

The Log

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Congratulations to the new Flotilla 36 bridge: **Flotilla Commander Rafael Baez (left), and Vice Flotilla Commander Philip Petito**, who were sworn in by Captain Burdian, Commander of Sector Miami, at the Division 3 Change of Watch, Dec. 6, 2020. We offer them our full support for the upcoming year.

And thank you to out-going FC Michael Byer for two years of leadership.



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From the Helm...

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

It has been an interesting and overwhelming year but we have managed to stay strong.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the amazing work you all did, even while facing this terrible pandemic. I always like to see what positive experience and/or lessons we can learn from any experience, even a bad one, and i think it's safe to say that as a Flotilla we learned to adapt quickly to the situation and that made us stronger and closer.

To you all, on behalf of newly elected VFC Philip Petito and myself, FC Rafael Baez, we would like to express our thank you for trusting us and choosing us to this honorable position. We are humbled and honored and we promise to do the best effort in our hearts to serve you with pride. There are no bad teams, only bad leaders and we will work extremely hard to not let you down.

Big thank you to Michael Byer for his years of service as FC as well as everything you taught us. We will always reach out to you for guidance and advice.

The outgoing, new and incumbent staff.....you are all a rock star and this Flotilla would not be where it is without you. You are the reason why we always shine and are well respected. Keep up the amazing work, you make us proud.

To our new members and new transfers- you have chosen to be part of an amazing family and we are overjoyed to have you onboard. We are looking forward to sharing and working together with you. Please feel free to reach out to any of us for anything.

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

This quote by Lt. Col. James Doolittle, describes every single one of you. A group of proud, humble and amazing people ready to do whatever they can in the service of their community, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and nation.

Please feel free to reach out to us for anything you need.

We're here to serve you.





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Happy New Year All! On behalf of FC Rafael Baez and myself, I would like to personally thank everyone for giving us an opportunity to serve as the Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 36, respectively. I would also like to thank past Flotilla Commander Michael Byer for all of his leadership and guidance over the past few years.

I am sure you are all relieved that 2020 is now in the rearview mirror. I think everyone can join me in hoping that all of us are happy and healthy and the travails of the past year did not exact too great toll. As of the writing of this article, the first COVID vaccine was being administered and a second one has been approved by the FDA. This is certainly encouraging news for us all and is the first major step towards normalcy in our lives. How quickly we will again be having in person meetings and classes, fellowship BBQ's and attending all manner of USCG AUX activities, is yet to be determined, but hopefully it won't be too much longer.

I mentioned fellowship above. It is so very important to remember just how significant a component camaraderie with our fellow Auxiliarists is. When I look back at my first months as a new member, I recall just how challenging it was trying to figure out what I wanted to do in the Auxiliary. But one thing was clear. We all enjoyed spending time with people with incredibly diverse backgrounds and interests. I feel lucky that we have such talented members in our Flotilla which is what it takes to make it all work. If you're interests are in Operations, Accounting, Administration, Education, Computer/Internet, Communications, Ecology, Publishing, Public Relations, etc., we have a place and a need for you. But like everything else in life, you get out of it, what you put into it.

It all starts with our Mission Statement which bears repeating: To promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety by providing exceptional boating safety education to the American public, with the aim of eliminating loss of life, personal injury and property damage, while delivering the highest quality training with the finest Auxiliary instructors and public education staff officers at every level, in support of our recreational boating safety goals and directives.

Our job is to fulfill our primary mission objective of Boater Safety utilizing the resources, skills and interests of our members. If you were able to join the Change of Watch Ceremony in December, I am sure you heard Captain JoAnn F. Burdian, USCG, tell us "Think Big, Act Fast and Own it". Regardless of the status of the COVID restriction, that's exactly what we plan to do.

As I told everyone last month, we are 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 Safety, 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 VEs, helping to make boating safer for the public.

