

New Port Richey, Florida

The Eleven Sixer

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Angelus Event

20 April 2013 Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey A boat safety patrol support mission for the Angelus House fishing trip sponsored by the Gulf Harbors Boating Club was conducted by the Coxswain and crew of the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel John Boy. Participating on the boat safety patrol was John Balazs as Coxswain and crew members Rosemary Zabinski, Frank Florio, Ernie Schwabe and Ron Dell as trainee.

More information on page 10. More pictures and video on the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/uscgaux116/?ref=ts&fref=ts> Videos here:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B7eRqQxrFjgtVIRGQ245bIBWZFE&usp=sharing>

If you would like to see the photos from the day, go on Google and search Florida West Coast Caring Anglers. The Facebook link is what you will want to click on. You can look at the whole website without having a Facebook. -Sara FWCCA, Special Needs

www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3mg2X42T8c



Videos;

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B7eRqQxrFjgtVIRGQ245bIBWZFE&usp=sharing>

An annual fishing event for wheel chair bound and challenged people who don't get a chance to get out on the water. A very Special Thanks to Richard, Kathy, Sarah, and Heather Trench for starting and hosting this annual event. Also a Special Thanks to all the people who assist and donate, time, money, and resources to make this annual event possible. Thank You again from the Lissow family, Angelus House family, and all of us who get to participate.

JROTC Awards Presentation

April 24, 2013 New Port Richey, River Ridge High School

On 4/24/13, Flotilla 11-6 members attended the JROTC awards presentation at River Ridge HS. In attendance was flotilla commander Roger Anderson and members: Nicholls, Hutchinson, Cafarella and Sposato. Commander Anderson and John Nicholls made the awards presentation with Colonel Jones of the AFJROTC for the most improved cadet. This is annual 11-6 event and the response was well received as usual. The award included a medal, ribbon, certificate and scholarship and was made to Cadet Lakotia Duncan.

Frank Sposato AAP

Pictures on page 10. Also scheduled for award presentations are Cadets from Ridgewood High School and Gulf High School on May 1st and May 15th.

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- Unit Activities Report
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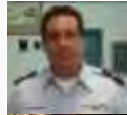
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Flotilla 11-6 Officers

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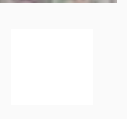
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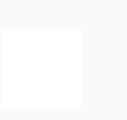
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Staff Officer Reports

Communications

Flotilla 11-6 Radio Staff Officer's Report for April 2013. 13APR2013 REGATTA 14APR2013 PRE QE TRNG. 14APR2013 MOMS 20APR2013 ANGELUS HOUSE FISHING OUTING REGATTA. 28APR2013 DURNEY KEY PADDLE BOAT RACES,SHALLOW WATER ESCORT .
Sam Walker FSO-CM 11-6

Communication Services

Power networks, radio communications and the global positioning system (GPS) are all entering a period of increased risk for outages due to geomagnetic storms. Geomagnetic storms occur when coronal mass ejections (CMEs), or eruptions of plasma, are hurled through space following a solar flare and collides with the magnetic field on the surface of Earth. It is at this point where GPS and communications signals travel and can be affected by this solar activity.

Ron Dell SO-CS Div. 11, FSO-CS 11-6, FSO-PB 11-6

Human Resources

Flotilla elections are only a few months away. Commander and Vice Commander will be open slots. If you wish to run for either office, check Aux Manual to see necessary qualifications.

Get started on leadership courses if you need them. Double check with FSO-IS, Norm Robertson to verify what you have done.

Thank you,
Rosemary Zabinski VFC

Information Services

All submitted FORMS in the month of April have been entered into AUXDATA.

