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Cover Photograph: Tom James presenting a special version of *Suddenly in Command* to participants at the Miami International Boat Show in February of 2010.  Photo by Tom James, SO-PE 6.

Division Leaders 2010

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From the Bridge


A Commitment from You...

Commitment is a wonderful and wondrous thing. Remember when you made the decision to join the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some time after that, you took a pledge of commitment to the Auxiliary's purposes, standards, and missions—to actively participate. Commitments from you have achieved a wide range of projects and activities in Division Six – we have educated many thousands of boaters, their families, and the general public on water safety and the environment, we have provided safety zones for regattas, parades, and emergency situations, we have saved lives and property, we have flown thousands of hours of patrols to protect our shores, we have stood watch, translated messages, assisted in hundreds of administrative projects, and the list goes on and on.

In the process we have learned, had significant experiences, found new friends, felt pride and satisfaction, been recognized and rewarded, achieved beyond our expectations, and found new purposes for our time and efforts.

During the past two years, many of us have faced new challenges from the economic environment that our Country has been experiencing, and/or from personal and family circumstances. Commitment is most difficult and most readily proven during tough times. Epicurus stated: "...a captain earns his reputation during the storms." When competing priorities give you a battle, when the first wave of enthusiasm dries up, when the recognition is fleeting, when the repetition of missions is unexciting, this is when it is easiest to compromise your commitments and find excuses for not fulfilling your promises.

Paying the price that commitment commands has benefits well worth the cost though – a reputation for integrity, dependability, and being a team player. Even more important, we get the commitment of others in return. Commitment is a two-way street. You only get it if you are willing to give it. Every one of you is needed to actively contribute and do your part. When one member doesn't "show up," other members are burdened and sometimes embarrassed because they have counted on you and made plans and promises based on your word. Sometimes, the mission must be cancelled because one member did not deliver their part. If all of us contribute, the portion required of each of us is much smaller.

Honor, respect, and devotion to duty are our core values, as well as those of the active duty Coast Guard. Let us deliver the highest standards of these powerful words, be mindful of not promising more than we can deliver, but deliver every commitment that we make. We will be a better team and achieve more for our community, our country, and our Coast Guard. 



Judith Hudson, DCDR 6


Among the First In: Auxiliarists Support Coast Guard Response to Earthquake in Haiti

Raúl Fernández-Calienes
Staff Officer for Publications 6

Miami, Florida: Auxiliarists from Division 6 were some of the first persons involved in the U.S. Coast Guard response to the earthquake in Haiti in January of 2010, officially named *Operation Unified Response*. Within hours of the disaster, the Coast Guard established a Haiti Relief Joint Information Center (JIC) at the 7th District Headquarters in downtown Miami. Working in shifts, Auxiliarists participated in administration, communications, interpretation and translation, logistics, media relations, and other activities. Division 6 Auxiliarists contributing to efforts at the JIC included the following:

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| Joel Aberbach | Division Chief for Prevention, Staff Officer for Marine Safety, Flotilla 6-10 |
| John Ciampa | Division Secretary and Parliamentarian, Flotilla 67 |
| Theresa González | Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs-español 6-11 |
| Judith Hudson | Division Commander 6, Flotilla 67 |
| George Navarini | Division Chief for Logistics, Staff Officer for Public Affairs and Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs 63 |
| Renel Noel | Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations 6-10 |
| Matthew Paulini | Flotilla Staff Officer for Information Services 6-11 |
| Felipe Pazos | Flotilla Commander 6-11 |
| Silvio Rodríguez | Flotilla 6-11 |
| James Simpson | Staff Officer for Program Visitation, Flotilla 6-11 |
| Bill Swank | Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs 6-11 |
| Christopher Todd | Division Chief of Publications for the National Public Affairs Directorate, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander 6-11 |
| Nathalie Vilaire | Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training 6-11 |
| Monica Zima | Staff Officer for Member Training, FL 61 |

For more than two weeks, Auxiliarists supported the JIC, until active duty Public Affairs Officers arrived from all over the United States to continue the work on-site in Miami.

Several U.S. Coast Guard officials confirmed their appreciation of the Auxiliary's active and effective participation. One of these was Captain Ron LaBrec, Chief of Coast Guard Public Affairs, who highlighted the Auxiliarists working in the JIC at the 7th District Headquarters. 



