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USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 14-1  
Fernandina Beach, FL  
Seventh Coast Guard District



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**FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

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Flotilla 14-1 supported the MSST Kings Bay/St Marys Operations Evaluations with three Flotilla boats, full crews and radio watch standers from Tue 6 March through Thurs 8 March. Two days were acting as boats in distress for MSST RBS-DHS boats to practice towing operations. One day was with a Flotilla trawler acting as a High Value Asset and the RBS-DHS boats performing escort and security missions.

Our second Flotilla Operations Workshop was held on March 14 and we had 30 people attended. The Div 14, Team Coordination Training (TCT) had three Flotilla 14-1 members. Bob Pape, IPDC, was at the Flotilla 14-1 Lighthouse for the 8 hr TCT class on 24 March and we had 14 members attend. Our next TCT one (1) hour refresher will be determined later.

### **ALCOAST 014/07: Distribution of the Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation**

On May 25, 2006, at the Commandants Change of Command Ceremony, President Bush presented the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) to the U.S. Coast Guard for meritorious achievement and outstanding performance in action from August 29 To September 13, 2005, in preparation for, and response and recovery to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. Since the response to Katrina was an all-hands effort, all CG Active Duty, Reserve, Auxiliary, and Civilian personnel who were affiliated with the Coast Guard at any time during the period (29 August 2005 - 13 September 2005) are eligible for the award.

There is no individual citation to accompany the award. Individuals desiring a copy of the award citation to the coast guard will find it on the medals and awards web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-1/g-wpm-3/medalsandawards.htm>.

The ribbon will be sent to me and I will distribute to all who come to the meeting at the appropriate time to receive it. I will alert all hands long in advance.

**VICE COMMANDER**                      Bill Williams                      VFC      14-1                      (904) 261-9511

FOR THE VFC      (by Bob Lauber)

The guest Speaker for the April 5<sup>th</sup> flotilla meeting will be Tom Silverio from the Nassau Center FCCJ. He will speak about the courses available through the Adult Education Program. Several of our members have participated in the program

The Shrimp Festival will be the first weekend of May. We will participate in the following activities and need volunteers to participate in each activity.

The Festival parade on Thursday. We will have a Facility on a trailer being towed and members in uniform walking with the vessel.

The CG Cutter Kingfisher will be at the Fernandina dock for public tours on Saturday. We need members to be stationed on deck to help with the tour.

We will have a booth near the cutter to promote the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Members are needed to man the booth.

Coastie will be at the Festival and Bob Macias will need help with Coastie. The details will be covered at the April meeting.

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

Lighted Buoy 8 Amelia River was reported adrift By Tom Clare and the Coast Guard notified by phone and I sent a 7054 form in to them as well.

Extensive shoaling reported in vicinity of So. Amelia River DBN (LLNR 38100). An unlit pier extends into South Amelia River at Light 29.

If anyone is interested in becoming an Aids Verifier, please contact me.

General Information –

1. NOAA has posted all of its U. S. nautical charts [www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer](http://www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer).
2. **Light List III**, recently up-dated through LNTM 06-49, is available at [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete\(3\).pdf](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete(3).pdf). Regular updates are also available.
3. The most recent chart information, dated **1 January 2007**, is available online at "<http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm>".
4. The U. S. Coastal Pilot 4 (38<sup>th</sup> edition) and other volumes, may be downloaded, at no cost, from <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>.

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

All eleven Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission Reports were received and submitted.

We had a busy month mostly because of supporting the Coast Guard MSST in St. Marys with their training on March 6, 7, and 8.

**COMPUTER SERVICE** Joe Blanchard FSO-CS 14-1 (904) 277-4257

The Division 14 website is down as well as Flotilla websites that are on the national server. Flotilla 14-1 website is unaffected. Be sure to check the website OFTEN.  
<http://cgaux7-14-1.org/>

**FINANCE** J. Sintes FSO-FN 14-1 (904) 261-4432

**INFORMATIONS** Craig Bennett FSO-IS 14-1 (904) 261-7456

I just got word that the due date for the 1-hour TCT Refresher course will be 31 December 2007 and not 31 May 2007 as originally planned.

**MATERIALS** Louis Fusco FSO-MA 14-1 (912) 673-9470

The following information is provided to the members of Flotilla 14-1 to give a brief synopsis of the duties of the FSO Materials. The materials officer exercise staff supervision of the procurement of materials to include stationery, forms, stamps and publications needed by Flotilla members in the performance of their duties.

**MARINE SAFETY** Richard Trollope FSO-MS 14-1 (904) 941-1403

New items to expect to see or be recommended:

1. Halotron I fire extinguishers: These use a gas-not powder-for use on class A, B, or C fires. The Halotron I fire extinguisher is safe to use on computers and other "electronics" as it leave no messy residue for cleanup. However they are pricey replacements for Halon.
2. Emergency cutoff-switches are required for PWCs-but not on other boats. You can install a cut-off kit and replacement switch keys are available as spares. Caution: the keys are plastic, sunlight weakens them, and if you lose the key (without a spare) you can't start your engine.
3. Boats with generators have a switch to shift from shore power to ship's power and back. Newer boats have rotary switches to prevent energizing the shore power with your generator or vice versa. Older boats use 2 switches: you turn one "off" and the other "on." If you make a mistake and have both "on", the results are "not good". A lockout slide kit that prevents accidentally having 2 switches on at once is available
4. Kids swim shirts: the USCG has approved a Type III shirt (youth size 30-50 pounds) that also provides sun protection and has a crotch strap to hold the shirt on the child. As always, check the label to determine if it is the version that the USCG approved
5. LED lights require the proper bulbs. Example: a white light LED behind a green lens will appear as blue. You must use a green bulb behind the green lens.

