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FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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The last day of the month was quite busy with the Open Water Swim and the Saint Marys Kingfish Classic. To paraphrase the famous words of Dwight David Eisenhower: "Plans never work but planning is essential." We soon discovered that what we were told at pre-event meetings and/or what we had planned for did not work out. Nevertheless with the flexibility that is the hallmark of Flotilla 14-1, we accomplished the mission. It never ceases to amaze me how we are suppose to be the "Gold Standard" for volunteer organizations, and we are not really volunteers once we take the oath of an Auxiliarist, but we still have members who march to a different drummer. When someone is assign the leadership of something there is always someone who could have done it better. When someone comes up with an idea to help the Flotilla be better prepared to respond to hurricanes, there are those who think it is a waste of time. Then there are those who do not want the Flotilla to do anything but water operations, vessel safety exams and boating safety classes. I am truly grateful to that small 30% of our membership who are always at meetings, who are the first to volunteer to help at almost anything, who are always available when called upon, who are there to help the Flotilla FC and VFC all the time, and who never complain. Never have so many owed so much to so few - who said that? Another famous citizen of our water planet - Winston Churchill. The other 70% of the Flotilla who we seldom see owe a great deal of gratitude to that 30% that make Flotilla 14-1 one of the best in the nation and allow the often "missing in action" to brag about what a great Flotilla they belong to and have the name of Flotilla 14-1 on their resume.

VICE COMMANDER

Bill Williams

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I have been occupied for the last week or so with bringing the GREY EAGLE home. I found out that there is a section of the Intercoastal Waterway about 50 yards long that is only 3' deep at low tide. It is at the St Augustine Inlet. Some of you may be familiar with it. I am now very familiar with it now.

We are in hurricane season now and we should all pay close attention to the weather

reports and our responsibilities as Coast Guard Auxilliary members in the event of a major storm.

Also, we need a "people person" to do Sam Boyd's job next year as he says this is his last year. He handles the enrollment of new members. It is a good job for somebody who likes to meet and work with people. Let Tom or I know if you are interested.

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

There is no new ATON discrepancies in our area to report.

General Information –

INSTALLATION OF LED LANTERNS ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION: SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

The U. S. Coast Guard will be installing state of art LED lanterns on aids to navigation through out the Seventh Coast Guard District. The only change to published characteristics will be an increase or decrease in nominal range. As a rule, the change will be an increase in nominal range. On those occasions where a decrease in nominal range may occur, and this reduction in service to the mariner is greater than one nautical mile. The Coast Guard will publish a proposed change and/or an advance notice in this publication. Mariners are requested to review the District Local Notice to Marine closely for changes in their area.

These are still listed in the Local Notice to Mariners:

FL East Coast Amelia River Extensive shoaling reported in the vicinity of South Amelia River DBN 34 (LLNR 38100) 11489 34-01

FL East Coast Amelia Island An unlit pier extends into the South Amelia River at LIGHT 29 (LLNR 38080) in approx 11489 04-03
position 30-35-09N 081-27-18W

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

I discovered that I haven't reported Radio Watch Stander operations for two months. Shame on me. I guess I thought having major surgery exempted me from reporting. Anyway:

All six radio watch standers were available for assignments during May and June. For the two months, up to 23 June, there were 17 patrols requiring radio watch standers. It was a busy two months. The remaining June will be busy, also.

All radio watch standers submitted their seventeen 7030s for their work. It's nice to get credit for work done. It shows the Coast Guard that we are on duty helping them to do their job.

We were busy with assisting the Redfish Tournament, the Kingfish Tournament, QE sessions, night check offs, and our normal patrols. I congratulate all our Radio Watch Standers who are always ready to serve.

Becoming a Radio Watch Stander (RWStander):

There are many Auxiliary members that have passed the Aux Comm course. There are a few who are still in the process of studying to take the test. There may be some who would like to study and take the test for Aux Comm. After this hurdle, all it takes to be a RWStander is to perform 8 hours of radio watch under the supervision of a certified RWStander and study two documents. The radio watch training should take two sessions of 4 hours each. You could, also, do this in two sessions of 3 hours and one session of 2 hours, or any other combination – your choice. Then the certified RWS will report to me of your completion of the successful 8 hours. The next step is to study, on your own, Chapter 9 of the Operations Policy Manual. This is available on line and retrievable from our flotilla's web site www.cgaux7-14-1.org. Also, you are to study Aux Comm Procedures CGD SEVENINST 16798.3 (series) which is available from me, Jerry Neal, FSO-CM at jerdadgman@aol.com. I'll send you a copy via USPS mail. After you have told me in writing that you have studied and understand them, I will inform the FC that you have completed your fulfillment. The FC then fills out the paperwork and sends it to Diraux West. Diraux West will then send a certificate to the FC who will present it to you at the next flotilla meeting. Then, you will be in a very select and proud group.

You can get your RWStander training from any of the following: Bob Lauber, Aaron Rawls, Bob Macias, Roy or Linda Durden, or Jerry Neal. You don't have to stick to just on RWStander for your 8 hours. I would encourage you to get training from at least two of the above people to see how we each do our tasks.

