

The Log

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Flotilla 36 received “National Safe Boating Week” Proclamations from Delray Beach Mayor, Shelly Petrolia (shown here) and Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer.

Photo by Andrea Rutherford

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From the Helm...

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

I hope all of you have stayed healthy during this difficult time dealing with Covid 19. We are still in very trying times with the State of Florida rushing to open things and I am worried with the reports being seen in the newspapers and on tv that this may not be the right time to do this. Please always use extreme discretion/caution before getting caught in the excitement of things opening up.

We had the Division Meeting and I was told everything is still on hold. So please no heroics. They are scheduling D-Train for September. There should be emails going out soon about this so keep your eye open for this if you are interested.

Our 1st Everbridge will be this Friday on May 22nd. Obviously, it will have already been done by the time you read this. We need a 100% percent respond to Everbridge.

Sheryl Dun our Finance Officer will be doing something new this year. An invoice will be mailed to all members of the Flotilla 36 to try and collect the dues in a much more-timely manner. As you know dues will be due in July, so please keep your eye out for this too.

Last week the Blue Angels did a fly by. It was quite exciting to see. I hope everyone go a chance to see it, it was amazing.

Please remember filling out the 7029's is very important to our Flotilla. We will continue to fill out the 7029's as have been doing until Jane notifies us differently.

We are hoping to start back in July, there will be restrictions/rules we will have to follow to obtain the ability to do this. Once we get that information, we will pass the information on to all of you.

Please make sure when the meetings resume at the base, that you wear your uniform properly. If for some reason you can not do this, please do not wear them. We get to many complaints from up above when we wear our uniform incorrectly. If you have any questions on what the proper procedure is feel free to call me on my cell phone 561 756-2063.

The online classes are continuing. It is highly recommended that you keep up on the education while you can. Any questions on classes, please call Philip Petit.

Thank you for all of you that participated in taking the pictures of "Wear your life jackets to workday" National Safe Boating Week will be over by the time you read this article. You must keep in mind our job of safe boating never ends.

Be safe and I am looking forward to seeing all of you as soon as this Covid-19 thing clears up.



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Hello everyone. I hope you are all well, healthy and safe. National Safe Boating Week is here and we have a strong presence in social media. Our Instagram has been very active. You can follow it at <https://www.instagram.com/uscgauxiliary36/>

We are slowly coming out of this current situation but we still have some time to go before it's all over. We're still on stand down orders but I encourage you too stay active online with classes and doing your 7029. If you need any help with anything, you can always call me or email me and I will be happy to help.

I want to thank our FSO for doing an amazing job and staying busy during these tough times. We're extremely proud of the hard work you are doing and very happy to be part of this team.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our member Mitchell Irwin. He has successfully joined the USCG Active-Duty and will be heading to basic training this summer. We were sworn in together and we took many classes together, i am proud to see what you have achieved and what you will achieve in the future. Godspeed on your new journey and know we will keep a track of your progress and be behind you 100%.

I hope everyone is doing well and healthy. As always, I am here to help and answer any questions you may have.

Service Above Self - Semper Paratus
Admiral Zukunft



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Well, we made through another month with Covid 19. I hope all of you have continued to stay healthy. I have not heard of any losses in our Flotilla so that is a good thing. I hope you all continue to practice safe distancing and wear your masks to continue keeping this horrible illness at bay. I see too many people letting their guards down and this is only Phase One.

I truly hope the Governor is making the right decision in opening up things here in Florida. I for one will continue to stay away from the public with a limited amount of exposure in fulfilling what I need to, to keep my family fed and healthy.

I look forward to seeing all of you when this nightmare is over.

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Stop by the store during our Flotilla meeting and treat yourself to any of our amazing items for sale!



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AUXDATA II Update:

AUXDATA II is up and running. At this time, only FSO-IS's have access. Members will be given access in the coming weeks. As expected with any new system, there are some glitches that need to be worked out. We are working on getting these solved so that when the general membership has access, it will be smooth sailing.

