

D-7 Connection



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Editor: Angela Pomaro

A tribute to the following who have taken the position of FSO-HR Officer for the year 2017 — a thankless time consuming position. Thank you all.

Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officers	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officer	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officer
11	Angel Saldana	65	Robert Hopps	11-7	Carl Mogavero
13	Carlos Rios_Ruiz	67	Hanna Ellis	11-9	Thomas Tormey
15	William Marrero_Aviles	69	Fred Ross	11-10	Kristi Mackey
16	Eddie Feliciano_Torres	6-10	Patricia Gill	12-1	William Hayes
17	Carlos Carlsson	6-11	Yvette Mantelle_Perez	12-3	Herman Burchfield
18	Rafael Robles_Castro	72	Daniel Helou	12-4	James Nelson
1-10	Juan Vazquez	74	James Mulligan	12-6	Christopher Gallapis
1-12	Carlos Sotomayor_Matos	75	Judith Clapp	12-8	Ronald Meetze
21	Jonathan Pike	77	Gil Thomas	12-10	Edward Wozniak
22	William Parks	78	Natalie Abruzzo	13-1	Desarae Janszen
23	Shawn Nixon	79	Heleyde Aponte	13-2	Connie Smith
25	Larry Cole	7-16	Eleanor Zinner	13-3	Robert McNamee
27	Bryan Fobbus	81	Timothy Mann	13-4	Janis Broton
29	Sara Snyder	82	Stanley Blumenthal	13-8	Dewayne Roos
32	Ellmore Thorne	84	Ron Mills	14-1	Barbara Dunn
34	Paul Sacks	86	William Dubois	14-2	Richard Smith
36	Mario Stagliano	87	Richard Markwitz	14-4	Rick Saunders
37	Carlos Arenas	91	William Viney	14-5	Frederick Preston
38	Natalie Bunting	92	Bernard O'Grady	14-7	Abelardo Lopez_de_Queralta
41	Thomas Brady	93	William Saltenberger	14-8	Paul Thomas
43	Sharon Higginson	94	Gregory Masonick	15-1	Vincent Maida
44	Stephen Wyatt	95	Robert Shmihluk	15-2	Gloria Goode
45	Kjel Johnson	96	Richard Etches	15-3	Maia Jefferson
48	Walter Franek	98	Carl Moore	15-4	Davis Hayes
51	Tim Leyendecker	99	Ronald Jelliff	15-7	Maria Sorli
52	Robert Dipaolo	9-10	Jeffrey Dedecker	15-8	Dennis Skonecki
54	Valerie Pleasanton	10-1	William Ballard	16-3	Elmo Rabsatt
56	Fred Combs	10-2	George Scuorzo	17-2	Jules Moquin
57	Janee Henderson	10-10	Margaret Ingram	17-6	Eustace King
58	Carl Holeva	10-11	Randall Phillips	17-9	James Powers
59	Diane Riggan	11-1	Leslie Long	17-10	Peter Positano
63	Alvaro Ferrando	11-6	Robert Dell	17-11	Sharon Breece



USCG Auxiliary

District 7



District Commodore

Judith Hudson



Chief of Staff

Gary P. Barth



Logistics Directorate



The DSO-HR Team



**Angela Pomaro DSO-HR
Human Resources Department**



**Mark Crary, ADSO-HR
Special Projects**



**Gil Thomas, ADSO-HR
E-Responders**



Logistics Directorate Resigns After Ten Years of Service



Jim Dennen



Jim Dennen, the District Director of Logistics from 2007 until the end of 2016 was a great leader to the DSOs and other staff in the Logistics department. What we liked best is that he did not micro-manage the team and let us run with our programs without much interference. However, we knew if we ever needed guidance, help with a problem or had any concerns, he was there to help us or back up us. He was a bridge to the leaders and other departments in the District and kept the staff up to date on what is happening at NTRAIN, EXCOM, etc. He was concerned about the welfare of the team members and would call periodically just to make sure we were doing all right and ask if he could do anything to make our jobs easier. Jim liked to get the group together at DTRAIN and when health and family issues kept him from personally attending meetings he arranged for web conferences for the group so that we could discuss what is happening in the Logistics Department and help each other with any problems that we might be having.

Even after 26 years in the military and serving under some truly great leaders—I come home to find an even better one—and a great friend and role model—in Jim Dennen. As he taught me— I try to pay it forward and can only hope to do him justice. Thanks Jim.

