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Message From The Division Commander

Harry Silverman, DCDR

Fellow Shipmates,

I am honored to have been elected to serve as Division 3 Commander for 2024. I am appreciative of the confidence placed in me and hope I will live up to your expectations. I have been preceded by two outstanding commanders, Jeff Barnes and Marc Brody. They have both worked to make Division 3 the best in our district. I'm anxious to continue that tradition.

We have an outstanding cadre of division officers. Each of them is committed to improving the division in their area of expertise. Many of them have provided reports in this newsletter so I won't duplicate them here. Suffice it to say that I am proud to serve with them and I'm grateful for their hard work.

As I said at our Change of Watch, my main goals are to foster increased cooperation with Station Fort Lauderdale, increase the number of crew members and facilities, and to increase member participation in our activities.

Culinary Assistance is one area where we have excelled. Auxiliarists assist in the galley at Station Fort Lauderdale three to four days every week. Our members who serve in this capacity have developed closer relationships with many of the active duty members at the station. I know that the officers and crew at the station really appreciate our work in this area.

We began a division boat crew class in which 12 individuals are actively participating. We are conducting classes and on-the-water training at the station with Coast Guard boats as our second boat in two-boat training. Our crew class members get to train with active duty and Reserve Coast Guard. We hope to Qualification Examination (QE) these new crew members later this year. If anyone else is interested in becoming crew qualified, please let your flotilla commander know and we will look into adding another class.



Harry Silverman, Division Commander

Message From The Division Commander

One of the biggest issues we face, not only in our division but throughout the district, is the lack of sufficient facilities (boats) on which to train and patrol. At present we have only four facilities. We are working to get at least two of our member's boats certified as facilities. I hope that this can be accomplished this year.

Once each quarter, we will hold our division meeting at the station followed by some on-the-water activity. This will provide our members with an opportunity to be at the station, meet members on the gold side, and get out on the water. Our first meeting at the station will be on Saturday, April 20th at 0930. Everyone is invited. If you've never been to the station, we will arrange a tour for you.

We've conducted two division-wide Team Coordination Training (TCT)/Surface Ops workshops and hope to provide more so that all of our members can remain fully qualified. If you haven't yet certified for 2024, watch for notices of upcoming classes.

I encourage all of our members to find one (or more) areas that interest you and to get more actively involved with the important work that is the hallmark of our Auxiliary. There are so many ways you can get more involved. Our officers are anxious to help you in this area. Just ask.



From The Desk Of The Division Vice Commander

Natalie Bunting, VCDR

Greetings everyone,

Division 3 has gotten off to a great start this year thanks to our motivated and dedicated members. Our flotillas have already taught several safe boating classes, and many of our members have actively participated in large scale community events, such as Boca Boating and Beach Bash, My Hollywood Pride, Barefoot Mailman, and the Fort Lauderdale Jazz Festival. In March, our division will participate in the Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade where we will march alongside other members of our community. This year our members have been busy with program visits and vessel examinations, while others have taken advantage of Auxiliary training opportunities and workshops. Several of our members have provided regular culinary support at both Air Station Miami and Station Fort Lauderdale. Through our volunteer efforts we continue to promote and improve recreational boating safety through education, as well as share information on the Auxiliary's various missions to attract and recruit new members.

We are steadfast in our commitment to supporting the Coast Guard, and now, more than ever, as they face recruitment challenges, we need to do our part to help them in areas of need. There are many areas for you to get involved. Whether it be Incident Management, Environmental Protection, Health Services, Surface Operations, Culinary Assistance, Watch-standing or one of the other Auxiliary Missions, there is sure to be a mission that you will find is right for you.

I challenge all of the members of Division 3 to commit yourself to getting qualified in at least one new mission area this year. Reach out to your flotilla leadership for guidance or your flotilla staff officers if you need help knowing where to start.

See how you can become more involved and make a difference! Please make sure to also attend your flotilla meetings and participate in your flotilla events!



Natalie Bunting, Division Vice Commander

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Emmanuel Nina, SO-AS



Alison McManus, SO-CA

To inspire individuals to enroll in the culinary program and engage as volunteers at the galley, fostering a passion for culinary arts and encouraging active participation in cooking-related activities.



