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**Rob Lambie, engineer, blue water sailor, and Flotilla 36 new Staff Officer of Operations.
Accomplished on his own, but highly motivated to learn the Coast Guard ways.**

The month in pictures



VEs Rich Celestino and Ted Lutjen
Tom Thayer's crew Neil Hennessey, David Bailey, Eric
Weinbaum and Ed Stolzenberg (not shown). Bill
bartley's crew was Liliane Meghabghab, Joe Poces, and
bottom right Herman Feldman

**From FC Tom Thayer
April Flotilla Meeting Program**

We have another interesting program for the April Flotilla Meeting. VFC Bill Bartley will be showing you the tax advantages

to being a member of the Auxiliary. Please see Bill's article in this "LOG"
Please come to the meeting and bring a guest. Thursday, April 1 at 1930. Uniform is Tropical Blue Long, ODU or civilian.



4th CORNERSTONE
Richie Dunne

Traditionally we held our Change of Watch on a Sunday, due to the fact that the price on Sunday was much cheaper than on Saturday.

I have been in contact with the Elks Club and have been advised that the price for us would be the same as Sunday. As things stand at this time I

believe we can do the dinner and dance on Saturday, January 8th or January 15th, 2011 for \$35.00 per person. Please give me your opinion at the next meeting on April 1, 2010.



APRIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

This section will highlight dates and events in the coming month. For a full listing, see the Calendar. Note: Calendars frequently change, check with event leader to verify

3/31	AUXACN last review	1900
4/1	Flotilla Meeting	1930
4/3	VSC Lake Ida	1000
4/6	Boat Crew continues	1900
4/9	Delray Affair starts	

4/10	Hillsboro LH Tours	0900
	First Aid CPR McVey House	
4/16	Pompano Beach Seafood Fest	
	PE About Boating Safety	0900
4/17, 4/24	VSC Silver Palm Park	1000
4/19	Tom Kegan Roast	1830
4/20	SFCGA Evening Under Stars	1730
4/22	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900



Tom Thayer
Flotilla Commander 36

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From the Helm

SAVE THESE DATES:

Delray Affair – Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 11

Hillsboro Lighthouse Tours – Saturday, April 10

Coast Guard Family Fun Day at Jungle Island – Sat., April 10

Pompano Seafood Festival – Flotilla 36, Friday, April 16

Tom Kegan Roast – Monday, April 19 at 1830 (See flyer)

South FL Coast Guard Assn at Hillsboro Lighthouse – Tuesday, Apr 20

You are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these events. Please see the calendar in *THE LOG* for many other activities. We need numerous volunteers to cover all three days of the Delray Affair. Please volunteer. The Tom Kegan Roast should be fun. Order

from a limited menu, separate checks. Please sign up to be a “Roaster”. Just remember that Tom gets the last chance to get even. Plan on being there. OKAY???

Last month the activities were many and varied. Public education classes, member training classes, Hillsboro Lighthouse Tours, Turtle Day at Gumbo Limbo, Dania Marine Flea Market, on the water patrols, radio watches, etc. These are just some of the activities that your Flotilla participated in during the last month. Hopefully, everybody is coping with the new 7029 and 7030 forms. We not only want you to get credit for the work that you do, but, we also want the credit for your Flotilla and Division.

Here is my second effort at recognizing an outstanding Flotilla Member. This month I am singling out our new **FSO-OPS, Rob Lambie**. Rob is still learning what the job entails, however, he does it with great enthusiasm. In all seriousness, Rob is learning fast and will do, not only an enthusiastic job, but, an overall excellent job. If you are in the Coxswain or Crew programs, you have come in contact with Rob.

VFC Bill and myself are open to any suggestions on how we can have better meetings, better classes, more member

involvement, more fun, etc. Please let us know. Also, feel free to contact the Staff Officers with your questions and interest in serving in their areas of responsibility. There are numerous opportunities to get involved or more involved.

FSO-IS Lenny Schwartz has requested to step down after this year. The job is extremely important to the Flotilla and requires some computer skills. The IS job requires completing a three day "C" School, preferably sometime in 2010 so as to be ready to go in 2011. Let us know of your interest.

