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From the Helm...

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

I hope all of you are well and trying to enjoy the summer.

We just finished our August staff meeting. It seems that our staff situation is in good shape. We may have to fill a couple of spots but are waiting to know for sure.

We are going to swear in two Staff Officers at our next Flotilla Meeting on September 3rd, Susan Roggi and Jonathan Markert. I believe our Division Commander, Jeffrey Barnes, will be in charge of the swearing in of the officers. I am waiting for confirmation of this.

We want to give a big thanks to David Sabbagh and his crew for finishing the antenna installation. We also want to give a big thanks to Jane Sabbagh who has been proctoring exams this past month. This has been successful so far. Thank you for all you do.

Andrea Rutherford is working on setting up virtual ABS classes. It is a big job and probably won't start until October. Andrea, thank you for stepping up and taking care of this, I know it has not been easy.

Our elections will be held on November 5th at our Flotilla meeting. Anyone interested in running for any position still has time to forward a letter of intent to me. The election is for every position including Commander and Vice Commander.

Bob Sherman attended our last meeting. He looked great and we wish him all the best.

Please remember we do have permission to do PE's and VE's, as long as we follow all the guidelines. Remember, you have to ask permission to Rafael or myself before you go.



Rafael Baez
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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and healthy.

Elections are around the corner, if anyone wants to run for office they will have to submit a letter of intent to the Election Committee (Jane, Andres and Eric).

We have contacted the same company that makes the blue tshirts for our ODS for Station Fort Lauderdale and now we have our Flotilla/personalized shirt. Please see the link below where to order if you are interested.

<https://www.jessiejessupapparel.com/client-gear>

ORDER ONLINE NOW

[jessiejessup.com/client-gear](https://www.jessiejessup.com/client-gear)



Want to pick up your order?
Don't want to pay shipping?

Use code: PICKUP at
checkout.

You'll get a text when your
order is ready with
instructions on where to pick
up in hollywood



Also I would like to congratulate our former member Mitchell for completing Basic Training and joining the Gold side. We are proud of you and you are welcome to visit any time!



If you ever need anything please reach out to any of the Staff Officers, myself or FC Michael Byer. I am available by email or phone and ready to help you in any way I can.

Be safe and be well.

Service Above Self - Semper Paratus
Admiral Zukunft



Sheryl Dun

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Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you reading this has continued to stay healthy and safe. I am looking forward to seeing all of you when our world gets back to normal.

On that note, if you were not able to see the monthly meeting the beginning of August you missed a good meeting. I looked at the screen and to my surprise, I saw Bob Sherman, in the meeting on the screen. I had to ask if it was really him. He looks great and I was so glad to see him looking so good. I hope if he is reading this that he continues to join our meetings.

The deadline to get your dues payment in is August 31st. Please if you have not sent the check, please get that to me if you can.

I want to thank Jane for her help in teaching me the new format for filling out the 7029's on the new system. I have to say I dreaded trying to learn something new. I don't know what I was so worried about. We were on the phone for about an hour. This is going to be so much easier than, what we were doing before. If you have not had a chance to go over this with Jane, please do not hesitate.

I can't wait to actually see everyone in person but until then, I will see you at the next meeting online. Take care of yourselves!



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Once again, I am very fortunate to report that at the writing of this article, my friends and family were all well. For this I am grateful and I sincerely hope the same for you.

I am extremely pleased to let everyone know that we are once again able to offer proctored exams on a limited basis. If you took the AUXSEA course this winter or any other course and feel ready for the exam, please let me know and we can schedule a time to take the exam at the base. We are limited to one member at a time and all COVID safety protocols must be followed, e.g. social distancing, protective masks, gloves, etc.

Last month we reported that anyone who performs ordered missions needs to do the following.

1. Complete the Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment form and send it directly to Mr. Brody.
2. Take the following two courses:
 - I. Emergency Response, First Responder Awareness Level Training (Course #501538).
 - II. Blood Borne Pathogens Training (Course #100293).

