



# WET GAZETTE



Department of Homeland Security  
USCG Auxiliary  
Flotilla 11-10  
Dunedin, Florida

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## Commander's Corner



We are now halfway through the summer months and our boating community is very active on the water. Over the weekend of July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, our local law enforcement participated in the annual Operation Dry Water. This event is to remind our boaters not to drink while operating a vessel. Once again it was a huge success. This month Buddy has been working with our instructors to get up to speed on Zoom in order for us to host our first About Boating Safely in August. Kudos to Buddy for a job well done. Due to our August ABS class-taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, we have decided to move up our flotilla meeting to Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>. I will send out an official meeting invite this week.

Our annual dues notice will be going out this week and you will have two options to pay. (1) You can send a check to Jim Ryder's home address. (2) You can pay through our new PayPal account, which I set up recently. So please be on the lookout for the dues email notice. Our Dunedin Marina dredging is still under way and the most recent update is that it will be completed in September if all goes well, which means the parking lot and access to our classroom is currently limited.

### Newsworthy

For anyone who is planning to participate in future Operations on either the water or airside, must take these two classes: #100293 Blood-Borne Pathogen Awareness and #501538 First Responder Awareness. You will also need to complete the Risk Assessment Form. Once you have completed them, please take a screen shot and send to me so I can open a help desk ticket.

***BE STRONG, STAY SAFE AND KEEP POSITIVE***

Kristi Mackey, Flotilla Commander  
Semper Paratus

## Member Training Update



Harvey Prior, harvb4@aol.com, is the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO) for member training.

### Still Working

One of the nice things about being the Flotilla Staff Officer- Member Training ( FSO-MT) is that there is always training that members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary can take online. Some other Flotilla Staff Officers (FSO) have nothing to report during the COVID-19 restriction period but not the member training department. Here are some of the member training items that you can be doing today.

New members and other members who have not gone back and taken it can take the Basic Qualification II (BQ-II) course. It teaches a lot about the Auxiliary and completing it earns you one administrative credit toward Operational Auxiliarist Specialty Program (AUXOP). At last check, within our flotilla only Jon Nicholls and Harvey Prior plus a few new members have been credited with taking it.

Good Mate and Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) have been on the list to do this year within our flotilla. I found these to be among the more interesting courses that I have taken within the Auxiliary. They might start you toward a new qualification such as Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Responder or Auxiliary Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner.

How about a FEMA course? For years, ICS-100 and ICS-700 have been a requirement for qualifications such as Boat Crew. ICS-200, ICS-800 and ICS-210 or ICS-300 have been requirements for qualifications such as Boat Coxswain. You can now take all these online plus many other courses such as Hazardous Materials or Active Shooter. If you send copies of your completion certificate to our Flotilla Staff Officer- Information Services (FSO-IS), most of these can be added to your Auxiliary record.

There are many more courses and workshops to choose from so pick one and get started. Do not tell me that you cannot. I know that you can because I took one of the above courses last week.

**You do not have to do it, but I would love to hear what course you are taking. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you when conditions allow!**

**As Kristi said above, members involved with operations are now required to complete the two online Coast Guard courses. The two courses are estimated to take approximately two hours each to complete. The course completions may not be automatically recorded into your Auxiliary records. Therefore, please take screenshots of the course completions so they can be sent to the Help Desk for entry.**

**Copies of the completions may also be needed by the Flotilla Staff Officer-Operations (FSO-OP) as well as your completed Auxiliary COVID-19 High Risk Assessment form so the Order Issuing Authority can know of your eligibility for orders.**

**Stay well and I look forward to seeing you again!**



*Harvey with flotilla members and guests at the last Annual Spoil Island cleanup, June 2019.  
Photo by Walter Murray*

## Auxiliary COVID-19 High-Risk Assessment Form

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. § 301; 44 U.S.C. § 3101; 14 U.S.C. §§ 3902-3904; 14 U.S.C. §§ 3912-3913; 14 U.S.C. § 93, Commandant; general powers  
**Purpose:** To assess a Coast Guard Auxiliarist's suitability for Assignment of Duty and being in a Centers for Disease Control high risk category during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
**Routine Uses:** United States Coast Guard officials will use this information to assess the ability of Auxiliary personnel to return to their assignment of duty as the restrictions under the COVID19 pandemic begin to relax. Any external disclosures of Auxiliarist information within this record will be made in accordance with DHS/USCG-024 Auxiliary Database, 79 FR 23001 (April 25, 2014).  
**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is strictly voluntary. However, failure to provide this information may result in delay in approval. In order to assist with maintaining confidentiality, respondents are advised not to include any additional personally identifiable information (PII) or personal health information (PHI) in their free-form responses.

### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) GUIDANCE / HIGH-RISK CATEGORY:

In order to enable the Coast Guard to assess your suitability for assignment to duty, you must complete and submit this form before you can expect to be assigned to duty. In order to document this information based on the most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance to date, please review the list below, complete Blocks 1 and 2, and submit this completed form directly to your District Director of Auxiliary.

- All ages with underlying medical conditions, are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, including:
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
  - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
  - Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher)
  - Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus
  
- The following conditions might be an increased risk from severe illness from COVID-19
  - Age 65 and older
  - Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
  - Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Hypertension or high blood pressure
  - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines
  - Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
  - Liver disease
  - Pregnancy
  - Pulmonary fibrosis (having damage or scarred lung tissues)
  - Smoking
  - Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)
  - Type 1 diabetes mellitus

### BLOCK 1 – AUXILIARY MEMBER INFORMATION

Auxiliary Member Name (Please Print (Last, First)):

Auxiliary Unit (District-Division-Flotilla Number):

Auxiliary Member ID Number:

### BLOCK 2 – AUXILIARY MEMBER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that as of this date (check all that apply):

- I, and/or a household member of mine, fall into at least one of the high-risk categories outlined in the above CDC guidance; OR
- I and household members don't fall into one of the high-risk categories outlined in the above CDC guidance.

**AND**

Have you or any of your household members traveled to a THN 2 country or overseas in the last 14 days?

- Yes  No (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html>)

I understand that:

1. An Order Issuing Authority (OIA) will use the information provided by me to determine my suitability for assignment to duty.
2. The OIA may require additional information to properly assess my suitability for assignment to duty.
3. Providing information that is not accurate or not true may result in disciplinary action.

**Disclaimer: Members are reminded to submit a new form only if any of this information changes.**

Auxiliary Member's Signature:

Date:

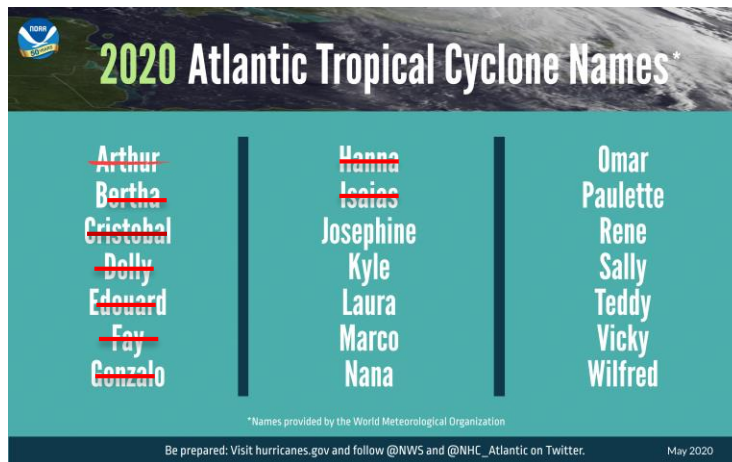
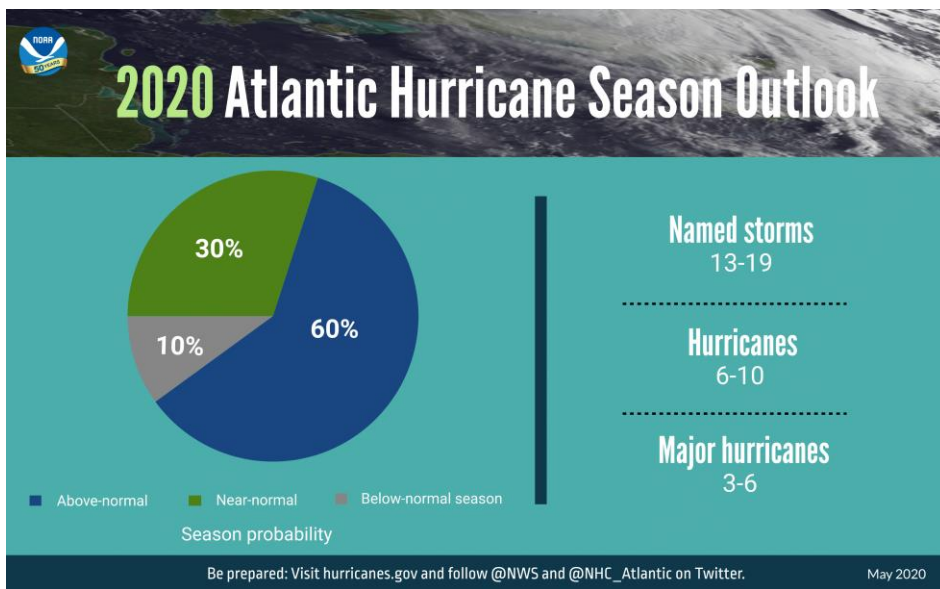
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# 2020 Hurricane Season

The outlook predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season and only a 10% chance of a below-normal season. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

We have had nine named storms including two hurricanes so far. The season is picking up with August and September typically the peak months of the hurricane season. Do not let your guard down! May 2020 tied the record for the global highest temperatures since records began, the gulf temperature was 89 degrees at the end of July.