Jonathan Fischer, SO-CM

As the Division Communications Staff Officer, my aim is to establish an integrated communications program that utilizes auxiliary radio frequencies and strategically deploying repeaters at Boca Raton, Pompano, and Station Fort Lauderdale. This initiative aims to facilitate seamless and reliable communication for surface facilities both on and at sea.



Kenneth Rubinfeld, SO-FN

Trying to achieve proper financial accounting for the team and assist in matters of USCG AUXILIARY.



Mike Gonzalez, SO-CS



Sandy Goldberg, SO-HR

Efficiently reach out to E-responders (monthly inquiries from the National website) promptly and direct them to their designated flotilla human resources officers.

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David Lee, SO-MA



Charlene Dykman, SO-MT
As the SO-MT my goals for 2024 and beyond are to ensure every Auxiliarist has the training and knowledge to accomplish any mission they wish.



Robb Kantor, SO-IS



Walter Jachimski, SO-NS



Michael Byer, SO-MS



Rafael J. Baez, SO-PA
My goal for the year is to provide all of the FSO-PAs in our division with the support they need to make their jobs easier. To create a united public affairs team for our division, as we have always done, and help promote the mission of the USCG and USCG Auxiliary.



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Carolina Montalvo, SO-PB

Maintaining the accuracy and quality of content, meeting editorial deadlines, engaging readers through captivating material and fostering collaboration with contributors. By diligently pursuing these objectives, I aim to uphold the editorial integrity of the publication, enhance reader satisfaction, and ensure that our content remains relevant.



Carla Richardson, SO-SR

Implement time management goals for flotillas to meet Form 7000 deadlines and set individual deadlines for FSO-SRs. This will enhance division efficiency as our tasks are vital for Meeting Minutes publication and recording. Address Form 7000 problems promptly, aiming to resolve them by month-end based on severity, and assist flotillas in overcoming challenges before the deadline.



Andrea Rutherford, SO-PE

After increasing our Public Education (PE) graduates in 2023, we are focusing on increasing the number of youth in Boat America classes, as well as increasing the types of PE classes, including Spanish language Boat America classes, Suddenly in Command seminars, and programs developed for school children.



Bruno Berti, SO-VE

Continue to advocate for and advance vessel safety checks. Collaborate with various organizations to encourage and enhance boating safety protocols for individuals of all backgrounds.



John Papalia, SO-PV

Getting more shipmates involved and enthused regarding program visits is a high priority. Prompt reporting is also a concern.



On the Radar Q1 Flotilla Summaries

Flotilla 34, Pompano Beach

By Robert Uleski

Flotilla 34 participated in the Pompano Nautical Flea Market January 20-21, with several members staffing the Coast Guard Auxiliary public affairs exhibit. The Sea Scouts led by C. Arenas had a booth adjacent to ours and they did very well.

Work on our base at Alsdorf Park is ongoing with new electronic door locks installed by H. Silverman, ceiling painting, pressure wash of the exterior and repairs to the lattice work completed by the Base Committee Roof repairs are in process.

Flotilla 36, Boca Raton

By Philip Petito

We are laying the foundation for a successful 2024. We are fortunate to have a robust member recruiting program which keeps our membership numbers consistently in the 80s. Our healthy turnover requires a strong mentoring and training team, and new member training and development is always on the forefront of our agenda. We are conducting Vessel Safety Checks, Program Visitations and teaching safe boating classes in numbers that exceed the past several years. While we will always endeavor to do better, we are pleased with our current trend.

Flotilla 37, Lighthouse Point

By Bruno Berti

On January 28th, members of Flotilla 37 diligently participated in the Kayak Fishing Tournament at Pompano Beach Fishing Pier, providing essential vessel safety checks for the tournament participants. Our proactive efforts led to successful safety inspections for a total of 35 participants, ensuring that everyone was well-prepared and equipped for the event.

Through our commitment to promoting safe boating practices and enhancing watercraft readiness, Flotilla 37 members exemplify dedication to maritime safety and community service at the tournament.