We are now no longer required to take the Emergency Response Course. You must still submit the Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment form and take the Blood Borne Pathogens course. As I mentioned last month, the form is very simple and takes about a minute to complete. The Blood Borne Pathogens course is actually extremely interesting and informative and can be completed in under an hour or so. Please send the COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment form and proof of completing the Blood Borne Pathogens Training course directly to Mr. Brody. You will not be able to perform any ordered missions until you do.

Once again, if you haven't spent any time with AUXDATA, now is a good time. A good place to start is by entering your 7029 data. If you need any help, just ask.

Stay Safe and Stay Engaged!



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Please let me know if you would like to treat yourself to any of the amazing items in our Flotilla store. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



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AUXDATA II
LOG IN

1. Go to <https://uscg.force.com/auxcommunity/login>
2. Username: *this is your member number*

3. [Password: your password \(don't remember it?\) Click on "Forgot Your Password" and an email will be sent to you so that you can set up a password](#)
4. [Log In: and receive a second security Password that will be sent to your email](#)
5. [Enter your verification code and you will be in the system](#) ☺

CHECK YOUR INFORMATION

1. Click on "Members" at the top of the page
2. Type your name in the search box on the top right of the page, Enter
3. Click on your name
4. When the page opens, scroll down and check your Contact Information
5. Don't stop here – click on the word "RELATED", scroll down and check out your Activities, Competencies, and Awards

REPORT YOUR HOURS (7029)

Did you know that volunteer hours are entered into AUXDATA II using mission codes? Where do you get these mission codes? If you are familiar with the 7029 form, you know that you already report your hours under different 99 codes. 99A, 99B, 99C, 99D, and/or 99E. These are the codes that are used in AUXDATA II. It is important that you report your time in the correct mission code areas. Not sure which mission code to use? See MISSION CODES at the end of this article.

Your time spent in the "99 codes" is reported as monthly totals in each area at the end of the month. You can keep track of your time using a 7029 form (for your record keeping only), or you can track your time in a notebook, on your phone, etc. When you go to enter your hours at the end of the month, just total the hours for the month in the different "99 code areas".

How do you get to AUXDATA II? How do you enter the information? Go to www.d3fl.org and click on AUXDATA II on the left side of the page. When the page opens, select 7029 Members Reporting, and follow the instructions.

IS DETECTIVE

Let's help Laura, (FSO Flotilla Staff Officer), enter her hours for August into AUXDATA II. Laura uses the 7029 form to track her monthly hours and then uses the info on the form to enter her hours into AUXDATA II. She does not send it to her FSO-IS because she will enter her hours. Laura knows that she has a total of 27 hours in 99A and 7 hours in 99D. She will go to AUXDATA II, click on "Activity Logs" at the top of the page, when the page opens, she will click on "New" on the right side of the page. After that, she will follow the steps in the **7029 Members Reporting** document located at www.d3fl.org under AUXDATA II.

Date	Mission Description	Miles	Expenses	99A	99B	99C	99D	99E
Aug 6	Flotilla meeting virtual			1				
Aug 13	ICS 700 & 800						2	
Aug 17	Division meeting			1				
Aug 20	CORE updated (5)						5	
Aug 31	Emails/phone calls			25				
	TOTAL HOURS			27			7	

Laura can access Form 7029 for keeping track of her hours at <http://webforms.cgaus.org>

WHO ENTERS MY VOLUNTEER HOURS?

- Your FSO-IS can continue to input your hours until you feel confident enough to do your own entries. In this case, send your 7029's and other forms to your FSO-IS for entry.
- You can enter your hours when you feel confident to do so. Follow the steps in the 7029 Members Reporting document and contact your FSO-IS if you have questions.

MISSION CODES

Use the right code to report your hours.

