

D-7 Connection



Human Resources - Spring Issue 2015 Issue 29 Editor: Angela Pomaro

A tribute to the following who have taken the position of FSO-HR Officer for the year 2015 — a thankless time consuming position. Thank you all.

Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officers	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officers	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officers
11	Angel Saldana	67	Julianne Bouchard	12-1	John Owen
12	Ramses, Rodriguez_Diaz	69	Arthur Rockwell	12-2	Jeanette Brown
13	Carlos Rios_Ruiz	6-10	Mitchell Adler	12-3	Herman Burchfield
15	William Marrero_Aviles	6-11	Carlos Gutierrez	12-4	Oliver Leimbach
17	Juvenal Aponte	72	Loren Reuter	12-6	Wendy Balelo
18	Rosa Feliciano	74	Gilbert Thomas	12-8	Duncan Hutchinson
1-10	Edna Ocasio_Medina	75	Judith Clapp	12-10	Richard Bankert
1-12	Vanessa Santiago	78	Natale Abruzzo	12-12	Be Moore
21	John Vanosdol	79	Heleyde Aponte	13-1	Elsie Metcalf
22	Larry Cook	7-16	Eleanor Zinner	13-2	Donna Ferenci
23	Shawn Nixon	81	Karla Owens	13-3	Virgil Allmond
25	Kenneth Bruning	82	Stanley Blumenthal	13-4	John Berend
27	Julian Fobbus	84	Robert Johnson	13-8	Dewayne Roos
29	Gary McClure	85	Timothy Mann	14-1	Barbara Dunn
32	Anthony Anastasio	86	John Kandes	14-2	Christopher Landry
34	Arnold Greenhouse	87	Sanford Bilsky	14-4	Donald Mooers
36	Mario Stagliano	91	Thomas Bruno	14-5	Frederick Preston
37	Joan Rauert	92	Bernard O'Grady	14-7	Kevin Dunne
38	Natalie Bunting	93	Mary Meyers	14-8	Rebecca Habermas
41	Stephen Brooks	94	Gregory Masonick	15-1	Vincent Maida
43	Jose Goloversic	95	Douglas Johnson	7153	Joyce Dvorak
44	Herbert Rothermel	96	Thomas Hart	15-3	David Hays
45	Daniel Reaume	98	Stephen Kapin	15-5	Lawrence Berman
48	Walter Franek	99	Maurice Sabourin	15-7	Maria Sorli
51	Charles Reiner	9-10	Jeffrey Dedecker	15-8	Michael Bollinger
52	Robert DiPaolo	10-1	William Ballard	16-1	Duane Minton
54	Valerie Pleasanton	10-2	Terry Crowell	16-2	David Richardson
56	Frederick Combs	10-10	Clyde Bowman	16-3	Elmo Rabsatt
57	Angel Garcia	10-11	Hal Blaisdell	17-2	Jules Moquin
58	Carl Holeva	11-1	Kim Davis	17-6	Dan McIntyre
59	Diane Riggan	11-3	Paul Letourneau	17-9	James Powers
61	Alberto Juliachs	11-7	James Fritts	17-10	Edith Ferguson
63	Alvaro Ferrando	11-9	Thomas Tormey	17-11	Sharon Breece
65	Alfredo Nardi	11-10	Edward Burgess		





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Rich Steinbach, ADSO-HR
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Wendy Baldo 12



Chris Poulos 10



David Tedrow 2



Rebecca Habermas 14



Vincent Maida 15

Florida



Bill Griswold 4



Kim Davis 11



Sharon Brece 17



Rich Steinbach 5



Judith Clapp 7



John De Stefano 8



Arnold Greenhouse 3



Tom Hart 9



Hortensia Sampedro 6



Claude Bullock 13



Wilson Iziarry-dehoyos 1



David Richardson 16

Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands



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.



**Larry Cook, SO-HR
Division 2**



**Alvaro Ferrando,
SO-HR - Division 6**



**Tom O'Connor, ADSO-HR
Mentor—North
SO-HR Division 10**



**Jesse Scott, SO-HR
Division 11**



**John Owen, SO-HR
Division 12**



**Dorothy Cain, SO-HR
Division 13**



**Bruce McAllister,
SO-HR Division 15**

Welcome

New Human Resources Officers—2015



**David Tedrow, SO-HR
Division 2**

A member of Flotilla 25 since 2010, David is both SO-HR and a current FSO-HR for Public Affairs. He is qualified in CPR and First Aid. He was a past FSO-CC (Career Counselor), Communication Services and Materials.



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

Marc joined Flotilla 51 in 2011 and held the following positions: FSO-HR, FSO-VE and FSO-PV. He is currently a member of Flotilla 38 and also holds FSO-CS position in that flotilla as well as ADSO-HR



**Hortensia Sampedro,
SO-HR Division 6**

A member of Flotilla 67, Hortensia joined the USCG Auxiliary in 2002. She is a qualified Aid to Navigation Verifier, and Coxswain, Instructor and Watchstander. She previously held the position of FSO-OP (Operations).



**Chris Poulos, SO-HR
Division 10**

Chris became a member of Flotilla 10-2 in 2009. He is FSO-CM as well as the SO-HR. He is a qualified Telecommunications Operator and Program Vicitor He was previously an FSO-PV.



**Kim Davis, SO-HR
Division 11**

Kim, has been a member of Flotilla 11-1 since 2013 and is presently both SO-HR and FSO-HR. She is also certified in Recreational Boating Safety Program.



**Wendy Baleo, SO-HR
Division 12**

A member of Flotilla 12-6 since 2012, she is the FSO-HR as well as SO-HR. She is also a certified Fingerprint Technician



**Claude Bullock, SO-HR
Division 13**

Claude has been a member of the USCG Auxiliary since 2002 and member of Flotilla 13-8. His qualifications include Aid to Navigation Verifier and Telecommunications Operator. He was a Flotilla Commander, Vice Flotilla Commander, FSO for Marine Safety and Vessel Examination. He also held the position of SO-VE.