Tom Loughlin

Always in the background giving your officers a change to grow and lead but always there when needed. It was a pleasure to serve with you. I started out a housewife and under your guidance became a leader. Thank you

Angela Pomaro

Dave & Sue Hastings



Photo Submitted by Vickie Aponte, DHS-USCG

**South
Carolina**

Georgia

**The
District 7
SO-HR Team**



Jim Nelson 12



Chris Poulos 10



Bryan Fobbus 2



Rick Saunders 14



Diane Berman 15

Florida



Kristi Mackey 11



Sharon Breece 17



Bill Griswold 4



Judith Clapp 7



Carl Holeva 5



John De Stefano 8



Bob Sherman 3



Doug Donovan 9



Margaret Winsauer 6



Rosemarie Moscica,
DCDR 16 (Acting)



Connie Smith 13



Vanessa Valle 1

Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands



Welcome



The HR Department is please to welcome the 2017 Division Officers.



**Vanessa Valle,
SO-HR—Division 1**



**Bryan Fobbus,
SO-HR—Division 2**



**Doug Donovan,
SO-HR—Division 9**



**Jim Nelson,
SO-HR Division 12**



**Connie Smith,
SO-HR—Division 13**



**Rosemarie Moscia,
Acting SO-HR
Division 16**



**Diane Berman.
SO-HR—Division 15**



Thank You



A special thanks is extended to the following SO-HR Officers for their dedication and service in promoting the growth of District 7.

Good luck in your future endeavors in the USCG Auxiliary.



**Carlos Rios_Ruiz,
SO-HR—Division 1**



**Gary McClure,
SO-HR—Division 2**



**Lou Conti,
SO-HR—Division 9**



**Wendy Balelo,
SO-HR—Division 12**



**Claude Bullock,
SO-HR—Division 13**



**Maia Jefferson,
SO-HR—Division 15**



**David Richardson,
SO-HR—Division 16**

Paperwork! Paperwork!



FORMS, FORMS, FORMS – 7028 Webform – Change of Member Information

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

The 7028 Webform Change of Member information should be used to bring all of your information up to date – particularly the Skills Bank Data. The Skills Bank is a powerful tool for use by the Auxiliary and active-duty Coast Guard in times of national, regional, or local emergencies to locate willing volunteers having particular skills unrelated to their Auxiliary service.

If you have not already done so, please log onto the 7028 Webform website (https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/Signin_7028.php or go on the National Forms Warehouse) and take a few minutes to bring this important information up to date. If you do not have a computer or online access, contact your FSO-IS for a paper 7028 form, complete manually, and give back to your FSO-IS.

To login to the 7028 Webform – Change of Member Information, you use your Member Zone Password (Member ID and password that you use for AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer or the National Testing Center).

(1) Names (First, Middle, Last Spouse): Names only (no titles, suffixes like "Jr.", etc.);
(2) Spouse (or domestic partner): "Jane", "Jane Doe", "John M Doe" (no explanations, no non-names). Leave blank if none;
(3) Addresses: Do not make trivial format changes (Rt to North, P.O.Box to PO Box, Street to St, etc.); No comments like "Temporary";
(4) eMail: only will be used for all official Auxiliary purposes, including Webforms;
(5) Make all your changes first and then hit SUBMIT only one time. Do not violate this rule!

Member #	114640				
Unit	070-12-10				
First Name	JOHN	Middle	Q	Last	AUXILIARIST
Suffix					

Address1	112 ANY STREET	Offices Held	FSO-IS, SO-IS, FSO-SR, DSO-IS
Address2		Qualifications	IT, VE, APC, LEA
City	GEORGETOWN	Travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing to travel outside your home area?
State	SC	Zip Code	29440-6862
Spouse	DAVID	Fitness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can you physically perform the skills below?
eMail1	johnq@gmail.com	Admin Missions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing to do Aux/CG admin support?
eMail2		Photo ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you have a current laminated photo ID?
Home Phone	(843) 555-1234	Availability	SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
Cell Phone		Days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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OCCUPATION

There are 865 occupations. Choose a category on the left to narrow your search; then pull down the right menu for specific occupations in that category.

Choose occupation category here first... Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Me...

SKILLS (Up to 10)

There are 854 skills. Choose a category on the left to narrow your search; then pull down the right menu for specific skills in that category. Click ADD TO LIST. Click SUBMIT CHANGES to finalize, after all other changes have been made on form.

Skills List	Delete Budget Analysts
	Delete Database Administrators
	Delete Financial Clerks, All Other
	Delete Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants

Add a Skill -> Choose skill category here first... Add to List

7028 Form Help Return to Previous Page Submit Changes National Help Desk

Find your zip+4 zip code
SMTP Version - Skills Bank: 28 June 2012 9:00

The current information in AUXDATA will show on the 7028 webform and after you look over you can update any section.

Paperwork!

Paperwork!



FORMS, FORMS, FORMS – 7028 Webform – Change of Member Information

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

Address, Phones, Email - Once in the form you can update your address (form will automatically change your information to USPS standardized address). We do have a problem with some of Puerto Rico addresses – be sure to use the Post Office Standardized Address when you update.

You can change or add phone numbers and email addresses. AUXDATA cannot accept an email address over 31 characters. We have had some problems with members that have an email address that is too long. Each member has to have a unique email address, we cannot have two members with the same email. This is required because of the testing systems.