Helping Haiti from Miami

Renel Noel

Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Examination 6-10

North Miami Beach, Florida: *In January 2010, Renel Noel, an officer with Flotilla 6-10, North Bay, received a call from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to help in the response to the earthquake in Haiti. A member of the Auxiliary's Interpreter Corp qualified in Haitian Creole, Noel has been working hard since then—but in a way he did not expect: He stayed in Miami! Working from home, he became more valuable than if he had gone to his native Haiti. In addition, with funding assistance from Division 6 Auxiliarists, he organized a large shipment of critically needed supplies to Haiti. Following is his account.*

What is your relationship to Haiti?

I was born in Port-de-Paix, on the north coast of Haiti, and I lived there until I was 19 years old. In 2001, I started to travel back there and to reconnect to the BERACA mission campus. This brought back memories of my youth.



Above: Renel Noel conducts a briefing for Flotilla 6-10 on his contributions to the USCG Auxiliary's response to the earthquake in Haiti.

Photo by Noele Stoute of Flotilla 6-10.



Above: A building at the mission campus in Haiti.
Photo by Renel Noel of Flotilla 6-10.

The mission campus is a non-profit entity comprised of numerous buildings under one name including a hospital, a rehabilitation facility, an orphanage center (one for boys and one for girls), a church, a school, and several buildings and housing used for other purposes. It was founded in the late 1940s or early 1950s by U.S., Canadian, and French missionaries—predominantly Baptist. The entire operation runs under the umbrella of a theological seminary called the *Union Évangélique Baptiste Haïtienne* (UEBH).

Since 2001, I have been working with them. First, I raised money, purchased an ambulance, and sent it to them. Second, I installed a brand new domestic water system for them by using an old 6-foot well they had for ages but never knew how to work to supply enough water for the entire campus. I removed the small 1½-horsepower pump that was there and installed a 5-horsepower submersible pump. Then, I built an underground cistern with a 40,000-gallon capacity, 800 feet away, and 60 feet uphill.



By pumping directly uphill to the cistern, now the campus is operating under gravity pressure, even when the generator is off for up to eight hours. In April of 2009, I built another 60,000-gallon underground cistern with a jet pump to boost the water pressure even more for the orphanage center. This cistern can be used for another purpose by pumping water out of it via a pitcher pump. It is a reservoir.

Above: Water sprays from a fitting in one of the newly built cisterns in Haiti.
Photo by Renel Noel.

How and when did you become involved with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's efforts to assist the earthquake victims? Did the Auxiliary contact you?

I joined the Auxiliary back in 1998. Since then, I have become a Crewmember, a Program Visitor, a Vessel Safety Examiner, a Communications Specialist, and an Interpreter. The Auxiliary's Interpreter Corps contacted me and asked that I be on readiness status for possible deployment to Haiti. Even though I did not deploy, I was called to report to the District 7 Headquarters to work with other Auxiliarists who were here in South Florida from many other states. Since the disaster struck, we have been working electronically day and night.

Did the Auxiliary intend to send you to Haiti?

Yes, I was briefed about my call to go to Haiti under orders of the United States Coast Guard.

Did you go? If not, why not?

I did not go. At first, I learned the decision to go or not was in the hands of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which eventually concluded there were more than 100 interpreters on the ground in Haiti already. So, I did not have to go for now.

What did the Auxiliary ask you to do in Miami?

My job was to assist with translation via text message, computer, or telephone call. I have to translate the message from Creole to English and then determine the urgency of the call so information can be sent back to the command center for follow up, if needed.

What have you been doing here at home and at the District 7 Office? Please describe a typical day of your assistance to Haitians through the Auxiliary.

At first, the U.S. telephone system could not penetrate Haiti's telephone service system. I had to use my family in my hometown 100 miles away from Port-Au-Prince to test our system only to realize that the problem was in our system here. After two days at the District office, we switched gears to telephone texting and computers with more success. We were able to identify people in various pocket areas where assistance was slow to reach them or never reached them at all. On one occasion, we assisted the family of an accident victim in Gonaïves where the wife had died, and the husband and daughter had been gravely injured. We assisted by verifying the exact location of the hospitals where they were located. They were in two different places that had no capacity to treat patients. I began by correctly spelling their names and their locations. Then, I sent the information we collected from them back to the Command Center, so it could send help to them.



Above: A beach near the mission campus in Haiti. Photo by Renel Noel.

