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## Division Leaders 2010

DCDR	Commander	Judith Hudson
VCDR	Vice Commander	Tom Walker
DC-L	Logistics	George Navarini
DC-P	Prevention	Joel Aberbach
DC-R	Response	Jim Shea

## Flotilla Commanders 2010

61	Homestead	George Zima
63	Coconut Grove	Luis Castro
65	South Miami	Armando Framil
67	Coral Gables	Gary Ellis
69	Beach	Humberto Jahen
6-10	North Bay	Bruce Farkas
6-11	Miami	Felipe Pazos


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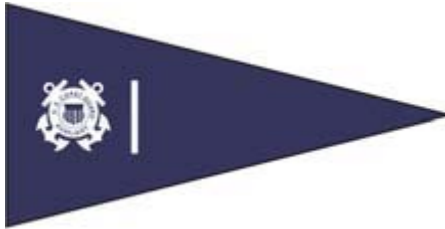
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*Cover Photograph:* The Auxiliary facility *Doubletime* transporting Captain James Fitton (Commander of Sector Miami, *second from left*) and Commander Randall Nelson (*third from left*) to the Coast Guard Cutter Hudson during the 2009 Columbus Day Regatta, in Biscayne Bay, Florida; *Doubletime* crew members that day, of Flotillas 69 and 6-10, were Frank Hacia (*far left*), Frank Herbert (*far right*), Bob Bartley (*at the helm*), and Bruce Farkas and Gene Kahn (*at the stern*).  Photo by Joel Aberbach, DC-P 6.

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## From the Bridge



Division Commander  
Judith Hudson



**Hello 2010!** It is always exciting to begin a new adventure, renew objectives, and start over with a clean slate. That is what the beginning of a new calendar year and a new Auxiliary year are all about. Newly elected and appointed leadership is taking command in almost every flotilla of the division and at the division level itself. Energy is high, creativity abounds, and enthusiasm is pervasive. I admit I am full of ideas and a big desire to initiate, improve, and expand what and how we contribute to our community and the Coast Guard. I am hearing and seeing these same sentiments with many others I talk to.

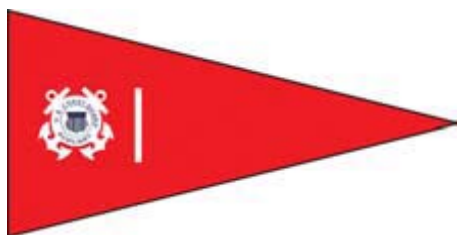
To fulfill those aspirations, we all need to work together and communicate clearly and frequently. The best leaders are the ones who can bring all of those ideas and energy to build teams, establish partnerships, and motivate others to want to participate. The best teams, partners, and individuals then define purposes, develop goals, and plan actions. The real fun and satisfactions come when everyone participates to execute and produce desired results.

We have very capable people in every flotilla and a span of missions that provides something for everyone. It is important to find what you really like to do and get to it. If you need help doing that, there are many seasoned and experienced people to ask for assistance. Perhaps you are lucky enough to have a mentor; if not, then ask others who can help you find your niche. Remember the Auxiliary is a two-way street—the Auxiliary trains you, gives you a Manual to communicate the processes and procedures, and sets meetings and projects. You have a responsibility to ask questions, attend the monthly flotilla meetings, identify a way to contribute, put aside the time it takes, and follow through.

I look forward to this year and hope you do too. Let's get started building those teams and partnerships, helping the Coast Guard in every way that we can, and making our community a more aware, more educated, and safer place.

Thank you for joining the Auxiliary and being an active part of our very worthwhile missions!

*Judith Hudson, DCDR 6*



Division Vice Commander  
Tom Walker



I am very honored to have been asked by Judith Hudson to run for Division Vice Commander, and to have been elected by the Division Board to the position. Judith has many great ideas, a wealth of knowledge about the USCG Auxiliary, and is one of the nicest people I have met in the Auxiliary. I am looking forward to working with her as she leads us into the new decade.

