COMMANDER’S COMMENTS
Tom Butler, FC

Well the year continues to fly by and here we are already in August. Over the past couple of months Flotilla 58 has continued to support the community, the boating public and the Coast Guard.

As you may be aware the Auxiliary election season is rapidly approaching. The Auxiliary Manuel Chapter 4 and Appendix C provide the specifics and eligibility requirements for elected officers. Elections start this month, August, at the national level with the National Commodore and the Chief of Staff being elected for 2 year terms. The national election will be held at the National Convention (NACON) in Orlando. In September at the District Training Conference (DTRAIN), also in Orlando, the District 7 Commodore and Chief of Staff will be elected for their 2 year terms. In addition, three District 7 Captains (North, East and West) will be elected for a one year term. Our own Gary Barth is running for his second year as District Captain East.

The next level of elections is the division. Each division elects a Division Commander (DCDR) and Division Vice Commander (DVCDR). 58’s Joe Walsh is the current Vice Commander for Division 5. These two offices are voted on by the Division Board comprising the Flotilla Commanders (FC), the DVCDR, DCDR, District Captain East and the Immediate Past DCDR. This election is scheduled for October 4 at the next Division 5 meeting.

Flotilla elections are held next. Flotilla 58’s election for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) is scheduled for our November 13th meeting. As required by our Standing Rules a Screening Committee is required to be appointed 90 days in advance of the election. For 2014 Julie Lewis, Henry Ward and Ken Crowley have been appointed as this committee. Their primary responsibility is to receive all notices of intent to run and determine if those members meet the eligibility requirements for the office. (An email has been sent to all FL58 members listing those eligible for running and the required items for the remaining members.) All eligibility requirements must be met prior to assuming the office. If you are interested in running for one of these offices you must notify the Screening Committee of your intention to run and for what office no less than 60 days prior to the election. That date is 14 September 2014. Members can be nominated by any current flotilla member from the floor at the election meeting. In order to be successfully nominated the nominated member must be eligible for the office they are nominated for.

All national level officers assume office on 1 November of the year elected. The District, Division and Flotilla officers all assume office on 1 January of the year following the election.

The importance of these elections cannot be over emphasized. The management and leadership of the flotilla, division, district and national administrative levels are determined by these elections. I would like to strongly encourage anyone that is interested in moving up the leadership chain and contribute to the management of our flotilla to seriously consider running for elected office. If you are interested please see where you stand as far as eligibility and notify the Screening Committee of your intent.

One of the most important commitments you have as an Auxiliarist is to vote for FC and VFC. Please make every attempt to attend the 13 November meeting and vote for the candidate of your choice.
TRAILER TIPS

Many of the boats used in the local Fort Pierce area are transported to and from the water on trailers. Here are some tips to help make your towing successful:

1. Inspect the trailer. Check the wheels and tires. Look for dry rot on the tires. Have the wheel bearings been greased? Are the trailer lights working okay?
2. Be sure the boat is tied down properly on the trailer. Also, be sure all gear is secured; (cushions, life jackets, empty coolers and fishing gear.) Loose items may become missiles.
3. Is the bimini top rolled up and tied off okay?
4. Is the car/truck powerful enough to pull the boat trailer load? The weight of the boat trailer will cause extra work for your transmission and cooling system. The extra weight will require extra stopping distance on your brake system.
5. Think BIG. Allow extra separation distance on the road. Take wide turns. Have someone act as a spotter to help you back up.
6. Get the feel of trailering before a busy weekend day. Go slow and think before taking any actions. Practice, practice, practice! It may not help get you to Carnegie Hall, but it might make your day of trailering the boat smoother.

Joe Walsh

REPORTING PROBLEMS ON THE WATER

Here are some helpful contact numbers — as provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission — for boaters and anglers who encounter various circumstances when out on the Indian River Lagoon and other waterways.

Fish and wildlife law violations: 888-404-FWCC (3922)
Fish kills: 800-636-0511
Tagged fish: 800-367-4461 or TagReturn@MyFWC.com
Sawfish sightings: 941-255-7403 or Sawfish@MyFWC.com
Bird Entanglement: 888-404-FWCC (3922)
Aquatic toxins hotline: 888-232-8635
Shellfish harvesting questions: 850-488-5471
Lionfish sightings: 877-786-7267 or MyFWC.com/Reportlionfish
Purchase a fishing license: 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356) or License.MyFWC.com

Your “The Inlet News” Editor
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Your involvement will make a difference.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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UNIT COMMENDATION

To: ALAUX
From: CHDIRAUX
Subj: COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY -011/14

