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MARCH FLOTILLA MEETING

Please see the commander's message in From The Helm and plan on attending the flotilla meeting March 1, 2007 1930 hrs to hear the results of recent surveys and the changes they have provoked.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

By far, the most important event we have on the horizon is the multipurpose workshop on March 3, Everyone should be there at 0830. This refresher is mandatory for annual currency maintenance in TCT for all personnel who may come in contact with the public. This will be followed by an Operations Workshop, covering the new manuals, qualification requirements, and FEMA course requirements. Also, an Instructor Training Workshop, a pizza lunch, an overview of AUXOP courses, and a Communications Workshop will follow. Specific instructions on how to prepare and what to bring are found in the articles below.

Your Member Training team has worked hard to put together comprehensive programs covering what you need to be skilled auxiliaries. Please participate and let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

All that work deserves some fun! The second annual St. Patrick's Day Party is Friday the 16th. This year will be better than ever, with better food and better ambiance, all at an unbelievable price. Don't miss it.

KEY DATES FOR MARCH

This section will highlight dates and events in the coming month. For a full listing, see the Calendar.

Date	Start	Description
3/1	1930	Flotilla Meeting
3/3	0900	Workshop for TCT,
3/6	0900	AUXOP Seamanship
3-7	P.M.	Hillsboro Lighthouse
3/7	1900	AUXOP Communications
3/22	1900	Staff Meeting
3/16	1800	St. Patrick's Day Party
3/24	0900	ABC Class Part 1
3/31	0900	ABC Class Part 2

March Agenda

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

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From The Helm



**Tom Rutherford
Flotilla Commander 36**

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We have received many Opinion Surveys so far - mostly from active members. We need to hear from less active members as well, as only you can tell us where we're falling short. If you haven't responded to the Survey yet, please do so soon. Don't wait for my phone call...

There are so many good ideas in the Surveys we've already looked at! Some exciting changes and events will be announced at the March meeting, so please be sure to come and participate.

For instance, based on very positive feedback we will continue the Guest Speaker program, and we will announce the formation of several new committees. I want to thank everyone who has already stepped forward to join a committee: Irene Azzarito, Scott Ellington, Shirley Fisher, Marty Jaffe, Tom Kegan, Liliane Meghabghab, Tony Quesada, Lenny Schwartz and Mark Thompson. And don't be shy, there's really no limit on committee size.

It is also apparent that many of us joined the Auxiliary to improve our boating skills through classroom and on-the-water training. There are a couple of things you can help us with.

First, work with our FSO-MT, Tom Kegan, to ensure that the classes being offered are ones that you want, at times you can attend. If they are, then please be sure to sign up and show up!

And please make every effort to attend our annual Workshops on Saturday, March 3.

Second, if you are a coxswain or owner of a facility, please try to get on the water as often as you can. Although we are blessed with many facilities, we aren't logging as much time on the water as needed, in order to provide training opportunities for the entire membership. As a facility owner, you might consider giving permission to other coxswains to use your facility when you are unable to. It's all about service and sharing, isn't it?

Finally, I would like to pass along some new opportunities that have arrived in my mailbox over the last month:

See Tom Thayer if you are interested in educating youngsters about wild fish stocks and conservation issues. If you speak Spanish, see me about a Mass Migration exercise being conducted by Team Coast Guard with other agencies and counties in South Florida. The DSO-PB (publications) position at our District 7 is open (see me). If you are willing to teach hula dancing at the Fall Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, please see me. And finally, if you can take up to 3 weeks off at short notice to work with the 7th District Disaster/Security Response Team, especially if you have a trailer able boat and can tolerate camping conditions, please let me know.

Our very own pipers, Steve and Betty Rogers, will be performing at the Hillsboro Lighthouse ceremony on A1A between 4pm and sunset on March 7. They make us proud. Let's show up and make them proud!





Antonio P. Quesada
Vice-Flotilla Commander 36
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Please do not forget to fill out form 7029 (known

as the “99” form).

At this time form 7029 is an important way to show the Coast Guard what we do as a flotilla. If we report our monthly meeting time on form 7029, those “meeting” hours would add up and definitely help the Coast Guard. It is best to have a blank form nearby so that you can pencil in the hours as they accumulate rather than trying to remember at the end of the month.

