

# The Log

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**Manatee season runs through March 31. To avoid hitting manatees, boaters need to keep their eyes open for manatee “footprints” or circular slicks on the surface of the water and follow all the posted speed limits. Polarized sunglasses also make it easier to spot manatees.**

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# *From the Helm...*

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## **FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT**

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

Invitation from Steven Sheer SO- NS for this year's Aids to Navigation PQS workshop 2021 March 6th & 7th 0900-1300 (Online). This is a terrific opportunity for our division during the current restriction to become involved and learn.

Any question please contact Steven at [steven.sheer@gmail.com](mailto:steven.sheer@gmail.com) .

FSO-VE Michael Byer has started putting together a plan for National Safe Boating Week during the month of May. He will have a tent doing VEs at Silver Palm Park on March 28th and 27th. Only shift of two people and wear appropriate PPE as well as following the CDC guidelines. Please contact Michael Byer if you're interested/

I would like to welcome our new members. Please feel free to contact us for anything.

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



**Loretta White**  
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Hello Everyone,

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

I want to congratulate Loretta White for her new position of Vice Commander in our Flotilla. I look forward to working with you.



**Michael Byer**

**IPFC**



**Jane Sabbagh**

**Member Training**

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**ALL MEMBERS:** Are you good to go, or is it time for you to update your trainings? Keeping your trainings up-to-date is part of your commitment to membership. All members need to update 5 CORE courses every 5 years. There is one CORE course that once you've taken it, does not need to be renewed (Ethics). You **can check your status on the attached list at the end of the log.** If you need to update any or all of your CORE courses, here's how you do it.

### **CORE Courses**

Go to the Auxiliary Online Classroom <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>

Log in (top right)

Username (member ID #) and Password (your password)

Scroll down to T-Training (Including Leadership Development)

Auxiliary Core and Basic Qualification Training Portal

Select AUX Core Training Certification Portal

Select the course(s) you need

Watch the Training Video

Upon completion of each CORE Training Course, complete the self-attestation form (located on the site) and send it to your FSO-IS, Jane Sabbagh at [IntracoastalLife@gmail.com](mailto:IntracoastalLife@gmail.com)

**MEMBERS WHO JOINED AFTER 2/1/2018:** Basic Qualification Courses (BQC-II) are a requirement and part of your commitment to membership. There are 7 units that need to be completed, and once completed they do not need to be renewed. You **can check your status on the attached list at the end of the log.** If you need to take any or all of the BQC Courses, here's how you do it.

**BQC II Leadership Courses Located Online**

Go to the Auxiliary Online Classroom <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>

Log in (top right)

Username (member ID #) and Password (your password)

Scroll down to T-Training (Including Leadership Development)

Auxiliary Core and Basic Qualification Training Porta

Select AUX Basic Qualification Course II-2017

Select each module, study the guide, take the National Testing Center assessment



**Michael Byer**

**Vessel Examination**

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Hello Everyone,

We have started out the year very good doing VE's. We have a total of 26 reported VE's for the month of February, which is a good start. IF we continue at this rate, we will have well over 200 VE's by the end of the year.

Rafael, Michael, Jennifer, Eric, Mario & Marsha are a few of our vessel examiners. We appreciate the hard work everyone is doing.

If you have not turned in your accounting of VE's done, please do so.

National Safe Boating Week is around the corner. We have the dates reserved at Silver Palm Park. The dates are May 27<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup>. The both will be manned on both days between the hours of 8 - 12 & 12 - 3 with two people for each session for both days. I sent out an email asking for volunteers for this event. Please give me a call if you are interested.



**Marsha Marion and Mario Marino**

**Materials**

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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'S VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

Have you reported your hours in AUXDATA II? Only 13 of our 90 members have reported hours so far this year. At minimum, the remaining 77 members should be reporting time spent reading emails and any other activities in which they participated. We all read emails. As a flotilla, we should be more active in our reporting our time so that the Coast Guard is aware of the support the Auxiliary provides.

#### **AUXDATA II ACCOUNT**

If you don't already have an AUXDATA II log in, the first step is setting up your account. Here's how:  
Go to <https://uscg.force.com/auxcommunity/login>  
Username: member number **@uscg.aux**  
Click on Forgot Your Password and follow instructions

Any questions or need help reporting your time, call Jane Sabbagh 561-317-4546.



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Please submit any articles or photographs you would like published in the LOG. Please stay safe. 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.



**Andrea Rutherford**  
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Thank you to our instructors for teaching the Feb 20-21 online Boat America class: Eric Weinbaum, Michael Byer, Howard Kaufman, and myself, and aid Jane Sabbagh. We graduated ten enthusiastic students, including the Zawadecki family and their 10-yr-old daughter (pictured here) who was an outstanding student and is very excited about boating.



Our schedule for classes has been scaled back to accommodate online classes and the added duties for online students. Our classes will continue to be held on Sat/Sun mornings, 9am to 1 pm, on the following weekends:

Apr 17-18  
June 12-13  
Aug 21-22  
Oct. 16-17  
Dec. 18-19

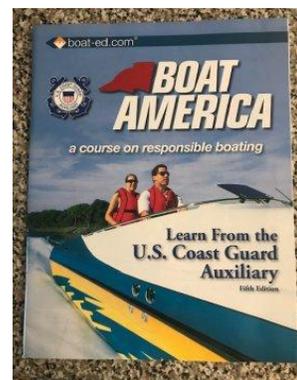
Instructors, last year, you were not required to teach to maintain your currency into 2021. However, this year, you must complete your currency maintenance (teach 2 hours or aid 4 hours). Due to the reduced number of classes, it is important that we rotate lessons and everyone has a chance to teach this year.