You have elected a great group of flotilla commanders and vice commanders. I believe we are going to accomplish a great deal this year and have a lot of fun doing it. I am a member of Flotilla 67, Coral Gables, and over the course of 2010, I will be visiting the other flotillas. I hope to meet many of you personally. My boat, which is a facility, is named *Tuca*, and is stored in the dry storage barn at Black Point Park. I normally do my boating in south Biscayne Bay, so if you ever see me please stop to say “Hi.” 🌀

*Tom Walker, VCDR 6*

## **DIVISION GOALS 2010**

We are in the process of establishing Division goals for this year. It is always good to know where you are going and how you are going to get there. As always, our objectives will center on boating safety, homeland security, and environmental protection. Of course, as serious as we are about our missions and goals, we make it a point to have fun along the way.

We will take our abilities and attributes, acquire and assimilate as much knowledge as possible, ascertain our boating audience, assemble ample materials, and avail our avid attention to boating safety activities with the hope of alerting, making aware, appealing, and assisting the recreational boating public toward applying all aspects of boating safety to their water adventures.

We won't backslide in bringing a boost to the business of building a broad base of citizens who become better informed on how to help break and banish bona fide terrorism blows against our beautiful country.

On our calendar too will be certain campaigns to commit our collective capacities toward clarifying the countless challenges of charting cleaner choices for our environmental causes—ones that capitalize on clever, candid communications, encourage compliance, combat carelessness, curtail corrosive actions and cultivate voluntary cooperation, and consent to improve the habitats of our water creatures.

Did you notice that there were a lot of As in the Boating Safety mission, and Bs talking about Homeland Security, and Cs for Environmental Protection? We will have fun making all these ABCs happen. Bless you all. Happy New Year! Judith Hudson, DCDR 6 🌀

## The Columbus Day Regatta (View from the Bridge)

by Joel Aberbach

Division Chief-Prevention (DC-P), Staff Officer-Marine Safety (SO-MS) 6

Biscayne Bay, Florida: This year's Columbus Day Regatta was another opportunity for Division 6 to shine! Hundreds of boaters gathered over the weekend of October 9-11, 2009.

The Columbus Day Regatta has a long history in our region. In the past, on the Saturday, several hundred sailboats, of many classes, started the event just east of Dinner Key and zigzagged to the Featherbeds. Then, on Sunday morning, the race started again at the Featherbeds and ended where it started the previous day. It was called the "Columbus Day Regatta."



Above: What the Columbus Day Regatta once looked like.

Today, the event is no longer associated with the original name, at the request of the organizer. The fewer than 70 participating sailboats do not even enter Biscayne National Park, but the partying boats do, by the thousands. The weekend evolved into a completely different, looser, musical, and sometimes-dangerous weekend, having a certain amount of fun, charm, and even a bit of good will.

Every year, many Auxiliary vessels participate in the weekend as both Search and Rescue, and Regatta Patrol boats, covering both the north and south bay areas in the daytime and through night operations. In 2009, Auxiliary facilities on duty on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday included *Aida III*, *Cat 5*, *Doubletime*, *Eagle Eye*, *E.R.*, *Goggle Eye*, *Howdy*, *Sabot*, *Reel Smith*, *Relentless*, *Ruby G*, *Sandpiper*, *Sweet Revenge*, *Tiger Cat*, *True Grit*, and *Tuca*.



Above: The actual “view from the bridge” of the Coast Guard Cutter Hudson, anchored just off the coast of Elliot Key, Florida, in 2008.

The participating law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, Florida Wildlife Commission, Biscayne National Park, Miami-Dade Marine Patrol, Miami Marine Patrol, and several municipal marine patrol units, brief several times prior to the event. The Auxiliary *always* actively participates in the briefings and always is acknowledged as a major partner in the event.



Above: The pre-mission brief for the press, with Lieutenant John Corbett, Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Station Miami Beach presenting at the podium, to be followed by the Florida Wildlife Commission's Public Affairs Officer George Pino (standing to Lt. Corbett's left).

Once you see how our boats perform at the event, you will get a better understanding of why our training is so important. In addition to the actual around-the-clock patrolling, the Auxiliary also plays a major role in checking all area Aids to Navigation; educating boaters on the need to comply with all safety equipment and to obey local, state, and Federal regulations; communications; logistics from the Sector and Convoy Point; transporting lost swimmers; and responding to SAR. Quoting from a 2009 briefing, "This event wouldn't be possible without Auxiliary involvement." 🌊 Photos by Joel Aberbach, DC-P, SO-MS 6.