Patrols, public education programs, and radio watches (through form 7030) are some of the other ways that we help the Coast Guard (and the Coast Guard Auxiliary).

These forms may be filled in and distributed on line. Go to: <http://forms.cgaux.org/email.html>. Please bookmark this page or add it to your favorites list for easy return.

It really benefits the Coast Guard (and the Auxiliary) to have a record of our member hours. The Coast Guard uses the “hours” information from 7029 and 7030 to show Congress how Auxiliary members participate. This in turn helps the Coast Guard get approval for funding.

Please mark your calendar for the St. Patrick’s Day party at Porta Bella on Friday

March 16, 2007. It will be fun!! Call Shirley Fisher at 997-5305 to reserve your place.

Flotilla 36 was busy in February with the Lighthouse Centennial Tour on February 24th, 2007, an active Vessel Examination schedule with 25 vessel safety checks, an active Public Education schedule (see FSO-PE report), an active Member Training schedule (see FSO-MT report), and an active patrol schedule (see FSO-OP report). You can and should be proud of your Flotilla.

See the FSO-MT, FSO-OP, and FSO-PE reports for important information on the Saturday March 3rd, 2007 workshops for TCT, Operations, Communications and Instructors.

Coming up March 7, 2007 in the afternoon will be another part of the Hillsboro Inlet Tower Centennial Celebration. On this date the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, the U.S. Coast Guard 7th District, Broward County and local cities will have a display at the Pompano Beach’s Hillsboro Inlet Park. Check the website www.HillsboroLight.org for additional information. We can all participate on March 7.

Keep up the good work.

Antonio P. Quesada
Flotilla Vice Commander





From The STAFF

Operations

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On the Water-

In one of the great sea adventure spoof movie of all times, "Captain Ron" The hero says it all..... "If it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen out there!" That is operations in a nutshell.

Thanks to those who answered the challenge this month: PLAY MONEY, Thayer/Hennessey + 2, TIME OUT, Barrett +2, JOE JO'S DREAM, Tust/Bordelon +1, And PARROT AYES, Ellington +8 (4 trainees, 4 mentor crew).

Owners/ Coxswains: How about setting a regular time each month or even every other month, first Saturday, or, 4th Sunday. This way your family and crew, and radio watch can plan on being there. Try and make it PM if you can, the greatest time of requests for assistance on the water.

Over the next few months we are going to ask our partners in Boating safety to join us at some meetings, Boca PD, PBSO-Marine, Boca Sea Rescue, and the Captain of the new Boca Fire Rescue RIB. Come on into the discussion. Do you know anyone who might have information we can use? Tell me about them- I will contact them.

Keeping a new member active is the single best way to insure that they get from our organization what they expected when they volunteered. Take the trainees with you on missions; perform the practice items a QE will ask them to do to qualify. In too many

organizations studies show that new members rapidly become inactive members unless they get involved. Our recent survey of members re-enforced that idea.

In case you haven't noticed, our large facilities are reserving much of their participation to regattas and parades, a good use of the larger craft, but that means in order to obtain crew hours (2 hours this year-not 8) the other facilities are going to need to fill the billets with crew who need hours. If you are crew- go after the missions when they are posted, Coxswains- take a crew with you that wants experience.

Our Operational Training in March is critical for crew and Coxswains to understand the new 2007 qualification guidelines, a three year QE re-inspection with a more complete list of tasks and knots. Come to the session, hungry to learn. It is stuff you know how to do!

More New Member support:

We are going to be conducting some new member informal meetings, in which I will be asking the "old hands" to come share an item of "insider knowledge" with the new members (less than one year). These meetings will be informal and a conversation, not classes, but discussions and questions you may not want to ask in a meeting. Look for a date at the March meeting.





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The one hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher to be presented at the workshop on Saturday, March 3rd is required for annual currency maintenance for all operations personnel. The eight hour program is now required every three years (was five years). All Boat Crew, Coxswains, PWC Operators, Vessel Examiners, and Instructors should be attending the workshop, and to save time should have read the following scenario, called THE PATROL. Please bring it with you to the workshop and be prepared to discuss it with regards to Team Coordination.