Update Availability – In this section you can check if you are willing to travel from your home area, are physically able to perform skills, willing to do administrative support and if you have a laminated ID card. You also can add the days of the week you are available and time whether Day or Evening or both.

Update or Change Occupation – This section allows you to list an occupation from a category drop down list and then a specific occupation from another drop down list. The last category on the list is Retired.

Update or Add Skills – In this area you can add up to ten skills. This is the same as the occupation categories and specific skills. You can also delete a skill listed if it is not correct.

Be sure to press Submit Changes, an email will be sent to your FSO-IS to update AUXDATA. Any questions or concerns, please contact your FSO-IS.

Some of you might be worried that your personal information will be distributed outside the Auxiliary or Coast Guard. The 7028 Webform information (and other Auxiliary systems such as AUXDATA) has the following requirements which all Auxiliarists must follow:

- All information contained in this program is covered by the provisions of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974
- Use is strictly limited to listed members of Coast Guard Forces
- Commercial use of any information in, or based upon this program, is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted
- Please do not distribute any files, and keep your password secure.

It is important to keep your contact information up to date. A good time to do this is when you get your Annual Member Letter. Check your information and if any changes submit the 7029 Webform.



The Webmaster

District 7 Website—Updated

Submitted by Dave Hastings, DSO-CS

The District 7 Website, your Division and Flotilla websites are updated each year as leadership and staff changes. The URL for the D7 website is: <http://uscga-district-7.org/>. Take some time and check out the changes made to the website so far this year. Check out the What's New section to see some of the recent updates.

A new section on the left menu of the front page is the District Calendar, which has District, Division, and Flotilla events listed in one location.



The Webmaster

District 7 Website—Updated

Submitted by Dave Hastings, DSO-CS

A goal in Communication Services this year is to get more of the flotillas up on the web. It is easy to do with the use of WOWII software. This program allows members who do not have specialized software to update their webpages. It's just a matter of a few clicks. If you have any questions, please contact your SO-CS, ADSO-CS, or myself. We will be glad to help any unit that needs to get started or has a problem.

Just having a website is not the only goal. We need to make sure that we keep our websites up to date with relevant information and pictures. The worst thing is to have a website that is out of date with old pictures, dates, etc. We need to make good first impressions on the public and potential members. Each member can help by checking out their unit website to see if it is up to date. If not, work with your webmaster to get it updated.

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**District 7
2017 Calendar of Events**

March

- 11—Division 9 quarterly meeting, 0900 hrs, Lee County EOC, 2675 Ortiz Ave, Fort Myers, FL
- 24—Division 15 Second Annual Chili Taste-Off cooking competition at CG Station Yankeetown, 11:00 am
- 24, 25 & 26—Sunnyland Antique Boat Show, Wooten Park, Mt. Dora. Flotilla 43 will have a PA booth, members will be dock-walking, and there will be on-the-water patrols. Flotilla members will be Raising the Colors for the opening ceremony on Saturday morning.
- 27— District 7 Awards Program training
Session 1 Monday, March 27 or Session 2 Wednesday, March 29

News From Otto's World

The Rest of the Job



**Submitted by Otto Spielbichler,
Flotilla 54
Photos National Geographic**

In the last issue of the *D7 Connection* contained information on where it was legal to dump trash in the ocean. I wish I could find a better way to write that but as you learned, if you are far enough off shore you can dispose of properly prepared items found on boats, in the ocean. The exception is plastic which cannot be thrown overboard anywhere in the ocean.

In this issue, I am rewriting portions of an article I wrote several years ago about corals and coral reefs. The reason is that corals and coral reefs around the world are under stress or dying. There are several causes for the threats to corals. They will become apparent as information about corals is discussed.

My first experience with coral was in the early 1980s when I was a Peace Corps Volunteer at The University of the West Indies where I was a staff member. Because I was staff I could go the University's Marine Lab at Discovery Bay where I met Tom Goreau. Because I was a diver I could assist staff scientists as they did research about what was a prime coral reef. Considering the age of the earth the 1980s was not too long ago. I mention this because I am impressed with how fast things can change over a relatively short period of time. What was healthy prime reef then is now threatened reef. The problem is worldwide.

Let's begin with simple facts about corals and coral reefs. Corals are animals that live in the world's oceans including the Arctic Ocean. The corals discussed in this article live in the warm waters near the equator around the world. They spend their lives building reefs, coral reefs. Fish and various forms of plant, reptiles and marine depend on reefs for their survival.

Coral reefs are colorful and because of their size and location in warm waters tourists by the thousands and scientists from around the world are attracted to them. Commercial and recreational fisherman earn a living fishing and hunting for reptiles and mammals living on coral reefs. Coral reefs are an important source of food for people living everywhere.

