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Our Path Forward

Take a moment to reflect on your involvement in the Auxiliary. This reflection will likely bring to mind how you participate in our many programs and missions. Whether your participation focuses on performing Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) activities as a vessel examiner, program visitor, or instructor; conducting surface or air patrols; or providing direct augmentation to the Coast Guard, if you're like many of us, you typically define your involvement in the Auxiliary by *what* you do.

I invite you to transform your thinking, to consider not what you do, but the reason *why* you do it. Why do you perform your Auxiliary activities? Why do you contribute your time and talents to our organization? What is the significance, the meaning, of what you do? For many of us, that meaning may simply be to help save lives. This simple meaning may even be why you joined the Auxiliary in the first place. Focusing on the meaning behind your activities can be transformative. It enables you to shift your perspective from *what* you do, to *why* you do it. Most importantly, transforming your perspective ultimately leads to the realization that *what* you do serves our greater purpose of saving lives and protecting the marine environment – our *why*. This type of transformation is an important driver of motivation and engagement – for yourself and for others who may look to you as a leader, coach, or mentor.

As an organization, *what* we do is driven by *why* we do it. This, I believe, is the focus that we need to embrace to chart our path forward in 2023 and beyond. As we continue to overcome the loss of momentum that resulted from a protracted pandemic, it becomes increasingly important to transform our perspective to focus on the meaning of our activities and not just the activities themselves. When we begin to emphasize *why* we conduct our activities and not just *what* activities we perform, we will experience a cultural shift. This will help build a solid foundation of values based on the core reasons why we perform our activities. From this foundation, the meaning of our efforts will grow into a sustainable idea that will help drive motivation, performance, and service in our Auxiliary.

I am very excited about the future of our organization. When we understand the meaning behind why we conduct our missions and programs, a vast array of opportunities to serve this meaning begins to emerge with greater clarity. We begin to see the importance of our individual contributions and how they help advance our cause. We see how our roles as members and elected and appointed leaders are critical to sustaining our capabilities. Most of all, we begin to understand the difference we make and we develop the deep sense of honor and pride that comes from being an Auxiliarist.



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Thank you



For Your Service

Angela Pomaro, DSO-HR

A special thanks is extended to the following Officers for their dedication and service to the District 7 Human Resources Department. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Good luck in your future endeavors



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Welcome to HR



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District 7



2023 FSO-HR Officers

Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officer	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officer	Flotilla #	FSO-HR Officer
11	Candido Farina	65	Joseph Baum,	10-11	Paul Cichanowicz
12	Luz Nereida Lopez-Flores	67	Carlos Galleno	11-1	Kathleen Casey
13	Efrain Ortiz_Guzman	69	Amalia Herrera	11-6	Thomas Mann
18	Vanessa Valle_Matos	6-10	Antonella Cassia	11-9	Arthur Chesley
1-10	Jose Cecilio Garcia-Hernandez	72	Amber Porter	11-10	Kristi Mackey
1-12	Belkys Cuevas_Aviles	74	William Sage	12-1	Robert Young
21	Jonathan Pike	75	Judith Clapp	12-3	Jeffrey Masengale
22	Earl Burns	77	Gilbert Thomas	12-4	John Brown
23	Paul Thomas	78	Rollin Shouse	12-6	Joseph Ego
25	Elizabeth Cooper	79	Jarred Arnold	12-8	Brady Marking
29	Bruce Lindsey	81	Robert Harvey	12-10	Oliver Leimbach
34	Paul Sacks	82	Edith Chapman	13-1	David Green
36	Andrea Rurtherfoord	84	John Boyle	13-2	Charles Meier
37	George Kozel	86	Robert Spong	13-3	Dale Gittings
38	Carla Richardson	87	Douglas Ledgett	13-8	Dorothy Cain
39	Kenneth Rubenfeld	91	Gregory Masonick	14-1	John Herald
43	Jack Neve	92	Vincent Salvo	14-2	Donna Thomas
44	Patricia Fermia	93	Karena Saladeen-patel	14-4	Kevin Holbrooks
45	Zayun Kelly	94	Tom Hart	14-7	Steven Bergmann
48	Jeffrey Lind	95	Sarah Gabua	15-1	Melissa Frank
51	William Shearouse	96	Lawrence Vars	15-3	Maia Jefferson
54	Shari Forman	98	Carl Moore	15-4	George Dooris
56	Frans Eyberse	99	Robert Curto	15-8	Susan Watkins
58	Sean Hart	9-10	Lou Conti	17-6	Eustace King
59	Robert Hess	10-2	George Scuorzo	17-9	Jack Bergquist
61	Alberto M Juliachs	10-10	David Smith	17-10	Douglas Hone
				17-11	Sharon Breece



Division 1

News from Puerto Rico

Submitted by Belkys Cuevas_Aviles. SO-HR
Division 1 Photos by Angel Bravo

Here, members from Flotilla Santurce, Puerto Rico, participate at a recent Public Safety Expo, joining forces with Coast Guard recruiters to promote boating safety, course sign up, and help grow the Team Coast Guard workforce.



