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Veterans Day – November 11, 2020



To all veterans and their families, thank you for your service. All veterans deserve the respect and honor of a grateful nation.

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From the Helm...

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

We had a division election and the results were as follows:

Division Commander	Jeffrey Barnes
Vice Commander	Mark Brody

So, there was no change on the bridge.

There are staff positions available in both the Division and Sector. There any of you are interested in any of the positions please contact either Jeffrey Barnes or Mark Brody.

Update on Bob Sherman- he is doing fine and should be finished with his chemo treatments sometime in November. He looks great and is in high spirits.

I want to thank Andrea Rutherford, Jane Sabbagh, Michael Gonzalez and all the other instructors for all their hard work with the ABS Zoom class on Saturday 10/17/20.

Our next Flotilla meeting on November 5th at 7 PM, is an important meeting and we need everyone to attend. We need to have a quorum to have the elections.

On another note – There was a very tragic event that happened on Thursday, October 15th in Ft. Lauderdale. There was a boat explosion where three people on the boat were seriously injured. It was a 41' Wellcraft which had 21 people on board. They had no life jackets and only 1 fire extinguisher that did not work when the fire broke out. 3 people were severely burned. Obviously, this tragedy could have been prevented if the owner had a proper education on what is allowed on the waterway. This is why VE's and our ABS classes are so important. There are reasons why the rules are in place.

Stay safe and be well!



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Hello Everyone! I hope everyone is doing well and is healthy.

Our Flotilla hosted the first online ABS class and our Staff/Instructors did an amazing job. I would like to congratulate you for a fantastic job and everyone else that was involved. Big thanks to Michael Gonzalez for setting up Webex system and helping Andrea and the instructors during these classes. Amazing teamwork.

I would like to welcome the new members and new transfer to our Flotilla. We are excited to have you in our family and cannot wait to meet you and spend some time with you.

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



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Hello Everyone,

Our elections are being held on November 5th at our next Flotilla Meeting. We really need all of you to sign in to the meeting so we can reach our quorum to be able to hold our election this year. I know some of you may think it is not important to join our meeting online but we really need all of you. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.



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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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OUR FLOTILLA HOURS: I would like to thank the following members for reporting their September volunteer hours (via 7029 or directly into AUXDATA II). October hours will be reported at the end of

October (after this goes to print). When you read this, it is a great reminder to report your October hours – and even report your September hours if needed. Let’s increase our number of members who report their time.

ANDREA RUTHERFOORD DAVID SABBAGH DUNCAN FERGUSON ERIC WEINBAUM HOWARD KAUFMAN JANE SABBAGH JOEL HERBST JOHN BUKATA KENWAY LEE	MARIO MARINO MARSHA COOPER_MARINO MICHAEL GONZALEZ PHILIP PETITO RAFAEL BAEZ ROBERT LITZENBERGER RODERICK DILLMAN RONALD DILLOR STEPHEN SEIDMAN
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REPORTING YOUR HOURS IN AUXDATA II:

How do you enter your time in AUXDATA II? For step-by-step instructions, go to www.d3fl.org and click on AUXDATA II on the left side of the page. When the page opens, select 7029 Member Hours Reporting and follow the instructions.

Be sure to use the correct mission codes (taken from the 7029 form). 99A, 99B, 99C, 99D, or 99E.

Below is a guide to the codes.

MISSION CODES: Use the right code when reporting your hours.

99 A	<p>Auxiliary Leadership (FSO’s): <u>Elected or Appointed Officers use this code to Report:</u> Meeting time , Pre-meeting prep Travel to and from meeting Post-meeting follow-up Emails/phone calls Uniform maintenance</p>
99 B	<p>Boating Support: <u>All Members use this code to 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>
99 C	<p>(Sea) Marine Safety Support: <u>All Members use this code to 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>
99 D	<p>Training: <u>All Members use this code to Report:</u> Prep and travel to classes</p>

	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.
99 E	Membership Activities (not FSO’s): <u>Members, not Elected or Appointed Officers, use this code to Report:</u> Meeting time, Pre-meeting prep Travel to and from meeting Post-meeting follow-up Emails/phone calls Uniform maintenance



