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**FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

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You are getting your "Nassau Soundings" a couple of days late because I went to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Conference in Orlando this past weekend. I was asked to teach a few classes on leadership for the 150 or so Flotilla Commanders attending. I have been so busy the last few weeks preparing and practicing these lessons that I needed a little more time. The District Conference was interesting and informative. One theme that kept recurring was that the Flotillas of the 7<sup>th</sup> District do not emphasize the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) mission as we should. We can save more lives with our RBS programs than any thing else we do. We train to Crew and Coxswain, this is important, but through our Public Education, Vessel Examinations and Program Visitor programs we reach more of the boating public.

My vision is to see every boater in our Area of Operation (AOR) having taken a boating safety course and every boat with a Vessel Safety decal. I do very much hope that all of the members of Flotilla 14-01 will adopt this vision. We are a uniformed service organization. There is no greater service we can provide, than to save lives.

When some think of saving lives they see a Flotilla facility pulling a stranded boater off of the jetties or out of a raging ocean, I have not seen us do that very often. I have had folks come up to me and say thanks for boating safety classes and vessel exams, that it had made them more conscious of safety on the water.

To this end I would like to place special emphasis on National Safe Boating Week, 20 through 26 May. I would like to make this **the** major annual effort of the Flotilla. In order to do this I need all of you to pitch in and lend a hand so that we can have a daily activity during that week. I need your input and ideas. Remember when you raised your right hand and said, "I, \_\_\_\_\_, **solemnly and sincerely pledge myself to support the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes**,-----, I am sure that you meant it. Now we need you to revisit your pledge and support Recreational Boating Safety. At Thursday's Flotilla meeting I will have a presentation on National Safe Boating Week. Please attend and see what we want you to help us with. It is time for the **SILENT 50** to come forward and honor your pledge.

**CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MAJOR AUXILIARY EFFORT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS?**

**VICE COMMANDER**                      Tom Hayden                      VFC      14-1                      (912) 729-8195

In our kind of work, what is more important the mission or the people? In the recent District 7 Conference, Orlando, FL, Rear Admiral D. B. Peterman, USCG, Commander 7<sup>th</sup> District, said that they were inseparable. He went on to say that nothing could be more important than that in the Auxiliary. For an old Marine it has always been mission was first priority. This has to be particularly true in combat. However, when dealing with volunteers, there is no doubt that the morale and welfare of the Flotilla members are critical to the continued success of the Flotilla and the Auxiliary. This is not just the concern of the Flotilla Commander or the Vice Flotilla Commander, but all Flotilla Staff Officers, coxswain, crew and anyone who assumes a leadership position. Member training is very busy these days and there are many leaders from mentors to instructors to staff officers who have the responsibility to look after the morale and welfare of the many members who are going through some kind of training or annual recertification. Be a leader – step up and help someone.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**                      John Tatum                      FSO-AN 14-1                      (904) 491-7601

We had a successful night check of ATONS in our area on March 10. We found 2 lights out in Cumberland Sound and two day marks with missing numbers or damage going South to Nassau Sound. There are still temporary lights on 3 lights in Cumberland Sound so navigation should still be safe there.

Trivia Question: Where is the highest ATON maintained by the Coast Guard in the U.S.?  
Answer: On Lake Tahoe on the California side with a height of about 6,240 ft.

**COMMUNICATIONS**                      Jerry Neal                      FSO-CM 14-1                      (904) 277-8270

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**AUX Student Support Update**

You may already know about the USCG Auxiliary C-School portal at <http://cschool.auxservices.org/>.

What you may not know is that it's been updated with the latest 'n greatest URLs for the Student Support sites.

When you go out to that site, you'll find that it's "one-stop shopping." Click on any of the labeled hyperlinks, and you'll be taken directly to the site dedicated to that particular Auxiliary C-School. Here is the list you'll find there:

- [AUX-04](#) Distance Education Technology Training (Basic)
- [AUX-06](#) ATON & Chart Updating - Private Aids
- [AUX-10](#) Info Systems (AUXDATA/AUXINFO) Staff Training
- [AUX-12](#) Public Affairs and Marketing Training
- [AUX-17](#) Crew Resource Management/Operational Risk Management
- [AUX-18](#) Aviation Spatial Disorientation Training

This list of C-Schools will grow as more Student Support websites come online!

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Diver Down Flags are applicable in Georgia and Florida waters.

Yes, a Federal requirement for vessels engaged in diving activities is to exhibit (in daytime) a rigid replica of the international code flag "alpha" (a white flag with a blue "swallow tail") or at night, red-over-white-over red "all around" lights (indicating restricted maneuverability).

But the Federal regulations do not emphasize where the diver(s) might be. Fortunately, the Federal regulation "does not affect the use of a red and white divers flag, which may be required by State or local law to mark a diver's location". Both Georgia and Florida do require a red flag with a white diagonal (15" by 15") and (20" by 24") respectively as a "Diver Down" flag on the supporting vessel. Florida further provides for a (12" by 12") "Diver Down" flag if divers are in the water with a floating flag buoy. Point: If the "Diver Down" flag is sighted, keep at least 100 feet away from the person in the water; if in "open water", keep 300 feet away. "Within those prescribed distances, a vessel may operate, but must be at idle speed".