Describe any assistance you are receiving from people (including Auxiliarists) here in South Florida (funds, goods, logistical support, etc.).

From the Auxiliary, I received financial support as well as moral support. Some Auxiliarists called me just to make sure that my immediate family was okay. Others contributed to my fundraising

effort to ship pallets of medical supplies I had sitting in a warehouse on the Miami River. Some Auxiliarists even made telephone calls to solicit help on my behalf. I am really impressed with these kinds of gestures.

How are you communicating with people in Haiti?

We communicate both by telephone and by Internet. Texting is becoming one of the best tools to use these days in Haiti.


How has this helped relief efforts?

I believe this is the best course of action one can take under the circumstances. Despite all the difficulties we encountered to get help over there, my efforts are being very effective. I do not have a chain of command to wait for. Therefore, I just acted as the need occurred. Many folks who fled the disaster have been helped with the food we sent last month.

How have you made a difference in the lives of Haitians in the midst of the disaster?

Everyone on the island was in a state of panic—not knowing what this disaster would do to their lives. My first job was to reassure those with whom we have contact and who we have been supporting for several years that I am standing with them and will do everything at my disposal to help them. I did just that.

How has the Auxiliary made a difference?

The Auxiliary showed its presence in every move made in the direction of the disaster. Auxiliary members are willing to help at any given moment—not only those who are here in the Miami area but also those who have come from several other states to be closer to the area where most of the response actions are taking place. 

Right: A view of the coastline near the mission campus in Haiti.
Photo by Renel Noel.



Division Deluge: Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Joel Aberbach

Division Chief for Prevention and Staff Officer for Marine Safety 6

Miami, Florida: This picture represents what Division 6 was responsible for over the past twelve months. A collection of 130 pounds (more than 200,000 pull-tabs) is a significant donation, even for the Ronald McDonald House to receive. I was very proud to deliver them and overjoyed to get them out of my house!

Our sincerest thanks to all who contributed, whether it was a five-pound package or only a few tabs once in a while. We also thank Station Miami Beach, a couple of members from Division 3, and our good friend Janna.

Keep saving them, and next year we'll do the same, but with a goal of 150 pounds. Let's all get involved! Get your friends to help! 🇺🇸



Above: Division 6 Auxiliarists collected more than 200,000 pull-tabs for charity. Photo by Joel Aberbach.

Highlight: National Safe Boating Week

May 22-28, 2010

Safe Boating Campaign

www.safeboatingcampaign.com



Third Annual Youth Boating Safety Program Presented as Part of National Safe Boating Week

Elena Cohan

Flotilla Staff Officer for Publications 65

Miami, Florida: On Saturday, May 22nd, award winning U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 65 will present its third annual free safe boating program to local youth at Elks Lodge 1676 in South Miami.


Invitations to the free training have been sent to local Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Explorers, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts. The word is also being passed via e-mail chain letters to any and all who have or know of children ages 10 to 17 who might benefit from the free program. The training will be held by the flotilla during its National Safe Boating Week events.

Last year's event included 47 participants (32 youth and 15 adults), who all learned basic boating skills and legal requirements for safe boating during the three and a half hour program. This year's event promises to be even more exciting as the responses from youth group leaders have started to pour in.

The program will include a "hands-on" session in which Flotilla members will coach everyone on line handling techniques, radio communications, proper use of signal mirrors, and much more. At the conclusion of the program and successful completion by all of a verbal test, each participant will receive a certificate from the Flotilla.

The statistics for boating fatalities in the State of Florida remain grim. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida historically has held claim to the unfortunate distinction of having the highest annual number of boating accidents, injuries, and fatalities when compared to the rest of the nation.

Many boaters simply do not have the information they need to be safe on the water. Through the efforts of Flotilla 65, our future boaters will be better informed, and there will be fewer persons to worry about while they are out on the water.

If you know of any youngsters who might benefit from this program, please contact Elena Cohan via e-mail at elena.flotilla65@gmail.com for further information. 

Focusing on Life Jackets

Harriet Howard

Special Assistant for National Safe Boating Week

“Life jackets save lives.” That’s why we Public Affairs Officers and Vessel Examiners must find many ways to keep that message before the boating public. “Life jackets float. You don’t.” We urge boaters to be responsible and always wear a life jacket when aboard. “Boat smart. Boat safe. Wear it!” The focus for this year’s National Safe Boating Week campaign continues to be on life jacket wear.