You can get a look at the new system and its functions by checking out the support documents listed on cgaux.org. They are located at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=IT-GROUP&category=auxdata-ii>

Select Training Resources from the left side of the screen and explore.

Now is a great time to become acquainted with the new system, before you have access.

Should you receive access to AUXDATA II, feel free to enter and explore, but hold off on trying to input data. A training will be provided for you on how to input data, once everyone has access. Until that time, explore, explore, explore, but nothing more. The FSO-IS will update the new system with the information.

REPORTING VOLUNTEER TIME

Continue to use the forms (7029, 7030, 7038, 7046 etc.) to report your time to your FSO-IS until otherwise advised. These forms will continue to be used, even with the new system.

IS DETECTIVE

Let's help Juan Carlos put his volunteer hours in the right place on his Form 7029. He is an FSO (Flotilla Staff Officer) who lives 5 miles from the base (round trip). This month he attended the flotilla meeting online (1 hr.). He took two FEMA courses online: FEMA IS 241 Decision Making and

Problem Solving (2 hrs.), and FEMA IS 244 Developing and Managing Volunteers (4 hrs.) His emails and phone calls totaled 5 hrs. for the month.

Date	Mission Description	Miles	Expenses	99A	99B	99C	99D	99E
May 7	Flotilla meeting			1				
May 10	FEMA 241						2	
May 23	FEMA 244						4	
May 31	Emails/phone calls			5				

Juan Carlos can access Form 7029 at <http://webforms.cgaus.org>

What 99 Code Do You Use on Form 7029?

In order for you to get credit for your volunteer time, trainings and certifications, you need to report your volunteer time on Form 7029 each month. The codes 99A-99E are explained below:

99 A	Auxiliary Leadership (FSO's): Staff Officer Activities including prep and travel, emails/phone calls, meetings
99 B	Boating Support: ABS classes, public education events, public affairs, vessel exams, program visits, ATON, marine patrols, air patrols, radio net activities including prep and travel. FSO's and members report Boating Support here.
99 C	(Sea) Marine Safety Support: Marine safety/environmental programs, including prep and travel. FSO's and members report Marine Safety Support here.
99 D	Training: Study, classes, training, including prep and travel. FSO's and members report Training here.
99 E	Membership Activities (not FSO's): Member Activities prep and travel, emails/phone calls, meetings



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Please submit any articles or photographs you would like published in the LOG. Until the next issue...Happy Summer ☺



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The USCG Light List (2019 Annual Publication) is available online at <https://navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightlists> . These Light List products are corrected through the latest Coast Guard “Local Notice for Mariners” for each Coast Guard District. To access them, click on the appropriate section map (District 7 for our area) or the links below the map. These publications contain a list of lights, sound signals, buoys, daybeacons, and other aids to navigation. Weekly updates to the USCG navigation system are included in the Local Notice to Mariners, which is available as a download PDF file. Click District 7 on the main page, and follow the instructions for downloading.



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All ABS classes are cancelled until further notice. As you probably know, with the stand-down due to the COVID-19, we have had to cancel all classes until the situation clears, the base re-opens, and Auxiliarists are again allowed to resume activities. Our upcoming “scheduled” classes are June 20, July 11, and Aug. 8, and we will resume when we are permitted, and instructors and students can feel safe.

Youth Protection Training: Thank you to the instructors who have completed the Boy Scout “Youth Protection Training.” I encourage the rest of you to take this 2-hr online class is required for any instructor to work with groups of youth, such as Sea Cadets or Sea Scouts. It is voluntary. To get started, go to <https://my.scouting.org> and create an account. From there, go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>, and click Youth Protection Training logo. When your completion certificate arrives in an email, forward that email to FC Michael Byer and me. We’ll send it up the chain.