Flotilla 1-12 March Meeting





Division 1

News from Puerto Rico

Submitted by Belkys Cuevas_Aviles. SO-HR
Division 1 Photos by Belkys Cuevas_Aviles

Culinary Puerto Rico — San Juan—Flotilla 1-10



Interamerican University of San German—Flotilla 18





Division 1

News from Puerto Rico

Submitted by Belkys Cuevas_Aviles. SO-HR
Division 1 Photos by Belkys Cuevas_Aviles

11th Caribbean International Boat Show Puerto Rico—Flotilla 1-10



Navigation Course—Aguadilla—Flotilla 17





Division 5

Importance of the Newsletter

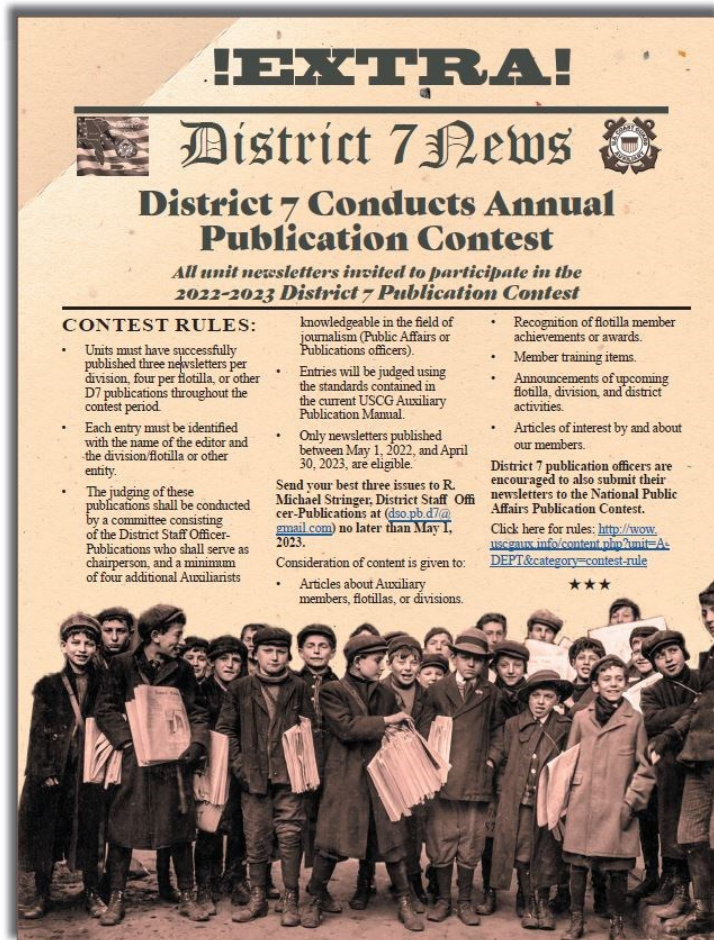
Submitted by Michael Stringer, DSO-PB

Participation in flotilla activities is more likely among members who are well-informed. The newsletter serves as a vital resource in keeping the membership informed about the expectations, schedules, locations, and ways to get involved in these activities. By staying informed, members can become an integral part of the flotilla's operations, develop a stronger sense of commitment, and readily share the workload. Given that not everyone can attend membership meetings, the newsletter assumes a critical role in providing information on the flotilla's activities.

The newsletter doesn't require a flashy format; a simple typewritten page can suffice. Nonetheless, its content must effectively inform both active and inactive members of past and upcoming events with the aim of sparking renewed interest among inactive members. Member training, fellowship, public education, and vessel safety check events all rely on support from the members. The flotilla newsletter plays a crucial role in informing the members of these events. An effective newsletter should offer readers timely updates on upcoming activities and events. It should also offer historical context on members, flotillas, or divisions, providing readers with a deeper understanding of the Auxiliary's aims, purposes, and accomplishments. By doing so, the newsletter can help cultivate a greater sense of community and engagement among members.

For your publication to be engaging and valuable, it should contain articles and visuals that resonate with your readers. The key to success lies in crafting inviting and friendly content that is relevant to their interests. Above all, it's important to remember that the primary purpose of your publication is to meet the needs of your members. Your goal should be to create a publication that reflects positively on your unit and the U.S. Coast Guard.

At the local level, the flotilla staff officer for publications will work with flotilla elected leaders on management and content of each issue. Naturally, all members should be encouraged to contribute articles and/or pictures. Another advantage to a flotilla newsletter is the free exchange of publications with other flotillas in the division. The same way your newsletter encourages members to get more involved, your newsletter can inspire other flotillas to encourage their members to become more active.