Vincent Maida, SO-HR

A member of Flotilla 15-1 since 2010, Vincent holds not only SO-HR but FSO-FN and FSO-HR. He is qualified as an Auxiliary Food Service Specialist, Fingerprint Technician, Vessel Examiner, Recreational Boating Safety Visitor, Boat and Coxswain.



THE AUXCHEF



AuxFS Team Spirit Gets Job Done in Sector Saint Petersburg AOR

Taken from D7 AuxFS
eNewsletter—Winter 2015

Covering a wide range of culinary skills from veg prep to bread production the AuxFS Team in the St. Petersburg area works hard to help keep outstanding meals in front of the crews at Coast Guard Station Cortez and Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater. The photos show team members Bob Frank, Paulette Parent, Bob Scott and Naomi Robinson.

Their skills are diverse and they have mastered some of the more advanced preparation equipment using steam kettles, meat slicers, large mixers, outdoor grills and convection ovens. They are always willing to help their gold side mentors and to work diverse schedules to get the food service job done. Our hats go off to this dynamic Auxiliary team!!





"Connie's Comments"

To Cover or Not to Cover

Submitted by **Connie Irvin,**
DSO-PA

From time to time I have put out directives regarding removal of the "cover" when outside for a television interview. Unfortunately, our PA staff comes and goes with each passing year and the correct information gets lost in the shuffle. I thought it might be appropriate to reiterate the Coast Guard Public Affairs Policy regarding this issue.

No cover is worn when outside for a television interview. Why? Because the "cover" shades the eyes and thus, the face is not really visible to the public. It is a pretty simple concept. I offer two photos taken at various events with two individuals who accepted the policy and were comfortable with it. Because the sun sometimes makes the subject squint, we should try to find a shaded area in which to accommodate the interviewer and the person being interviewed. But that is not always possible.



Rear Admiral William Baumgartner begins an interview with a local TV station at Station Fort Myers Beach during a 2011 award ceremony for station personnel.



COMO John Tyson is interviewed by a television journalist during a 2013 National Safe Boating Week event in Division 9.

The **television interview is an exception** and should be noted as such. Whether you are a flotilla officer, division officer or work for the district, this rule applies. **No cover during an outside television interview.**

One other issue that also needs to be addressed is sun-glasses. We all wear them here in District 7 and certainly they are needed in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands which are part of our District, but they must come off **when outside photos are taken.** This applies to our entire District. We keep our covers on when outside, but **the sun glasses come off** for still photos. Same simple concept. The public wants to see our eyes and our face. Quite often the cover gives us a harsh shadow and so a fill flash might be the answer for correcting that problem. If you are not sure how to get that shot, ask someone who is a camera geek...their help will get you through the rough spot.

Hopefully, I have answered these questions. It is strictly geared toward photographs and television interviews and is particular to the Public Affairs Department and the PA Team.

Semper Paratus.



The Retention Guru



D7 Mentoring Program

**Submitted by Rich Steinbach,
ADSO—Mentoring**

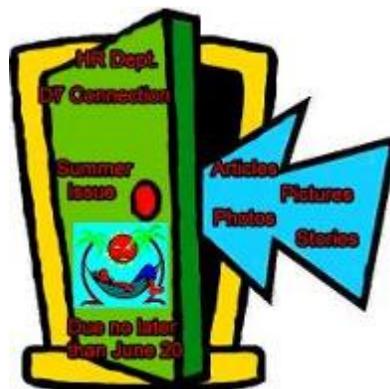
The District 7 Mentoring Program continues to expand. Our latest success story comes from Flotilla 14-7 Saint Augustine, Florida. Kevin Dunn, FSO-HR, reports that they have completed training fifteen new mentors and each new mentor has been assigned a mentee to work with.

In addition Kim Davis, SO-HR Division 11 advises that plans are in place to start mentor training throughout the division in April.

If your division or flotilla has not yet started a Mentor Recruitment/Training Program as yet I highly encourage you to visit the District 7 web site, scroll down to the “HR Corner” and then to the Mentoring Program section. You will find everything you need to learn about mentoring, how to recruit and train mentors and start the program in your unit.

If you have any questions or if you would like additional information or guidance, please contact me.

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A special thanks to Karen Miller who proofs all issues and all who have submitted articles and photos in this issue.

**Articles/photos for the Summer Issue will graciously be accepted at:
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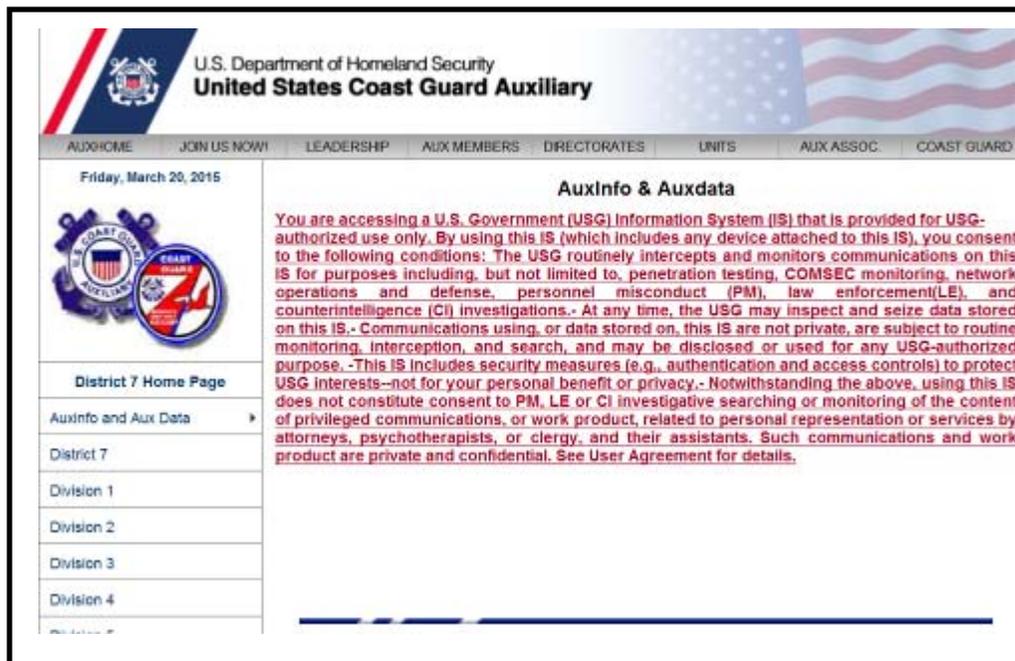
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Where Can I Find My Activity Information????

Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

In District 7 we have created a set of “Quick Access” AUXINFO reports that are on the D7 website (<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/>). These reports are a useful tool for Auxiliary leaders and members to use to keep track of information on activities. AUXINFO is the National “authoritative” source for member activity such as hours, exams, visits, etc. This system is updated once a week from AUXDATA. Reports are usually updated Sunday evening and are up on website on Monday. The D7 reports have been updated to Current Year 2015



On the main menu page, you can select either district and get district & sector reports or select a division and division and flotilla report.

There are two levels of reports in the database:

General Reports: include Member Activities, Awards, Certifications, REYR, Training, Unit Activities, Facilities, Demographics and Officers.

D7 AUXINFO QUICK ACCESS PAGES						
General Reports	Div 4	Flotilla				
		01	03	04	05	08
Member Activities & Hours (all years)	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
Member Activities & Hours (2015)	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
Member Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards
Member Certifications & Competencies	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications
Member REYR/REWK Status	REYR REWK	REYR	REYR	REYR	REYR	REYR
Member Training Task Status	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK
Member Training Task Status	Training	Training	Training	Training	Training	Training
Flotilla Activities (all years)	Unit Activities					
Flotilla Activities (2015)	Unit Activities					
Flotilla Facilities (all years)	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities
New Flotilla Facilities (2015)	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities
Flotilla Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics
Past Officers (all years)	Past Officers					
Current Officers	CurOfficers	CurOfficers	CurOfficers	CurOfficers	CurOfficers	CurOfficers

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Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

Currency Reports: includes Currency Maintenance, ICS, Mandatory (AUXLMS), Underway, Airborne, VE, PV, CFV, and Marine Safety Counts.

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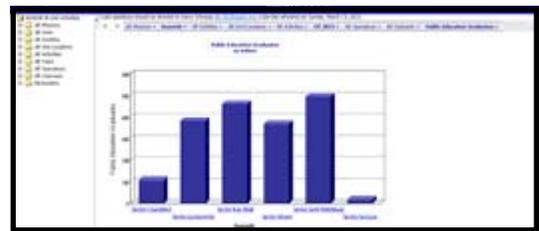
Currency Reports	Div 4	01	03	04	05	08
Currency Maintenance Tasks (2015)	Currency Tasks					
ICS 100, 200, 700, 800	ICS Tasks					
ICS Other Courses	ICS Other					
Mandatory Courses	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Operations Underway Hours (all years)	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway
Operations Underway Hours (2015)	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway
Operations Airborne Hours (all years)	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne
Operations Airborne Hours (2015)	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne
Vessel Check Counts (all years)	VE Count					
Vessel Check Counts (2015)	VE Count					
Program Visitor Counts (all years)	PV Count					
Program Visitor Counts (2015)	PV Count					
Commercial Fishing Counts (all years)	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV
Commercial Fishing Counts (2015)	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV
Marine Safety Counts (all years)	MS Count					
Marine Safety Counts (2015)	MS Count					

This year a new Mandatory Courses (AUXLMS) report has been added. This tool will help flotilla leaders and members know what courses have been taken and those that still need to be completed.

General Reports	Div 4	01	02	03	05	08
Member Activities & Hours (all years)	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
Member Activities & Hours (2015)	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
Member Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards
Member Certifications & Competencies	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications	Certifications
Member CEYR/REWK status	REYR	REYR	REYR	REYR	REYR	REYR
Member Training Task Status	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK	REWK
Flotilla Activities (all years)	Unit Activities					
Flotilla Activities (2015)	Unit Activities					
Flotilla Facilities (all years)	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities
New Flotilla Facilities (2015)	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities
Flotilla Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics	Demographics
Port Officer (all years)	Port Officers					
Port Officer (2015)	Port Officers					

Currency Reports	Div 4	01	02	04	05	08
Currency Maintenance Tasks (2015)	Currency Tasks					
ICS 100, 200, 700, 800	ICS Tasks					
ICS Other Courses	ICS Other					
Mandatory Courses	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Operations Underway Hours (all years)	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway
Operations Underway Hours (2015)	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway	Underway
Operations Airborne Hours (all years)	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne
Operations Airborne Hours (2015)	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne	Airborne
Vessel Check Counts (all years)	VE Count					
Vessel Check Counts (2015)	VE Count					
Program Visitor Counts (all years)	PV Count					
Program Visitor Counts (2015)	PV Count					
Commercial Fishing Counts (all years)	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV
Commercial Fishing Counts (2015)	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV	CFV
Marine Safety Counts (all years)	MS Count					
Marine Safety Counts (2015)	MS Count					

Flotilla	Tasks Completed in 2015	LEVEL 100/200/700/800 (COUNT)	ICS (COUNT)	MANDATORY COURSES (COUNT)	OPERATIONS UNDERWAY HOURS (HOURS)	OPERATIONS AIRBORNE HOURS (HOURS)	SECURITY EVALUATION AND TRAINING (MEMBERS/BOATS)	REGULAR VISITOR (COUNT)	COMMERCIAL FISHING (COUNT)	SAFETY (COUNT)
FLORIDA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA 20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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Submitted by Sue Hastings, DSO-IS

AUXDATA Tasks								
Tasks Completed as values	CIVIL RIGHTS AWARENESS (502319)	ETHICS TRAINING (502306)	INFLUENZA TRAINING (502290)	PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COURSE (810000)	PRIVACY AWARENESS (810015)	SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARENESS (810030)	SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION (810045)	SUICIDE PREVENTION (502379)
BANKERT, RICHARD G	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
DAVIS, MICHAEL D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
GIARDINA, VITO W	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
HASTINGS, DAVID A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
HASTINGS, SUSAN Z	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
JAMES, ALLEN N	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
UNGER III, WILLIAM C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WOZNIAK JR, EDWARD J	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
070-12-10 GEORGETOWN	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	6

The D7 AUXINFO reports are basic reports. You can customize them to your needs. For example, the Member Activities report is set for All Positions on the top ribbon. You may want a report showing just the LEAD hours. You can go in and change the Position to LEAD, Non-LEAD, or Trainees. On the Unit Activities report you may want to see the Number of PE Graduates. You can do this by changing the Measures on the top menu ribbon.



