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FSO-PB 14-1

December 2009

Calendar of Events

Dead line for Change Of Watch is Dec. 7, 2009

- Dec 03 There will be no Monthly Meeting for December, See you at the
- 11 Flotilla 14-1 Change of Watch
- 26 Work Day
- 30 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
- 31 Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date

Come Join The Fun And Fellowship



Heinz and Pam Friedrich

Lois and Herm Albertine
Herm is very ill and needs our prayers

FLOTILLA COMMANDER Heinz Fridrich FC 14-1 (904) 261-5844

This is another reminder that our annual Change of Watch is scheduled on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1800 hours.

Location: ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
8TH ST. AND ATLANTIC AVE.
FERNANDINA BEACH

Please mark your calendar. This is our once a year Holiday Celebration and I hope you and your spouse or significant other can attend.

At this time we have only 14 members and their spouses and 7 singles have signed up for the Change of Watch. We have 100 members in the flotilla.

Please reconsider and try joining us at our annual Holiday Celebration.

Looking forward to see you there.

VICE COMMANDER Joe Blanchard VFC 14-1 (904) 277-4257

Well the year is almost over, the election of new officers has taken place, and the Change of Watch will take place on December 11th. It has been a very busy year and I would like to express my thanks to everybody for all the work you did to make this year a success. I know you will provide the same assistance to the new Vice Flotilla Commander. I will be heading down into the Caribbean and plan to return before summer. Thank you for allowing me to be your VFC.

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

General Information

- The 2009 edition of Light List 3 is available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3.2009.pdf>
Information from the Local Notices to Mariners 08-53 and earlier are included in the new edition.

As reported last month: Changes to ATONs (since promulgation of the 2009 edition of Light List 3)

- **St. Marys Approach Obstruction Light South** (LLNR 6465), remove from Light List, LNTM 09-25.
- **St. Marys Approach Obstruction Light North** (LLNR 6470), remove from Light List, LNTM 09-25.

ATON PROBLEMS: (per Local Notice to Mariners, District 7 46-09)

6773 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light A extinguished/damaged
6867 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light E extinguished
6873 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light A extinguished

CHANGES:

Kings Bay Light 48 discontinued for dredging

It is requested we continue to report all PATON status in our OSR, including the Cumberland Sound Shoal Lights (10 each) verifying positions and with pictures and the 9 ea. Amelia Island Danger Shoal Beacons LLNR 38168 thru 38174.

COMMUNICATIONS
Assistant

Jerry Neal
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Radio Watch Standing Mission Number

There has been some confusion as to which mission number to use on our 7030 form for Watch Standing.

I checked the latest 7030 E-Form on <http://forms.cgaux.org/email.html>. Upon checking the latest E-Form issue of 7030, 20A no longer is an option on the drop-down list. We need to use 20B, this is listed under CG Operational Support/Radio Watch Standing:

20B Radio Watch Stander/Net

Hours spent as a qualified watch stander at a Coast Guard or Auxiliary fixed land radio station, when specifically requested by the Coast Guard. Wearing a beeper is not reportable. Only one operator is reportable per radio. Also report any time on an authorized Auxiliary Radio Net.

Please use this mission for RWStanding from now on.

Note: the new E-form is dated 10/08, e-rev date 10/17/08, rev #2. Please download it into your forms file and use it from now on.

USCG Mayport Station Watch stander Training

On Friday, 13 November 2009, 15 persons from Division 14 flotillas showed up at USCG Station Mayport for an introductory discussion from BM1 Rudy Radaknvich with what he has in mind for training to be a Radio Watch stander at Mayport Station. I haven't heard how many have signed up, however, I know of at least two from Flotilla 14-1: De Brauwere and Neal. If anyone thinks they might be interested, please contact Jerry Neal at the above phone number or by email at jerdadgman@aol.com.

The basics are thus: The trainee must study and pass via an "orals board" COMDTINST M16120.7A, Communications Watch stander Qualification Guide. There will be a two month long break-in period consisting of two 4-hour watches per week for a total of 64 hours. These will be spent in the radio room observing procedures and studying the guide. In addition, there will be three patrols on CG boats -- one for each of three areas of responsibility (AOR) -- each starting from Mayport. Those patrols go to Kings Bay, Matanzas, and Palatka.

There are some other particulars I can fill you in if you are interested. Upon completion, it will be a simple matter to pass the flotilla requirement for radio watch, the Telecommunications Personnel Qualification Standard (TC PQS). The TC PQS is a subset of the M16120.7A.

