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At my first writing in the Nassau Soundings I was told that I was suppose to thank everyone who supported me in my election to FC and pat everyone on the back for the great job that we did in 2006. I'm not going to do that. I think almost everyone knows that not too many people wanted the job as FC or VFC and that's a shame because we have a great Flotilla and it's going to get better. I want to tell our members what my vision is for 2007 and what my priorities will be for the year.

Our first speaker for 2007 will be our newly elected Division 14 Captain (DCP), Bob Funk. I have asked Bob to come to our Thurs, 4 Jan 2007, meeting to tell us about his vision for Division 14 and the D14 Business Plan. The D14 Business Plan is the start of my vision for 2007. Before the meeting I will send an e-mail to all hands with the latest update of the Div14 Business Plan. We already have the best Operations program in D14 and maybe District 7. Also, we have the best website, one of the best Flotilla publications in our Nassau Soundings, our FSO-Safety and First Aid is a leader in D14, etc. The list goes on. D14 tried to enlist our FSO-OP and they did get our FSO-CS to do the D14 website and our FSO-SFA to do the D14 First Aid training. Our people are the best.

My first priority and focus of effort for 2007 will be Recreational Boating Safety. My second priority is Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) for the entire Flotilla.

I am going to encourage our members to obtaining the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Device. Ah, many of you are probably wondering what the RBS Device is. All I will say for now is that it involves PE, PA, VSE, RBS Visitation, and Legislative and State Outreach. Come to the meeting on 4 Jan 2007, and learn more.

We have 13 coxswain, 23 Crew and 9 facilities. That's more than we can use in any given month and as boat owner I wish I could get more on the water (OTW) time for my Operational Facility, but I'm am thankful for once a month. I have had the pleasure of

having a number of coxswains on my boat and I can honestly say that our coxswains are among the best.

Do the math. We have 36 members concentrating OTW but we have a membership of 96 people. We need to involve the 60% who are not involved in operations to get into something that is just as important – RBS and MDA.

My vision for 2007 is to follow the D14 Business Plan and encourage a large number of members to follow me in obtaining the RBS Device or at least getting more involved in RBS and MDA. If you want to learn more about what is on deck for 2007, come to the Thurs, 4 Jan 2007, Flotilla meeting.

MDA is the effective understanding of anything associated with the maritime domain that could impact the security, safety, economy or environment of the United States. MDA is not just for OTW operations but attention at our marinas, harbors, boat ramps, beaches and beach community. Amelia Island is a MDA priority area. We have all of the above.

RBSV and MDA is a hand and hand operation. From the Auxiliarist conducting a VSE, to the procurement FSO acquiring personal protective equipment, to personnel services, to ATONS, to member training, etc., it is all part of the RBS/MDA big picture.

Jim Arman, our outstanding IPFC, set the pace and I am running to keep up.

VICE COMMANDER Bill Williams VFC 14-1 (912) 729-8195

It is an honor to be selected by the Flotilla members to be your next VFC. Jim was a first rate Commander, Tom will have no problem filling his shoes and I will assist Tom in any way possible to make 2007 another successful year for our Flotilla.

My past experience with the Flotilla has been limited to patrol duties. As the new "Chief of Staff," I will be relying on the various staff members to bring me up to speed in the other functions of our Flotilla.

We have undergone considerable training and testing to meet the qualifications required for our respective duties and now it's time to use those skills. We should all be proud to be able to serve the Coast Guard Auxiliary in our present capacity, whether it is Vessel Examiner, BS&S Instructor, Crewmember, Coxswain, Personnel Services, Member Training or any other Flotilla duties.

I thank the members of our Flotilla for having the confidence in me to elect me as the next Vice Commander.

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

Nothing much new to report. There are specified routes out of our inlet to facilitate Right Whale avoidance in the Local Notice To Mariners.

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Planning is complete for the Change of Watch. A reminder to everyone: This is our most important social event of the year and we hope the attendance is much better than it looks at this writing. For some of you that do not get e-mails and only receive the mailed news letter, this may be the first notice you have received. The Change of Watch and Christmas party is for members and spouses or guests.

Saturday December 9

Happy Hour and entertainment- 1800 hours (6:00pm)

Dinner - 1830 hours

St. Peters Episcopal Church social hall

\$17.50 per person

The event will be catered however you are invited to bring an appetizer or desert. Dress is holiday wear.

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

Change of Watch

December 9, 2006

1800

St. Peters Episcopal Church

8th and Centre Street

Fernandina Beach, FL

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