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Auxiliarist McManus and Guglielmo with Boy Scout Staff and volunteers at the Barefoot Mailman event.
Photo: Carolina Montalvo

Auxiliarists Passwater, Richardson, Barnes, and Souza at Broward County Waterway Clean up.
Photo: Carolina Montalvo

Flotilla 38, Plantation

Vibrant Engagement: A Recap of Community Events

By Carolina Montalvo

Flotilla 38 has been actively engaged this past quarter. From helping the Boy Scouts of America crossing the Intercoastal at the Barefoot Mailman Event to the Broward County Waterway Clean Up; Flotilla 38's presence has been felt far and wide, leaving a lasting impression in the community.

The recent Barefoot Mailman Event witnessed a heartwarming display of camaraderie and cooperation as members of Flotilla 38 along with Auxiliarists from other flotillas and active-duty personnel of the United State Coast Guard extended a helping hand to young scouts crossing the intercoastal waters. Flotilla 38 participation in assisting the scouts at the Barefoot Mailman Event exemplified their unwavering dedication to service, community engagement, and the promotion of a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Another standout event was the Broward County Waterway Clean Up, where members of Flotilla 38 rolled up their sleeves to protect the marine environment and promote sustainability. Armed with a sense of purpose and a determination to make a difference, members of Flotilla 38 diligently collected and removed debris, plastic waste, and other pollutants from the beach, ensuring a cleaner and healthier aquatic ecosystem for all.

Flotilla 38 will continue to demonstrate a passion for making a difference and fostering a spirit of unity within the community.



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Flotilla 39, Dania Making Waves: Spreading Safety and Community Spirit

By Chrissie Mena

Ahoy, everyone! We're thrilled to share some exciting updates from the heart of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 39, Dania Beach. Get ready to dive into the fantastic activities our flotilla has been engaged in!

Jazz tunes floating through the air, laughter echoing, and amidst it all, our dedicated members spreading the word on water safety at the Jazz Brunch in Esplanade Park, Fort Lauderdale. But that's not all! We've been teaming up with our friends at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, ensuring boating safety is on everyone's radar. Mark your calendars - you'll find us there every month from now on!

But wait, there's more! We're all about inclusivity and celebration, so we were thrilled to be part of the My Hollywood Pride Street Festival on January 28th. It was a blast sharing smiles and safety tips at this vibrant LGBTQ+ celebration.

And hold onto your covers because we're not done yet! When the Boy Scouts of America embarked on their epic 34-mile Barefoot Mailman Hike, we were beside them, along with members from other flotillas and the U.S. Coast Guard, ensuring a safe journey across Lake Mabel in Fort Lauderdale. With teamwork and dedication, over 180 Scouts and volunteers made it safely to their destination.

But safety isn't just about events—it's about education, too. That's why we host multiple boating safety classes throughout the year. Just recently, on February 17th, we gathered at the International Game Fishing Association building in Dania Beach for a full day of learning and fun. From knots to navigation, we covered it all!

So, there you have it, friends—Flotilla 39, Dania Beach is committed to spreading waves of safety and community spirit wherever we go. Stay tuned for more adventures on the high seas of service!

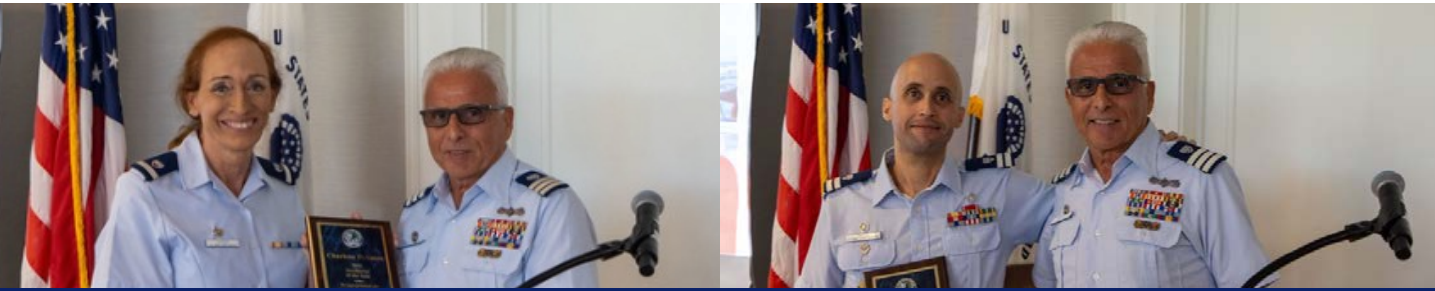


Members of Flotilla 39, Dania Beach with Major Josh Levy, Hollywood, Fla. at My Hollywood Pride event.
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Q&A 2023 Division 3 USCG Auxiliarist Of The Year Award Winners

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of the Charlene Dykman from Flotilla 39, Dania Beach and Rafael J. Baez from Flotilla 36, Boca Raton as they received the 2023 Division 3 USCG Auxiliarist of the Year Award. Every year Division 3 acknowledges the efforts and dedication of their auxiliarists.