Division 5

Not Just a Boat Show

Submitted by Bob Hess, SO-HR Division 5

Watching Marcus was like attending a master class on how to effectively interact with the public. Marcus Kiriakow, a USGC Auxiliarist with many boat shows under his belt, was the designated “backup” at the local boat show Auxiliary booth, a resource for other less experienced Auxiliarists who might not be able to field more complicated questions from the lay boating public. But more importantly, he was and is a role model. His Flotilla 59 in Stuart, FL is blessed with several Auxiliarists with comparable experience and expertise, something that certainly contributed to the flotilla earning National Flotilla of the Year status in 2020, a big reason for joining this group, and an assurance that those staffing our exhibit would be enthusiastic, well-informed, and professional looking in proper uniform.

January in Stuart, Fla. means the biggest boat show on the Treasure Coast. It also means a prominent US Coast Guard Auxiliary presence, doing what we do best – promoting boating safety. Flotilla 59 has returned to the local boat show after a brief COVID-related hiatus to provide service to those who live, work, and play on the waterways and to help the public understand our support of the Coast Guard and recreational boating safety.

While boat shows are vital to the boating industry in terms of sales and revenue, they play an important role for the Auxiliary in serving the communities in which they occur. For example, the Auxiliary has a vested interest in being present to promote its boating safety programs and safer boating in general. Our particular exhibit was fully staffed throughout the three days of the show with advice and literature on the latest trends in boating safety and how members of the public could join the 2020 Best Flotilla in the nation.

Boat shows are a prominent characteristic of America, and their success has closely aligned with national economic health. One of the first boat shows emerged in New York city in 1910, while others followed in major cities, such as in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Dallas as the boating industry emerged with the formation of the National Outboard Association and the Marine Trade Association, organizations that are still supporting these activities. The boating industry stumbled through the Great Depression having to constantly reorganize and reinvent itself until the turning point of World War II. Although the 1939 Chicago Boat Show could brag about a 40,000-person attendance, it took a war to puncture the slump. For the current United States, it took a national pandemic to damage the viability of holding boat shows. But this year, despite COVID, the Stuart show came roaring back with thousands of visitors and near 200 exhibits, including that of Flotilla 59.

Not a just walk on the dock. To warm-blooded Floridians experiencing temperatures hovering in the 40s, the 2023 Stuart Boat Show felt like a trek in the tundra. For Flotilla 59 Auxiliarists, the weather was just right to crank us up for one of the biggest and most important events of the year. And we were ready for many reasons.

First off, the Stuart Boat Show is nonstop interactions between about 18,000 consumers and 205 vendors, sold out despite or because of a few years of a pandemic. We had a few dozen Auxiliarists on hand to promote boating safety with the boating public, our central mission. To present our very best image, we purposefully mixed new members with experienced Auxiliarists. That way, everyone had an opportunity to interact with the boating public with confidence and expertise. If a new Auxiliarist couldn't answer a question, someone in the booth could.

Second, the show is a prime opportunity for recruitment. Looking our best and having internal, on-site uniform critics within our ranks, we were an attractive bunch and dressed perfect according to military protocol. And the flow of booth traffic allowed us time to talk to prospective candidates to evaluate their fit for our flotilla. We did have at least one successful recruit!

Third and most important, this event is a time when flotilla members can experience the fellowship, training, and socialization that occurs when we come together as a group with periods of unstructured time. Our cohesiveness as a group became most evident when we slogged through a pandemic year as the nation's Flotilla of the Year. Now it was time to go public. We are fortunate to have members who act as role models, coaches, and mentors. Newly joined Auxiliarists had many opportunities to eavesdrop on the conversations between experienced members and the public, a chance to pick up tips on successful exchanges and new information. On the other hand, experienced members were on hand to offer advice to the newbies. I'm sure that some of these exchanges will lead to more formal mentoring relationships for a select few.

The event was an unqualified success. Now all we need is a postmortem debrief to prepare for the next one.

Some portions excerpted from Flotilla 59 newsletter



Division 5



**Taken from the “Jupiter Guardian,” Flotilla 52
Jupiter. Photos by Norm Sheriff**

FLOTILLA 52 had the pleasure of setting up a display at the Jupiter Jubilee on 4 February 2023 from 1000 to 1600 hours. I have attended this show since 2011 with the exception of the COVID years. Each time the flotilla set up a table/booth. Originally, we were inside the Jupiter Civic Center. Over the last few years, they moved to Abacoa Town Center and we had a table inside of the big tent. Attendance estimates put the show between five and six thousand people. Flotilla Members who participated were: Jesse Bush, Ed Schiffbauer, Greg Barth - Flotilla Commander, Angela Pomaro - Vice Flotilla Commander, Norm Sheriff, Bob DiPaolo and new member Irina Lavryonova.





