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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

The election of the Flotilla Officers for the year 2007 will be held this Thursday November 2, 2006 at our regular Flotilla meeting.

The meeting will begin at 1930.

A quorum of the membership is needed to conduct the election.

HELP NEEDED

Direct Support Opportunities at RECs

An interim rule went into effect on January 13, 2006 requiring nearly all Merchant Mariners to present themselves to the Coast Guard for ID verification and fingerprinting. This has resulted in an increase of approximately 40 percent in walk-in traffic at the Coast Guard's 17 Regional Examination Centers (RECs) and burdened the staffs with processing this additional business. The RECs are not adequately staffed to process these applications and delays have occurred, all giving rise to voluminous complaints from mariners, maritime Industries and Congress.

This operation is of the highest importance and essential to maintaining the safety and security of our ports and waterways. This is an opportunity for the Auxiliary and our membership to make a needed and appreciated contribution of direct support to the USCG by augmenting at affected offices.

This SURGE OPERATION is of 12 to 18 months duration and is of the utmost importance to the USCG Homeland Security Mission.

For more information please refer to the Background http://www.auxmdept.org/pdf_files/RECSurgeOperationBackgroundDoc.pdf Document and REC Survey http://www.auxmdept.org/pdf_files/RECAppendixA-Survey.pdf

Within the 7th District the Charleston REC; Sector Key West, Sector San Juan (St. Thomas); and Sector Miami (MSD West Palm Beach) are all looking for support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MEETING November 2, 2006 19:30

Key Dates for November

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
Nov 02	1930	Flotilla Meeting
Nov 04	0900	Division Rodeo
Nov 04	0900	ABC Class – Part 1 (PE)
Nov 08	1900	Crew Class Starts
Nov 11	0900	ABC Class – Part 2 (PE)
Nov 18	0900	GPS (PE)
Nov 21	1900	Flotilla Staff Meeting

November Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Introduction of guests
- Flotilla Election
- Commander's Report
- Awards and Recognition
- Fellowship
- Vice Commander's Staff Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Good and Welfare
- Adjourn

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FROM THE HELM

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BOW WATCH

November is a very important month as the Flotilla elects it's new Bridge to plot and steer our future course.

Two qualified candidates have stepped forward to accept the challenge of leadership. Their success will depend on the hard work and cooperation of the staff that they select and the involvement of the entire Flotilla membership.

You may be asked to serve as a Flotilla Staff Officer.

If the new Flotilla Commander asks you to serve, please give his request thoughtful consideration. He sees in you the help and talent that he needs to successfully run our Flotilla and carry out the mission required of us by the U S Coast Guard. It is all too often that a person is asked to serve and immediately turns down the request without so much as a second thought. True, accepting a staff appointment requires a commitment of time and effort beyond the monthly meeting, a patrol, or teaching a boating safety class. But the dividends are many. As a Flotilla Staff Officer you learn more about the USCGAUX, the importance of its purpose and mission, you establish new friendships with the members of our Flotilla and other Flotillas. But most importantly you experience the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution and leadership is an important part of getting the job done.

If you are asked to serve, please consider the importance of the Flotilla Commander's request, not only to the Flotilla but also to yourself.

As a reminder please help make the children of the Boca Raton area this Holiday season by bringing a gift to the December Flotilla meeting. Rich Dunne and his crew will again distribute gifts to children in need during the Holidays.

The Division change of watch is scheduled for December 10th. If you are interested in attending please see me for the details and don't forget our Flotilla change of watch in January.

Thanks for all your help and support





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Before we turn around, it will be a new year with new officers and staff in place. I know that we all wish them well and will support them in their endeavors.

It is also going to be our "CHANGE OF WATCH (COW)". Last year we had a record turn out for the affair, with 99 people in attendance. This year it will happen again on January 21, 2007. It will be at the Delray Beach Golf Club as last year, but we have a few changes that you will be hearing about. I would love to have the same attendance.

The cost at this time is still going to be \$35.00 per person with the menu to follow with your invitation.