TEAM COORDINATION TRAINING REFRESHER 2007

THE PATROL

This Auxiliary Operational Facility (OPFAC) in question is a 24 foot center console I/O, equipped with radar and GPS.

The crew consists of the following members:

- A coxswain with 15 years experience in surface operations, the last 11 years as a Coxswain who is very familiar with local waters and conditions. He also serves as the FSO-OP.
- The crewmember has 2 years of experience in surface operations and about 5 years experience in the local waters.

The weather today:

- Air temperature: 79 °F with 91 % humidity,
- Water temperature: 71 °F, seas 1 to 2 feet. The winds are calm, 3 to 7 mph out of the southwest.
- Coastal fog is approaching from the southwest but the visibility at launch is 5 miles.

This multi-mission patrol was to run two boat training evolutions to complete currency maintenance requirements. Two Auxiliary OPFACs were practicing evolutions of man overboard drills, side tows and stern tows in the relative safety of a protected harbor. One of the purposes of The OPFAC coxswain (who, as noted, was the FSO-OP) was not happy with the forecast that predicted thick fog was approaching. However, it was already mid June and some of the crewmembers needed to get their yearly currency maintenance completed, so they were anxious to practice their skills.

The coxswain completed the Risk Assessment portion of the Boat Movement Record (BMR), used the "marginal" score of "5" for the environment factor, and decided to continue with the training despite concerns about the weather. He faxed the BMR to the station officer of the day and they were underway by 0800. The two boats completed the training exercises by about 0930 and return to their respective areas to complete the multi-mission patrol.

THE PATROL, CONTINUED

The Log Publication USCGAUX Flotilla 36 Boca Raton, Florida

At 0945 hours, a distress call was received by the Coast Guard station. A collision had occurred between a party boat (for hire) and a small pleasure craft some 10 miles from the mouth of an inlet leading to the Atlantic Ocean. A Coast Guard 41 foot utility boat (UTB) was dispatched and, once on scene found a 23 foot cuddy cabin vessel had collided with a party boat in the fog. There were some serious injuries to passengers onboard the 23 foot pleasure boat. The officer of the day; considered a medivac via CG helicopter, but the ceiling and visibility precluded launch. The UTB coxswain decided to transport the injured to the town dock for medical treatment and transport to the local hospital.

Given the deteriorating weather conditions and poor visibility the CG UTB coxswain radioed the remaining Auxiliary OPFAC. She asked if the Auxiliary vessel could precede the UTB through the inlet to clear the way. This area is known as a high traffic corridor for both pleasure and commercial vessels. There were also anchored small boats fishing in the harbor area which is a regular occurrence, especially in bad weather.

The Auxiliary coxswain immediately responded to the call, agreeing to proceed to the ocean to await the UTB at the mouth of the inlet. His plan was to lead/escort the UTB through the waterways to clear a path. The UTB was spotted within 10 minutes. The Auxiliary OPFAC took the lead and quickly achieved a speed in excess of 15 kts as he re-entered the inlet towards the harbor, the CG UTB on a course set to follow. The OPFAC struggled to maintain its position, trying to navigate by RADAR as they headed for the town dock. The Auxiliary' boat was thrown to and fro from the confused seas created by the confined area and vessel traffic. The lone crewman was doing double duty, acting as forward lookout while attempting to alert boaters in their path with the handheld loud hailer. The crewman finally entered the cockpit after nearly falling overboard from a sudden change in vessel position.

Eventually the CG UTB passed the OPFAC and moored at the town dock, where an ambulance was standing by to transport the injured to a medical facility. The Auxiliary coxswain moored behind the UTB. He loosened his "death grip" on the helm, gathered himself, and began working on the SAR Incident Report while the crewman secured the vessel at the pier.





Public Education
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**Public Education
Andrea Rutherford**

We finished an America's Boating class on Saturdays March 24 and 31. A big thank you to instructors **Mike Hanuschak, Bob Hersey, and Pat Feighery**. Thank you also to PE aids **Kristie Colina, Betty Rogers, Nancy Godden, Marie Thompson, and Liliane Meghabghab** for their assistance with this class.

