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Look Who Graduated in 2010!

It's graduation season, and Flotilla 36 has special congratulations for our recent graduates.



Katie Celestino, a member of 36 since her 17th birthday in 2009, graduated from Dreyfoos School of the Arts. She is enrolled at Florida State University as a Music Education major, starting in the summer session in just a couple of weeks. Congratulations, Katie! I hope you and Matt will continue to visit us on your college breaks.

Vincent Gianatasio graduated from West Boca High School. He will work locally this summer, and in August he will enlist in the Air Force. Good luck, Vinnie!



Katie Godden (right), daughter of Flotilla members Nancy and Jim Godden, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy with a BS in Management. The commencement speaker was CG Rear Admiral Thad Allen. Katie's first billet is the USCGC DECISIVE in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where she will be a deck watch officer and run the Communications division. The USCGC DECISIVE's primary mission is drug and migrant interdiction.

By good planning, Katie will be rooming with her sister, **Molly** (left), a 2008 graduate of the CG Academy. On July 22, Molly, a LTJG, will take command of the USCGC STINGRAY (WPB-87305) in Mobile, AL. The USCGC STINGRAY will be actively involved in oil spill response, fisheries, and search and rescue. Congratulations to both Katie and Molly in their Coast Guard careers.

Story and pictures provided by Andrea Rutherford



New member, Jennifer Blau being sworn in by VC Ed Duda. Jennifer has expressed an interest in publishing this Newsletter. Picture by Eric Weinbaum



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No Report



Tom Thayer

Flotilla Commander 3 6FC@cgauxboca.org*From the Helm***July Flotilla Meeting Program**

We have another interesting program for the July Flotilla Meeting. We expect to have our departing, outstanding AUXLO, **Tim Myerson** from Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale to give his farewell speech. Tim is not going far as his new Station is Sector Miami. As you will see in **VFC Bill Bartley's** article, he will bring us up to date on our hurricane preparedness and call-out procedures. It all should be fun, fast-paced and educational. Please come to the meeting and bring a guest. **Thursday, July 1 at 1930.** Uniform is **Tropical Blue Long, ODU** or civilian.

COMMANDERS REPORT:**SAVE THESE DATES:**

Division 3 Day/Meeting at CGSTA–Ft. Laud., Sat., July 24

Vessel Safety Checks at Silver Palm Park – Sat., July 10 - 0900 to 1400

At Lake Ida Park – Sat, July 3 – 1000 to 1400

You are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these events. Please see the calendar in *THE LOG* for many other activities.

After numerous hectic months of Flotilla activities, the event calendar looks rather vacant. It must be the summer doldrums. We will have completed another great National Safe Boating Week of activities. These included receiving numerous proclamations from our local communities, accompanying the NSBW Vessel through our operating area to the Pompano base, performing a week of Vessel Safety Checks at Silver Palm and the “Open House” which I will comment on in the

next paragraph. 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 fourth effort at recognizing an outstanding Flotilla Member. Previously, it has been a newer member. This month I am singling out our, old salt, Tom Kegan. As you know, Tom is a two time Past Flotilla Commander and Member Training Officer for the last 100 years. Tom is recognized here for conceiving the idea for a NSBW “Open House” at our base, he did all of the planning and implementation to pull it off. While public attendance was less than desired, Flotilla participation was excellent. My thanks to all who had an important part in making it happen on May 22.

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.....

“What kind of man would live where there is no daring. I don't believe in taking foolish chances, but nothing can be accomplished without taking any chance at all.”

- Charles A. Lindbergh



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I can't believe it is almost July already, or by the time you read this it may already be July. This may be the best time to discuss the 2010 Severe Weather/Hurricane Season. Although the peak of the hurricane season is from August through October, the actual season began on June 1st and ends on November 30th, 2010. Since I consider all of you as family, my main concern is for the safety of you, your family and your property. While surfing the web, I found an article titled "Top Ten Hurricane Tips" at <http://www.chiff.com/a/hurricane-tips.htm>. This article is a quick read and covers some of the necessary steps that should be taken for hurricane preparedness. Let's hope that we can get through this season without any major storms, but let's be prepared for the worse. I encourage everyone to develop an Action Plan detailing the specific steps you will take to protect your family, home, and personal property.

On Friday May 7, District 7 initiated a Hurricane Alert to test the call out system. The process for this call out in our flotilla had to be converted back to the use of the calling tree. The EverBridge system was not utilized because the data base had not been updated with changes for a long period of time. Luckily for us, Tom Kegan was able find and dust off the calling tree from retirement and it was utilized for this drill. This exercise did bring to light some deficiencies of our call out process.

I have starting working on a new process to be utilized for our call out system which integrates email and phone calls. During our next flotilla meeting I would like to discuss some of the ideas we have come with and see what ideas you may have that we have not thought of. Lets all remember that the call out system gives the flotilla the opportunity to contact all flotilla members with Hurricane alerts, and other items of interest to our members. The Hurricane alert will be utilized to get particular information about each of our members. Once a storm has passed, it will also be utilized to check on everyone's safety and well being.