Till next month.....

"Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind."

Bruce Lee



Bill Bartley
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With this time of year it was pretty easy to select a subject for this article. It is tax time and over my years as Operations Officer some information was passed down to me in reference to the tax advantages of being a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I would like to share with you what I have learned, but by no means am I a tax expert. In fact I just complete a list of items and provide them to my wife to complete our tax return information. I have requested that my wife attend the next flotilla meeting and give a quick presentation on these tax advantages and answer any questions our members have.

This article should be regarded as *General Information*, and not specific legal and/or tax advice and will only cover FEDERAL taxes. Please consult with your professional tax advisor to see how the information will apply to you.



I only include items of expense incurred which were ordinary and necessary to maintain the vessel for Search and Rescue Missions and for the performance of Safety Patrol assignments under the provisions and standards of safety required to qualify the vessel for sea duty and use by the U.S. Coast Guard.

If the Department of Homeland Security reimbursed me for maintenance, fuel, operational costs, damage to vessel, repairs to motor, or loss of vessel at sea, said amount is not income nor is the amount of damage deductible on your income tax return unless damage exceeds the amount reimbursed.

The following is a list of items where costs can be incurred by members and facility owners that I use as a guideline:

1. Vessel Registration fees
2. Dockage fees
3. Gasoline used
4. Oil Costs
5. Engine repairs and maintenance
6. Insurance
7. Barnacle removal and bottom point
8. Vessel repairs
9. Radio repairs to F.C.C. standards
10. Depth finder repairs
11. Radio direction finder repairs
12. Auto travel to meeting, conferences
13. Uniforms and cleaning
14. Hotel and meals when on duty assignment

The following site:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6171580180866857172#> has a video titled “Getting Money By Volunteering? How Auxiliary Members Can Maximize tax Deductions. I would encourage all members to review this video for more detail information.

The primary items this video covers are:
What Can I Deduct?

- Uniforms and Insignia
- Cleaning and Maintenance of these items
- Reasonable Out-Of-Pocket Expenses
- Dues and Other Monetary Contributions to the USCG Auxiliary
- Contributions of Property to the USCG Auxiliary (if accepted)



Rob Lambie

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While on patrol, when do I wear my PFD?

There seems to be some confusion about when the Coast Guard requires Auxiliaries to be wearing (on and buckled up) a PFD?

From the operations manual:

E.13. Personal Flotation Device

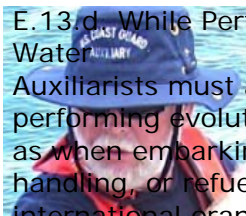
All Auxiliaries on a surface facility or special purpose facility that is underway, assigned to duty shall wear the appropriate Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III inherently buoyant or Coast Guard approved automatic/manual inflatable PFD (which meets Coast Guard requirements of a Type I, II, or III when worn) at the Operational Commander's discretion.

E.13.a. Within Enclosed Engine Space Requirements for wearing PFDs within an enclosed engine space, or enclosed living space on vessels constructed with overnight accommodations, may be relaxed by the coxswain on a case-by-case basis after careful consideration of risk factors.

E.13.b. Onboard Personal Watercraft Auxiliary personal watercraft (PWC) coxswains (including passengers) shall only use inherently buoyant Type I, II, or III PFDs with a minimum dynamic strength test rating of 50 miles per hour.

E.13.d. While Performing Evolutions Near Water

Auxiliaries must also wear PFDs when performing evolutions near the water (such as when embarking or disembarking, line handling, or refueling). PFDs must be international orange and the Owner's Manual must be completed.



Uncharged or manual only inflatable PFDs are not authorized for Auxiliary use while under orders.

I interpret the rules this way: My PFD is on and buckled up if underway and above deck (not in engine room or the living space), before I board a facility and if involved in a dockside activity like handling lines. If at anchor it can be off if allowed by the coxswain. Before pulling the anchor or starting the engine, I will don and secure my PFD. I hope you will too.



