

# D-7 Connection



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# DSO-PA "Words"

## A Word About Uniforms

Submitted by Mary Patton, DSO-PA

Most of us, at some time in our Auxiliary career, have been asked to help staff a Public Affairs (PA) Event. At these events, there is usually someone who takes photos for inclusion in a flotilla, division, or district newsletter. As people walk by the PA booth or stop to talk, they see us as the Coast Guard. If members wear uniform items no longer authorized, or "mix 'n match" items such as Dickey pants, or wear wrinkled clothes, it reflects badly on the active duty Coast Guard.

If you are authorized to wear shorts with an Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) due to the heat, make sure they are proper ODU shorts, not civilian navy blue shorts.

Ball caps with division or flotilla names on them are no longer authorized. Please do not wear them with the ODU uniform. Ball caps should have *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary* embroidered on them and no other wording.

For members who wear a combination cap, the only hat band/mount authorized are worn with the silver strap shown

### Auxiliary Hat Bands/Mounts

**Auxiliary Men's Band**



**Auxiliary Women's Mount**



### Active Duty Hat Bands/Mounts



If the mount has a dip in the middle, it is a Coast Guard officer's band—not an Auxiliary band, and if the mount is a half circle, it is a Coast Guard enlisted band, both shown above. Please obtain the correct hat band with mount, which can be purchased from AUXCEN.

If you are asked to be in a photograph, please remove sunglasses, and check your uniform to make sure all buttons are closed and, when wearing tropics, make sure your gig line is straight. The term gig line refers to the alignment of the seam of the uniform shirt, belt buckle, and uniform trouser fly-seam. These three items should be aligned to form a straight line down the front of the body. When participating in Auxiliary activities, all members should be dressed in the same specified uniform of the day, whether it be Tropics or ODUs.

When we attend a PA event or speak to groups such as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc., it behooves us to present a sharp, professional appearance. Show that you are proud to be a Coast Guard Auxiliarist!

# Paperwork!

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## Reports – Update to D7 Quick Access AuxInfo

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

The Coast Guard updated AuxInfo to a new version on June 21, 2017. Unfortunately, reports in your Bookmarks or Favorites will no longer work and have to be redone. This also affected the D7 Quick Access AuxInfo reports. Since there are over 3500 separate links in the D7 AuxInfo reports, I set up Interim Reports to the division level to use until all links are updated. You can access these reports on the D7 website and click the AuxInfo box on the lower part of the page.

To get to your flotilla Level Reports, you will need to do the following:

- Click on your division
- You will get the AuxInfo Report for the division with the flotillas listed
- Click on the flotilla
- You will get the list of members (if you need to see just an individual, click on the individual name).

General Reports		Div 10	01	02	10	11
Member Activities & Hours (all years)						
Member Activities & Hours (2017)	<a href="#">Activities</a>					
Member Awards	<a href="#">Awards</a>					
Member Certifications & Competencies	<a href="#">Certifications</a>					
Member REYR/REWK Status	REYR	<a href="#">REYR</a>				
	REWK	<a href="#">REWK</a>				
Member Training Task Status	<a href="#">Training</a>					
Flotilla Activities (all years)						
Flotilla Activities (2017)	<a href="#">UnitAct</a>					
Flotilla Facilities	<a href="#">Facilities</a>					
Flotilla Demographics	<a href="#">Demographics</a>					
Past Officers (all years)	<a href="#">PastOfficers</a>					
Current Officers	<a href="#">CurOfficers</a>					
Currency Reports		Div 10	Flotilla			
			01	02	10	11
Currency Maintenance Tasks (2017)	<a href="#">CurMaint</a>					
ICS 100, 200, 700, 800	<a href="#">ICSTasks</a>					
Other ICS Courses	<a href="#">ICSOther</a>					
Mandated Courses excluding 100/700	<a href="#">Mandatory</a>					
Operations Underway Hours (all years)						
Operations Underway Hours (2017)	<a href="#">Underway</a>					
Operations Airborne Hours (all years)						
Operations Airborne Hours (2017)	<a href="#">Airborne</a>					
Vessel Check Counts (all years)						
Vessel Check Counts (2017)	<a href="#">VECount</a>					
Program Visitor Counts (all years)						
Program Visitor Counts (2017)	<a href="#">PVCCount</a>					
ATON Counts (all years)						
ATON Counts (2017)	<a href="#">ATON</a>					
MS/CFV Vessel Counts (all years)						
MS/CFV Vessel Counts (2017)	<a href="#">MSCounts</a>					

Click on Report Desired

## Reports – Update to D7 Quick Access AuxInfo

For example, for Activities Report, click on Activities. Then click on selected Flotilla

IBM Cognos PowerPlay Studio - AUXDATA Member Activities  
 Cube questions should be directed to auxinfo-support@cgauxnet.us. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, June 18, 2017.