On Sunday December 3, 2023, Division 3 awarded Auxiliarists Charlene Dykman and Rafael J. Baez with the Division 3 USCG Auxiliarists of the Year Award. The award was presented by Marc Brody Intermediate Past Division Commander.
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Tell us about yourself?

Charlene: I am an airline pilot for a major airline. My typical day starts early, my love of flying is only matched by my love of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Rafael: I am an independent graphic designer, as well as a cook in an English Pub. Currently, I attend Broward College seeking a second degree in Cybersecurity.

How did you learn about the USCG AUX?

Charlene: I learned about the Auxiliary at a public affairs event, Hollywood Pride. I had been looking for a way to give back, make a difference. I met Natalie Bunting, and we talked. Then I did my due diligence. The Auxiliary fit the bill and more.

Rafael: I have been in the Auxiliary for six years now. During Hurricane Maria, I was on the phone with my grandmother while the eye was passing through our hometown in Puerto Rico, and I could hear the hurricane in the background. I used to live in that same house during Hurricane Hugo in 1998, so I knew what my grandmother was going through, and to make matters worse, she was alone and disabled. After the hurricane had past, I couldn't reach my family members on the Island. It would take around three months until I was able to locate every family member and make sure they were fine. After hearing a friend was trying to volunteer for the Red Cross to go to PR and help, I signed up as well. I never heard from them so I kept researching organizations that would give me that opportunity. That is how I found the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Unfortunately, the process takes time, and it was not as easy to get on a list and go help right away so I promised myself to join and do anything in my power to be ready in case there was a next time. Exactly one year after Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas

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Continued Rafael: my training paid off and I was able to join the Incident Command System (ICS) team at Air Station Miami and do whatever I could to try and help others.

What difference has USCG AUX made in your life?

Charlene: The Auxiliary has been one of the most amazing experiences I have had. The opportunities to be involved are fantastic. I have taught my whole life, but being able to instruct here, whether to the public or fellow shipmates has been one of the highlights.

Rafael: Being part of the Auxiliary has given me the opportunity to be a better person. It has taught me about leadership and how to apply it to my own personal and professional career. It has given me the tools and desire to use all of the experiences that I have had and to achieve my goals and dreams.

What this award means to you?

Charlene: Being awarded the Auxiliarist of the Year, along with Rafael Baez, was a breathtaking surprise. To be thought of so highly, and to be along side Rafael in receiving this award was wonderful.

Rafael: It helps to keep me humble, and it reminds me to keep working with the same level of dedication and passion that I had since the first day I joined. More importantly, this award reminds me how hardworking the public affairs officers who work in our division are because their hard work is what got me the award, so to me this award is for all of them.

Being the recipient of this award, how would you use it to influence others?

Charlene: I hope that I can motivate others to “get out of their comfort zones” to explore, to achieve the best in themselves.



Auxiliarists Bunting, Dykman, and Goonewardana accompanied by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.
Photo: Peter Paige



Auxiliarist Charlene Dykman performing tasks for Boat Crew training.
Photo: Chrissie Mena



Auxiliarists Paige and Dykman accompanied by Officer Thomas Stenger from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.
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Rafael: Work hard. Work as a team and never quit. The great thing about our division is how connected our flotillas are which is our biggest strength.

What difference have you made in USCG AUX during your affiliation?

Charlene: I was very honored and humbled to be elected as the Flotilla Commander for Flotilla 39, Dania Beach. To receive the vote of confidence to help lead our flotilla is a great achievement and one I don't take lightly.

Rafael: I don't think I have made any particular difference in what everyone else has done. This organization, and our division, in particular, has incredibly hard-working individuals and we all share a common goal of community, service, and dedication.

What is your greatest accomplishment in the USCG AUX?

