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NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Boat Crew Training

For anyone wishing to become crew qualified and to participate in on the water activities, there are positions available in the upcoming Boat Crew Training Class.

Class starts on 02 Aug 05 at 1900.

If you are a Coxswain, mentors are needed for the new boat crew applicants. This is an excellent opportunity to pass on what you know to our new members.

If you wish to be a mentor, contact Tom Kegan or better – attend the 02 Aug boat crew training class.

AUXOP Weather (AUXWEA)

Beginning in August, the Flotilla will offer the AUXOP Course in Weather. This course hasn't been offered in a while so if you haven't taken it yet, this is probably a good time.

Class starts on 10 Aug 05 at 1900

The course materials arrived on CDROM, persons without computers will need to let the course instructor know on the first day of class so that arrangements can be made.

Commitment and Dedication

Our newest member, Kristen Braaten showed her commitment to her member training and the Auxiliary on June 30th. She came early to take her AUXOP Seamanship exam due to another commitment she had the same night...

...Her own engagement party.

Congratulations to Kristen on her upcoming nuptials.

[Ed. – wow, wouldn't a picture have been nice here?]

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MEETING AUGUST 4, 2005 19:30

Key Dates for July

This section will highlight dates and events in the coming month. Items such as registration dates, initial start dates, and special events. For a full listing, see the Calendar.

| Date | Start | Description |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Aug 2 | 1900 | Boat Crew Training Starts. |
| Aug 4 | 1930 | Flotilla Meeting |
| Aug 6 | 0900 | AUXCOM Exam |
| Aug 6 | 0900 | AUXSAR Exam |
| Aug 10 | 1900 | AUXWEA Starts |
| Aug 18 | 1900 | Flotilla Staff Meeting |

HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2006 DUES?

You inaction is costing both time and money to the Finance Officer, the Flotilla Staff, and the Coast Guard.

Return your form TODAY!

FROM THE HELM

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER 36

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Last week I was reading National Commodore Gene Seibert's ON COURSE, a review of his watch at its half way mark.

I was struck by his use of two tried and true sayings in the same sentence; "Nothing endures but change" and "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

The Commodore, of course, was speaking in terms of the National Organization, but the same can be said of the Flotilla.

We work very hard to assure the success of our flotilla programs, Public Education, Public Affairs, Recreational Boating Visitor and Vessel Safety Checks are good examples. All touch the public, all promote boating safety and all are great recruiting tools. And all of these programs have many members working diligently within them.

With so much in common we need to redouble our efforts to integrate these and other areas of the Flotilla. We need to think of how each program can build off of the other. We need to ask ourselves how can what I do for the USCGAUX help the Flotilla as a whole rather than the area that I am working in and the people who are working with me? Members should adopt an approach embracing less compartmentalization and more viewing of all of our efforts as a means of helping the entire Flotilla and the USCGAUX.

This is where the change is born, nurtured, grows and endures. This approach to Flotilla activities may take some work by all of us to accept, but once accepted this approach will change the way that we conduct our boating safety business and some, or most, of this change will endure. Our Flotilla will grow and be stronger our Boating Safety Message, Marine Domain Awareness and the Security of our Homeland will be advanced as never before.

And throughout the change our purpose will remain the same, support of the United States Coast Guard and the education of the boating public in safe boating.

It is our duty as members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to be agents of change, always looking for better ways to work together and always embracing our core missions.

Thanks for your help and support.





FROM THE HELM

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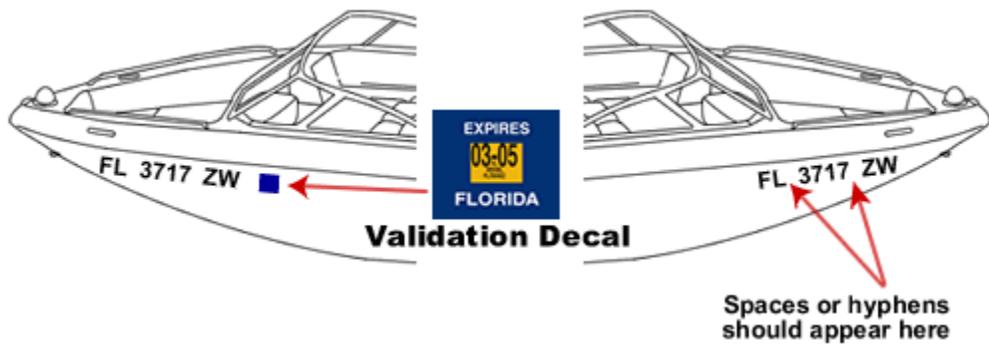
Ahoy shipmates

Well July went by quick and August is almost here.