Division 5



Loggerhead Marine Life held its 18th Annual TurtleFest on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 10 am to 5 pm. Over 10,000 guests attended. Flotilla 52 again was a participant. Members from Flotilla 52 (Jesse Bush, Ed Schiffbauer, Bob DiPaolo, Irina Lavryonova and Angela Pomaro) enjoyed meeting the many guests who stopped by. A number of them have signed up for our next Safe Boating Course and expressed an interest in joining the Auxiliary.





Division 5

Tribute to Flotilla 52 FC

Submitted by Angela Pomaro, DSO-HR
Flotilla 52, Jupiter, Fla.



On March 13, Flotilla 52 held its monthly meeting and honored Greg Barth, Flotilla Commander. A plaque was presented to him in appreciation for his unending dedication. After the meeting food was served and the plaque presented.





Division 11

A Plan for Succession and Success

Submitted by Karen Miller,
Flotilla 11-1, Clearwater, Fla.

Succession planning and new member nurturing are two critical challenges that the Coast Guard Auxiliary faces in ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of our missions.

Succession planning involves identifying and developing potential leaders within the Auxiliary to ensure a smooth transition of leadership and institutional knowledge. This can be a challenge, as it requires identifying members with the skills, experience, and commitment to take on leadership roles and providing them with training, mentoring, and hands-on experience opportunities.

To address this challenge, especially for elected leadership, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has developed a comprehensive training program that outlines the crucial positions within the organization and identifies the key learning requirements for each. This leadership program includes training and development courses, workshops, and mentorship opportunities to help prepare potential leaders for their future roles.

New member nurturing involves helping new members become familiar with the organization, its culture, and its missions and supporting them as they progress from Approval Pending (AP) to Basically Qualified (BQ) and beyond. This can be a significant task, as new members may feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and training required or may not know how to get involved in mission activities.

To address this second challenge, Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 11 developed a comprehensive onboarding program that provides new members with the information, training, and support they need to become effective and engaged members of the organization. This program includes orientation discussions, mentorship opportunities, and clear pathways for advancement and involvement in mission activities. This ongoing program is continually refined when we find best practices that improve our efforts and help us discard ones that are not as effective.

How did we get there? Stephan Bielawski, Flotilla Commander 11-1, Clearwater, believes in succession plans, identifying members for leadership positions, and inclusivity. One of the most significant ways he has implemented these beliefs is through appointments of assistant staff officers. Of course, these aren't official appointments in the sense that they don't show up in AUXDATA II, and they don't come with stripes, but they are a rich source of training and spreading the workload for the officially appointed staff officer.

One such member Stephan identified is Mike Kadis. First, Mike was groomed to be an Assistant Member Training Officer. After a year of learning from the appointed member training officers at the flotilla and division level, Mike was elevated to Flotilla Staff Officer-Member Training. Seeing his skills in efficiently and rapidly advancing AP members to BQ and then onto a specialty like Vessel Examiner or Program Visitor, Stephan has also appointed Mike as an aide/assistant to the Flotilla Commander – a logical leadership advancement.

Noting the success that Mike had at the flotilla level, it was an easy “sell” to have Harvey Prior, Division 11 Commander, appoint Mike as Assistant Division Staff Officer-Member Training with an emphasis on taking his innovative new member programs and helping all flotillas in the division get their AP members up and productive in BQ status as soon as possible. We're in the first few months of 2023, and Mike already has several members in multiple flotillas advancing from AP to BQ.

While Mike Kadis is a wonderful asset for 11-1 and Division 11, he is not unique in the Seventh District or Coast Guard Auxiliary. Elected commanders and appointed staff officers can make a commitment to ongoing training, development, and mentorship for both current and future leaders. By investing in these efforts, the Coast Guard Auxiliary can ensure its continued success and effectiveness in supporting the mission of the United States Coast Guard.



Division 11

A Plan for Succession and Success

For those of you who would like to learn more about succession planning and new member nurturing, see the following:

Succession planning involves identifying and developing a pipeline of potential leaders to take over key positions when current leaders retire or move on. Here are some strategies that can help with succession planning:

Identify potential leaders early: Look for individuals who have the skills, experience, and interest to take on leadership roles within the organization. This can involve identifying promising new members as well as existing members who show leadership potential.

Offer leadership development opportunities: Provide training and development opportunities that can help individuals build the skills they need to succeed in leadership positions. This can include formal training programs, mentorship opportunities, and on-the-job learning.

Create a culture of leadership: Encourage all members to take on leadership roles and demonstrate leadership behaviors. This can help create a pipeline of individuals interested in taking on more responsibility within the organization.