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

# Selected Significant Climate Anomalies and Events: June 2020

### GLOBAL AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

June 2020 average global land and ocean temperature tied with 2015 as the third highest for June since records began in 1880.

### ARCTIC SEA ICE EXTENT

June 2020 Arctic sea ice extent was 10.1 percent below the 1981–2010 average—the third-smallest June sea ice extent since satellite records began in 1979.

### UNITED STATES

Large wildfires occurred across Alaska's tundra. Arizona's Bush Fire consumed more than 193,000 acres by the end of June, resulting in the fifth-largest wildfire in Arizona's history.

### TROPICAL STORM CRISTOBAL

(June 1–11, 2020)  
Maximum winds - 95 km/h  
Cristobal was the earliest third tropical storm on record for the Atlantic Basin.

### SOUTH AMERICA

South America had its third-warmest June on record.

### CARIBBEAN REGION

June 2020 was the Caribbean's fourth-warmest June on record.

### EUROPE

Warmer-than-average temperatures engulfed much of Scandinavia. Many stations across Finland had their warmest June on record and Norway had its second-warmest June on record.

### AFRICA

Africa had its third-warmest June on record.

### ASIA

A potential new maximum temperature north of the Arctic Circle was set on June 20, when temperatures rose to 38.0°C (100.4°F) in the Russian town of Verkhoyansk. If this value is approved by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), it would be the highest temperature ever recorded north of the Arctic Circle.

### AUSTRALIA

Drier-than-average conditions were present across much of Australia during June 2020. The national June precipitation total was the third-driest June in the nation's 121-year record.

### NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand had its fifth-warmest June on record.

### ANTARCTIC SEA ICE EXTENT

June 2020 Antarctic sea ice extent was 5.10 million sq miles, which is slightly below average.

Please note: Material provided in this map was compiled from NOAA's State of the Climate Reports. For more information please visit: <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc>



**CREATE YOUR FAMILY  
EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION PLAN**



**FEMA**

Take some time to put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

1. What is my plan?
2. What is my evacuation route?
3. What is my family communication plan
4. What do I need to update my emergency kit?
5. Get cloth face coverings (for everyone over 2 years old), disinfectants, and check sheltering plan. Keep in mind that sheltering will be more challenging this year due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Consider specific needs in your household. As you prepare, tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities.

Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in your network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment.

Keep in mind some of these factors when developing your plan:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Pets or service animals

## Coast Guard Rescues Fisherman after Vessel Capsizes off St. Petersburg

The *Jenny Lynn*, a 36-foot commercial fishing vessel out of Fort Myers, had been disabled.



*A commercial fisherman was rescued Thursday by the Coast Guard after his vessel capsized in the Gulf of Mexico 18 miles west of St. Petersburg. [Coast Guard]*

The Coast Guard received an emergency alert at 8:56 a.m. from the radio beacon of the *Jenny Lynn*, a 36-foot commercial fishing out of Fort Myers, broadcasting its location.

A MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew was dispatched from Air Station Clearwater to investigate the signal and discovered the *Jenny Lynn* had capsized. Robert Heart, 48, was clinging to a cooler near the sunken vessel in 3 to 4-foot seas and 15 mph winds.

A rescue swimmer dove in to rescue Heart and the helicopter flew him to Tampa General Hospital to undergo a medical evaluation.

The Coast Guard Cutter *Diamondback* first made contact with the *Jenny Lynn* on Wednesday when it was sent to help a 15-year-old boy who had fallen ill onboard. The Coast Guard took the boy and his father to the Sector St. Petersburg base.

Heart told coast guardsmen then that the *Jenny Lynn* was disabled and could no longer operate under its own power, the agency said. He declined help, the Coast Guard said, saying his vessel had been disabled since Monday but that a sister ship was on its way to help.

He said he could safely remain anchored until then, according to the Coast Guard.