Rob Lambie

Operations

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Rob is cruising in the Bahama Islands. Fair winds Rob

Friday June 4th 2010

Bahamian Labor Day. Before dawn, I am lying awake when a light rain starts to fall. I close the hatches and go topside for a look around. The boat is pointing into the wind, Southeast. I can see the first streaks of dawn of to the East and to the North there is some lightning. I go below and resume my horizontal vigil I heard it first, a sound, I can't describe, then a touch of cold air dropping through the ventilator. The boat starts rocking as it tries to align with the wind and then the wind is blasting. Wow! What a surprise.

When anchoring, in nine foot of water, I had let out ninety feet of chain and strongly backed down. Now the wind is coming from the opposite direction of the set. With this much wind the anchor will pull, then reset by itself. How quick the anchor resets will determines how close I end up to the two boats behind me. The holding is good here. I have experienced thirty knots plus for a twenty four hour period. Most cruisers use a plow anchor. It is known to

have good reset ability. I am sure the other boats are awake as well.

From eighty-two degrees it drops at least five degrees. I go topside again and stay under the dodger. The rain is horizontal. The rigging is singing and the Shade Tree, a canvas sun shade over the middle of the boat shaped like a

Conestoga Wagon with hoops that stretch from lifeline to lifeline, is bobbing, trying to adjust to the swirling wind. I would estimate the wind from 30 to 40 knots with higher gusts. The forward end of the Shade Tree is doing better than the aft. The aft is really taking a beating. Below I check the GPS. It is set to the most magnified scale so I can see if the anchor is dragging. The boat, on the GPS has moved three hundred feet. About right, Ninety feet of chain plus forty-five feet of boat make a 135 foot radius and accounts for 270 feet of movement. Once reset the boat has not moved.

A new slapping noise and I am back up under the dodger. The aft hoop on the Shade Tree has come out of the tunnel in the canvas, has separate and is pounding the Bimini. I decide to wait to try to control this unpredictable and potentially dangerous flailing object. There is only one of me. Three hundred miles from home and any help is in the same situation.

And then as quickly as it came, the storm disappeared. Dawn had arrived and I took inventory. The stitching in the aft edge of the canvas had pulled out and the material used to make the hoops had split at two points. I also



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AUXOP courses will resume in the fall when most people are in town



lost a five gallon potable water jerry can that I had secured to a life line with an overhand knot. The Shade Tree can be repaired and in an hour I will get in the dingy, pump out the rain water from the storm, go to town, find a hot spot and send a note to my wife asking for a replacement water container. She is flying in tomorrow.

One boat had dragged on to the shore and will need two new props. The two super yachts both powered up and drove into the wind to help the anchor hold position. One reported gusts of fifty knots.



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Tom is in Boulevard Manor Rehab Center in Delray Beach, recuperating from hip replacement surgery.



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I have a large quantity of second hand uniform parts for sale. They will be displayed on Thursday at the flotilla meeting.

I am taking orders for embroidered FLOTILLA 36 logo polo shirts @ \$25.00 each. They are available in several colors. I will not keep them in stock. The turnaround time is less than one week

Bring your checks or cash.
See you Thursday!



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This month was fairly busy.
On 06 June we manned the

Coast Guard booth at the Broward County Convention Center for National Safe Boating Week. Saturday, I represented the Auxiliary at the Hall of Fame Marina. This event was to commemorate National Marina Day. I was invited to perform a Vessel Safety Check for the marina. At the same time I supplied the marina with pamphlets and conferred with the marina manager in reference to having his customers attend various courses, which are supplied by the Flotilla.

As Flotilla Marine Safety Officer, I registered with the Palm Beach County Emergency Response Center to volunteer for any response needed in reference to the Gulf oil pollution problem. In the event we are called I do hope that our flotilla will respond favorably as we always have.



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The open house on 22 May was a great success with the orchestration by Tom Kegan and the many members that came and pitched in. Of special note was Gerry Petrotto's outstanding presentation.

We all owe a HIP-HIP-HOORAY to the Brave Vassal examiners that came out in the 90+ Degree heat to do over 50 VSC's during National Safe Boating Week .They were: Pat Ruggirello, Tom Thayer, Herman Feldman, Jon Deer, Jerry Edelman, and Ron Cohen a VE from PA who is transferring to our Flotilla.

Thank you all for your effort, above and beyond.



Here is a link to a web cam showing Hillsboro inlet

<http://174.141.93.194/>

Note: the Boca inlet webcam is down because of the construction. Ed



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Please note that any person sending in a 7029 should send it as E-Form, not just type it and put it in my slot in the office. I only pick up my mail twice a month. The 30 day limit may be exceeded, and it will not be accepted into Auxdata.

Now for the 7029 E-Form

You can now retrieve the E-Form which will go to my email when filled out. It is one page long and it is like doing a day by day record of your work for the Auxiliary. It still in test stage, so changes are likely and they may make it even better. I will keep you informed.

