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USCG AUXILIARY GUAM FLOTILLA 140-02-24

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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S QUOTE OF THE MONTH



FC Paul "Duce" Romias

***"Easter is a great time of the year for our Flotilla to reflect, appreciate our endless blessings, and cherish our comradery."***



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### *Today in History*

*April 18, 1906*

*Four cutters converged on San Francisco, California after the earthquake. Their crews join the search for survivors, aid refugees, and fight fires in the aftermath.*

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# In the Spotlight!



*Myleen Ramos*  
*USCG Auxiliary Member*

Myleen Ramos started her career as a first grade teacher at PC Lujan for 14 wonderful years and took a change just this school year to try out teaching in the 4th grade. It took a lot of thinking to make the move but she knew in her heart that she needed a change. That move was almost the best move that she did because now she is enjoying this first year in the fourth grade and believes she will continue teaching this grade level.

Ramos enjoys spending time with her family and friends but when she can catch some free time alone, she would usually grab a good book to read. Ramos also tells us that she loves eating and trying new restaurants and cooking up new recipes. Since Ramos also loves to karaoke, maybe we can try one of her recipes and listen to her amazing voice!

Ramos heard about the USCG Auxiliary through one of our very own members, Ann Marie Trusso and decided to join Trusso in becoming part of something big and being part of a community that are like-minded with similar goals—contributing to maritime safety and environmental efforts to our local community.

This past January marks Ramos's first year in the auxiliary. She enjoyed meeting new people, especially since a big part of the membership consists of teachers. Her most memorable experience was taking part in providing food to the Coast Guard members who were part of the CGMA. When our island was hit by Typhoon Mawar, the CGMA team were extremely helpful in providing assistance to both Coast Guard and Coast Guard auxiliary members. It was gratifying to see the team happy and grateful. It was a great experience to show the island's hospitality with them.

Ramos believes that the USCGAUX provides boating safety education training to recreational boaters in the Pacific region, helping to reduce accidents and promote safe boating practices which is beneficial to our island.

Ramos looks forward to participating in various trainings offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary to enhance her skills and knowledge, enabling her to contribute effectively to Auxiliary missions. As a member of the Auxiliary, she anticipates different opportunities to serve the community by supporting the Coast Guard in its missions related to maritime safety, security, and environmental protection. Lastly, Ramos also believes it's an opportunity to build friendships, mentorships, and professional relationships with like-minded individuals.

Ramos encourages others to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary because the auxiliary provides a sense of fulfillment by making a meaningful contribution to the safety and well-being of others and the marine environment.



# April Calendar/ Upcoming Training or Events



## APRIL 2024

### DIVERSITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEXT MEETING MAY 14, 2024	1 April Fool's Day	2 Autism Awareness	3 Nat'l. Walking Day	4 Int'l. Mine Awareness Day	5 Deep Dish Pizza Day	6 D204 Lions Int'l Easter Story Time Literacy Partnership
7 World Health Day	8 Nat'l. Zoo Lovers Day	9 Guam Flotilla Meeting	10 Nat'l. Siblings Day	11 World Parkinson's Day	12 Nat'l. Grilled Cheese Day	13 D204 Lions Club International Feature
14 Nat'l. Gardening Day	15 Tax Day	16 Nat'l. Librarian Day	17 Nat'l. Haiku Poetry Day	18 Nat'l. High Five Day	19 Bicycle Day	20 Volunteer Recognition Day
21 World Creativity And Innovation Day	22 Earth Day	23 English Language Day	24 World Immunization Week	25 DNA Day	26 Arbor Day	27 Veterinary Day
28 National Superhero Day	29 Int'l Dance Day	30 Int'l Jazz Day	Guam Events	Guam Visitors Bureau	Guam Time	



**EVENTS:** \*Celebrate Diversity Month \*Stress Awareness Month \*National Donate Life Month  
 \*Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month \*National Autism Awareness Month  
 \*National Poetry Month \*Boat America Course (April 20-21, 2024. For more information, contact Dr. Matilda Rivera, DSO-PE or Mye Ganon-Flores, AFSO-PE.)

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, National Autism Awareness Month, Poetry Month, and more! It is a time dedicated to recognizing and honoring the diversity surrounding us and the beauty of poetry that exists. It's an opportunity to embrace and learn from differences in gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, and more, enriching our understanding and acceptance of the vast tapestry of human experience. Celebrate Diversity Month encourages actions such as being considerate to everyone, listening to people from diverse cultures, and learning more about different cultures and lifestyles. This initiative highlights the importance of creating inclusive environments where every individual feels valued and respected, pushing us out of our comfort zones to explore new perspectives and celebrate the unique contributions of all.

Check out our Diversity Calendar for other April celebrations, such as World Health Day, National Library Week, Volunteer Recognition Day, World Creativity And Innovation Day, Earth Day, and more! Also, don't forget to join us for the D204 Lions International Easter Story Time Literacy Partnership event to hear meaningful and relevant stories and a special message from Coastie!



