



WET GAZETTE



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Commander's Corner



Our flotilla now has two electronic meetings under our belt with great attendance. We thank you all for your continued support. This month during the June flotilla meeting, Pat McMenamin, District 7 Chief of Staff, joined as a guest. Our next endeavor during this unusual time, which may become the normal, will be to start teaching About Boating Safety (ABS) classes virtually. Other flotillas have had great success and we will too. Therefore, Instructors, brush up on the chapters and get ready to teach again. A Big Thanks to Buddy Casale for helping to pull this together for us.

Hurricane season is upon us and during our flotilla meetings; we held a training on the Division Calling Tree, the Everbridge Alert System and how to prepare for a hurricane. Please make sure you have taken the necessary steps to be prepared for any situation. Contact Rob Bonnem or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Newsworthy

- One newest member **Ralph Caridad** has completed all of the required Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP 2) courses since he joined last December. We are all enormously proud of his continued enthusiasm and accomplishments.
- **Ron Shebanek** continues to do an outstanding job with our "Wet Gazette". Recently he was contacted by Commodore Randy Ventress, Deputy National Commodore and asked if his flotilla could utilize pieces from our publication.
- Thanks to the hard work of **Larry Gilbert**, Flotilla Staff Officer-Diversity (FSO-DV), our application for the NACO Three Star Award was submitted and approved.

BE STRONG, STAY SAFE AND KEEP POSITIVE

Kristi Mackey, Flotilla Commander
Semper Paratus

Destroyer Preble and Coast Guard detachment seize cocaine worth \$40 million



The guided-missile destroyer Preble and its embarked U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment take control of a low-profile, go-fast vessel while conducting counter-narcotics operations in the Eastern Pacific June 2. Photo by US Coast Guard

The guided-missile destroyer Preble and a U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment recovered more than \$40 million worth of cocaine during a just concluded counter-narcotics deployment to U.S. 4th Fleet, according to the Navy. That equals a total of 100 bales of suspected cocaine — or 2,000 kilograms — seized in the 4th Fleet's area of operations. During the deployment, the Preble patrolled the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Ocean.

The massive drug bust went down June 2 after a Navy P-8A maritime patrol aircraft assigned to Patrol Squadron 26 spotted a low-profile, go-fast vessel in the Eastern Pacific. The Preble moved in for a long-range intercept and, upon arriving, employed one of its embarked helicopters from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 to provide overwatch while the Coast Guard detachment and small boats gained control of the go-fast vessel.



The destroyer Preble and its embarked U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement detachment seize more than 2,000 kilograms of cocaine, valued at more than \$40 million. Preble deployed to the U.S. Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility to support the Joint Interagency Task Force South mission, which includes counter-drug operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Ocean. Photo by U.S. Coast Guard.

“The success of this deployment was due to our Sailors and embarked Coast Guardsmen working together daily for a common cause — enhanced counter-narcotics operations,” said Cmdr. Leonardo Giovannelli, Preble’s commanding officer, in a Navy news release. “We thank our Preble families and friends whose unwavering support made it possible for their loved ones, our Sailors, to succeed at sea and complete our mission.”

The Preble returned to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam June 25. The Preble deployed in March with a detachment from the “Easyriders” of HSM 37 to participate in U.S. Southern Command and Joint Interagency Task Force South’s enhanced counter-narcotics operations missions.

Cmdr. Peter Lesaca, the Preble’s executive officer, said that given the global COVID-19 pandemic, leadership and crew members directed a lot of their energy toward keeping the ship safe.

Article source: Navy Times

81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Congratulations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary on its 81st birthday. Since inception in 1939, the men and women of the Auxiliary have been steadfast shipmates and invaluable assets to our Service.