On July 16 the vessel examiners performed about 12 exams at Silver Palm Park. I would like to thank Tom Orfanos for making a new table to put literature on and boy did we need it.

One critical thing we need to remember about vessel exams we cannot pass a boat or give a safety sticker to a boat with improper placement of the letters and numbers on the boat.

Numbers must be a min of 3 inches block characters placed on the forward half of the vessel properly spaced and in a contrasting color. The image below shows the proper installation of vessel numbers. Example: FL 3717 ZW or FL -3717-ZW there will be no exceptions.



So let's have a safe and busy August in all our Flotilla functions.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DIRECTOR

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subject: ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS FOR YOUR REIMBURSEMENTS - 013/05

1. Your help is requested in reducing Coast Guard costs of reimbursing you for orders. The Department of Homeland Security is pushing a mandate to require all payments made by the CG Finance Center to be accomplished electronically. The cost of an electronic funds transfer (EFT) is a fraction (approx 1/100th) of what it costs the Coast Guard to mail you a check. I personally urge you to assist in this fiscally responsible endeavor to make the best use of our limited Coast Guard funding.
2. Currently, 69% of payments made through the Patrol Order Management System (POMS) are done electronically and this system has proven to be efficient and reliable. Moreover, other Coast Guard personnel (Active, Reserve, Civilian Employees) have been required to have their pay deposited electronically for about the last 20 years. Understandably, some of you are reluctant to apply for EFT for various reasons. I ask that you reconsider your position based on today's technology, the Coast Guard's superior computer system security measures, and the overwhelming success of EFT's in general. The fear of identity theft is often a leading reason for apprehension, as well it should be! We hear too often about high tech thieves who prey on their unsuspecting victims. I'm not asking you to be foolish in your actions. You are very wise to be leery of internet scams and computer hackers. But did you know that you can sign up for EFT without joining the world of cyberspace or subscribing to an on-line service? You don't even need a computer! If you have a bank account then you are eligible to be included in payments via EFT. They are fast, secure and much less costly than issuing a check.
3. Our goal is 98% participation by October 1, 2005. I think we can exceed expectations by acting quickly and getting maximum participation within the next 2 to 4 weeks! Here is another opportunity for you to make a significant contribution to the United States Coast Guard. Please consider taking this simple but effective step toward outstanding stewardship of public funds. EFT enrollment forms are available in Appendix G of the Auxiliary Manual (page G-56) and in the Forms section of the Auxiliary web site (http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/home_frame_955a.htm, form FMS-2231). Enrollment forms should be faxed to the Finance Center at (757) 523-6769. You can also enroll on-line at the Finance Center website www.fincen.uscg.mil/aux_info.htm.
4. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.
5. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.
6. Captain B. Smith, Chief Director of Auxiliary, sends.



FROM THE STAFF**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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The following are excerpts from the Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District. The Coast Guard reminds boaters to play it safe on the water. In order to be safe, mariners must be aware of their surroundings, including monitoring the weather. Weather conditions can change instantaneously, especially during the summer months off the coast of South Florida.

The limited resources of the Coast Guard will require the boating public to be more aware of their surroundings... Remember, "You're in Command. Boat Safely!" There are key things boaters can do while and before setting out that can drastically reduce the risk of accidents and can help them should one occur. Some tips to remember:

Wear a Lifejacket The most important thing boaters should remember is to always wear a lifejacket. Wearing a lifejacket is the easiest way to reduce the risk of a boating fatality.