I would think that with our Commander finishing 2 years of service for us that we would make an effort to attend to show our gratitude and appreciation of the work he has done. It had been a hard 2 years with the PSI and ICS getting done, and our Commander having to do a tremendous amount of work and the time he has put in to get all but a few through this process. It deserves some consideration and our thanks.

Under the contract we have with the club, we must have a minimum amount of people, or we pay the difference out of the Flotilla's pocket. One way or the other, we have to pay the bills, so I request that you all mark your calendar now to keep that date open so you can attend. A good time can be had for all of us.

Don and Shirley Fisher are working hard to make this event a really stand out affair as they have done on our last two parties this year. A lot of you did not take advantage of them and I feel sorry for you as they were great and you missed out. Please, do not let that happen this time.

You can even tell Don or Shirley at our next meeting of you intentions to come to the COW.

Remember that you have to put in your monthly report of hours. Do it as soon as you can.

Thanks again and I will see you in November.



FROM THE STAFF**OPERATIONS**

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There are a lot of ways that owners of facilities and the crews are rewarded for putting their vessels on the water flying the Orange and White flag-
“Under orders”

Your presence has reduced unsafe boating practices- The Boca PD marine unit CO has stated that they can see the difference in boating behavior when the Auxiliary is on the water. No wake zone reminders and PFD wear for underage children (six and under) makes the families safer. Our polite, cheerful and helpful reminders are important.

The crew can of course train on practices and drills we may need “in case”.

You know, the Navy, Marines and Army spend years in training, and thank goodness most of their personnel and ships never see action (current conflict being the exception). Most law enforcement officers retire without ever discharging their firearms. The “Coasties” see action every day. A rescue involving a life is actually being conducted by the USCG every minute of every day, from Alaska to the Bahamas. We may be called upon, and need to be ready, and trained, ICW or at sea.

For facility owners there are tax deductible reasons for volunteering the vessel, but this is certainly not a primary motivation. On a related subject however, a recent clarification on the need for maintaining a log for both pleasure and Coast Guard use is very important:

It is the [COMDT policy](#) regarding facility claims and covers catastrophic loss policy. Please make particular note of the logbook requirement for catastrophic loss. If someone tears pages out of a log book, then it may be cause for non-approval of a claim. Failure to maintain a log book will certainly result in non-reimbursement of a catastrophic loss claim.

Catastrophic loss should not be confused with a facility that is damaged in the performance of an Aux patrol. Catastrophic loss can occur while out on the boat with your family. For instance, your engine fails while you and a buddy are out fishing. It needs to be replaced. You use it for the Auxiliary for 50% of your trips. You could be entitled to 50% reimbursement minus the depreciation value. It may not be a lot in some cases, but it would be something to offset your cost.

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FYI: navigation information, light lists etc is available at: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>

SAR policy and manuals are: <http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/G-O/G-OPR/SAR.HTM>

Let's get on the water!





MEMBER TRAINING
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We just completed a TCT workshop. I would like to thank all the members who participated. This needed to continue in Operations. (required once every 5 years.)

Division Rodeo Sat. Nov. 4 at our base.

The computation will have Land Tasks and Water Tasks. Here are the team leaders in each category.

Land Tasks

1. Communications Joe Bordelon
2. Navigation Rules Don Fisher
3. Marlinspike Jerry Edelman, Rick Bordelon
4. Heaving Line Toss Rick Bordelon, Jerry Edekman
5. First Aid Jim Godden

Water Tasks

- Vessel Time out Coxswain Ron Barrett
- Crew, Neil Hennessey, Robert Sando, Tony Quesada

If any member wishes to participate please contact team leader. Uniform is working Blue. As Flotilla 36 is the host flotilla, we will need all members to help out.

Boat Crew Training Classes. (Starts November 8. 1900)

These class are for all new members. See detailed schedule at right.



AUXOP Courses
 (The College of the Auxiliary)

AUXOP Courses Offered by the Flotilla

- AUX Communications (AUXCOM)
- AUX Patrols (AUXPAT)
- AUX Search and Rescue (AUXSAR)
- AUX Navigation (AUXNAV)
- AUX Seamanship (AUXSEA)
- AUX Weather (AUXWEA)

These Courses are offered when we have several members request them , they run from 6 to 10 weeks long.