Upcoming PE classes:

ABC class: Saturdays March 24 and 31, 9-1 both days, \$50/person

GPS for Navigators: Saturday, April 7, 9-4, \$50/person

Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class: Monday nights, starting April 16, at Boca Raton Middle School, 7-9 pm. Students must register at the school, \$60 (discount available for families). Cost: \$11 fee to the school and \$49 to Flotilla 36 for materials (\$25 for second person in family).

ABC class: Saturdays June 9 and 16, 9-1 both days, \$50/person

Feel free to call me for details or questions.

IT Workshop update: We will have an IT workshop on **Saturday, March 3**, following the Operations workshop. The time is tentatively scheduled for **noon to 1**, so plan to stay for a "working lunch." Although the main IT content is information sent from national, it will also give us a chance to talk about the 2007 PE program in our flotilla.



The happy Bambas family (including Tyler, 11 yrs.) celebrate their successful completion of ABC course.

Shirley Fisher



4th Cornerstone

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Please mark your calendar for the 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day party at Porta Bella card room, 799 Jeffery St. in Boca. The party will be held on March 16 @ 1800 HRS.

The menu is catered by Champagne and Roses:

- Corn beef and cabbage
Slow simmered corned beef with boiled potatoes, baby carrots and hot English mustard
- Shepherds Pie
Seasoned ground beef with vegetables and gravy topped with cheese crusted mashed potatoes.
- Shallot and thyme roasted fingerling potatoes
- Traditional Caesar Salad
Crisp Hearts of romaine lettuce, parmesan, cheese and creamy garlic peppercorn dressing.
- Appetizers and dessert will be included

BYOB

Cost \$15.00 per person

Please make checks payable to flotilla 3-6

RSVP by March 9 to
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600 Jeffery Street
Boca Raton, FL 33487

Flyers will be handed out at the flotilla meeting on March 1st. If you can, please bring your checks to the meeting.



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Of high importance to all members;

ON MARCH 3, 2007

Workshops will be held at base. Starting a 0900 (please be there by 0830)

Agenda;

0900 -1000 TCT 1 hour refresher Workshop.

Required for all members in Operations, Vessel examiners, and Instructors.

Items needed, please bring; Pen & Paper and copy of THE PATROL scenario (See TCT Facilitator report below)

Coxswains Table will be set up gather your crews and sit together. For a scenario crew members will interact.

1015- 1130 Operations Workshop covering all changes in operations.

Items needed; please bring new manual Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual COMDTINST M16794.51 A (82 pages)

Can down load form Surface operation web site:

http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/publications/comdtinst/index.html

Will review 3 year qualification tasks with a QE

- 1. Underway tasks and oral questions for both crew and coxswains**
- 2. New requirements for new coxswains (online tests.)**
- 3. New REYR, REYWK requirements.**
- 4. Plan to implement these new tasks.**

**FEMA Courses for all members in need.
100, 700, 200, 800**

1130 -1230 IT Workshop

1230- 1300 PIZZA lunch

**1300-1315 AUXOP Courses
These courses will be scheduled as needed to help in Boat Crew Program**

**1315- 1400 COMUNICACION
WORKSHOP**

Radio RM. Procedures

DSC Presentation (use and reporting)

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MEMBER TRAINING, CONTINUED

AUXOP COMMUNICATION COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
March 7	1 & 2	Basic Marine Radiotelephone Installing Marine Radio
March 14	3 & 4	Calling & answering calls and Messages
March 21	8 & 5	Comms with CG, CGAUX.
March 28	6 & 7	Radio log, Direction finding

Date for Exam to be determined.

This course is a pre-requisite for AUX. RADIO BOCA RATON, and to take course for CG ST. FT. Lauderdale. Radio Watch -stander

AUXOP PATROLS COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
APRIL 12	1 & 2	Patrol Requirements, Crew Duties, Responsibilities
April 17	3 & 4	Patrol Organization, Safety, Survival Equipment
April 24	5	Health Hazards, crew

Date for Exam to be determined.

