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FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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IN MEMORIAM: Tom Wright, Larry Bowie, Rich Wagner, Erv Dunn, and Steve Ensley

From time to time we need to be reminded of the primary mission of the CGAUX and our Flotilla - recreational boating safety. As of today 47 of 56 states and territories have implemented one of three types of mandatory boating education: (1) education is based on date of birth, (2) education for all boaters with a phase-in, and (3) education for only a specified age group. There is evidence that some form of mandatory boating education produces an over all decrease in the number of fatalities. Florida leads the US in boating fatalities and is second for accidents. Florida's annual accident rate (671) for 2006 was second only to California (757). Florida had 69 fatalities, Texas had 47 and California had 44. All but eight of the Florida's fatalities were the result of drowning and none were wearing Personal Flotation Devices. Small vessels, especially under 18 feet, were most likely to be involved in an accident. It is a fact that Florida has over 1 million registered boat owners - the highest in the nation. Also, 33 of the 56 states and territories require boating safety instructors be certified. SCA, small craft advisory, reported that a typical accident involved a privately-owned boat operated carelessly or without a lookout. With continued expansion of boat owner ship in the local waters and the continuing influx of people into Florida and Southern Georgia, it is imperative that the Flotilla expand it's activities to reach out to all boaters in our area. We will do this with our continuing boater education programs like the American Boating Course and the Boating Skills and Seamanship course. Additionally, on the water safety patrols will remain vigilant for reckless boaters. We can all do a part by encouraging friends and neighbors to take a boating safety course.

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

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice Commander in 2007. Tom is running again for Commander in 2008 and Heinz will step into the VC job. Of course, I have offered to help as necessary.

Just a moment to reflect on the loss of Erv Dunn. Erv was a large presence in our unit and will be greatly missed. Our prayers now are with Dickie. I was impressed by the way individual members contributed to our reception at the lighthouse after Erv's service. Aaron Rawls delivered a fine eulogy. Rosanne Jameson was everywhere doing almost everything. We managed to get a lot of cars on the lighthouse grounds.

I thank all the members who helped me in my job last year. I'm not going anyplace, I'll be here to help as needed in the future. See you at the Change of Watch.

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

General Information –

- Coast Pilot 4, 39th edition, covering Cape Henry to Key west, is available at “<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot4.htm>”.
- The 2007 edition of Light List 3, updated through LNTM 27-07, is available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/lightlists/lightlists.htm>

Status of Charts

<u>Chart Nr.</u>	<u>Chart Title</u>	<u>Ed/Date</u>	<u>LNTM</u>
11488	Amelia Island to St. Augustine	26/Dec 06	13-07
11489	ICW – St. Simons Island to Tolomato River	37/May 07	46-07
11490	Approaches to St. Johns River; St. Johns River Entrance	19/Dec 06	44/07
11491	St. Johns River – Atlantic Ocean to Jacksonville	36/Jan 07	44/07
11492	St. Johns River – Jacksonville to Racy Point	21/Jul 06	24/07

Light 44 near Kings Bay was reported by our Flotilla as being damaged by collision and Solar Panel missing.

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

Do you know anyone using a cell phone as their only means of communications from their boat? If so, they may be putting their safety in jeopardy.

I want to take this opportunity to help boaters understand the importance of a marine radio as a critical part of a vessel's distress and safety system.

The Coast Guard always monitors Channel 16.

Many vessels within range are monitoring Channel 16. They will hear you but will be deaf to a cell phone call.

A VHF marine radio helps to ensure that storm warnings and other urgent marine information broadcasts can be received.

The Coast Guard can determine the location of a Channel 16 transmission by the use of directional finding equipment. They cannot pin point a cell phone transmission and will not even know that you are in trouble.

Fixed mount marine radios are powered by the vessel's battery and should provide adequate power to conduct your distress transmissions for an extended period. Cell phone batteries can run out just when you need them most.

How do you contact a vessel that is in sight when you need to communicate with it as a matter of urgency?

Other reasons can be put forward, but the main thrust here is that the Coast Guard does not advocate cellular telephones as a substitute for a regular marine band radio. A cell phone may be on board as an added measure of safety, but should not be considered as the primary lifeline when help is needed in an emergency.

So I ask all of you to tell your boater friends that don't have a VHF radio on their boat: Please heed the advice I've given above. This action may save their boat, their life and the lives of those on their boat.