Battery Check Time:

As you prepare your vessel for spring and summer operations, consider the following for your check list:

Engine starting batteries (Ever try to "rope start" an "in-board" engine or any of those 250 horsepower out-boards?).

Navigation Lights (What if you need to anchor at night—near a channel but not a designated anchorage?).

Electronics (Your GPS, fathometer, radio, radars, etc may well need battery backup).

Electric lights (You may need to read your charts, find tools, etc).

Portables (Your PDF light, cell-phone, hand-held radios, flashlight, search-lights)

Clocks (Daylight saving time commences 2 April).

<b>MEMBER TRAINER</b>	Bob Sperry	FSO-MT 14-1	(904) 277-7191
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Coxswain and crew training continues. We have four coxswain trainees and 12 crew trainees. On the water training will begin this month. We are still shooting for a Qualification Examination in mid June.

Our first Aux Specialty course for the year will begin May 9 at 1900 at the lighthouse. Aaron Rawls will conduct the classes which is a follow on to our public education courses. Anyone planning to attend please let me or Aaron know.

Recently we have been informed that all members involved in operations must pass examinations on the Incident Command System. Crew members and watch standers must pass ICS 100 and ICS 700. Coxswains in addition must pass ICS 200 and ICS 800 with a fifth ICS 210 when it becomes available. The tests can be taken on line and are not that difficult.. The good news is that we have until late 2007 to submitted proof that we have passed these exams. Contact me if you need more information or assistance.

<b>MARINE DEALER VISITOR</b>	Dallas Butcher David Johnson	FSO-PV 14-1	(904) 491-3854 (904) 491-6657
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Number of safety patrols in March 9 .Year to date we had a total of 18 patrols, but 7 less then planned due to bad weather in February. This includes three Night Atons on March 10.

At the present we have 10 Coxswains, 19 crew and 8 Facilities.

The fuel usage of the flotilla is within budget because we had fewer patrols then planned but also because we reduced the number of security Zones to one per patrol.

!7 members are participating in advanced training for Operational Excellence. This includes 7 coxswains, 10 crew and 6 facilities.

In preparation for operational excellence we finished over the past month three 3 hour workshops on Basic Navigation, Current Sailing, SAR and Navigation in Limited Visibility. The workshops were well attended and there was great interest and participation. During the Night ATONS on March 10 we started to practice what we learned in the workshop for Navigation in Limited Visibility.

We are now planning to form operational excellence teams and proceed with on the water training.

We expect to start in May on the water training for 4 coxswain and 10 crew trainees.

We are requested by the Coast Guard to support the fireworks and the blessing of the fleet at the Shrimp Festival with two vessels each.

<b>PUBLIC AFFAIRS</b>	Robert Conklin	FSO-PA 14-1	(912) 673-9678
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We provided the public with our first ABC offering March 18. I had sixteen people signed-up for the class...seven showed. Six of those who were signed-up were from but two families....none attended which is a pattern I have had occur before. If something comes up it apparently can make it impossible for any to make it. Perhaps it is limited transportation. The seven who attended included one who was under court order to take a safety course. There is now in place a new reporting procedure to attest to said people completing the course SUCCESSFULLY. Our student did not come close and, therefore, I did not have a chance to use the new triplicate form I got from Bob Strong. Of the remaining five students four had extensive boating experience and scored very well on the test. All four were there to try to get a reduced insurance rate. That left one new boat owner who also scored in the high 90's on his test.

Included in our ABC material when shipped to us is a card that is good for a free one year subscription to BOATING WORLD MAGAZINE. All of the March 18 students received this card. In addition all of you as members of CGAUX can get a reduced rate subscription to BOATING WORLD MAGAZINE. Go to [www.ShopAuxiliary.com](http://www.ShopAuxiliary.com) your cost is \$4.99 for the first year (ten issues.)

I am attempting to guarantee that all of you who are instructors keep your currency. As part of this goal I want all of you who are instructors to send me a copy of your 7030 when you file it with Craig. Please follow Craig's address with a comma & then insert my e-mail address also. Some of you have done this (Thank you!) others have not. The next time you do a 7030 for a PE class, please give this a try.

Respectfully, D Auburn  
FSO-PE 14-01

**PERSONEL SERVICE**

Sam Boyd

FSO-PS 14-1

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We received 6 new members this month. Please notice their photos on the bulletin board at the cottage. Please get to know them and make them feel welcome. The new members are:

Ron and Angela Stallings - They live on a beautiful boat at the Amelia Yacht basin. They are signing up for every boating course we are offering and plan to use that knowledge to travel extensively on their 46' Tollycraft.

Tom Basore- Tom is retired. He and his wife Irene moved from the Washington D.C. area where he was an executive with a trade association. His previous boating experience was on the Chesapeake Bay.