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

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2. Weather forecasting: quick tips:
 - A. Observe the smoke from a ship, tug or factory. If it falls flat or sinks below the stack, that means lowering air pressure and is the sign of an approaching storm.
 - B. Rings appearing around the moon are caused by ice crystals and that is a sign of a low pressure system: rain is on the way.
 - C. A 10 mph wind on land may mean 20 mph on the water. Wind has to overcome more friction on land than water where it can blow twice as strong.
 - D. Long hair can be an indicator of humidity; if curly hair starts to droop or straight hair curls, humidity is rising—a likely chance of rain. (Bald people are of no help).
3. Propeller pits or cavitation burns:

Water boils at 212 degrees at atmospheric pressure—but it can boil at a lower temperature if the pressure is lowered. Running the propeller incorrectly (too fast) creates a low pressure boiling (creating water vapor). The vapor bubbles release their energy by chipping away (eroding) the prop blades. Decreasing speed raises the pressure and the boiling stops.
4. Better understanding of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs):

At the beginning of each CFR chapter is usually a section on Applicability and Definitions. It is important to read these as each chapter is different. Example: Licensing Chapter - Near Coastal is 200 miles off the coast of the U.S.; Passenger Vessel Chapter -Coastwise- 20 miles from a harbor of safe refuge. (Completely different meanings).
5. Kelly Johnson Act of 1998:

Effective January 1st, 1999 is named after a 15 year old girl who was killed when the drunk operator left the helm-but could NOT be prosecuted for drunk driving. FL Statute 327.02 Definition: Operate means to be in charge of or in command of or in actual physical control of a vessel or have responsibility for the vessel’s navigation or safety while underway. This does not apply if the vessel is docked, made fast to the shore or if a “designated driver” who does not consume alcohol is operating the vessel.

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

MARINE PROGRAM VISITOR Pete Maye FSO-PV 14-1 (912) 552-3350

OPERATIONS

Heinz Fridrick

FSO-OP 14-1

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During the month of November we had 11 patrols three more than planned. This brings our YTD patrols to 112, twelve less than what we planned at the beginning of the year. During the month one patrol was canceled due to weather.

As of the end of November we had 20 certified crewmembers, 5 coxswains and 7 facilities were available for patrols. Five new members are in Crew Training.

As of November all Crew and coxswain are now recertified. During next year we need to recertify three coxswains and six crew.

Early in November we had a training mission at night with four Crew and one Crew trainee. All participants felt that this was an excellent experience. Piloting at night is different than during day time and we need to practice this. Next year as many operational members as possible should participate in at least one night mission.

In January and February 2010 we are planning two **Operational Workshops at the Light House. Please mark your calendar.**

In the **first Workshop** on Wednesday, January 20, 1900-2100 we intend to discuss 2010 Patrol Practices and procedures, 2010 patrol schedule and training and certification requirements, Night Operations and Standard Operating Procedures including Come Upons for distress and non distress situations.

In the **second Workshop** on Wednesday, February 10, 1900-2100 we will discuss 2010 currency requirements, SAR patterns, Permitted Marine Events, key policies related to operation such as offshore limitations, min crew requirements etc In addition we are planning to discuss communication procedures/requirements and navigational aids and reporting.

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Your personnel officer encourages all Members, especially new members and recruits to plan to attend the Change of Watch party at the Episcopal Church on Friday, December 11. This is a very important social and official event. For more information check the website Calendar www.cguax7-14-1.org. For reservations send a check payable to USCGA 14-1 for \$17 per person to Tom Pippin at 96273 Bayview Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 .



John Rendo



Gil Korta

FLOTILLA 14-1 - **16** new members will have been sworn in so far this year, when John Rendo and Gil Korta are sworn in at the next meeting. All members should be **welcoming** these new people, **helping** them find their interests and **getting** them involved. This is how we keep members active and interested. Unfortunately we have had 4 of the above decide not to remain because of time constraints at this time. This still leaves 11 new members for 2009. We may have one or two more in December. This exceeds the goal of 10 for 2009..

FLOTILLA 14-1 - Has one candidate who has transferred from a Michigan auxiliary. Her name is Sondra Shepherd. She has finally succeeded and is officially in our flotilla. She will be at the Change of Watch. Please greet her and make her welcome.



FLOTILLA 14-1 currently has **14** new recruits who are studying to become members.

It is exciting that there is so much interest in joining our flotilla.

