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BM2 JOSEPH T. RUGGIERO

If you missed the September meeting, you missed a very exciting presentation of extreme bravery, dedication to duty, compassion, strength, determination, endurance, and skill. This unassuming young man exemplifies the best combination of a great individual with great USCG training (He is a qualified rescue swimmer; remember The Guardian?). In the Persian Gulf in 2004 Joseph was wounded but risked his own life to save others when their boat was attacked while protecting the offshore pipeline terminals. He told his story in a calm, matter of fact manner, then answered several questions from the floor. This is the kind of man who can fulfill Adm Thad Allen's mission of "All Threats, All Hazards, Always Ready!"

OCTOBER FLOTILLA MEETING
by FSO-MS Tom Thayer
Great Program at October 4 Flotilla Meeting. Greg Reynolds, the mastermind behind Lagoon Keepers will be our guest. Lagoon Keepers is a non-profit, 501 c 3, organization with boats in Northern Palm Beach County and more recently, in Boca Raton. Greg should present an interesting power point

program. Our local Lagoon Keeper's boat is presently on a lift in Lake Rogers, and is available to Auxiliarists, with a short checkout. It is a very casual operation as it is not a facility and does not require qualified crew. Let me know if you would like to help keep our waterways clean.

Ed: If you have suggestions for a guest speaker at our flotilla meeting, please contact Scott Ellington FSO_OP

KEY DATES FOR OCTOBER

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

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| 10/4 | 1930 | Flotilla Meeting |
| 10/6 | 0900 | TCT Class |
| 10/8 | 1900 | BS&S starts at Boca Middle |
| 10/9 | 1900 | AUXOP Weather starts |
| 10/18 | 1900 | Staff Meeting |

Note: Calendars frequently change, so check with event leader to verify

October Agenda

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

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From The
Helm
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I was reminded recently of the privileges associated with membership in the Auxiliary. While Andrea and I were on vacation in Minnesota, our daughter's in-laws invited me to join them for a day of fishing on Lake Superior. The air was brisk and the fish were biting. The captain was busy all day piloting the boat as well as serving as first mate. On the way back to port, he turned to me and said that I seemed to know my way around a boat. I allowed that I was a coxswain in the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Florida. "Well then," he replied, "would you

mind taking the wheel while I fillet the lake trout that was caught today?" I was surprised, proud and happy to take the helm. But the interesting thing is that I didn't have to earn his trust. He trusted me because he trusts the Auxiliary. I'm sure many of you could recount similar stories. Yes, we serve, but we also receive.

I hope you took the opportunity to attend the District 7 Conference last month. I'd like to hear from you if you did. What did you do? What did you like?

The year is almost over. Please take the initiative to check your qualifications and see what missions you may have to perform before the end of the year.

Well, that's all I've got to say for now. Your FC, standing by...



Tom O'Brien



Mark and Marie Thompson

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS GO WITHOUT A LIFEJACKET

Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends that the best way to prevent tragedy on the water is to - "Just Wear It"

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The following is a brief list of some of the Flotilla Staff Officers that you can contact for certain needs.

For safety on the water (Marine Safety): -
FSO-MS Tom Thayer,
For visits to commercial sites (Marine Visitors): -
FSO-MV Irene Azzarito,
For public announcements (Public Affairs): -
FSO-PA Kirsten Stanley,
For Auxiliary documents (Records Secretary): - -
SR Irene Azzarito,
For Auxiliary socials (4th Cornerstone): -
4th Cornerstone Shirley Fisher,
For problem resolution (Flotilla Commander): -
FC Thomas Rutherford,
For staff schedules (Vice Flotilla Commander): -
VFC Tony Quesada,

Some of our Facilities require annual inspections. Coxswains and owners should check with Joe Bordelon, FSO-VE. The Facility should be inspected at least 30 days prior to the expiration date to make sure that the papers make it through the system in time.

This is the time of year to think about filling staff positions for 2008. Some of our staff officers would like to have help "in their assignments", or may want to let someone else give it a try.

If you want to help a staff officer "in their assignments", become an "assistant" to a Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO). This way you could train for the position. If you are interested in any staff position, contact either the current FSO; Tom Rutherford, FC; or myself, Tony Quesada, VFC.