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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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Did you know last year a Guinness World Record was broken when 633 divers participated in an ocean cleanup at Deerfield Beach International Fishing Pier? The group recovered over 1,600 lbs. of lead fishing weights and much more. Mike Gonzalez, a certified diver, joins some of his friends at Trashy Girls Collective who are making a huge difference removing trash from the oceans. Divers are creating a new way to collect and examine trash data. Trash that is collected in the ocean vs. on the land may have many differences. For example, heavy fishing weights may not wash ashore like other lighter items of trash. After some research, two applications were presented to Mike that can contribute his and Trash Girls Collective findings to worldwide data sets.

Contribute your own trash findings by downloading the Clean Swell Application on your smart phone from the apple or google store.

Find more information about the GuinnessWorld Record click here: <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/deerfield-beach/fl-ne-world-record-diver-cleanup-20190615-i6qjk2bluzh7tekb3hg2nspqxi-story.html>

Find more information about Trashy Girls Collective on Instagram at trashygirlscollective.



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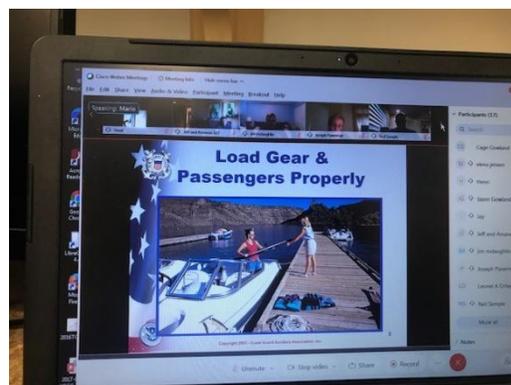
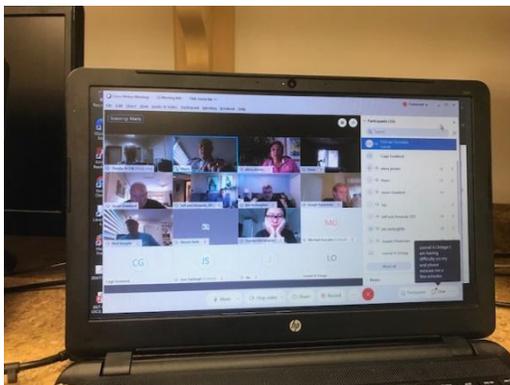
The USCG Light List (2019 Annual Publication) is available online at <https://navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightlists>. These Light List products are corrected through the latest Coast Guard "Local Notice for Mariners" for each Coast Guard District. To access them, click on the appropriate section map (District 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 and national is still restricting in-person classes, so we held our first online ABS class on the weekend mornings of Oct. 17-18. After a series of challenges before the class, including sending books, collecting payments, getting a new router installed, and other life interferences, the class went off without a hitch. We graduated 14 students (one teen), plus 2 others missed the second day and plan to review the videos and complete the class.

Thank you to instructors **Eric Weinbaum**, **Mario Stagliano**, and **Michael Byer** who taught with me for the ABS class. Also, I want to give a huge thank you to **Mike Gonzalez** and **Jane Sabbagh** for their assistance both days! It has always taken a team to offer the class, and now it takes a little bigger team! These photos show the conferencing views of the students and the presentation for Mario Stagliano's session.



The students were enthusiastic and grateful, as witnessed by these comments when I sent out certificates of completion:

Thank you so much. As a person who has never owned or operated a boat I was so impressed with the class and the instructors. Kudos to you for putting this successful session together. I learned so much. Now I feel much more confident in my search for a boat.

Great Class! Highly recommend.

Thank you very much. We enjoyed the class.

Thank you excellent course

Thank you so much Andrea for your email I am so thrilled.

I appreciate your hard work and dedication. Enjoyed the class, and your assistance was second to none. Happy to be your "bow lookout" any time.

Great, thank you so much!

Thank you to Rafael Baez who continues to contribute to 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. As Mike Gonzalez transitions into public affairs, I know he will use that site even more.



