

The Log

Flotilla 36
Boca Raton, Florida
Volume XLIV, Issue 12

December 2020
<http://www.cgauxboca.org>



Photo by Michael Gonzalez

Fort Lauderdale Air Show in November 21-22, 2020 (after being postponed from earlier this year due to COVID-19), featured air and sea craft of the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and many air show displays and exhibits.



This version is for public viewing

From the Helm...

Michael Byer
Flotilla Commander
FC@cgauxboca.org

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Shipmates,

It is hard to believe that this is the last time I will be writing this as the Flotilla Commander. It will be a change for me personally because I have enjoyed the position as Flotilla Commander and working with all of you so much. I really do not know what comes next. I want to, once again, wish Rafael and Philip the best of luck under these hard and difficult times. There couldn't be a better choice to step into my shoes as Rafael and Philip.

I wish the bridge and all staff officers a good year and I want to wish all the members in our Flotilla and Healthy & Happy Holiday season. If anyone needs me for any reason, please do not hesitate to call.

Stay safe and be well!



Rafael Baez
Vice Flotilla Commander
VFC@cgauxboca.org

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and healthy

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful job and for staying very active during such a challenging year. An extra thank you to our wonderful staff that worked hard and gave it their all to keep our Flotilla strong. To the retiring staff BIG thank you for all you do and for everything being wonderful. To the new and continuing staff, welcome and keep up the amazing work. You make our flotilla look strong and amazing.

FC Michael Byer, thank you for a wonderful two years and looking forward to keeping working with you. To our new VFC Phil Petito, what an honor it will be to work with such a fantastic, hard working person and to all thank you for electing me as the new FC. I will not let you down.

If you ever need anything please reach out to any of the Staff Officers, VFC-Elect Phil Petito or myself. I am available by email or phone and ready to help you in any way I can.
Be safe and be well.



Sheryl Dun

Finance

FSO-FN@cgauxboca.org

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank Michael Byer for everything he has done for the Auxiliary as Commander. I know it is hard for you to step down from this position, but this would be a good time to enjoy the quiet time and relax for a few months. I am sure some other position will open up in the division that might interest you. In the meantime put your feet up, smoke your cigars, enjoy a brandy, and enjoy the holidays as they were meant to be.

I am looking forward to working with Rafael & Philip and anxious to see what the New Year will bring. (Hopefully a Covid Flu Shot – so this craziness will end)

I am personally looking forward to the holidays and the birth of my second grandchild. I will be heading to New Jersey on Christmas Eve. I am very excited to be asked to be with my daughter in the delivery room. I hope the time flies – I am counting the days-lol.

I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season.



Mario Stagliano

IPFC



Philip Petito

Member Training

FSO-MT@cgauxboca.org

With 2020 nearly completed, I hope this article finds everyone happy and healthy. This year has certainly been a challenging one for all of us and especially for Auxiliarists. I think we should feel proud over how we adjusted and adapted to a temporary new reality. We sacrificed much of our fellowship but in turn became masters of the virtual world. We learned to meet, communicate, teach and train all through an online platform. We taught Boating Safety, conducted Member Training and held meetings all from the comfort of our homes. More importantly we kept each other safe. We had to learn to operate in the world of Zoom and WebEx and last but not least AUXDATA II. I want to personally thank all of the members who did the heavy lifting of researching, evaluating and implementing new platforms and systems and provided training (and some nudging) for some of us less technically inclined.

With an eye towards the future, from here it looks bright. With a COVID vaccine hopefully in the very near future, I am looking forward to enjoying your company in person, sharing a meal and perhaps an adult beverage. I am anxiously anticipating large classes of our members and the boating public learning about Boating, Weather, Seamanship and much more. I am exciting at the prospect of getting back on the water for MOM, SAR and ATON Patrols. I am also looking forward to staffing the booth at Gumbo

Limbo Day and Safe Boating Week, participating in beach clean-ups and providing VE's, helping to make boating safer for the public.

With the proctored exam requirement temporary suspended, our members were finally able to complete the AUXSEA class that they started last February. Some members even took advantage of the suspended proctor requirement to engage in self-study programs and complete additional AUXOP courses.