Our 23,000 uniformed volunteers are profound examples of selfless devotion to duty who have not only embraced and exemplified my watchwords of "Ready, Relevant, and Responsive," but have proudly added "Resilient" to that list. The Coast Guard has always upheld a solemn promise to serve our Nation, conducting operations under the umbrella of eleven statutory missions, including responding to disasters, rescuing boaters in distress, and educating America's boating public. These missions were performed in exemplary fashion this past year, enabled by superlative Auxiliary involvement. Examples include two Auxiliarists with emergency management expertise providing expert support to the Coast Guard's Hurricane Dorian response center and briefing the White House; an Auxiliary boat crew in the Fifth District (Northern Region) saving the lives of six passengers on a small boat that capsized in the Delaware River; and Auxiliary flotillas across the Nation establishing specialized training and partnerships with Sea Scout youth under provisions of the new AUXSCOUT program. Even more impressively, against the unprecedented constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Auxiliary supported myriad Coast Guard missions throughout the year while remaining the vanguard for Recreational Boating Safety (RBS). Auxiliarists delivered over 2.4 million hours of support, performed more than 121,500 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, and taught over 6,800 boating safety classes, significantly enhancing safety on America's waterways.

The aforementioned accomplishments and characteristics reflect a highly dynamic, diverse and dedicated organization of servant leaders, experienced counselors, and true patriots. It is our privilege to include them on our Coast Guard Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill, and have them serve alongside for every mile we steam.

On June 23, 2020, I strongly encourage all Coast Guard units to hoist the Auxiliary colors in recognition of the exceptional Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty that are consistently displayed by our Coast Guard Auxiliarists. On the 81st anniversary, we thank them for their exemplary service.

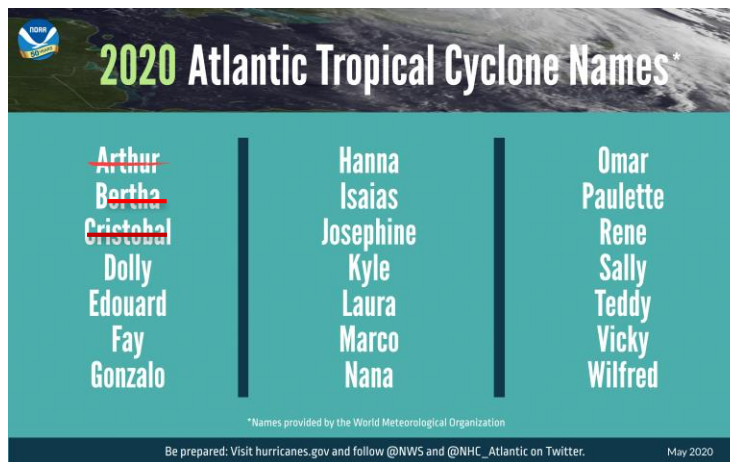
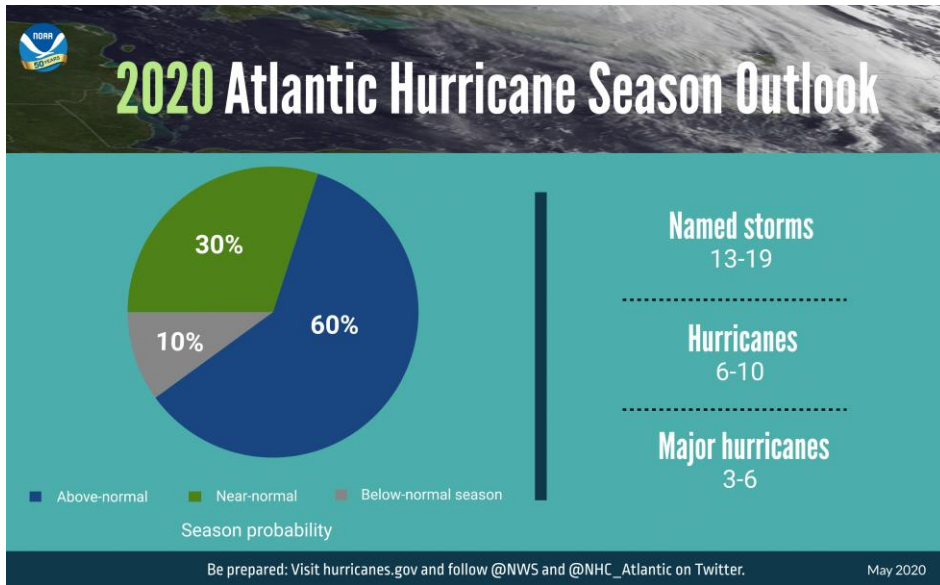
ADM K. L. Schultz, Commandant



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 three named storms so far and recently there has been a temporary pause in tropical activity due to the amount of Saharan dust over the gulf. But, do not let your guard down! May 2020 tied the record for the global highest temperatures since records began, The gulf temperature was 91 degrees at the end of June.

