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Calendar of Events

Feb	04	Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse
	10	Operation's Workshop 2 1900 at Lighthouse
	16	BS & S Class begins (see PE Report)
	20	Boat crew training 0900 at Lighthouse
	24	Staff Meeting 1900 at Lighthouse
	26	Nassau Soundings Articles Due
Mar	04	Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse
	20	Boat crew training 0900 at Lighthouse
	31	Staff Meeting 1900 at Lighthouse
Apr	05	Nassau Soundings Articles Due

A tribute to Herman Albertine

Herman joined Flotilla 14-1 as a charter member in 1991. He was active as an Instructor, a Coxswain and the Flotilla and Division Staff Officer Information Systems .

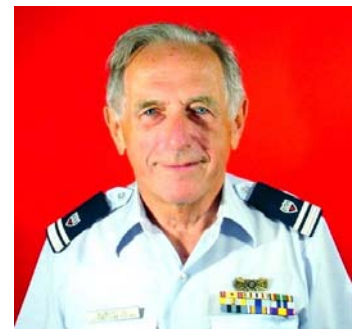
His Auxiliary awards:

DOT SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD (1)

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (1)

SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD (2)

CG UNIT COMMENDATION (3)



He participated in Social activities and helped maintain the Lighthouse property. When we had a 24 hour standby boat crew Herman was an active participant ready to answer the emergency call out, He was a regular attendant at the Flotilla meetings.

Herman was my close friend for 20 years. When I lived on the Plantation a couple of blocks from the Albertine's we would walk 3 miles every morning. He continued to do this until he became ill.

He will be missed by all of us.

Bob Lauber

By the time you read this the New Year 2010 is already a month old and we have been very active to put objectives and initiatives in place to meet our responsibilities and challenges for the year. In developing our plans for 2010 we were guided by the following:

The mission of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions.

Within our Flotilla we have three distinctive but interdependent functional groups or areas of responsibility to support these missions

1. Recreational Boating Safety. All efforts in this area are directed towards the outside of the flotilla. It ranges from education in public schools to public education. It includes vessel examination, marine program visitation and public affairs. To be successful we need a focused and strong marketing, sales and customer service effort and attitude. The Coast Guard has fully delegated Recreational Boating Safety to the Auxiliary.

2. Marine Safety and Security is to support the Coast Guard in Maritime Homeland Security efforts and in operational, administrative and logistical requirements. This ranges from Marine Domain Awareness patrols to Permitted Marine event patrols to safety patrols.

This is the operational responsibility of the flotilla. It involves operations, member training, communication, marine safety and aids to navigation. It requires extensive training and certification for day and night operation and for new operational members.

Our Role in Marine Safety and Security has changed especially since 9/11. Part of the safety aspect has increasingly moved to commercial support like Boat US or to the local community like Sheriff or Florida Wildlife. Because there is a fine line between Marine Security and Law Enforcement,(which we cannot do) our role in security is still evolving and will have to be further strengthened.

3. Member services include all personnel, finance, information systems, materials and publication. In our flotilla there are others like Grounds Keeper, Historian, Social and Fellowship and Lighthouse Keeper, who play important roles in our flotilla. All these disciplines provide the glue for the flotilla and its member ship. Without them the flotilla cannot function effectively as an organizational unit.

These are very important and broad areas of responsibilities. I like to invite all Flotilla members to get involved and support. We can use all the help we can get.

If you have any comments to this article please let me know. Do not wait until the next Nassau Sounding is published. My e mail address is hfridrich@aol.com

VICE COMMANDER

Craig Bennett

VFC

14-1

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Now that we have had our first staff meeting of 2010, I am beginning to realize just how much this flotilla is involved in. Our excellent group of staff officers have been busy developing their initiatives, objectives, and goals for this year. I assure you there is an ambitious set of goals and we will need the involvement of all our active members to accomplish them. I urge you to seek out areas of interest where you can lend a hand to accomplish the various missions from operational support to Vessel Safety Checks, to classroom instruction, to grounds maintenance and more.