AUXOP Course Seamanship Still time to take this course

Date	Chapter	Description
Mar. 6	8	Navigation Rules
Mar. 14	4	Marlinspike
Mar. 20	7	Assistance to Boats in Distress and Damage Control
Mar. 27.	6 & 9	Heavy Weather & Anchoring
April 3	10	Duties & Manners



Aids to Navigation

Dave DeBoben

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We have several ATON patrols needed to be filled in the upcoming months. It's usually a dusk patrol so we can check if the marker lights are working properly and if the marker is on station and other conditions of the aid to navigation. If you feel you can take one of these patrols, please contact our operations officer, Scott Ellington or me, David DeBoben. I will volunteer as a crew member for anyone who wishes to take the patrol. I also have a friend in the flotilla that will crew too. So let's try to find time to fill these important missions.

Before starting out on a patrol, or a family cruise for that matter, it is a good idea to check out the Local Notice to Mariners from our own website <http://www.cgauxboca.org>. Click on the 7th DISTRICT LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS on the right side of the home page. You may find info that will keep you out of trouble



Ronald Barrett,
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Now is a good time to examine your ribbons and replace those that have become dingy over years of wear. It is also a good time to ascertain whether you possess all the ribbons you have earned during your time of service with the Auxiliary. To do this, review the "Awards Received" section of the Annual Member Summary and Status Report you recently received. With this report at hand, go to the USCG Office of Chief Auxiliary Director Website, http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/ and click on "Ribbon Checker" under the "Awards" heading. This will enable you to indicate the ribbons you have earned and will place them in their order of precedence. The process will produce a display of the exact manner in which your ribbons should be attached to your unimount.

Your flotilla store currently has a good supply of ribbons and unimounts available for purchase and we will attempt to provide you with any assistance needed.



Flotilla Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by FC Tom Rutherford at 1930 with 43 members present. After the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

Commander Rutherford introduced the evening's speaker, Norman Beumel of Coastal Planning and Engineering in Broward County, who presented a slide show of the results of the 2006 Laser Airborne Depth Sounding System reef mapping survey of our coastline.

Alick Elliott described a recent emergency that occurred at his dock. He stressed the importance of planning for emergencies at the dock, including falling overboard and the need to wear life jackets while working on the boat at the dock.

Commander's report:

The Barefoot Mailman exercise is planned for Saturday, Feb. 3.

Art Makenian described the two upcoming events at the Hillsboro Lighthouse events. On Feb. 24, Auxiliarists are invited to attend a public visitation, but must enter the area on a shuttle bus leaving from Sands Hotel at 0900. Scott Ellington is the contact. March 7 is the 100 year anniversary of the founding of the lighthouse, and a formal ceremony will take place from 1700 – 1900 on the south side of the inlet. Auxiliarists interested in attending should contact FC Tom, who will pass names on to Division Captain Gwen Leyes.

Annual workshops will be held on Saturday, March 3, for Operations, TCT training, Instructors, Communications. Reserve the day.

Awards were given out to Liliane Meghabghab, Robert Sando, Tom O'Brien, Mike Hanuschak, Mark and Marie Thompson, Andrea Rutherford, Eric Michitsch, Jim Godden, Robert Wiess, Art Hockey, and Seymour Gross. Dave Deboben was sworn in as FSO-AN, and recognized for 5 years of membership.

VFC Tony Quesada led staff reports:

Communications: Patrols are needed for Barefoot Mailman and twilight ATON patrols for March, April, May, and November. Contact Scott to request patrols. Be on the look-out for a stolen 36 ft. Blackfin named "Three is a charm." Report any sighting to law enforcement only.

Member Training: Member workshops will be held on March 3 for operations, Team Coordination Training (TCT), Instructors, and Communications. Reserve this day to complete your annual workshops. Most training manuals now have to be downloaded from the national site. The current boat crew class is ready for their water tasks. The 6 AUXOP courses will be offered throughout the year. Contact Tom Kegan for information or enrollment. National has just released a new instructor course. More tasks have been added to the Coxswain course.

Flotilla Meeting, Continued

Public Education: The next boating safety class will be held on Saturdays Feb. 17 and 24, 9-1 each day. Contact Andrea for details.