For the Telecommunications Operator's qualification, ICS 100 and 700 have been found to be required for this certification. Per Ed Duda, these members will go into REYR until these members have completed and have recorded in AUXDATA these courses. I do not think this affects any of our members. If you have this qualification and did not take these two courses, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Robertson FSO-IS

Fellowship

Birthdays

. Jason Koczenasz May 18



Communications Services

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[Ribbon Checker Tool](#)

[Uniform Distribution Center](#)

[International Rules of the Road \(COLREGS\)](#)

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[Coast Guard Navigation Center](#)

[Safety Seal - Vessel Safety Checks](#)

[National Safe Boating Council](#)

[You're in Command Program](#)

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[Class Schedule on MYFWC.com](#)

[Class Schedule on Notice to Mariners](#)

[Class Schedule on the Flotilla Website](#)

[Class Schedule on the Division Website](#)

[State of Florida Boating Law](#)

[National Forms Website](#)

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[ODU Uniform Sleeve Rolling Video](#)

[Ribbon Arranging Information](#)

["Guide to Protocol and Courtesy"](#)

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[YouTube Video of PWC Parade Patrol](#)

[USCGA 7029 Webform Walkthrough Guide](#)

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Public Education

There were eleven students at the May 'About Boating Safely' class, on Saturday 4 May. All had passed. Instructors were Frank Florio, Roger Anderson, and Rosemary Zabinski. Ron Dell helped as Instructor Aide.

Public Education ABS Scheduled Dates for: **2013**

Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7

Saturdays 9am to 4 pm (First Saturday of the Month)

8:30 Registration

About Boating Safely Summer class will be conducted at the **Radio Building** on 3920 Marine Parkway, New Port Richey, Florida [Map](#)

About Boating Safely Class (Saturday Only) First Saturday of the month, 9am to 4pm
Registration 8:30 A.M. Class starts 9 A.M. goes until 4 P.M. with a Lunch break.



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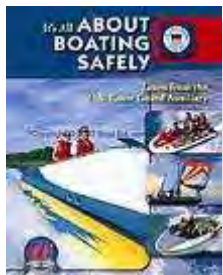
Time 9am to 4pm **Saturdays Only** Class—Lunch Provided

For Details, Contact Rosemary Zabinski (727) 692-1281

email: frogs3240@msn.com or cgaux.npr@gmail.com

Register online at: a0701106.wow.uscgaux.info

Search for classes at: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/peclass.php?unit=070-11-06>



Member Training

Welcome New Members Robert New Member Guide

The 36-page New Member Reference Guide, 2010 edition, is an indispensable tool for the new member. It covers topics such as History, Purpose, and Administration; Auxiliary Missions; Membership; Auxiliary Organizational Structure; Regulations and Policies; Support and Basic Materials; Human Resources; Member Training; Reimbursement of Auxiliarists; Uniforms; Auxiliary Recognition; Guide to Courtesy and Protocol.

Links to the New Member Guide can be found on the Flotilla 11-6 website; a0701106.wow.uscgaux.info.

Operations

There were five Boat Safety Patrols conducted this month. A joint training mission with Flotilla 11-7. Two Regattas and a QE training mission.

If you want to see photos of our Angelus House Fishing Outing on April 20th, 2013, check the link below. 192 pics. Our vessel JOHN BOY can be found on the following pic numbers: 48, 49, 72, 138, 139 and 151.

<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaWestCoastCaringAnglers?filter=1>

Staff Officer Reports

Public Affairs

Public Affairs had a very busy month in April, On April 13 there was the Chasco boat parade, April 20 the Angelus House Fishing Outing, April 24 the River Ridge High School JROTC, April 28 the Durney Key Paddlecraft Challenge. On 13 April 2013, the JOHN BOY, with John Balazs as Coxswain and Rosemary Zabinski, Frank Florio and Ronald Dell as crew, participated in the Chasco Fiesta Boat Parade. Hundreds of spectators lined the shores of the Pithlachascotee (More commonly referred to as the "Cotee") River. Billed as "Florida's oldest boat parade," the Chasco Boat Parade begins near Hooters in New Port Richey and travels the Pithlachascotee River through downtown with extravagantly decorated boats. USCG Auxiliary 11-06 of New Port Richey, Florida, has provided escort services for this event for many years and is proud to provide this service to the community and will continue to do so, in the future.