All Missions: All Activities, All Claimants  
 Div 10  
 All Facilities, All Unit Locations  
 CY 2017, Active, All Positions, All Operations

Mission Hours as values	ATON - Aids To Navigation (30.31.32)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08.92)	CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07.20,22,26)	GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)
070-10-01 BEAUFORT JASPER	0.00	9.80	81.50	167.75	0.00
070-10-02 SAVANNAH	3.00	580.60	35.00	117.40	40.20
070-10-10 ST SIMONS ISLAND	0.00	235.30	224.00	762.00	45.00
070-10-11 HILTON HEAD ISLAND	0.00	365.10	36.50	0.00	0.00
Div 10	3.00	1,190.80	377.00	1,047.15	85.20

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Click on Flotilla to Get a Report With Members

Individual Flotilla Members Names Listed

IBM Cognos PowerPlay Studio - AUXDATA Member Activities  
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All Missions: 070-10-01 BEAUFORT JASPER  
 All Operations, All Facilities, All Unit Locations  
 All Claimants

Mission Hours as values	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (08.92)	CGOPS - Cg Operational Support (07.20,22,26)	MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)
BALLARD, WILLIAM G	9.80	59.00	2.50	0.00
BECKER, THEODORE A	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00
BOWMAN, CLYDE A	0.00	4.50	76.00	6.00
BRANNEN, ROBERT F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAMPBELL, NORMAN I	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
CENTENO, SUSAN E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FLITCRAFT JR, ROBERT L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HAYCOCK, JOHN W	0.00	0.00	29.50	0.00
LAWRENCE, DAVID K	0.00	0.00	4.75	0.00
LEVIN, SAMUEL H	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OESTERLING, MARILYN H	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OWENS, GAIL E	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00
RATLIFF, MARK E	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00
RATLIFF, MARY B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROY, JOHN A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TALLONE, ALPHONSE H	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
070-10-01 BEAUFORT JASPER	9.80	81.50	167.75	6.00

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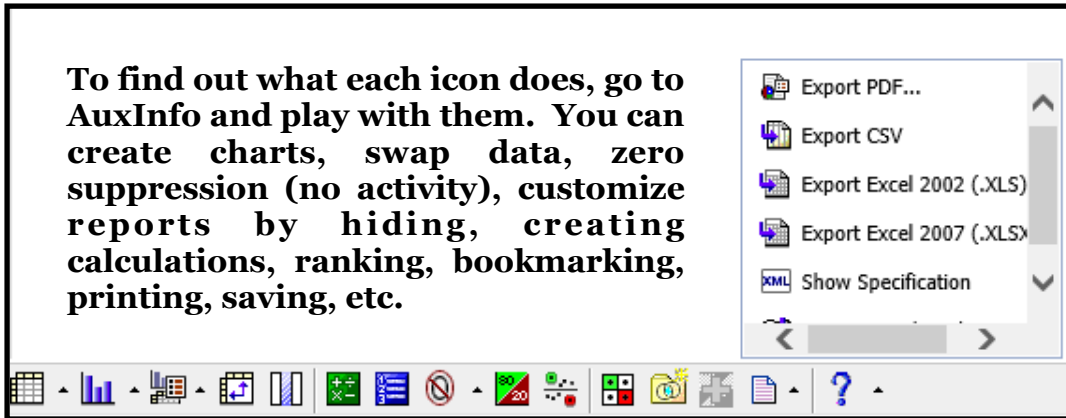
### What are the changes to the new Version of AuxInfo?

- Different color format
- Return to Source button is no longer available
- Some Browsers not compatible – do not use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. May have problems with some versions of Firefox. Also for some versions of Internet Explorer, you may have to put in Compatibility Mode to see all information.
- Some new icons added to bottom Menu – how you see them dependent on Browser

# Reports – Update to D7 Quick Access AuxInfo

## How Do I save a Bookmark or Favorite on an AuxInfo Report?

The way to save bookmarks has not changed with the new version. It is a **two- step method**. After you have customized your report, go to the bottom menu in AuxInfo – click down arrow