Corals are animals. If you have ever seen one you might question if they are animals because they do not have features associated with animals. Corals attach themselves to a hard surface or to other corals that have died and left a shell. Corals remain in one place for life. They live in colonies and share food with other corals. They also live in a symbiotic relationship with an algae (zooxanthellae).

It may be difficult to understand how an animal living in what appears to ideal conditions could be threatened but understand that corals need to thrive are narrowly defined and without all of them, survival is not difficult. Last but not least, corals cannot move if conditions change because they are firmly attached to where they are living.

Corals are animals. They reproduce by duplication which is a slow but continual process or sexually. Sexual reproduction occurs once a year. Approximately eight days after the first full moon in the eighth month (August). At that time corals around the world release massive numbers of eggs and sperm into the oceans currents. The sperm and eggs of each type of coral unite and the egg drifts and grows until it finds a hard surface which it attaches to. From that time on corals cannot leave a reef. The growth rate of corals varies from species to species. It ranges from less than an inch to several inches annually.

News From Otto's World



The Rest of the Job—Contd.

Corals thrive in water temperatures that remain between 70 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit year around. Corals experience stress when water temperatures rise above or are lower. Corals also need to live in currents that contain salt water and planktonic food and oxygen. Water clarity is important because both the coral and algae living in the coral use energy derived from sunlight to digest food. When water becomes cold, cloudy, or less salty the algae living in the coral can leave. The result is the coral loses its color (bleaches) and experiences stress from reduced amounts of food and minerals supplied by the symbiotic relationship with algae.

Scientists estimate that half the corals around the equator have died in recent decades. Reefs in parts of Florida Keys have been reduced by more than eighty percent. The causes the losses are several. Our environment is warming and the oceans are warming as a result. Water is not always clear and clean because communities, both coastal and inland, flush partially treated sewage and fresh water into the ocean. Chemicals in the water harm corals. Water from agricultural areas and treated lawns that drain into the ocean contain fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides that both damage corals and stimulate the growth of marine vegetation that block sunlight corals need to survive. Marine life living on reefs attract commercial and recreational activities that damage corals. There are other factors that vary from locations around the equator. Learn more by going to web site containing information compiled by knowledgeable sources. Sources specific to Florida include Florida Department Protection/Reef Conservation @ SEFCRI., Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (PBC ERM) and NOAA. For detailed information on types of reefs, construction of artificial reefs, fishing on reefs and much more go to www.floridagofishing.com/fishing_on_reefs.html. Search for photos on National Geographic site and others. Finally, remember, it has been around 40 years (an estimate) since scientists gathered primary data to establish what is a healthy reef to reefs that are threatened or dying.

Do your part. Learn about coral reefs and educate the public as you do vessel examinations, conduct safe boating classes or distribute information doing marine visitations. Hopefully, 40 years from now the condition of coral reef will be improving.



**Coral Spawning by Moonlight
by Ralphle Williams**



Diving The Colorful Great Barrier Reef



Division 1

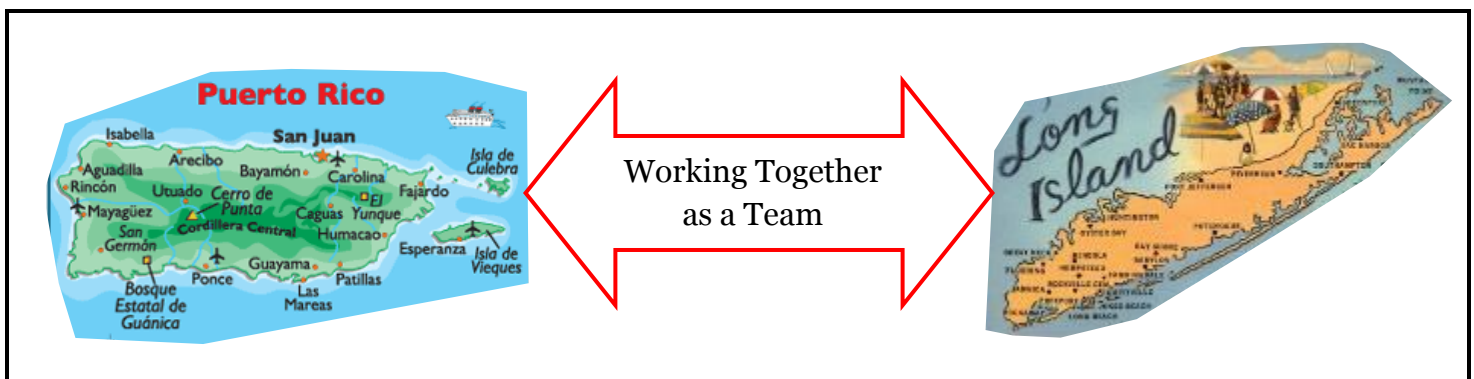


Long Island Sector on Patrol in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

Submitted by Vanessa Valle, FC
Flotilla 18

A Marine Observation Mission (MOM) was conducted on the west side of Puerto Rico. On patrol were Joffre Rodriguez, Coxswain, Vanessa Valle, FC, and Rafael Robles, Coxswain from Flotilla 18 (Cabo Rojo). They were joined by Louis M. Volpato from District 014-01-06 (Air Station Islip-MacArthur). This friendship was established two years ago thanks to Auxiliarist Wilson Irizarry who passed away last year.

