



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Division 6 Newsletter**

# THE HELM

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## The End of the Year in Division 6

**Katarina Corco, SO-PB6**

Fellow Auxiliarists,

The Helm is proud to salute the outgoing Bridge and its distinguished leaders, DCP Joel Aberbach and VCP Tom James. Their leadership was the catalyst that allowed Division 6 to accomplish it's goals and pass the baton to the new leaders Division 6.



We are also excited to announce the new Bridge and welcome you to read this issue of The Helm! We wish you well in this new year, and hope you find new ways to contribute to the Auxiliary. **A**  
A very big thank you to all those who contributed to the Helm this past year!

Semper Paratus,

Katarina Corco, SO-PB6

Miguel Corco, Co-Editor

## Outgoing Captain's Corner

**Joel Aberbach, IPDCP6**

“ It's hard to believe how quickly the years go by.”

My last two years, as Division Captain, are no exception. Cal, Tom and I, along with most of you, have made significant inroads in several of our traditional and new missions. As grateful as I am, I'm going to save the good stuff for the COW (Change of Watch). It's now time for Ed and Judith to assume their rightful leadership position to take the Division to a higher and more capable level to better serve the Coast Guard and boating public. As capable as I know they are, like all leaders, they can't do anything worthwhile without our help. That doesn't mean just the Staff and Board, it means ALL of us, pro-actively contributing to our growth and quality of work. As the IPDCP, I too have a meaningful responsibility to support them, the Division and the Coast Guard.



However, we have some unfinished business that needs to be addressed. That includes, but not limited to:

- Creating a credible Flotilla in Homestead, with the help of Division 13.
- Mastering our mentoring program.
- Targeted recruiting programs, focusing on boats, boaters, Hawkeye, Radio Watchstanders, Sea Partners (covers many sub-programs) and other new or evolving missions.
- Proper and prompt reporting of missions forms.
- Expanding our PE programs to new audiences and venues — the results will reward us in a variety of ways.
- Advancing Associate Members program.
- Developing roster of member’s special skills to offer the Coast Guard personnel and each other.
- Develop sustainable award program for CG to award to Good Samaritans.
- Unified Division effort for Mutual Assistance Program.
- Support of CG forces in Middle East and their families.

The above items are only of few we’re aware of today. Our rapidly changing world situations will present even more new challenges and missions. I’m confident that as a TEAM we can get the job done. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and I continue looking forward to working with you for many more years.

Most sincerely,

Joel Aberbach

IPDCP Division 6

## January 2008 in Division 6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Div COW	7	8	9	10 District Training Orlando	11 District Training Orlando	12 District Training Orlando
13 District Traning Orlando	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Div Meeting Miami Beach St.	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

- 10-12 January - District Training in Orlando
- 24 January - Division Meeting at Station Miami Beach (everyone is welcome to come!)
- 2-3 February - Bass Pro Shop CGAUX (this is a great way for new members as well as seasoned leaders to show support and promote CG and CGAUX programs such as public education)
- 14-18 February - International Boat Show

## Meet your newly elected Leadership!



The Helm would like to introduce to Division 6, District 7, the newly elected Division Captain, Eduardo Burbank, and the Division Vice Captain, Judith Hudson.

We asked each of them to give us a profile of themselves so the readership could get to know them a little better. Read on to the next few pages for the Helm's exclusive interviews with our two new leaders!

## The Helm's EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with Eduardo Burbank, DCP6

The Helm spoke to the newly elected Division Captain

### **The Helm: How did you become involved with the Auxiliary?**

**Eduardo Burbank:** My father introduced me for the first time to the shores of the Pacific Ocean; we took sail on a small but seaworthy sloop. That day began my first lesson in navigation and seamanship. I felt then the powerful and mystical call of the sea. Many years have passed since that initial experience, and I have kept an enduring attraction for the sea, a love that has only increased with the passing of time.

It was June 1997 when I attended my first Auxiliary Flotilla Meeting in Miami. I began then to learn about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. It did not take long for me to realize that I had found a new call in life, one that would associate me with professional, knowledgeable and dedicated men and women, strongly committed to a worthy mission. Shortly thereafter, I joined Flotilla 65 and became Basic Qualified on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1997. During the last ten years I have successfully completed several surface missions, mostly in command of my own facilities, ROBALO-21 and MY CECI. I have held elected and appointed positions, receiving numerous awards and citations. I have also qualified as a Public Education Instructor, Vessel Examiner, Sensor Manager in the HAWKEYE project and other programs.