Once you set up the customized report, you can bookmark as a favorite. This is a two-part process with AUXINFO. You will need to click on paper icon on bottom ribbon and select Prepare Bookmark. Once the report comes back up, save as favorite or bookmark depending on the Browser you are using.



The best way to become familiar with this powerful tool is to go in and “play” with the different options. The data is read/only and you will not be affecting the AUXDATA database.

If you have any questions, problems or need help in creating a report, please contact your FSO-IS.



The Webmaster

Communications Services

Submitted by Dave Hastings, DSO-CS

Have you looked at the District website or your division or flotilla websites lately? The URL for the D7 website is: <http://uscga-district-7.org/>. Take some time and check out the changes made to the website. Each year updates and changes are made at the request of district leadership, staff officers, or members.

Check out the What's New Section on the website. In this section you can see a YouTube video from COMO Bob Weskerna. Also included is information on viewing the website using a Tablet or iPad. C-School requests and other various PDF and PowerPoints are also in this section.

One area that we get asked questions on is the sizing of digital pictures, especially when sending pictures via email or attaching to D7 Help Ticket for Member IDs. Most digital cameras use JPEG format because it has the advantage of retaining high visual quality and has a relatively small file size. Files saved in other formats such as TIFF are usually larger which takes more storage space. You can also run into problems trying to email as some servers including the D7 Help Desk limit the size of files you can send or upload.

JPEG compresses information to reduce size without affecting the picture resolution. If you are going to send a picture to be included on the web, sending email or attaching a member photo, you should try to use the smallest size without losing visual quality. Also, consider resizing or cropping the pictures. Member IDs just need the head shot so you do not need to include a full-size picture for the card. Many common picture editing software will enable you to go in and crop, resize, and change the type of file. Check *Save As* and look for the option to change your compression or quality level.

A goal in Communication Services this year is to get as many 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.

CONTACT US			
2015 D-Train Information		Fun Night Orlando	
HR CORNER	AWARDS	MANUALS	AUX-INFO
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News From Otto's World

Beautiful - Beneficial - Bountiful



Submitted by Otto Spielbichler,
Flotilla 54

Other adjectives could be used to describe the coral reefs that line the shores of Florida's coastal waters but beautiful, beneficial and bountiful will do for starters. Look at the photographs in this article. It would be a challenge to find a group of animals and plants with a greater variety of beauty. The beauty attracts marine life, tourists, scholars and others who supply us with information about a type of underwater environment that is found only in the near shore waters of South Florida in the continental United States. The reefs are bountiful in the sense that their presence attracts marine life that attracts tourists, recreational fisherman and divers who pay to see the marine life thus boosting Florida's economy. Those who eat fish, shellfish, and marine plant life personally enjoy the bountiful harvest the reef's presence brings.

However, the beauty, benefits and bounty of coral reefs also create problems. The problems are complex and emanate from a variety of sources. The purpose of this article is to provide basic information about reefs that will enable individuals to determine how they can both protect and benefit from coral reefs for years to come.

Many people do not realize that corals are animals that come in a variety of shapes and sizes and that corals can be found in most of the oceans including those at both poles. The greatest variety and number are usually attached to hard bottom of the waters of equatorial coastal shelves. Corals located in equatorial waters are the most threatened and are the focus of this article.

Coral reproduce both asexually and sexually. Occasional asexual reproduction occurs as budding. Sexual reproduction occurs once a year. Eight days after the first full moon in August (the eight month) male and female corals, around the world, release eggs and sperm at night at about the same time. Amazingly, egg and sperm unite with the same species of coral. Embryonic corals drift until they find a hard surface and attach themselves to it. Once attached, most corals grow about a quarter of an inch per year. Those corals that live in shallow waters and in the surf zone grow a few inches each year.

Tropical corals grow best in oceans with water that is warm, clear and with adequate but not excessive nutrients. A current of water with ideal salinity is needed to bring nourishment to



Corals releasing eggs during the annual spawn



Corals feeding at night. Tentacles sting small marine life carried to the coral which deposits into the stomach.



Young Yellow Tube Sponges fill in a space on a coral head. Full grown sponges may shade corals and replace them.

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the stationary corals. Water temperatures between 70 and 85 degrees are ideal for maximum growth. Cooler temperatures slow growth. Warmer temperatures create life threatening problems between the coral and an alga (a plant) living within coral in a symbiotic relationship exchanging food, oxygen, carbon dioxide and calcium carbonate that corals use to build skeletons. Constantly high water temperatures stimulate the algae to leave the coral for more idyllic conditions, seriously reducing the coral's supply of both oxygen and food. Corals live in colonies and share food within the colony via a system of tubes. Infections or diseases are also disseminated by the same means.

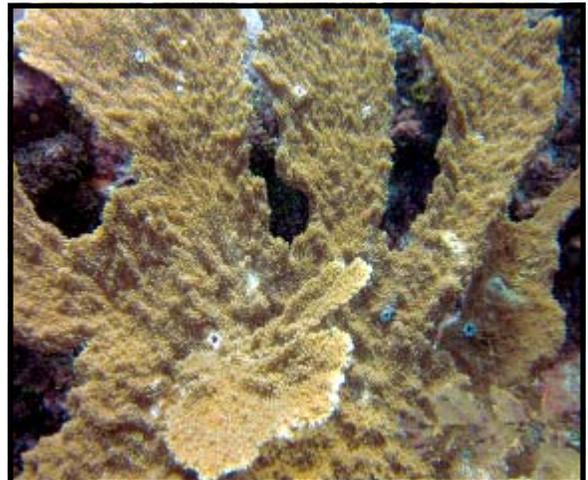
When excessive amounts of nutrients are brought to the reef naturally or by humans, it stimulates other plants living on the reef to grow. When plants on a reef grow rapidly enough to shade or cover the corals and algae, it reduces their ability to produce food.