New member nurturing: This involves helping new members become fully engaged and productive members of the organization. Here are some strategies that can help with new member nurturing:

Provide clear expectations and guidance: Make sure new members understand what is expected of them and how they can become fully qualified and engaged in the organization. This can involve providing a clear pathway to becoming Basically Qualified (BQ) and identifying potential mission opportunities.

Assign mentors: Pair new members with experienced mentors who can help guide them through the process of becoming fully engaged in the organization. This can involve providing one-on-one coaching and support, as well as introducing new members to other key leaders within the organization.

Create a welcoming culture: Foster a culture of inclusivity and support that makes new members feel welcome and valued. This can involve providing opportunities for social interaction and recognizing and celebrating new members' contributions.





Division 15

Flotilla 15-1 Manatee - Strawberry Festival

Submitted by Melissa Frank,
SO-HR—Division 15

Photos by Melissa Frank



After several years of COVID shutdown, Flotilla 15-1 Crystal River came back strong participating in two successful public activities recently. With the support of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce who provided space, our exhibit trailer was set up during the Crystal River Manatee Festival in January and the Floral City Strawberry Festival in March.

Each event ran Saturday and Sunday and was staffed by several Auxiliarists. Response was strong. Dozens of visitors stopped by and questioned us about the Auxiliary. They learned we are all volunteer and a great way to serve the community and make new friends. We explained our commitment to promoting recreational boating safety and the variety of job opportunities the Auxiliary offers. We told them about complimentary vessel exams, boating safety courses and more. We also distributed free safety literature to adults and coloring and activity books to children.

The exhibit gave us the opportunity to hold a raffle for a free boating safety course. That worked very well. We had several dozen applicants sign up at each event. This not only generated interest, it provided us with a list of people to contact when we offer safety classes in the future.

We plan on recognizing and acknowledging the support of the Citrus Count Chamber of Commerce later this year. We all feel their support was key in our success.

Written by Larry Taylor,
FSO-PA, MA—Flotilla 15-1



Welcome

January 1 to March 31, 2023

Division 1

Alonso-Gay, Manuel
Ocasio Reyes, Luis
Rivera_Negron, Rafael
Santiago-Perez, Jorge
Velazquez Barreto, Jordanie

Division 2

Adams, Richard
Barbour, Mish
Bowie, David
Braggs, Roger
CK, Dylan
Cole, Beatrice
Corrigan, Howard
Gorski, John
Hidalgo, Penny
Khan, Mohammed
Kurzum, Michael
Leeve, Charpara
McCullough, Kay
Nelson, James
Sharpe, Dagan
Slayden-McMahan, Rebecca
Trouten, Kimberly
Williams, Jason

Division 3

Bai, Mario
Boan, Gregory
Gagliardi, Joseph
Jackson, Michelle
Kassel, Mitchell
Kuritzky, Neil
Martinez, Fernando Jr.
Mitchell, Amanda
Nina, Emanuel

Division 4

Banish, Mark
Carney, Timothy
Grullon Santana Chakyriz
Pagan Sanchez, William
Rios-Rosado, Jose
Soto Arroyo, Jose

Division 5

Alvarez, Michael
Buckley, Brian
Dery, Paul
Filman, Lewis
Ghrist, Jacob
Heller, Bryan

Division 5

Montella, John
Rivera, Victor
Schlender, David
Smith, Troy
Webber, Kristin

Division 6

Cid, Roberto
Mantelle-Perez, Yvette
Oliva, Michael

Division 7

Barnhart, Heather
Buckmaster, Sean
Dingwall, Craig
Lacey, Michael
Malarz, Marilyn
Spytek, Michael
Stewart, Sterling
Tonas, Victor
Verdeguer, Manuel

Division 8

Brandhuber, Amy
Dennis, Michael
Fiorendino, James
Kinyon, Richard
Krenz, Stephen
Rodriguez Rivera, Raul
Simeoni, Chiara

Division 9

Abrams, Kenneth
Barbero, Matias
Bergeron, Bryce
Clifford, Jon
Hollis, Robert
Labore, Michael
Metyk, Michael A
Metyk, Michael R.
Mraz, Jerome
Patel, Surendra
Richard, Joseph
Richard, Katrina
Roberts, Samuel
Sayles, Michael
Spears, Mark
Weissman, Stephen

Division 10

Attridge, Robert
Seniwong, Nanopadol

Division 11

DeMarco, Daniel
Gentile, Greta
Halstead, Marilyn
Norton, Amanda

Division 12

Dalton, Robert
Hanisian, Elijah
Holtzhausen, Neil
Hyder, Brian
McPherson, Heather
Moore, Brenes
Pesce, Lee
Rehagen, Alex
Rios Fret, Wilfredo
Schwaninger, Kurt
Stott, Stephen
Warman, Garrett
Wrigglesworth, Richard