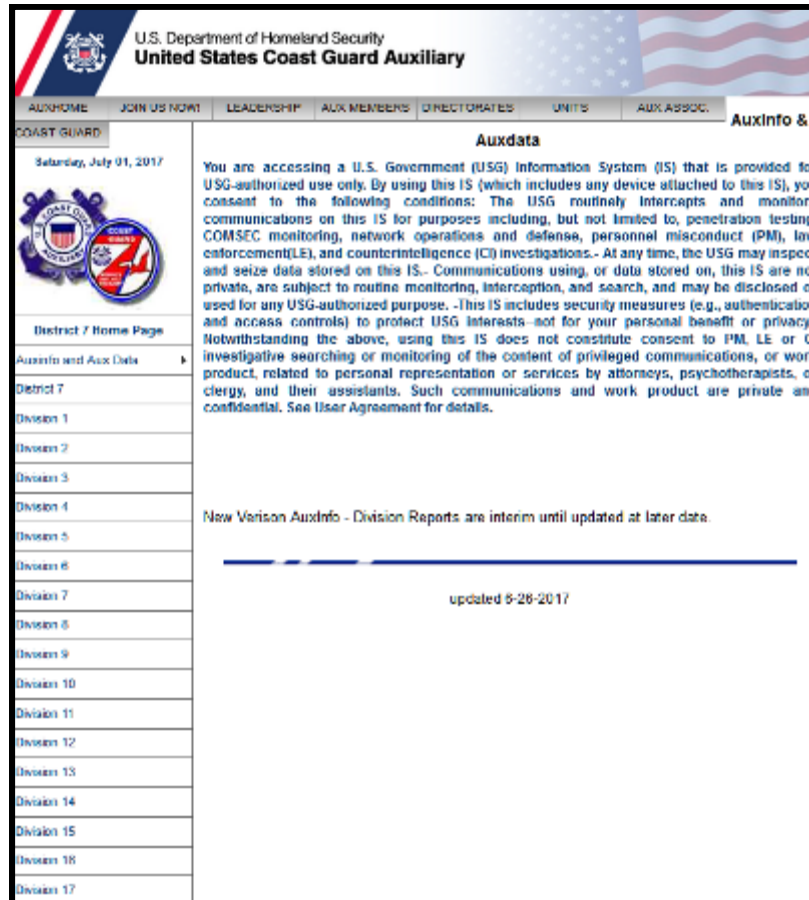


on the icon that looks like Page of Paper and then click Bookmark icon. Once the screen refreshes, you can then save as a Bookmark or Favorite using your Browser's settings.

## How Do I Save or Print a Report

To print or save a report, you need to go to the bottom menu icon that looks like Page, click down arrow then select the method to Export PDF, CSV, EXCEL (xls or xlsx) and follow directions to export the report. Once the report is exported, you can then print to your printer or save to a file.

Any questions or problems using AuxInfo, please contact your IS officer for help as part of the IS Officer's duty is to provide reports for unit's officers and members as needed.



# News From Otto's World

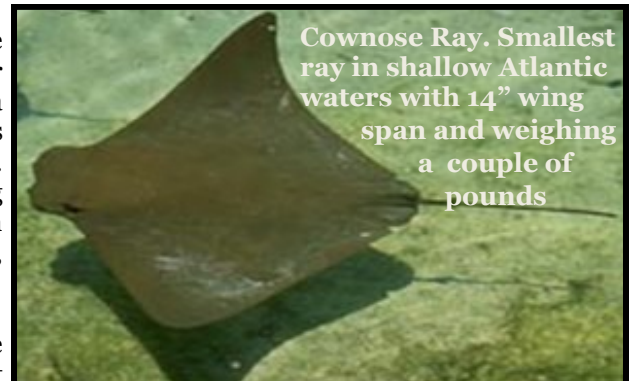


## SHARE THE OCEAN

Submitted by Otto Spielbichler,  
Flotilla 54

The ocean is a nice place but an article in the June 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 issue of the *Palm Beach Post* made the ocean sound like a dangerous place. The article was headlined, "Gardens Man Improving After Stingray Attack." The title did not read right: especially the part about the sting ray attack. But, after reading the article I understood why the word attack was used. The person "attacked" had stepped on a ray in shallow water and the ray reacted.

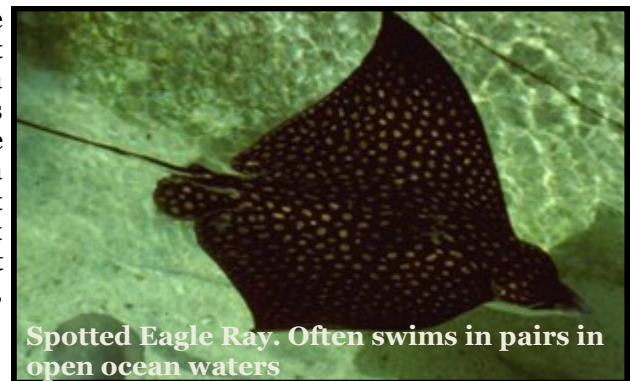
Rays are disc shaped and flat. Eyes are located on top surface. The mouth and gills are located on the underside. They feed on other animals living in and under the sand. Rays locate prey utilizing a sense of smell and electronic receptors. Once prey is located, rays direct jets of water from the mouth to uncover and capture the prey. (leisurepro.com). Some rays that live in shallow water rest by sinking to the bottom and use their flippers to cover themselves with a thin layer of sand. Wildlife authorities agree that rays, hunting or resting, are docile animals and do not attack humans without a cause.



**Cownose Ray. Smallest ray in shallow Atlantic waters with 14" wing span and weighing a couple of pounds**

The unfortunate bather may have stepped on a ray at rest. When the ray detected what appeared to be an approaching threat it instinctively swam away switching its barbed tail in the process. The spine or barb on the tail of rays is used for protection. The barb is pointed and its sides have ripples designed to make the barb difficult to remove. The barbs on some rays contain venom that is usually not lethal to humans. However, whether barbs are venomous or not wounds need immediate medical treatment (myfwc.com).