You then have the option of operating from a VHF radio in several ways: from your home, from your boat, from your truck or car, or from the Amelia Lighthouse cottage radio room. If you prefer any of the first three, you will receive your own call sign (e.g., NF7NJ, which is mine) and you will have to provide your own radio, coax, antenna and antenna mast system. Also, you will have to operate from a location that will communicate to Nassau Sound, St. Mary's, the end of the Cumberland Sound jetties, and marker 71 in Georgia. My location in the city of Fernandina Beach provides me with a mast height that puts my antenna at about 50 feet above mean high tide. I can reach our vessels from all the above locations. I can't reach a vessel at the Jekyll Island marina However, I can hear the CG station in Brunswick, GA.

If you choose to operate from your vessel or wheeled vehicle, you must be able to reach the above locations. It may be difficult unless you locate your vessel or vehicle properly. Or I may have to only assign you radio watch only for patrols or regattas in the Fernandina Beach harbor area. This is acceptable to me.

If you decide to operate from the lighthouse cottage, which can reach all the above locations, you will receive a keys to the gate and the cottage door. It can get a little lonely working their, however, it's a good place to get some other work done without being bothered. You will need a cell phone as backup as there is no landline available from the cottage.

I wish all you desiring to be a RWStander good luck and successful studying. The other five RWStanders and I will welcome you with open arms and a big hug. Your assignment of one or two 4-5 duty hours a month will be mightily welcome.

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FINANCE	J. Sintes	FSO-FN 14-1	(904) 261-4432
INFORMATIONS	Craig Bennett	FSO-IS 14-1	(904) 261-7456
MATERIALS	Louis Fusco	FSO-MA 14-1	(912) 673-9470

Just a reminder to those of you who may have a supply for USCG AUX penalty stamps that you are not using please give them to another FSOs' who may need them or return the stamps to me. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has paid for these stamps in the same manner as you and I would pay for regular stamps at the Post Office. Unused Penalty Stamps are lost money for the Coast Guard.

MARINE SAFETY	Richard Trollope	FSO-MS 14-1	(904) 941-1403
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1. Other Flotilla info: 14-9 is involved in Boat Ramp Cleanups. (Fortunately for 14-1 our Boat Ramps are county, city or privately owned and generally well maintained. However please note that the collection "tubes" for fishing line disposal at the Dee Dee Bartels (North 14th Street) boat ramp may require emptying and are a Nassau County responsibility—(not the St. Mary's River group whose telephone number is posted but is no longer in service). The FSO-MS and the SO-MS conducted 6 Pack training on an airboat as an Un-inspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) during the Blue Crab Festival.
2. As previously reported in June, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is going ahead with the Permitting Process of 13 million Recreational Boats. The EPA regulates 600,000 facilities already and this (process) will add a gigantic job for the agency. With (only) 15 months to go, the plan is to send out notices in the Federal Register on how to obtain a permit. The EPA wants the states to get involved in issuing the permits. It follows that every state in which you operate your boat would require a permit. Example: traveling from New York to Florida would require almost 10 state permits; without permits, boaters would face hefty fines. As the EPA has no water patrols, the enforcement of the permit regulation(s) would fall on the USCG with the added requirement (s) for Auxiliary Vessel Examiners during Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs). This "Permitting Process" requirement was an unintended circumstance of the Clean Water Act which was for the regulation of Ships Ballast Water
3. Effective on 1 January 2008, all Inboard/Outboard and Inboard Type Gasoline Engines and Generators "under" 500 horsepower in Boats SOLD in the State of California will require Catalytic Converters. The law also states that people can't purchase boats in another states to register them in California to prevent "bypassing" the law. The estimated cost of this Catalytic Converter requirement is \$500-\$1400 per boat.

By 2009, it is predicted that the other 49 states will be required to have this law. This rule is applicable to Lawn and Garden Equipment as well.

4. Revere Equipment Co. (based in Jacksonville) sells a canister made for the McMurdo PEPIRB that can be carried on Auxiliary facilities. This canister is waterproof and rated to a depth of 492 feet. (If you went scuba diving and found your boat missing when you surfaced, having the PEPIRB with you would allow a signal for help.
5. Manatee sightings: Jacksonville University does sighting patrols and you can see the latest on their map.

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

Aux Speciality course AUX-WEATHER will begin on Wednesday July 11 at 7PM at the lighthouse cottage. It consists of ten sessions with the final exam scheduled for August 16. The course has been rewritten and is sufficiently different from the former version that I believe any of us who have already taken AUX-WEA will find it worthwhile. Joe Blanchard will conduct the class. If you haven't already notified me or Joe that you are interested please do so within the next week so we can be sure we have adequate material.

