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From the Helm...

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and healthy.

With National Safe Boating Week 2021 coming up (May 22-28, 2021), we are starting to put together plans to get some activities going while maintaining the COVID safety guidelines so that everyone is safe. FSO-VE Michael Byer has set up a tent and it's still looking for volunteers. Please contact him if you are interested. It will be split in two shifts per day, only 2 people per shift while keeping social distance and wearing the appropriate PPE (Mask and Gloves).

With people starting to receive the vaccine things are starting to open up more. Discussions/planning regarding Boat Crew classes, online, have started and will keep you posted on that as well as Boat Crew patrols.

I hope everyone received the awards and ID cards that were mailed out last week.

I would like to thank everyone that reached out to our FSO-FN Sheryl Dunn and showed her support during her tough time. She knows she is not alone and has us. As I like to say, we are a big family and we are here for each other and i am grateful to be part of this amazing family.

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

We're here to serve you.



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Hello Everyone,

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting on April 1st. We are hoping to get word when we can start having our meetings in person again. Right now, it is still virtual, but I believe there is a light at the end of that tunnel. I am sure Rafael will keep us posted on this.

I want to thank everyone that has been supportive of me, since my finance passed away on February 19th. He enjoyed the few events that the Auxiliary before Covid.

Your kind words and just knowing you are there if I need you, means so much to me. Right now, my world feels like it is spinning out of control, I am on an emotional rollercoaster. I have my good moments and very bad moments. I am looking forward to these memories giving me a good feeling instead of this deep sense of loss. I know that will come and it will take time. I thank god for the patience Michael has given me at work during this time.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all again.



Michael Byer
IPFC

Hello Shipmates,

It is now officially Spring. We need to get going on the vessel exams. I realize we still have COVID guidelines, but we need to get some movement and getting VE's out there.

If you are one of the new Vessel Examiners and need to get your 5 VE's supervised, please call me, and I will make the arrangements to meet you.

Also remember National Safe Boating week is around the corner. We still need volunteers. Please call Rafael or myself if you can help.

Take care and be safe.



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

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 Portal

Select AUX Basic Qualification Course II-2017

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



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Atlantic Hurricane season begins June 1st – November 30th. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) has been discussing potentially starting the season earlier. The proposed Atlantic hurricane season would begin two weeks earlier on May 15th. This change will most likely not happen this year, though NOAA will begin issuing routine tropical outlooks starting on May 15th. The reason for this change is due to the increased number of early- season storms and an overall increased number of hurricanes per season. Today, improved technology helps better determine storms intensity and could also be a reason for the increased number of recorded storms. Research on the effects of climate change and hurricanes can be difficult to study due to the overall great time period of atmospheric and oceanic history. Recently, beginning research is showing an increase in water temperatures globally which can facilitate hurricane development. For these reasons, it is important to be prepared early for this upcoming hurricane season.

For more information visit the [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) (2021) or nhc.noaa.gov



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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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On Wednesday, March 17, I held an instructor workshop to give an overview of teaching using Zoom for instructors who have not tried it yet. We also reviewed the changes in Boat America, the annual currency maintenance policies, and the tips for a professional appearance. Thank you to the instructors who attended, and I sent the link to view the recording to all instructors.

The annual schedule for 2021 Boat America classes has the following dates:

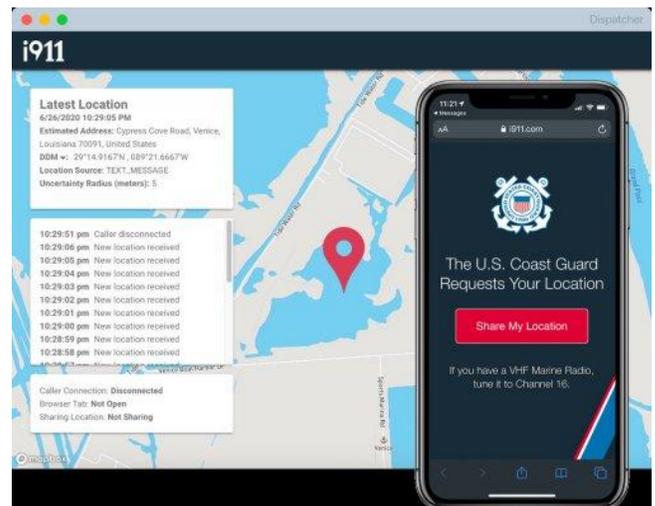
Apr 17-18
 June 12-13
 Aug 21-22
 Oct. 16-17
 Dec. 18-19

Thank you to all the public affairs activities and to Joel Herbst for his PV visits to put out flyers and brochures at nearby marine dealers and retailers.

NEW: i911 Program for Coast Guard Command Centers **Partially reprinted from *Coast Guard News* (6-May-2020)**

“Coast Guard District command center crews, including Sector Miami, have a new tool to help distressed mariners come home to their families after being out to sea.

“The ‘i911’ program allows for Command Center watchstanders to use a mariner’s cellphone number to assist in finding their location for Coast Guard rescue crews to locate them faster. Once the number is entered, the mariner receives a text message authorizing them to share their location with the U.S. Coast Guard. Once shared, the internal cell phone’s GPS, which uses satellites to pinpoint the mariner’s location, is displayed on a screen for watchstanders to aid in the search for them.