I printed a couple hundred 2021 blue PE flyers that are in the base office with class dates and information about VEs. Feel free to take a handful and spread them around. Thank you to all the instructors, aids, and other people who support the PE program. You provide an invaluable service to the boating community!

### **Instructor Workshop Will Be Scheduled in March**

Instructors, as we move into the 2021 season, the PE program has transitioned into a new book, called *Boat America*. The chapters are similar to ABS, but some content has been moved around, the slides are different, there is more emphasis on Florida state boating laws, and we are now using Zoom (instead of WebEx). The workshop will discuss each of these topics plus 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.





David Sabbagh

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Hello team! We have accelerated our social media presence on Instagram significantly and two of our top ever performing posts occurred in February! Our very own Andrea Rutherford's amazing speech for veterans day was re-recorded and edited for an on-going "series" on Instagram that will focus on the history and information about the US Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Rafael starred in our first "Why I Joined" campaign (Check it out below!) We are maintaining this campaign on the Division Facebook as well as our own Flotilla36 Instagram and plan to post this weekly.

Please follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/uscgauxiliary36/> (@uscgauxiliary36)

Follow us at our division Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/USCGAUXD3FL>

To see Andrea's amazing speech visit: [tinyurl.com/F36Speech/](http://tinyurl.com/F36Speech/)

Shown Below: Rafael Baez, Flotilla 070-03-06 "Why I Joined" Instagram Campaign



Robert Litzberger

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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](mailto: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.

**Tom Thayer**

**FSO-DV**

**DIVERSITY DEFINITION**

Diversity refers to the variety of similarities and differences among people, including but not limited to: gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socio-economic differences, appearance, language and accent, disability, mental health, education, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role and function, thinking style, and personality type.

*Source: USCG Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan*

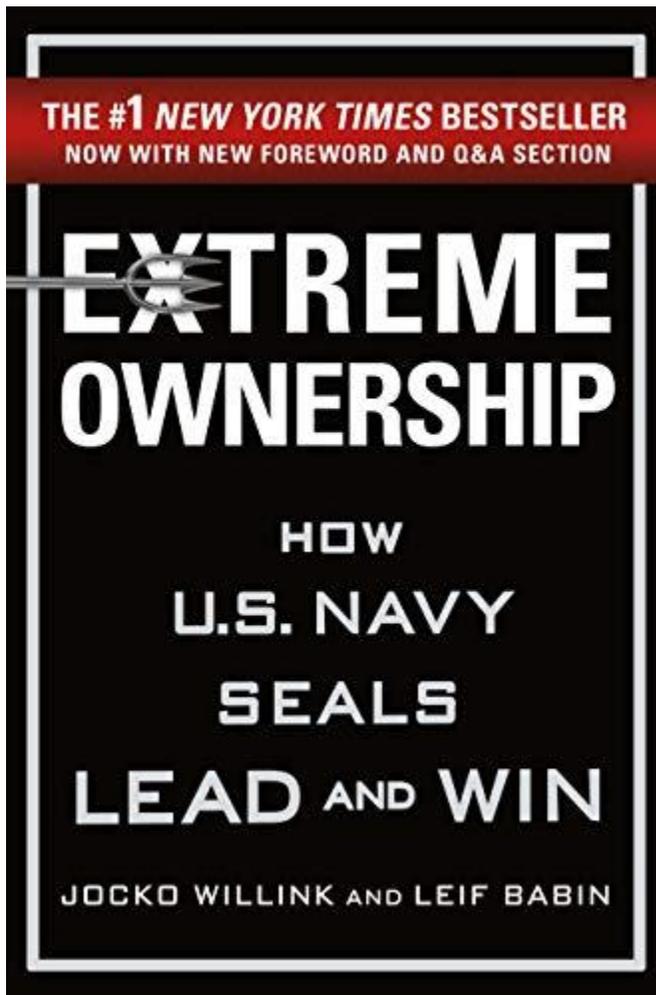


## Book Talk:

By Rafael Baez

This month's book, *Extreme Ownership* (How U.S. Navy SEALs Lead and Win). Two retired Navy Seal Officers tell their stories during the Battle of Ramadi.

They use their stories during war time and teach us how they can be applied to our daily life to help us be better and be successful in life and careers. The biggest lesson in this book is that leadership at every level is the key factor whether a team succeeds or fails.



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://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



Month of:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 AUXCOM Zoom 7:00pm - 9:00pm	4 Flotilla Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm WEBEX	5	6 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE) AID TO NAV PQS workshop
7 AID TO NAV PQS workshop	8	9	10 Staff Reports Are DUE AUXCOM Zoom 7:00pm - 9:00pm	11 Division Meeting Online 7:00pm - 8:00pm	12	13 VE Lake Ida (No Groups, PPE)
14	15	16	17 AUXCOM Zoom 7:00pm - 9:00pm	18 Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm WEBEX	19	20 LOG ARTICLES DUE VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE)
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