Division 13

Davis, David
Walters, Steven

Division 14

Briggs, Charles
Erdman, David
Moreno, Mike
Pyle, Donald

Division 15

Mahoney, Amanda
Mahoney, Melissa
Pastorello, Robert
Pecnick, Robert
Stalter, James

Division 16

Russo, Michael



<u>Name</u>	<u>Flotilla</u>	<u>Enrollment Date</u>
Barry Porter	72	13 November 1959
Robert Strong	14-8	23 June 1964
William Benson	44	26 June 1964
Commodore Henry Pratt	10-11	9 September 1964
Philip Tallon	14-2	30 January 1968
Thomas McColough	9-10	3 June 1968
Judith Davis	14-4	23 April 1968
Roger Kish	58	10 September 1970
Karen Pitts	84	30 October 1972
Richard McCully	29	2 November 1972
Herbert Hauser	36	11 January 1973

Your long-standing service is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you



2022 Retirees

January 1, 2023—March 31, 2023

Department of Homeland Security

Takes pleasure in conferring to:



Members

Flotillas

Service Years

Hecht, Peter	10-2	18
Burchfield, Herman III	12-3	17
Lane, Carol	67	17
Lane, Frank	67	17
Christnacht, Carl	14-4	16
Lindsay, Billy	12-3	15
Savoie, John	92	15
Walters, Edward	96	15

*in the
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary*

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

Crossed the Bar

January 1, to March 31, 2023

PLEASE NOTE

A DECEASED MEMBER CAN ONLY BE HONORED IF AN ANSC 7035 FORM IS SUBMITTED TO THE D7 HELP DESK INDICATING HIS/HER PASSING.



Myriam Lexa Olivo-Acosta
Flotilla 6-11



John Cruikshank
Flotilla 10-1

*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
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



Douglas Jacobs
Flotilla 82



Calvin Roberts
Flotilla 10-1



Donald Zinner
Flotilla 13-8



Guy Warner
Flotilla 11-10

**Myriam Lexa Olivo-Acosta
Flotilla 6-11**



Myriam spent a great deal of time volunteering in the DIRAUX office as one of the director's administrative aides. The office had a more upbeat, positive and cheerful vibe whenever Myriam was there. Myriam greeted everyone with a big smile, and always a kind word. She was a hard worker, who helped out in many different capacities in the DIRAUX office. Some of my favorite days in the office were the days when Myriam would bring in lunch for the DIRAUX team. She was an excellent cook and delighted in getting the team together for a meal. Some people in this world are born caretakers; Myriam was one of them. She was always doing something for others – with a warm smile on her face and a positive can-do attitude. Myriam was a caring, compassionate and generous person, a dedicated volunteer, team-builder and team-player, and exceptional cook ... whose kind heart and vibrant personality will be missed by all who were lucky and blessed to have known her. - **Julie Bouchard**

When I think about what a friend is, the picture that comes to mind is Myriam's face. She was loyal, giving, and trustworthy. When I was feeling down, Myriam always had a joke or funny comment to make me laugh. If I needed anything, she would do whatever was in her power and resources to help.

Myriam is loved by many from all walks of life, from her family members and friends to all the people she helped reintegrate into society as part of her job. She will be greatly missed by many and every time I think of her, a smile, or even an out loud laugh comes to me because I feel blessed to having had her as a friend. —**Yvette Mantell Perez**

Myriam was a very happy person . She was a very good cook —no matter at what time of the day or for how many people. She would bring food for lunch to the office and enjoyed sharing with everyone. She liked to participate in the pot-luck in competitions with the other offices here at District for a number of years. After her transplant she spent more hours in the office- scanning, making photocopies, taking care of the mail and working on certificates.

Myriam worked with ex offenders after they were released from prison explaining how they could have a second chance in life. That learning experience gave her a lot of tolerance to understand this population. Some of them were very appreciative and gave her little notes of thank you. The orientation helped them get clothes, food, money for the bus, were to sleep at the nearest shelters if they didn't have family to help them out.

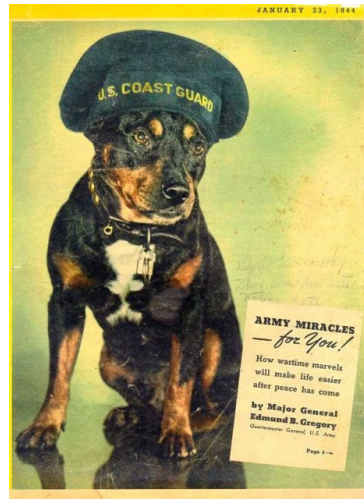
She always found time for church activities. Myriam loved animals no matter what kind and spoiled them. Since she was little she always had a dog pure or mix she didn't care. She was a good dancer and liked music (salsa, music from the 50, 60, 70 and 80s R&B, soul) it was amazing how much she retained those lyrics in English. "THE AMERICAN SOUL."