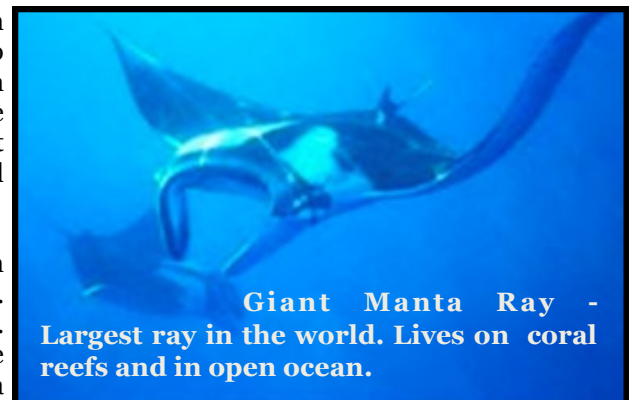
There are twelve different species of rays in Florida's waters. Nine have venomous spines and three either have no spine or spines that are not venomous. For example, one of the smallest rays with a fourteen-inch wingspan is the Yellow Sting ray. It has a venomous spine. The larger Devil Ray with a four-foot wingspan has no spine on its tail and is protected in Florida waters. The Spotted Eagle ray, a medium sized ray, with up to a ten-foot wing span is one of the most colorful. One of the largest rays found around coral reefs is the Giant Manta Ray. Weighing around 4,000 pounds with a twenty-five foot wing span, they are described as being "gracefully agile". Finally, there is the Lesser Electric Sting Ray with no spine. But, it can discharge a mild non-lethal electric shock to defend itself. There is another reason to believe rays do not attack humans.



**Spotted Eagle Ray. Often swims in pairs in open ocean waters**

Divers from around the world visit a dive site in the Grand Cayman called Sting Ray City where wild Southern Sting Rays have learned to wait in shallow water for divers that feed them squid. The much larger females block smaller males as they both take squid from the hands of divers and snorkelers. Divers touch the rays and are not stung. "Been there, done that years ago." It was a special experience even for me, an experienced diver.

So, in summary, there are critters that we need to watch for when entering the ocean. Sting rays are one example. Stings are painful. Infections are the least serious result when treated properly. Venomous fluids in the spines, while not usually life threatening, are most serious. In either case, medical treatment of a wound is a requirement. To prevent encounters with rays when entering the ocean do what authorities call "the sting ray shuffle". Pushing sand aside with your feet as you shuffle will cause vibrations that will alert rays that you are in the area and will give them time to "escape". Sharing the ocean with the critters that live in it will allow everyone to enjoy their time in the water.



**Giant Manta Ray - Largest ray in the world. Lives on coral reefs and in open ocean.**



# HR Recruiting Awards - 2016



## AUXILIARY RECRUITING SERVICE AWARD

Awarded for recruiting seven or more new Auxiliarists into the Auxiliary within the same calendar year, must have been issued a member identification number and have had their Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) initiated during the award year.

NAME	FLOTILLA
Tim Leyendecker	51
Barry Sullivan	93
Leslie Long "(on behalf of the flotilla)"	11-1
Kristi Mackey	11-10

## NACO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD

This award consists of a certificate issued by the National Commodore and presented to any member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who recruits five (5) or more new members within one calendar year.

NAME	FLOTILLA
Shawn Nixon	23
Tim Leyendecker	51
Valerie Pleasanton	54
Gilbert Thomas	77
Barry Sullivan	93
Steve Kapin	98
Leslie Long	11-1
Kristi Mackey	11-10
Walter Runck	12-6
Dennis Skonecki	15-8



# HR Recruiting Awards - 2016

## **NACO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD FOR NET GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP**

This award consists of a certificate issued by the National Commodore to be presented to the Flotilla Commander of any flotilla showing a net gain of two (2) members during the calendar year as shown in AUXDATA.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FLOTILLA</b>
Javier Bernabe	19
Carlos Arenas	34
Robert Sherman	38
Zoraida Sorrentino	44
Gary Mull	75
Thomas Bodi	7-16
Daniel Eaton	91
Daniel White	93
William Petritz	9-10
William Ballard	10-1
William Hayes	12-1
Herman Burchfield	12-3
Scott Heisler	12-6
Steven Cook	13-2
Leslie Moore	15-2
Joseph Bonaccorse	17-11

## **DISTRICT 7 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD**

This award consists of a certificate issued by the District 7 Commodore and presented to any member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who recruits three (3) or more new members within one calendar year.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FLOTILLA</b>
Carlos Vizarrondo	52
Fred Combs	56
Timothy Mann	81
Thomas Bruno	91
William Ballard	10-1
Barbara Burchfield	12-3
Dewayne Roos	13-8