What could be better than the sun on your face, the wind in your hair on an 88 degree day in Puerto Rico? It was a great patrol and was much appreciated by our guest – two groups of Auxiliarists who trained a thousand miles apart working seamlessly together like a “well-oiled” machine.





Division 1



Division 1 Change of Watch

Photos Submitted by Vickie Aponte,
and I Beltre

On February 22, 2017 Division 1 held its Change of Watch at the Community Center, USCG Housing, Rio Bayamon.





Division 5 Tourists for a Day



Submitted by Art Slepian,
FSO-PA—Flotilla 54

Flotilla 54 Auxiliarists had two objectives when they planned their February 22 visit to the Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach, Fla.

First on the list was to see the large mammals. Second, was to get as many Auxiliarists in the Delray-Boynton Beach, Fla., Flotilla to put on their Operational Dress Uniform (ODUs) and show the Auxiliary colors to the public. The day produced mixed results.

Mild weather and heavy rain kept the manatees offshore rather than gathering at the warm water outflows of the Florida Power & Light Co.'s Next Generation Energy Center that is adjacent to the 16,000 square foot visitors' center. The center has hands-on exhibits.

The second objective was more successful. One Auxiliarist reported hearing a security guard say, "The Coast Guard is here."

The manatees in Florida are descendants of a species that is believed to be 50 million years old. Estimates are that about 6,700 manatees live in the waters around Florida from the Gulf Coast to the Intracoastal Waterway.

A tour guide said that manatees weigh between 1,500 lbs. and 1,800 lbs. The gentle creatures live between 50 and 60 years and are 10 to 12 feet long.

The manatee viewing season begins Nov. 15 and runs through March 31.



Flotilla 54 Auxiliarist John Eberhart notes that manatees, like humans, enjoy coming south for the winter. Estimates are that about 6,700 manatees live in the waters around Florida from the Gulf Coast to the Intracoastal Waterway. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo.



Manatee master tour guides Carolyn Reiland-Smith, left, and Christina Copenrath, far right, flank Flotilla 54 Auxiliarists John Eberhart, Alan Koster, Otto Spielbichler, Edward Frankfort and Art Slepian after the Manatee Lagoon tour on Feb. 22. No manatees, but an interesting day. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo.



Division 8



Bob High



**Submitted by Murray Price, DCDR
Division 8**

Bob High, a longtime member of Flotilla 86 and Member Training Officer “crossed the bar” on March 19th at the age of 89 years old. He joined the Navy in June 1944. He served 40 years and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate Master Chief (E9). Robert was a lifetime member of the Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association (ABMA). He was selected as the Association's LIVING LEGEND in 2010. Robert never tired of sharing his sea stories and love for his Navy life. After retiring from the Navy, Robert moved from Norfolk, Virginia to Venice, Florida and for many years continued his love for the service as a volunteer with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary in Venice. He loved to sail the beautiful waters in Venice on his sailboats, 'Lou Lou' and 'Bomar' with his fabulous crews. He was personally responsible for many members become crew and coxswain. His training program produced more AUXOPs than any other flotilla in our division. Bob was a role model for many of us by using his skill and low key methods of guiding us through the myriad of courses that he, in many cases, taught himself.

Recently, Bob was given a service pin from veterans who work with Hospice at a gathering at his home--for his 40-year service in the Navy as Master Chief. We, who attended, were very fortunate to be able to spend time with Bob while he was alert and able to enjoy his day.

Bob High joined the Auxiliary on July 10, 1987 and retired on Sept.25, 2013.



Division 11



Keeping the Seas Safe from the Mariner

Submitted by Karen Miller, IPDCDR
Division 11
Photos by Debbie Mallory

The Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary prides itself with keeping mariners safe from the seas with their frequent on-the-water patrols and search and rescue missions. However, they're also dedicated to keeping the seas safe from the mariners.

After a week of chilly, windy days, members and guests of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary took advantage of a gorgeous Saturday afternoon to visit two of the spoil islands in the Intracoastal Waterway, off Clearwater and Dunedin, and pick up trash. The team (Rob Mancuso, Ann Bennett, Gary Dickinson, Gerae McLarty, Mike Lloyd, Aurora Donnelly, Karen Miller, Kathy Lloyd, Manny Sosa, Cheryl Little, Dick Erwin, Jeff Lawlor and Debbie Mallory) was pleased to find the islands in pretty good shape, but there was still the usual assortment of cans, bottles, and food wrappers. Other items included a saw blade, shoes, ball caps, barbeque tongs and a 10' long 2 x 6 wood plank that appeared to have broken loose from a dock. The oddest item was an 18" long iron spike.