## **The Columbus Day Regatta (View from the Bay)**

by Gary Ellis, Jr., Flotilla Commander 67

### *Eagle Eye*

Biscayne Bay, Florida: The Columbus Day Regatta was originally a sailboat regatta that ran from Coconut Grove down Biscayne Bay and ended just before our Featherbeds. The sailors all anchored and had a tremendous drinking party. On Sunday, they would race back, hung over. The boating public found out about it, and it grew into the Columbus Day Regatta Weekend. I have been going since the early 1970s.

At one time, I was involved in an operations briefing in the late 1990s with Biscayne National Park's Superintendent. Because of all the fatalities during this event and the environmental damage to the park by grounding, noise pollution, and trash from the boaters, officials wanted to shut it down.

Over the years since, with the help of multiple law enforcement organizations in our local areas, they were tasked with trying to control the massive vessel traffic on Biscayne Bay waters during this three-day event. Law enforcement was up against many challenges, including inexperienced vessel operators combined with alcohol, drugs, rock and roll, Latin salsa, and people in various stages of undress in a party the size of a small city. Controlling it, however, has worked. With educating the boating public and a show of force, law enforcement has shown that it is not going to tolerate people breaking boating and environmental laws.

The Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary has always been a major player in this event. As Auxiliarists, our job, first and foremost, is the safety of the boating public and protecting the environment. Our duties include directing vessel traffic, search and rescue, personnel transport, and vessel towing. We also do pre-event educating from our classrooms and from the boat ramps.

I have participated in the Columbus Day Regatta weekend for the last 14 years as an Auxiliarist. I have operated two Auxiliary Facilities over these years: *Hanna Banana* and now, *Eagle Eye*. In my experience with the regatta, my crew and I have saved a number of lives, and seen several really bad boating and personal accidents. If you like search and rescue, this is the weekend to test your talents. If you haven't ever seen a flare, you will see several over the Columbus Day Regatta Weekend's event.

Hope to see you next year. 🌊

## Holiday Party at the Gator Den

Miami Beach, Florida: This year's Holiday Party took place at the Gator Den at USCG Station Miami Beach on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Auxiliarists and their families enjoyed plentiful food and great company. Even Santa Claus came by for a surprise visit! 🌐 Photos by Fred D'Agostino of Flotilla 6-11.



Above: Eduardo Burbank, Santa Claus (aka Christopher Todd), and Ceci Burbank



Above: Elena and Chris Cohan of Flotilla 65



Left: Barbara and Fred D'Agostino of Flotilla 6-11



Right: Lt. John Corbett, Commanding Officer of Station Miami Beach, and Karen Corbett



Left: Félix García, John Ciampa, Judith Hudson, Fred Jaca, Eduardo Burbank, Ceci Burbank, and Susan Jaca

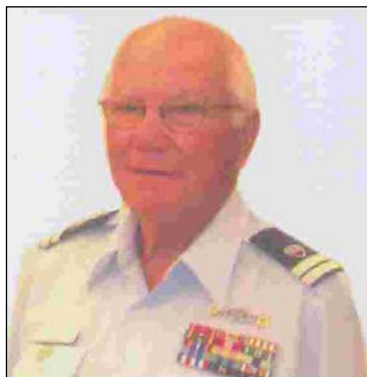



Right: Santa Claus, Monica Zima, and "Captain Bob" Evens of Flotilla 6-11



Left: Barbara and John J. Samuelson of Flotilla 69

## Division 6 Staff Officer Leads Nation in VE's



Ramón ("Ray") Lavin, Staff Officer-Materials (SO-MA) for Division 6, led the nation in the total number of Vessel Examinations (VE's) for 2009. A search of the AUXDATA system on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, confirms that he was number one in the United States, with 1,175 VE's. This is not the first year he has achieved such a high number. In 2008, he completed 1,112 VE's. Mr. Lavin spends *many* hours each week conducting examinations at the Crandon Park Boat Ramp in Miami-Dade County. He especially enjoys speaking with boaters who are eager to learn about issues of safety on the water. But, this is not the only way he spends his time—he also is certified as a Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor, a Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner, an Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner, an Instructor, and an Interpreter! He joined the Auxiliary in 1996, and since then, for several terms, he has served as Flotilla Commander for Flotilla 63.  Photo by Ramón Lavin, SO-MA 6.



