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FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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Ref the Flotilla 14-1 newsletter survey I sent out [three](#) weeks ago.

I have had 42 responses to the survey out of 93 members. I was able to contact two who get it by mail and they are included in the 39 responses to the questions. Out of the 42, three said they liked the NS and wanted to continue to receive it but did not answer questions (not included in survey). The 39 replies to the questions is an absolutely great response.

Here are the results:

1. Do you read: yes - 39 No- 0

(I did no care if some read it all, some skim, or some read only FC and VFC comments. Most said they read it ALL)

2. Do you want to continue: Yes - 39 No - 0

3. Electro or paper: Elect - 32 Paper - 3 (Mail - 2) Rest - no matter which

4. Rate Quality: Excellent - 8 Good - 25 Fair/poor - 9

5. Frequency would you prefer: Monthly - 20 Quarterly - 11 No response - Remainder (Presume did not care.)

6. Comments: Vast major were highly favorable. Many asked for more pics.

FC comments: Most general members wanted it monthly. All past Flotilla Commanders said it should be monthly and some felt that staff officers could report more activities. Majority of past FC said change nothing.

This month's **NASSAU SOUNDINGS** is dedicated to the proposed Flotilla 14-1 2008 Business Plan. Heinz Fridrich, VFC, has diligently collected the in-put from most of the staff and what follows is our report. We will discuss the Flotilla 14-1 2008 Business Plan at the Thursday's general meeting at the Lighthouse. Most Flotilla Staff Officers wrote his plan and what follows is what we have reviewed and approved so far. Much work remains to be done,

VICE COMMANDER Heinz Fridrich VFC 14-1 (904) 631-7848

In the last Nassau Sounding we highlighted the major missions of the CGAUX and our flotilla and the three distinctive but interdependent functional groups or areas of responsibility within our flotilla

These three areas of responsibility are

- **Recreational Boating Safety**
- **Marine Safety and Security**
- **Flotilla Member Services.**

As proposed in the last Nassau Sounding we developed a set of objectives for 2008 for each of these areas of responsibilities .We then asked each functional group and discipline to respond with a detailed set of supporting objectives or initiatives. In total we defined 18 area of responsibility objectives and 68 supporting objectives and initiatives. **These Objectives and Initiatives are the basis for our Flotilla 14-1 2008 Business Plan.**

We discussed all objectives and initiatives of each functional unit in several staff meetings and we urge you to look at the objectives and initiatives and on our WEB side under:

<http://cgaux7-14-1.org/bp.htm>

We need all of you to meet these objectives and initiatives .You should try to understand them and decide what you as an member can and are willing to do to move our Flotilla forward. Your Staff officers need your participation and involvement

Please let us know if you have questions or comments. We appreciate your feed back.

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY – RBS

FUNCTIONS:

Public Education	FSO-PE	T. Pippen
Marine Program Visits	FSO-PV	P. Maye
Public Affairs	FSO-PA	R. Conklin
Vessel Examination	FSO-VE	R. Trollope

2008 OBJECTIVES:

- RBS #1 Achieve superior instructional programs offered to the Public
- RBS #2 Increase number of students reached
- RBS #3 Increase/schedule ABC and BS&S classes
- RBS #4 Offer AUX specialty courses to public
 - to be investigated: Only available for USCG Auxiliary? FSO-MT
- RBS #5 Increase the number of recreational vessels examined and maintain high standards of the safety check
- RBS #6 Improve the public and marine industry awareness and support of the auxiliary (media outlets, publications, marine related events)

PUBLIC EDUCATION

FSO – PE Tom Pippin

1. Schedule two BS&S Programs: February and September 2008
2. Schedule at least three ABC Programs
 - April – Amelia Island (Women Only)
 - May - St. Mary, Ga.
 - May - Amelia Island
3. Schedule Instructor workshop: February 16, 2008 for 13 instructors
4. Implement revised BS&S program
5. Advertise Public Education
 - Word of mouth
 - Newspaper
 - Posters
 - Marine program visits
6. Leverage public education programs to recruit new members for the Auxiliary