Navigation Systems

We seldom hear about the Coast Pilot, but Coast Pilot # 5, contains highly useful information for us. Check Chapter 5 and 12, especially sections referring to Navigational Charts, 11409 and 11411.

New edition of Coast Pilot 5 available now, Hard-bound copies available in three weeks.

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/charts.htm#POD>

The Office of Coast Survey recently announced that the U.S. Coast Pilot 5, Gulf of Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, 41st Edition, has been issued and is ready for free download and weekly updates. Print-on-Demand (POD) bound copies are also available for purchase.

Many mariners prefer the traditional books, and so NOAA continues to print new editions annually for those customers. The printed copies of Coast Pilot 5 will be available in about three weeks from authorized chart agents and their sales outlets. Check agent listings. Price \$30.00.

The 2013 edition cancels the preceding 2012 edition, and incorporates all previous corrections.

See more information on the updated editions of the United States Coast Pilot.

John Balazs FSO-NS 11-6

Vessel Safety

On April 7th we did a VE Blitz at Sim's Park, Robert Cafarella did 3 Vessel Examination, 1 passed, which was a replacement for last year & was given a sticker. Jim Kreyer did 4 Vessel Examination, 2 of which passed, 1 of which was a replacement for last year, Both were given stickers.

On April 15th Norm Robertson did 2 Vessel Examination, nether of which passed.

On April 21st we did a VE Blitz at Nick's Park Boat Ramp, Robert Cafarella did 5 Vessel Examination, 3 of which passed & were give a sticker. Frank Sposato did 4 Vessel Examination, 3 of which passed & was given a sticker. Raul Des Marais did 4 Vessel Examination, 2 of which passed & were given stickers. Jim Kreyer did 4 Vessel Examination, 2 of which passed & were given stickers.

On April 21st Norm Robertson did 1 Vessel Examination, which passed & was given a sticker.

On April 27th we did a VE Blitz at blitz at Sunset Landing Marina, Raul Des Marais did 2 Vessel Examination, Both which passed & were given stickers.

On April 28th Norm Robertson did 4 Paddle Craft Examination, all of which passed.

Next Month we are planning VE Blitz's on May 18th, May 19th and 25th.
To promote safe boaters week.

James Kreyer FSO-VE 11-6

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
FLOTILLA 070-11-06 NEW PORT RICHEY, FL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
April 10 , 2013
PEARL OF THE WEST MASONIC LODGE
LOUISIANA AVE., NEW PORT RICHEY, FL

FC called meeting to order at 1900

VFC R. Zabinski led Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those who have passed before us and to honor our men and women in the armed forces.

FC R. Anderson established quorum and introduced guests and new applicants.

VFC R. Zabinski received reports...commented all reports turned in on time.

FSO-SR R. Zabinski--motion is needed, seconded and passed to accept prior month's minutes.

FSO-FN B Smallwood Motion needed, seconded and passed to accept financial report.

FSO-OPS J. Balazs Discussed patrols and need for crew on April 13, 20 and 28

FSO-PA report- Tia Magnus -absent...Chasco Boat parade April 13..John Boy to participate.

Most improved Cadet program discussed and contributions taken.

FSO-VE James Kreyer- Vessel exams done at Nick's Park, Sim's Park 27 VEs done and 16 received stickers.

FSO-MA-James Kreyer-No items requested for order, nothing received.

FSO-CS Ron Dell- checked the WOW website for broken links or other problems.

Ron and others to research internet service at radio building..Ron donated a computer for radio building.

FSO-PB Ron Dell- newsletter can always use member input.

FSO-CM S Walker-Radio watch March 16, also both radios inspected in March by Guy Warner SO-CM.

FSO-MT—Roger Anderson-calendars handed out...followed by discussion. CPR Class -May

FSO-HR report by Roger Anderson—6 applicants waiting to be processed.