Thomas H. Kegan,



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**AUXOP Training
And Publications**

AUXOP COURSES

We are just finishing up AUXACN. Exams are this week and next. I will decide which AUXOP course to offer next after I return from vacation in late May

Member Training

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The Boat Crew class is in final stages , 6 new crew members in on the water training. Next Boat Crew Class will start at the end on April, just waiting for members to receive there numbers, once received will contact all as to schedule.

Please take notice all new members and present members as boat crew/coxswains. On MAY 15, 2010 a 8 hour TCT class will be held at our base. If you have not taken in last 5 years you must take this class (last time this year) Next Date Mark your Calendars is June 19/20 ,2010 . A QE Audit will take place in our area (Boca Raton) this is required once every 3 yrs. If you think you need this please E-Mail me.

Check out the E-LEARNING intro on page 11



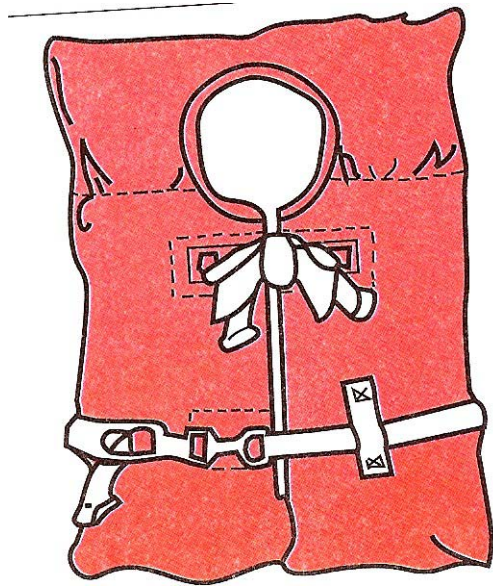
Fred Gless, Mike Sokasits, John Manton and Rod Rodriguez working on a NAV problem in class.



All those plus Rob Lambie taking the final PART A exam. A few more are expected to take PART B (Chart work) exam.

Publications

I am very sorry that none of the pictures that I took with my Blackberry of all the award recipients at the March 27, 2010 Flotilla meeting were usable. Congratulations to them all. Please check them out under the REMARKS section of the minutes below. . I had to get a new phone, this time a Blackberry Bold that I used to take the above two pictures



Type 11 PFD front



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The next ABS class will be held on April 17th here at the station. Please let folks know who may have an interest in attending. Flotilla 3-6 participated in the Dania Hi-Lai flea market in the Auxiliary booth supplied by the district. Tom Thayer, Jim Godden and I spoke to a number of interested people who wanted

information on the ABS class. A good day was spent educating the public as to what we do.

I have printed a limited number of brochures that describe the class and direct the public to our website for date information and availability.

If you have a desire to become an instructor, Please see Tom Keegan for information about the qualification process. We can't have too many instructors!



**Shirley Fisher
Materials**

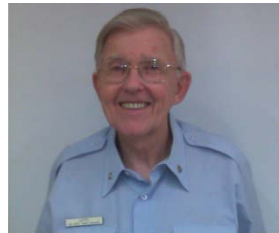
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We have received some auxiliary adult life vests in sizes Medium to extra large from Mustang. Look for these as well as other must haves at the display at the flotilla meeting



Type 111 PFD, front



**Martin Jaffe
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March was very successful so far except for windy cold weather at lake Ida.

Many thanks to those that helped out at the VSC's and at Turtle Day at Gumbo Limbo.

Our schedule for April and May has some very important dates to remember and mark your calendars

Sat. 3 April VSC at Lake Ida Park 1000-1400 Hrs

Del Ray Days for VE's to do VSC's and Safety education also for PE's and anybody else to help with safety ed.

Fri. 9 Apr. 1200-1600 Hrs.

Sat. 10 Apr 1000-1600 Hrs.

Sun. 11 Apr 1000-1600 Hrs.

Sat. 17 Apr. VSC at Silver Palm Park 0900-1400 Hrs.

Sat. 24 Apr. VSC at Silver Palm Park 0900-1400 Hrs..to assist Boca Marine Police with their Special day

Change the ! May VSC at Lake Ida Park to Sat. 8 May. 1000-1400 Hrs.