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FSO-PA Robert Conklin

1. Continue to support training by publishing classes in local paper
2. Coordinate marina days booth and Shrimp Festival parade
3. Publish 2 recruiting articles in local papers

4. Continue editing of monthly column in Nassau Neighbors
5. Provide photos of officers and member activities for publishing in Soundings and local papers
6. Coordinate and maintain event calendar for Flotilla
7. Coordinate/write/edit an article for submission to Navigator Magazine
8. Set up communication channels with other Div. PAs

MARINE PROGRAM VISITS

FSO –PV Peter Maye

1. Complete Certification of FSO-PV
2. Develop List of Program Partners

Tier I	Marine dealers/marinas
Tier II	Retail boating/fishing outlets
Tier III	Miscellaneous public places
3. Coordinate with FSO-MA to obtain materials
4. Coordinate with FSO-MT for up-to-date schedules on training opportunities
5. Visit program partners at a minimum rate of 10 per certified PV
6. Follow-up visits with program partners on a bi monthly basis
7. Recruit, train, certify PVs – Target +3 additional PVs
8. Report ANSC-7046, liaison with Division RBS chair

VESSEL EXAMINATION

FSO-VE Richard Trollope

1. Continue monthly liaison with Division (SO-VE) on Vessel Safety Check (VSC) information for recreational boats.
2. Provide running summary reports of VSCs completed by Vessel Examiners (VEs) from Flotilla 14-1.
3. Provide monthly article for the “Nassau Soundings” on items of interest to members of Flotilla 14-1.
4. Maintain stock of VSC forms and decals for use by VEs and stock of Federal Requirements and Safety Tips, and Georgia and Florida Requirements for recreational boats for distribution to the public.

5. Increase completed VSCs to 200 from 192 in 2007.
6. Control submitted ANSC 7038s to ensure proper entry into AUXDATA.
7. Add two new VEs
8. Prioritize VE assistance and support.

MARINE SAFETY AND SECURITY – MS&S

FUNCTIONS:

Operations	FSO-OP	H. Fridrich
Communication	FSO-CM	J. Neal
Aids to Navigation	FSO-AN	J. Tatum
Marine Safety	FSO-MS	R. Trollope
Member Training	FSO-MT	R. Sperry

2008 OBJECTIVES:

- MS&S #1 Increase number and improve competency of watch standers
- MS&S #2 Develop/Establish an effective disaster response plan
 ● FC will develop plan with staff support
- MS&S#3 Increase numbers of qualified crew and coxswains
- MS&S #4 Improve competencies of boat crew personnel
- MS&S #5 Support Coast Guard Station Mission (Permitted marine events, marine safety)
- MS&S #6 Support Coast Guard ATON Mission

OPERATIONS FSO-OP Heinz K. Fridrich

1. Increase total patrols to 139 from 130 in 2007
 - 24 safety patrols (ATON, training, multi-mission)
 - 79 marine safety – harbor patrols
 - 22 PME patrols
 - 14 operational training patrols
2. Manage increased number of patrols within approved 2008 fuel budget.
3. Recertify 8 crew and 3 coxswains - 5 QE missions.

4. Qualify at least 6 new crew members -3 QE missions.
5. Sign off check rides of 3 teams (7 coxswains, 8 crew and 3 boats) for additional night training
6. Hold two OP workshops in February 2008.

