



THE HELM



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Division Change Of Watch

January 11, 2015

Dignitaries from the Coast Guard attended the Ceremony.



The Change of Watch Ceremony which took place at the Miami Shores Country Club was an extraordinary event. Our Division Commander, William "Bill" Tejeiro and Vice-Commander, Roger Kidder, continued the tradition of taking the "Helm" to steer our Division through their leadership in the right direction. That is, uniting all flotillas with the main goal of having an exemplary Division within District 7.



(Change of Watch Continued)
Swearing in of Staff Officers



Those dignitaries to name a few were, CAPT Michael C. Long, Deputy Commander Sector Miami, CAPT Benjamin L. Davis, Commanding Officer, Base Miami Beach, CDR Richard A. Hartley Chief of Response, Sector Miami, LT Michael P. Cortese ,CO, Station Miami Beach. District 7 Chief of Staff, Judith Hudson and District Captain East, Gary Barth attended as well.

All staff officers were sworn in by CAPT Long. Awards and recognitions were given to those who contributed lifesaving actions, and hours for safe boating. The voluntary hours given in the thousands by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary also benefits the US Coast Guard in the Federal Budget Spending and disbursement. We also enjoyed the eye catching, mouthwatering, belly satisfying scrumptious and wonderful buffet served.

Emergency Operations at Air Station Miami

Here you can see that Auxiliarist are not only acting in emergencies assisting the United States Coast Guard at sea, in the air but also on land. Auxiliarist from Flotilla 6-9 based at Air Station Miami, Teodoro Tundidor, Julio Garcia, Humberto Jahen, Leo Cordero, Isaac Rosenberg, Kirby Heller, and Alfredo Schwarz, took immediate action and performed emergency repair operations at Air Station Miami. Their quick action, skills and time not only repaired the break in the water and sewer system, but prevented significant damage to the infrastructure that could have possibly interrupted operations at Air Station Miami.

Division 6 Commander, Bill Tejeiro received a letter of gratitude and congratulations from the director of Auxiliary who was copied with the District 7 Chief of Staff, Chief of Prevention and Public Affairs. A job well done.



Emergency operation in action

Miami International Boat Show

February 16-16 2015

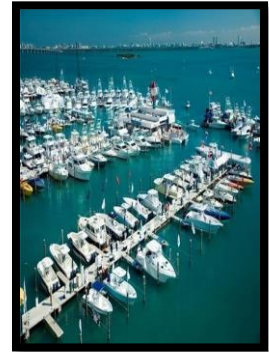


South Florida's Miami International Boat Show 2015, kicked off again as one of the largest boat shows in the world from February 12 to 16 across three locations: the Miami Beach Convention Center, Sea Isle Marina, and Miamarina at Bayside Marketplace.

Your Division 6 Auxiliary members were again ready and able, distributing safe boating materials, informing the public and educating in navigation, rules & regulations, and access to information from websites to Flotilla's Boating classes.

The presence of the Auxiliary is important both for new boat owners as well as for those who already own or have owned a boat but need to obtain information and learn more about safe boating. Very importantly, the "Wear it" campaign was promoted that would save many lives, especially those of young children.

This year we had the honor of a visit and assistance at the both from Vice Admiral William Lee, Commander, Atlantic Area Commander, and Defense Force East.



Communications Month Events

April 11 2015 Bicentennial Park



The Division 6 Communications Team has been very busy during the month of April, let alone the previous months that were not far behind in the work performed. On April 11, there was the Bicentennial Park for the Philanthropist event which included military appearances. Many visitors passed by our display, and boarded the patrol vessel. Adults received a demonstration on communications equipment, and were given brochures and other written materials on Boating safety and information. On April 17, 2015 there was the Air Station Miami event inviting school children to the Air Station in the designated area were Airplanes, Helicopters, tables of information, including our division's Communication Team area with the Patrol Boat and Communications equipment, including the tall antennas. On April 18, 2015 Miami-Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz visited the Communications display at the Spring Festival.

April 17, 2015 Air Station Miami



Miami-Dade County District 12 Spring Festival April 18, 2015



Rescue on Patrol



On November 16, 2014, Flotilla's 6-5 "Howdy" traveling south on North Bay Sector, approximately 3 miles north of Bayside, the crew observed an empty Kayak floating. However, as the patrol approached closer, there were two other Kayaks about 30 yards away, and floating behind, just above the water were several people not wearing life vests trying to stay above water. The crew immediately took action on rescue procedures, slowing the patrol vessel, taking the proper lines and life vests, and using communication protocol among the crew members and the individuals in the water. Each of the individuals were pulled from the water, the crew took into

consideration any medical emergency that would be necessary. They were provided the flotation devices, blankets, and water. The Kayaks were last and taking in, secured with the proper lines and Hauled. Eric Jones at all times in control at the "Helm" of the vessel, using maneuvering tactics to properly effect the rescue. All returned safely, at a marina near the Venetian Causeway. Thanks to those shipmates who were on the "Howdy" and executed correctly all protocols necessary saving lives.

INFORMATION DESK

(LINKS, NEWS ITEMS, TECHNOLOGY)

Below is information about the new CG mobile app. The iOS store has approved the free app. Android and Apple will go live at the start of National Safe Boating Week.

This information can be disseminated to the field and used in marketing this new tool to the recreational boating public.

Additionally, there is an introduction video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJqmiC3OQdk>. I recommend embedding this video in your webpage and Auxiliary social media as you deem appropriate.

To download the app go to:
www.uscg.mil/mobile

NOAA Charts

<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml>

NOAA Chart 1 (Chart Symbols)

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm>

USCG Navigation Center

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>

Coast Guard Cutter

This is what the Coast Guard did after the failed attempt in 2006 to cut the 30 year old 110' Cutters and add a 13' section to the length of the hull to upgrade their capabilities... One "minor" problem, when they were in seas over 3' or attempted to come up on speed, the hull would bend and flex and render the vessel unstable...

Read the Miami Herald article link below for additional information.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/02/02/2633522/bigger-faster-cutter-steam-into.html>



- It's 154 feet long versus 110 feet on the older model.

- It has a 24-member crew versus 16 about the older model.

- The crew assembled in Opa-locka in July 2010, then shifted to Bollinger Shipyards in Lockport, La., in September and now returns to South Florida.

- The youngest crew member is Olivia Sullenberger, 19, who works on the engine. The oldest are the skipper, Lt. Cmdr. Herb Eggert and Senior Chief Richard Libbey, both 39. There's one native of Miami on board, Petty Officer 2nd Class Leonardo Aspuru, 30, whose parents came from Cuba.

- It has a remote-control-operated gyro-stabilized 25mm machine gun that lets the crew shoot from inside the pilot house rather than posting a gunner up on deck.

- There'll be opportunities to get a closer look as the year unfolds — from tours at Port Everglades during Fleet Week in April to the arrival of the next new cutter in May.

- No decisions have been made on whether decommissioned 110-foot cutters will be sold, mothballed or repurposed, says Lt. Patrick Montgomery, the Miami Coast Guard spokesman.