

PR&B Division Newsletter July 2006

We are half way through the calendar year and I wanted to thank you for your dedication and hard work. I realize that as we get into the end of the FY things tend to get hectic, but we have been through it before. If there is anything that I can do to make your job easier or questions and suggestions that you would like to see addressed please let me know. My door is always open for a reason. Those in the field need to be more creative.

Congratulations to **LTJG Leah Harman** for passing her Master/Mate test to obtain her 200 ton operating license.

5 Tier Performance Plans Coming Soon. Later in July we will be getting details on writing new 5 – tier performance plans. Everything moves in cycles and for those of you who have been around long enough they are back. You remember: Walks on water, walks on water in emergencies, washes is water, passes water in emergencies, etc. Now is a good time for Rating Official and Employees (you are either one or the other or both) to think about how your work can be partitioned into appropriate elements.

E-mail etiquette. For those in Miami, we've been requested not to broadcast messages to the entire facility about missing or lost items. You might check directly with individuals who may have knowledge first and if you can find the missing item, let me know as the supervisor. Any messages broadcast should come from me. Very often missing items turn up, but if not I and management will take this seriously. We don't want to give a false impression that we can't trust our fellow workers. Also, personal messages concerning items for sale are also not appropriate to broadcast. It is acceptable to post notes in either case.

E-Learning – or -How to enhance your annual performance review. So far I am aware of only one individual in the Division who has taken advantage of the free electronic classes available through DOC and NOAA's e-learning employee development system- E-Learning@NOAA - (<http://e-learning.doc.gov/noaa>). It is easy to use. Click on “log on” and enter you user name (your email user name to the left of the @ sign) and your email password. Once in the system click on “catalog” and go from there.

WELCOME SUMMER INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS! Please welcome the following interns who will be working in the Protected Resources and Biodiversity Division:

Name	Parent Institution	PR&BD Sponsor
Elise Coffey (Hollings Scholar)	Eckerd College, FL	J. Browder
Shakeema Facey	Florida State U.	J. Bohnsack
Luke Logan	U. of Miami, FL	J. Lamkin
Anne Morgan	U. of Miami, FL	J. Lamkin
Roxanne Boonstra	U. Florida	R. Ewing/T. Kellison
Randee Esteve	Savannah State	J. Browder
Elizabeth Crompton	Volunteer	R. Ewing
Sabrina Garcia	Volunteer	R. Ewing
Ali Miller-Richardson	Volunteer	R. Ewing
Matthew Beard	Florida State U.	M. Miller
Lauren Wyatt	U. of Miami	J. Lamkin

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Please send any Division news or information that you would like to share to Jim Bohnsack.