Type 111 PFD, back

Sat. 15 May VSC at Silver Palm Park 0900-1400 Hrs.

22-28 May National Safe Boating Week schedule TBA.

Let as many of us as possible come out with Vim Vigor and Vitality and keep saving lives,. It sure feels great doing what we do.

With lots of pride and thanks to all of you that help out.



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Aids Verifiers support the Coast Guard's mission of marine safety through its bridge Administration

In 1996 the Auxiliary was integrated into the Coast Guard's Bridge Administration Program when National Commodore Peter W. Melera (NACO) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Coast Guard. An auxiliary can conduct regular checking for any discrepancy (and reporting it) either from land or aboard a vessel. Digital photographs of the bridges can help the Navigation Systems staff officer identify discrepancies. Inspection should be done at low tide to see the clearance markers and after sundown to ensure lights are functioning properly. The edges of the navigation channels are frequently lined with fenders, or wales, to protect against a vessel or other obstructions striking its piers. These structures must be surveyed during day to insure they are serviceable

If you are interested in becoming a qualified Aids Verifier you can sign up for the next training (tba)

Air Lauderdale Beach Fest (Fort Lauderdale) will be held offshore on April 23-25, 2010, between 0900 & 1700.

Approximately 1400 spectator crafts of all sizes are expected.



Welcome to Auxiliary E-Learning

[Auxiliary E-Learning](#)

Online courses are provided for the development of Coast Guard Auxiliary members. Many of them are prerequisites for certain levels of qualification in different programs. To receive a login for Auxiliary E-Learning please complete the [registration form](#) below. Courses are offered in the following areas: Member Training, Marine Safety, Operations, Public Affairs, Vessel Examination and Beta courses. Please click on the link below to see the course descriptions:

[Descriptions of Online Courses](#)

[Coast Guard Courses](#)

This site provides access to the Coast Guard indoctrination course, (e.g., saluting, uniforms, and other basic information), and other courses available to members of the Auxiliary. Any member with an ID number can apply for logon access by following the directions available through this link.

[Coast Guard Institute](#)

[Descriptions of Correspondence Courses](#)

[FEMA - Incident Command System \(ICS\)](#)

[ICS Defined](#)

The [Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\)](#) offers free-of-charge, self-paced courses for:

- [IS-100.a Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100](#)
- [IS-200.a ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)
- [IS-700a National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#) and
- [IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction.](#)

EMI has implemented **electronic certificates** for all online test submissions. Upon successful completion, you will receive an email within one business day that confirms your transcript has been updated and a link to create your electronic certificate. Provide a copy of this certificate to your FSO/IS to register completion courses into AUXDATA.

Register for Auxiliary E-Learning

If you already registered as a user of Auxiliary E-Learning, do not complete the registration form. Please click [Auxiliary E-Learning](#) to go directly to the web site.

Please contact [Matt Hannonds](#) for additional information.

To receive a login for Auxiliary E-Learning please complete the [New Account](#) form; please follow the instructions given below

Steps for creating a new account:

1. Go to [New Account](#) and fill out the form.
2. An email will be immediately sent to your email address.
3. Read your email and confirm your new account by clicking on the web address provided in the message.
4. Your account will be confirmed and you will be logged in.
5. Now, select the course you want to take.
6. If you are prompted for a "enrollment key" - use the one that your instructor has given you. This will "enroll" you in the course.
7. You can now access the full course. From now on you will only need to enter your personal username and password to log in and access these courses.

Online Testing

Online testing can be accessed at the [National Testing Center](#); if this is your first visit to the new Testing Center, you will need to get a new e-Testing password (see the menu). Online testing allows Auxiliary members to take all open book exams. All Districts have been authorized by the [CHDIRAUX](#) to participate in the on-line testing program and will receive credit towards qualification, re-qualification or certification.