Marine life can injure or consume too many corals for food. Environmental events like storms and hurricanes also damage corals. Over time, Nature restores a balanced habitat. Problems created by humans are not as easy to remedy. People prefer to live along coasts bordering oceans. A few homes soon become a community. Communities eventually line coasts and create towns and cities. Cities create numerous problems not all of which can be discussed in this article. One problem, water, has multiple facets.

For years communities in Florida used the oceans to dispose of waste by sending increasing amounts of waste water through pipes to an off shore exit point and into the Gulf Stream. In 2006 South Florida coastal communities became aware of the damage from contaminated waste water when NOAA Fisheries Service listed Elk Horn and Stag Horn corals as "threatened". (Threatened means that these corals were disappearing faster than they can reproduce) In 2009 the Florida legislature passed a Coral Reef Protection act to lessen the threat caused by vessel groundings and anchoring on reef and "to increase protection of coral reef resources on sovereign submerged lands off the coast of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties" (Details at <http://www.pbcgov.com/erm/coastal>). Both pieces of legislation were attempts to reduce or prevent coastal communities from releasing dirty, contaminated and nutrient rich fresh water into the off shore marine environment. The nutrients in the water stimulated algae and other plants to grow to a point where sunlight



Hawksbill turtle cruising a coral reef feeds on sponges. A Black Durgon fish is in the background.



Corals come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Pictured is a community of shallow water Elk Horn corals



Different members of coral families live close to each other. Note damaged area on Brain Coral (upper right coral head)

News From Otto's World



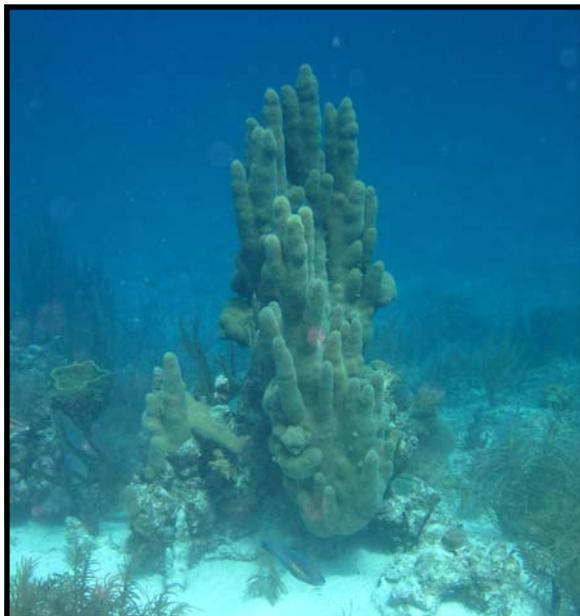
could not reach corals for extended periods effectively diminishing the coral's ability to make food (search primary and secondary food producers for additional information). In addition, bleaching occurs when the alga that gave the coral colors leaves. The coral colony turns a pale shade of white and it is in a nutritionally deprived condition. In some cases the amount of fresh water released into salt water decreases salinity to a point that has adverse effects on the marine environment and its inhabitants.

At the present time corals in Florida are in a state of decline. Scientist have decades of pictorial documentation of select sites from the Keys to south central Florida that reveals a decline in the numbers and health of corals on Florida's reefs. There are multiple causes for this but improvements are possible. Corals are fragile but resilient. Both county and state law makers have passed laws designed to diminish or eliminate the negative effects of human activities on corals and the coral reef. In addition, marine ecologists are learning how to repair damage done to coral reefs. They have been able to restore the health of some reefs. It is expensive, time consuming and difficult but it is working.

Auxiliarists can play an important role in keeping the coral reefs beautiful, bountiful and beneficial by making themselves and boaters aware of laws designed to protect reefs as well as the financial and long term consequences of damaging coral reefs. To learn more, search the Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management web site, that of NOAA, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, or REEF.



Pillar Coral that can grow to six feet in height.



Pillar corals reach heights of six feet.



A Stoplight Parrot fish with a beak shaped mouth, feeding on alga that has grown on a damaged section of coral. Wrasses wait for loosened alga that the parrot fish does not eat.



Division 4



VSC Entertainment at the Boat Ramp

Submitted by Dan Reaume,
Flotilla 45

For those of us who are Vessel Examiners, we have experienced some funny and not so funny incidents watching people launch their boats. While living in Florida and as a Vessel Examiner I have witnessed the following.

Launching the boat and forgetting picnic lunch for all five passengers (wife was furious and loud). Launching the boat and forgetting the keys to the motor. Forgetting to put the drain plug in. Forget to attach a tether line and the boat floated away after launch. Launching a boat and the engine won't start. Smoking while looking into the engine compartment. Placing the items on the transom, backing up a little fast, stopped short, items fell into the water. Boat came off the rollers and fell on to the cement ramp. Loading a boat and doing the splits between the dock and the boat, boater joined the WAC. Running after a dog on the dock, dog stopped the kid didn't. Launching a boat with a flat tire on the trailer. Watching people trying to back up a trailer, two people giving directions and being yelled at "stress before you go". The best was a man and his wife launching his boat with a motor home at Highbanks Marina in DeBary. He was directing his wife as she backed up the motorhome a little too fast. She could not hear him yelling and a right angle crunch occurred, trailer tipped and boat slipped off. No one hurt.

You can be sure that there is usually good entertainment at the launching ramp. Safe boating and keep doing those Vessel Examinations.