Article source: *Tampa Bay Times* and Sector St Petersburg Facebook page



# Coast Guard Helicopter Emergency Landing

Last month a Coast Guard helicopter made an emergency landing at Sam Walker's house. His house is in an airport community. Sam is the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander.

The Coast Guard team was at his airport all day waiting for parts and Sam offered them hospitality and gave them a place to sit in air conditioning.



*Photos by Sam Walker*

## Operation Dry Water



Operation Dry Water (ODW), a nationwide campaign addressing boating under the influence (BUI), took place July 3 – 5, over the July fourth holiday.

The holiday is known not only for the increased numbers of recreational boaters on the water, but for an increase in the number of injuries and deadly accidents related to boating under the influence. The U.S. Coast Guard, local and state law enforcement agencies, recreational boating safety advocates and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) are gearing up to help raise awareness and prevent tragedies related to boating under the influence.

Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, and a leading factor in recreational boating accidents. Over the course of the three-day weekend, law enforcement officers and outreach partners were on the water educating the boating public on the dangers associated with boating under the influence. Officers were also on heightened alert for those in violation of boating under the influence laws and removing dangerous boaters from the waterways.

Alcohol consumption while boating is not only dangerous for the operator of the vessel, but also for passengers. Impairment can lead to slips, falls overboard, injuries and deaths that could have been prevented if they had made the decision not to drink alcohol, or be otherwise impaired, while boating. When alcohol is involved, the risk of dying is the same for an impaired operator and an impaired passenger, and for men and women.

## Flotilla Staff Officers

<b>ELECTED OFFICERS</b>	
<b>FC Flotilla Commander</b>	<b>Kristi Mackey</b>
<b>VFC Flotilla Vice Commander</b>	<b>Robert Bonnem</b>
<b>IPFC Immediate Past Flotilla Commander</b>	<b>Samuel G. Walker</b>
<b>FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS</b>	
<b>FSO-CM Communications</b>	<b>Edward Roots</b>
<b>FSO-CS Communications Services</b>	<b>Walter P. Murray</b>
<b>FSO-DV Diversity</b>	<b>Larry Gilbert</b>
<b>FSO-FN Finance</b>	<b>Jimmy R. Ryder</b>
<b>FSO-HR Human Resources</b>	<b>Kristi Mackey Wally Weakley assistant</b>
<b>FSO-IS Information Services</b>	<b>Walter P. Murray</b>
<b>FSO-MA Materials</b>	<b>Charles Whitener</b>
<b>FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection</b>	<b>Douglas W. Simpson</b>
<b>FSO-MT Member Training</b>	<b>Harvey Prior</b>
<b>FSO-NS Navigation Systems</b>	<b>Larry Gilbert</b>
<b>FSO-OP Operations</b>	<b>Keith Betzing</b>
<b>FSO-PV Partner Visitor</b>	<b>Rob Bonnem</b>
<b>FSO-PA Public Affairs</b>	<b>Rob Bonnem</b>
<b>FSO-PB Publications</b>	<b>Ronald Shebanek</b>
<b>FSO-PE Public Education</b>	<b>Cono F. Casale</b>
<b>FSO-SR Secretary/Records</b>	<b>Judith Ann Deeley</b>
<b>FSO-VE Vessel Examination</b>	<b>Gordon Thomas</b>

## Upcoming Dates

**Cancelled until further notice**





## Commander's Intent Seventh Coast Guard District

Operational excellence in our nation's most dynamic and complex maritime environment that rapidly adapts to emerging mission demands through a ready and resilient Coast Guard enterprise, and innovative use of advanced capabilities to inspire the highest levels of trust from our workforce, our international partners & the American public.

- *Seventh District Vision Statement*


### Cloth Face Covering Policy

We continue to address the challenges and threats of COVID-19 in every aspect of our lives and duties. I expect everyone to be mindful of the actions they can take to prevent the spread of the virus, including the most basic actions: physical distancing and wearing a cloth face covering (a mask).

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

The guidance in ALCOASTs 124/20, 144/20, and 259/20 is explicit – wearing a mask is necessary and expected of everyone. For the sake of clarity and consistency for Seventh District personnel, all masks must comply with the requirements of ALCOAST 124/20 – neutral solid colors are preferred, but other colors and patterns are permitted if they are workplace appropriate. However, masks with logos, words, or symbols are not authorized.

Face coverings are part of our everyday uniforms and work attire. I expect every Seventh District civilian employee, Active Duty member, Reservist, and Auxiliarist to wear an appropriate face covering in accordance with current policy. I encourage engagement by commands to ensure those they lead have appropriate face coverings to protect our workforce and the public we serve.

  
Eric C. Jones  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

~ Custodes per Meridianum ~