Communications: We have received two communications concerning the 3-year radio facility inspection. The offer for use has been approved and the call sign is BOCA RADIO 1. The second radio owned by Dave Deboben is no longer active. Watchstanders should call Tom O'Brien for missions. Tom has sets of base keys for new staff officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100, followed by refreshments.

Submitted by Andrea Rutherford, FSO-PE

Staff meeting

Date: **February 15, 2007**
Time: 1900
Meeting Location: Base

Unit Officers Present:

FC-Rutherford, VFC-Quesada,, CM-O'Brien, OP-Ellington , SR-JBordelon, PE-ARutherford, MT-Kegan, VE-JBordelon, 4th C-S. Fisher, FN-Hennessey MA-Barrett

Absent: AN-Deboben, CS-Grevemeyer, MS-Thayer, PA-Stanley, PB-DFisher, IS-Sando, PV-Azzarito

FC-Rutherford

We received several surveys back, mostly from officers. Need to make calls as everyone's opinion is vital.

Some of the remarks were:

More help for the setup and cleanup at social events. The need for two teams, one for setup and one for cleanup.

More training on the water.

More recognition and making a bigger deal of who is receiving the award and why.

New members need more attention.

Meetings, removing chairs in the back because of all the talking and distractions.

Question of having a Flea Market for nautical items, possibly at the Flotilla picnic.

February 28th, Commander Crawley is retiring does the Flotilla want to make a donation or give a gift.

Guest speakers- limit to 30 minutes. Possibly have a Dermatologist and Eye doctor.

Competition for Search and Rescue in Punta Gorda May 18th and 19th. Ron Barrett will discuss and check into it.

USCGA is looking for individuals to deploy for 3 week period to devastated areas. [If interested see FC Rutherford]

USCGA passed a nonbinding resolution recommending that the states make Boating Safety mandatory throughout the U.S.A.

I am asking the Flotilla to sign up for Sea Partners for fish conservation in teaching children during career days in the schools.

Staff Meeting, continued

FN-Hennessey

Neil prepared Financial Report and gave to Pat which should be given to Tom for signature. Neil presented Monthly statement which he created and has been working on. He is using the Quicken program, which is limited and JoAnn offered to set him up on Quick books. Use and payment of Sales tax discussed and needs to be [investigated].

MT-Kegan

Workshops will be held on March 3rd for TCT, Operations, & Communications. I have been downloading new manuals to disks. Boat crew training will be changing; Crew will have to tie 5 knots as well as the coxswains. Q.E. will be asking 10 questions. There is a need for an Operations workshop. TCT is 1 hour. Changes in manuals, everyone should download and print. Need for 200 and 800 FEMA exams to certify. It is possible that the Flotilla will have the classes.

OP-Ellington

Visited the Naples Yacht Club and they have VE inspection all the time and the Royal Palm Yacht Club is wanting to do the same, will give information to Joe Bordelon of who to contact.. Need for current list from AUXDATA with qualified coxswains, working off old list, need updated list at least quarterly. Everyone with big boats, for large crews, is either selling boats, too busy or ill and not on the water. Lack of hours is drastically down due to this. Tom O'Brien should request for budget for a new ICOM radio capable to receive MMSI for the Flotilla. Reminded officers articles should be in to Don by Sunday the 18th.

4th C-S. Fisher

Discussed St. Patrick's Day dinner at Porta Bella on the Friday March 16th. A new caterer, Champagne and Roses will be used. Cost per person will be \$15.00. Initial planning is for 40 people. Decided to bring C.D. player and Irish songs in lieu of formal entertainment. Flotilla picnic to be held the 28th of April before people start leaving. Have lots of hamburgers and hot dogs in freezer.. Change of Watch will be at the same place as the past.

VE-J. Bordelon

As of today there have been 25 vessel inspections. Looked into covering the Garlic Festival but the function is up by Old School Square and not down by the docks. Will plan on covering the Delray Affair and setting up a tent at north end of dock. Several email for inspections continue to come through.

