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FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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For those who are not active with our Flotilla, and our friends, let me give you an overview of the Flotilla. A month in the life of Flotilla 14-1 starts with our Flotilla meeting at 1900 the 1st Thursday of the month. We meet at the Lighthouse at Fernandina Beach which is right on the GA and FL border and the St Marys River. Our regular meeting lasts about an hour which is followed by a speaker or training. After adjournment we always have refreshments from a FSO and we stay around for fellowship. One Tuesday a month we have a social at a local restaurant in Fernandina or St Marys where there are many to choose from. Our last social was dinner and drinks at the Irish Pub. Also, we have one Saturday which is clean up of the building and grounds of the Lighthouse. Last but not least we have a FSO meeting the last Wednesday of the month. We have an Operational Facility on the ICW every Saturday and Sunday. Our patrol area is Amelia Island Yacht Basin (AIYB) south to Nassau Sound; another is AIYB north to Marker 71 which is a couple of miles north of Kings Bay Navy Submarine Base. The last patrol area is the City of St Marys, GA, out to the end of the Cumberland Sound and the entrance to the St Marys river and the border split between GA and FL. Our critical areas include the Fernandina Port, a pulp mill, a paper mill, four marinas and Kings Bay Navy Submarine Base. Come visit any time.

VICE COMMANDER

Bill Williams

VFC

14-1

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(Our VFC is boating to warmer waters and must not have been able to get to a computer.)

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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I attended the Division 14 meeting on January 20 and met with Division SO-AN Chuck Farmer. We are establishing better communications on ATON information including a new form 7054 and also e-mail links as well as by mail.

Two main goals we have this year is to keep Coxswains and Crew better informed as to how we report ATON problems and what to look for. The other is a better procedure for reporting through FSO-AN even if already done by telephone.

Some of this is repeated because it is important.

Items from Local Notice to Mariners for our area:

1. Amelia River lighted Buoy “2” is still extinguished.
2. St. Mary’s entrance range front light passing light is extinguished.
3. Amelia River lighted buoy “3” is corrected.

Chart 11488 Change (Amelia Island to St. Augustine) [25th edition, dated Jul 2005]

- a. Delete Nassau Cutoff Buoy 46A (LLNR 38167) (LNTM 39/06)
- b. Change Nassau Cutoff Daybeacon 46B to Nassau Cutoff Daybeacon 46A at 30 deg. 31’ 23.393”N and 081 deg. 27’ 40.846”W (LLNR 38170 retained) (LNTM 39/06)

General Information –

1. NOAA has posted all of its U. S. nautical charts www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer.
2. Light List III, at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3COMPLETE.pdf>. Regular updates are available weekly.
3. The most recent chart information, dated 1 October 2006, is available online at [“http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm”](http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm).
4. A new edition of Chart 11491 (St. Johns River [Atlantic Ocean to Jacksonville]) was promulgated 1 Aug 2006.
5. The U. S. Coastal Pilot 4 (38th 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

1. Seven (7) of seven (7) Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission were received and submitted.
2. Isabel Gaw said she is ready to take her Comm Specialist test and then be ready to stand radio guard.

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

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

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

I will soon be sending out individual member activity reports which contain compiled hours of activity for each member during 2006 as per following communication. All members need to verify the information that is contained within their respective report and inform me of any discrepancies. Thanks...Craig

Subject: Annual Member Letter

The Annual Member Summary and Status Report has been reinstated in order to:

1. Thank our members for their contributions during 2006,
2. Provide them with a summary of their mission activities, awards, qualifications and other personal information that is currently in AUXDATA, and
3. Give the members an opportunity to have any misinformation corrected via feedback to their Information Systems Officer.

It is important that the member information contained in our electronic data warehouse is as accurate as possible. The Annual Member Letter is now available to those with Flotilla and Division level access to

AUXDATA.

The National Commodore has sent out a letter to the District Commodores asking that every Flotilla Commander ensures that each member of their flotilla is provided with a copy of their personal member letter via e-mail or snail mail, as appropriate. The instructions for accessing the letters are explained in the attachment.

Members will be directed to review the information on their own report and inform the IS Officer of any necessary changes or additions. Data input on all corrections relative to the 2006 Annual Member Letter report should be made by 1 April 2007.

MATERIALS

Louis Fusco

FSO-MA 14-1

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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.

Auxiliary unique items such as polo shirts, mugs, ribbons and other items are available from the 7th District store that can be accessed from the 14-1 web site.

Uniform items can be obtained from the Auxiliary National Supply Center by FAX or mail. In addition uniform items are available from the 7th District store or the Coast Guard Exchange located at Station Mayport.

If members need help in acquiring auxiliary items please call me or send me an email.