FSO PE presented by R. Zabinski - No Abs for April...2 students delayed class until May.

FSO-PV No activity reported to VFC....position open. ...please apply and help out.

FSO-DV no activity. position open.

FSO-MS no activity to report. position open.

FSO-IS Norm Robertson excused All time turned in for Auxdata...requests members do 7029-7030

FC- R. Anderson brought a cake to celebrate 4 birthdays.

Ryan Roberts, Robert Esposito, Rosemary Zabinski, Christine Demoncado.

FC- handed out certificate to Robert Allen-25 years of Auxiliary service.

Guest Frank Sposato discussed dates for Cadet JROTC Award ceremonies.

Frank's transfer papers being processed to return to 11-6.

FC requested time for fellowship and kitchen help for cleanup after meeting, need volunteers for this duty.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 2030

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Zabinski

VFC

Flotilla 11-6

April 10, 2013

Unit Activities Report as of 30 April 2013

Cognos PowerPlay Web Explorer AUXDATA Unit Activities

Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, April 28, 2013.

All Missions 070-11-06 NEW PORT RICHEY All Facilities All Unit Locations

All Operations All Claimants

Mission Hours	070-11-06 NEW PORT RICHEY
as values	
▼ ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	6.50
▼ AUXADMIN - Aux Administrative Support (99)	0.00
▼ AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	33.90
▼ CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08,92)	54.00
▼ CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07,20,22,26)	22.00
▼ CVS - Commercial Vessel Safety	0.00
▼ ELT - In Support Of Enforcement Of Laws And Treaties (27)	0.00
▼ GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00
▼ HS - Health Services	0.00
▼ IA - International Affairs	0.00
▼ ICE - Ice Operations Mission (53)	0.00
▼ LO - Legislative Outreach	0.00
▼ MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)	0.00
▼ MS - Marine Safety	0.00
▼ MT - (06) Member Training	1.00
▼ No Mission Listed	0.00
▼ OR - Operational Research	0.00
▼ RBS - (99) Recreational Boating Safety	928.00
▼ RN - Auxiliary Radio Net (29)	0.00
▼ SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	0.60
▼ UMDV - (11) Marine Dealer Visits	5.00
▼ UPA - Public Affairs (10)	55.20
▼ UPE - Public Education (04)	19.00
▼ UREC - Recruiting Assistance (09,90)	3.40
▼ VSC - (91) Vessel Safety Check	30.00
▼ All Missions	1,158.60

Updated Information is available here by clicking on this link or copy then paste this link into your browser;

<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/auxinfo/Division11.html>

IMPORTANT: Form 7030 is used to collect and input data into the AUXDATA System. Without this information, funding for the Auxiliary is not allocated/given. Without funding there would be very little resources for things such as fuel and travel and other expenses. It is critical that you submit your time in hours spent and expenses. Form 7029 Activity Report is also important, even if you just read emails/write email/attend a meeting, you should be jotting the hours down on the 7029 worksheet. Remember for expenses on the 7029, please only record expenses for tolls, parking, meals and lodging that you were not reimbursed for. Read the instructions on the back of form to find the category or categories that you are in. [Click here for instructions on filling in the 7030 form.](#)

The ElevenSixer Newsletter is always looking for articles about Auxiliarists, stories of interest, and photographs. Your articles don't have to be long; just make sure you include all of the basics: *Who* are you writing about? *What* is the topic or event? *Where* does the story take place (location)? *When* did, or *when will* this event take place, and finally, *Why* is this of interest, or *How* was this accomplished? Provide as much information as possible.

Photographs should include the names and offices of the people in the photograph. The location, date and who took the photograph.