Take a Boating Safety Course Safe boating courses are another key ingredient in the safe boating recipe. Programs are in place, such as America's Boating Course, a boating safety class sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Use Flares for Emergencies Only The Coast Guard receives and responds to numerous calls of boaters firing emergency flares from their vessels. Using a flare as entertainment could result in a delayed response, as well as result in a Class D felony charge, six years in prison, up to \$250,000 in fines and payment of costs the Coast Guard incurs as a result of the false distress.

Don't Boat Under the Influence The marine environment is inherently dangerous. The addition of alcohol to the mix can be deadly. Intoxicated boaters can face both federal and state charges with penalties of up to one year in prison and fines up to \$100,000.

File a Float Plan and Have An EPIRB Boaters should take care to file a float plan and to have and monitor their VHF-FM radio. Filing a float plan is as simple as telling friends, family or marina owners/operators where you are going and what time you expect to be back. A piece of lifesaving equipment is an Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). When an EPIRB is activated, the Coast Guard is given the device's global positioning system location.

In order to perform our key roll in supporting the regular Coast Guard in the promotion of boating safety through education and vessel safety exams, your active participation in the flotilla's efforts are needed. Please contact me at tquesada2002a@yahoo.com or at (561) 393-1235.

**Vessel Safety Checks**

Vessel Safety Checks provide a bow-to-stern inspection of a boat's safety equipment. Experienced Coast Guard Auxiliaries perform the checks. Also be aware: operator inattention, careless or reckless operation, operator inexperience and excessive speed are the leading contributor of all reported boating accidents.

**Operation On Guard**

Boaters should also be on the lookout for any suspicious activity on the water. Operation On Guard is an ongoing effort in which the Coast Guard asks boaters to help be their eyes and ears on the water. Boaters who see suspicious activity, such as but not limited to:

- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities
 - Unknown persons photographing/making sketches
 - Unknown/suspicious persons loitering for extended periods
 - Suspicious persons renting watercraft
 - Unknown vendors attempting to sell/deliver merchandise
 - Unusual inquiries about facilities, schedules or operations taking place near bridges, ports, power plants, cruise or container ships or any other place of high interest
- should immediately call their nearest Coast Guard unit or the Coast Guard's National Response Center at 1-877-24WATCH (1-877-249-2824).



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The New Member class was canceled in July due to vacations, but they will resume in August.

This month, with his wife's help, I interviewed the 3-6 Member Training officer who has held that office for as far back as I can remember, **Tom Kegan**. I think Mike Gardner once told me that Tom was even Noah's QE!

Tom was born and raised in the Bronx, NY, where he was interested in all sports, including ice-skating, baseball, and football (he lettered in high school). His family had a retail flower business, Blossom Flower Shop, providing built-in employment for Tom and his younger brother, running deliveries from age 8 on, but it was Tom who continued working after high school.

He joined the National Guard after high school and rose to Sergeant First Class in ordnance/small arms repair, honorably discharged in 1960. This was the foundation for his patriotism and respect for flag and country.

Tom married Marge after carrying her books to school all through junior and senior high school. They settled in Mamaroneck, NY, and raised five children, commuting into NYC to run their expanding business. In fact, Marge ran one shop herself in Yonkers from 1970-80.



Tom and Marge Kegan

When Tom's father retired from business, Tom took over and expanded, eventually owning five shops. He became active in the industry wire services as well as wholesaling flowers and supplies and was instrumental in designing flower containers for both land and air transport. It's hard to believe this burly person has exceptional artistic talent with flowers and design and can turn around and be Mr. Fixit in any area, with any tools. He worked floral design for many large NY events, including centerpieces and arrangements for celebrities including astronauts and visiting dignitaries. Tom's son and two of his daughters continue in this business today and regularly call on Mom and Dad to return and help out on special holidays.

He believed in "Kid Power," giving young people a chance to learn and earn, so his own kids, their friends, and neighbors also worked in the shops. In addition to the three Kegan kids still in the business, many other relatives across the country continue making their livelihood with flowers. He was a successful trainer even back then.

In their spare time, the family did a lot of boating on Long Island Sound. In the mid '70's, the first "Lazy Daisy" was a 28 ft. Winner, providing much needed relaxation, fun, and getaways across to Long Island or north along the New England Coast. Tom took his first boating safety course from the Power Squadron! Tom eventually found a larger, roomier vessel, a 36 ft. Egg Harbor.

