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Elected Officers

Joel Aberbach, DC

Thomas James, VCP

Appointed Officers

Ben Ostrovsky, SO-IS

Bruce Farkas, SO-PS

Cal Gordon, SO-OP

Lenore Schiller, SO-SR

Frank Ryba, SO-PA

Ken Sommers, SO-CS

Henry Cespedes, SO-PS

James Shea, SO-MT

Jay Hakerem, SO-CM

Jeff Cohen, SO-FN

Katarina Corco, SO-PB

Mario Gutierrez, SO-PV

Mark Barros, SO-MS

Ray Lavin, SO-MA

Fall in Division 6

Katarina Corco, SO-PB

Fellow Auxiliarists,

Labor Day is over and so is the unofficial end of summer. We now are at the home stretch towards the end of the year. This is the time to take a look at our goals for 2007 and make sure we are meeting and exceeding these important benchmarks. Individually, make sure you have earned and reported your required hours and renewed or obtained required ICS courses and tests. In this issue, we are proud to honor individuals who have been recognized for their continued great service to the Auxiliary on our awards pages. Take a look at our great new division website made by Ken Sommers at <http://a07006.uscgaux.info/index.html>. As elections approach, remember to select your new leadership that will help you and your flotilla to become the best that they can be.

Semper Paratus,

Katie Corco, SO-PB

Miguel Corco, Co-editor

Captain's Corner

Joel Aberbach, DCP6



By the time you read this the 22nd Annual International Coastal Clean-up will literally be history. It's success or failure, at the Coast Guard site in Miami Beach, is a direct result of what we did or didn't do. This is our second year as site coordinator and I think we did a good job in planning. A special after event report will be written and sent to all members. We thank Sector Miami, from Captain Schultz and Marc Feigenbaum down and D7 Public Affairs for their support and getting the message out to the other Stations and District wide. I envision the Coast Guard supporting this great event nationwide as a reliable partner with the Ocean Conservancy.

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With elections almost here and a new administration leading us into a continually changing future, we should take a brief but essential glimpse at what we learn at Team Coordination Training. Choose your leaders wisely. It's our future. Here are some issues to keep in mind when electing new leadership:

- **Leadership** – Lead us to places we haven't been before, be it Operations, Public Education, Homeland Security, Public Affairs or other areas. We can't succeed if we don't try. If we're doing a great job, look to make it better.
- **Awareness** – Understand where we are now and when changes are in order to do the best job possible, under any set of circumstances. Currently, AP status is a perfect example.
- **Mission Analysis**- Define where we want to go now and in the long term. Surround yourself with people who share your vision and can get the job done.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability** – Be alert for changes in our mandate and manage the transition. I like the expression, "*nothing never happens*", on the water, in the air, in the classroom or ramps.
- **Decision Making** –effective leaders make decisions. Again, surround yourself with people you have confidence in and, "communicate" any problem to them. Seek advice and suggestions.
- **Communications** –As a leader (elected or staff) you have a responsibility to encourage your TEAM to provide feedback, in a positive manner. If they want you to carry a problem or concept to a higher rung in the "chain", you must do so, regardless of your opinion. If you don't approve, you can state your objections, but, you must pass it up.
- **Assertiveness** – If you examine all your options and conclude your solution to a problem is the best alternative, stick with it. At the same time, remember to choose your battles wisely. You're not going to win them all, so be selective in your fight.

My closing thought is simply this: email is not the answer to our Division leadership communications issues. It's still essential, but must be shored up with phone calls and face to face discussion. That having been said, I feel confident that next year will be a winning year. I believe we made progress in the past few years and we're now ready to take it up a notch. Let's strive to support those you have elected and help them be the best leaders possible. **Joel Aberbach, DCP6**

District 7 Fall Conference

Next Weekend is the 2007 District 7 Fall Conference!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

27 - 30 September 2007
Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Hotel
2301 SE 17th Street Causeway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Toll free - 1-800-233-1234
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October 2007 in Division 6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 DRAGON FESTIVAL	15	16	17	18	19	20 ABC SPAN- ISH CLASS
21	22	23	24	25 DIVISION ELECTIONS	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- 25 Sept., New Prospect meeting
- 27-30 Sept., Fall District 7 Conference
- 12 Oct., Second Prospect meeting
- 13-14 Oct., Dragon Festival
- 20 Oct., ABC Spanish Class
- 25 Oct., Division Elections
- 25 Oct., Division 6 Meeting
- 10 Nov., ABC Spanish Class
- 14 Dec., Division 6 Christmas Party

Division 6 Takes to the Skies

Division 6 continues to support Miami Air Station in their training missions. Division Operations Staff Officer Cal Gordon coordinates on a weekly basis with the Miami Air Station to ensure that we provide the necessary facilities and crews to help out with these training missions.