It took a little time to structure but we were able to offer AUXWEA online. We had close to twenty members who participated and the fourth and final class will be held on Tuesday, November 24th.

Thanks to the support and training provided by our ADSO-IS, AUXDATA II participation is growing at an impressive rate. Several new members participated in an online AUXDATA II training class and are already entering their 7029 data directly into the system.

I hope everyone can share my enthusiasm, stays safe and stays engaged!

Bravo Zulu All



Duncan Ferguson
Vessel Examination
FSO-VE@cgauxboca.org



Marsha Marion and Mario Marino
Materials
FSO-MA@cgauxboca.org

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!



Jane Sabbagh
Information Systems
FSO-IS@cgauxboca.org

OUR FLOTILLA HOURS: I would like to thank the following members for reporting their October volunteer hours (via 7029 or directly into AUXDATA II). November hours will be reported at the end of November (after this goes to print). When you read this, it is a great reminder to report your November hours – and any other hours this year if needed. Let's increase our number of members who report their time.

ANDREA RUTHERFOORD	MARIO STAGLIANO
DAVID SABBAGH	MARSHA COOPER_MARINO
ERIC WEINBAUM	MICHAEL BYER
HOWARD KAUFMAN	MICHAEL GONZALEZ
JANE SABBAGH	PHILIP PETITO
JENNIFER BLAU*	RAFAEL BAEZ
JOEL HERBST	ROBERT LITZENBERGER
JOHN BUKATA	RODERICK DILLMAN
JONATHAN MARKERT	RONALD DILLON
JOSEPH PAVERMAN	SHERYL DUN
KENWAY LEE	SOTIRIOS TRIANTAFILLOU
LUIS DUARTE	SUSAN ROGGI
MARIO MARINO	TODD GREENSTEIN

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



Jennifer Blau
Publications
FSO-PB@cgauxboca.org

Please submit any articles or photographs you would like published in the LOG. Happy Holidays- stay safe. Until the next issue...



Eric Weinbaum
Operations
FSO-OP@cgauxboca.org



Susan Roggi
Marine Safety
FSO-MS@cgaux.boca.org

Gumbo Limbo has reported an above average season for the number of sea turtle nests collected in 2020. In total over 900 nests were tracked: 956 Loggerhead, 132 Green, and 13 Leatherback. Only 108 nests were lost mostly due to storms (80%) or wildlife predators (20%).

When a sea turtle emerges from the ocean and shuffles on to the beach and **does not** lay a nest it is termed a ‘false crawl’. Due to COVID-19, beaches were originally closed to the public for the first half of the turtle nesting season. During this time, sea turtle nest data shows fewer false crawls than average. The false crawl percentages are comparable to rates found along unpopulated beaches. Gumbo Limbo specialists believe that having the beaches closed allowed for fewer distractions to the sea turtles which resulted in more sea turtles nests and less false crawls along the Boca Raton beaches.

Gumbofest 2020 is a fund raiser for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Friends of Gumbo Limbo. The fest will be held at Crazy Uncle Mike’s on Dec 2nd from 5-7pm. Food, music, silent auction, popup shop, holiday gifts and apparel will be available with several activities held outdoors. Tickets are limited.

For more information about Gumbo Limbo’s sea turtle nests or the Gumbofest 2020 visit gumbolimbo.org



Liliane Meghabghab
Navigation Services
FSO-NS@cgauxboca.org

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.



Andrea Rutherford
Public Education
FSO-PE@AUXBOCA.ORG

On the weekend of Dec. 12-13, we will offer an online ABS class. Thank you to instructors Eric Weinbaum, Mario Stagliano, and Jim Goldasich to offering to help teach, and to Jane Sabbagh and Mike Gonzalez for offering technical assistance.

Thank you to Rafael Baez and Mike Gonzales who continue 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.

2020 Holiday Boat Parades: Cancelled

The holiday boat parade in Boca Raton has been cancelled. This announcement is on the Boca website:

After exploring all options, and out of an abundance of caution, the City has made the decision to cancel all annual holiday events, inclusive of the Holiday Tree Lighting at Mizner Park, the 50th Annual Holiday Street Parade, and the 44th Annual Holiday Boat Parade.