## Memo from the Commandant

From: Allen, Thad Admiral  
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 05:12 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: All Hands  
Subject: ALL HANDS - Nomination of Next Commandant

To the men and women of the United States Coast Guard,

I am pleased to announce that the President of the United States, upon recommendation from the Secretary of Homeland Security, has nominated VADM Robert J. Papp Jr. for appointment as the 24<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate. I have already extended my heartfelt congratulations to VADM Papp and I look forward to close personal and staff coordination over the next five months as we prepare for the Commandant's Change of Command on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We need to be capable of continually adapting to our environment and managing new circumstances – this is a principle tenet of our Modernization efforts. Leadership transition is one such change and we must each take ownership in making change possible.

Times of transition offer new prospects. I have known and worked with VADM Papp for many years and have every confidence in his leadership and ability. Your future and the future of the Coast Guard will be in excellent hands.

Semper Paratus!

Admiral Thad W. Allen  
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

## Boating Safety Education Requirements Change in Florida

Tallahassee, Florida: Boating-safety education requirements change in Florida beginning New Year's Day. Boat operators born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988, must pass an approved boating-safety course, and carry a photo identification and a boating-safety education identification card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to legally operate a boat with a motor of ten horsepower or more. "We want to encourage everyone, regardless of when they were born, to take an approved boating-safety education course, because all of us can learn something new, even if we have been boating all our lives," said Captain Carol Keyser of FWC's boating and waterways section. "For some, it is now required to take the course." There are a few exceptions. People born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988, who operate a boat within 90 days after purchasing it, do not need a boating-safety education identification card if a state-approved bill of sale is onboard. After the 90-day period ends, the boat operator needs to meet the educational requirements. Those who possess a current U.S. Coast Guard license also are exempt. For course information and educational requirements, visit [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and click "boating," then click "boating safety." For other inquiries, contact FWC's Division of Law Enforcement at (850) 488-5600, or e-mail questions to the FWC at [bobbercard@myfwc.com](mailto:bobbercard@myfwc.com)

## Coast Guard–Shark Valley Bicycle Ride

by Joel Aberbach, DC-P, SO-MS 6

Everglades, Florida: The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Coast Guard–Shark Valley bicycle ride will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 1700. It is a 3-hour ride over a 15 mile paved trail. Instead of a moonlight ride, this year it will be a sunset ride, which will be more interesting and far less challenging. We recommend bike lights. (It is best to see the alligators before running into or over them, as almost happened last year.) We reserved 30 of the 40 openings for Team Coast Guard, with the Station and Auxiliary getting first pick.



Left: Sunset      Above: A National Park Ranger briefs the riders.

We can get the remaining ten spots if needed. It is all free, including parking and Ranger participation. We need a pretty accurate count as soon as possible, but it does not have to be immediate. These are some photos from last year's event, which was nothing less than a great success. Shark Valley is 45 miles west of Miami on S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and is easy to find. After the ride, most of the participants met at a nearby restaurant for great ribs, corn, and beer. Naturally, the drivers did not the drink beer! Please RSVP to me at [cinarig@aol.com](mailto:cinarig@aol.com) We hope we see you on March 6<sup>th</sup>! 🌊 Photos by Joel Aberbach, DC-P, SO-MS 6.

## USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 65 at Local Boy Scout Camporee

by Elena Cohan, Flotilla Staff Officer-Publications (FSO-PB) 65

Miami, Florida: On Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, Flotilla 65 participated at the Boy Scout 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln-Martí Camporee in Miami. Over 1,300 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Fire Explorers, Police Explorers, and adult leaders visited our Flotilla's display of boating safety and environmental information.

Our display included a television monitor showing DVDs of "The Story of Inky the Whale" and Officer Snook's "The Race that Went Down the Drain"; America's Waterway Watch posters and brochures; Joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and, a display of 'talking' Personal Flotation Devices with cartoon bubble-quotes with statements like, "If you don't wear me, I can't help you!" and "I may not be pretty, but I will save your life!" Auxiliarists welcomed each visitor and answered questions. Our younger visitors walked away with Officer Snook coloring books, comic books, and stickers; Sea Partners information, stickers, and bookmarks; and instruction on the use of personal flotation devices, boating safely, and caring for our marine environment.