CM-O'Brien

Thanked however cleaned up after the meeting but asked for food to be placed in hall and not in office because of the ant situation. Asked that people be told not to gather and talk in office prior to meeting due to no one being able to use the copier or computer, take it out to the hall. Has to submit a monthly radio report to National. Can't get any watch-standers for the weekend, called everyone. Needs a new [log] book for the radio room must be bound and pages numbered.

Staff Meeting, continued

PE-A. Rutherford

Will have sign up for the Spring at Boca Middle School. Only one person showed up for the class. If not 10 students will be brought back to the Saturday classes. Phone messages should be cleared from phone in the office as it only holds 10 in the mailbox and hang-ups also count. All officers who have a box should check and clear periodically.

MA-Barrett

Having a problem with credit card with the change over but Neil is working it out. Everyone that needs ribbons or bars check to see what is in stock. Will check into the competition in Punta Gorda for May.

VFC-Quesada

Tony thanked all the officers for reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Bordelon-FSO-SR

The following is an article placed on the DSO-IS webpage about the new District 7 Auxinfo Quick Access Reports which are now live on the District Website <http://cgaux7.org>. . [Ed: I have just accessed the Flotilla 36 data on this link and it was very easy. I recommend that everyone check it out, particularly your own data.]

AUXINFO Quick Access Reports

A new report tool has been added to the District 7 Website to help elected officers, staff officers, and most importantly, the individual members track progress in training, certifications, awards and activity. This can be done at the District, Division, Flotilla, and Member levels. AUXINFO Quick Access Reports are basic reports that you can quickly and easily access through the Member Section of the District 7 website without special software or having to “drill down” to create reports.

To access these reports on the Member Information Page, select Auxinfo Reports from the menu on the left-hand side of the webpage. The first page is an introduction and Access Policy to access Auxinfo. On the left-hand side select District reports or select your Division. The next screen will be the various reports you can select. If you selected a Division, the Flotillas will be listed across the top. Select the report you want and click the unit you want.

The District Reports will show the detail by Division, the Division Reports will show detail by Flotilla and Flotilla Reports will show detail by member or facility. To go back to the Menu screen, click the Back button at the top of the screen. To go back to the Main District 7 website, click the “Click Here to Return to Main Website” at the top of the Menu Page.

Auxinfo is data that is pulled from the AUXDATA database and is updated once a week usually on a Sunday night. You can see the refreshed by date at the top of the Auxinfo report. No personal information such as addresses, phones, email addresses can be found on the Auxinfo reports. If you have any questions or problems, please contact your FSO-IS for help.

Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

Date posted: 2/21/2007



**RON DILLON, ERIC MICHITSCH, LILIANE MEGHABGHAB, TONY QUESADA
AT AVIATION WORKSHOP IN JANUARY**



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REGARDING INPUTS FOR THE LOG

Inputs are due by Sunday evening following the Staff meeting. Of course any that are submitted early will be appreciated. They should be submitted as a word document (editable, format able text), in Times New Roman font at 12 points with left justification. The document should have already been thoroughly reviewed to be sure that it can only be interpreted to say what we intended and checked for spelling and grammar.

Emphasis i.e. capitalization, large or colored text, italics and underling should be used only sparingly. Pictures should be captioned telling who is doing what, where, etc. I will be bringing a camera to all functions that I attend, but I cannot attend every event. If it is your event, then it is probably worth a picture or two. Please forward these to me as attachments to an e-mail in jpg format.

References to on line material should include the URL for finding it. Use of other's work should be done only with their permission and duly referenced.

Please write in complete sentences with subject and verb, and make sure that the "Who, what, where, and when, if not why" is very clear. Otherwise, I will be making unilateral changes to clarify. Do not be afraid of using "I" or "we" where they are appropriate.

Do not be concerned about duplicate reporting. THE LOG is read by many who never attend our flotilla meetings

Avoid the use of boxes or tables. They make it more difficult to edit, or to place them appropriately. I hope that this does not come across as dogmatic or worse tyrannical. I just want this to be the best newsletter in print. The fewer changes to inputs that I have to make, the fewer chances I have to mess it up. I take constructive criticism well so do not hesitate to tell me how I can do it better.

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