# USCG District 7 Change of Command June 23, 2017—USCG Air Station Miami



**Rear Admiral Scott A. Buschman**  
Thank you for your Service

**Rear Admiral Peter J. Brown**  
Welcome to the 7th District



Photos Submitted by Vickie Aponte  
Auxiliary Affairs Assistant





## Rear Admiral Peter J. Brown

Assistant Commandant for Response Policy

U.S. Coast Guard



Originally from Somers, NY, Rear Admiral Brown is a 1985 graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry. His Coast Guard career has primarily focused on sea duty and tactical law enforcement, with 4 afloat and 3 TACLET/LEDET tours of duty, including command of TACLET South in Miami Florida, from 2000 to 2002 and USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719) Alameda, CA from 2006 to 2008. Under his command, BOUTWELL interdicted 5 drug trafficking vessels which were transporting over 13 metric tons of cocaine, a migrant smuggling vessel with 128 undocumented migrants aboard, and 6 foreign fishing vessels that were using internationally banned High Seas Drift Nets. Ashore, he has served as the Chief of Response for the Seventh Coast Guard District, with responsibility for search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and international operations, including disaster relief, in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and throughout the Caribbean; as well as Chief of Staff for Coast Guard Atlantic Area, headquartered in Portsmouth, VA. Promoted to flag rank in 2013, Rear Admiral Brown now oversees the development of strategic response doctrine and policy guidance for all Coast Guard forces. These policies encompass seven of the eleven operational maritime missions in the areas of law enforcement, search and rescue, counterterrorism and defense operations, oil spill response, incident management and preparedness, and contingency exercise programs.

Rear Admiral Brown earned a Master's degree in chemistry at the University of Miami in 1991 and taught chemistry at the Coast Guard Academy from 1991-95. While teaching, he worked with the Coast Guard's Research and Development Center in the testing of emerging drug detection technologies, paving the way for the deployment of advanced analytical chemical instruments at sea for law enforcement. During the same period, he also earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut. His awards include 2 Legion of Merit, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Commendation Medals, 3 Achievement Medals, and numerous unit and team awards.



# Division 1



**LA FLOTILLA 106 DE MAYAGUEZ  
DEL U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**





# Division 11



## Working for Boating Safety

**Submitted by Steve Sumner, FSO-PA,  
Photo—Tom Loughlin, VFC - Flotilla 11-7**

Three members of Hudson Flotilla 11-7 U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary recently recertified as Search and Rescue crew members during the evening hours of Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Hudson members first had to successfully complete a difficult “land portion” which consisted of a navigation plotting exercise, and a question and answer session on the proper tying of several nautical knots, first aid, and weather. Then—they proceeded to the two boats required for the “on water” portion of the testing.

Once at Port Hudson Marina, the Qualification Examiners Manny Sosa from Clearwater and Dudley Davis from Tarpon Springs, continued their questions and put the Hudson men through multiple exercises. It all started at the dock with a full crew briefing of the boat, the plan for the night but most especially—safety.

On the water, the crews conducted “Man Overboard” drills, anchoring drills, search patterns and a night time navigation exercise that alone took one hour—in total dark.

The US Coast Guard’s highest praise is Bravo Zulu which means “well done”. To all involved in this exercise, we also say, “BRAVO ZULU”



**Jack Kuhlmann (L) performs required activities under the watchful eye of examiner Manny Sosa (R)**



# Division 11

## Coast Guard Auxiliary Outstanding Flotilla of the Year



**Submitted by Karen Miller, VFC,  
Flotilla 11-1**

**Photo by Joan Jennings**

For the fourth consecutive year, the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Clearwater Flotilla have gone over and above what is expected of them in support of the missions of the Coast Guard and have earned the prestigious Outstanding Flotilla of the Year Award.

Every spring Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 11 (comprised of flotillas from Madeira Beach, Clearwater, Dunedin, Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey, and Hudson) holds their awards banquet to recognize the contributions of its 265 members. Numerous individual awards are presented for individual members who have achieved significantly high milestones in areas such as operations (patrols on the water), vessel examinations, instructor and instructor aides, public affairs outreach, and direct support to the Coast Guard. The evening culminates with the announcement of the outstanding flotilla which is determined by several criteria including the aforementioned mission areas plus the ability to recruit and retain members with an emphasis on training of members to achieve advanced specialties.

This year's banquet was Division 11's 28<sup>th</sup> year of recognizing the accomplishments of its members. It was held at the Dunedin Golf Club and was attended by over 80 members and guests. These included the Coast Guard Auxiliary's National Commodore Rick Washburn, the Coast Guard Auxiliary's District 7 Chief of Staff, Gary Barth, Coast Guard Air Station Commanding Officer Captain Edward Sandlin, Coast Guard Sector St Petersburg Response Department Chief, Lieutenant Commander Holly Deal, Coast Guard Station Sand Key's Commanding Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Tracy Randall, and numerous others.