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

Bravo Zulu All



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Hello Everyone,

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

I will be heading to New Jersey on Christmas Eve and I will be back in Florida on January 10th in the evening. In case of an emergency please call Michael Byer and he will get the message to me.

I am looking forward to a better year than last year. Talk to you soon.



Michael Byer
IPFC

Hello Shipmates,

I just want to remind all of you that I am here if any of you need me. I want to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Years. God willing, 2021 will be better than 2020.

I want to wish Duncan a speedy recovery.

Thanks again for all your support- Stay safe and be well.



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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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FLOTILLA HOURS: Hours reported below are for Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 19, 2020. Our flotilla reported 1,1173.1 hours, 14 Program Visits, and 49 Vessel Exams. Below are the hours for our Division.

Unit ↑	Hours Reported	# Program Visits	# Vessel Exams
34-Pompano Bch	1130.25	43	15
36-Boca Raton	11173.1	14	49
37-Lighthouse Pt	2437.18	104	105
38-Plantation	10456.2	193	234
39-Dania Bch	13551.48	55	200
Total	38748.21	409	603

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</p>

	*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.
99 D	<p>Training: <u>All Members use this code to 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>
99 E	<p>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</p>



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



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Hope everyone had a nice holiday season. The City of Boca Raton is having a holiday tree recycling program for residents from Dec 26th, 2020 - January 17th, 2020. Clean trees will be accepted at Countess de Hoernle Park, 1000 Spanish River Blvd (southern end of the parking lot near the maintenance area). Drop off times will be Monday – Saturday 8am - 8pm and Sunday 8am - 5pm. The recreation department will be there to assist. Make sure the tree has been cleaned by removing all tinsel, lights, and decorations. These trees will repurposed by being chipped into mulch for the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

If you are a resident and are unable to drop off, clean the tree and place tree in swale for regular vegetation collection.

For more information visit myboca.us or call 561-393-7810.



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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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First, I want to let you know that I am stepping down from my two current positions, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator and FSO-PE for personal reasons. It has been an honor, and I will miss the activity, but it's also time for new people to step forward with new ideas and a fresh eye. Thank you to all the instructors, aids, leaders, and members who have support the PE program and me all these years. It has been a labor of love, and without all of you, it couldn't have happened. I'm not going anywhere - I'll still be involved.

On the weekend of Dec. 12-13, we held our last ABS class with 10 students. Thank you to instructors Eric Weinbaum, Mario Stagliano, and Jim Goldasich for teaching with me, and to Jane Sabbagh and Mike Gonzalez for offering technical assistance. Online classes take concentration and organization, and the students, looking very serious, were a delight to teach.

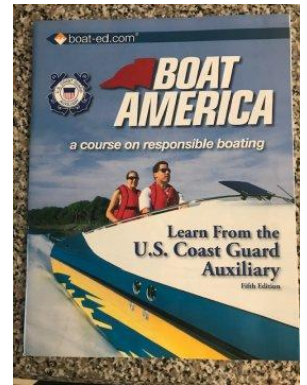


We have graduated a total of 56 ABS students this year, less than last year, but we overcame some big obstacles and kept our program moving forward. Congratulations to all the instructors and assistants!

New boating safety class:

Instructors, as we move into the 2021 season, the PE program will transition into a new book, called **Boat America**. Jane Sabbagh has volunteered to look through the new slides/book to make sure we understand the changes that are involved.

For example, there are now just six chapters, not seven. Chapters 1-2 are very similar to the ABS book, but the rest of the chapters will take review for new (or deleted) information. And the review questions are fill in the blank, instead of multiple choice. So once the review is completed, Jane and others will be in touch with more information.



As always, 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 our boating classes, as well as other Flotilla 36 activities.



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Auxiliary communications are not bound into a rigidly structured operational system but rather consist of fixed land stations, land mobile stations and direction finder stations that have been accepted by the Director of the Auxiliary as radio facilities.

