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FROM THE HELM



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BOW WATCH

As the year winds down all of us are gearing up for the Holidays and all that goes with this wonderful time of the year.

On a personal note many of us will be busy decorating our homes in festive trappings and celebrating with family and friends.

As Auxiliarists we must be mindful that there is still work to do, Holiday Boat Parades in Boca Raton, Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale will all need Facilities and Crews to perform Regatta Patrols to help insure the safety of parade participants and spectators. Flotilla 36 will continue its annual effort to make Christmas meaningful for the men and women who will be on duty at Station Ft. Lauderdale on Christmas Day by bringing food and gifts to those Coasties who are working to keep the waterways and homeland safe. The Flotilla will again do its part to bring a smile to the faces of boys and girls throughout our Area of Responsibility by donating toys to those families in need.

If you are able to work in any of the boat parades please contact Tom Rutherford for information of the events. Mark and Marie Thompson are coordinating the collection of food and gifts for the Coast Guard Station and will be making the delivery on Christmas Day.

Please bring a gift for a young boy or girl to our Flotilla meeting on December 1st or contact Rich Dunne who is heading up the toy collection campaign to make arrangements to have the gift picked up.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2005 19:30

Key Dates for December

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
Dec 1	1930	Flotilla Meeting
Dec 8	1900	Boat Parade Coxswains Meeting
Dec 10		Boca Raton Boat Parade
Dec 15	1900	Flotilla Staff Meeting
Dec 17		Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade
Dec 18		Pompano Beach Boat Parade

Bow Watch Continued...

Lastly, lets all take a moment to be thankful for our experiences of 2005. I want to thank the 2005 Staff of Flotilla 36 for their support and dedication during the year. I want to thank each and every member of the Flotilla, no matter what your level of participation has been, for being member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and giving of yourself in the support of boating safety and homeland security.

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to be Flotilla Commander and placing that trust in me again in 2006. While I did not accomplish all of the goals that I had set for myself last January, I will be better prepared for the coming you as a result of my 2005 experience.

God Bless each of you and your families, Happy Holidays and as always thanks for your help and support.



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FROM THE STAFF



PERSONNEL SERVICES

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There are 5 people currently attending a New Member class, and I expect that 3 of them will finish by the end of this year. This means that we have a total of 11 new members in 2005.

It is exciting to watch the motivation and enthusiasm of these new friends, and I want to applaud those who have already completed their applications: Kirsten Braaten, John Glover, Rick Nathan, Tom O'Brien, Rae Felter, Benny Zalminovich, Jeanette Vetro, and Liliane Meghabghab. Flotilla 3-6 benefits from their dedication and effort to complete the training and become active members. It has been a pleasure to guide them into the auxiliary, and I will always feel a special kinship with them.

As we close out the year, I want to thank other flotilla members for their assistance in Personnel Services this year, particularly the people I turned to most often: Sandy Gardner, Pat Feighery, and Tom Kegan. And thank you to the members who talked about the auxiliary with their friends and encouraged them to join, especially Mike Hanuschak, Joe Borderlin, Ron Dillon, Tony Quesada, Tom Kegan, and Mickey Jaffe.

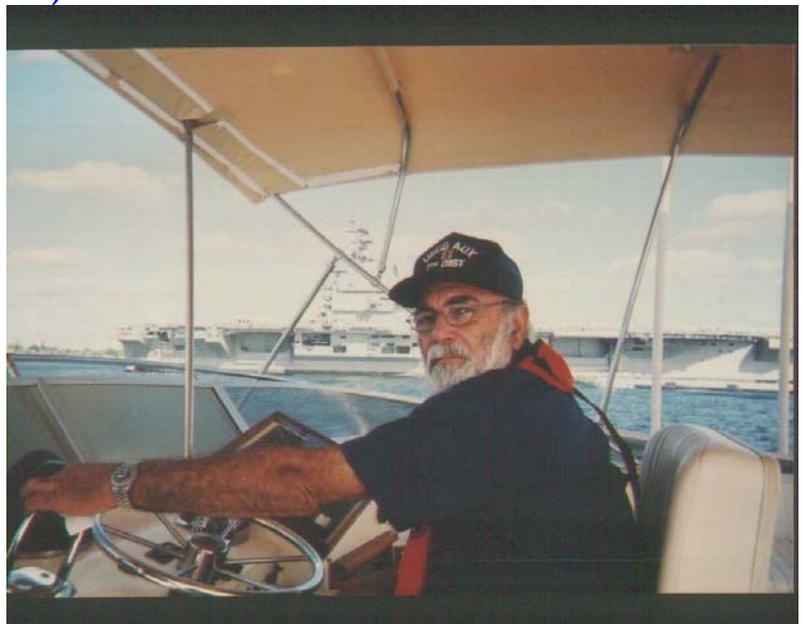
A public note to Sandy Gardner: You spent a lot of time prepping me for this position, and I could not have undertaken this office without someone so knowledgeable and able to find answers and information so quickly. Your retirement, though well earned, will result in a great loss, not only in PS, but to the auxiliary as a whole.