Other holiday boat parades that have been cancelled include those organized by Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, and the Hard Rock Casino (Winterfest).

Holiday events are still being planned:

In Boca, Sanborn Square Park will have its traditional holiday display of a 25' artificial holiday tree with more than 7,500 lights will be on from Saturday, November 21st, through the New Year.

In Delray Beach, the 100' Christmas tree will once again light the downtown and warm our hearts beginning on the evening



of Nov. 20, 2020 and will remain lit until Jan. 1, 2021.

Happy holidays!



David Sabbagh

FSO-CM

FSO-CS@cgauxboca.org



Rod Dillman

FSO-PA

fso-pa@cgauxboca.org



Robert Litzberger

FSO-HR@cgauxboca.org

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)



Debbie Davis

Program Visitor

FSO-PV@cgauxboca.org

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
FSO-DV

INCLUSION:

A dynamic state of operating in which diversity is leveraged to create a fair, healthy, and high-performing organization or community. An inclusive environment ensures equitable access to resources and opportunities for all. It also enables individuals and groups to feel safe respected, engaged, motivated, and valued for who they are and for their contributions toward organizational goals.

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/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>

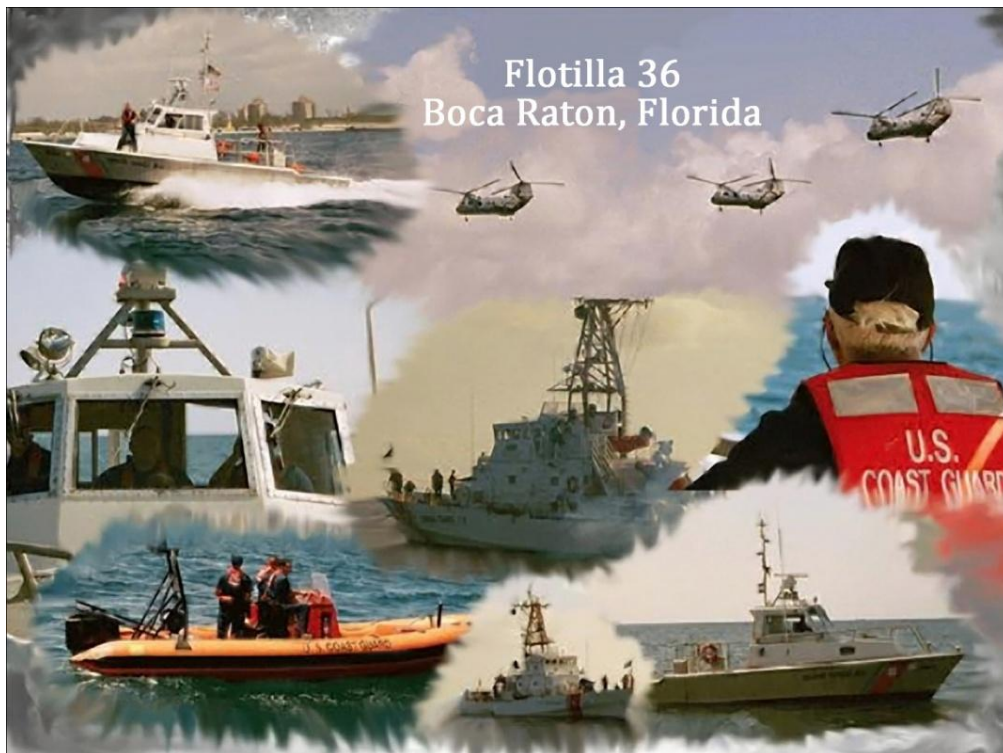
Gateway Membership ID cards, Member Training Guide, Introduction to training available, Member Training Qualification Guide, All Courses, Division 3 Training Guide, Training in Division 3, Division 3 Member Training Guide, Training in Division 3, New Member Training power point presentation, History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





The LOG is published monthly by:

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36
Marine Safety Building
3939 North Ocean Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Phone: 561-391-3600
Email: fso-pb@cgauxboca.org



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.

Copyright 2009: Flotilla Six, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Duplication and reproduction permitted by and for Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary members without permission.