



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Flotilla 65

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From: María T. Armas, Esq., FC, Flotilla 65  
Date: 25 May 2015  
Re: Flotilla 65 Monthly Update—May 2015

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- I. Our Flotilla largely focused its efforts on the National Safe Boating Week events for the month of May 2015. All NSBW reports were forwarded to SO-PA Alvaro Ferrando.
- II. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi announced that our Flotilla was processing two new members.
- III. FSO-IS Anthony Lapicola reported that all 7029/7030 reports received were entered into AuxData; training report was forwarded to all members.
- IV. FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal formed a PV team. There are issues with the PV stands for which our Flotilla seeks solutions in the form of plastic display stands. As part of the NSBW, our Flotilla conducted a PV at B&F Marine on 16 May 2015 from 0900-1230 at which time we also conducted a VSC blitz.
- V. FSO-OP David Neal coordinated the May patrol.
- VI. FSO-PA Lubby Navarro, a member of the Miami Dade County School Board, awarded a Proclamation to recognize National Safe Boating Week to the Auxiliary on 13 May 2015. Enrique Ventura received the proclamation on the Auxiliary's behalf and addressed the audience on the importance of safe boating. Carol Moppert attended on our Flotilla's behalf. IPFC Tony Lapicola along with David Neal and Bob Hopps went to Banyan Elementary School Career Day on 13 May 2015 at which time they educated over 300 students from pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade on the "Wear It Program" as well as boating safety equipment and safe boating practices.
- VII. FSO-DV Carol Moppert advanced the Flotilla's efforts to achieve our Three Star goals.
- VIII. FSO-PE Fred Jaca announced that our current BS&S class is at capacity with 15 students who were set to take their exams.
- IX. IPFC Tony Lapicola organized our monthly VSCs at Black Point Marina as well as our VSC NSBW blitz for which 13 VSCs were done [10 passed, 1 failed].
- X. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura continued to work on our next edition of *The Prop*.
- XI. FSO-PV Patrick Powell announced that verification reports were being forwarded for processing.
- XII. FSO-CS William Ambros updated our website with useful and timely information and seeks to reorganize it to make it more user friendly.
- XIII. FSO-MT. Our Flotilla is in the process of forming a committee to develop a syllabus by which boat crew training may be improved so that members have a classroom session immediately followed by underway training to reinforce the training with the goal of getting members through training and their QE within four (4) to six (6) weeks.
- XIV. FSO-MS James Guilmartin spearheaded our NSBW efforts. Our Flotilla conducted VSCs at Black Point Marina on 16 May 2015 from 0900-1200 (13 done); 50 Boating Safety Information Packets were distributed with a canopy set up to display various safety-related items and distribute information. Our Flotilla also conducted VSCs at B&F Marine on Bird Road (1 completed, appointments requested).