The Clearwater Flotilla is comprised of 72 members who actively participate in the missions of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. These members contributed thousands of volunteer hours of their time to keeping the boating public safe from the sea and keeping the sea safe from the boaters.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's area of responsibility extends from the Belleair Bridge in the south to Stevenson Creek in the north. Being stewards of the environment and assisting boaters in distress are just two of the many missions completed by the members of the Clearwater Flotilla ([www.USCGAuxClearwater.com](http://www.USCGAuxClearwater.com)).



**Pictured: Leslie Long and Mike Lloyd, Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander of the Clearwater Flotilla in 2016 holding the Outstanding Flotilla plaque flanked by the members of the Clearwater Flotilla who attended the Awards banquet.**



# Division 11



## Sea Turtles and Nesting



Submitted by Kristi Mackey, VFC,  
Flotilla 11-10

Kristi Mackey invited a Sea Turtle Nesting Biologist to their June Flotilla meeting to educate the members on how to protect turtle nests along the beaches, how to help the hatchlings find the water safely and what steps to take if we should come upon a turtle in distress while patrolling the waters. Ms. Flynn reported we had a record year for 2016 and are currently in the nesting season now.

### Data from the 2016 nesting season:

The 2016 season was host to **318 nests** of predominantly loggerhead sea turtles.

**13,199 hatchlings** were successfully released into the ocean

- Only 1 in 1000 hatchlings survives into adulthood.

**Our coast experienced three major storms**, Tropical Storm Colin and Hurricanes Hermine and Matthew, as well as several high tides, which negatively impacted numerous nests.

**25 Miles of beach are patrolled.**

- We patrol from the Caladesi State Park sign to the south end of Treasure Island.

This was a **record year** for the Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) patrol region!! We've never had so many nests, hatchlings, or storms in the same season.



**Lindsey Flynn, M.S.**  
**Senior Sea Turtle Nesting Biologist**



# Division 11



Flotilla 11-10 organized and scheduled multiple events during the month of May in honor of the National Safe Boating week. A presentation at the Flotilla meeting promoting all of the planned events and to encourage participation. A turnout of **28 members** participated in one or more events.

Submitted by Kristi Mackey, VFC  
Flotilla 11-10

### Recapped Events:

- Five Public Affairs events
- Two Public Education Classes taught
- Three Vessel Exam Blitzes performed
- Twenty-seven Partner Visits were made



Front Row: Jimmy Ryder, Allen Leimbach, Buddy Casale, Kristi Mackey, Heidi Warner, Guy Warner, Sam Walker Second Row: Gordon Thomas, Mike Negley, Harvey Prior, Gerry Walters, Rob Bonnem



USCG Captain Edward Sandlin, Rob Bonnem



Front Row: Buddy Casale, Allen Leimbach.  
Back Row: Charles Whitiner, Harvey Prior, Gordon Thomas, Chris Hayes



Buddy Casale, Harvey Prior, Sam Walker, Allen Leimbach, Kristi Mackey, Gerry Walters, Rob Bonnem



# Division 11



## “Ready, Set, Wear It” Worldwide Record Day

Submitted by Kristi Mackey, VFC  
Flotilla 11-10

Thousands participated worldwide in Ready, Set, Wear It! A Life Jacket World Record Day, organized by the North American Safe Boating Campaign. This event is part of the campaign’s efforts to promote boating safety and voluntary consistent wear of life jackets while boating. From marinas to in-store events, Ready, Set, Wear It! took a fun spin on communicating boating safety with the public.

Flotilla 11-10 scheduled their event at the Spectrum Baseball Field in Clearwater during the Thresher’s game. Kristi Mackey spent weeks collecting 37 personal life jackets from friends and neighbors in order to help break the world record on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Several of her flotilla members also brought extra jackets of all sizes to the event. Kristi was very **excited to report a total of 71 people participated** in the awesome event to promote boating safely. All participants including minors with parents signed the official form to have their names and pictures submitted towards the record. It turned out to be a wonderful experience for her flotilla with great fellowship.

The **world record to break** for the most life jackets worn in one day is **10,917**. The final tally of worldwide participants is being calculated and will soon be posted in [ReadySetWearIt.com](http://ReadySetWearIt.com) and [facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt](https://facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt), so stay turned!

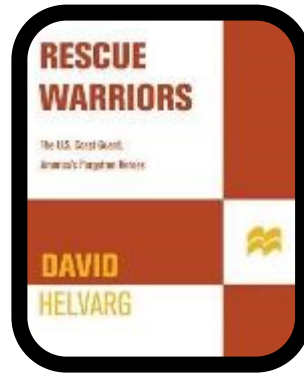




# Division 11



## 11-10 Dunedin Ocean Crusader – Forgotten Heroes



Submitted by Kristi Mackey, VFC,  
Flotilla 11-10

Flotilla Member Gordon Thomas helped organize a special presentation on the burning Ocean Crusader and the hero who helped save many lives.