A public note to Mike Gardner: During the years that I was Public Education officer, I used to think of you as my "ace in the hole" -- you could, and would, teach any subject, no matter how short the notice. You were the rock that I depended on, and I could always count on your common sense (and sense of humor) to help us get through the hard spots. And best of all, I learned from watching you teach. Thank you for everything.

Front and Center... (Meet our members)

This month features one of our long-serving members, a former flotilla commander, district officer, and all-round boating enthusiast, **Arthur Makenian**.

Art was flotilla commander in 2002, and he's been a member since 1987. During that time, he's also been an active coxswain, instructor, and ATONs verifier. He has served as flotilla and division Career Counselor officer, division ATONs officer and flotilla Member Trainer. He teaches the 8-hr GPS class several times each



year. He frequently impresses other members and boat owners by the skillful single-handling of his boats, first his 38 ft. Cenote, and then his 50 ft. Chris-Craft Constellation. This is possibly because, although PJ, his wife of 43 years, and their son and daughter and their families (plus 3 grandchildren) might join him on the boat from time to time, none of them has any interest in being crew.

Art is motivated by his desire to serve his country. As a naturalized citizen who has not served in the military, this is his way to contribute his service. Plus he has a life-long passion for boating and seamanship.

Art is a Diplomat Mechanical Engineer from the Polytechnical Institute of Litoria, Italy. He has been a professional mechanical engineer with the aerospace industry. He worked for Pan Am World Airways and then General Electric in the Aircraft Engine Group, first as an engineer and then as a marketing executive. After his retirement, he studied to become a licensed general



contractor in the state of Florida, and he's donated many hours to the flotilla guiding various construction projects, including installing radio antennas and most recently, building the two model ATONs behind the base. He is also a US Merchant Marine officer as a Master.

Art also has a deep love of the nearly 100-year old Hillsboro Lighthouse, and from 1998 - 2002, the Coast Guard has named him the official Lighthouse Keeper, and he is still called on as a consultant and ex-officio representative of the Auxiliary. Seeing it nonfunctional and in disrepair, Art and the Lighthouse Preservation Society, plus some hard-working Auxiliarists, began to restore the lighthouse and make it not only operational, but dazzling. In addition to replacing the revolving mechanism and several mechanical parts, Art and his friends met one day a week to strip paint, repaint, polish brass, and wash

down the classic lens, which has 540 prisms. This rare glass cannot be replaced and must be handled with loving care. The relighting of the lighthouse was celebrated in August 2000. Although it is generally closed to the public, it is well worth a tour when one is available.

Thanks, Art, for your many years of dedication, energy, and friendship. You have been "watching properly" all these years, enabling our flotilla to rely on your knowledge and loyalty.





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We give thanks that members, family, and friends of the Flotilla survived Wilma. We wish all a good holiday season now that the hurricane season is finally over. This following write-up is from Aux. Wayne Spivak, National Press Corps, USCG Auxiliary, (with slight editing).

“Float Plans may be the key to your survival!”

The Coast Guard and Auxiliary are interested in preventing the recreational boating public and (commercial boaters) from getting into situations where Search And Rescue (SAR) is required. In addition, for recreational boaters, the Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary have developed a simple 5-minute form that can literally save lives!

A Float Plan is a simple form that – like the telephone number you leave a babysitter – is a means for the Coast Guard to know: who to look for, where to look, and what type of boat you’re in, in the event that you don’t return home when planned.

What is a Float Plan?

A Float Plan is similar to a pilot’s flight plan in that it is a simple form that lists all the information about you and your vessel. The major difference is, unlike the flight plan, which gets filed with the FAA, the Float Plan is not filed with the Coast Guard. We’ll discuss who you file your Float Plan with shortly. The Float Plan asks the questions that will assist the Coast Guard, should your vessel fail to reach its intended port at the appropriate time.

A Float Plan asks the following types of questions:

the vessels name, type, propulsion, types of electronics (radio and navigation), safety and survival equipment, the crew (who are they, where do they live, etc.) and finally, the vessels itinerary.

What do I do with my Float Plan?

The Float Plan is then given or sent to those people who are expecting the vessel at each stop on its itinerary. So you would give a copy to: a neighbor who would expect you home at a given time, a marina that you headed to, as either a stop over or even as a major fueling point, and your final destination.