Upon completion of all of the courses, the member receives an AUXOP pin that is worn his or hers uniform.

Boat Crew Training Schedule
Lesson 1: Nov 8, 2006 - 1900
Introduction to program .
Commitment to program , as to time and study
Understanding Manuals, CD's , and how to use them.
Expense, uniforms and equipment.
Lesson 2. Nov 15, 2006 - 1900
First Aid
Marlinspike (Will be taught at each class)
Lesson 3. Nov 29, 2006 - 1900
Survival Gear
Fire Fighting (Class of Fire)
Lesson 4. Dec 6. 2006 - 1900
Aids To Navigation
Lesson 5. Dec 13, 2007 - 1900
Communication
Lesson 6. Jan. 3, 2007 - 1900
Navigation
Lesson 7. Jan 10, 2007 - 1900
Navigation Rules (Rules of the Road)
Lesson 8. Jan 17, 2007 - 1900
Underway Check offs, Anchoring, Lookout, Helmsman,
Towing procedures, man over board.
Lesson 9. Swim Test
Lesson 10. Assignment to vessels for underway practice and night time problem



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Ho Ho Ho!!

It's getting to be that time of the year once again. Santa and his helpers will once again be making their trek south again to Station Ft. Lauderdale on Christmas morning, giving the on duty crew a little cheering up. For some of the Coasties on duty, it will be their first Christmas away from their families. The flotilla will provide everyone there with a gift.

We also take down goodies that the members of the flotilla either make or buy, since not everyone is a baker.

We are looking for any kind of cookies, cakes, breads, candy, etc. Individually packaged chips, cookies, etc are also welcomed.



Christmas 2004

We are asking all flotilla members, if at all possible, to contribute something for Santa to take on Christmas morning. We have had members bring a dozen cookies, to one who brought in over 5 dozen muffins. We are grateful for whatever you would like to contribute, but *please* do contribute.

Last year we received a donation of some unopened puzzles and rather large boat model. These items went over very well. If you have something like that cluttering up you house, or see a great bargain while doing your shopping, and would like to donate it, please do.

Last year Santa gave out cd players, sweatshirts, zip up jackets and other clothing items. Santa was very lucky to find some excellent deals on the clothing. Look at the January logs from any of the past few years and look at the smiles as they try on their gifts.

Local Notice to Mariners has the following discrepancies for our area listed:

ATON Discrepancies

LightList	Description
47135	Lake Wyman Daybeacon 60 -- Temporarily replaced by lighted buoy, reported week 29 of 2006.
774	Boca Raton Inlet South Jetty Light 1 – Light is extinguished, reported week 1 of 2004 replaced by lighted buoy, reported week 51 of 2005

Relocated–Hillsboro Inlet Entrance Light 4
FROM 26 15 25.092N 080 04 48.775W
TO 26 15 25.012N 080 04 48.760W

Relocated–Hillsboro Drainage Canal Daybeacon 2
FROM 26 18 56.909N 080 04 52.655W
TO 26 18 57.875N 080 04 52.585W

ATON INFO/LINKS

For a PDF version of the CG-5474 Aids to Navigation Report:
http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/forms1/FORMS/CG_5474.pdf

Reporting a problem with an Aid requires you to supply its identification number, which can be found in the official light list.

The default page for the Seventh District Local Notice to Mariners may be found at:
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d7/default.htm> There are links to all the weekly light lists, along with a registration link to have the lists e-mailed to you.

The 2005 USCG Light List Volume Three is available for download and is updated to Local Notice (48-2005) as is a summary of corrections:
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3COMPLETE.PDF>
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/Corrections/V3D07.pdf>



Christmas 2005

Santa also gives out tooth brushes, dental floss, tooth paste that he receives as a donation from his dentist. If you are able to get any items like this and would like to donate them, please do.

Santa will be accepting goodies the week before Christmas.

Thanks to all!

Santa and his crew!