In Florida, “Operation Wear It!” will highlight the importance of life jacket wear with a “Life Jacket for Life Tour” along the Intracoastal Highway from Jacksonville to Miami, May 23-28. This is a joint effort, which includes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary, and the U.S. Power Squadrons. Before, during, and after National Safe Boating Week, Auxiliarists will promote life jacket wear because “Life jackets save lives.” 🚤 (Excerpted from NSBW News, April-May 2010.)



Miami International Boat Show 2010

Tom Walker

Division Vice Commander 6

Miami, Florida: The Miami International Boat Show took place this year from February 12-15, 2010, attended by 91,000 visitors. As usual, members of Division 6 helped in several different ways, fulfilling the several different Auxiliary missions.

- (1) *Marine Safety*: Members from Flotillas 69, 6-10, and 6-11 helped at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s ‘Clean Marina’ booth. The Auxiliary also provided support at the Sea Partners Booth.
- (2) *Public Education*: Of the free courses offered by the Boat Show in the Big Game Room, two 90-minute segments were given by the Auxiliary. Three Auxiliary members (Joel Aberbach of Flotilla 6-10, Henry Céspedes of Flotilla 67, and Tom James of Flotilla 6-10 and past Division 6 Commander) presented a special seminar version of *Suddenly in Command* to an appreciative audience of 55 students. The Boat Show plans to feature the Coast Guard Auxiliary presentation again next year.
- (3) *Public Affairs*: Division 6 had a booth open for the entire show. Besides talking with over 1,000 visitors about the USCG Auxiliary, we collected nearly 400 contact cards with names and other information from prospective students and members with whom we are in the process of following up. We estimate that including the entire Auxiliary presence, we personally greeted over 1,000 persons and gave out 2,000 Inky and Officer Snook books to children. 🚤

Flotilla 65 Public Education Team of Stars Continues to Shine!

Elena Cohan


Flotilla Staff Officer for Publications 65

Miami, Florida: On February 6, 2010, a crack team of instructors headed north to Fort Lauderdale and presented a condensed version of the Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) program to a unit of 43 U.S. Army Reservists.

The Reserve Unit was scheduled to deploy on a mission on February 20th to a seaport in South Carolina. They were to stand duty at the seaport and board vessels, providing security for Army supplies and munitions. A prerequisite for completing their mission was to receive training on boating skills and safety.

Fred Jaca, Chris Cohan, and Elena Cohan were able to put together a condensed version of the Boating Skills and Seamanship course into a one-day presentation. The Reservists were all very grateful, and almost all expressed an interest in retaking the course in its entirety in the future. The first full 13-chapter BS&S course was a huge success at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. The course began on February 15th and ran for four weeks. Fred and his team (Frank Sullivan, Eric Jones, Chris Cohan, and Elena Cohan) did their usual spectacular job of making sure everyone understood the material.

Again, everyone passed the final exam with flying colors, the only exception being one gentleman who suffered with a language barrier. He speaks very little English having been in this country for only three years. He received assistance during the navigation portion of the course from Alfredo Nardi and Enrique Ventura who had come out to assist.

The gentleman was unable to complete the exam on his own as he had great difficulty understanding the questions. An appointment was made for him to come out to the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, March 16th. There, Alfredo took the lead in translating the exam with the help of Fred and Elena. Success! The very happy gentleman not only passed the exam with honors but also is very interested in joining our Flotilla. 



Above: A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter in clear skies over Biscayne Bay, Florida, in February of 2010. Photo by Jairo Arauz of Flotilla 63.

MAST Academy Program

Tom James
Staff Officer for Public Education 6

Key Biscayne, Florida: This year, for the first time, Division 6 Public Education instructors are team teaching four simultaneous Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) programs at the Maritime and Science Technology High School (MAST Academy). MAST Academy is a unique Magnet School in Miami-Dade County that offers exciting programs in Marine Studies and Culture, Maritime Related Industries, or Oceanic and Atmospheric Science Technology.

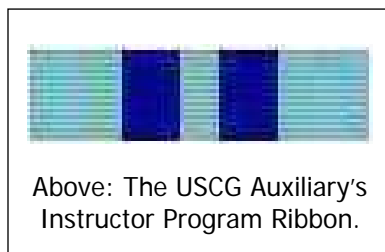
The many opportunities afforded the students include conducting research aboard seagoing research vessels, mobile science laboratories, and the only Coast Guard JROTC program. This latter offering is what makes our Division's involvement with MAST so important, as we have the opportunity to share our boating knowledge with an intelligent and eager group of young people and further expose them to another member of Team Coast Guard. While these programs are not targeted directly to participants in the CG JROTC program, having such a program affords Auxiliary members an excellent opportunity to expand our relationship with the students.