Paddlecraft Course: On May 8, I completed the webinar for paddle craft instruction, taught by Charles Hayes. The course, titled *A Paddler’s Guide to Safety*, reviewed many safety tips for instructors who are not familiar with paddle sports (kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards). Fatalities on paddle craft are predominantly due to drowning, and these vessels are vulnerable to every other type of vessels.

The key tips for paddlers:

- Wear a lifejacket and carry a whistle
- Be a competent swimmer
- Know how to self-rescue
- Know how to tow another board
- Know the local regulations and navigation rules
- Understand the elements and hazards – winds, tidal ranges, current, terrain
- Know when to wear a leash



- Be defensive – don't go where you aren't supposed to be and avoid other swimmers, boaters, paddleboards
- Use proper blade angle to be the most efficient paddle boarder
- Take a safety course

I'll look into the potential for offering a course for paddle craft in our area.

Also, as always, we are looking for more instructors. If you are interested in becoming one, please see me. The certification includes an online course/test and then practice-teaching at an ABS class (team-teaching works, too).

Thank you to Rafael Baez who created our Flotilla's Instagram site, <https://www.instagram.com/uscgauxiliary36/> where we promote the reduced fees for teens, as well as other Flotilla 36 activities. Rod Dillman has also contributed to the site and will continue to promote the ABS classes in the news media and social media.



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The theme in May for Communications was kicked off with direction from DSO-CM Mark Gaisford of District 7. In a communication he wrote "Communications using digital modes is an essential ingredient in today's emergency communications environment. Voice remains the primary method for simple tactical messaging between live operators but where complex messages must be sent with perfect accuracy, digital modes are the only reliable method. With our upcoming Hurex exercises and Hurricane season, I would like to start implementing vhf/hf digital messaging as an improvement to our D7 USCGAUX communications as another tool in the tool box."

An Online 2020 Telecommunications Workshop was held on 29 April 2020. TCO's with Radio Facilities began setting up the necessary equipment and training in digital modes of transmission. Every Tuesday evening there is a USCG Auxiliary Contingency Network held on HF Radio where TCO's with Radio Facilities communicate and train. From my personal stand point, I found it very useful for social distancing due to Covid 19.

Some of our members may find this of interest to them. If so, please contact me and let's get started on your communications training journey.



Rod Dillman

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Hello and Happy Summer! Well, here we are in May and it's National Safe Boating Week. There's been a lot of postings on Facebook and Twitter informing the public about the importance of safe boating.

Our Instagram page is really good. Thank You to Rafael Baez for setting this up .I have sent out press releases to the Sun Sentinel, The Palm Beach Post and some other media outlets as well. I also sent out press releases to two organizations that are designed for Recreational Vehicles. I did this because Rv'ers travel to campsites all over the country where there are water activities for children and adults alike. The two organizations are The Good Sam Club and The Family Motorcoach Association. Both of whom we belong to. Another media outlet that I sent a release to was South Florida PBS for use in their programming.

As different counties start to open back up, I'm optimistic that we will all get back together safely. On that note I wish all of you a Safe Memorial Day and keep in mind our veterans- past and present. SEMPER PARATUS- My Friends.



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Prospective Member Recruitment – My Contact Information:

The best way to alert me of a prospective member's interest in our organization is via email: fso-hr@cgauxboca.org . I encourage you to invite the prospective member to a flotilla meeting. We encourage all prospective members to complete the About Boating Safely class prior to filling out the application – we want to include a copy of the certificate with the application.

New Member Intake Procedures

Meet with the FSO-HR to complete an application and related documents:

1. Review the prospective information booklet (emailed prior to meeting)
2. Take the new member exam
3. Provide proof of citizenship (birth certificate, US passport, other certificates)
4. Take ID card picture
5. Pay dues check (pro-rated for the rest of the year)
6. Include copy of Boating Safety Class certificate
7. If prior military service, copy the discharge papers (such as DD-214)
8. Provide an emergency contact (name, phone, email)



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For those members who do not already know about the program, the Public Visitor (PV) Program is a part of the USCG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety mission. The PV program is designed to provide the boating public with the most current boating safety information and to establish a point of contact for boaters interested in boating safety. Businesses such as marine dealers, marine stores, dive shops, marinas, libraries, nautical stores, etc. in turn, can provide their customers with boating safety literature, information on Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks, and the location of public education courses. Monthly visitations provide an informative interaction between the USCG Auxiliary, businesses and the boating public. If you are interested in becoming a Public Visitor representing USCG Auxiliary 3-6, please contact me for assistance.



