by drowning; and WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public; NOW, THEREFORE, [the Mayors] do proclaim May 22 through 28, 2004, as NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK in [the City], and urge all residents and boaters to wear life jackets and support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating habits. SIGNED and DATED by [the Mayors].

As always, I appreciate all your assistance in Public Affairs activities.

Your input is important to the success of our overall goal, which is to educate the boating public about safety on the waterways. Please e-mail me directly at tquesada2002a@yahoo.com with any suggestions you may have to achieve this goal.



Operations

Tom Rutherford, FSO-OP (fso-op@cgauxboca.org)



Sempre Paratus

Coxswains and owners:

What's the Same:

You should still request orders from me.

After the patrol, you should still send a signed, original 5132 to Miami if you use POMS over the internet.

After the patrol, you should still send a signed, original 5132 to me if you do not use POMS over the internet.

What's Different:

It will take longer to issue new orders. Give me 7 days advance notice.

What Else is Different:

The Coast Guard is having a budget issue. Patrols will probably become more restricted, at least temporarily. We'll let you know the details as they become firm.

We've been reminded that DirAux wants us to enter the latitude and longitude of our facilities into their database. In the case of vessels, this would be the home dock. They are not asking for handhelds.

You can do this yourselves, or I'd be happy to do it. Either way, I'd like each of you to send me the information for my records. The form is on the web at http://www.d7oax3.net/service_request_latlon.htm. This form does not support PWC's. I'll have to figure out another way to report them.

To date, 50% of our facility owners have reported their lat/lon.

And let me edit the last section of the below, please.

What Else is Different:

The Coast Guard is having a short-term budget crisis. The Coast Guard wants to make sure they have enough money in reserve to cover increased patrols later this year during the election season. Therefore, safety patrols will be more restricted temporarily. The plan is to maintain our readiness posture by scheduling necessary currency maintenance and QE patrols for our members. This action is regrettable and is definitely not a lack of appreciation for what we do to enhance homeland security. *semper padadis!*

Please see attached note from DCO Dahlgren:

Yesterday I was notified that our fuel consumption for the 2003-04 fiscal year had already exceeded budget by \$200,000 - which is more than we spent for fuel in the entire 2002-2003 fiscal year. The precipitous rise in the cost of fuel contributes greatly to this situation. In addition, we had unexpected demands placed upon us early in the year for which we did not receive any supplemental funding. Our Director already has been in consultation with the USCG Comptroller and Chief of Staff, and been told that there is no additional funding currently available. Given that we can reasonably expect to be increasing operations prior to the presidential election; therefore, we need to ensure that we decrease operations now if we are going to have any capability to be of service to the Coast Guard and the country when we are needed. Consequently, we cannot continue operations at normal or even near-normal levels.

Effective immediately, all Auxiliary patrols, flights, etc., must be scaled back as follows:· Maintain BRAVO assets as necessary and use them to respond to SAR/LE as needed;· A request was sent to the gold-side to allow Auxiliarists to train as necessary to maintain the readiness of our assets so we can respond to surge operations. This includes patrols/flights/missions essential for maintaining our qualifications/currency maintenance, maintenance readiness (MARSEC II), etc. We will advise you as soon as we receive a response to that request;

· G8 patrols are approved as scheduled/needed.

We expect increased operations towards the end of the summer and will need to ensure that we can fund them. The Director is already working at getting a budget increase for next fiscal year.

I am requesting the Auxiliary leadership in the Seventh District to show your utmost support for this necessary, albeit unpopular, decision. Bear in mind that in this we have no choice. Please show your support for the Director and the Coast Guard by extinguishing the little flames of disappointment before they get out of control. There are none of us in the Auxiliary or the Coast Guard who are pleased with this decision; but we all are going to support it because we have been given sound reasons for this action. Please ensure the widest distribution of this message throughout your Divisions.



Public Education
 Kristine Colina, FSO-PE

The two Public Education one-day Boating Safely program that we have held this year have been very well received by the public and have greatly benefited the flotilla. We have had 66 graduates from just two classes!!! 66 boaters are now better informed about boating knowledge, rules, and, most importantly, safety.

On Tuesday, June 1st we have registration for our Boating Skills and Seamanship program from 7 pm to 9 pm. Classes will begin on June 8th with the same 7 pm to 9 pm time frame and continue each Tuesday night through July 13th with the test on the 20th and graduation on the 27th. Please help us out on any Tuesday night that you are available.

August 7th is our next one-day BSC program. Extra C. G. Auxiliary personnel are always needed any time from 9 to 5 during this program. Call, e-mail, or catch Kristie at a meeting if you can assist. I will be gone on vacation from June 5th through June 20th. Safe boating to all!



Aids to Navigation
 Mark Thompson, FSO-MV (fso-an@cgauxboca.org)

At the end of September, early October time frame, Palm Beach County will have live cameras operational for the Lake Worth, Boynton, and BOCA inlets. These cameras will be available on the web site for Palm Beach County. I will post the link for the Boca camera as soon as it is operational.

If you are interested in doing an ATON patrol, please contact Tom Rutherford, FSO-OP.

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

AIR AND SEA SHOW PICTURES:



FAU BOOTH PICTURES:



JUNE CALENDAR:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BS&S Registration 7 PM	2 City Use 7 PM	3 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 PM	4	5
6	7	8 BS&S - Lesson 1 7 PM	9	10	11	12 North Radio 0900-1800
13 North Radio 0900-1800	14 Flag Day 	15 BS&S - Lesson 2 7 PM	16 Nav Rules Exam 7 PM	17 Flotilla Staff Meeting 7 PM	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22 BS&S - Lesson 3 7 PM	23	24	25	26 BS&S Lesson Radio 9-11 A.M. North Radio 0900-1800
27 North Radio 0900-1800	28	29 BS&S - Lesson 4 7 PM	30			

JULY CALENDAR:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 PM Place ads for 8/7 Boating Safety	2	3
4  Independence Day	5	6 BS&S- Lesson 5 7 PM	7 City Use 7 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 BS&S - Lesson 6 7 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 BS&S - Exam 7 PM	21	22 Flotilla Staff Meeting 7 PM	23	24 North Radio 0900-1800
25 North Radio 0900-1800	26	27 BS&S Graduation 7 PM	28	29	30	31

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