<p>99 A</p>	<p>Auxiliary Leadership (FSO's): <u>Elected or Appointed Officers Report:</u> Meeting time , Pre-meeting prep Travel to and from meeting Post-meeting follow-up Emails/phone calls Uniform maintenance</p>
<p>99 B</p>	<p>Boating Support: <u>All Members Report:</u> *Prep and travel to: ABS Classes, Air Patrols, ATON Missions, Program Visits, Public Affairs, Public Education Events, Marine Dealer Visits, Marine Patrols, Radio New Activities, Vessel Safety Checks *Member in charge of event will report your time spent at the event using another code. You only need to report your prep and travel to the event under 99B.</p>
<p>99 C</p>	<p>(Sea) Marine Safety Support: <u>All Members Report:</u> *Prep and travel to Marine Safety Events, Environmental Programs Beach clean up – all hours spent are reported here *Member in charge of event will report your time spent at the event using another code. You only need to report your prep and travel to/from the event under 99C.</p>
<p>99 D</p>	<p>Training: <u>All Members Report:</u> Prep and travel to classes Study, class preparation Training in class or online *Classroom time – unless the instructor is going to report classroom time using another code. Ask the instructor.</p>
<p>99 E</p>	<p>Membership Activities (not FSO's): <u>Members not Elected or Appointed Officers Report:</u> Meeting time, Pre-meeting prep Travel to and from meeting Post-meeting follow-up Emails/phone calls Uniform maintenance</p>



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



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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.

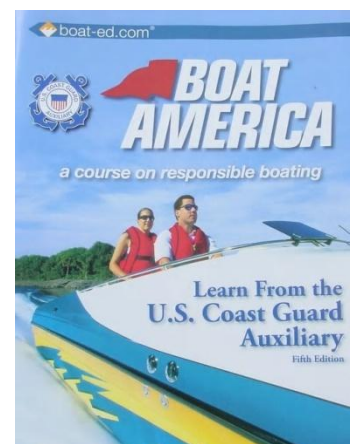


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Our base is still closed by the city, so we are not able to meet there, even in small groups. Even though we cannot hold classes at the base, we are putting steps in place to provide an online ABS class in late September.

New Boating Safety Book: *Boat America*, published by Boat-Ed

Every few years, the national PE directorate decides it's time to update our public education textbooks, and this year, it's the ABS book, which is no longer in publication. The new *Boat America* is slightly different, but close enough to the former ABS books that instructors will be comfortable using it. Also, the cost of the book is significantly reduced (new price: \$3.50/person, compared to 11.40/person for the former book). The slides will be updated as needed for the new book.



We will use up our existing supply of ABS books for our online classes this fall. By the first of the year, we'll transition to "Boat America," after training instructors on the changes in the book.

I want to give **Jane Sabbagh** a special thank you for reviewing/comparing the ABS book/slides to the new Boat America book/slides. This will be a big help in the transition to the new book for all the instructors.

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.



David Sabbagh

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This month we were able to mount and install our tallest VHF antenna. Thanks to Rob Glassman and Mike Gonzalez for their assistance. See photos.

We continue to do our digital communications on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for members with Radio Facilities training in Digital Communications.

Interested? Contact me for more information.





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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.

July's good news is that we have three new members applications that are in the system. We had one of our members transferred out (Mitchell Irwin) who went to Coast Guard boot camp which I just heard he graduated! Two more people want to transfer in and two additional people are interested in joining- applications were sent and I will continue to follow up with...

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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Program Visitor

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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.



Tom Thayer
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DIVERSITY and INCLUSION

Diversity and Inclusion are mission imperatives for the Coast Guard. Our Service is made stronger with our diversity, and we must continue to foster a culture of inclusion that will require Coast Guard members to embrace new ideas, accommodate different styles of thinking, and create a work environment that enables people to connect, collaborate, and empower different types of leaders. It is expected that Coast Guard leaders will demonstrate competence in managing cultural diversity, race, gender, background, experience, and other individual differences in the workplace. The Coast Guard Leadership competency of "Leading Others – Respect for Others and Diversity Management" align with the New Inclusion Quotient (New IQ) inclusive behaviors of fair open, cooperative, supportive and empowering.

Source: USCG Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan



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/FloridaAtIIntracoastalWaterwayMovableBridgeGuide.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%20Inlet%20Coast%20Guard%20Light%20Station%20Florida)

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



Illegal Charters in South Florida

By Andrea Rutherford

With the pandemic shutdown of many activities, boating in South Florida has grown more popular. People without a boat, anxious for a get-away voyage, might not realize that there are a growing number of illegal charters, with unlicensed operators and owners, who lure unsuspecting passengers onto their boats for a fee, sometimes thousands of dollars. Unwary passengers might fail to realize (or ignore the fact) that legal charters must have a license and other types of documentation. Once they board an unlicensed charter, they put their lives at risk. The boats may be under-equipped and uninsured, and the captain might be untrained and unqualified.