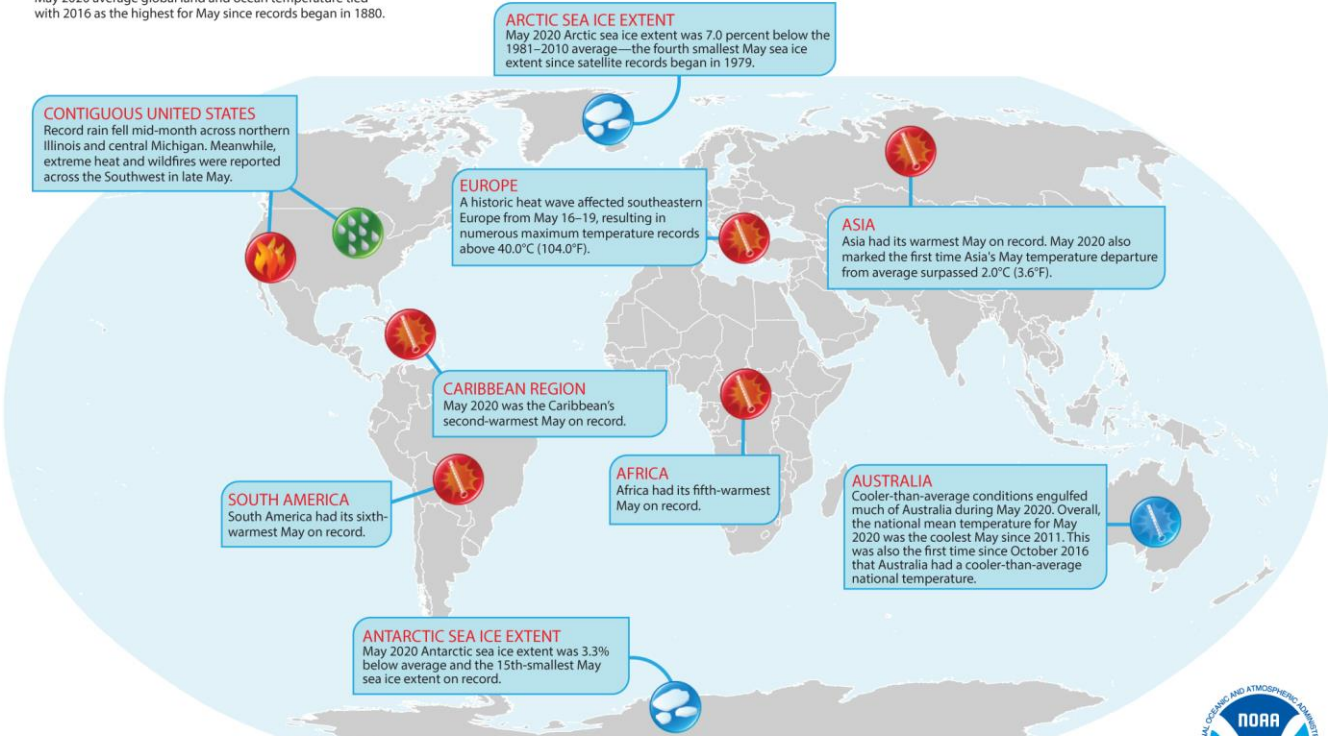


Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Selected Significant Climate Anomalies and Events: May 2020

GLOBAL AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

May 2020 average global land and ocean temperature tied with 2016 as the highest for May since records began in 1880.



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 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

AUXAIR Update

John Landon from Flotilla 11-10 provided this update:

Although AUXAIR is still grounded, most of us are still going up by ourselves and practicing procedures to maintain proficiency.

Attached is a Flightaware.com track recently flown by aircraft commander Dan Smith

Dan flies a Navion out of Sarasota



Photos and graphics by John Landon.

Flotilla Staff Officers

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

Upcoming Dates

Cancelled until further notice



Happy Birthday
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Semper Paratus • Always Ready