1. This morning, in recognition of the outstanding and unparalleled achievements of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the time of its 75th anniversary, the Commandant of the Coast Guard awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation to all Auxiliarists who have served during the past five years. The citation follows:

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2009 to June 23, 2014, while providing unprecedented levels of dedicated public service and operational support to the U.S. Coast Guard's missions. Demonstrating remarkable professionalism and boating safety expertise, the Auxiliary performed over 1.1 million vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 540 thousand hours of boating safety course instruction and conducted over 809 thousand hours of public outreach. Displaying superior underway and airborne operational proficiency, Auxiliarists logged over 19.8 million hours of support and patrol missions, saved over one thousand lives, assisted over 20 thousand boaters in distress and prevented the loss of more than 185 million dollars in property. The Auxiliary always answered the call, remaining in lockstep with the Coast Guard's response to every major incident. In 2010, unique Auxiliarists were brought to bear in the international response to the Haitian earthquake, blazing new trails in the application of social media to locate and save dozens of trapped victims. Also during that year, well-qualified Auxiliarists filled essential incident command post watch positions and augmented active duty units to support the Deepwater Horizon response. Similarly in 2012, Auxiliary commitment following Super Storm SANDY and Hurricane IRENE was instrumental to effective Coast Guard response and recovery operations. The Auxiliary consistently found innovative ways to support the Coast Guard, including establishment of the Auxiliary Food Services program which trained Auxiliarists to augment Coast Guard galleys, afloat and ashore. Auxiliarists involved with Public Affairs, Interpreter Corps, America's Waterway Watch, and many other programs further contributed to Coast Guard success by volunteering their professional talents, mastery of trade, and disciplined initiative wherever and whenever needed. The Auxiliary's unwavering efforts directly contributed to unprecedented national boating safety achievements, highlighted in 2013 with the fewest boating fatalities in 50 years. Despite incredible challenges amid keen competition for America's volunteers, the Auxiliary grew its membership, provided over 22 million hours of inspirational support to the Coast Guard, and kept our Nation's coasts, lakes, and waterways safe and secure. The professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

P. F. ZUKUNFT
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

Dear Sector Miami Auxiliary Shipmates

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. While I salute the 75th anniversary, I can still recall the 50th anniversary in 1989, meaning that I am well past the prime of my career!!

On June 23, 1939, when Congress established the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, our Country was heading into a World War. Nazi Germany had just invaded its neighbor Poland, and the United States Coast Guard was being prepared for deployment in Europe. Over 30,000 citizens of the United States banded together to form the 1st volunteer service dedicated to the protection of the United States mainland. This is a story of American ingenuity, hard work, bravery, honor and devotion to duty.

Today, the Auxiliary is the premier volunteer organization in the world, dedicated to safety of life at sea. You give freely of your time and talent in support of Coast Guard and Sector Miami missions. Without your help, Sector Miami could not perform the myriad missions in the protection of our Homeland. Sector Miami Auxiliarists volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours standing radio watches, providing administrative support, teaching boating safety classes, and conducting vessel safety checks. These duties are performed in the air, on the water, in classrooms, at Small Boat Stations, and even in your own homes.

Service to one’s country is the highest form of patriotism, and I am grateful for your service.

In recognition of your 75 years of outstanding service, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard will award the CG Unit Commendation in recognition of your long history of distinguish service to our country.

Congratulations and Semper Paratus

Austin J. Gould
Captain, United States Coast Guard
Commander, Coast Guard Sector Miami
**ANNUAL DUES**

**FLOTILLA 58 FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA**

It’s that time again! “Dues are due” for the upcoming year. Our Annual Membership Dues for Flotilla 58 of $45.00 are due by September 01, 2014.

The second notice has been sent out. If you have not sent in your dues, please submit a check made payable to the USCGAUX FLOTILLA 58 in the amount of $45.00.

Your continued membership and involvement is appreciated. Thank you.

Please mail your check to:  
E. David McCullough FSO-FN 58  
c/o Joanne Walsh FSO-PB 58  
1914 6th Ave., SE  
Vero Beach, FL 32962

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**FILLING OUT 7029’s**

Gary Barth D7 DCAEPT-E, BC-UMW

A frequently used website by members should be the District 7 web page. The link is [http://www.uscga-district-7.org](http://www.uscga-district-7.org). Many new features have been added to the bottom of the page to make it easier for members to navigate. Also, the Members Resources button on the left side provides access to areas that many members need to utilize. Such areas as Forms, National Directory, Awards, Manuals and the District 7 store to name a few.