Charlene: In the Aux, my greatest achievement is to be Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP). The leadership courses have been great, not just in the Auxiliary but in day-to-day life. But the greatest part of this is all the wonderful people I have met, who I now call friends.

Rafael: Taking the step to join the Auxiliary has been my greatest accomplishment.

What is your most significant contribution at your flotilla?

Charlene: Our flotilla has grown and advanced over the last year. Our website and social media outreach continue to bring in interest in the Auxiliary.

Rafael: Being a Flotilla Commander while facing the challenges COVID had in the organization and being able to still say our flotilla had a successful year in recruiting, as well as retention.



Auxiliarists Petito and Baez receiving a Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week 2022 from the Township of Highland Beach. Mayor Natasha Moore and Township cabinet in the picture.
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Auxiliarist Rafael Baez at Boat Crew training in Lake Boca.
Photo by: Jane Sabbagh



Auxiliarists Silverman, Paige and Baez at the Public Affairs (PA) booth at Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show 2023.
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What would you do you to encourage people to be a part of a USCG AUX?

Charlene: The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the Premier Volunteer Organization in the United States, promoting that is the objective going forward. If people want to “make a difference” this is the place to do it.

Rafael: I would keep spreading the word about what a positive influence the Auxiliary can have in our community and nation. There is no better reward than volunteering for a selfless organization. A service that you do knowing and not expecting something in return.

Any advice for new USCG AUX members just starting?

Charlene: Any new member, I highly encourage to jump in to getting their Basically Qualified (BQ) status. To that end I have tried to help, I have heard from others that when they joined, they “felt left all alone without guidance”. I don’t ever want to hear that from anyone again. We all, every member, need to ensure the new members get the guidance and help they need.

Rafael: You should all be proud of yourself for choosing to do this while still having a job, family, and personal life to dedicate time to. Be proud of what you are doing. You are making a difference whether you know it or not. Your volunteer service has an incredible impact, and it has tremendous value to you and your fellow citizens.



Rafael Baez taking a tour of the USCGC Stratton as part of the PA C-School AUX-12 schedule at U.S. Coast Guard Base Alameda (Coast Guard Island).

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Auxiliarists Paige, Mena, Dykman

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Expand your Knowledge: AUXPAD



Students at the Winter AUXPAD

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By Natalie Bunting, VCDR

Last month I had the privilege of participating in the Winter Auxiliary Paddlecraft (AUXPAD) Training at Fort De Soto Park, located in the St. Petersburg area. AUXPAD is the Auxiliary's Paddlecraft Program to promote Paddlecraft safety awareness. In recent years, the number of kayakers on the water have multiplied exponentially. Between 2010 and 2021 kayaking participation in the United States grew by 87.3%. Kayaking has become a very popular outdoor activity, and experts predict the number of Americans kayaking will only continue to grow. Data from the Outdoor Foundation shows that in 2020, more than 25 million people paddled a kayak, canoe or paddleboard. The purpose of AUXPAD is for qualified Auxiliarist to serve as safety ambassadors to the paddling community and promote safety on the water. These ambassadors can also educate the paddling community through Public Education



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classes, Program Visitation, and Vessel Safety Checks. AUXPAD promotes the use of life jackets, safety equipment, dressing for the weather, knowing the conditions of your environment, the importance of a FLOAT plan, and more. According to the 2022 Recreational Boating Statistics Publication compiled by the US Coast Guard, the category with the 2nd highest vessel related deaths in 2022 were from kayaks/canoes with 21% of the boating fatalities. Sadly, 93% of these deaths were from drownings, where in most cases a life jacket was not worn. The goal of the AUXPAD program is to help paddlers stay safe and to recognize, avoid, and mitigate dangerous situations through education.