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Remember to check our web site <http://cgaux7-14-1.org/>

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1. A Coast Guard Proposed Rule requiring Propeller Guards on Houseboats has been withdrawn for economic reasons.
2. There is a Fee in the works for St. Augustine boaters because, in the past two years, the City has had to remove 19 abandoned and wrecked vessels. The City will establish Mooring Fields where boaters may anchor for a Fee. The boat must be registered, pass an inspection, and have proper sanitation equipment so as to not dump sewage in the river. This Harbor Management Plan will be on the agenda for a meeting scheduled for November 20th.
3. The foreign flagged (registered) 737- foot bulk cargo ship M/V "North Princess" arrived in Jacksonville on November 20th 2006. Acting on a tip from the ships engineers and a cook, an investigation was undertaken into the secret dumping of oil and garbage overboard illegally—and falsifying the Logs. Kassian Maritime Navigation Ltd. (the ship's owner) was ordered to pay \$1.3 million in fines. The ship's engineer, 2 third engineers, and the cook received awards taken from the fine because of their contribution in the investigation. (\$230,000 each to the ship's engineer and cook and \$20,000 to each of the 2 third engineers.)

4. After 20 years the funding for Federal Dredging is drying up. Florida has however led the way in keeping its waters navigable. FIND, the Florida Inland Navigation District, has “Taxing Power”; a small portion of your homeowners’ taxes goes for maintaining the waterways. Unlike any other state, Florida funds 75% and the Federal Govt. funds 25% of the dredging costs. Elsewhere, for example, the ICW between Cumberland Sound, GA north to Port Royal, SC will only be monitored –but not dredged due to a shortage of funds and low use by commercial vessels.
5. Background on NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
 - 1807 –President Jefferson established the Survey of the Coast
 - 1870-The Weather Bureau was founded
 - 1871-U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries was founded
 - 1970-The three Agencies were brought together to form NOAA (now 200 years old in 2007)

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

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

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

1. During the month of November we had 5 patrols which brings the YTD patrols to 120 ,ten more then what we had planned through this month. Due to weather we had to cancel 7 patrols during the month.
2. Available for Patrol were 6 facilities, 12 coxswains and 22 crew.
3. At this time we have 12 new members who have expressed an interest to become crew. During the month of November five of them participated in “On The Water” training. In December we are planning to have 11 new members participate in “On The Water” crew training.
4. In February next year we are planning two Operational Workshops. Please mark you calendar

In the first Workshop on Wednesday, February 6 1900-2100 we intend to discuss operations procedures and policies and Harpat.

In the second Workshop on Wednesday, February 27 1900-2100 we will discuss 2008 currency requirements, Permitted Marine Events, Night navigation and 2008 patrol procedures and practices. In addition we are planning a communication refresher.

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Hope you have made your reservation for the Change of Watch. You need to call Jay Sintes by Wednesday December 12 to be included. The change of watch is Friday December 14 at St. Peters Episcopal church. Festivities begin at 1800. You can pay Jay at the door. Phone # 261-4432 For those of you that we don't see very often, this is a good opportunity to hear what the flotilla is doing and what is planned for the future. If you have any question you can call me.

We will complete the year with 11 outstanding new members. The sad news is that we lost 3 active and 2 past members within the past three months. They are listed below:

Active members	Past members
Larry Bowie	Tom Wright
Erv Dunn	Rich Wagner
Steve Ensley	

We are grateful for their friendship and service to the flotilla and are comforted knowing that they are in Gods care.

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Because of the cooler weather, we are entering that period when most of the “recreational boats” we examine will be “die –hard” fishermen. Many of these will be using those open and small vessels (25 feet or less) trailered to launch ramps (Fernandina Beach Marina or Dee Dee Bartels). These are of special interest because they are relatively small and our inland waters can have significant “chop” with northerly winds. As VEs you check for the required number, condition and ready availability of lifejackets. Go a step further and remind them that in cases involving a boat, 85% of drowning victims were NOT wearing a life jacket at all. If it gets rough “out there”, put them on. (They can only “work” if you wear them.)

Small vessel operators (particularly our “old timers”) point out that they don’t intend to be “out at night” and therefore don’t need Visual Distress Signals (VDS) (flares). Page 26 of the Federal Requirements & Safety Tips for Recreational Boats states they (VDS) (night signals)... “are only required to be carried on board when operating between sunset and sunrise” for vessels less than 16 feet in length. ALL others, 16 feet and longer, must carry “One orange distress flag and One electric distress light –or- Three hand-held or floating orange smoke signals and One electric distress light –or- Three combination (day/night) red flares: hand-held, meteor or parachute type”. The Florida Boaters’ Guide (page 26) and the Handbook of Georgia Boating Laws and Responsibilities (pages 38-39) essentially state the same requirements. In practice, most boaters elect to carry the combination (day/night) flares ---which meet Federal and (FL/GA) state regulations. Our job is to ensure these flares are in good condition –and have not reached the “expiration date”! For VEs, we have copies available to hand out all 3 of these publications to these boaters.

For VEs: if you need copies of the Fed and FL/GA publications, additional decals or ANSC 7012 VSC forms, call me at (904) 491-1403 or email me at rtrollope@earthlink.net.