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DIVERSITY – A New Way of Thinking, Being, and Leading

- To develop talent
- To build environments of trust
- To get 100% out of 100% of our people
- To nurture creativity and innovative thinking
- To create learning organizations
- To get people to greatness
- To create high performance teams
- To ignite passion and purpose
- To create great products and great customer service
- To help the Auxiliary win at being the best volunteer organization

Source: Valuing Diversity Training Handout #6

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Has your Auxiliary member ID card expired?

Once a year, check the expiration date on your member ID card. The card is valid for 5 years. When it's time to get a new card, you initiate the process. If it's within a few months of expiration, or has already expired:

1. Tell the FC or VFC that you need a renewed ID card. They can help you get started.
2. Have your picture taken in the office (red background, uniform shirt). Zoom in so only your head with the red background is showing.
3. In an email, send the picture to the FC. Also provide the current information on the back of your card: Height (inches), weight, eye color, hair color, blood type, date of birth, and ID number.

The FC will submit your photo and information into the system. In a few weeks, the new card will be sent to the FC, who will have it at meetings. Bring your old card to swap out for the new card.

Note: If you present an expired card at the gate of a military base, you will not be allowed entry and your card might even be confiscated.



Here are some useful local boating websites:

Port Everglades: <http://www.PortEvergladesWebcam.com>

Boca Raton Inlet: <http://www.pbcgov.com/webcams/bocainlet/>

Boca Raton South Beach Park: <http://evsboca.netfirms.com/>

Lake Boca Webcam: <http://lakebocacam.com/>

Delray Beach: <http://delraybeachwebcam.com/>

Jupiter Inlet: <http://www.evsjupiter.com/main.htm>

Lake Worth or Palm Beach Inlet: <http://www.pbcgov.com/webcams/lwi/>

Boynton Beach or South Lake Worth Inlet: <http://www.pbcgov.com/webcams/slwi/>

Florida Intracoastal Waterway Bridge Guide

<http://www.hisc.org/Cruising/FloridaAtlIntracoastalWaterwayMovableBridgeGuide.pdf>

Hillsboro Inlet Tides

<http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Hillsboro+Inlet,+Coast+Guard+Light+Station+Florida>

Hillsboro Inlet Tides (and other stuff)

[http://www.windfinder.com/tide/Hillsboro Inlet Coast Guard Light Station Florida](http://www.windfinder.com/tide/Hillsboro+Inlet+Coast+Guard+Light+Station+Florida)

Important Web Sites:

<http://www.cgauxboca.org/>

Flotilla 36 Log, roster, flotilla info - USCGAUX Home USCG.org

<http://home.auxidept.org/>

National Info. What's New Page, USCG Seventh District , AUXINFO Division 3 Flotilla 6

<http://www.cgaux7.org/index7.htm?page=members>

USCG Seventh District /Diraux.org

<http://d7diraux.org/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=d7diraux/d7gw.htm>

Gateway Membership ID cards, Member Training Guide, Introduction to training available, Member Training Qualification Guide, All Courses, Division 3 Training Guide, Training in Division 3, Division 3 Member Training Guide, Training in Division 3, New Member Training power point presentation, History of USCG, Auxiliary New Member Course Student Study Guide -1.pdf 0



Hurricane Season Starts June 1 – Prepare for the “Everbridge” Drill in May

By Andrea Rutherford

The “Everbridge Alert System” is an automated notification system that the Coast Guard Auxiliary has adopted for emergency communication.