We will miss her in the office –**Vickie Aponte**

I had the honor and joy to also meet Myriam. Her smile was contagious. She just filled you with joy. Meeting her you would never think she was going through so much suffering. She was one of the strongest persons I have ever met.-
Angela Pomaro



Chief Dog Sinbad, The Cheerful and Brave Coast Guard Mascot of WWII



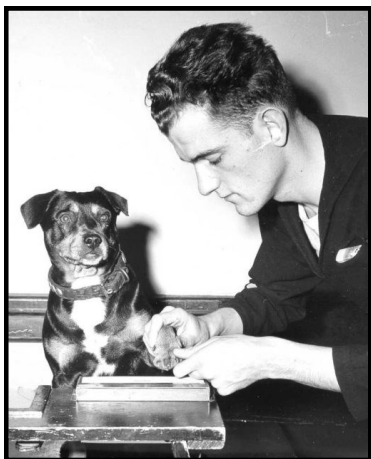
Taken from War History Online

The Coast Guard Cutter *Campbell* steamed out from New York in the winter of 1937. Like most peacetime cutters, she was patrolling the American coast, both for national defense and lifesaving mission. On the first day of their patrol, the captain addressed his crew, explaining the seriousness of their missions, and that he expected all of them to be well behaved, hardworking, and disciplined. What he didn't expect, though, was to be greeted by a small brown dog barking at him from behind the crew.

The night before, one of the crew, Boatswain's Mate "Blackie" Roth had gotten his girlfriend a dog, hoping to make his absence less painful. But he hadn't taken into account that her landlord had a no pets policy, and she couldn't take the small brown ball of fur. Stowing the pup in his duffel bag Roth sneaked back on board, just before 8 PM. He and the other men decided that this small mutt would be their new mascot and that he needed a fitting salty sailor name. After much debate, they settled on Sinbad the Sailor.

Sinbad's breed was best described as "liberty-rum-chow-hound, with a bit of Bulldog, Doberman, Pinscher, and what-not. Mostly what-not"- Martin Sheridan Life Magazine, December 1943.

The next day, during muster, while the captain was addressing the crew, Sinbad made his presence known. The Chief Boatswain's Mate, a very respected position on board a cutter, pleaded with the captain, asking that Sinbad be allowed to stay on board. The captain was a kind fellow, and like all sailors had a soft spot for those trapped at sea. He allowed Sinbad to stay on board, with the warning that he was the crew's responsibility, and that he would have to learn to behave himself.



Sinbad wasn't just a mascot. He was an enlisted member of the crew. With a uniform, service record, and rank of Dog, 1st Class. This endeared him even further to the crew, who considered him one of their own.



The crew made Sinbad a hammock for him to sleep in. It was more comfortable than a bunk, as it kept you more stable during the long rolls of Atlantic service.

From that point on Sinbad was a member of the ship's crew. He would often share racks with other sailors, and quickly learned the daily routine of the ship. At mess times he was always found near the galley, knowing that food was coming soon. Men would share their coffee with him proving that he was a true sailor, for what old salt doesn't like a large cup of hot black coffee?

But Sinbad, like most sailors, loved shore leave above all else. And in 1940, while the world was falling into the chaos of the Second World War, this almost caused an international incident.

Greenland was previously a Danish territory, but with Denmark overrun by the Nazis, it was being patrolled and watched by the United States, hoping to keep it out of German hands. The *Campbell* was sent to help secure diplomatic ties with the Greenlanders and Danes living there. Greenland was sparse, with few native resources. The locals mainly fished, and reared sheep for their livelihood. When Sinbad got his feet on dry land he quickly discovered the pastures, and a herd of sheep out grazing. He learned that they were great fun to chase, and this became his daily activity for almost a week.

While Sinbad thought it was harmless, the locals were less happy with it. Some sheep died from exhaustion, and others were too nervous to go out grazing. A local farmer had tracked Sinbad back to the *Campbell*, and they sent a letter to the captain demanding that Sinbad be killed. But the captain, being both a sailor and good Coast Guard officer, knew that that was far too severe a punishment. Instead he issued orders to his crew, that Sinbad was never to set paw on Greenland ever again. Upon reading the notice, the crew all had a good laugh, they would jokingly tease Sinbad about shore leave for the rest of their voyage in Greenland.



Sinbad with his mates. As one of the crew Sinbad could always be found playing with another Coastie, or relaxing out of the way somewhere on deck. His favorite toys were large metal washers, which he would steal and hide away somewhere until someone could play with him. Then they'd balance them on his snout so he could toss it up and catch it, much to the crew's entertainment



Sinbad earned a number of battle ribbons, for sea service, service in wartime, arctic service, and combat duty.

But when war came the *Campbell* was transferred to the Navy, as all Coast Guard Cutters were. Sinbad's life changed drastically, the entire crew became tense, and gun drills became more common. Shore leave was now short, and patrols were long.