Division 4



The New Coast Guard Stamp

Submitted by **Bill Griswold, SO-HR,**
District Staff Officer-SLO7



In August 2015, two anniversaries for the U. S. Coast Guard will be remembered with a single commemorative "forever" stamp. The design shows an oil painting by artist William S. Phillips of the Coast Guard Cutter *EAGLE* with an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter flying above.

According to the USCG historian's office, in 1790 Congress authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, to create a maritime service to enforce customs laws, alternately known as the system of cutters, Revenue Service and Revenue-Marine.

President Woodrow Wilson signed the Act to Create the Coast Guard on January 28, 1915.

By the way, in 2008 three guys got together on the Internet. Our aim was to convince the U. S. Postal Service to issue a series of stamps in 2015 commemorating the 100th birthday of the U. S. Coast Guard. Since the USPS likes stamps that are purchased but not used, i.e., collectors' items, we proposed a sheet of 20 different stamps depicting the many missions of today's Coast Guard. Several of you were kind enough to provide letters supporting this effort and, after many years of effort, we received notice that indeed, in August of 2015 there will indeed be ONE stamp issued. It is a very handsome stamp and useful forever however it scarcely depicts the enormous value of the United States Coast Guard and the many mission it performs, daily.

Nonetheless, Lt. John Longnecker, USCG Ret; Capt Carl Zellner, USCGR Ret (recently deceased), and I are very pleased (thrilled, delighted, ecstatic) to have helped this happen. This is a perfect example of how just a few dedicated people can create events.

In August, my advice to each of you is to buy out ALL the CG stamps in your local Post Office. They will be good forever regardless of what happens to the postage rate. Their values will only increase as the price of postage increases. It is an investment that is guaranteed to increase in value, not available in other options.

Capt. Fred Herzberg, USCG Ret.
Co-Founder, Executive Director Emeritus, Regent, Foundation for Coast Guard History.

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Division 5



Restaurant Chain Recognizes Important Role of Coast Guard and Auxiliary in Community

Submitted by Art Slepian, FSO-PA, Flotilla 51

Why are photographs of Coast Guardsmen and Auxiliarists in the lobby of a restaurant in Florida?

Recently, a visitor to the restaurant in the West Palm Beach area was greeted with a mural-size blow-up of a change of command ceremony photograph, and framed photographs of active duty Coast Guardsmen and an Auxiliarist.

Although the visitor was pleased to see the photographs – and viewed them as recruiting posters for the Coast Guard and Auxiliary – the location did seem unusual and led to an investigation to determine how this art exhibit came to be.

The restaurant is part of nationally known chain that offers complimentary meals to active duty military personnel and veterans on Veterans Day. The owners of the restaurant said that the Coast Guard and Auxiliary are an important part of the local community and putting up the photos is a way to show continued support for the armed forces of the United States. Other organizations with a local connection are also represented on the restaurant’s walls.

The image that became a mural was taken at the change of command ceremony at Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet in August 2011. It shows the commander of Coast Guard Sector Miami, the departing station commanding officer and the arriving station commanding officer. The Auxiliarist is a District 7 staff officer and a member of Flotilla 51 (The Palm Beaches, Fla.).



“We understand that the Coast Guard Auxiliary supplements and lends support to the U.S. Coast Guard and we recognize the important role they play in enhancing safety on waterways and along coastal regions,” a restaurant spokesperson said, explaining why the Auxiliary is featured along with the active duty Coast Guard.

The mural and photographs were unveiled in December 2014 when the restaurant re-opened after renovations. Seeking images of organizations that make the local community a better place to live, restaurant management reached out to the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

The mural and photographs are expected to stay in place for at least four years when more current images of organizations within the community will be sought.

Maybe those replacement photographs will include more images of Coast Guardsmen and Auxiliarists.



Division 5

2015 Stuart Boat Show



Taken from "Chatter From The Crossroads."
Flotilla 59—Written by Darrel Graziani, FSO-PB
Photos by Diane Riggan, FSO-HR

The Auxiliary activities at the annual Stuart Boat Show went off without a glitch again this year thanks to the Planning Committee. The Boat Show, a three day event, is one of the flotilla's main outreach activities for the year allowing us to meet the community, shake their hands and tell them about the Auxiliary and the services we provide.

This year, twenty-two Flotilla 59 members signed up and participated in the event. For those not attending, staffing the Boat Show is not hard duty, but those involved must pay attention, look professional and greet as many members of the public as possible.

This year, Flotilla 59's Vessel Safety Check Program received a boost from Meridian Marine with their donation of a free fire extinguisher for any one signing up for a vessel safety check.

Access to Coastie and arranging his attendance at an event is easy....but, and there always is a but, those wishing to use Coastie are required to travel to Fort Pierce, check Coastie out, and return him to Fort Pierce in the same condition. This means that you must have a vehicle capable of pulling the trailer and has been registered as a "Facility" with the Coast Guard. This has been a "Not So Easy Task" and currently only Hank and the Gregory Barth, Division Commander, have succeeded in the process.

The flotilla stepped into the "Seminar" business at the boat show with a scaled down version of the Suddenly In Command Course. Jay Smith, Flotilla 59 member and Wayne Johnson, FSO-PV, hosted the seminar with 35 people at the first event and nearly 40 people attending during the two scheduled events.

This marked the second year in a row when the flotilla was able to increase its presence by going above the standard "Booth" presentation. Last year the flotilla produced a number of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) geared toward boater safety. The PSAs were played during the Boat Show on the large screen monitors.



Coastie and his coordinator, Hank Cushard, ADSO-PA East

Coastie is now permanently located at Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce and available, as always, to all flotillas for use at public events. Unlike the past, Coastie's activities are coordinated by Hank Cushard, ADSO-PA, East, and anyone interested in taking Coastie to an event can contact Hank via email (henrywc3@comcast.net).



Flotilla 59 Member Jay Smith presents the Auxiliary's "Suddenly In Command" seminar at the Boat Show while Wayne Johnson, FSO-PV, (Insert) shows an attendee the proper technique for tossing a heaving line.



Division 5



Membership & Participation in Flotilla Activities

Submitted by Gregory Barth,
DCDR-5

How do we increase our overall flotilla membership with members who will participate in more flotilla functions?