Reminder: Submit your "Activity Report Vessel Examinations" (ANSC 7038) to Craig Bennett Craig@aibeach.com to get the on the AUXDATA. If not there, "you did not do them!"

HISTORIAN

Robert Lauber

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OBITUARY

Ervin (Erv) Edward Dunn passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL where he had been taken for treatment after suffering a severe heart attack at home on Friday evening, November 2nd.

Erv was born April 25, 1927 in Los Angeles, CA. He grew up in CA and MO. He served in the US Navy and graduated from the Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, MO with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He directed construction projects all over the country and overseas. He retired in 1988 after which he and his wife, Dickie, took up a life of boating and travel. They finally took up permanent residency in Fernandina Beach, FL in 1996 and lived in the home that Erv built.

Erv is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Catherine (Dickie) Dunn. Dickie Dunn, formerly known as Dickie Huggins was born and raised in Hannibal, MO. Their three children are Mark O. Dunn (Las Vegas, NV), Teddie Beal (Snohomish, WA) and Sue Cammarata (Houston, TX). Their 6 grandchildren are Ted Dunn, Dawnelle Gallo, Curtis Morris, and Phillip, Nina and Alissa Cammarata. Their two great grandchildren are Gillian and James Dunn Gallo. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM Saturday, November 10th at St. Michael's Catholic Church. A reception will follow the service at the Lighthouse Cottage.

Erv and Dickie were active members of St. Michael's Catholic Church, The US Power Squadron and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions may be made to any of these organizations or the National Alzheimer's Association.

Erv joined the Aux in May 1994, Held qualifications in VE, It, Mv, Crew & Coxswain. Served in 1996 Olympics in Savannah, Ga. by providing his vessel “Herlicon” and himself as part of the security for the athletes in the sailing events. This was a three week event. He served as FSO-OP 2000. Became AuxOp August 2001, having completed the required Seven Specialty Courses ADM, COM, NAV, PAT, SAR, SEA, WEA. Was elected Vice Commander 2001, Flotilla Commander 2002.

Steve Ensley



Steve Ensley 55, of Fernandina Beach passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, Nov. 27, 2007.

He was born in Jesup, Ga., and resided in Fernandina Beach for most of his lifetime. He was an honor graduate of the Florida Air Academy and served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Returning to Fernandina Beach, he worked with the Florida Public Utilities Co. and the Amelia Island Plantation and he spent several years as a grip and gaffer on major motion pictures such as Super Carrier and Pippi Longstocking and many nationally televised commercials.

In 1984, he opened Ens-ups Upholstery in Fernandina Beach, where he served his customers until his untimely passing.

He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He loved his family and friends, his fishing and his work. He was bigger than life and most who knew him would not forget his sense of humor and his work ethic.

He leaves behind his loving wife and best friend, Ellen; his sons, Jason S. Ensley of Fernandina Beach and Abhram S. Ensley of Berkley, Calif.; his beloved mother, Betty Hamilton of Tavares; his sisters, Dinah Collins of Mt. Dora, and Shelley Terry of Knoxville, Tenn.; his granddaughter, Sayla Kennerly of Fernandina Beach; and many nieces and nephews.

His sisters, the late Patricia Williams of Fernandina Beach and Faye Davis of Jesup, Ga., preceded him.

The pallbearers will be: Norman Knight Jr., Bobby Cook, Ronnie Cook, Mike Kelly, James Bliss, Carl Anderson, Michael Anderson and Aaron Rawls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals, Morocco Shrine Center, P.O. Box 16039, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

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Sign up NOW for CPR Training!

CPR classes offered to all USCG auxiliary members by American Red Cross instructor Deborah Rollins.

Class Name: Adult CPR, including AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training.
Also 1st Aid & Safety Class

Date: **Saturday, January 26, 2008**
Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm CPR & AED
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm First Aid & Safety

Location: Amelia Island Lighthouse Cottage

Cost: \$25. for CPR class (Aux. discount)
\$15. for 1st Aid Class (Aux. discount)
\$30. if you take BOTH classes on SAME day!

Please bring your lunch and beverages with you.

You MUST sign up in ADVANCE! Contact Deborah to enroll in class.

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CHANGE OF WATCH
Flotilla 14-1



St. Peters Episcopal Church

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
1800 REFRESHMENTS
1830 BUFFET DINNER

This is our premier annual event. Dress is holiday casual. Men if you have it, wear your blue blazer with grey or white pants, white shirt and blue tie.

\$17.50 per person - \$35.00 per couple.

You are invited to bring your favorite desert or appetizer to the table. (not required)

Send your check to Jay Sintes
P.O. Box 485
Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32035



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

Change of Watch
December 14 2007
1800 (6:00 PM)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
801 Atlantic Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL

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