The primary purposes of the Auxiliary communications network are:

- Coordinating authorized Auxiliary activities in support of Coast Guard Operations ("operational communications")
- Augmenting the Coast Guard communications system, when required ("contingency communications")
- Communicating urgent matters of official Auxiliary business ("operational communications")
- Training
- Assisting national resources in time of disaster ("contingency communications")

In many cases, Auxiliarists will operate radio facilities in conjunction with authorized surface and air missions. They will, at that time use authorized government frequencies in designated bands. Other program activities of radio facilities include operation in the HF Contingency Communications Program and the Auxiliary Monitoring Program in support of the Communications Area Master Stations, Sector Command Centers, and other CG Unit communications operations.

In order to stand watch at an Auxiliary communication facility, a Basically Qualified Auxiliarist must complete the Telecommunications Operator Personal Qualification Standard unless authorized as a result of previous completion of the "Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course") In order to act as a watch stander at a CG communications facility, Auxiliarists must complete all requirements as specified by the Commanding Officer or Officer in Charge of the CG unit in question. ([Welcome to the Telecommunications Division \(uscgaux.info\)](#))

Interested in becoming part of the communications team? Contact me to get started.



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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)



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 Rafael Baez for assistance.



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Words from Michael Jordan

As we launch into a more productive year in 2021, I want to deviate from my usual Diversity Article with this quote which we can carry with us for 2021. "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." -Michael Jordan-



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/FloridaAtlIntracostalWaterwayMovableBridgeGuide.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>

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<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