You will note that we do not tell you to give a copy to your local law enforcement or Coast Guard, as they do not have the resources to track this type of information. Provide this information instead to your friends and persons at your destinations, because they are expecting you. The people you give your Float Plan to must be instructed to wait some “time” before they contact the Coast Guard or local law enforcement in the event that you don’t arrive, or don’t make contact with them. (Discuss what a reasonable “time” would be with each person)

In short, the Float Plan will provide most of the information that will be needed by the Coast Guard or local law enforcement to start an SAR mission. Without a Float Plan, an SAR mission is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Where do I get a Float Plan?

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has made that easy. They developed Float Plan Central at <http://www.uscgaux.org/~floatplan>. There you will find a Float Plan in PDF format that allows you to fill in your information on line, so that it’s easy to read. All you need to do then is to print up the correct number of copies. Float Plan Central also provides additional information to the boating public, including a Boating Emergency Guide™.

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 at fso-pa@cgauxboca.org or call me at (561)393-1235 with any suggestions you may have to achieve this goal.





MEMBER TRAINING
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We have 2 new crew people Ed Olesak and Joe Bordelon (paper work in process). This ends our boat crew training program for the year. It will start again in January 2006 for both Crew and Coxswains.

The first AUXOP course that will be offered will be Aux. Navigation A (AUXNAVA). This course is a must for anyone who wishes to become a Coxswain. It will start in January 2006. Dates will be announced in mid-December and published in the January Log.

To you all and your families:

HAVE SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

Marge and Tom



Parrot Ayes on Patrol.

Member Training 2005

I don't know how many of you were paying attention to the member training that occurred during 2005, even if you were in it. I thought I'd take a minute to run down some of the numbers:

Course Given	Passed
AUXNAV	6
AUXWEA	8
AUXPAT	5
AUXSAR	2
AUXCOM	9
New Boat Crew	8

Each of these courses had approximately 12-18 members attending, though not all have taken the exams.

For the record, this list includes ALL of the AUXOP specialty courses PLUS the Boat Crew training program – an impressive accomplishment no matter how you look at it.

Note, I have NOT included any of the required workshops in this list.

I want to take a moment to thank Tom Kegan for the enormous amount of time and energy he put in to make all of these courses available. And also to thank the Members who took the time to attend these courses.



SANTA

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Just a little reminder, Christmas morning, members from the flotilla, dressed as Santa and his crew; go to Station Fort Lauderdale, usually by boat, with Christmas cheer. This year we have an opportunity to help out in the kitchen by preparing meals and of course, clean up. If you are interested, contact the elf, Marie Thompson.

Time to dust off those favorite recipes! We like to take some home made or store bought cookies, cakes, etc. down to the station. If you would like to make/buy any goodies or gifts, please deliver those to the Thompson home by Christmas Eve. We can NEVER have too much food to take down there.

Richie Dunn is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in hospital ward.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

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Starting next year we will be switching book for our boating safety classes. The usual Boating Skills and Seamanship class (BS&S) will be taught from the ABC course books.

All instructors, aids, and anyone else interested should keep an eye out for a Public Education seminar which will be held in January to bring everyone up to speed on the new materials.

We will be starting a BS&S class in January. The dates were not set at this time, but should be firmed up in early December.



Santa's Wish List

Santa is now collecting items to be part of our annual Christmas visit to Station Ft. Lauderdale.

You can contact Santa, through Mark Thompson, to contribute or to help out.

Some items that have been included in the packages in the past:

- Pre-paid phone cards
- Small AM/FM Radios
- T-Shirts
- Toothbrushes
- Tooth paste
- Floss
- General toiletries

Of course, Food is always good:

- Microwave popcorn
- Cookies
- Cakes
- Candies

If you have ideas, or sources, for any inexpensive gifts please contact Santa or a Flotilla Staff Officer.



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The holiday season is upon us and celebrations abound. Everyone knows oil (gas) and water do not mix, so make sure you keep the environment safe and clean.

Drinking and driving is another deadly combination whether on the land or on the sea. Don't mess up your holidays with an accident or a DUI citation from one of our friendly law enforcement officers. As you count your roof tiles, remember to count the many blessings you received throughout the year.



If you have any non-perishable gifts you want Santa to deliver to Station Lauderdale, bring them to the December 1st meeting. Perishable gifts (cookies, cakes, etc) should be delivered to the Thompson's between December 22nd and December 24th.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo

TOYS FOR TOTS

Contributions will be accepted at the December Flotilla meeting. If you were unable to make the meeting, contact Richie Dunne to arrange a pickup/drop-off.