### **The Helm: Tell us a little about your personal life.**

**Eduardo Burbank:** On a short personal basis, I was born in the sea port of Callao, Peru. When I was 17, I left my country of birth to study International Marketing at the University of Michigan (Go Wolverines).

Forty years ago I married a wonderful Peruvian girl, Ceci. She has been my companion, guiding light and best friend through many moves to different countries, following my international career. We have a very happy marriage and have navigated many oceans together.

We have been blessed with a daughter, Suzette who married our son-in-law David and gave us two wonderful granddaughters. Our great son, Patrick, is a graduate of the University of Miami. The UM vs. U of M issue becomes important only when either UM team is doing well....or very poorly.

I have worked in two large US Fortune 500 Corporations, and one Swiss company, mainly in South America and the U.S. I now own and manage two small Florida corporations and consider myself "semi-retired".

Finally, I became a proud and grateful citizen of the United States of America when I took the Oath of Allegiance on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1994.

### **The Helm: What now? What are your plans for this year as DCP?**

**Eduardo Burbank:** Based on my professional background, ten years of service to the Auxiliary and with the knowledge and experience from the USCG, I first assented to the nomination, and have now accepted the honor and responsibility you have bestowed on me as Division 6 Captain.

Judith and I have been hard at work since the day we accepted the nomination, and have many ideas and plans that we are sure will capitalize on the momentum achieved during recent years, under the inspiring leadership of Joel, Tom and Cal, as well as previous officers in the past. We are sure that as a TEAM we will take our Division to new heights in our aim to assist the US Coast Guard and help the boating community.

I firmly believe that Division 6 can succeed in achieving significant new goals, if we have the cooperation of all. This is then a request to the Division 6-TEAM, remember and re-evaluate the commitment you made when you "solemnly and sincerely pledged" yourselves to *Support The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary*.

**The Helm:** It has been our pleasure to speak to you, Eduardo. We look forward to your leadership in this very exciting upcoming year. To our readership, we hope this interview has given you more information about our newly elected leader!

## The Helm's EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with Judith Hudson, VCP6

The Helm wanted to know a little about the new Vice Division Captain in the following interview:

**The Helm:** How did you get involved in the Auxiliary?

**Judith Hudson:** Many of you remember Dick Azzarito. He was the Auxiliarist who encouraged John Ciampa and me to join the Auxiliary. Our first, ace mentor was Jim Shea, who in February 2002 was the FSO-PS for 69. With much help and many mentors along the way, I served as Flotilla 69's FSO-PS for 3 years, their VFC for two years with Bruce Farkas as FC, and this past year as FC. In the first year that I was a member, I worked on Capt. Maes' staff processing events needing CG approval and assisting with other projects. For the past 2 ½ years I have worked at the DIRAUX office helping with whatever needed to be done, and as a member of the Division Recruiting Team. I have my Boat Crew, Instructor, Fingerprint Technician and ATON Verifier certifications. Even with the long list of activities and projects that Ed and I, with your help, hope the Division can accomplish this year, I plan to add my VE certification.

**The Helm:** We are impressed to see such extensive involvement in the Auxiliary! Tell us a little about you personally.

**Judith Hudson:** On a personal basis, life began for me in a small Missouri town in a perfect family with a brother and sister plus Mom and Dad, and through the years has included California, Texas, Oklahoma and of course, Florida as home. My career covered over 30 years as a teacher and Human Resources professional from Interviewer to Vice President. I have degrees in Piano, Music Education, Guidance & Counseling and Business. Two of the best sons, two delightful daughters-in-law and four of the smartest and cutest grandchildren have added to my blessed life.

**The Helm:** What is in store for you in the next year?

**Judith Hudson:** Now, I look forward to the challenges of meeting our Division objectives, of getting to know and work with all of you and of serving as your Vice Captain. Forward Ho!