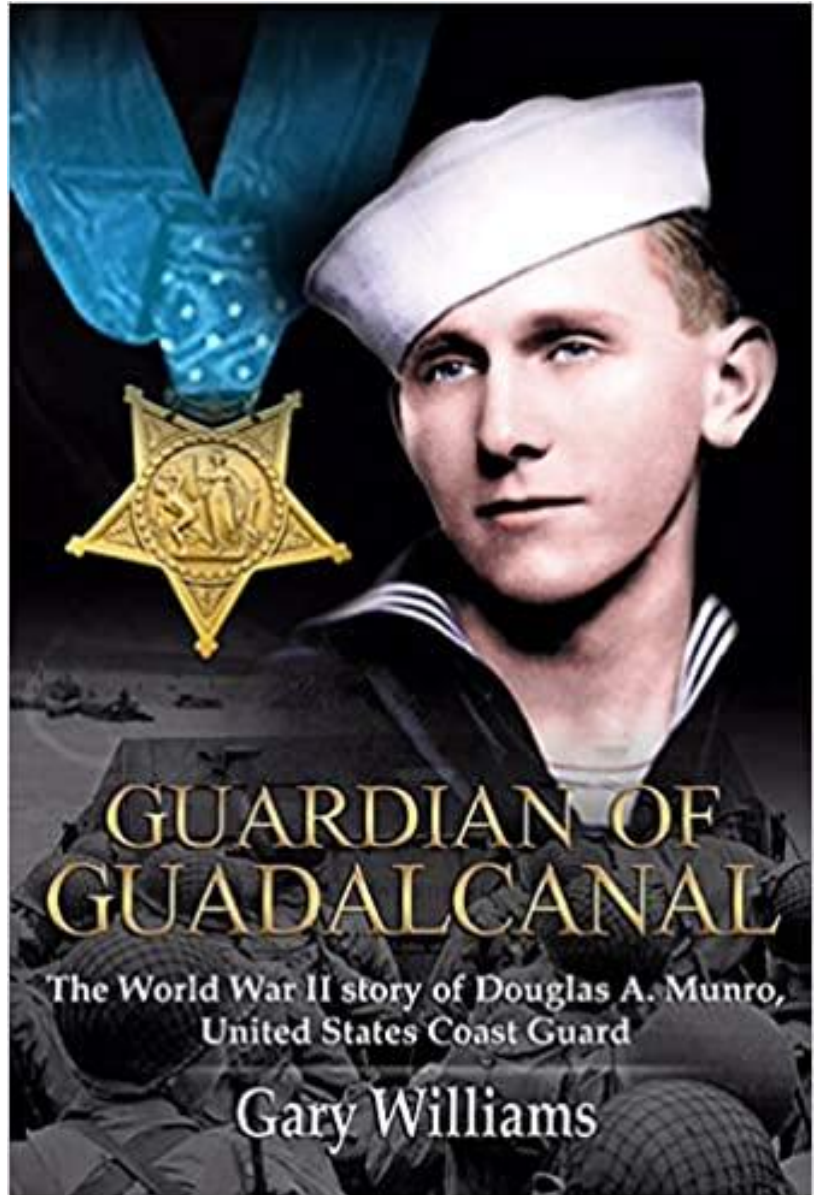
Book Talk

By Rafael Baez

During this pandemic, I was able to keep my mind active by starting to read books so that I can learn things about leadership, history, life, how to better myself. With your permission, I would like to start sharing and recommending some of those books with you. I have learned so many things about life and myself.

For this month, I will like to start with one of my favorite books “Guardian of Guadalcanal: The World War II Story of Douglas a. Munro, United States Coast Guard”

Not just because it relates to the Coast Guard family that we are part of but also because of the lessons learned from several characters in this book. Not just the act of selflessness to put his life on the line so that others (over 500 Marines) may live, but also the people that were part of his life and how they honored it even after he was gone. His mom and even nephew. Definitely a wonderful book I would recommend.





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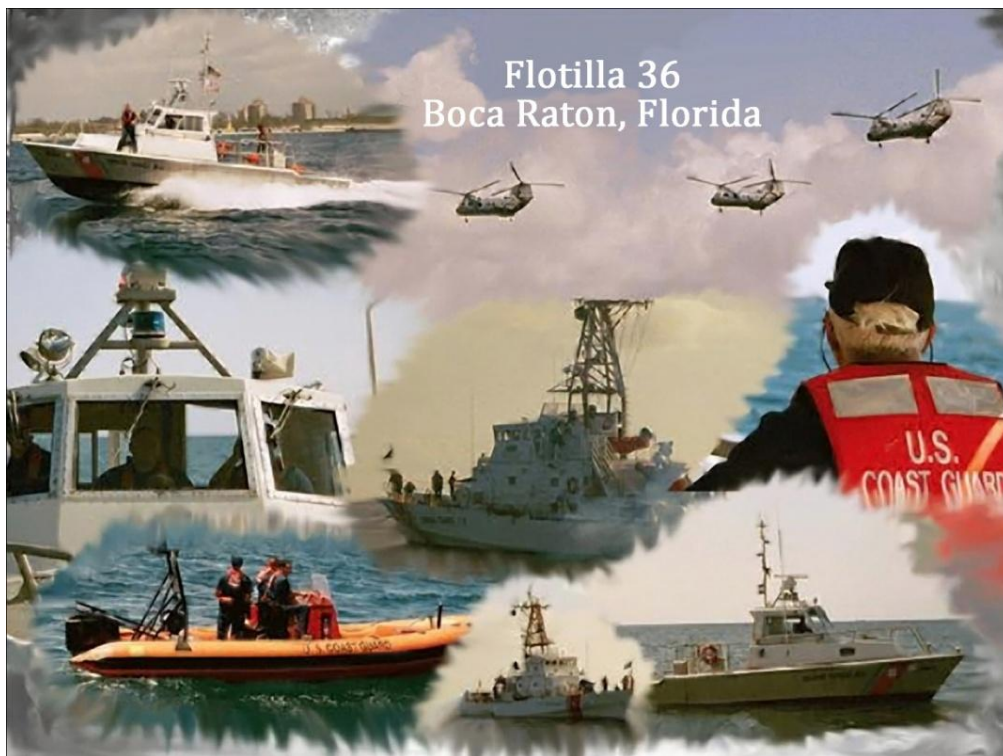
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Flotilla Meetings are held on the **First Thursday of each month at 7:00PM**

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