Organized initially by Flotilla 61 member Ed Dickson, the four 13-lesson BS&S programs are taught by members from six different Flotillas: 61, 63, 67, 69, 6-10, and 6-11.

The Division Staff Officer for Public Education, Tom James, has been coordinating the recruitment of instructors and reports that cooperation has been outstanding. Whenever there has been a need for someone to fill in, due to schedule changes or the sudden unavailability of an instructor for a particular class, instructors in Division 6 have come through, with flying colors.

Instructors who have participated in the teaching are Joel Aberbach, Don Grimsley, Ed Zaret, James Carlin, George Navarini, Jeff Cohen, Harvey Siegal, John Ciampa, Bruce Farkas, Cal Gordon, Mary Newman, and Monica Zima. George Zima, Mike Leslie, and Judith Hudson will be administering the final exam and awarding course completion certificates.

Our hope is that this excellent Public Education outreach program can be repeated each year and that the relationship between the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and MAST Academy will continue to grow. 🌟



National Departments Change Names

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (“**Silver Side**”) is continuing its efforts to align more closely to the U.S. Coast Guard (“**Gold Side**”), and this involves several modifications to the Auxiliary organizational structure. See some of the new changes below, and remember to update your Website links. 🌟

| <u>Old Name</u> | <u>New Name</u> | <u>New URL</u> |
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| P Dept. (Personnel) | H Dept. (Human Resources) | http://www.hdept.cgaux.org |
| M Dept. (Marine Safety and Environmental Protection) | P Dept. (Prevention) | http://www.pdept.cgaux.org |

Vessel Examination Showcase


Erik M. Kozak

Staff Officer for Vessel Examinations 6

Miami, Florida: We held a “Vessel Examination Showcase” on April 24th, at the Ace Hardware store located in the West Kendall area of Miami-Dade County. We had two shifts: one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The number of individuals who stopped by during the whole event was not bad for a hardware store. The owner of the Ace Hardware Store was very happy to have us at his store for the day.

I viewed this initiative as a stepping-stone to bigger and better events. This first time occurrence gave me the ability to assess what items were needed to show to our customers information they want and need, and how we can present that information in the most effective way, as it pertains to boater safety. People who did stop by found the concept novel and innovative. Many had new boats or were existing boat owners, but had no idea what they needed on their vessel to be safe.

The atmosphere was more casual and relaxed, as opposed to being at a boat ramp. We were able to speak more in depth with the customer as it pertained to boater safety. I also was able to assess what we could add to the event in order to make it more informative. The hands-on concept also was very helpful. Individuals were able to handle items and get a better understanding of their purpose.

Going forward, we have received clearance from the Publix Supermarket located in Kendall on 152nd Avenue to hold our first “VE Showcase” on Saturday, May 22nd, which kicks off our National Safe Boating Week events. I look forward to this event in order to help drive the boater safety concept deeper into the community before members of the public head out to the ramps. I would like to have two shifts as I did at the last event. I worked with individuals from my Flotilla (67), but I would like to see if Auxiliarists from other Flotillas would like to participate this time. My goal is to hold more of these events in different areas throughout our Area of Responsibility during the year. I would really like to see it become more of a regular event like VE weekends and patrols along with Safe Boating programs. Please give me a call if you or anyone in your flotilla is interested in joining me on the 22nd. Again, I believe this concept can only grow into something even bigger than it is today. 



Above: “Coast Guard Approved Equipment” – items of equipment that are required by regulation to be in compliance with Coast Guard specifications.

(Source: *Vessel Safety Check Manual*, COMDTINST M16796.8)

A Letter of Appreciation to Captain James O. Fitton Commander, Sector Miami, United States Coast Guard

In January of 2008, I took the pledge as Division 6 Captain. One of my key objectives was to establish productive cooperation with Sector Miami through a good and clear understanding of what then Sector Miami Commander Captain Karl L. Schultz expected from the Auxiliary.

As I was just beginning to work with Sector, I was informed that in June there was going to be a Change of Command. Scuttlebutt was that the new Commander was a firm supporter and friend of the USCG Auxiliary, and had worked very closely with the volunteer members within his previous commands.