FSO-MT, Bill Kelly and others has developed an excellent Boat Crew Training Program that will be held on Saturdays throughout the year. This program will include classroom instruction as well as at the dock and on the water training for all aspects of operational missions. We hope to have the involvement of as many members as possible. This program will be an excellent platform for new members and will also be a great refresher for currently qualified coxswain and crew.

As I get more organized and oriented to the various responsibilities, I will soon be calling on you to participate in a myriad of initiatives such as the Shrimp festival events, inclement weather calling trees, and other activities we need to staff. If you have a special area of interest, please let me or one of the staff officers know so we might be able to help facilitate your involvement.

I look forward to working with all of you to make this year a great success!

COMMUNICATIONS

Scott DeBrauwere

FSO-CM 14-1

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We need more Radio Watchstanders for Flotilla operations. The on shore radio watchstander is the safety link for our boats. The month of January had six radio watches scheduled, one was canceled when the patrol was canceled. At the time of this writing two remain to be completed.

January was an easy month. February will have ten watches assigned and with eight qualified watchstanders. Ten scheduled watches does not seem to be a burden to any one individual. However four watchstanders had to be excused from the assignments because they were scheduled for two to three patrols during the month. The remaining qualified Radio Watchstanders will stand two to three radio watches making the time commitments relatively equal.

Flotilla 14-1 has a real need for additional qualified Radio Watchstanders. I would like each member to consider radio watch standing as an area of involvement. The qualification process will take time and commitment, but it is very informative and interesting.

We have one Auxiliary qualified watchstander improving his qualifications by working to complete the Coast Guard TC- PQS (**Telecommunications - Personal Qualification Standards**) and stand radio watch at Coast Guard Station Mayport.

We have one member not currently qualified as a Flotilla watchstander working on the same Coast Guard standards and thus he could be qualified as Coast Guard and Flotilla watchstander.

Please consider radio watch standing for Auxiliary patrols as part of your involvement in Flotilla 14-1. Contact me for information on the qualification process.

COMPUTER SERVICE VACANT FSO-CS 14-1

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

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

There is a new video out on the 7029 form that all members should review. It is located on the National site at <http://forms.cgaux.org/7029video.html>. Currently the eform is not available for the 7029 but you could utilize the paper form to report your hours until the eform is available. Below is a guide for the various codes.

7029 Code Use Guidance

USE 99A	<p>For Leadership Time. If you are an elected or appointed officer (Except MS Officers) and undertaking non-mission activities to fulfill the responsibilities of your position including such things as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for and attending Flotilla, Division, District or National Meetings Meeting or communicating with prospective members, Communicating with members interested in qualification in your program area Mentoring Email, phone calls and records management for your program area Preparing reports for meetings or for staff officers at a higher organizational level Travel to and from meetings or conferences <p>MS Officers should complete ANSC 7030 form with mission code 70K for the above listed activities. IS Officers should complete ANSC 7030 with mission code 92 for data entry..</p>
USE 99B	<p>For hours not otherwise reported on ANSC 7030, ANSC7038 or ANSC7046 related to <u>Recreational Boating Safety Missions</u> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for PA (10), PE (14), UMDV(11), VE(91), AUXMP(1,2,3,22A), 54A. 55A ATON(30,31,32), ICE(53), SAR(23,24) Missions (including boat and aircraft prep) Travel to and From the above listed missions (except when trailering) Post- Mission record preparation and reporting AUXMP training (22a) Mission Preparation, travel to and from mission and post-mission recordkeeping
USE 99C	<p>For hours not otherwise reported on ANSC 7030 or ANSC 7038 related to <u>Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Missions</u> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership activities undertaken by MS officer of all levels must be reported on 7030. Preparation for CSV (80), MEP(28), MS(70, 80, 91c through 91g) missions-EXCEPTIONS: 70N, 70U, 80B, 80D, AND 80F must be reported on 7030. Travel to and from the above listed missions Post-mission record preparation and reporting Travel to and from MS Training and PQS missions including study/preparation time- <p>EXCEPTION 70U must be reported on a 7030.</p>
USE 99D	<p>For hours not otherwise reported on ANSC 7030 for <u>Member Training (06)</u> or ANSC 7039 for <u>Workshops</u> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time spent preparing to give Auxiliary MT Courses (Instructor only) Time spent in Member Training classes (Trainees) including AUXOP Course, ICS, C-School, FC Academy or other Auxiliary Courses (except Auxiliary Workshops such as TCT which is reported on a Workshop Attendance form) Time spent preparing for, studying or doing homework for a class - EXCEPT for Mission 70U which must be reported on 7030. Time spent taking on-line courses and on-line examinations – EXCEPT for courses required for MS Training Ribbon or Trident device which must be reported on 7030