At that time, Fred Gilbert lived next door to the Kegan's (some of you will remember him because he transferred to 3-6), who was a CGAux Flotilla Commander in Mamaroneck. He encouraged Tom to join and take safety patrols. In the NY summers, the CGAux took 12-hour weekend patrols, and although Tom worked 7 days a week in the flower business, his favorite patrol was 7 pm Saturday night to 7 am Sunday morning.

In 1980, still in their mid 40's, Tom and Marge retired, left the business to the kids, packed up and headed to south Florida. They bought a home on a canal in NE Boca, and then Marge and Tom went back to drive the Lazy Daisy from New York to Boca, 1500 miles in 12 days, and tied it up on the dock.



The Kegan Family

Although retired, Tom's energy and drive took new turns: He enrolled in classes such as small engine repair and Oceanography 101 at FAU (beginning a long-lasting friendship with Dr. Ray McAllister). And it wasn't long until he found Flotilla 3-6!

In recent years, Tom has been instrumental in finding new homes for the flotilla, from north of the inlet, to Red Reef Park, and eventually to its present location. His business acumen came in handy dealing with city government.

He has been recognized for his work in Public Education (PE) and Member Training (MT) and was chosen by the Coast Guard as one of the first official Qualification Examiners (QE). Word spread about his MT program, and he has been asked many times to teach and qualify regular Coast Guard personnel on boating safety, navigation, and small boat handling.

For the last 20 years, everyone who has joined Flotilla 3-6 has had some contact with his training programs. In addition, he has served as almost every staff position, served as Flotilla Commander in 1986 and 1987, and served the Division Member Training officer. Tom has been president of Flotilla 6, Inc, the corporation for our flotilla, since its inception, using his business and management experience to help guide our direction and guard our finances. Also, along with a handful of other Auxiliarists, he has been cleaning and servicing weapons at CG Station Ft. Lauderdale for many years.

Not surprisingly, Tom has also devoted his energy and expertise to other organizations and causes, as well. Tom was an auxiliary marine officer with the Boca Raton Police Department Marine Unit for many years. After moving to Delray Beach in 1996, he was quickly picked up by the Delray Beach Police Department to head, direct, and monitor the new Volunteer Marine Police unit. The job is so extensive that they've given him a secretary. For five years, the Kegans entered the Lazy Daisy in the Christmas boat parade, and most of those who helped decorate were fellow Auxiliarists. And now along comes Homeland Security, and he has a new endeavor. He spends many hours and days at courses and universities taking in seminars in Bio/Chem Terrorism, weapons, and so on, and has successfully helped organize land and water emergency personnel.

Tom has eyes and ears all over his head with great awareness and a profound memory with instant recall...and a sense of humor to go with it all. Marge warns that roaming about with him is like being with "Famous Thomas" (like Famous Amos, except he doesn't make cookies) and gets his picture or quotes on front pages of newspapers and periodicals. The Sun-Sentinel even wrote him up as an "unsung hero."

Tom, thanks for your continuing leadership and commitment (and Marge, for your patience and able assistance). You are the heart and soul of Flotilla 3-6.





Exams for AUXOP Search & Rescue (AUXSAR) and AUXOP Communications (AUXCOM) have been scheduled for:

Saturday, August 6, 2005 0900

For the moment AUXOP Navigation (AUXNAV) Exam has been postponed until September.

MEMBER TRAINING

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The next AUXOP Course, Weather (AUXWEA) is schedule to start on Wednesday, August 10 at 1900. Note, this course will be taught from a CD. A limited number of paper books may be available.

AUXOP Navigation (AUXNAV) will be taught in conjunction with the Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN) Public Education course beginning on September 20 at 1900.

Upon the completion of these AUXOP courses, the member will receive a AUXOP badge. To be worn on your uniform. The taking of AUXOP seamanship and communications will help in Boat Crew Training. Taking AUXOP Patrols, Weather, Navigation, & Search & Rescue will help in becoming a Coxswain.

The next round of **Boat Crew Training** will start on Tuesday, August 2 at 1900. Mentors will be needed.