Please remember that our primary flotilla mission as part of the Coast Guard is (I) boating safety and (II) security Of our homeland. Flotilla 36 can support the Coast Guard with these two missions in several ways:

- (1) Safety patrols maintain a strong Coast Guard presence on the water. This can increase boaters' awareness to safety, and also place additional eyes and ears on the water;
- (2) Boating safety programs help people get the boat training they need in boating (i) safety, (ii) principles and (iii) practice;

- (3) Vessel Examinations by our Flotilla help make sure that boats traveling in our Area of Responsibility (AOR) have the required safety equipment on board;
- (4) Training courses offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary will help us to become better Auxiliarists;
- (5) Training while on patrol will help make us good boat crew, and help us respond to situations with the knowledge that we are familiar in Search and Rescue (SAR) and towing procedures;
- (6) Radio watch, even when Flotilla 3-6 doesn't have a facility on patrol, may give the Coast Guard a better capability to respond to a distress.

The next few months are important. I urge you to attend our Flotilla meetings. During the October meeting the screening committee will make its report. During the November meeting new Flotilla leadership will be elected. Your participation during these months is needed and welcomed.

I request that if you have put in hours, please send in your Form # 7029. Please give the # 7029s to our IS Officer. If you are preparing your # 7029 manually, look into the convenience of submitting an email version of the Form. Call me if you need help with the email version.

Thanks for all of your help and support. Keep up the good work.

Antonio P. Quesada
Vice Flotilla Commander





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This is the proper way to conduct a manual MAYDAY distress call. This process should also be used when sending a DSC distress call to alert vessels that may not yet have DSC.

You may want to make a copy of this and keep it on your boat with sections 5, 6, 8, 11, 13 all filled out.

VHF Distress Call from YOUR VESSEL

1. Collect LAT & LON position data from GPS
2. Make sure that the VHF radio is switched on, The antenna is up, the volume is up, and the squelch is on the good side of the noise making hiss
3. Select the Distress and Hailing channel, Channel 16. Make sure the H/L display is on High.
4. Press the microphone button and, holding it against your lower lip, speaking slowly and clearly say,
"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday," .
5. Pause and then slowly say: "This is motor vessel YOUR VESSEL NAME 3 times
6. Then repeat "Mayday; details to follow." and "This is Motor Vessel YOUR VESSL NAME 3 TIMES. Break."*
7. Release the microphone key. Collect any missing data.
8. Key the microphone and say,*"Mayday. This is Motor vessel "YOUR VESSEL NAME "

Our current position is _____ degrees and _____ minutes North latitude, _____ degrees and _____ minutes West longitude."*

9. [The nature of our distress:] medical-hole- fire _____

10. "[The seaworthiness of the boat:] sinking, powerless, fire out _____

11. We are a: [Description of YOUR VESSEL] type, color of topsides, bimini, & hull

12. There are ____ adults and _____ child(ren) on board; all are wearing life jackets." *Note the nature of any injuries or the absence of injuries.

13. "This is Motor Vessel YOUR VESSEL NAME on VHF channel one six, over."

14. Release the microphone key and listen for a response. If none heard, return to Step 1 after 30 seconds.

EXPECT THE COAST GUARD ASK YOU TO REPEAT ALL INFORMATION FROM 7 DOWN.

For a refresher on DSC Radio go to: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/dsc/player.html>

Don't forget to turn on your computer sound!





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The busy Fall Public Education season has begun, and we're gearing up for our BS&S class to start on October 1 at Boca Middle School if we have a minimum 10 students, followed by GPS on Nov. 10.

I want to thank the instructors and aids who worked with the Sept. 8/15 ABC class. We had 13 excited graduates. Thank you to **Rick Celestino** (who taught both Saturdays) and to **Scott Ellington**, and aids **Liliane Meghabghab** and **Gail and Jerry Edelman**.

Remaining PE classes for 2007:

ABC classes

(Two Saturdays, 9-1 both days, \$50/person):

Dec. 1, 8

Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class

Starting October 1 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).

GPS for Navigators

Saturday, Nov. 10, 9-4, \$50/person

Due out in the Fall of 2007: **Weekend Navigator**, a new course that integrates coastal navigation with GPS for the average boater. It will probably be offered late Fall or early Winter at the base for a series of evening classes.

Feel free to call me for details or questions.

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Rick Celestino teaching ABC Chapters 1 and 2



Watchstander Ed Oleksak and aid Jerry Edelman monitor the radio room and office



Students ask questions and share stories during the breaks.