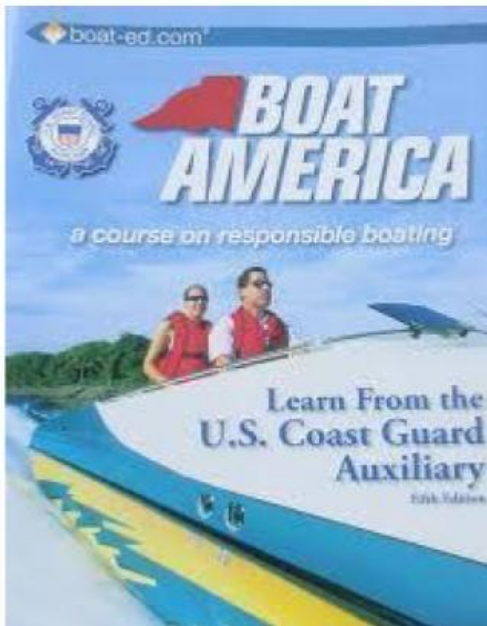
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## Boat America

If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, the Boat America class will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate a vessel safely. It is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).



- TOPICS INCLUDE:**
- Know your boat**
  - Before you get underway**
  - Operating your boat safely**
  - Legal requirements of boating**
  - Boating emergencies**
  - Enjoying water sports with your boat**

### Presented by Guam Flotilla 140-02-24

**Course:** Boat America

**Start Date:** Sat., 20 April 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**End Date:** Sun., 21 April 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Exam:** Sun., 21 April 2024, 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Contact:** \*Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, DSO-PE  
 mnrivera1@yahoo.com, uscgauxiliaryguam@gmail.com  
 (671) 483-2987  
 \*Mye Ganon-Flores, AFSSO-PE: (671) 482-6930, 735-2193  
 \*Call Mye to register for the course and pick up your textbook.



**Course Cost:** \$30 – USCGAUX Members  
\$45 – All Others

- Make checks payable to US Coast Auxiliary Flotilla 24
- PayPal Payment to uscgauxiliaryguam@gmail.com  
(Select Friends & Family)





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## LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 204 EASTER SATURDAY STORY TIME



### APRIL 6, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM



### REGISTER NOW!

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



Win books and other exciting prizes by answering questions during the Read Aloud!



**FEATURING:**  
Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids

For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera  
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MAY 18, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM



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It doesn't work unless you Wear It!  
**ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET**



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# Information Source

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK NSBW Guam, USA May 19, 2024 - May 25, 2024



The USCG Auxiliary Guam Flotilla NSBW committee begins planning for NSBW 2024 in May. If you are interested in participating and assisting this year please contact FSO-PA Fred Alig (671-685-6539) or AFSO Ken Perez (671-998-8888)

### 2024 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR

#### 2024 Boating Safety Calendar

**Jan** Various Boat Shows  
**Feb** Various Boat Shows  
**Apr 6** #406Day  
**Apr 8-11** International Boating & Water Safety Summit  
**May** National Water Safety Month  
**May 17** Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day  
**May 18-24** National Safe Boating Week  
**May 19** Kids to Parks Day  
**May 22** National Maritime Day  
**May 25-27** Memorial Day Weekend  
**Jun** National Safety Month  
**Jun 1-9** National Fishing and Boating Week  
**June 15** National Marina Day  
**Jun 18** National Go Fishing Day  
**June 21** Summer Solstice  
**Jul Sun** Safe Boating Month  
**Jul 4** Independence Day  
**Jul 2-4** Operation Dry Water  
**Sep 2** Labor Day  
**Sep 26** World Maritime Day  
**Sep 28** National Hunting and Fishing Day  
**Oct** National Hunting and Fishing Month  
**Nov** Child Safety Protection Month  
**Dec** Holiday Parade of Boats  
(check local community calendars)

**JAN**

**COLD WATER BOATING**

**FEB**

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

**MAR**

**TAKE A SAFE BOATING COURSE**

**APR**

**BOATING PREPAREDNESS**

**MAY**

**LIFE JACKETS ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCHES**

**JUN**

**WATER SPORTS RENTAL BOAT SAFETY**

**JUL**

**BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

**AUG**

**SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**SEP**

**FALL CLEANUP STORING BOAT AND EQUIPMENT**

**OCT**

**HUNTING AND FISHING**

**NOV**

**REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

**DEC**

**HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDES**

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# WEAR IT

## We always do!

Learn more about boating safety >>>

**NSBW RESOURCES:**

On the Internet:

- [USCGBOATING.ORG](https://USCGBOATING.ORG)
- [CGAUX.ORG](https://CGAUX.ORG)
- <https://uscgauxiliaryguam.blogspot.com/>

**NSBW RESOURCES:**

Social Media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064518439311>

## Information Source



### Boating term(s) of the month: Ground Tackle.

**Ground tackle** is a phrase that describes all the various elements used in anchoring a boat. Ground tackle includes the **anchor**, the anchor **chain**, the anchor **line**, the **swivel-shackles** that join the chain to the line and the chain to the anchor, and in larger vessels with lots of chain and heavy anchors, a **windlass**, or winch, that aids in deploying and weighing the anchor. A **windlass** may be powered manually or by electrical power and is fitted with a **gypsy spindle** that can accommodate both line and chain.



By: Robert Sajnovsky,  
FSO-MT

The best type of **line** to use for anchor line is **nylon**, because of its elasticity. Other terms associated with anchoring are the **anchor rode**, and **scope**. The **anchor rode** is the length of chain and line carried on the vessel and the **scope** is the ratio of the amount of rode deployed to the depth of the water where the vessel is anchored. For example: if a boat is anchored in 10 feet of water and deploys 50 feet of **rode (anchor and chain)** then the **scope** would be **five to one**. Sailors use less scope for short stays at anchor, and more scope for longer stays and to prevent dragging anchor in windy conditions.





# March Flotilla Meeting



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*Piola Fernandez* - April 2

*Warren Pelletier* - April 04

*Darlene Roberto* - April 14



HAPPY  
EASTER