Older youth and adults receive age-appropriate information regarding boating safety classes, use of Personal Flotation Devices, dangers of carbon monoxide, Personal Watercraft safety, Florida boating regulations, and more. Older Scouts obtained an informational USCG Academy DVD and brochure; and we answered questions regarding joining the US Coast Guard.

All youth received a plastic whistle/compass/flashlight bearing the logo and information extolling the use of marine pumpout stations. Adults were ambiguously grateful.

We hosted two activities during the afternoon. We set up a Heaving Line target for the Boy Scouts and older Girl Scouts to learn and practice the art of heaving a line. Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts enjoyed playing the Officer Snook Environmental Timeline game. Scouts and adults learned vital information regarding some everyday products and how long it takes them to decompose.


At the Camporee Campfire, attendance swelled as visiting parents joined scouts for skits, songs, and cheers. At the conclusion of the evening festivities, we tossed into the audience articles we provided such as first aid kits, ball caps, and Officer Snook T-shirts and posters.



It was a full and exciting day for our Flotilla members who participated (Elena Cohan, Chris Cohan, Bob Hopps, Fred Jaca, Jim Scholz, Frank Sullivan, Mike Gibbons, Art Goessel, and Mandy Framil). Attendees and staff thanked us for our contribution and expressed the hope that our Flotilla will participate on an annual basis.  Photo by Elena Cohan, FSO-PB 65.


Left: Girl Scouts are urged to help themselves to Officer Snook materials by Auxiliarists Jim Scholz, Bob Hopps, and Fred Jaca (*left to right*).

## Division Awards 2009

Auxiliarists work long hours, contributing their time and talent in the service of the nation. During the Change of Watch in January of 2010, Division 6 recognized many Auxiliarists for the wide range of activities they conducted in 2009. Below is a listing of those Division 6 Awards. 

Award Name	Place	Recipient
<b>Coxswain</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	James Shea
Coxswain	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Bartley
Coxswain	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christopher Todd
<b>Boat Crew</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Julian Corrales
Boat Crew	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bruce Farkas
Boat Crew	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard High
<b>Pilot</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fred Ross
Pilot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Dailey
Pilot	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Iozia
<b>Air Observer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fred Ross
Air Observer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lawrence Lehrman
Air Observer	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daniel Ochsenschlager
<b>CG Operations Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	William Tejeiro
CG Operations Support	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ernesto Sariol
CG Operations Support	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ramon Lavin
<b>Instructor</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Federico Jaca
Instructor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ernesto Sariol
Instructor	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Carlin
<b>Instructor Aide</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Henry Cespedes
Instructor Aide	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frank Sullivan
Instructor Aide	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elena Cohan
<b>Member Training Instructor</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Federico Jaca
Member Training Instructor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Manson
Member Training Instructor	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Félix García
<b>CG Administrative Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ben Ostrovsky
CG Administrative Support	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eugene Kahn
CG Administrative Support	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joel Aberbach
<b>Vessel Safety Checks</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ramon Lavin
Vessel Safety Checks	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Edward Zaret
Vessel Safety Checks	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank Hacia
<b>RBS Program Visitations</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Federico Jaca
RBS Program Visitations	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Simpson
RBS Program Visitations	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mario Gutierrez
<b>Public Affairs</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christopher Todd
Public Affairs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stacey Wright
Public Affairs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Federico Jaca
<b>Radio Watchstander</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Aberbach
Radio Watchstander	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Federico Jaca
Radio Watchstander	3 <sup>rd</sup>	n/a
<b>Hawkeye Watchstander</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Frank Sullivan
Hawkeye Watchstander	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miguel Corco
Hawkeye Watchstander	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lawrence Lehrman
<b>Miriam "Mimi" Allgair Achievement Memorial Award</b>		Frank Sullivan

## State of the Division 2009

Statistics reveal a great deal of information about, and provide a clear picture of, an organization's purpose and efficiency. AUXDATA statistics for Division 6 (from late December 2009) reveal the diversity of activities that members undertake throughout the year. The report shows mission hours in many different categories. Below is just a brief sample of the work of Division 6 Auxiliaries. 