“This software is already available to first responder agencies across the country. It was developed by Callyo Inc. and is a free service for all first responders, including the Coast Guard. One of the newest uses of technology in the SAR field is the use of i911, a web-based software program.”

To benefit from the i911 service, boaters (up to 20 nautical miles off-shore) calling 911 on mobile phones for emergency assistance must enable the “Location” feature on their mobile phones. This

feature, which connects to GPS satellites, is used by the i911 software to relay the location of the mobile phone to the Command Center attempting to locate it. Once the Command Center activates i911, the mobile phone owner will receive a text message requesting the owner to “Share my Location” with the Command Center. This service has already been used successfully in many rescues around the country.



David Sabbagh

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Saturday March 13th a crew of 3 performed maintenance tasks on Flotilla 36's radio tower, Michael Gonzales was the tower climber, Jonathan Markert and I were the ground safety crew. Covid precautions were implemented during the work. The purpose of the climb was to cut off a mounting U-bolt for the cross arm to confirm its physical size for replacement and determine the condition of any other needed hardware for replacement. This work is needed to replace two VHF antennas. This work was postponed earlier due to Covid-19 restrictions and awaiting better weather conditions. Previous work completed was the installation of the main antenna just before the Covid restriction. Fortunately, this work allowed our station to be functional if needed or called upon during an emergency.

Other communications activity is the HF bi-weekly training on voice and digital transmission for Division 7. This activity is interactive with auxiliary stations in the South East US and beyond when conditions permit.



Jane Sabbagh

FSO-IS

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Two successful trainings were held in March for members and staff officers showing them how to check their personal data, check their training record, and report their hours.

FOTILLA'S VOLUNTEER HOURS:

It's time to report your hours for March. All members should be reporting time spent reading emails and any other activities in which they participated.

AUXDATA II ACCOUNT

Need help getting started? The first step is to set up an AUXDATA II account.

Here's how:

Go to <https://uscg.force.com/auxcommunity/login>

Username: your 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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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.



Tom Thayer
FSO-DV

Diversity Vision

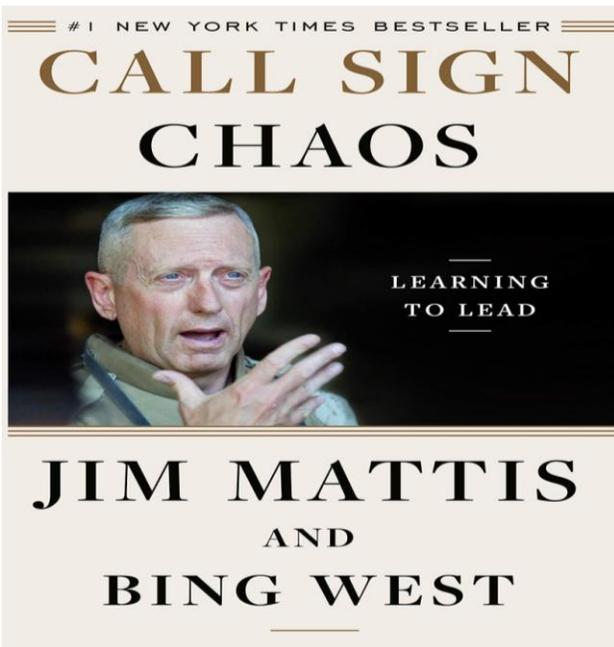
My vision is a fully inclusive Coast Guard where all people are respected, empowered, and valued. A Service where every single person can pursue and achieve personal growth and professional success. A culture that not only attracts the best of America’s diverse population, but fosters an environment that encourages America’s best to stay.

Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard



Book Talk

By Rafael Baez



For this month, I would like to recommend: “Call Sign Chaos. Learning to Lead. By General Jim Mattis”

A tough but fair leader that worked hard to make sure the mission was done right. The type of leader that trusted his Marines, or anyone under his command, to step up and lead, rather than wait to be led or told what to do. A leader that had no problem with being in the front lines with the NCOs or lower enlisted marines rather than being “safe” in the rear. His marines trusted him and his leadership because he trusted them with the same.

Someone I believe to be a wonderful leader. He was known as an intellectual for his passion for reading. He always promoted to his troops how important it was to be well-read and cultured.



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+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



Month of:

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Flotilla Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM	2	3 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE)
4 VE Lake Ida (No Groups, PPE)	5	6	7	8	9	10 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE) Staff Reports Are DUE
11 VE Lake Ida (No Groups, PPE)	12	13	14	15 Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM	16	17 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE) Boat America PE Class 0900 – 1300
18 VE Lake Ida (No Groups, PPE) Boat America PE Class 0900 – 1300	19	20 LOG ARTICLES DUE	21	22 Division Meeting Online 7:00pm - 8:00pm	23	24 VE -Silver Palm Park (No Groups, PPE)
25 VE Lake Ida (No Groups, PPE)	26	27	28	29	30	

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