Among the many skills we learned and practiced during the AUXPAD training, one message remained consistent: safety in the water is paramount. Throughout the training, we practiced the use of safety and towing equipment, learned how to do self-rescues, as well as, assisted rescues and much more. Although I have been kayaking for years, the self rescue was a new experience. I have never fallen off a kayak before. As part of this training, I had to purposely flip my kayak upside down and submerge myself in the water. Luckily, we were in safe conditions and under constant supervision (and I, of course, had my life jacket on). As I entered the cold water, I have to admit I gasped. It was much colder than I thought, even though I had been advised of the temperature beforehand. While in the water, I had to flip my kayak right side up and pull myself in. Flipping the kayak over while you are in the water is not as easy as you may think, and it was something I had never previously given much thought to. Once I flipped it over, I needed to pull myself in, however, there were no handles on my kayak or ropes for me to grab. Using my strength and the techniques we were taught I was able to pull myself aboard. But what happens when someone falls in who



Students practicing the skills they learned during the Winter AUXPAD training at Fort DeSoto (February 2024)

Photo: Natalie Bunting

Expand your Knowledge: AUXPAD

doesn't have this type of training? Do they know there is safety equipment that can help them get back in if they fall in the water? Do they know what to do when faced with strong currents, or other hazardous conditions? It is the goal of the AUXPAD program to promote education and safety to the growing number of paddlecraft enthusiasts. The AUXPAD training was an amazing experience. I was surprised that I was the only person in Division 3 who participated in this program. We have so many paddlers here in Southeast Florida that I believe it is extremely important to grow the AUXPAD program in our area. If you are interested in learning more about AUXPAD please reach out to me. I look forward to sharing more about this fantastic program. Together, we can work towards fostering a safer and more informed paddlecraft community.



Joey Taguding, Branch Chief of Paddlecraft Safety Ashore
Photo: Walter Runck



Charles Hayes, District 7 Coordinator of the AUXPAD Program.
Photo: Natalie Bunting



Students practicing the skills they learned during the Winter AUXPAD training at Fort DeSoto (February 2024)

Photo: Natalie Bunting

Class is in session: USCG Aux Boat Crew



Members of a USCG Auxiliary recently embarked on a hands-on learning experience, participating in a boat crew class to get maritime skills and expand their knowledge of safe boating practices.

During the intensive training sessions, Auxiliarists immersed themselves in a comprehensive curriculum that covered various aspects of boat handling, navigation, emergency procedures, and communication protocols.

Under the guidance of seasoned instructors, Auxiliarists actively engaged in practical exercises, simulating real-life scenarios to sharpen their seamanship skills and enhance their readiness to respond effectively in critical situations on the water.



Auxiliarists from Division 3 practice hands on training during boat crew class

Photos: Carla Richardson



Upcoming Events

2024 USCG AUX, S-TRAIN



2024 U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
S-TRAIN



APRIL 6TH & 7TH
U.S. COAST GUARD BASE MIAMI BEACH

For more information visit <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/sector-miami-strain-2024-2138604333>



Upcoming Events 2024 NSBW

National Safe Boating Week

May 18 - 24, 2024



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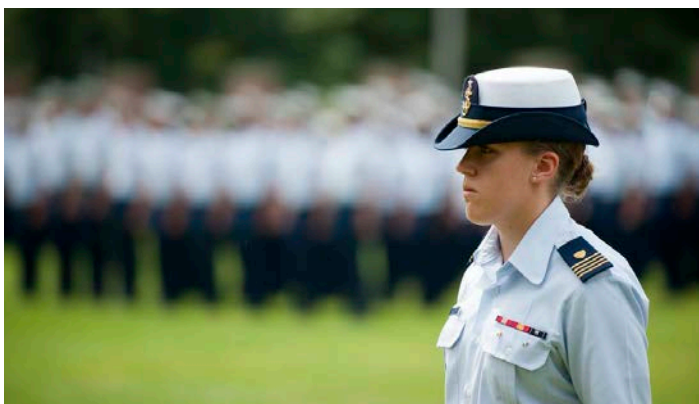
We honor and recognize the contributions of all women in the USCG and USCG Auxiliary.

Their courage, dedication, and resilience have paved the way for future generations of women in the Coast Guard, inspiring all to reach new heights and embody the core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. As we reflect on the rich history and achievements of women in the Coast Guard.

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day

March 8th

International Women's Day is a symbol of solidarity, empowerment, and advocacy for gender parity, urging individuals and communities to continue striving for a world that is inclusive, diverse, and just for all.



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Cover image:
The Auxiliary boat crew arriving at Fort Lauderdale Station and preparing to assist in ferrying hundreds of Scouts and staff across the waterways during the Barefoot Mailman event on February 3, 2024.

Photo: Carolina Montalvo