As we gear up for the fall public education classes and member training schedules, we will need more instructors. If any member wishes to be come an instructor please let me know as, a class can be scheduled. This is a rewarding part of Auxiliary work..

Want to meet people and talk boating? Become a vessel examiner, then graduate to a Marine Visitor, or go into Public affairs and help get our story out.

The following members have not completed their Annual Currency Maintenance activities for 2005!

As Crew:

Mat Falvey, Art Hockey, Tom Orfanos

As Coxswains:

Erine Leduc, Mike Hanuschak, Bob Tust

The Division is planning a SAR competition for October 15. The competition is open to all COXSWAINS & CREWS. The Flotilla would like to field at least a primary and a backup team for the competition. Please contact me if you are interested. Persons are needed for both on-water and on-land tasks.



Test your Boating Knowledge

1. What is the difference between galvanic action and electrolytic action?
2. To temporarily join two lines of different diameters, you would use a?
3. What is the fetch?
4. To assist a vessel in distress what Question should be asked and in what order?
5. The proper way to use a fire extinguisher?
6. What items should be carried on a vessel to help in plugging and patching?
7. Navigation rules difference between inland and international?
8. Sound signals for inland?
9. Right of way definitions, action of give-way vessel, actions of stand on vessel?
10. What would you do? At night off your starboard side you see what looks like a red sidelight and 3 white masthead lights. Behind that is a flashing red disappears and reappears. Behind that a steady red light. ?



AIDS TO NAVIGATION
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Last month a picture of an ATON taken from while on a recent patrol was present on the front of this newsletter.

Did everyone figure out what was wrong with that aid to navigation? The north day board is missing from the aid.

You have found a discrepancy and a potential hazard to navigation. Now what do you do?

- 1) Gather the information required about the discrepancy.
- 2) If Boca Radio is operational, notify them and have them call Station Ft. Lauderdale, otherwise; contact the station directly, indicating the damage. Let them know that a written report will be mailed in.
- 3) Fill out an "Aids to Navigation" report (CG-5474) form by doing the following:

Section 1 Observer's Identification Data:

Fill in your name and address, etc.

Section 2 Coast Guard Notification:

Unit notified would be Station Ft. Lauderdale,
 Dates observed and reported, and
 Method reported will be radio/telephone AND mail.

Section 3 Description of Discrepancy:

Ownership for this aid is: Coast Guard
 Position: aid name is LAKE BOCA RATON - LIGHT 67
 Light List number (LLNR): 47165
 Lat and Long: from you GPS or the light list
 Chart number: 11467



Looking North. No problem here.



Looking South. Notice the missing dayboard!

In the common discrepancies section, check the box DAMAGED.

In the comments section, give detail as to the problem:

The north side day board is missing

Also include the version and revision of the light list used!

The light list can be found at:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3COMPLETE.PDF>

The preface section will list which Local Notice to Mariners the light list has been corrected through. The light list obtained above, as listed on page preface 2, states:

“This Light List is corrected through: Seventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners No. 13/05”





MATERIALS

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A number of members, including myself, have taken advantage of the sale prices being offered by the Coast Guard Uniform distribution center.

You still have time to buy Undress and Working Blue uniforms at greatly reduced prices. See my article in the July 2005 issue of The Log for details. Shipments are received within 3 to 5 days of your orders being placed.

Currently, I have some slightly used items including a like-new PFD and a dress uniform. These donated items are yours for any reasonable donation. If interested call me or see me at our next meeting!



PUBLIC EDUCATION

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On Saturday, July 30th we will hold an America's Boating Class. The turnout looks good by the number who have already paid for the class and received their supplies. In August, Art Makenian will hold the second half of the Navigating with GPS program which began in July.

October 10th is the first night of our Boating Skills and Seamanship program that will be held in room 221 at Boca Middle School on Monday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm. Registration will be on Monday through Thursday from 6 pm to 9 pm of the weeks of September 19 and 26. We need volunteers on each of those nights to collect materials' fees and pass the books out to students. We are hoping to register 50 to 60 students for this program. Please contact Kristie at (561)495-7117 if you can help.

