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# News Release

## **USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 52 presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Austin Blu Foundation**

JUPITER - The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52, Jupiter FL will present a “Certificate of Appreciation” to the Austin Blu Foundation for their support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's safe boating programs at 1:00PM on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Loxahatchee River Center.

Through the Austin Blu Foundation’s generous financial efforts, funding was made possible for Flotilla 52 – Jupiter to teach, at no charge, nine classes at the Loxahatchee River Center. In 2016 over 240 students will have been taught and graduated in the “About Boating Safely” Class which qualified those students to receive the required Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card.

The Austin Blu Foundation is currently committed to fund classes into 2017. Future classes will be given on Saturdays from 8:30 to 4:30 at the River Center. Please go to [www.tiny.cc/boatsafe](http://www.tiny.cc/boatsafe) for additional information.

The Austin Blu Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and promoting educational programs to improve boater safety was founded in memory of Austin Stephanos, one of the two teenagers that lost their lives off shore last year. The Austin Blu Foundation is a 501(c) (3), established by Austin’s mother, Carly Black, and his father, Blu Stephanos. The mission of the foundation is to create awareness and education for all individuals around the safe enjoyment of recreational boating, fishing, and water sports. Visit at <http://www.austinblufoundation.org> for more info.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52 is located in Jupiter, FL and meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Loxahatchee River Center, 805 N US1 at 7PM. For additional information on Flotilla 52 visit <http://a0700502.wow.uscgaux.info> call (561) 844-8135 or send an email to [flotilla0502@gmail.com](mailto:flotilla0502@gmail.com).

*The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the uniformed civilian, volunteer Component of Team Coast Guard assists the active duty Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.*

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