Teams from Coast Guard Stations Miami Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, as well as other stations, are conducting special patrols along piers and boat docks to identify and terminate illegal charters, especially repeat offenders.

The 70-foot motor yacht Isabella moored at Lauderdale Marina, July 25, 2019. The Coast Guard terminated the voyage of the 70-foot motor yacht, Isabella, with six passengers aboard near Port Everglades for conducting an illegal charter despite a prior Coast Guard 7th District Commander order to cease illegal charter activity. (U.S. Coast Guard / Courtesy)

Owners and operators of illegal charter vessels can face maximum civil penalties of \$60,000 or over for illegal passenger-for-hire-operations. Charters that violate a Captain of the Port Order can face over \$95,000. Owners and operators of illegal charter vessels can also be subject to criminal fines, years of probation, and even home confinement.

The Coast Guard will look for many types of infractions, including failure to have inspection and merchant mariner certificates and license. Operators have to comply with the federal Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993 which, among other things, requires the proper licensing, certification, insurance and equipment for owners and operators of charter boats.

From an interview in the *Sun Sentinel*, LTJG Peter Hutchinson, executive officer of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale, advised, “Illegal charters violate the safety of people’s lives at sea within the maritime domain, and the safety of lives at sea is our top priority. Before you step aboard, get underway, or even pay for a chartered vessel, ask the captain to see his or her credentials, inspection certificate and vessel safety plan.”



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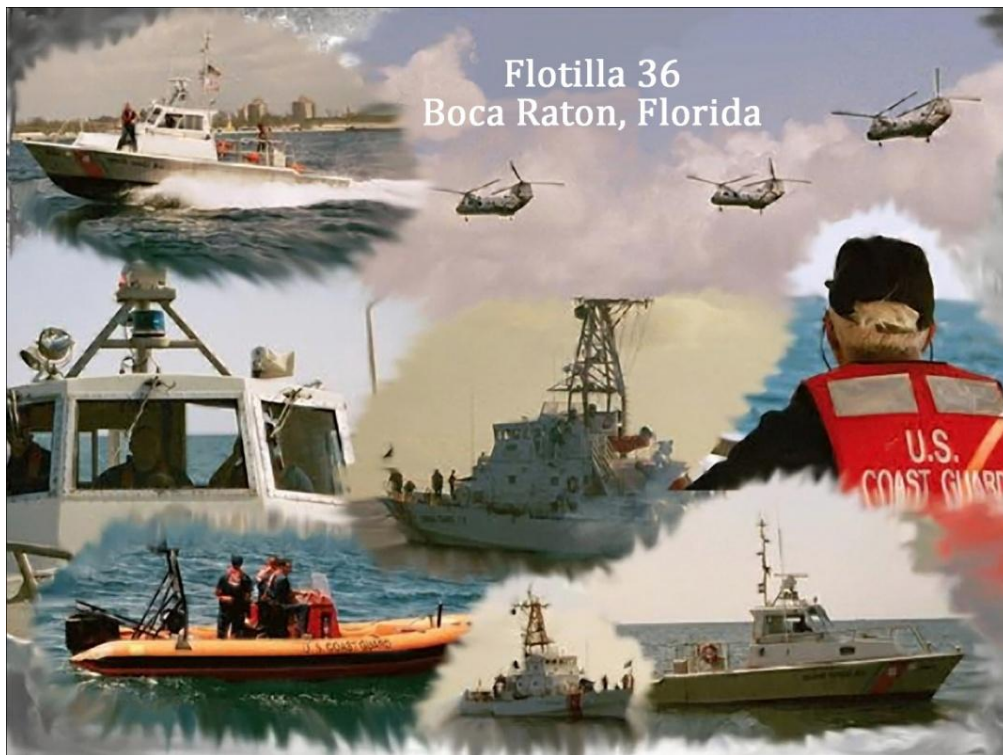
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