	<p>as mission 70U.</p> <p>Time spent travelling to and from Auxiliary MT Courses</p> <p>Time spent on MS Training should be filed on an ANSC 7030 using mission code 70U.</p> <p>Time spent on PA Training should be filed on an ANSC 7030 using mission code 10G.</p>
<p>Use 99E</p>	<p>General and CG Support (Logistics): For hours not otherwise reported on an ANSC7030 form or other Administrative activities not related to an elected or appointed position including:</p> <p>Preparation for CGADMN (08), CGOPS(01,20,21,22,26,54b, 55b), GOVSUP (41,42,43), HS(93), IA(60), LO(65), OR (85), and UREC(09,90) missions.</p> <p>Travel to and from the above listed missions</p> <p>Post Mission Recordkeeping and Reporting</p> <p>Participation in Flotilla, Division, District, National or CG Committees when not an elected or appointed officer</p> <p>Preparation for and travel to and from above mentioned committee meetings</p> <p>Attendance at meetings and conferences (as a General Member)</p> <p>Preparation for and travel to and from the above mentioned meetings and conferences</p> <p>Mentoring</p>
<p>MILEAGE and EXPENSES</p>	<p>Mileage: List total miles driven that were not covered by orders for daily or overnight missions. Do NOT include mileage costs in Expenses</p> <p>Expenses include parking, tolls, lodging and meals for overnight missions only when not under orders.</p>

MARINE SAFETY

Richard Trollope

FSO-MS 14-1

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1. Good news (for now): The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) delays a decision on raising the ETHANOL requirement to greater than 10% for boats. (For those of you following the ETHANOL issue, BOAT U.S. and other boating organizations have been tracking numerous engine and fuel system problems associated directly with the introduction of the current 10%.)
2. Boat U.S. (govt. affairs section) has gone to bat for boaters concerning a proposed requirement to have the Automatic ID System (AIS) on recreational boats. Boat U.S. states this will not deter terrorists who can merely turn off the system prior to an incident ; a corroded wire for the AIS may lead to law enforcement thinking a terrorist is approaching.
3. EPIRB BATTERIES should be replaced by a manufacturer -authorized replacement facility. Locally, Datrex at 618 Talleyrand in Jacksonville is the authorized ACR EPIRB Battery location. For other locations go to: www.acrelectronics.com/brcloc/fl.htm.
4. SHORE POWER CABLES:
 - A. Come in 3 amperage sizes : 20, 30, and 50 and 125 Volts. They are single phase, two pole, 3 wire systems. The setup is a “live” conductor, a “neutral” conductor (usually white) and a green grounding (protective) wire.
 - B. The 20 and 30 amp plugs are very similar. With a worn socket, it is possible to force a 20 amp plug into a 30 amp socket and vice versa. If you alter the 30 amp plug, it can be forced into the 50 amp socket. (Why try this?..Because all the 20 and 30 amp sockets on the dock have been taken). DANGER --don’t do this: The green terminal will be inserted into the W (white) receptacle and every appliance on board will be electrified.

- C. The green protective wire of the boat's AC system is also connected to the DC negative terminal on or near the engine as specified in ABYC E-8. This connection allows any current leakage to get back to shore. If connected incorrectly, the current leakage may enter the water creating a hazard for swimmers or divers. If you must enter the water to do maintenance or recover a lost object, at the very least unplug your boat's and other boat's shore tie plugs. (This won't solve the problem if the cables on the dock "leak" but this will eliminate one possible danger from current leakage from the boats) .