All members please keep finding new recruits! Thanks to all members who have been recruiting. Keep encouraging new recruits. **And** when new members are sworn in greet them and help them get involved. Their pictures are always posted in the cottage.

SECRETARY	Joan Blanchard	FSO-SR 14-1	(904) 277-8270
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1. KUDOS to our Flotilla 14- 01 VEs for attaining our target of over 200 Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) in CY 2009. (Actually the “running” total is 214 and still counting as we receive pending inputs to AUXDATA). A special note of thanks to Jim Arman and Craig Bennett whose help in monitoring our ANSC 7038s made possible (relatively) early detection of missing inputs to AUXDATA and our FC, Heinz Fridrich, who successfully brought five VEs back out of REYR.
2. Admittedly, the cooling weather and the proximity of the end of this current year will likely curtail requests for VSCs. However, all our VEs are encouraged to follow up on those owner/operators whose vessels they inspected this year in preparation for CY 2010.

Example: You have their names and if they live in Nassau (or Camden) County, you might be able to call them about a free VSC in the New Year.

3. We receive our decals for (successful) VSCs from the Division VE; as soon as they are provided to me, I will make them available to our VEs to encourage an early start in CY 2010. (You need not ask for them; I plan to distribute a minimum of five (5) to all VEs . For our power house VEs like Tom Hayden and Frank Powell, I will provide as many as possible.)
4. I have requested, of our FC, a fifteen minute “VE Workshop” early in the New Year – preferably tied to a regular Flotilla 14-01 Meeting. Purpose: Cover any new rules/critical things to cover with VSCs/reports and, importantly, determine if we have new members who would like to become VEs.
(In anticipation of new candidates for VE, I would like to have volunteer VEs willing to mentor them.)

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FELLOWSHIP	VACANT	FSO-FL 14-1	(904)
YOUTH PROGRAMS	Gary Bong	FSO-YP 14-1	(904) 261-2006
HEALTH and SATETY	Robert Conkilm	FSO-HS 14-1	(912) 673-9678

Thanks to All Staff Officers For a Great 2009

Welcome to the 201 Staff Officers
There are some changes to the Staff Positions

USCG Auxiliary
Flotilla 14-1
Eighteenths Annual
Change of Watch
11 Dec 2009

Evening's Program

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| 1800 | Social Gathering |
| 1830 | Pledge, invocation, introduction of guests (Fridrich) |
| 1900 | Dinner |
| 1930
special | Thank you/certificates for past staff officers, including
staff officers (Fridrich) |
| 2000 | Buddy Birkit Award, first Flotilla Commander Award
any special awards (Fridrich) |
| 2015 | Swear in new FC and VFC
Fridrich comments |
| 2030 | Swear in new Staff Officers (Fridrich) |
| 2045 | Adjourn |

–2010 Staff Officers–

Heinz Fridrich
Flotilla Commander

Craig Bennett
Vice Flotilla Commander

Tom Hayden
Immediate past Flotilla Commander

Communications (FSO-CM)	Scott DeBrauwere
Communication Services (FSO-CS)	Vacant
Finance (FSO-FN)	Tom Pippin
Information Systems (FSO-IS)	Craig Bennett
Materials (FSO-MA)	Lou Fusco
Marine Safety (FSO-MS)	Richard Trollope
Marine Program Visitor (FSO-PV)	Peter Maye
Member Training (FSO-MT)	Bill Kelly
Navigation Services (FSO-NS)	John Tatum
Operations (FSO-OP)	Heinz Fridrich
Personnel Services (FSO-PS)	Barbara Dunn
Public Affairs (FSO-PA)	Robert Conklin
Public Education (FSO-PE)	June Darby
Publications (FSO-PB)	Aaron Rawls
Secretary and Records (FSO-SR)	Leanne Woleshin
Social and Fellowship (FSO-FS)	(Vacant)
Vessel Examiner (FSO-VE)	Richard Trollope

–Local Additions to Staff Officers

Grounds Keeper(FSO-GK)	Paul Clark
Grounds Keeper(FSO-GK)	Roger Fowler
Historian (FSO-H)	Robert Lauber
Lighthouse Keeper (FSO-LK)	Helen Sintes
Youth Programs (FSO-YP)	Sam Boyd
Health & Safety (FSO-H&S)	Robert Conklin

DIVISION 14: DCDR: Jesse Stevens VDCR: George D.Greene



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

December 11, 2009

1800

Change of Watch

Episcopal Church

8TH ST. AND ATLANTIC AVE.

Fernandina Beach, FL

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