Howard Crews- Howard and his wife Nellene live on the Duvall County side of the Nassau River. Howard brings a lot of boating experience with him and has a captains license.

Pete Maye - Pete and his wife Doris live in St. Mary's. Pete also has extensive boating experience and has a current Merchant Marine Officer license.

Anne Hawthorne- Anne lives at the beach and moved to Amelia Island from Atlanta last June. She loves the water and boating and is currently in Crew training.

<b>SECRETARY</b>	Jill Auburn	FSO-SR 14-1	(904) 491-0042
<b>VESSEL EXAMANER</b>	Jim Hiott	FSO-AN 14-1	(904) 261-4205

Here's all the latest news from your vessel examiners.

On Saturday, March 18th, we were on station at West Marine Fernandina. Their Head Chef, Tom Claire, cooked hot dogs, and gave out soft drinks. Public response was sparse in spite of advertisements in newspapers and fliers, but we think since the weather is warming up the turnout will improve.

We are planning for our two biggest events this spring - Shrimp Festival and Safe Boating Week. Our vessel examiners will be covering all key areas of activity.

To our new members and anyone else who might be interested we need additional examiners badly. Being a vessel examiner is a wonderful way to teach the boating public about safety on the water.


That's all for now. See you at our next general meeting.

<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN 14-1	(904) 277-4065
<b>GROUNDS KEEPER</b>	Paul Clark	FSO-GK 14-1	(904) 261-4041
<b>LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER</b>	Helen Sintes	FSO-AN 14-1	(904) 261-4432
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Tom Pippin	FSO-FL 14-1	(904) 491-6285

A great time was had by all at the social held at the Women's Club last month. We had 38 in attendance enjoying an outstanding meal prepared by the ladies of the Club. The pianist kept us entertained during the meal and the door prizes were a big hit. Please make sure that if you are in the following businesses to thank them for their willingness to participate in the prizes: West Marine, Barbara Jeans Restaurant, The Crab Trap Restaurant, Chelsea Marine and Amelia Island Yacht Basin. The 50/50 Drawing was won by Joe Blanchard--this almost paid for the Blanchard's meal! We will enjoy another fine fellowship meal and social very soon. Don't miss the next good time!!

Now for April!! Mark you calendar for Tuesday, April 18th. We have tentatively booked a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo. We would take the Recreation Department's bus to the zoo and return by the Sanddollar Restaurant in Mayport for lunch. Cost will be approximately \$12.00 per person which would include the transportation charge and Zoo admission. Lunch will be on your own. More on this at the Flotilla meeting, Thursday, April 6th!!! The Jacksonville Zoo is one of the best small zoos and it has the best display of Jaguars in the world. This will be a nice day to enjoy fellowship and the outdoors!!

<b>BOATS, WATER &amp; KIDS</b>	Gary Bong	FSO-YC 14-1	(904) 261-2006
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DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION			TYPE OF MEETING(✓)			
030206	1900	LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGE, F. B.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR BUS. <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL BUS.			
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT (List office abbr. and last name only)								
J. ARMAN FC, T.HAYDEN VFC, J. HIOTT, FSO-AN, D.AUBURN FSO-PE, H.FRIDRICH FSO-OP, R.SPERRY, FSO-MT, L.FUSCO, FSO-MA, R. TROLLOPE, FSO-MS, P.CLARK FSO-GK, J.SINTES FSO-FN								
GUESTS PRESENT								
ANN HAWTHORNE, PETE MAYE								
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON (List)								
J. ARMAN CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 1900; T.HAYDEN LED SALUTE TO FLAG BOB CONKLIN GAVE REPORT ON HIS AUX-12 COURSE THAT HE ATTENDED IN ALAMEDA CA. JAY SINTES GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY MEMBERSHIP J. ARMAN REPORTED THAT NEW TABLES HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE READY FOR USE 14-10 WEB SITE BEING UPDATED BY J. BLANCHARD MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO ACCEPT ESTABLISHMENT OF "FIRST COMMANDERS AWARD" AS PROPOSED BY PAST COMMANDER SUNNY LATON								
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED								
COMMANDER ARMAN GAVE PRESENTATION ON PROPER WAY TO FILL-OUT, SUBMIT E FORMS								
REMARKS (Include special events, future plans, awards presented, etc.)								
AWARDS: RECRUITING SAM BOYD, ICS 100 BOB CONKLIN, AUX. OF MO. DOUG AUBURN, 5 YR CERTIFICATE BOB TOLG, AND JOHN TATUM, 10 YR. CERTIFICATE, BOB MACIAS								
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING (Give Time, Date and Location)								
1900 04/06/06 LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGE FERNANDINA BEACH								
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**AN UPDATED CALENDAR WILL BE SENT  
AS SOON AS IT CAN BE UPDATED.**



# FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**April 6, 2006  
1900**

**Amelia Island Lighthouse  
100 O'Hagan Lane  
Fernandina Beach, FL**

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