6. Not all inflatable PFDs must be worn to be “counted”. The Ocean Series made by Mustang Survival does not. Some inflatables are recommended for offshore use and some for inshore use. As always check the label on the PFD to determine the requirements for use.

Reminder: the next Jacksonville Boat Show (outdoors and on the water) will be at the Metro Park across from the ALTEL Stadium 20-23 April 2007

**MEMBER TRAINER**                      Bob Sperry                      FSO-MT 14-1                      (904) 277-7191

The AUXCOM Speciality course (Communications) has been completed with eight members taking the final exam.

The next Speciality course will be AUXWEA (Weather) and will begin in July. This course is a very practical introduction to weather, it’s vocabulary, it’s causes, it’s patterns, instruments for measuring, physical observations, weather charts and symbols, forecasting, and coping with adverse weather. Especially useful for anyone going out on the water.

The course will be given on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting JULY 11 and continue for 11 sessions. The course has been updated from the previous offering and is much improved. It would benefit all of us including those who have already taken AUXWEA.

A GPS course is planned for June 9 and June 16. This is a joint PE and member training course. It is hands-on training of use of GPS focused on maritime operations. Participants are expected to bring their handheld GPS to class to learn what functions are available from the unit and how to implement these functions on your unit. Each session will last about three hours with homework to be done between the sessions. Again any of us who go out on the water will benefit from this course.

Finally any member interested in becoming crew qualified contact me if you haven’t done so already.

**MARINE PROGRAM VISITOR** (Vacant)                      FSO-PV 14-1

**OPERATIONS**                      Heinz Fridrick                      FSO-OP 14-1                      (904) 261-5844

During the month of March we had 13 patrols which brings our YTD patrols to 26 about at plan. Highlight of the month was our support to the Coast Guard in Kings Bay for their annual certification program with five patrol missions.

On March 14 we held our second Operations workshop with 30 Operational members participating. During the workshop Jim Arman presented a communication refresher, we discussed operations policies, how to improve risk assessments for the environment and a proposal how to maintain annual currency in our flotilla.

Our first workshop was on February 14. At that workshop we discussed new recertification requirements for coxswains and crew, Permitted Marine Events, new night navigation requirements and our ongoing annual training requirements. 25 Operational members participated in this workshop.



Ted Holmes: Ted had a slip next to Tom Clare at the Yacht Basin. He recently sold his boat but is trying to convince his wife that they need a live aboard trawler. Scott brings a lot of boating experience and knowledge to the flotilla. His mentor is Tom Clare. His e-mail address is [holmestmjr@aol.com](mailto:holmestmjr@aol.com)

Barbara Dunn: No relation to Erv and Dickie. Barbara is an accountant and is quite busy with H&R Block for now. Her son is a Coast Guard Academy graduate and was on active duty for a while as a pilot. Her mentor is Jerry Neal and her e-mail address is [msdunnkr@yahoo.com](mailto:msdunnkr@yahoo.com)

<b>SECRETARY</b>	Conrad Vaughn	FSO-SR 14-1	(912) 882-9453
<b>VESSEL EXAMANER</b>	Bob Tolg	FSO-VE 14-1	(904) 261-6149

Spring is HERE!!

Soon boating activity will increase sharply and part of our job is to ensure that the boaters are as safe as possible.

One way to do this is through the Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Examinations program. Let's get out on the boat launching ramps, Yacht Basin and the Marinas and get as many boats as possible inspected.

Please check up on your stock of Vessel Safety Check reports (ANSC 7012) and the 2007 decals. If you need any, please call Bob Tolg at 261-6149.

<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN 14-1	(904) 277-4065
<b>GROUND S KEEPER</b>	Paul Clark	FSO-GK 14-1	(904) 261-4041

Workday for maintaining the Lighthouse property will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 0830.

<b>LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER</b>	Helen Sintes	FSO-LK 14-1	(904) 261-4432
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Mac McAllister	FSO-FL 14-1	(904) 227-0062
<b>YOUTH PROGRAMS</b>	Gary Bong	FSO-YP 14-1	(904) 261-2006

**Need Help!** Childrens program Yulee Elem MON-Wed April 16,17,18 starting at 0800 to 1100 daily. We will give the program to about 250 children in groups of about 50 over the 3 day period. Please call me 261-2006 or E-mail [gmb2235@comcast.net](mailto:gmb2235@comcast.net) .

Thanks Gary Bong

P.S. You do not have to be an Instructor to Assist.

<b>HEALTH and SATETY</b>	Deborah Rollins	FSO-HS 14-1	(904) 251-0725
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# FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**April 5, 2007  
1900**

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

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