**The Helm:** Thank you for sharing that with us!



### The Helm is proud to present newly sworn in Flotilla Captains and Vice Captains in Division 6:

<u>Division/Flotilla</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	
6-3	FC	Ernesto	Sariol
6-3	VFC	Blas	Lobera
6-5	FC	Federico	Jaca
6-5	VFC	Eric	Jones
6-7	FC	Thomas	Walker
6-7	VFC	William	Tejeiro
6-9	FC	John	Samuelson
6-9	VFC	Harvey	Siegal
6-11	FC	Christopher	Todd
6-11	VFC	Thomas	Janata

**Please welcome your entire 2008 Division Staff!**

DCP	Division Captain	EDUARDO BURBANK
VCP	Division Vice Captain	JUDITH HUDSON
SO-AN	Aids to Navigation	JOHN CIAMPA
SO-CM	Communications	JAY HAKEREM
SO-CS	Communication Services	KEN SOMMERS
SO-FN	Finance	JEFF COHEN
SO-IS	Information Services	BEN OSTROVSKI
SO-MA	Materials	RAY LAVIN
SO-MT	Member Training	CAL GORDON
SO-MS	Member Services	JOEL ABERBACH
SO-OP	Operations	JIM SHEA
SO-PA	Public Affairs	RICHARD HIGH
SO-PB	Publications	KATARINA CORCO
SO-PE	Public Education	BRUCE FARKAS
SO-PS	Personnel Services	JOEL ABERBACH
SO-PV	Program Visitor	MARIO O. GUTIERREZ
SO-SR	Secretary	SOFIA RIOS
SO-VE	Vessel Examinations	RENEL NOEL
IPDCP	Immediate Past DCP	JOEL ABERBACH



## **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

### **7<sup>th</sup> District – Division 6.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**As the Division 6 Team providing quality programs and services to the U.S Coast Guard and boating public, we:**

- Build dynamic Flotillas and contributing members through targeted recruiting, effective communications, professional training and mentoring, skills practice, and promotion of active involvement capitalizing on the Team concept,
- Support the active duty Coast Guard in surface and air operations, marine safety and environmental protection by responding professionally and timely to their requests and fulfilling our assignments,
- Promote public awareness of our boating safety programs through advertising,, public affairs, class scheduling and vibrant instruction with the goal of ensuring safe waterways for recreational and commercial use,
- Promote safe recreational boating through public education, courtesy vessel examinations, clean marinas, and active pursuit of other relevant programs,
- Engage opportunities to augment assistance to Coast Guard missions, goals and objectives by engaging in continuing communications, attending Coast Guard functions and meetings, increasing our knowledge of their priorities and instilling confidence in our abilities,
- Remain *Semper Paratus*, in order to meet today's needs and tomorrow challenges.

**Eduardo L. Burbank, DCP-6**

**Judith L. Hudson, VCP-6**





**United Station Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**7<sup>th</sup> District, Division 6**  
**VISION STATEMENT**

We Will Strive To be an Exemplary Auxiliary Division –

Which serves as an integrated member of Team Coast Guard and adds value to Coast Guard objectives and goals by communicating on a continuing basis with Coast Guard leadership at Station Miami, Sector Miami and Air Station Miami, responding to requests in a timely manner with appropriate skills and services.

Which through its leadership and programs, seeks new, expanded and innovative opportunities to serve the Coast Guard and the boating public, improves personal, technical and organizational performance and promotes the opportunity for each member to be an active, contributing participant.

Which is increasingly successful in ensuring the safety of maritime interests, the protection of natural resources and the protection of the boating community.

Which lives and practices the Core Values of the U.S. Coast guard,

**HONOR, RESPECT and DEVOTION TO DUTY**

Eduardo L. Burbank, DCP-6.

Judith L. Hudson VCP-6



## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Seventh District

Code of Ethics &

Principles for All Auxiliarists

***Be Honest*** – Be truthful, straightforward, sincere, candid. Do not mislead nor deceive.

***Have Integrity*** – Live by principles, show the courage of your convictions. Stand behind your beliefs, “Walk the talk.”

***Honor Commitment*** – Keep your promises, be reliable, take action, accept responsibility.

***Be Loyal*** – Be faithful, supportive, adhere to accepted causes, pledge allegiance.

***Exhibit Fairness*** – Strive to be equitable, recognize & overcome prejudices, do not discriminate, be open to all people and ideas.

***Show Compassion*** – Be considerate, caring, charitable, & unselfish.

***Display Respect*** – Be courteous, deferential, and tolerant to policies & procedures as well as to individuals and groups.

***Perform Your Duty*** – Willingly perform assignments & a fair share of the work. Be dependable.

***Pursue Excellence*** – Take pride in your work, continue to learn and practice, identify deficiencies, and strive to improve.



## WHY?

By: Judith Hudson, VCP

Why did you join the Auxiliary?