Calendar

Upcoming Events

ABS Class	4 May	0900	Communications Building, NPR
Staff Meeting	2 May	1900	USCG Auxiliary Building, Marine Parkway, NPR
Vessel Safety Check Blitz	18 May	0900	American Marina, Port Richey
Vessel Safety Check Blitz	19 May	0900	Nicks Park, Port Richey
Flotilla Meeting	8 May	1900	Pearl of the West, Masonic Lodge
Begin NSBW	18 May	0900	National Safe Boating Week
Division Meeting	15 June	0900	Red Tail Lounge, Coast Guard Air Station, St. Pete

Division 11 Master Calendar – Version 7 16February13

May 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 11-9 VSC Blitz 11-3 ABS 11-6 ABS 11-1 VSC Blitz
5	6 11-10 BS&S 11-3 Meeting	7	8 11-10 BS&S 11-6 Meeting	9 TOC 4 11-10 Meeting	10	11 CPR/First Aid 11-10 BS&S 11-9 ABS
12 Mother's Day	13 11-10 BS&S 11-7 Meeting	14	15 Div 11 Repts Due 11-10 BS&S 11-1 Meeting	16 11-10 BS&S	17	18 Start NSBW Open House at SSK 11-6 VSC Blitz 11-1 ABS
19 11-6 VSC Blitz 11-1 ABS	20 11-9 Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 B-D SSK 11-6 VSC Blitz
26 B-D SSK	27 Memorial Day B-D SSK	28	29	30	31	

27 April, Dunedin Country Club, Division Awards Dinner

Several members from Flotilla 11-6 attended the Division Awards Dinner at Dunedin Country Club on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Roger Anderson, Rosemary Zabinski and Tania Zabinski, Roland Desmarais, Norm and Maria Robertson, Sam and Aimee Walker, Robert Hutchinson, Robert Cafarella, and (soon to be our newest transfer, Frank Sposato and Stephanie.

Norm Robertson received two awards, one for Information Services and one for Instructor hours.
Roland Desmarais received an award for Vessel Exams.
Congratulations to both of you.

Rosemary Zabinski VFC.

Photos by Tania Zabinski



27 April Dunedin Country Club Division Awards Dinner
Robert Hutchinson (standing) Photo by Tania Zabinski



27 April Dunedin Country Club Division Awards Dinner, left to right
Sam and Aimee Walker, Robert Cafarella, Roger Anderson

April 20th, 2013 Angelus House Fishing Outing

On Saturday, 20 April 2013, the USCG Auxiliary Vessel, JOHN BOY, with John Balazs as Coxswain, Rosemary Zabinski, Frank Florio, Ernest Schwabe (Of Flotilla 11-07 Hudson) and Ronald Dell as crew, participated in the Angelus House sponsored Fishing Outing for Handicapped wheelchair bound patients. The vessel provided services escorting approximately 25 privately owned vessels whose owners volunteered to take these wheelchair bound patients on their vessels. The patients were thrilled to catch abundant fish and were treated to an aerial display of a seaplane circling overhead photographing them. Vessel John Boy was tasked with the responsibility of warning away any approaching vessels which may be entering the area out of curiosity. Flotilla 11-06 New Port Richey has willingly provided this service for many years and will continue to do so in the future. It should be noted that the entire crew of Vessel John Boy donated their meal allowance to the Angelus House.

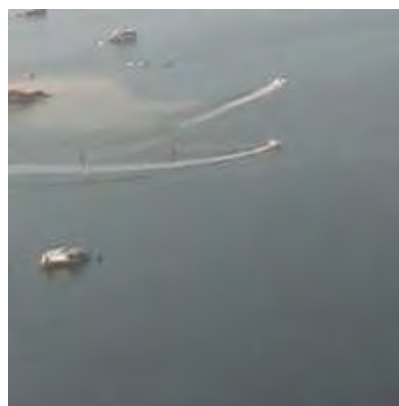
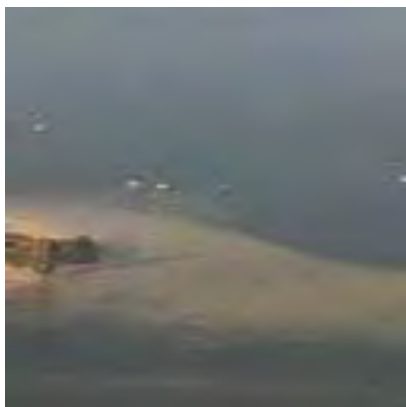
More Pictures on the Flotilla Website: a0701106.wow.uscgaux.info and [Facebook](#)