It has come to my attention that in 2002, recreational boaters were involved in 239 accidents involving motor or propeller strikes. Forty-seven of these resulted in death. While increased awareness of the risks associated with propeller/motor strikes will help, there are a variety of technologies that can further increase boaters' chances of avoiding injury or death from this type of incident. We will be discussing these methods in our education programs.

Our purpose here is to provide some examples that boaters may wish to consider. There is currently no "one-size fits all" solution to propeller injury avoidance. Boaters should review the options, and determine for themselves which devices will produce the greatest reduction in propeller-strike risk for their own unique combination of boat type and usage habits. Boaters may wish to conduct their own research, or obtain assistance from a marine professional to determine if one or more of these alternatives may be appropriate for their boat, boating habits, and boating purse.

In our classes we will inform boaters of the risks from propellers and an idea of the prevention methods. As always we will hope that they follow our advice, investigate this further, and become safer boaters.



Material Store

The store is open each meeting night from 1830-1930.

If you need equipment, contact the FSO-MA:

Phone: Ron @ (561)276-4442

Email: fso-ma@cgauxboca.org

In addition to the normal Auxiliary equipment, the Material Store carries:

- Flotilla 36 T-Shirts
- Flotilla 36 Ball Caps
- District 7 Ball Caps

HAVE YOU

PAID YOUR

2006 DUES?

**We didn't succeed
on the first pass.**

Let's try for the second!

Get your dues in.

Do it TODAY.



OPERATIONS
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I am happy to report that most of our boat crew people have or will have completed their annual currency maintenance by the middle of August.

Please, if you are in the boat crew program and have not done this required task notify FC Pat Feighery, FSO MT Tom Kegan, or myself ASAP.

We are looking for boat owners in our flotilla that would like to take a patrol. Contact me and arrangements will be made. I will now require 7 – 14 days advance notice to have the orders issued.

Following are some general information regarding orders; there are two kinds of Coast Guard orders issued to Auxiliarists. Orders may be issued to individuals for duty assignments such as operational, logistics, or training support. Alternatively, orders may be issued for facility movement, whether for vessel or aircraft.

Both types of orders issued to Auxiliarists are considered “assignment to duty”. Auxiliarists may not use any facility or special purpose facility for any Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary purpose or mission unless appropriate patrol orders have been issued and the facility has been properly offered and accepted for use.



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With the AUXCOM exam scheduled for the 6th of August, we will soon have another new crop of watch stander trainees.

As we go into the late summer and fall season, if you are going to be standing watch, please make sure that the trainee’s are aware of it so they can get their watches in.

Trainees, please take the time to know when our facilities are on the water and when our station will be open. It is up to you to get your training watches in – we can only help you so much.



| Flotilla Statistics (06/2005) | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Safety Patrols/ Hours | 53 / 187 |
| Regatta Patrols/ Hours | 5 / 47 |
| Chart/ATON | 2 / 9 |
| Vessel Examinations | 120 |
| Marine Dealer Visits | 9 |
| 7029 Missions / Hours | 163/ 3,502 |
| PA Missions / Hours | 99/ 236 |

Facility Inspections

As we enter the latter half of the year, it is time to check on when your facility inspection is due.

If your inspection is not performed before its due date – your facility can lose its operational status!

Check your renew date – then contact one of our Vessel Examiners to get your inspection done.

NEED AN SF-86s?

You can download the SF86 PDF file, examples, and other security check related information from:

http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/administration/security/index.html



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Patrol Order Management System Upgrade(s)

NOTE: The POMS Upgrade that was schedule to take POMS down the first week of August has been CANCELLED. A rescheduled date has not yet been published.

Earlier in July, POMS received an update that changed the screens related to the Request and Generate Patrol Order panels:

1. Freeform Time Entry now has a button to add the Freeform Time
2. The Facility section shows the "Inspection good through" date
3. Added a Reimburse section with the ability to select reimbursement for each Accounting Code. Note: Surface maintenance will always be paid for reimbursable patrols as long as funding is there.
4. Added an "Add Radio Guard" button.
5. Changed Inland Waterways checkbox to a selector with OffShore, Inland Waterways and Sole State Waters. If needed, check with your I.S. Chain of Administration for the definition of Sole State Waters.