A mallard duck was also spotted in a patch of high grass, sitting beside her nest of eggs. Boaters are encouraged to watch out for wildlife while visiting the islands, and wear proper footwear to protect their feet from sandspurs and cactus.

Pinellas County residents who are aware of an island or section of shoreline that needs to be cleaned up are encouraged to report it to Keep Pinellas Beautiful. Experience has shown that once an area is cleaned up, people are less likely to leave their trash behind.





Division 11



REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING



Submitted by Kristi Mackey,
SO-HR— Flotilla 11-10

On March 3, 2017 four Auxiliarists from 11-10 attended a Law Enforcement Manatee Protection Workshop at Weedon Island Preserve, Tampa Bay.



Attendees: Larry Gilbert, Robert Bonnem, Allen Limbaugh, Gordon Thomas

The majority of attendees were from the local Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), Sheriff and Police departments. They covered the Manatee Basics of Law Enforcement, Protecting Manatees and the New Manatee Zones for our area.





Division 11



Lion's Club International



**Submitted by Kristi Mackey,
SO-HR—Flotilla 11-10**

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL is an awesome organization with enormous charitable input in the community and worldwide especially dealing with medical eye research and supporting Lions Eye Banks that provides eye tissue for sight saving surgeries.

On February 14, 2017, Gordon Thomas, Flotilla 11-10 Auxiliarist and Lions member along with his lovely wife Nancy, invited us to their monthly meeting to explain the Auxiliary's function and purpose.

Walt Murray, Gordon Thomas and Buddy Casale (FSO-PE) explained the USCG Auxiliary and also challenged them with becoming "SUDDENLY IN COMMAND " of the vessel they were a guest on when the Captain became incapacitated. They concluded the presentation with a video of an actual SAR (Search And Rescue) and a C-130 training mission. They were well received and the Lions enjoyed the presentation. Pamphlets were handed out on Vessel Safety Checks, our Public Education schedule and Florida Safe Boating guide.





Division 16



News from The Virgin Islands



Submitted by Bill Griswold, SO-HR
Division 4

From Division 16—CC Kreglo, SLO-VI

America's Waterway Watch Program

During this quarter America's Waterway Watch presentations were scheduled and brochures distributed. We are building upon the last quarter success of the program which led to the disruption of a smuggling operation by the quick actions of a local captain. Beginning March 15, 2017, a series of America's Waterway Watch (AWWW) presentations will be given to captains and marina personnel. Initially, we are partnering with Virgin Islands Yacht Charters to provide a location for presentations.

Benner Bay Channel ATONs Maintenance Program

The State Liaison Officer (SLO) met with the manager and staff of the Compass Point Marina and Independent Boat Yard to plan the repairs of the Aids to Navigation (ATONS). Initially, during USCG Auxiliary evening patrols, the entrance lights were observed to be dim and fading out by 2000. All other lights illuminating channel markers are inoperative. Upon examination, the #1 and #2 light solar panels were covered with guano (the excrement of seabirds and bats). The other lights needed replacement. New batteries and replacement lights are ordered. This channel is the only entrance into an important hurricane hole and receives heavy boat traffic. The channel is also located within a Virgin Island Marine Reserve. The USCG Auxiliary is partnering with the interested parties to complete repairs and maintain the ATONs. During this quarter, the #3 Channel Marker was apparently struck and is leaning at an angle. Within the past two weeks the #1 Channel Marker has disappeared. Now there is only the dim light on #2 Channel Marker to mark the channel entrance at night.

Lifejacket Loaner Program

This program is increasing in popularity. The largest demand is still for youth and child lifejackets. Division 16 is looking for ways to expand the program to more marinas and increase the number of lifejackets.

Live-A-Board Ice Program

This quarter the program has seen a decrease of distribution due to lack of crew for the facility due to crew members in Certification Not Current (REYR), illness, and the holiday season.

Current Cut Passage-St. Thomas/St. James

The St. Thomas Yacht Club has offered to purchase ATONs for the area to assist in the program.

Public Education

The Pizza Pi/Pizza Boat is now set to become the Division 16 floating centerpiece for boating safety education. We are now setting up a schedule for presentations and courses. The SLO was also contacted by a Live-A-Board home school group for boating safety presentations. During the upcoming quarter the resumption of Cutter tours will be reviewed for school groups.



Division 16



News from The Virgin Islands – (Contd.)