While protecting a convoy in the Atlantic the *Campbell* came into action against many German submarines. They hounded the American and British shipping convoys bringing much-needed supplies, food, and even personnel to the embattled island nation. During one of these battles, Sinbad proved his true mettle at sea and earned much acclaim.

On the 22nd of February, 1943, the *Campbell* was protecting a convoy in the North Atlantic. During a light drizzle and poor visibility, a German submarine unleashed a hellish barrage on the stern of the convoy. One torpedo struck a Norwegian steamer, crippling her, and send her crew into the ocean. The *Campbell* responded, hoping to rescue their fellow sailors. But the steamer was just bait, and the sub fired another torpedo, narrowly missing the *Campbell*. The Cutter found the surfaced German sub and sped towards her, forcing her to crash dive.

The chase went on all day, the Germans popping up, trying to attack, but being forced back down by the *Campbell* and other allied ships. The Cutter rejoined the convoy, but everyone on board was tense, knowing that danger lurked just beneath the surface. At 7:26 PM a periscope was spotted.

The cutter sped towards the suspected U-boat. Closing, she unleashed a string of depth charges, sending huge plumes of water into the sky. But it was the ship itself which destroyed the sub, colliding with her after her depth charge pass. The sub was destroyed, her crew escaping to the surface.

The *Campbell*'s crew, being both sailors and lifesavers lowered their rowboats to pick up the survivors. But while doing this, they realized the extent of damage that their ship had taken in the impact. A large gash been ripped in the *Campbell* and water was pouring in with each rolling wave. They lowered a collision mat and began repairs.



Sinbad one of the deck guns of the *Campbell*. While his battle station was usually below a ladder well, or in his bunk, he enjoyed the guns on deck.



Sinbad is welcomed aboard by the crew at Barnegat.

Half of the crew was transferred to a Polish destroyer, the *Burza*, and Sinbad's position came into question. The captain decided that Sinbad would stay onboard. The ship had stayed safe for his entire tenure as her mascot. The crew knew he was good luck, and the captain agreed. What's more, Sinbad had stood on deck during the whole of the battle, standing next to his shipmates throughout the action. He had truly earned his place on the ship, and no one could take that away from him.

The *Campbell* continued her wartime service, with Sinbad on board the entire time. He continued to lead a somewhat checkered life on board, and got in trouble occasionally. He was made Chief Dog, after serving as Dog 1st Class for six years. And the captain organized a large ceremony when they returned to their home port.

The party proved larger than expected, at this point the newspapers had caught wind of the brave little pooch, and there was photographers everywhere. Sinbad was ordered to stand still and look smart for picture after picture, but he eventually tired of this. He bolted down the gangplank and across the dock. He was officially Away Without Leave (AWOL), a very severe offence on a ship. He was brought before the Captain's Mast, and reduced in rank. The whole crew took pity on him, but Sinbad was happy to be back among the lower enlisted crew again, and away from the cameras.

After a total of 11 years at sea, Sinbad was finally ready for a shore detail. He was officially transferred to the Barnegat Light Small Boat Station. He spent the rest of his career there, still a Dog 1st Class, until he passed away on the 30th of December, 1951. He was buried with honors at the base of the flagpole at Barnegat station.

Sinbad, the Coast Guard Sailor, was one of the most important aspects of life on board the *Campbell*. He won the heart of everyone he met, and the entire rallied around him.

During his 11 years at sea, he almost caused two international incidents, one in Greenland, the other in Casablanca. He also helped fight submarines, drank whiskey and beer, and did his duty to cheer up every sailor he met. Once at Barnegat, he continued this service until his last days.



Sinbad's headstone, he served proudly for 14 years and was recognized as a Cutterman (having served 5 years at sea on a Coast Guard Cutter). He died in 1951.



- 1 An iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes.**
- 2 Americans top selling ice cream flavor is vanilla.**
- 3 The doorbell was invented in 1831.**
- 4 There are seven points on the Statue of Liberty's crown.**
- 5 The oldest know vegetable is the pea.**
- 6 The average hen lays 228 eggs a year.**
- 7 The Eiffel Tower has 1,792 steps**
- 8 Iceland consumes more Coca Cola than any other country.**
- 9 Oak trees don't produce acorns until they are fifty years old.**
- 10 Round pizza comes in a square box because they are easier to make, ship and store flat.**
- 11 Octopuses have three hearts.**
- 12 You begin to feel thirsty when you body loses 1% of water**
- 13 Not all your taste buds are on our tongue (10% are on the insides of your cheeks)**
- 14 A shark's top speed is 44 mph**
- 15 A dolphin's top speed is 37 mph**
- 16 The rarest type of diamond is green**
- 17 Putting salt on a pineapple slice will make it taste sweeter.**