Time flew and June 25, 2008, came in the blink of an eye. On that sunny day, Rear Admiral Robert S. Branham, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, conducted the Change of Command ceremony—the transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability from Captain Schultz to Captain James O. Fitton.

My first thought was that I would have to start all over again (not a happy thought when I was just getting started), and there was so much to be done in Division 6. The Wednesday after the ceremony, before beginning my watch in Hawkeye, I went to see Captain Fitton to arrange a meeting at his convenience. His secretary, Ann-Alice, called him. It took the Captain exactly three seconds to come out of his office and invite me in for our first meeting. We shook hands and formally introduced ourselves. It was instant chemistry. We covered several issues, and as I was leaving, he emphatically said, “Ed, my door is always open to the Auxiliary. Feel free to come, or call any time you feel you need to talk to me.”

That day began one of the most rewarding relationships in my 15 years as an Auxiliarist dealing with the active duty. Captain Fitton constantly proved to us his commitment to, and cooperation with, the volunteer component of the USCG.

Suffice it to say that Captain Fitton attended every Division 6 monthly meeting that his incredibly busy schedule as Commander of “the fastest-paced Sector in the Nation” allowed, always bringing important news or information, making us all feel he was one of us, and that we really were part of the USCG Team.

Division 6 and I are very grateful to Captain Fitton for his inspirational leadership, his sincere appreciation for our contributions, and the constant support he has provided the Auxiliary during the 24 months we have had the immense pleasure and distinct honor to serve with him in Sector Miami.

Dear Jim and Pegi, please accept our best wishes for a wonderful time in this new stage of your life, and always remember that you have good friends in Miami.

With much respect and gratitude,
Eduardo L. Burbank

Immediate Past Division Commander 6

Left-Right: Capt. James Fitton, Pegi Fitton,
Ceci Burbank, and Ed Burbank IPDCDR 6
Photo by Ed Burbank.





Captain Chris P. Scraba,
Commander, United States Coast Guard
Sector Miami,

requests the pleasure of your company
at the Change of Command Ceremony
at which

Lieutenant John M. Corbett, USCG
will be relieved by

Lieutenant Joseph B. Abeyta, USCG
on Saturday, the 3rd of July 2010
at six o'clock p.m.

at Coast Guard Station Miami Beach
100 MacArthur Causeway
Miami Beach, Florida

RSVP by June 15th

Judith Hudson, DCDR-6

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Uniform

Tropical Blue for Auxiliary

Business Casual for Civilians

Reception immediately following the Ceremony will be held at the Miami Yacht Club.

Help Wanted

Here are several opportunities for you to...

- **Help the Coast Guard**
- Help your community
- Promote boating safety

The **U.S. Coast Guard District 7 Regional Morale Well-Being & Recreation Office** needs some volunteers from the Auxiliary to help with its programs. Working on Causeway Island off MacArthur Causeway, you would be performing a variety of administrative and logistics functions. Volunteers need to be familiar with Microsoft Word and be comfortable working with numbers. You do not need to be advanced in either word processing or math skills. The office is located at USCG Base Miami Beach, 100 MacArthur Causeway Island, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. It functions Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1530, but your hours would be flexible, and working on assignments on Saturday and later than 1530 is fine. If you can work two or three days a week, that would be great, but if you can work only one, please apply. Contact Casey Malloy (casey.p.malloy@uscg.mil) to get more information.



The **U.S. Coast Guard Waterways Management Branch** needs your assistance with inputting Private Aids to Navigation (PAtoN) data into a new software system and researching and tracking PAtoN information discrepancies. Because the software is new, all information currently on paper must be entered. This is a long-term project for an estimated two to three years. Required for this assignment are dependability, average computer skills, excellent accuracy and proofreading skills, very good communication and telephone skills, and good English language skills with verbal Spanish skills a plus. Office hours are 0630 to 1600 Monday through Friday. You need to provide your own transportation and lunch. There is a small cafeteria in the building and other restaurants are available within walking distance. Free parking is provided. Wearing an Auxiliary uniform is optional. The office is located at 909 S.E. First Street, Brickell Plaza Federal Building, Suite 407, Miami, Florida 33131-3050. Preference is for Auxiliarists who can work four hours a day or more on a regular basis each week. However, individuals who can help, but cannot devote that much time, are encouraged to apply also. Please contact LCDR Brubaker at (305) 415-6737 (roy.r.brubaker@uscg.mil) or LT John Lisko at (305) 415-6746 (john.m.lisko@uscg.mil).