The CG-5132 generated by POMS has changed to support the above changes. Air Maintenance Accounting data, section I.2 has changed to Facility Maintenance and displays Air Maint or Surface Maint accounting codes as appropriate.

For any Coxswains who aren't using POMS...please make sure you get setup and trained on how to use it. ALCOAST 177/04 made it a requirement that POMS be used for all auxiliary patrol orders as of 31 July 04. So, if you're not using it – someone is doing it for you!



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DUES PAYMENT PROCESS

Second Notice of Dues (August 1)

On August 1, 2005 I will have mailed the 2nd notice to all members who have not paid their 2006 dues.

You now have 30 days to reply with your payment of \$35.00 for a single person, or \$60.00 for married members. Please take the time and mail in your dues before the end of this month. Your next notice will be that of disenrollment, and I don't think that is what you want.

If anyone has a problem about the dues, please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at (561) 498-4863



USCG Auxiliary Web Sites

USCG Aux What's New

This site has the most up-to-date information regarding the Auxiliary.

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/memtable.shtml>

USCG Aux AUXINFO

Online access to tracking, reporting and statistical information about Auxiliary programs. Basically, a view of everything in AUXDATA.

<http://ww.auxinfo.uscg.gov>

USCG Aux e-Train

Web-based training and information on a huge number of topic related to both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard.

<http://www.auxetrain.org>

USCG Aux Forms & Manual

The official source for electronic forms, manuals, and related information.

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/tbforms.shtml>

7th District DIRAUX

Official source of information for the District 7 Auxiliary. This is Commander Crawley's page.

<http://www.d7oax3.net>

7th District DIRAUX West

Home page for the 7th District Director of Auxiliary West. Lots of information. Same people who put on Aux e-Train.

<http://www.dirauxwest.org>

7th District Aux Member Page

Information for Auxiliary Members within District 7.

http://www.cgaux7.org/index_members.asp

Security Check Information

Information on the Auxiliary Security Check program.

http://www.cgaux.info/g_cox/administration/security/index.html



MARINE SAFETY
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Do you need a project for the kids or grandkids (ages 4 – 15 yrs)? The National Safe Boating Council is sponsoring an essay contest titled "Why I Wear My Life Jacket". Essays should be about your boating experiences and of course – why you wear your life jacket. The essay should be 1 to 2 pages in length and can either be handwritten, typed or e-mailed. If you chose to

e-mail your entry, attach an MS Word document to your e-mail.

The deadline for submissions is Nov 1, 2005. Judging will be based on grammar, composition, punctuation and the story. There will be 3 awards for each of three age groups. Don't forget to include your name, age and mailing address.



<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/essay1000.htm>

Sidekicks Life Jacket Stories
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Initial Pollution Investigators (IPI)

Three years ago, MSO Miami, now Sector Miami (Prevention), trained about a dozen Auxiliarists from Miami, the Upper Keys and Broward County to be Initial Pollution Investigators. Soon after certification and a few call outs, the Coast Guard transferred focus to more DHS-related matters and DERM as well as other agencies took over the pollution investigation.

Once again, the Prevention side of Sector Miami is going back to some of pre 9/11 programs. IPI is once again in the spotlight. Those members that are certified must take a refresher class. At this time, if you are 'able bodied' and interested in being part of this very important mission, send me your name, phone numbers and email



CO2 CYLINDER SAFETY NOTICE

The U.S. Coast Guard has become aware of a potential problem with installation of CO2 cylinders that have bayonet tips in inflatable personal flotation devices (PFDs or life jackets).

If a cylinder is not properly installed, the PFD will not inflate with CO2.

The problem may affect several thousand PFDs, but the Coast Guard is only aware of one incident to date.

The following link to the USCG Boating web site provides detailed information:

<http://www.uscgboating.org/alerts/alertsview.aspx?id=50>

AUGUST MEETING AWARDS

Award and Certifications

The following members will be recognized and receive the awards listed at the August Meeting:

New Members

Tom O'Brien

AUGUST AGENDA

- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Invocation
 - Coast Guard Exhibition – Helen Hogue
 - Flotilla Commander's Report
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 - Good and Welfare
 - Adjourn
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A WISE MAN ONCE SAID:

“If you don't have time to do something right you will always have time to do it over.”



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