AUXADMIN	Administrative Support	36,847.50 hours
AUXMP	Marine Patrols	8,955.30 hours
CGADMN	Coast Guard Administrative Support	3,028.48 hours
HS	Health Services	412.00 hours
SAR	Search & Rescue	1,433.00 hours
PE	Public Education	1,537.75 hours
VSC	Vessel Safety Checks	2,479.20 hours
<b>All Missions</b>		<b>64,282.11 hours</b>

## Staff Officers 2010

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Name</b>
DCDR	Division Commander	Judith Hudson
DVCDR	Division Vice Commander	Tom Walker
DC-L	Chief-Logistics	George Navarini
DC-P	Chief-Prevention	Joel Aberbach
DC-R	Chief-Response	Jim Shea
SO-CM	Communications	Alvaro Bernal
SO-CS	Communications Services	Andre Rosas
SO-FN	Finance	Faith Farkas
SO-IS	Information Services	Ben Ostrovsky
SO-MA	Materials	Ray Lavin
SO-MT	Member Training	Monica Zima
SO-MS	Marine Safety	Joel Aberbach
SO-NS	Navigation Services	Frank Lane
SO-OP	Operations	Jim Shea
SO-PA	Public Affairs	George Navarini
SO-PB	Publications	Raúl Fernández-Calienes
SO-PE	Public Education	Tom James
SO-PS	Personnel Services	Manny Estrela
SO-PV	Program Visitation	James Simpson
SO-SR & Parliamentarian	Secretary/Records & Parl.	John Ciampa
SO-VE	Vessel Examination	Erik Kozak
Historian	Historian	Victoria Aponte
INSP'L LDR	Inspirational Leader	Mary Newman
Medical Coordinator	Medical Coordinator	William Tejeiro
IPDCDR	Immediate Past DCDR	Eduardo Burbank

## Division and Flotilla Meetings 2010

Unit	Date & Time	Location
Division 6 Miami-Dade	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1930	Station Miami Beach Mess Hall 100 MacArthur Causeway Station Miami Beach, FL. 33132
Flotilla 61 Homestead	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900	USCG MSST Miami 29050 Coral Sea Boulevard Bldg 718, Homestead AFB Homestead, FL. 33139
Flotilla 63 Coconut Grove	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 2000	Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2990 South Bayshore Drive Miami, FL. 33133
Flotilla 65 South Miami	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2000	South Miami Elks Club 1 block from Highway 1 & 61 <sup>st</sup> St. (by Taco Bell) 6304 S.W. 78 <sup>th</sup> St.
Flotilla 67 Coral Gables	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Dinner & Meeting 1900	Holiday Inn 1351 South Dixie Highway Coral Gables, FL. 33146
Flotilla 69 Beach	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 1930	Air Station Miami N.W. 149 <sup>th</sup> State Road Opa Locka, FL. 33054
Flotilla 6-10 North Bay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 1930	Sunny Isles Community Center 18115 North Bay Road Sunny Isles, FL. 33160
Flotilla 6-11 Miami	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1930	Station Miami Beach Mess Hall 100 MacArthur Causeway Station Miami Beach, FL. 33132

## Calendar

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday—Regular meetings of Division 6 are held the fourth Thursday of the month

January 3 (Sunday)—Division 6 Change of Watch

January 28 (Thursday)—The modern United States Coast Guard celebrates its 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary!

February 14-15 (Sunday-Monday)—Sector Miami CPR Instructor Course is held at Sector Miami Training Room, beginning at 0830; contact Terry Barth, [terry-uscgauX@hotmail.com](mailto:terry-uscgauX@hotmail.com)

February 15 (Third Monday in February)—Presidents Day is celebrated throughout the U.S.A.

February 11-15—The Miami International Boat Show & Strictly Sail takes place.

February 25 (Thursday)—Division 6 meeting.

March 6 (Saturday)—The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coast Guard–Shark Valley Bicycle Ride; contact [cinarig@aol.com](mailto:cinarig@aol.com)

March 25 (Thursday)—Division 6 meeting.

*Today*—Remember to send articles, news, event notes, and pictures of Division and Flotilla activities for future issues of this publication!



The "2009 Holiday Card"—courtesy of Lt. John Corbett and the crew of U.S. Coast Guard Station Miami Beach

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