MEMBER TRAINER Bill Kelly FSO-MT 14-1 (904) 491-3115

On Jan 30, we conducted our first Boat Crew Training Session for 2010. The next session will be on Feb 20 from 0900-1100 at the Lighthouse. We're happy to announce that Robert Drapela - USCG, from Station Mayport will be the guest instructor. Mr Drapela is certified in first aid and CPR, so come and learn from an expert!

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

2009 brought some trouble times to our boating industry. The closing of West Marine and Boater's World was a strong indication of how the economy was hurting recreational boating especially in the retail area. Sam Boyd and I have developed partners that actively support our goal of providing boating safety information to our public. I am listing the partners here. Please support them. The next time you consider ordering something from the internet, ask yourself "**can I get that locally?**"

Chelsea Boat Center	Carmike Theaters
The Boathouse	Kayak Amelia
Ocean Outboard	Up the Creek (St. Mary's)
Old Towne Marine	Red Otter Outfitters
Tidewater Outfitters	Deonas Boat Works
Amelia Island Yacht Basin	Crews N II
Amelia Island Paint and Hardware	Pete's Marine (Kingsland)
Tiger Point Marina	Sunshine Watercraft (St. Mary's)
Fernandina Harbor Marina	Sea and Sea (St. Mary's)
Atlantic Seafood	St. Mary's Bait Shop
The Bait House	Lang's Marina (St. Mary's)
Amelia Island Bait and Tackle	

NAVIGATION SERVICES John Tatum FSO-NS 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>
- An up-dated NAVRULES has been promulgated and may be down-loaded at no cost from <http://www.navcen.gov/mwv/navrules/download.htm>. LNTM 09-44.
- Coast Pilot 4, 2009 version [edition 41] covering the area from Cape Henry, VA to Key West, FL, is now available on line at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownloads.htm>. Coast Pilot 5, 2009 [edition 37] is also available, covering the Atlantic Gulf Coast of Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, same site; LNTM 09-39
- Aids Verifier Courses have been put on hold pending modification.

Latest Chart Status:

11489 ICW – St. Simons Island to Tolomato River Jan 09

PATON STATUS:

3 PATONS were reported in January, Light list LLNR 7079/37959 and 38177aR, bR thanks to Chuck Farmer—shore observations.

ATON STATUS:

LLNR: 6885: Cumberland Sound Lower Range C discontinued.

7020: Kings Bay Light extinguished

6830,6835: St. Marys East and West Mooring Buoys missing, on shore for repair it seems—please report to me it re-installed.

6867 Cumberland Sound Shoal LT D extinguished

6872 Cumberland Sound Shoal LT F not working properly

6873 Cumberland Sound Shoal LT E extinguished and damaged

SHOALING:

Shoaling in Fernandina Beach reported vicinity of LT1 (LLNR 37985) and LT3 (LLNR 37900).

OPERATIONS

Heinz Fridrick

FSO-OP 14-1

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During the month of January we had 7 patrols three less then what we had planned. Due to very cold and windy weather we had to cancel several patrols during the month.

In early January we practiced towing evolutions in preparation for the QE recertification of 3 coxswains and 5 crew on March 10 and 13.

On January 19 we practiced towing evolution with the Coast Guard Station at Mayport.

On January 20 we held our first Operations Workshop with 30 members participating. The agenda was:

- 1, Flotilla Operation Practices and Procedures
2. Annual Currency Maintenance
3. Three year recertification, Boat Crew Communication
4. 2010 Boat Crew training
5. Additional Training, Uniforms, OPFAC inspection

The second workshop is scheduled for February 10 .Please mark your calendar. All operational members are requested to attend and all Flotilla members are invited.