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

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

1. During the month of June we had 16 patrols which bring the YTD patrols to 64, six above plan. Seven patrols were for Permitted Marine Events in support of the Redfish Tournament, the St.Mary Kingfish Classic and the Offshore Open Water Challenge. Two patrols were for coxswain recertification and crew qualification.
2. During June we had available: 8 facilities, 10 coxswains and 15 crew.
3. Actual Fuel costs are on plan and in line with the approved budget
4. We are planning 15 patrols for July including 9 Permitted Marine Events for Fourth of July Fireworks, Thistle Sail Boat Race and the Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament.
5. Starting August we plan to have one additional patrol/week for a total of three patrols/week. Two of the weekly patrols will be security missions. We may have to reduce POBs to minimum requirements due to lack of crew.

Press Release
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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 68 YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA

All-Volunteer Organization, founded in 1939, assists the U.S. Coast Guard with many missions

On Saturday, June 23rd, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will celebrate its 68th year of service to the United States Coast Guard and the American people.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. Created by an Act of Congress in 1939. The Auxiliary directly supports the Coast Guard in all missions, except military and law enforcement actions. The Auxiliary is the primary provider of boating safety outreach and education for the Coast Guard.

According to Adm. Thad Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, "The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides an invaluable service to our Nation. We rely on their generosity and patriotism to help keep Americans safe and secure all around the country."

The Coast Guard's philosophy is to be SEMPER PARATUS (ALWAYS READY) against all threats and all hazards. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of that philosophy and the Coast Guard Forces.

"The Auxiliary is an integral part of the Coast Guard and they assist with virtually every Coast Guard mission. We couldn't do what we do without them," said Adm. Allen.

Auxiliary members conduct safety patrols on local waterways, assist the Coast Guard with homeland security duties, teach boating safety classes, conduct free vessel safety checks for the public, as well as many other activities.

The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. To join the local Coast Guard Auxiliary, located on Amelia Island contact Samuel Boyd at 904-277-6608 or <http://cguax7-14-1.org>.

Some highlights of statistics for the Auxiliary in 2006 include the following:

- Total hours contributed by the Auxiliary - 4,129,552
- Lives saved - 689
- Persons assisted - 18,972
- Property saved - \$ 143,861,122
- Boating safety classes completed - 3,484
- Vessel Safety Checks completed - 122,852

**Remember - to be a survivor - WEAR YOUR
LIFE JACKET!!!**

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48 ft motor yacht on the south jetty at St. Mary's inlet. Grounded the night of 6/8/08
Photo by Sam Boyd

Please look for and welcome our 6 new members thru mid year 2007:

- Scott DeBrauer
- Anthony Gianneti
- Barbara Dunn
- Ted Holmes
- Leanne Aberson
- Rolland Penny
- and soon to join - Chuck Molnar

There are no other sure prospects in the pipe line. Please make an effort to recruit boat owners or people who are interested in completing the requirements to be crew members. During summer months when our patrol schedule is the most active, many of our crew members are out of town. Hopefully our next class of crew trainees will be a large one.

SECRETARY	Conrad Vaughn	FSO-SR 14-1	(912) 882-9453
VESSEL EXAMANER	Bob Tolg	FSO-VE 14-1	(904) 261-6149
	Richard Trollope	FSO-VE 14-1	(904) 491-1403

Well done for the Flotilla 14-1 VEs. By the end of May 68 Vessel Safety Checks had been performed and the June reports are still coming in. Among these reports were 10 by Mike Owsley in June and 1 by our newest (requalified) VE, Peter Maye in June.

Please keep me cut in on the VSCs conducted by phone or “copy to” on your VSC ANSC - 7038 e-mail to Craig, our 14-1 IS. (My e-mail address is “rtrollope@earthlink.net). Your numbers are added to our 14-1 count monthly forwarded to the SO-VE. If you need VSC forms (ANSC 7012) or decals (2007), let me know.

As for observations lately; routine checks of VDS finding significant “out of date” flares (and one set of four so wetted the contents were oozing out), operators unaware of the requirement that the boat documentation belongs on the boat with them—not in the truck

.The following are passed on as real events that are a part of our jobs to help our fellow boaters:

Advised one operator that not only were his trailer safety chains not crossed but also they were not attached at all to the towing vehicle. Advised one owner that his right rear tire on a tandem trailer was flat. While his mate used a portable electric pump to get it sufficiently “up” for the trip to a tire service center, a VSC was conducted.

Please re-read the second paragraph on MARINE SAFETY in this issue of the Soundings. That article concerns a quite possible EPA requirement that 13 million Recreational Boats meet the regulations of the Clean Water Act (regarding overboard discharges of liquids) and each boat have a state Permit to operate.

HISTORIAN	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN 14-1	(904) 277-4065
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Lighthouse property maintenance.

Work day for July will be Saturday the 28th at 0830.

We plan to clean the inside of the cottage and windows also yard maintenance as needed. All Flotilla members are invited to participate.

GROUNDS KEEPER	Paul Clark	FSO-GK 14-1	(904) 261-4041
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LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER	Helen Sintes	FSO-LK 14-1	(904) 261-4432
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YOUTH PROGRAMS	Gary Bong	FSO-YP 14-1	(904) 261-2006
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HEALTH and SATETY	Deborah Rollins	FSO-HS 14-1	(904) 251-0725
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If you celebrate the 4th with a 5th you could be statistic on the 6th.

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**July 5, 2007
1900**

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

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