Sometime in May or early June, the Auxiliary will activate a hurricane drill. Be ready to receive an automated email or phone call, and respond as directed to confirm receipt of the message.



This is a drill. This is a drill.

When the alert arrives, as a text, phone call, or email, just respond as directed.

This drill prepares us for how the Coast Guard will alert us in the event of a real hurricane (the season is June 1 – November 30).

To prepare:

1. Have you moved or changed your phone number in the last year? If so, contact Jane Sabbagh to update your name/information in the database.
2. Will you be out of town for the time of the drill? If so, let Michael Byer know so that he can account for you during the drill. If you will be gone for the entire summer/hurricane season, let him know that, too.
3. Let your family know that this call could happen and what to do.

We apologize in advance: You might receive multiple (hourly) contacts until your confirmation receipt registers with the system. Everbridge contacts you using the primary (and then secondary) form of contact in the system. This could be an email, text, or phone call. It is not a perfect system, but it does the job.

To respond to an email or text: Follow the instructions to confirm receipt of the message.

To respond to a phone call: Do not hang up. Listen to the message and follow the instructions.

When the drill ends, you might be contacted again. Respond again.

Remember that Michael and Rafael are accountable for 100% of our members and must keep trying to contact you until you respond. If you do not respond to the automated message, they, or others, will have to continue trying to contact you personally. Help them out by responding.



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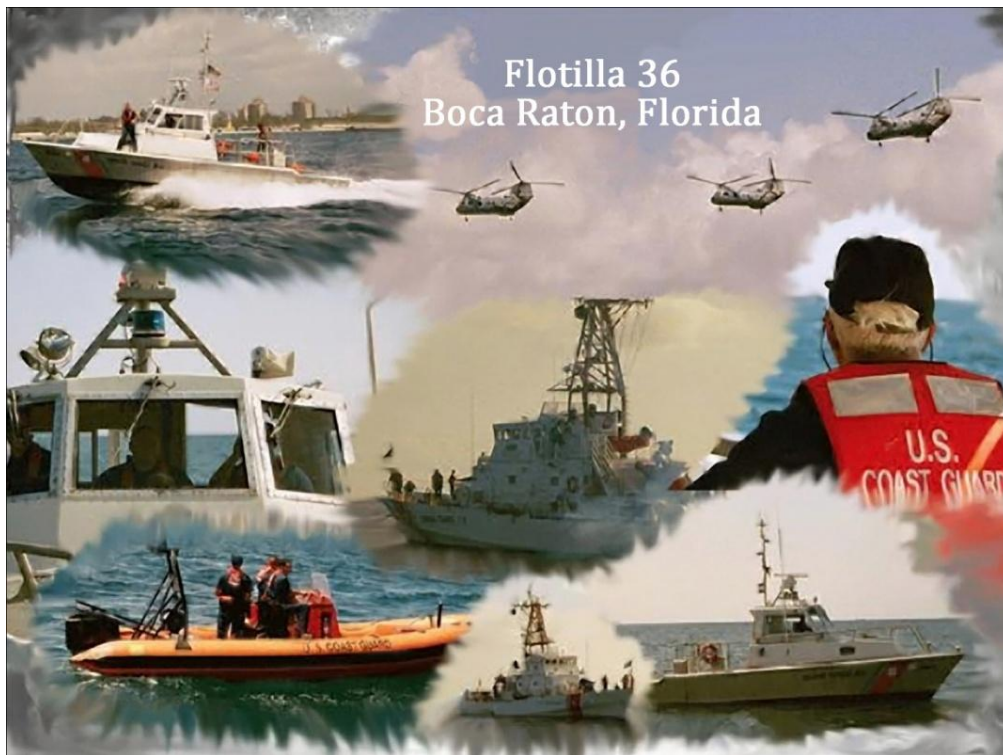
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Flotilla Meetings are held on the **First Thursday of each month at 7:00PM**

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

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