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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)



Debbie Davis

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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 and INCLUSION

America relies on the U.S. Coast Guard to preserve our Nation's maritime safety, security and stewardship. To ensure we remain **READY, RELEVANT, and RESPONSIVE**, we must continue to recruit and retain a highly skilled total workforce that reflects the people we serve. Diverse representation alone will not increase our readiness if we do not retain our diverse total workforce. Inclusion in the workplace drives employee engagement and is paramount for attracting and retaining employees.

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/FloridaAtIntracoastalWaterwayMovableBridgeGuide.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://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

A Salute to Our Veterans

By Andrea Rutherford

November 11 is a day to remember our veterans. Under federal law, a veteran is any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. We salute all veterans, especially those who put themselves in harm's way on foreign soil.

It is not surprising to know that in our Flotilla, we have had veterans of all foreign conflicts in our era, including the Mideast, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Viet Nam, and the Korean conflict, and we salute them. During my membership in the Flotilla, we were particularly honored to have had four WWII veterans, who remained active in the Flotilla and other veterans' organizations until their last days.

Two of our WWII veterans served in the Coast Guard, performing convoy duties far into the North Atlantic and maintaining a newly developed LORAN station the Philippines.

Another served in the European Army in the Medical Corps, landing on the Normandy Coast just days after D-Day, marching up the dunes, through the infamous hedgerows, and on through France and Germany.

The fourth was an infantryman in the Pacific. At Guadalcanal, he was captured and sent to a Prisoner of War camp in south Japan. After 2 years of unspeakable treatment, he saw the mushroom cloud of Hiroshima and was soon rescued by the American army. He was evacuated to an armed forces hospital at the Biltmore Hotel in Miami where he spent the next 5 years recovering from his extensive wounds. He was discharged in 1950.

Each of these veterans had enlisted eagerly at age 17 or 18, immediately after graduating from high school, and for them, the enlistment lasted until the end of the war. Despite



their dramatically different war experiences, all 4 of these WWII veterans had common feelings and remarks about the war:

“Of course I volunteered. Everyone did. All my friends did, so I did, too.”

“I was afraid all the time. I should have been more afraid, but I was young and didn’t think much about what could happen. You did what you were ordered to do.”

“We became like brothers. There’s nothing I wouldn’t have done for the guys. I would never let them down.”

“I am proud of what I did and proud of the service.”

In our flotilla today, we have veterans of more recent military actions. For example, veteran Howard Burakof was in the Air Force for 4 years, from 1956-1960, and served in Japan for 2 of those years in transportation, loading cargo onto aircraft heading all over the Far East. He recalls, “Back in the states I was stationed at Loring Air Force Base in northern Maine. That was a SAC base and very cold. [Dwight D. Eisenhower] “Ike” was president, and every time he had a heart attack we would go on alert and prepare for war. It was a very stressful time. When Reagan became president (1981) and he ended the cold war, I got a certificate thanking me for helping to end that war.”

Another veteran, Dr. Howard Kaufman joined the Army reserves as a young neurosurgeon in Texas and became a Major in the Public Health Service from 1968-70, where he conducted research in the Surgical Neurology Branch of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. A few years later, he recalls, “I was in the USAMC(R) as a Major from 1983-1986, and Lieutenant Colonel from 1986-1992. During that time, I was a consultant in Neurosurgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 1983-1992. I was practicing in Houston at a university hospital with a huge trauma practice, and one of my jobs was to teach the Army neurosurgical residents how to treat gunshot wounds, which they had not seen in the military hospitals at the time. They were common in Texas, where I saw many and I was doing research on them. I also trained at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. I was scheduled to go to Iraq, but my group was down to two physicians, and we cared for a population of 500,000 in northern West Virginia, so the Army delayed my deployment until I could recruit new physicians, and of course, the action was very short and I never went. I was the only one of 74 reserve neurosurgeons who did not go - the army was preparing for 10,000 casualties a day for 10 days.”

On November 11, please take a few moments to remember all veterans and their families. We thank them for their years of service and the sacrifices they made to preserve our freedom.



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