Staff Officers 2010

| Abbreviation | Responsibility | Name |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| DCDR | Division Commander | Judith Hudson |
| VCDR | Division Vice Commander | Tom Walker |
| DC-L | Chief-Logistics | (<i>vacant</i>) |
| DC-P | Chief-Prevention | Joel Aberbach |
| DC-R | Chief-Response | Jim Shea |
| SO-CM | Communications | Alvaro Bernal |
| SO-CS | Communications Services | Fabio Tomasello |
| SO-FN | Finance | Elaine Davis |
| SO-HR | Human Resources | Manny Estrela |
| SO-IS | Information Services | Matthew Paulini |
| 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 | Bill Swank |
| SO-PB | Publications | Raúl Fernández-Calienes |
| SO-PE | Public Education | Tom James |
| SO-PV | Program Visitor | James Simpson |
| SO-SR | Secretary/Records | John Ciampa |
| and Parl. | and Parliamentarian | |
| SO-VE | Vessel Examination | Erik Kozak |
| Historian | Historian | Victoria Aponte |
| INSP'L LDR | Inspirational Leader | Mary Newman |
| Med. Coord. | Medical Coordinator | William Tejeiro |
| IPDCDR | Immediate Past DCDR | Eduardo Burbank |

Division and Flotilla Meetings 2010

| Unit | Date & Time | Location |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Division 6 Miami-Dade | 4 th Thursday 1930 | USCG Base Miami Beach, Mess Deck 100 MacArthur Causeway Island Miami Beach, FL. 33139 |
| Flotilla 61 Homestead | 1 st Thursday 1900 | USCG MSST Miami 29050 Coral Sea Boulevard Bldg 718, Homestead AFB Homestead, FL. 33139 |
| Flotilla 63 Coconut Grove | 1 st Monday 2000 | Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2990 South Bayshore Drive Miami, FL. 33133 |
| Flotilla 65 South Miami | 1 st Tuesday 2000 | South Miami Elks Club 6304 S.W. 78th Street (by Taco Bell) 1 block from Highway 1 & 61 st Street |
| Flotilla 67 Coral Gables | 1 st Wednesday 1900 Dinner & Meeting | Havana Miami Restaurant 8800 S.W. 56th Street Miami, FL. 33165 |
| Flotilla 69 Opa Locka | 1 st Monday 1930 | Air Station Miami N.W. 149 th State Road Opa Locka, FL. 33054 |
| Flotilla 6-10 North Bay | 2 nd Monday 1930 | Sunny Isles Community Center 18115 North Bay Road Sunny Isles, FL. 33160 |
| Flotilla 6-11 Miami | 1 st Tuesday 1930 | USCG Base Miami Beach, Mess Deck 100 MacArthur Causeway Island Miami Beach, FL. 33139 |

Calendar

May 22-28 (Saturday-Friday)—“National Safe Boating Week,” see www.safeboatingcampaign.com

May 22-23 (Saturday-Sunday)—Miami Marine Nautical Flea Market, Watson Island, Florida.

May 28 (Friday)—“Life Jackets for Life” tour ends with a “Finish Line Event” at the Watson Island Boat Ramps at 1000.

June 1 (Tuesday)—Auxiliary “Publications,” “Public Affairs,” “Photo,” and “Video” Contests deadline; for more information, see <http://www.auxpa.org>

June 11-13 (Friday-Sunday)—South Florida Boat Show, at the Miami-Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 S.W. 24th Street, Miami, Florida; see <https://southfloridaboatshow.com>

June 12 (Saturday)—“National Marina Day,” see <http://www.nationalmarinaday.org>

June 19 (Saturday)—QE for Boat Crew and Coxswain is held today; contact SO-MT 6.

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



OPA LOCKA, FL. – Post Change of Command ceremony during fellowship with guests at Miami Air Station. Official Party (L-R): Vice Admiral John Currier, Chief of Staff, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Robert S. Branham, Ret.; Ms. Cindy Maloney; Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner, Commander 7th Coast Guard District; Vice Admiral Robert Parker, Commander Coast Guard Atlantic Area. Photo by Bill Hanlon, Assistant District Staff Officer for Public Affairs, District 7.

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