PUBLIC EDUCATION

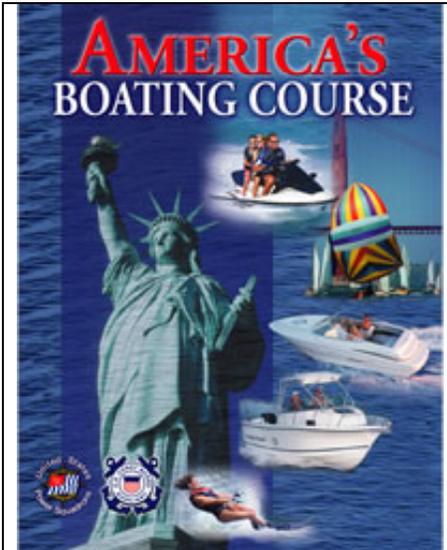
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The Boating Skills and Seamanship class is underway at Boca Middle School, and we have 13 dedicated students, including 1 teen, meeting on Monday nights. Thank you to Pat Feighery, Mike Hanuschak, Tony Quesada, Gail Edelman, Bob Hersey, Tom Rutherford, and Alick Elliot for teaching this class. Also thanks to Gail for managing the class and to Jerry Edelman for offering marlinespike at each class.

We have the following upcoming classes scheduled this fall to conclude our Public Education for 2006:

- November 4 and 11: America's Boating Course, meeting at the base, 9-1 p.m. each day.
- November 18: GPS for Mariners, meeting at the base, 9-4 p.m.

If you have friends who are interested in these classes, please give me a call.



America's Boating Course	
When:	
Saturdays November 04 & 11, 2006	
Duration:	
0900 – 1300 (9am – 1 pm)	
Registration:	
November 04, 8:30 am	
America's Boating Course is a study program covering the fundamentals of boating. The program is designed for skippers and crew of all types of watercraft. The program material covers seven chapters, which touch on general information about boats and maintenance, information to make your boating experience safer and more comfortable, tips on being a more courteous boat operator laws and regulations to which you must adhere	
Topics include: Introduction to Boating Boating Laws Personal Safety Equipment Safe Boat Handling Navigation Boating Problems Trailer, Store, & Protect your Boat Hunting and Fishing, Waterskiing, and River Boating	
This program gives boaters 21 years and younger the knowledge needed to obtain a Florida Boating Safety ID card	

**VESSEL EXAMINER**

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As of October 31st we have completed 131 exams. We only have two months left in 2006 and are falling short of the Flotilla's goal for 2006 of 275 exams. We in Florida should see a great increase in boating over the next two months as this is the time for the return of all those boaters that have left the cold. I appreciate all the vessel exams that have been done and hopefully you will continue. It is an important part of the Auxiliary to ensure that our area is a safe place to enjoy boating and that boats are safe on the water. Again, I would like to thank all examiners that have participated and given of their valuable time and effort. I continue to receive request for exams via the email and want to thank Andrea Rutherford for her sign-up sheets for vessel exams during the Boaters Safety Course. Our mission for safe boating is a vital part of the communities need for the assistance of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Are you a qualified Vessel Examiner? Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner? You can be a big part in the success of the Flotilla's VE program. Anyone having any interest in our program, please contact FSO-VE Joe Bordelon at (561) 213-1269 for details.

Again, I want to thank all the examiners for their efforts in 2006

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As we approach the end of the 2006 year it has been a somewhat productive year as far as Public Affairs appearances. This year was the first year for Flotilla 36 to appear at the Delray Affair and hopefully we will continue that trend and appear at many more community events to come. Not only were we able to get the Boating Safety message out to the boating public but also able to do Vessel Exams. Many associations are preparing their schedules and are in the process of scheduling functions requesting the presentation of the Coast Guard Auxiliary on "Boating Safety". Boating activity increases during this time of year and our mission is so very important to educate and promote the need for safety on our waterways.

Our goal of 60 Public Affairs appearances for the year 2006 will fall short this year but hopefully we will be able to accomplish more in the year to come.

I remind anyone requesting brochures and pamphlets that they are stored in the office for any member that needs them for any presentation given. Should you have any request or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**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_ocx/administration/security/index.html

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First Thursday of each month at 7:30PM

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