Why have you lost your initial enthusiasm?

Why have you not let us know?

Now is the time for New Year resolutions, looking back, reflecting on the past, and most importantly planning for the future. With pressures from a lot of different people and organizations to perform, to give of your time and yourself, it is important to think about priorities and organizing ourselves.

Surveys tell us that most of us join the Auxiliary to give to our country, community and fellow citizens, to become involved in a worthwhile objective, to learn, to practice and improve skills, and to meet other people with similar interests. But it is easy through the months and years to forget why we joined this volunteer organization as the job requires more time, more travel, more focus, as the family needs change and grow, as the yard, the car, the church/temple want our services, and as our other friends expect some time and thought.

Has your enthusiasm waned because you have seen imperfections in the policies, in other members, in processes? Do you have less interest because you feel neglected, you have never found your niche, the training you wanted is not available or is held at times you can't attend, you have become bored with your usual activities?

Have you let your FC, VFC, any of the FSOs or your mentor know of your discontent? Have you explored Auxiliary websites to search for a new interest? Have you introduced yourself to new opportunities and members?

So, think about it. Why *did* you join the Auxiliary? What do you want to contribute? How much time do you have and are you willing to contribute? What do you want to learn? How are you going to accomplish this in light of your other responsibilities, obligations and desires?

For each of us there are plenty of activities and projects where we have not participated previously that may open the way to renewed enthusiasm and energy. Identify an area that needs to be improved and get involved. If you need help identifying an objective, talk to one or more of your leaders, ask where the flotilla, the division, the Coast Guard needs help.

### **We need your help, your assistance. We need you!**

It is fun to be part of the Coast Guard team, so I ask that you please, as an exercise of self-reflection:

- *Identify why* you want to continue to be a member of the Auxiliary
- Determine *how much time* you have to donate, when that time is available, and what you would really enjoy doing with that time
- Develop an Auxiliary goal or *some goals for 2008* – write them down
- Develop a *plan of action* to reach that goal or goals – write it down
- *Ask someone for help* if you have difficulty with any of these steps

Keep your goals and plan of action where you can *look at them frequently* to see how you are doing throughout the year. *Enjoy the fun, fellowship and satisfaction of being an active participant, learning more things and accomplishing your plan of action!*

We thank you in advance for making the Auxiliary one of your 2008 priorities!!



## Photo Corner

Dr William Tejeiro, a member of Flotilla 6-7 was recently at a conference to discuss Auxiliary medical issues and concerns. He had the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant US Coast Guard.

Pictured (L-R): Dr. Tejeiro with Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant US Coast Guard.



Eduardo Burbank, Ernesto Sariol, and Ramon Lavin received the prestigious Recreational Boating Safety Program Specialist award . Presenting the award is Vicky Aponte on behalf of the Director of Auxiliary, Seventh Coast Guard District, Commander Dave Allen

## Photo Corner

photo by Tom James

Auxiliarist Tom James was doing Vessel Safety Checks at Matheson Hammock Marina when this gentleman pulled up in his “boat” and wanted to know if he could get a his vessel inspected. As you can see, he has a lot of safety equipment such as oars, lights, fenders, duct tape, fish/depth finder, extra lines, and even a port-a-potty!! Unfortunately the “vessel” with a lawnmower engine did not pass inspection, but was given an “A” for effort.



Photo by Joel Aberbach



If you don't think whales strand on Miami Beach, this one was found on 60th Street this year. Several local and Federal agencies tried to keep it hydrated until FWC picked it up and headed to the Miami Seaquarium to try to save it. Unfortunately it died before it got there. It died because of humans social habits and ignorance. More public education might have prevented strandings such as this. The Auxiliary has programs to educate the public and if you would like to be a part of this continuing effort, please contact Joel Aberbach on how you can help.

## Learn Something New Every Issue



The Commandant of the US Coast Guard is the highest ranking member of the US Coast Guard. He is the only four-star Admiral of the Coast Guard, and is appointed for a four year term by the President of the United States upon confirmation of the US Senate. He is assisted by a Vice-Commandant, two Assistant Commandants/Area Commanders and a Chief of Staff, all of whom are three-star Vice Admirals. Unlike the Commandant of the Marine Corps, The Coast Guard Commandant is not a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He reports to the President, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense. Prior to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, the Coast Guard Commandant reported to the Secretary of Transportation.