National Safe Boating Week 2017

The SLO met with the Boating Law Administrator (BLA) to discuss plans for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Last year the Pizza Pi hosted the main events during a two day period. During discussions with the owners, a day for children and parents was proposed. This would possibly add a third day to the events. The SLO also discussed radio coverage with the owner of a radio station. He has offered to host live interviews with USCGAUX members and provide coverage during the 2-3 day event at the pizza boat. This year we will request participation from Boat Forces, the Marine Safety Detachment (MSD), and USCG Aviation. Other discussions were with Immigration, Customs Enforcement (ICE), National Park, and Caribbean Inflatables, Fish & Wildlife.

AARP

The SLO met with the AARP Director concerning recruitment. Most of the Division16 members work at their own businesses or are employed full time. The Director stated that she has just returned from a training on “How to recruit volunteers”. She offered to assist in recruiting members for Division 16.

Commodore Judith Hudson and Operations Training Officer (OTO) Charles Perry

On February 12, the Commodore and OTO visited St. Thomas. They met with the MSD CO and members of Division16. OTO Perry stayed several days to train Boat Forces personnel as Qualified Examiners (QEs) to assist in maintaining USCGAUX boat crews.

Surface Operations

During a February 9, 2017 evening patrol the crew detected a fuel spill in the Benner Bay Channel in St. Thomas. Sector San Juan was notified, however, it was too dark to determine the source. The next morning the fuel was found emanating from a recently sunken vessel. Location and photos were sent to Sector San Juan. The location is within the Cay-Mangrove Lagoon Marine Sanctuary. Initially, the manager of Compass Point Marina deployed a boom around the vessel. The Coxswain of the Flotilla 16-3 facility transported MSD personnel to the site. Between the MSD and Sector San Juan, the determination was made to “Federalize” the spill and Sea Tow was contacted to clean the area and raise the vessel. Sea Tow responded and MSD personnel were able to monitor the operations from the Auxiliary facility. The SLO is working to develop a better relationship with the MSD to set up procedures to contact USCGAUX Coxswains with requests to transport MSD personnel on the water for accidents or spills.

Aviation Operations

Division 16 members attended two operations meetings at Air Station (ASTA) Borinquen and Sector San Juan this quarter. They participated in planning sessions with the Commanding Officers and other operational personnel from both stations. Division 16 members participated in Marine Observation Missions (MOM), logistics, and Search and Rescue (SAR) patrols. Most recently was a SAR patrol to Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands (BVI).



Welcome



January 1 to March 31, 2017

Division 1

Montijo, Jose A.
Morales_Torres, Clery P. Jr.
Rivera_Velez, Miguel A.

Division 2

Lee, Daryl A.
Maronski, Walter Jr.
Moore, David
Osburn, Zaccary S.
Perkins, Michael W.
Roane, Gary
Royster, Ilena P.
Royster, Jonathan

Division 3

Anderson, Thomas F. , JR.
Furlong, Kelly
Griffin, Samantha J.
McKinney, Roderic C.
Mullen, Patrick A.
Quiros, Milisa
Tedeschi, Maria_pia

Division 4

Choate, William
Flynn, John
Kaemmerer, Terry D.
Long, Michael
Sollender, Grayson

Division 5

Green, Jessica S.
Hart, Michael
Rex, Gary

Division 6

Anderson, Sherwin V.
Cintulova, Monika
Kane, Matthew
Maler, Diana B.
Mendez, Roxana
Pauquet_de_Villejust, Thierry
Vidal, Jose

Division 7

Gomes, Jason A.
Irlanda, Julio M.
Jefferson, Ian W.,
Martinez, Juan Jr
Shaffer, Loyd W., Jr
Tholen, James R.
Williams, Steve E.

Division 8

Cardoso, Ramonita
Goar, Everett L. III
McDonough, William J.
Spong, Robert J.
Walden, James E.

Division 9

Casagrande, Noelle M.
Gurecky, Daniel K.
Haunschild, Christopher
Hume, Austin J.
Kopec, Kyle
Kotowski, Joseph
Lenn, Leo A.
Meissgeier, Thomas W.
Midura, Raymond
Morrill, Rocky E.
Stone, Dean A.
Vanderbosch, Keith L.
Waldstein, Elizabeth
Warren, George H.
White, Walter R.
Yinger, Noah

Division 10

Brunette, Peter F.
Cotogno, Kenneth P.
Fletcher, Richard
Flitcraft, Robert L Jr
Hagan, Daniel V.
Nelsen, Louis E. III
Silva, Daniel J.
Silverster, Colin R.
Stokey, Jon B.

Division 11

Bragano, Anthony
Hayes, Christopher
Kim, Thomas
Lafon, Brenda
Primosch, Deborah S.
Primosch, Joseph

Division 12

Barker, Owen W. Jr.
Omelia, Kaitlynn C.

Division 13

Bloxom, John E.
Charavell, Michael
Crowe, Timothy J.
Manari, James
Smith, Jordan R.
Wood, Jane
Wood, Robert A.