MARINE SAFETY

Richard Trollope

FSO-MS 14-1

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Marine Safety Issues for February 2007

For the information of all old and new members, the duties of the Marine Safety (and Environmental Protection) Officer (MS/MEP) consist primarily as liaison for you with the counterpart Division (MSO). We are fortunate to have a retired Coastguardsman (Marc

Lang) at the Division level. He periodically provides materials or “inside information” on forthcoming changes in CG or CGAUX policies or procedures, which are passed to you via the Nassau Soundings or your other Staff Officers.

Of near term interest, two major Boat Show are scheduled for Jacksonville as follows:
8-11 February (Thursday through Sunday) at the Prime Osborn Center, downtown
20-22 April (Friday through Sunday) at the Metro Park; this is the “in the water” show.
At both shows the CGAUX (and Power Squadrons) have volunteers handing out materials on their Safe Boating programs and answering boating questions when they can-or referring the requestors to better sources.

From our SO-MS the following items are forwarded:

1. A free Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) pump-out station is now open at the west- end pier of the Metro Park in Jacksonville.
2. VikingRescyou Liferrafts are being recalled because a pressure relief valve malfunctions. Contact a Viking dealer to get it repaired.
3. The FWCC has approved changes to the Manatee Zones in the St. Johns River The area affected is from Reddie Point to the Fuller Warren (I-95) bridge.
4. Changes to the U.S.C.G. Boating Accident Report (CG-3865) form take effect;
Eliminated items are: If the vessel had a VSC, Engine Serial Number, estimated number of days and hours the vessel was used this year, and typical number persons on board.
Added items are: The term “sudden medical condition (heart attack, stroke)” has been added for contributing factors for an accident, and witness for the overall accident.
For further details see the Federal Register from 21 December 2006.
5. New Bridge Requirements effective 3 January 2007:
Emergency vehicles take priority over bridge openings; the tender must make every effort to keep the bridge closed upon arrival of an emergency vehicle.
These requirements are for bridges on the ICW from the Savannah River to Key West. Tugs with tows and public vessels will require a bridge opening at any time.
(A public vessel is defined as owned and operated by the U.S. Government but not in commercial service).

MEMBER TRAINER

Bob Sperry

FSO-MT 14-1

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The main goal of the FSO-MT is to encourage all members to continue to add to their knowledge and skills necessary to support the Flotillas activities, especially the operations, public education and courtesy examiner functions. Working with the FSO-OP, FSO-PE and FSO-VE we conduct training sessions and workshops to encourage active participation with proper skills and up to date procedures.

All members should consult the Flotilla calendar, attend Flotilla meetings and read their e-mails to keep current on the educational activities being planned.

We have workshops planned in February and March for all members involved with operations.

Crew and coxswain training will continue and anyone interested in starting either should contact me in early February to be sure you are included. Call 904 277-7191.

The specialty courses needed to attain AUXOP status will be offered as interest develops. Two are currently planned for 2007 - AUXCOM and AUXWEA. Others such as AUXPAT and AUXSAR may be considered if members show an interest.

AUXCOM will begin on Monday 12 Feb and continue each Monday for five sessions and the final exam. Jim Arman will conduct the sessions and if you are interested please contact me or Jim on 904 261-3804

AUXWEA will begin in early July and will consist of twelve sessions and the final exam. Joe Blanchard will lead these sessions.

MARINE PROGRAM VISITOR	(Vacant)	FSO-PV 14-1	
OPERATIONS	Heinz Fridrick	FSO-OP 14-1	(904) 261-5844

During the month of January we had 7 patrols. One patrol was canceled due to bad weather. At the end of January we had 11 active coxswains, 9 available facilities and 21 active crew members in the flotilla.

As of January 1, 2007, annual recertification requirements and requirements to participate in night Permitted Events have changed. We are planning the following two workshops in February and March to discuss this.

To all Coxswains, Crew members and Crew trainees

Please attend the following two workshops

1. Wednesday, February 14 1900 to 2100 Light House

At this workshop we want to discuss the new recertification requirements for coxswains and crew. I sent you a copy of these requirements on January 14 and January 16. We also want to discuss the ongoing training, how we keep track and the new Night navigation requirements.

2. Wednesday, March 14 1900 to 2100 Light House

At this workshop we want to review operation policies and procedures like

- SAR organization and responsibility
- Marine safety and security,
- Maritime SAR assistance policy
- Engine stop policy
- Permitted Marine events/Patrol commander duties
- Salvage policy
- Mission codes
- Patrol scheduling
- MDA reports

It is important that all active operations members participate in these workshops. Please confirm that you plan to attend. Regards Heinz

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Robert Conklin

FSO-PA 14-1

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2007 will be a challenging and changing year for the Auxiliary as we are asked to perform increased missions in safety patrols, public education, administration, boating safety and homeland security. I thought I would share with you some interesting statistics that I recently reviewed on the Auxiliary Public Affairs web site.