SECOND OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February10, 2010, Light House 1900-2100
AGENDA

1. SAR Procedures and Search Patterns (Fridrich)

2. Radio Procedures (Neal/DeBrauwere)



Towing drill at Mayport with the Coast Guard, January 19

14-1 crew Casey, DeBrauwere, Durden, Fridrich



Coast Guard boat at Mayport. January 19

PUBLIC EDUCATION

June Darby

FSO-PE 14-1

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Two BS&S Presentations on Tuesday and Thursday evenings have been scheduled for Amelia Island, Feb 16 - Mar 25, 2010 and Sept 7 - Oct 14, 2010.

One Saturday BS&S Presentation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8, 15, 22, 2010 is also on the calendar.

I am working on having a BS&S Presentation on Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in St. Mary's, Ga., July 1, 17, 24, 2010.

Posters for the Feb 16th- March 25th BS&S Presentation were printed and distributed.

Two radio stations have been contracted and agree to announce our BS&S Presentations on their stations. 89.3 FM & KB 106

The schedule for the Presentation was sent to instructors requesting their help/preference.

Applications for the BS&S have been printed.

PERSONEL SERVICE

Barbara Dunn

FSO-PS 14-1

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FLOTILLA 14-1 has one new member, Charles "Chuck" Pimsner to be sworn in at the February meeting. **All** members should be **welcoming** new members, **helping** them find their interests and **getting** them involved. This is how we keep members active and interested.

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 ts and volunteer to mentor. **And** when new members are sworn in greet them and help them get involved. Their pictures are always posted in the cottage. Please volunteer to be a new member mentor. It is an easy job and makes sure these members are not left out of anything until they get familiar with the schedule.



Gil Kortaaand John Rendo

VESSEL EXAMINER

Richard Trollope

FSO-VE 14-1

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1. We have been advised that CY 2010 decals have been sent to the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) and we expect to distribute our share shortly. If not otherwise handed to our VEs at Flotilla meetings or workshops, they will be provided by mail to them.
2. The weather is warming up so contact owners for whom you performed VSCs last year and give them the opportunity to be “safe” in this New Year. (By the way, be sure to double check for expired/expiring visual distress signals (VSDs); it is very easy for owners to forget this requirement).
3. We have also been advised that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) is working on an updated version of the State requirements for recreational boats. Very likely this update will incorporate the NEW (as of I January 2010) rules about owner/operators younger than 22 who must take a Boating Safety Course to own or drive a boat.
4. At the VE Workshop (Date to be determined ((DTBD)) expect more info on USCG/Auxiliary emphasis on smaller craft (vessels 16 feet or less, canoes , kayaks, paddle boards, and Personal Water Craft (PWC)) .
5. A question was presented to the “National VE” about issuing VSC decals to boats/vessels whose registration (Letters/Numbers) are NOT affixed correctly. Short answer: DON’T. Rationale: We as VEs are “certifying” that vessel has met the FEDERAL (USCG) requirements. Allowing a vessel to “pass” with improper registration displayed is not only false but undermines the integrity of the VSC program. Let’s do the “right thing” and show them the rules and suggest how they can “fix it’. (P.S. Most commonly observed instances of this issue: DEALER - installed registration on PWCs; the Dealer installation may look fancy but the letters and numbers are often “scrunched” together –and often are placed only on one side!!)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sam Boyd

FSO-YP 14-1

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Please look at the faces of the 3rd graders in the photo below. They are the greatest audience in the world and absorb everything we try to teach them about boating safety and environmental responsibility. Our first class this year is scheduled for St. Michaels Catholic Academy February 25th. Anyone who would like to observe the presentation is welcome to join us. Please let me know. We would like to have some new people join the children's program team.



Please email me or call me. Sam Boyd (ssboyd@aol.com) 904-277-6608. If interested I will set up a training session at the light house. Spending time with these kids is fun and very rewarding. There is no better day spent than looking into these beautiful faces.



Cecil Christopher getting the Air Craft Commander award-
-he is a new transfer to our flotilla.



January guest speaker Lt Carbine from the
Helicopter Interdiction Squadron at Cecil field



Tom Pippin getting the Buddy Birkett Award



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**February 4, 2010
1900**

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

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