The Air Station has provided training to the Division members who enlisted to be qualified to perform these joint training sessions and in the past few days, Air Station personnel came to the Miami Beach Station to approve the Auxiliary facilities that would be allowed to participate in the training exercises. This ongoing coordination has proven to be very successful in making sure that those who participate are fully qualified and ready to help in this vital mission. **Article and picture submitted by Miguel Corco**



Notes from the Division Meeting

- Coastal Cleanup Day: On September 15th the Coast Guard participated in the Coastal Cleanup Day. All participants were invited to lunch and a party at the Miami Seaquarium following the cleanup.
- Communications: Radio facility forms need to be in for annual inspection and a reminder to the FSO-CM to send in their monthly reports.
- Information Services: Forms with the members' hours are not been sent in and we are under reporting all the hard work we do. Please send them in ASAP. Don't wait for the end of the year.
- Operations: Ten facilities from the Division help escort the Eagle into the Miami Harbor. That represented 25% of the total operational facilities for the Division. This is especially gratifying considering that it was a Friday and a regular workday. A QE session was held on September 15 at Matheson Hammock. Reminder that boat crew need ICS 100 and 700 and coxswain need in addition to the 200 and 800 . If you have any questions, please contact Cal Gordon.
- Personnel Services: On September 25 there will be a Prospective Members meeting at the Miami Beach Coast Guard Station.
- A Freedom Walk was held on September 11, 2007 at the Aventura Mall at 1000 hours. It consisted of a mile walk inside the mall. This is a Department of Defense program recognizing citizens' support of our military and communicating that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families, at home and abroad. For more information on FREEDOM WALK, go to www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil.
- Division Elections for Division Captain and Division Vice Captain will be held on October 25, 2007.
- The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 14, 2007 at USCG Station Miami Beach at the mess hall.

Flotilla	Area	Flotilla Commander Email	Meeting
Flotilla 63	Coconut Grove	Ernesto Sariol	Coconut Grove Sailing Club Second Monday of each month, 2000.
Flotilla 65 website	Cutler Ridge	Clifford Harrison	South Miami Elks Club First Thursday of each month, 2000.
Flotilla 67	Coral Gables	Wilson Riggan	Holiday Inn – University in Coral Gables. First Wednesday of each month, 1900.
Flotilla 69	Miami Beach	Judith Hudson	CG Miami Air Station @ Opa Locka Airport – Bldg. 110. First Monday of each month, 1930.
Flotilla 6-10	Hialeah/Miami Springs	Kirby Heller	CG Sector, Miami Beach First Wednesday of each month, 2000.
Flotilla 6-11	Bayshore	Eduardo Cifuentes	

Division 6 Welcomes Commander Dave Allen

On August 23, 2007, Division 6 held its first meeting with Commander Dave Allen, the new Director of Auxiliary, Seventh Coast Guard District. He came on board as the new Director on July 2, 2007. He spoke about Division 6th well-earned reputation to our commitment to the mission and he stated that his duty was to continue to make our missions even more successful and rewarding and to minimize the obstacles that we might encounter in the service we provide. Commander Allen wanted to make sure that the DirAux office knew of our needs and how they can make the Auxiliary experience as mutually beneficial as possible. He stated that the Flotilla, Division, Sector and District staffs are in place to support us and that they need our input to improve.



Picture by Ken Sommers; Seated are Division Vice Captain Tom James, Division Captain Joel Aberbach, and CWO Steve Hanson. Standing is Commander Dave Allen, DIRAUX.

Prior to becoming the new Director of Auxiliary for Seventh Coast Guard District, Commander Allen was working at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti. He has also served on board the USCGC PAPA W and USCGC SMI-LAX. Commander Allen is familiar with the Miami area when he served as Commander of the Miami Military Entrance Processing Station. The HELM salutes the new Commander and his wife, Lt. Col Janet Allen, U. S. Air Force, and their two daughters.

Publications

Katarina Corco, SO-PB

This is the third issue of the HELM we have published and we plan on doing one more issue this year. It has been an exciting project to undertake and we thank all those who have contributed articles, pictures and constructive criticism to make this newsletter a better publication. Without your support we would have nothing to report. We continue to request all the readership especially those members of Division 6 please keep sending us things that you feel that the Division should know or hear about and we will gladly publish them. Please send photos, articles, and news to katarina.corco@gmail.com

Awards



One of the most prestigious awards given by Division 6 is the Auxliarist of the Quarter Award. This quarter, the award was given to Cal Gordon (6-7), and to Judith Hudson (6-9). Their hard work and dedication to the mission earned them this special honor. Congratulations Cal and Judith!



Picture on left by Ken Sommers; Cal Gordon and Judith Hudson are presented their award by Division Captain Joel Aberbach.



Auxliarist Bill Morcom and Henry Cespedes were given the Boat Force Pin Award issued by the Department of Homeland Security for their service in the amount of underway hours on patrol.



William Morcom and Henry Cespedes both from Flotilla 6-7 are pictured with Lt John Corbett, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, Miami Beach.