All members should check their information and availability in the National Directory (AUXOFFICER II). You will need to use your member number and password to access this site. If you do not have a password, click above the LOGIN on the “Change or Obtain Password” to obtain a password. If you enter a change of YOUR information, it will be automatically to your FSO-IS and changes will be made in AuxData without having to submit a hard paper copy to the FSO-IS.

For the new “Mandated Training” you need to go to [https://auxlearning.uscg.mil](https://auxlearning.uscg.mil). This training must be completed within the first year of membership by new members, and other members need to complete the training once every 5 years.

I know that this is a lot of information, but if you have a problem, please contact me and I’ll do my best to help you resolve any problems.

Everything related to Auxiliary thinking, talking, studying and activity is reportable. It's finding the right fit that's the challenge. Please note that the Prep, Travel To and From, and paperwork for the various activities, such as Vessel Exams, Program Visits and Missions (Patrols), and just about everything else we do, has a specific code on the chart. Since the actual Vessel Exam time is reported on the 7038, the 'standby' time should be shown as Prep. In other words, the Vessel Exams may be only 4 hours of an 8 hour day. Don't miss out by not reporting the full time. The combination of the 7029 and 7038, 7046 or 7030, should reflect all of the time spent for that activity.

Here's a summary of the various activities and how they should be reported on the 7029:

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On June 23, 2014, the Empire State Building will celebrate the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s 75 years of volunteer service to the United States Coast Guard and the boating public. The Auxiliary colors will bathe the building with light. Admiral Robert Papp, past Commandant of the Coast Guard, praised the 31,000-member force as “…the world’s premier maritime volunteers.” The Auxiliary’s theme for the 75th anniversary is “Honoring the Past Preparing for the Future.”

In 1939 Congress created this unique volunteer organization. The Auxiliary has four broadly defined purposes: promoting safety of life at sea and on inland waterways, improving efficiency in operation of recreational vessels, educating boaters on laws, navigation and operation of boats, and helping the Coast Guard Active duty with some missions and operations.

The role of the Auxiliary expanded during WW II and members began wearing uniforms. During these early years Auxiliarist developed professional working relationships with the Coast Guard. Continuing that tradition of service, 75 years later the Auxiliary is an integral part of Team Coast Guard. Auxiliarists make a difference by volunteering their time, talents, and use their boats and equipment. They are proud to serve their communities and the nation.

Each year, across the nation, Auxiliarists teach boating safety classes for the public and provide free vessel safety exams to promote recreational boating safety. Members engage in safety patrols and Search and Rescue operations in support of the Coast Guard. Auxiliarists stand radio watches at many Coast Guard stations and provide food service by cooking at stations and on Coast Guard vessels. They act as Force Multipliers for the Coast Guard.

The lighting of the Empire State Building with the Coast Guard Auxiliary colors on June 23, 2014 celebrates this proud 75-year history of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They are “Honoring the Past Preparing for the Future” and are, like the rest of the Coast Guard team, “Semper Paratus” “Always Ready.”

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian, uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard. The Auxiliary has approximately 31,000 members who volunteer over 4,500,000 hours a year to support Recreational Boating Safety, 200,000 in operational patrols, Search and Rescue other Coast Guard missions. (Source: Performance Trends Reports – National Summary Spring 2014.)

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Steve Weagle, the weatherman at WPTV Channel 5, poses as part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s “Wear It” Photo Campaign.

Life Jacket Display at the Bass Pro Shop in Port Saint Lucie, Florida, during National Safe Boating Week.

Captain Andrea Marcille, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Leadership Development Center, presents Tom Butler, FC Flotilla 58, with a challenge coin from the Leadership Development Center.

Members of the St. Lucie West Centennial High School Navy JROTC Color Guard present the colors at Chief Warrant Officer Todd A. Kagarise, USCG, Retirement Ceremony and the Flotilla 58 Headquarters Building.

Carl Holeva is presented with his membership certificate by Tom Butler, FC Flotilla 58.

Sean Hart, FSO-VE/PV, receives an Auxiliary Performance Award from Flotilla Command Tom Butler.
MAINTENANCE OF INFLATABLE LIFE JACKETS

Inflatable life jackets have become a very popular safety choice for boaters! They are not as bulky, cooler to wear and easier to store.

Please check out these illustrations showing simple maintenance tips to keep your inflatable life jacket ready to use.

Remember, life jackets only count toward your required number of jackets if they are readily accessible (not still in the box, plastic wrapping material or a locked cabinet.) Additionally, inflatables only count if you are actually wearing the life jacket.

Life Jackets Save Lives. Wear Them!