We lost some members last year as a result of them not paying their dues, lack of interest or other causes and we will probably lose some more this year for many of the same reasons. We now have to focus on ways to attract new members. Let's focus on recruiting members who can participate in activities like Surface Patrols, Air Observations, Vessel Exams, Program Visits, Public Education Instruction & Marine Safety Activities. We must become much more aggressive with our recruiting efforts at "About Boating Safely" and other classes, Boat Shows, Environmental Shows, and Flyers at Marinas etc. Think about asking your members to recruit their friends or acquaintances who might be interested. Start some local advertising! If you don't have a sign in front of your flotilla, get one. Make sure that it is easier for them to find you. Look at your website. Those potential producing members are out there. We have to find them, they will not just show up on the E-Responder Report!

How do we get our existing members to participate more?

Many of our current members need and should get more involved. In every flotilla I visit, far too few members are doing the bulk of the work. It is always the same group, the same faces. If those who do participate, mentor and actively work with those members who don't, we can probably get them, or at least more of them, to participate. Work with them on qualifying for a Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor, Public Education Instructor, Boat Crew Training, helping with shows and other tasks. All are a plus. Get them involved, we need more active members! Your future FSOs are out there.

How do we get some of our existing members to participate at all?

This is the hard part. There are always some who really don't want to get involved. They pay their dues, show up at some of the meetings and that is about it. You may be able to get some to participate and that would be a plus.

Final Words

Almost every activity we do out there can be a chance to recruit a new member, set up a vessel examination, do a program visit or get an existing or potential boater to a class. Put these contacts with the boating public to good use.





Division 6



Division 6 “Plugs a Hole”

Submitted by **Connie Irvin,**
DSO-PA D7

On Friday March 6, 2015 CAPT Todd Lutes from Air Station Miami called Flotilla 69 Auxiliarist Ted Tundidor and said, “The Air Station’s subterranean fire main has a break. Can you help us?” Without any hesitation, Tundidor jumped into action.

For over thirty years, Tundidor has owned an engineering company that specializes in locating underground leaks in both water supply systems and sewer systems. He knew this was something he could fix for the Air Station. He spent Saturday securing the necessary repair equipment and lining up other Flotilla 69 members to help him.

By Monday morning, March 9th, Tundidor and his crew, Humberto Jahen, Leo Cordero, Isaac Rosenberg, Kirby Heller, Alfredo Schwartz and Julio Garcia, were ready to tackle the repair. When they arrived it was evident that the break in the fire suppressant main supply line was something that needed to be repaired quickly and successfully. Station personnel had already broken through concrete in the area of the leak. Tundidor and others took turns digging out around the break in the line.

Once located, a two foot section of the line was replaced and a stainless steel clamp was placed around the six inch diameter joint. Testing of the “fix” was done and it proved successful.

Tundidor spent over half a day on site. He took some of his specialized sonar equipment which detects leaks up to fifteen feet below the surface and scanned other areas of the Air Station’s supply and sewer lines. The crew removed sludge and rust in other lines. Tundidor believes that most of the Station’s pipes are in good working order now, but he knows that those 40-50 year old lines will have issues in the future. And, he will be ready.

CAPT Lutes stated in an email to DCDR Tejeiro, “Flotilla 69 did us a huge favor today... and saved us at least \$5,000 in the process. The expertise the Auxiliary brings to the table in a variety of areas never ceases to amaze.”

DIRAUX CDR William Seward was also quick to offer, “It is efforts like this that have built and continue to maintain Division 6’s reputation as the hallmark of Auxiliary support. Well done!”



Members (left to right) Humberto Jahen, Alfredo Schwartz, Isaac Rosenberg, Julio Garcia and Ted Tundidor proudly pose for a “finished job” photo. “Well done”, indeed.



Julio Garcia digs under “leaky” fire suppressant main line at Air Station Miami in preparation for the repair.



Alfredo Schwartz (left) and Humberto Jahen (right) pound down the sand around the stainless steel repair of the water line to stabilize the dirt before the line is covered.



Division 11



**Submitted by Karen L. Miller,
IPC, Division 11**

The Passing of a Truly Dedicated Auxiliarist!

One of the really great things about the Coast Guard Auxiliary is that we get to meet and be friends with people we probably would never have met otherwise. One such person was Roy Warner. Roy joined the Auxiliary in the Tarpon Springs flotilla about a year after I did and we became friends almost immediately.

Roy was one of those Auxiliarists who throws their body and soul into the organization. He lived and breathed Coast Guard Auxiliary. There were very few accomplishments that Roy didn't achieve. He was AUXOP, coxswain, a Qualification Examiner, Operational Excellence certified, Vessel Examiner, Instructor – you name it, he did it! He was Flotilla Commander, Division Vice Commander and held just about every appointed office there is.

Roy was so into the Auxiliary that when he got married to a fellow Auxiliarist, it was an all Auxiliary event. He and his betrothed were in Tropical Blue, their invitations included a picture of them in uniform, the pastor was also an Auxiliarist in uniform and almost the entire audience was in Tropical Blue.

Over the last couple of years Roy's health began declining. He had trouble with the vigor required for a patrol, Vessel Safety Checks became too physically challenging and conducting Public Education classes became more difficult. Yet, he regularly came to staff and flotilla meetings and as Flotilla Staff Officer for Human Resources he continued to process new members and follow up on e-Responder leads

Then, just two days after the February staff meeting, no one could get hold of Roy. The police, on a well-being check discovered that Roy had passed away. With all of his family in Chicago, the logistics of final arrangements were complicated further by winter weather.

Then, on March 5th Roy's sons and their family and his Auxiliary friends consigned his ashes to the Gulf of Mexico that he loved so much. Seven boats with more than two dozen members paid their final respects to Roy. To top the ceremony off, Coast Guard Station Sand Key brought up a 45' boat with the Commander Officer, CWO4 Steven McDonnell, aboard. Roy loved working with the Station members and their mutual admiration for him was evident in their presence.