The auxiliary now has over 30,000 members performing the following missions in a year;
85,000 hours of Safety Patrols
25,000 hours of Public Affairs
38,000 hours of member training
22,000 hours of Public Education

We will continue to need all of your support to maintain this high level of activity. As your Public Affairs officer, I will continue to proactively publish what we do in our flotilla. The 2007 season starts off with our annual BS&S classes to support Public Education and boater safety. I have published an article in local papers on these classes as well as an article on volunteerism in America. We will again participate in the Jacksonville boat show, and Fernandina Shrimp festival. I plan to publish articles with photos at a minimum, quarterly in local newspapers. Please make sure to bring your cameras on all mission and submit to our web site so that I can use them in these articles.

PUBLICATIONS

Aaron Rawls

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This newsletter is dependant on the INPUT of the officers, staff and members of the Flotilla. I need your input by the Friday night before the Flotilla Meeting Please send articles on time. Of course you can send it earlier, THANKS.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tom Pippin

FSO-PE 14-1

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY TUESDAY, JAN. 23, IF YOU CAN INSTRUCT AT THE ASSIGNED TIME. IF NOT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT DATE YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND I CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

TEACHING MATERIALS WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING: FEB. 1, 2007. IF YOU ARE NOT AT THIS MEETING, I WILL GET THE MATERIALS TO YOU.

Chapter	Date	Instructor/s
One	2/20	Hayden/Knauss
Two	2/22	Owsley
Three	2/27	McNamara
Four	3/6	Rawls
Five	3/8	Lauber
Six	3/13	Sperry
Eight	3/15	Auburn
Nine	3/20	Dunn/Lawson
Twelve	3/22	Durden

Thirteen 3/27 Arman
Exam 3/29

PERSONEL SERVICE Sam Boyd FSO-PS 14-1 (904) 277-6608

Last month I reported that we added 13 new members to our roster in 2006. A transfer member made the number 14, which is the most new members we have ever added to our rolls in one year. I also reported that we had no prospects as of the first of January. That has changed. We now have 10 prospect members. Only 2 are ready to commit to starting our new member course. The others are studying our web site and reading our prospect member brochure.

3 of the prospects were referred from the National web-site, five were referred by our members and 2 from local newspaper articles.

Our web-site is an excellent tool to inform prospect members. 90% of prospects know nothing about us. The web-site is also an excellent tool to inform all of us. Joe Blanchard is doing an excellent job for us. He spent over 200 hours last year planning and updating our new web-site. We should all refer to it often because it is constantly changing.

SECRETARY (Vacant) FSO-SR 14-1

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HISTORIAN Robert Lauber FSO-HN 14-1 (904) 277-4065

GROUNDS KEEPER Paul Clark FSO-GK 14-1 (904) 261-4041

WORK DAY AT LIGHTHOUSE GROUNDS

Last Saturday Jan 27th we had 7 workers doing grounds and building maintenance. The following members trimmed the brush east of the fence to open the view to the marsh: Rosanne Jameson, Richard Trollope, John Thomas and his son, Wayne Lawson and Bob Lauber. Last week Heinz Fridrich and Bob Lauber started the project. Jim Arman completed the gutter repair.

Next month we plan to continue the clearing of the brush and work inside of the cottage.

Work day will be February (Saturday) the 24th at 0900 weather permitting. New members are welcome to help. If you have questions please call me.

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EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

A MESSAGE FROM THE IPFC Jim Arman TO ALL CREW AND COXSWAIN

By just listening to comments made by many of our coxswain and crew members, I get the feeling that many of you are about to the point of being overwhelmed by all of the new requirements being placed upon us. Some of you just want to give it all up.

1. [Incident Command System \(ICS\) Requirements](#)
2. Station Mayport's required night operation certification.
3. The new Boat Crew recertification requirements. This amounts to an initial qualification every three years.

The question has become, why do all of us if Mayport does not want to use us on missions. I had been suffering from this same doubt and confusion until I overheard a conversation at the District Conference last month. The conversation was about the use of Auxiliary assets for SAR. The essence of the discussion was the active side lacked confidence in the Auxiliary to safely perform the mission.

However there is one overwhelming exception, Flotilla 11-1 associated with the Sand Key Coast Guard Station on Florida's west coast. When I talked to some of their members it became apparent why the Coast Guard allows them to handle many of their SAR cases and actually run the Station on weekends.

The active members:

1. Are nearly all Coxswain qualified
2. Have completed all ICS
3. Complete all annual workshops, required or not
4. Are Operational Excellence qualified.
5. Are active in Auxiliary Division and District meetings.
6. Have participated in the ISAR competition annually. Winning several events at the international meet.
7. Are AUXOP members.

Do you think that it is possible that if more of us would obtain these additional qualifications and participate more actively in our Flotilla, Division and District activities, that the active side would gain confidence in our abilities and be more inclined to accept us? I don't believe that those of us that worked so hard to become qualified will let these additional requirements keep us from continuing to be crew and coxswain.

I joined the Auxiliary for two reasons; 1. To learn as much as possible about boating and boating safely. 2. To be able to help the recreational boating public. I realize now that I am going to have to work harder on #1 in order to do #2.



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**February 1, 2007
1900**

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

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