Go to (<http://webforms.cgaux.org>) which will take you to eDirectory. If you have it now just put in your pass word and it will get you to the new 7029, if not take a few minutes and follow the instructions and in no time your password will be Activated. **BE SURE THAT YOU READ BEFORE YOU DO.** In a few minutes you will be told that you are now in eDirectory, Activation Successful. On the left side of page are the links to the 7029. One of the forms will have instructions, so click that one to start. Read it and then begin doing your new 7029.

I am sure you will find it very easy to do, just take your time and read before clicking away. Remember your password to get into eDirectory again. Put it in a safe place. It will be on your Activation Successful page.

In a few months you will have fewer problems getting the 7029 form, it will be a easy link. Just give them time and all will be well. I personally feel that they have made the form easy to do.



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. Fortunately, there are almost no discrepancies in our AOR. Instead, some articles are worth reading. U.S. Coast Guard offers MF/HF radiotelephone service to mariners as part of the [Global Maritime Distress and Safety System \(DSC\)](#), allowing mariners to instantly send an automatically formatted distress alert to the Coast Guard or other rescue authority anywhere in the world. Digital selective calling also allows mariners to initiate/receive distress, urgency, safety and routine radiotelephone calls to/from any similarly equipped vessel or shore station, without requiring either party to be near a radio loudspeaker, simply by a "direct dial" of 877-562-4278. New VHF and HF have DSC capability. Certain models of (DSC) equipped with VHF maritime radios will automatically switch from a working channel to Channel 16 upon receipt of a DSC distress alert
Light List: Fort Lauderdale ICW E Sunrise Blvd. Bridge Painting until 08/10/10.





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Secretary

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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
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DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING
06/03/20 10	1930	Boca Raton Base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Special Bus
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT		GUESTS PRESENT	
FC-T.Thayer,VFC- B. Bartley, CM- J. Derr, SR-Azzarito, MT -T. Kegan, 4 th Cornerstone- R. Dunne, PE- J Petrotto, , MS-H. Feldman, Div.Vice Commander Ed Duda		Jim&MaggieHrbacek,JerryBerkheimer,JimHunt,Roger,Susan,Howard Goldstein,Barry Ruchowitz,Charlie and Steven Petrotto,Rod Dillman	
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON			
<p>Meeting called to order 1930 Pledge of Allegiance Tom Thayer Invocation by Scott Ellington <u>FC-T.Thayer</u> 25 Members helped out for NSBW. Thanks to Merry Duncan for goodies.VE Class will be 6/26 with Flotilla 34 at Pompano. Joe Milsop died, funeral will be Sunday, 3:30 in Ft. Lauderdale. He was involved with the Navy League, CG Aux,& Lighthouse. If you need more info see Tom.If you see any oil debris on beaches call the Dep't of Environmental Protection. City planning with Palm Beach County to do cleanup in case oil at beaches, <u>VFC-B.Bartley</u> Many members are out of town. Call for Staff reports. <u>MT- T. Kegan</u> Talk about OPEN HOUSE. Would like to do presentation every year. Prepare earlier. Had 2 Coasties here who helped out.Presentation of Suddenly in Command went well. Like to get Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts involved.6/19 QE audit 3 members, Eric and Jennifer for crew and Don Fisher for Coxswain. <u>MS-H. Feldman</u> Trying to get Boy Scouts involved with classes and boating. Expected them at Open House but they were no show. Checking Marinas for VE's . Planning Beach Cleanups.. <u>CM-J.Derr</u> Little activity this past month. <u>PE- J Petrotto</u> There will be ABS class 6/26. If you want to teach let him know. <u>HS-A Zimmerman</u> New potential members. Need more mentors. <u>FC-T.Thayer</u> Change of Watch on Sat. night in January at Elks. Bill going out soon \$50 for Dues. Merry Duncan will be new PE officer and Jerry Petrotto will be new PA officer. <u>Div. Vice Commander Ed Duda</u> Discuss 7029. Look on line.Working to support Sea Cadets. QE's one day at Boca and one day at Ft. Lauderdale. Broward Dive Show looking for people to man Booth. McVey House brunch 6/5. Capt. Fitton Change of Watch. Uniform Trop Blues. July 24 Div. Meeting. Job Fair. Update info on 7028's and look on line for 7029's at web forms CGAux.org. <u>Tom Thayer</u> called for vote to accept last month's minutes .Minutes were approved. Do 7029. Will be looking for new officers for next year, IS, SR, VE ,PB.(J. Blau may take PB position) Good Luck to Tom Kegan. Will be doing hip surgery this month. Motion to adjourn and seconded at 2050</p>			
<i>UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED</i>			
REMARKS Awards. Jennifer Blau inducted. AUX OPComms.-Merry Duncan, VE- Pat Ruggirello, PE.-Andrea Rutherford.			

NEXT MEETING

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
07/01/10	1930	Base
DATE SUBMITTED		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT
06/13/10		I Azzarito FSO-SR



Our three carrier groups in one picture! From top, Abraham Lincoln, Kitty Hawk, and Ronald Reagan. Provided by Tony Elvas

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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.