**Chief Warrant Officer John Green (ret.) of the U.S. Coast Guard** gave Flotilla 11-10 a presentation about his personal involvement with the rescue from the burning "Ocean Crusader" oil rig. John Green was a rescue swimmer during the summer of 2000 when an explosion and gas fire trapped more than **fifty crewmen** twenty five miles off the coast of Louisiana. His **Dolphin 65 was the first responder** on scene that night. Green volunteered to stay on the burning rig so they could start to evacuate four men at a time. Everyone was successfully rescued that day thanks to him.

Chief Warrant Officer John Green's rescue experience was also written up in a book called "Rescue Warriors. The U.S. Coast Guard: America's forgotten Heroes". The link here is about his actions in during the event. [Ocean Crusader Burning](#)



**Retired Chief Warrant Officer John Green and Auxiliary Flotilla 11-10 Member Gordon Thomas**



**Retired Chief Warrant Officer John Green Giving his Presentation**



# Division 15



Submitted by Bob Fabich, Sr. SO-PB, Division 15



On May 20, 2017, members of Auxiliary Flotilla 15-1, family, friends, and guests kicked off this year's *National Safe Boating Week* with a picnic at the Crystal River Preserve State Park of Florida located directly on Crystal River. Included in their group photo in support of the "Wear-It" campaign were 38 people plus two ponies with life jackets. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Robert A. Fabich, Sr., who was wearing a life jacket while taking the photograph.



On May 20, 2017 at the kick-off event for *National Safe Boating Week*, (Center) Robert Holmes, Crystal River City Councilman, presented Linda Jones, Flotilla Commander and Vincent Maida, Flotilla Vice Commander, 15-1 with a Proclamation from the city of Crystal River aboard a USCG boat from Station Yankeetown. The Proclamation was in support of the flotilla's efforts to educate the boating public about safe boating practices. The all day public event held at Crystal River Preserve State Park included a barbecue and participation with the "WEAR IT" life jacket pledge. Pictured is (Right rear) Chief Eric Tookey, USCG Station Yankeetown and (Forward) the crew and coxswain. (Rear) The crew aboard Auxiliary 15-1 facility *Zero-Three*, Jodi Simon, Jim Simon, and Paul Jordan.



# Welcome



April 1 to June 30, 2017

## Division 1

Segarra\_Ortiz, Pedro R.  
Ramos\_Martin, Gerard  
Ramos\_Suarez, Carlos E.

## Division 2

Dos\_Santos, Fernando  
Griffin, James W.  
Janchus, Joanne  
Mitchell, David J.  
Smith, Charles R.  
Tidwell, Richard M.

## Division 3

Dennis, Brittney N.  
Fraser, Terri J.  
Varol, Ton y T.

## Division 4

Gallone, Alessandro J.  
Lane, Timothy

## Division 5

Bellini, Peter  
Frances, Stella  
Kennedy, James D.

## Division 6

Arcas, Ramon  
Baum, Joseph H.  
Fernandez, Erika V.  
Lerfald, Linda C.  
Rivas, Alexander J.  
Velazquez, Itamar  
Witte, Christine

## Division 7

Brown, David I.  
Chizari, Babak  
Dease, James R.  
Deschryver, George  
Drennon, Franklin S.

## Division 7

Friday, Timothy C.  
Fornadel, Francis  
Gibson, Cassandra M.  
Realmuto, Steven  
Sage, William H.

## Division 8

Allred, Brett R.  
Espinosa, Luis M.  
Lebeau, Joseph R. III  
Marabella, John J. Jr  
Marabella, Rosan M.  
Rosas, Janeen E.  
Sorensen, Michael W.  
White, James P.

## Division 9

Abrams, Lawrence M.  
Almonrode, Richard C.  
Atsma, Henry  
Blais, Thomas A.  
Corban, Genai M.  
Dimino, Dean J.  
Fivecoat, Barbara A.  
Fivecoat, Daniel W.  
Gonzales, Jeffrey M.  
Lewis, Gary  
Lehner, Russell G.  
Lukitsch, Walter J.  
Malave, Francisco  
Newell, Robert D.  
Ryan, Leslie F.  
Savage, Douglas J.  
Schadd, Beth A.  
Talanian, John C.  
Winslow, Gerald R.

## Division 10

Auner, Jessica E.  
Davis, Kysia L.  
McBride, Hugh G.  
Roy, John A.  
Tallone, Alphonse H.

## Division 11

Carroll, Blake K.  
Casey, Richard J.  
Mugnaini, Mark  
Nichols, Wesley B.  
Smith, Rodney J.  
Tartaglia, Joseph

## Division 12

Barwick, Adam  
Blackburn, Zachary T.  
Clark, Jack V.  
Dewolff, Jack V.  
Gibbons, Jeremy K.  
Gilbert, Charles A.  
Herbert, Sheldon G.  
Hough, Jason P.  
Inglis, John B.  
Magnuson, Porter  
Newman, James E., Jr.  
Scheuer, Michael F.  
Snell, Maxx O.