Thomas H. Kegan,
Member Training
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Sept was a good month for member training. New boat crew members traveled to CG St. Ft. Lauderdale. On Sept. 15, The CG personal greeted them and took over the training and the demonstration. All came away with a greater understanding of the workings of St. Ft. Lauderdale.

With the completion of only a few tasks remaining, (Swim Task, Operate Fire Extinguishers, FEMA courses and 5yr TCT) on the water training can start.

On Oct.9 the AUXOP course Weather will start at the base, at 1900. See the calendar for schedule.

Of High importance!!!!

Time is running out for members who require 3 yr. QE ride. Please contact Scott Ellington FSO/OP, or me to get scheduled. They are Crew Bill Bartley, Ed Colina, Ron Dillon, Tony Elvas, Helene Houge, DeAnn Sutherland, Ken Weisberg, Terry Crawford REYR, Coxswains Scott Elington, G. Rappoport,

On Oct. 6 a 5yr. TCT class is being held at our base. All new boat crew members are reregistered.

Radio Watchstanders there is new way to fill out 7030 for radio watches. Copy posted in radio Rm.



This just in. Robert Sando is our newest qualified coxswain.

AUXOP WEATHER COURSE

DATE LESSON

OCT. 9 Examine contents of Student Text, Review Chapter from BS&S Manual. Homework, Chapters 1&2 and 3, complete Study Questions

OCT. 16 Discus Text Chapters 1,2&3 Review Questions Home Work Chapters 4,5&6, complete Study Questions

OCT. 23 Discus Text Chapters 4 & 5 & 6 Review Questions Home Work Chapters 7 and 8, complete Study Questions

OCT. 30 Discus Text Chapters 7 and 8 Review Questions Home Work Chapters 9 and 10, complete Study Questions

NOV. 13 Discus Text Chapters 9 and 10 Review Questions Home Work Chapters 11 and 12, complete Study Questions

NOV. 20 Discus Text Chapters 11 and 12 Review Questions Briefly discuss entire course

Review all Study



Home work Questions

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TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT

GROUP: Tom Kegan, George Bryon, Peggy Miettinen, Bill Murphy, Ron Barrett, Liliane Meghabghab.

Knot Tying: Rogers, SNDN Dillon Glasscock

Line toss: BM2 Matt Mongham

Dewatering pump, MK1 Brett Knoblenco

Oscar Demo, Left to right Bill Murphy, Bill Bradley, Ron Barrett, Bill Bowen, Joseph Byron, George Byron, Robert Uleski, Art Tenney, Helene Houge sitting, Anttoid Viana, Hidden, Peggy, Miettinen, Linda Gumenick, St. Ft. Lauderdale, Joseph Bryon, On the 41" 8 unidentified AUX Members

To; Lt. Scott Rooke
CO St, Ft. Lauderdale

Subject; Training at Coast Guard St. Ft. Lauderdale
BM1 Scott R Forbidussi
Training Petty Officer
On 15 Sept. 2007

Team Coast Guard Is well and running.

I brought 18 new Auxiliary boat crew members to the station for instruction and demonstrations on the use of a fire extinguishers, operation on the dewatering pump , Upon arriving we were met by BM2 Matt Mongham , and was informed that he would handle the training, he informed us that he will do heaving line toss, (with each member performing task) Next, the man overboard procedures, and pick up of Oscar, also towing procedures. Matt had to leave and go to pick up a vessel. He turned us over to BM1 Alfred Lopez , and SNDN Dillon Glasscock.(a coxswain in training). They informed us that they could take over on the 41 boats, (many of the Auxiliarists had never been on a boat ,what a thrill for them!) We broke up into 2 groups, one on each of the decks of the 41. BM1 Lopez and SNDN Glasscock did a yeoman's job. MK1 Brett Knoblenco, handled the dewatering training. Here again, all Auxiliarists took part in the demonstration.

Upon completion, we broke down to groups of 4, for a tour, understanding how the communications room works.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Coast Guard personnel for all the effort they put into this day's work.

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LAGOON KEEPERS
MISSION

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On Saturday, September 15, 2007 hundreds of volunteers participated in the International effort to clean our oceans, beaches, parks and waterways. The event is sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy, Palm Beach County (www.keepPBCbeautiful.org), the Solid Waste Authority and others.

It was coordinated locally by Kristen Child and the other good folks at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. As I was on the Lagoon Keepers pontoon boat, if you were in the parks, in the ocean or on the beach, please let me know for the mission report.