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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
0700306000		FLOTILLA 36		IQ or BQ 33 AX –
DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING	
03/04/20 10	1930	Boca Raton Base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus	
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT			GUESTS PRESENT	
VFC- B. Bartley, CM- J. Derr, PS-A.Zimmerman, Everbridge- Marie Thompson, SR-Azzarito, FC. T. Thayer, OPS-R.Lambie, MT -T. Kegan, PB-D.Fisher, MA-S. Fisher, 4 th Cornerstone- R. Dunne, MV -T.Lutjen, NS-L.Meghabghab, Div.Commander Pat Feighery			Hunter Cochran, Leah Kesten, Rick Hersey, Ric Gills, Hank Weiss	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON				

Meeting called to order 1930 Pledge of Allegiance Tom Thayer
 Invocation by Ted Jutjen
FC- T. Thayer March 13th Lighthouse Tour, need 4 auxiliaries to work 9-4. Dania Beach Flea Market uniform ODU's, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21. Volunteers welcome. Roast for Tom Kegan April 19th at Arlette's Diner on Federal Highway at 6:30 PM.
VFC-B.Bartley Call for Staff Reports
OPs-R. Lambie Workshop on the 11th. Barefoot mailman big success .3 boats from our flotilla. 320 Boy Scouts from Pier 66 to CG Base.
MT- T. Kegan March 13th workshops. 1 Hour TCT 0900, then IT 10:30 and VE at 11:30. April meeting Sexual Harassment discussion. Boat crew classes on going then out on boats. QE mission in June.
MA- S. Fisher Ordering PFD's. Have new sport shirts..
PB- D.Fisher Will be out of country April –May. Won't be available for log or Wednesday ACN classes.
MV-T.Lutjen Visiting Royal Palm and Marina One..
HR-A.Zimmerman Meeting with some new recruits after general meeting in the office. Trying to get 3 or 4 new members every month. Looking for mentors . Let him know if you can volunteer. Personnel Services now called Human Resources.
NS-L.Meghabghab ATON patrol cancelled on 13th. Waiting for Tom and Bill to go out on water.
VE- M. Jaffe 1st and 3rd Saturdays VE's at Lake Ida and Palmetto Park. Turtle Day 3/13 at Gumbo Limbo.
4th Cornerstone- R.Dunne COW back at Elks Club on 2nd Saturday night in January 2011.
VFC-B. Bartley Next meeting Tax lawyer as guest. Would like input regarding his log articles, if you want to ask questions or know any information.
FC – T Thayer April 16-18 Seafood Festival 3/21 Broward Navy Day on Princess Cruise Line boat. Donation \$65.00 to wheel chair foundation. Top of chain of Command will be there with the Rear Admiral and others.
Div. Commander- P.Feighery Certificates to Bill and Tom confirmation as FC and VFC. 3/14 McVey House VE class and Test. 4/20 Lighthouse SFCGA holding an event. \$20 which includes dues for this year.

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Other business: Tom Kegan display E- Directory. How to get on web page and change information to correct any errors or omissions on your personal records

Tom Thayer called for vote to accept minutes as published in log. Minutes were approved. Do your 7029's
 Motion to adjourn and seconded at 2050

UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED

REMARKS Awards. . Corrected certificate for Eric Weinbaum, VE certificate for P. Ruggirello, TCT Marie and Mark Thompson, E. Weinbaum, T. Kegan, N. Hennessey, and P. Stevenson. 10 Year sustained service P. Feighery. AUX membership service 15 years P. Stevenson.

NEXT MEETING

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
04/01/10	1930	Base
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT
03/17/10		I Azzarito FSO-SR



USCGAux Flotilla 36

“ROASTS” Tom Kegan

A fun-filled evening for all.....

Monday, April 19, 2010 at 1830

Arlette's Kitchen

802 SE 5th Avenue (Southbound Federal Hwy)

Delray Beach, FL 33483

Great Food, Beer and Wine at Reasonable Prices

Special Guest Roaster: Capt. James Fitton, CO Sector Miami

Doors open at 1800 for our Private Party

Info: Tom Thayer – 561-997-2112 or TomThayer@Earthlink.net

(Non- Mandatory RSVP would be helpful – limited to first 75 people)

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**Email: fso-pb@cgauxboca.org 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.

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