Every boat laid red, white and blue flowers on the sea along with Roy's ashes. It was a very moving day and a fitting end for a "dyed in the wool" Auxiliarist.

Yes, one of the great benefits of the Auxiliary is meeting people who become friends and have a lasting impact on our lives.





Welcome



January to March 31, 2015



Division 1

**Cuevas_Aviles, Belkys
Mendez, Manuel
Santos_Maldonado, Maria
Velez_Velez, Reinaldo**

Divi-

**Eberhart, John W.
Melhorn, Warren
Saint_Sing, Susan
Scoggin, Gerald W.
Sheriff, Norman
Snyder, Gilbert J.
Varnes, Lisa
Wrazin, Deborah A.**

Division 2

**Denniston, Robert R.
Frey, Wesley S.
Grogan, Marsha S.
Johnson, David M.
Varga, Daniel R.**



Division 6

**Alvarez, Alexis
Arrebola, Claro A,
Mora, Pablo L.
Ramirez, Jorge A.
Regalado, Tomas**

Division 3

**Anastasio, Geraldine D.
Bukata, John Jr.
Clark, Justin M.
Clark, Zachary
Cribb, Sean J.
Grabois, Adam J.
Hesser, Amos C.
Keith, Jonathan
Oliver, Christopher
Oliver, Peter K.
Setticase, Michael V.
Skop, Carol A.
Tauber, Marcus C.**

Division 7

**Anderson, April V.
Fowler, David J.
Havens, Steven D.
Pedone, Erin L.
Velez, Omayra**

Division 4

**Gilleo, Kenneth B
Huffman, Dustin J.
Ouellette, Wayne
Wyatt, Stephen L.**



Division 8

**Alexander, Claudia
Bacon, Gregory
Brown, Joseph
Cook, Nancy J.
Dierks, Marina E.
Freeman, Bruce A.
Hanlon_Werlhof, Deborah
Holst, Mark L.
Marcotte, Dennis A.
McClaskie, Helen
Morton, Douglas K.
Owen, Christian A.
Perrin, Thomas
Ramph, James A.
Salamey, Laurence
Werlhof, Christopher**

Division 5

**Bologna, Joseph T.
Callejo, Joseph S.
Cannon, Mark E.
Duvall, Thomas B.**



Welcome



Division 9

Berg, Jerry
 Cikacz, Michael A.
 Daley, Geraldine A.
 Doran,, Michael
 Isaacs, Alice E.
 Legacy, Jan D.
 Link, David J.
 Markos, Paul
 Pavlik, Ronald
 Riccio, Joseph A.
 Rolfe, Joseph D.
 Montville, John H.
 Shiflett, Barry O.
 Stottle, Timothy
 Wisard, Roger A.



Division 14

Breitfelder, Justin M.
 Connaway, Sean
 Herald, John M.
 Holler, Joseph C.
 Hoover, Daniel J.
 Mendez_Rodriguez, Felix
 Miles, Aaron S.
 Miller, Henry E.
 Pankau, Mariana I.
 Pankau, Gregory A.
 Rickert, Brian T.
 Snead, Jake

Division 15

Barger, Gary L.
 Skonecki, Dennis J.
 Tornblom, Christopher E.

Division 10

Phillips, Randall



Division 16

Alamo, Kaylee N.
 Alvarado_Berrios, Jesus
 Ayuso, Philip A.
 Carrero, Gil A.
 Cartegena, Jan A.
 Decamps, Camilla A.
 Delgado, Christian
 Frangui, Alan R.
 Gonzalez_Olivieri, Orlando
 Lugo, Edwin
 Maldonado, Ricardo
 Vargas, Ryan A.

Division 11

Buonasera, Thomas B.
 Chika, Diana L.
 Cutshall, David W.
 Leskun, Gary
 Locke, Riley H.
 Potter, Dennis A.
 Ulitsina, Alesia

Division 12

Bowen, Calvin T., Jr.
 Bowen, Hiroko
 Falsetti, Robert C.
 Fox, Anthony B.
 French, Dylan J.
 Hendrix, Michael
 Jones, Chase
 Markham, James R., Jr.
 McManus, James N.
 Mercer, Mark A.
 Sanford, Aaron I.
 Schaefer, Richard W.
 Sullivan, Justin
 Young, Allen D.



Division 17

Bergquist, Jack
 Garman, Paul K.
 Hinsley, James W
 Malone, H.R.
 Meacham, Charles S. III
 Shinpaugh, Dianne A.
 Shinpaugh, Joe C.
 Sperry, Bonnie S.

Division 13

Anderson, Daniel V.
 Matthews, James
 Romeu, Henry R.
 Wilkinson, Lloyd T.





2014 Retirees

January 1, to March 31, 2015

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard

Takes pleasure in conferring

<u>Member</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Service Year</u>
Albright, William	11-10	46
Kegan, Thomas	36	37
Elliott, Claude	17-9	25
Farmer, Claude S., Jr.	14-2	24
Bauman, Robert J.	15-1	20
Googe, Kenneth	11-7	17
Avery, Hubert	41	16
Heinrich, Richard	95	16
Reinhardt, Robert	9-10	16
Szczepanski, Alex	52	15

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

Crossing the Bar

January 1, to March 31, 2015



*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,
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When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*



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When I embark;

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Division 8



Ronald Klein
Division 9



Thomas Hefty
(Ret)
Division 10



David Lowe



Milton Richman
(Ret)
Division 10



Claude Kershner
Division 13



Donald Albanese
Division 15



Roy Warner
Division 11



Spindler, Clyde
Division 15



Raymond Beningo
Division 15



Kenneth Duca
Division 17

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Trivia

It takes 364 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop according to a Purdue University Study.

“Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt.”

Babies are born without kneecaps. They doesn't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

“Stewardesses” is the longest word typed with only the left hand and ”lollipop” with your right.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Why ?

- **Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?**
- **Why do we say a near miss when we nearly hit something, shouldn't it be a near hit?**
- **Why do "tug" boats push their barges?**
- **Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?**
- **Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?**
- **Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?**
- **Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?**
- **Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?**
- **Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?**
- **If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?**