The Lagoon Keepers boat was very valuable in picking up trash bags from the parks along the ICW. We estimated about 80 trash bags, stacks of lumber and a total weight of approximately 1000 pounds. It was all off loaded at Silver Palm Park for pick up by the City.



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See September minutes
next page



This just in:

For those interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner, an 8 hour VE class will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007. Class will start at 0900 and run until about 1700. The VE Exam is an open book exam. The exam will be given at the end of the class.

Location:
US CG Aux Base - McVey House
601 Seabreeze Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Flotilla 32 Home Page:
<http://www.flotillatwo.com/>

Parking: Space is limited. Consider car pooling.

Attendees should bring paper and pencil. A manual will be issued to each person.

Instructor: Pat Feighery
Uniform: civilian casual
Lunch: on your own 1 hr

Anybody wishing to attend MUST e-mail Marie Thompson at mltinfl@mindspring.com no later than Friday, Nov 2. Please RSVP with your name, ID #, flotilla # and contact info (phone & e-mail address).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 3-02)		AUXILIARY - RECORD OF UNIT MEETING	
UNIT NUMBER		UNIT NAME (as recorded in AUXDATA)	MEMBERS PRESENT
0	7 0 0 3 0 6 0 0 0	FLOTILLA 3 6	IQ or BQ quorum AX
DATE		MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION
09/06/07		1930	Boca Raton Base
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus	
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT		GUESTS PRESENT	
FC Rutherford, VFC Quesada, SR/PV Azzarito, MT- Kegan, CM O'Brien, MA Barrett, PE A. Rutherford, FN Hennessey. OP Ellington, IS Sando, OP Ellington, PB D. Fisher, 4 th Cornerstone S. Fisher, MS Thayer		BM2 Joe Ruggiero an BM2 Matt Monaghan, Bill White	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON			
<p>Meeting called to order 1935 Pledge of Allegiance Invocation by FC Rutherford VC Rutherford Went to Division meeting and met the new Director of Auxiliary. Dist.7 Conference to be held in Ft. Lauderdale Sept.27-29. Guest Speaker J. Ruggiero Introduction by Scott Ellington for BM2 J. Ruggiero. Spoke about his tour in Iraq and bravery on board rib that was blown up by terrorist, April 2004. Lucky to be alive and heroic saves of fellow shipmates and saving pipe line from disaster. Most interesting and exciting true war story making us so proud of our brave men and women in Coast Guard. VFC_ Quesada opened floor to Staff Officer reports. CM T. O'Brien Has a watchstander's handout regarding our monitoring of 23Alpha. Office Manager O'Brien Might be getting new rug for office FN-Hennessey 120 Invoices sent .13 resignations .98 paid dues 9 owing MS Thayer Saturday 15th Int'l Ocean Cleanup Meet at Gumbo Limbo 8:00 AM work until 11:30AM. Next meeting Speaker re: Lagoons MT-Kegan Showed hours needed by Crew and coxswains and quals for 2007.Boats need Coxswains and Coxswains who need boats Crew Class Tuesday re FEMA. Oct TCT recert. Sept.15.Going to 3-2 re certifications Weather classes Oct. Tuesday night. Congrats to Kirsten Stanley made AUXOPS. MA Barrett 6 Tilley Hats available \$20 each size 7 & 1/ 8 size. . PE Rutherford. ABC Sat. 8 and 15. BS.&S evenings Oct.1st GPS in Nov. OP Ellington. Hope to get crew and cox. together for patrols and training.Request Ft Laud. Use our boats to assist Towing training with Coasties boats. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pompano 100th Anniversary Parade Get involved. Ft Laud. Boat Show work booth Oct.25. No reports MV,SR,IS,4th Cornerstone, PB VFC Quesada thanked staff for reports. Ed Olesek reported about communications Sept.29 9-5 1000 Watt Station In FAU campus across from PBCC see log FC Rutherford Accept minutes of last meeting .Motion and seconded Motion to adjourn and seconded at 2050.</p>			
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED			
REMARKS (Include special Service Awards.. events, future plans, awards presented, special guests present, etc.)			
Auxiliarist of the month R, Barrett. 30 Years service Gary Belford. Certificates Sea and Patrols T. Thayer., Watchstander appreciation certificate T. O'Brien, A.. Quesada and N. Hennessy made coxswains.			
NEXT MEETING			
DATE	TIME	II	LOCATION
10/04/07	1930		Base
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT	
9/14/07		I Azzarito FSO-SR	

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The Marine Safety building is immediately
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