## Division 13

Aulisio, Callixtus J.  
Boggs, Scott W.  
Gilchrist, Gina  
Ice, Maxx O.  
Mattern, Lorna L.  
Mattern, Richard B.  
Matzel, David G.  
Rodriguez\_Medina, Elaine  
Shimamoto, Susan M.

## Division 14

Garro, Richard P.,

## Division 15

Cathcart, Brittany N.  
Oliva, Eugene A.  
Pritchett, David W.

## Division 17

Santana\_Villanueva, Daniel A.





# ***2017 Retirees***

**April 1, to June 30, 2017**

**Department of Homeland Security**

*Takes pleasure in conferring*

<u>Member</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Service Year</u>
Mark Emden	67	45
Frank Bartolett	14-4	37
Miguel A. Nova	1-10	32
Edgar Okrent	78	31
Thomas Brickey	11-9	21
Edward Hattenback	15-1	21
Richard Phillips	12-1	20
Charlene Mayer	72	15
Schwabrow, Henry	10-11	15

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*United States Coast Guard Auxiliary*

*In recognition of significant contributions and devoted service to the organization and its boating safety programs.*

# Crossing the Bar

## April 1 to June 30, 2017



**Albert Crittenden**  
Division 2



**Scott Grest**  
Division 2

*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.*



**David Boyer  
(Ret)**  
Division 4



**Virginia Caspari**  
Division 4

*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*



**Daniel Reame**  
Division 4



**Howard Brown**  
Division 5

 Please submit photos for the  
"Crossing of the Bar" Ceremony  
to [d7happyrecruiter@gmail.com](mailto:d7happyrecruiter@gmail.com)



**Anthony Vandenburg**  
Division 8



**Albert Yusko**  
Division 8



**Robert Atwood  
(Ret)**  
Division 9



**Leonard Thomas**  
Division 9



**John Barlow**  
Division 10



**Gilbert Richards**  
Division 13



**Byron Marx**  
Division 13



**Peter Boergermann**  
Division 17

# Miami Sea Air Show



**Miami Sea Air Show  
May 27—28, 2017 Miami**



**Photos Taken by Isaac Rosenberg, Flotilla 69  
Submitted by Vickie Aponte, Auxiliary Affairs Assistant**

# Did you Know?

## Coast Guard SPAR Decorated for Combat Operations During World War II



### *Florence Finch*

By William H. Thiesen, Ph.D.  
U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area Historian

Of the thousands of women who have served with honor in the United States Coast Guard, one stands out for her bravery and devotion to duty. Florence Smith Finch, the daughter of a U.S. Army veteran and Filipino mother, was born on the island of Luzon, north of Manila, in Santiago City. She married navy PT boat crewman Charles E. Smith while working for an army intelligence unit located in Manila. In 1942, after the Japanese invaded the Philippines, her young husband died trying to re-supply American and Filipino troops trapped by the enemy on Corregidor Island and the Bataan Peninsula.

After the Japanese occupied Manila, Finch avoided internment by claiming her Philippine citizenship. She received a note from her imprisoned army intelligence boss regarding shortages of food and medicine in the POW camps. Finch began assisting with locating and providing smuggled supplies to American POWs and helping provide fuel to Filipino guerrillas. In October 1944, the Japanese arrested Finch, beating, torturing and interrogating her during her initial confinement. Through it all, she never revealed information regarding her underground operations or fellow resisters.

When American forces liberated her prison camp in February 1945, Finch weighed only eighty pounds. She boarded a Coast Guard-manned transport returning to the United States and moved to her late father's hometown of Buffalo, New York. In July 1945, she enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, eager to continue the struggle against an enemy that had killed her husband. Finch served through the end of the war and was among the first Pacific-Island American women to don a Coast Guard uniform.

After the war, she met U.S. Army veteran Robert Finch. They married and moved to Ithaca, New York, where she lived the remainder of her life. Of the thousands of SPARs serving in World War II, she was the first to be honored with the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. In November 1947, she received the U.S. Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian medal awarded to Americans who aided in the war effort. In 1995, the Coast Guard honored her service by naming a facility for her at Coast Guard Base Honolulu.

She died in Ithaca N.Y. on December 8, 2016 at the age of 101 year old.

# Trivia

The opposite sides of a dice cube always add up to seven!

A rat can last longer without water than a camel can.

Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!

No word in the English language rhymes with “month”.

All polar bears are left handed.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

The highest observation deck in the U.S., the Sears Tower Skydeck, opened in Chicago in 1974. On a clear day, visibility is more than 40 miles, making it easy to see four states — Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan

The most popular song in the English language — “Happy Birthday to You” — was published in 1893. The song started off as a classroom greeting called “Good Morning to All” before the lyrics were changed in 1924. Before entertaining the public domain, it generated more than \$2 million in royalties annually.

Sea otters hold hands while they sleep so they awaken together in case the current takes them away.