Division 14

Barnette, Eugene
Holler, James W.
Laliberte, Roland D.
Lovejoy, Kelli
Orban, Herbert M.
Pininski, Frederick J. Jr.

Division 15

Grotts, Tiffany G.
Osborn, Kevin L.
Winterrowd, John A.

Division 17

Berger, Timothy G.
Cox, William
Lasowski, Dennis J.
McKinley, Jamey L.
Roberts, Daniel J.



2014 Retirees

January 1, to March 31, 2017

Department of Homeland Security

Takes pleasure in conferring to:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Service Year</u>
Elliot Linsky	54	41
William Lederman	84	36
Henry, Demler	11-7	28
Carolyn Atwood	94	26
Robert Atwood	94	26
Nancy Hoigne	84	24
Charles Baggett	38	22
Eugene Hall	22	22
Joseph Ryker	58	21
Geraldine Way	58	18
Russell Dreyfus	84	17
Ramor Thompson	81	17
Brooke Buccola	95	16
Russell Dreyfus	84	16
Donald Hughes	91	16
Richard Myers	12-10	16
Fred Otto	52	16
Ralph Sloan	91	16
Robert Baude	22	15
William Maxwell	10-10	15
Janet Wood	13-8	15

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Crossing the Bar

January 1, to March 31, 2017



Andrew Anderson



Division 3



Lasca Pringle

Division 4



James Poole

Division 7



Alfred Lapides

Division 8



William Risso

Division 8



Jeanne Corbin



Division 9



Donald Shockey

Division 10



John Varas

Division 10



Robert West

Division 10



Michael Gammon

Division 12



Everette Shaver

Division 12



Frank Rakowski

Division 15



Peter Boergemann

Division 17

Sunset and evening star

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

Please submit photos for the
 "Crossing of the Bar" Ceremony
 to d7happyrecruiter@gmail.com



Joseph Poces

Division 3



Harry Mason



Division 5



Robert High

(Ret)

Trivia

1. Hasbro put real money into 80 of their 30,000 anniversary Monopoly editions and distributed them in France. One set contained a total of \$23,348.
2. The most expensive Mustang ever sold is a 1967 custom model which fetched \$1.3 million at an auction in 2013
3. Longacre Square in New York City was renamed Times Square in 1904, after the New York Times newspaper erected its headquarters nearby. The square is now so popular, the Applebee's there rakes in more than \$13 million a year making it the highest-grossing Applebee's worldwide.
4. There are more lifeforms living on your skin than there are people on the planet.
5. Otters sleep holding hands.
6. Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
7. In the 1960s, the CIA tried to spy on the Kremlin and Russian embassies by turning cats into listening devices. The program, called Acoustic Kitty, involved surgically implanting batteries, microphones and antennae inside cats.
8. There are over 200 corpses on Mount Everest and they are used as way points for climbers.
9. When adjusted for inflation, John D. Rockefeller is the richest man in the history of the world with a net worth 10 times more than Bill Gates.
10. Russia didn't consider beer to be alcohol until 2011. It was previously classified as a soft drink.
11. Two-thirds of the people on Earth have never seen snow.
12. In Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 thriller Psycho, the sound effects for the famous shower scene were actually created by repeatedly stabbing a casaba melon.
13. There are more vacant houses than homeless people in the Unites States.
14. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

Did you Know?

Not Your Father's Coast Guard. The Untold Story of Coast Guard Special Forces



Excerpts Taken from
“The Veterans Site.com

Written by Dan Doyle

Special Forces? The U.S. Coast Guard? Yes. There is such a thing. During the decades of the 60's, 70's and 80's, this group carried out dangerous missions in a determined effort to stop the flow of drugs into this country at their source.

What these Coast Guard Special Forces were doing in the jungles of Peru and Bolivia was just as dangerous as what was happening in Vietnam. They were up against well armed drug cartels and their minions who were willing to fight and die to protect their incredible money making crops and their cocaine production facilities.

The Coast Guard Special Forces who engaged in these efforts were well trained and were very skilled operators in the often under-the-radar operations that they undertook in these efforts. They were called upon to carry out these operations because of the massive flow of drugs coming into our country during those decades. There was so much of it moving by way of ocean-borne routes at the time that the U.S. Coast Guard, even though it was seizing large quantities on the high seas, was unable to staunch the flow of the massive amounts of cocaine heading for our country.

It was decided that it might be more effective to try to stop the flow by taking it out at the growing and producing levels before they even left South America.

What those U. S. Coast Guard Special Forces and the local police and army forces were up against in this fight was truly massive and incredibly elusive. Those jungles and remote valleys were just as thick and hard to penetrate as any of the terrain we saw in Vietnam. And those grow operations and production sites were heavily guarded by the cartels.

These U.S. Coast Guard Special Forces teams were engaged in some seriously dangerous operations in this effort. And they conducted themselves with courage and great skill. What they did is truly an untold story.