COMMUNICATION
FSO-CM Jerry Neal

1. Add 2 additional watch standers
2. Schedule communication refresher(part of OP workshop) in February
3. Develop different communication scenarios and educate boat crew personnel and watch standers.(SAR,MOB, medical emergency, marine safety, Mayday)
4. Establish effective communication protocol to Sector Command Center -Jacksonville

MEMBER TRAINING
FSO-MT Robert Sperry

1. Schedule Crew/Cox classroom training sessions at lighthouse (Wednesdays at 1900)
Jan 16 and 23
Feb 13 and 20
2. Schedule GPS course for members and public (Saturdays at 0900)
Mar 15 and 22
3. Schedule AUXNAV specialty course (Wednesdays at 1900)
Start April 1 and continue through June 17
4. Schedule AUXPAT specialty course (Wednesdays at 1900)
Sept 3 through Oct 8
5. Determine what specialty courses could be offered to the Public.

MARINE SAFETY
FSO-MS R. Trollope

1. Continue monthly liaison with Division (DSO-MS) on marine safety action/items of interest to CG AUX 14-1 members.
2. Provide monthly article on marine safety for the Flotilla's "Nassau Soundings"
3. As requested provide article(s) on marine safety for publication to the public.
4. Attend the CG AUX 14 booth at the Jacksonville boat show.
5. Participate in Safe Boating week at either booth or display.

6. Participate in National Marina Day
7. Organize Marine Safety tutorial for flotilla. February March 2008.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

FSO-AN JOHN G TATUM

1. Provide training to Flotilla how to report and identify different categories of ATON problems and follow proper procedures.
2. Report PATONs in our area once a year.
3. Create more familiarity with the forms we do have to report through the FSO-AN at 14-1.
4. Use the proper light lists.

MEMBER SERVICES – MS

FUNCTIONS:

Communication Services	FSO-CS	J. Blanchard
Information Systems	FSO-IS	C. Bennett
Materials	FSO-MA	L. Fusco
Personnel Services	FSO-PS	T. Basore
Publications	FSO-PB	A. Rawls
Finance	FSO-FN	J. Sintes

2008 OBJECTIVES:

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| MS #1 | Recruit new members to fill specific staff and personnel needs |
| MS #2 | Develop and implement an effective new member orientation program
Including involvement in core activities |
| MS #3 | Improve quality of meetings, monthly news letter and Fellowship/Social
Activities of Flotilla <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No objectives at this time – Further work required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Flotilla meetings - Staff member reports – additional training, speakers etc. |

- [News letter](#) – Reader survey – needs & wants, purpose – length, pictures and content
- [Fellowship/Social](#) – FC to name responsible individual

- MS #4 Provide quarterly training & certification status of Flotilla
- **No Objectives/Initiatives at this time**
- MS #5 Provide information about advanced training opportunities
- [See RBS# 4 and MS&S](#)
- MS #6 Develop, implement and manage Flotilla asset inventory
- **Proposal for asset management in the flotilla available**

PERSONNEL

FSO – PS Tom Basore

1. Recruit 10 new members. Attempt to fill specific staff and personnel needs.
2. Implement an effective new member orientation program including involvement in core activities. See orientation guide created by 14-1 in 2007
3. Ensure that all new members will complete the new member course: COMDTPUB P16794.40A
4. Insist thorough briefing by the FC or VFC at the new member qualification session.
5. Assign a mentor to help orient the new members to the CG Auxiliary.
6. Make new people aware of any scheduled member training.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

FSO-CS Joe Blanchard

1. Update the website with a new look
2. Provide class instruction in using the website (accessing and submitting data)
3. Survey web users for
 - a. Monthly web usage
 - b. Desirable additional information or links e.g. ordering uniforms and accessories, education etc.

MATERIALS

FSO –MA Louis Fusco

1. Provide adequate supplies of official mail items such as envelopes and postage. Minimize official mail costs by not hoarding or stock piling excessive postage.
2. Requisition official publications in a timely manner to satisfy the needs of flotilla staff officers.
3. Assist flotilla members with the procurement of uniform items from the USCG Uniform Distribution Center, 7th District Store and other sources such as the USCG Exchange.



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

1st Thursday of each month
19:00
Lighthouse
Fernandina Beach, FL

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