Ensign Meg Naughton, presents a Letter of Appreciation for Watchstanding Services in the Hawkeye Program, given by the Command Center Chief, Sector Miami to Auxliarist Eduardo Burbank (6-5). Auxliarist Burbank in short notice filled in for watchstanding duties above the normal schedule and ensured that the Hawkeye program did not lose its efficiency. This award was also given to Auxliarist Frank Sullivan, (6-5) who was not present at the Division meeting.

More Awards



Picture by Ken Sommers; Ensign Meg Naughton and Eduardo Burbank.



Congratulations to Eduardo Cifuentes who received the Boat Force Certificate. This award is for five consecutive years of dedicated service in operations and usually requires over 2,000 qualified hours. Thank you, Eduardo, for all that you do!



A very big thank you to Lenore Schiller, who was sworn in as SO-SR for Division 6, replacing Diane Riggan, who transferred to a new division closer to home. Thank you Diane and Lenore for keeping us all up to date.

Public Education

Henry Cespedes, SO-PE

Scheduled Classes:

ABC (Spanish)	Westchester West Marine	Saturday October 20th
ABC	Miami Beach Police Athletic League	Saturday November 10th
BS&S	Miami Palmetto H. S.	Tuesday September 11th For 5 weeks

We have taught more programs in 2007 but have only had about 2/3 of the enrollment we had in 2006. I am convinced this is due to the loss of the support we had from the previous staff at the Pinecrest West Marine. Most of the staff members have moved to the Miami store.

On the positive side we have gained two instructors (Jeff Cohen and Glenn Moffett) this year and should have one more (Kelly Brady) before the end of the year. We have also been joined by a new member of Flotilla 6-10 (Sofia Rios) who is helping us teach the Spanish Navegando America programs.

Notes and History of the USCG Barque Eagle



EAGLE is the largest tall ship flying the Stars and Stripes and the only square-rigger in U.S. government service.. The ship was built in 1936 in Germany, and commissioned as HORST WESSEL, one of three sail training ships operated by the pre-World War II German Navy. At the close of World War II, HORST WESSEL was taken as a war reparation by the United States, recommissioned as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle and sailed to New London, Connecticut, its only homeport since.

[Picture by Gene Kahn: The USCG Barque Eagle coming into Miami on July 27, 2007]

EAGLE now serves as a seagoing leadership laboratory for future officers of the U.S. Coast Guard, the smallest but arguably the busiest of the U.S. Armed Forces. A seasoned permanent crew of six officers and 55 enlisted personnel maintain the ship and provide a strong base of knowledge and seamanship for the training of up to 150 cadets or officer candidates at a time. Augmented by temporary crew during our year-round training deployments.

Why is it called a Barque? According to Wikipedia, “The word barc appears to have come from Celtic languages. The form adopted by English, perhaps from Irish, was bark, while that adopted by French, perhaps from Gaulish, was barge and barque. French influence in England after the Conquest led to the use in English of both words, though their meanings are not now the same. Well before the 19th century a barge had become a small vessel of coastal or inland waters. Somewhat later, a bark became a sailing vessel of a distinctive rig as detailed below. In Britain, by the mid-nineteenth century, the spelling had taken on the French form of barque. Francis Bacon used this form of the word as early as 1605.

In the 18th century, the British Royal Navy used the term bark for a nondescript vessel which did not fit any of its usual categories. Thus, when on the advice of Captain James Cook, a collier was bought into the navy and converted for exploration she was called HM Bark Endeavour. She happened to be a ship-rigged sailing vessel with a plain bluff bow and a full stern with windows. By the end of the 18th century, however, the term barque (sometimes, particularly in the USA, spelled bark) came to refer to any vessel with a particular type of rig. This comprises three (or more) masts, fore-and-aft sails on the aftermost mast and square sails on all other masts.

EAGLE routinely sails with over 230 souls on board. EAGLE offers future officers the opportunity to put into practice the navigation, engineering, and other professional theory they have previously learned in the classroom. More importantly, the challenges of living aboard and working a large square-rigger at sea build the teamwork, character, and leadership skills necessary for success in the Service (Courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy).

Do You Know Anyone Who Wants to Join the Auxiliary?

The Department of Personnel of the USCGAUX initial obligation is to ensure continued growth of Auxiliary units by way of recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. It has published three sets of recruiting posters and we present one that can be used by the Flotillas in the Division to help in their recruitment efforts.



How about Sharing??

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| Can you cook? | Can you use a computer? |
| Are you a radio operator? | Are you an organizer of people? |
| Do you speak more than one language? | Do you want to try something different? |
| Love boats or own a boat? | Love to fly airplanes? |
| Do you have a specialized skill -
legal, medical or financial? | Do you have a specialized skill -
web design, teaching or leadership? |

If you said yes to any one of these items,
the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is for you.

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