April 28, 2013 Durney Key Island, Florida

Bob Smallwood asked if I was flying my airplane the morning of the Durney Key Paddling Vessel Challenge Event if I could take a few aerial photographs of the area. I happened to be flying to Clearwater on that morning. I took off from Hidden Lake Airport and flew over Durney Key on my way to St. Petersburg Airport. I fly a Piper Cherokee which is an airplane with four seats and a 150 HP engine. My plane is grey with a black and red Medieval Good Luck Dragon painted on each side. I have 25 years of flying experience but only flying seriously the last 10 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Walker FSO-CM 11-6



On Sunday April 28 Pasco County Parks and Rec department along with Paddling Pasco held the 1st annual Durney Key Challenge. This was a 2.3 mile paddling race course around several Stilt Houses and in open water starting and ending on Durney Key. Unlike a traditional race this event included 10 unique challenges testing paddling skills and endurance. The challenges included many turns and obstacles to paddle around and over, and one that required the paddler to get out of their boat and then get back in. It was a timed event but was designed for a novice to be able to accomplish the tasks and have fun.

Robert Smallwood had volunteered Flotilla 11-6 to help early in the planning process of the event given the concern of the venue being in a major boating area between the Cotee River and the Anclote North Sand Bar. Flotilla 11-6 provided two facilities- (BobCat-Robert Smallwood) and (Norm Robertson's PWC) for traffic and crowd control along the race course. Given the course covered over two miles of open water the Pasco Sherriff and FWC also where there to provide Law Enforcement and visibility to the event. Some of the course was over shallow areas, so BobCat patrolled the deeper western end of the course while Norm's PWC was a better choice on the shallow east side.

The event started around 1030, and given a strong southeast breeze it was a challenge for the participants as they paddled into the wind for the first mile of the course. For many of the novice paddlers, this drained a lot of their energy. The return path to Durney Key contained all the course obstacles including maneuvering around the Stilt Houses. Mid-way through the event, in the area of the course where most of the obstacles were located Norm saw that a paddler had flipped her kayak. Her life jacket was not secured properly, it had slipped over her head covering her face and she began to panic. Norm knew he needed to respond. He could have called out for help, but given his training and situational awareness he knew that his PWC could get to the paddler quicker than anyone else. Norm did not hesitate, quickly got the paddler out of the water, made sure she was ok, attached her kayak to his PWC and took her to one of the Stilt houses where the race officials were. The race course officials made sure she was ok, and due to the competitive nature of this Paddler she wanted nothing more but to get back into the race. Norm made sure her lifejacket was secure this time and she finished the race.

This is truly an instance when one of our own possibly saved a life. Thanks to Norm and his quick/decisive action ensuring the event ended with all participants safe and accounted for.

Some photos of the event can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uscgaux116/>

Thanks to Sam Walker for taking the aerial photos while on an AuxAir mission that morning.

Thanks, Bob Smallwood

[727-265-1262](tel:727-265-1262)

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New Port Richey Flotilla
FSO-PB 11-6 D7

**3920 Marine Parkway
New Port Richey, Florida, 34652**

Phone: (727) 848-3478
Public Education Registration: BoaterEducation.Info
Flotilla 11-6 site: <http://a0701106.wow.uscgaux.info/>
Email address: cgaux.npr@gmail.com

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The Next Flotilla Meeting is Wednesday,

(2nd Wednesday of every month)

May 8th at 7 pm

Pearl Of The West Masonic Lodge

6319 Louisiana Avenue

New Port Richey, Florida

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