The toys will be distributed at St. Mary's Hospital on December 14th.



Waterway Watch

<http://www.americaswaterwaywatch.org>

To Report Suspicious Activity:

Call the National Response Center at 800-424-8802 or 877-24WATCH

If There Is Immediate Danger to Life or Property, Call 9-1-1 or Call the Coast Guard on Marine Channel 16

If you are a tow boat operator, a recreational boater, a fisherman, a marina operator, or otherwise live, work or engage in recreational activities around America's waterways, the United States Coast Guard wants your help in keeping these areas safe and secure. You can do this by participating in its *America's Waterway Watch (AWW)* program, a nationwide initiative similar to the well known and successful Neighborhood Watch program that asks community members to report suspicious activities to local law enforcement agencies.

You should always remember that **people are not suspicious, behavior is**. And if you observe suspicious behavior or activity, you should simply note the details and contact local law enforcement. You are **not** expected to approach or challenge anyone acting in a suspicious manner.

For more information visit the Waterway Watch website listed above.



MATERIALS

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The materials store is ready to assist you with items for the upcoming holiday season.

We have stuff for both Auxiliarists involved in operations as well as Auxiliary branded items for all members.

Stop by the store and see what is available.



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With the beginning of the year approaching, I want to take a moment to remind everyone to take a second and make sure that their member information is up-to-date. Many of our systems, including The Log and our email alert system depend on accurate member data being available from AUXDATA.

At both the December and the January meetings, I'll have printouts of each member's data as it exists currently. Please take a moment to review your information and, if necessary, to fill out a 7028 with your new information.



Flotilla 36 Change of Watch

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to RSVP for the Flotilla Change of Watch.

January 15, 2006 1800
 Delray Beach Golf Club
 \$35 per person

Please RSVP by **December 31, 2005** to Marie Thompson.

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

Flotilla Statistics (12/2005)

Safety Patrols/ Hours	77 / 286
Regatta Patrols/ Hours	5 / 47
Chart/ATON	3 / 12
Vessel Examinations	158
Marine Dealer Visits	81
7029 Missions / Hours	256/5,587
PA Missions / Hours	183/ 510

IMPORTANT

Have you reported all of your hours for 2005?

As we enter December, it is imperative that any and all outstanding hours for 2005 be reported as soon as possible.

This includes:

- Time preparing articles,
- Class prep and study time,
- Member training class time,
- Meeting attendance,
- Any other Auxiliary time.

If you are unsure how to report any specific item, please contact Tom Rutherford as soon as possible.



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The Boca Raton Christmas Boat Parade is fast approaching on December 10th. We have 6 facilities scheduled to assist.

If you are interested in helping out as either crew or watch stander please contact me or any of these

coxswains:

- Alick Elliott
- Scott Ellington
- Pat Feighery
- Steve Grevemeyer
- Jerry Rappoport
- Tom Rutherford

If you're interested in assisting as a watch stander, please contact Lenny Schwartz.

In addition to the Boca Raton boat parade, there are several others in the area in which the Auxiliary is providing support:

- Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade, December 17th. This is always a large event in need of help; contact Bob Gerlach, SO-OPS, if you wish to participate.
- Pompano Beach Boat Parade, December 18th. The 3rd Division has requested help with this event. The parade starts at Lake Santa Barbara and proceeds to the Hillsboro Blvd Bridge. We have been asked if anyone can help in the area of the Hillsboro Bridge. If you are interested contact Richard Leys, Division Captain at 954-647-75512.



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TOYS FOR TOTS!

Please remember to bring your new, unwrapped toy to the December meeting. The gifts will be given out at St. Mary's hospital on December 14th.

Also, anyone interested in helping out with 4th cornerstone activities next year is encouraged to call either myself or Pat Feighery.



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://www.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_oac/administration/security/index.html

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3 GPS 9 – 5 pm North Radio
4 North Radio	5	6	7 City use 7 pm Pearl Harbor Memorial	8 Boat Parade Cox Mtg 1900	9	10 Boca Boat Parade
11	12	13	14	15 Flotilla Staff Mtg 7 pm	16	17 Ft Laud Winterfest
18 Pompano Boat Parade	19	20	21	22	23	24
25  Christmas	26  Hanukkah	27	28	29	30	31 North Radio

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1  <i>New Year's Day</i> North Radio	2	3	4	5 Flotilla Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Change of Watch	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 North Radio
29 North Radio	30	31				



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Flotilla Meetings are held on the

First Thursday of each month at 7:30PM

The Marine Safety building is immediately
South of Spanish River Blvd on A1A.