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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

(Please check the Flotilla website for last minute changes)

- JAN 01 HAPPY NEW YEAR**
06 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
08 Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1800 – Lighthouse
16 Division 14 Change of Watch
17 Team Coordination Training – 0900 – Stellar Building Jacksonville
24 Division Meeting- 0900- Stellar Building Jacksonville
27 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
28 Operations Workshop – 1900 – Lighthouse
29 Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date
30 Work Day – 0900 – Lighthouse
31 Incident Command System 210 training -- 0900- Stellar Building Jacksonville
- FEB 04 Operations Workshop – 1900 – Lighthouse**
05 Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse
09 AUX Weather Course – 1900 – Lighthouse – 11 evenings
Mondays/Wednesdays
14 Crew/Coxswain recertification
17 BS&S public education- 1900 – Lighthouse – 13 evenings Tuesdays/Thursdays
25 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
26 Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date
28 Work Day – 0900 – Lighthouse

Please Note Some Staff Officers Have Been Changed

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

Thank you for electing me as your new Flotilla Commander .It will be an honor for me to serve and I am proud to lead one of the largest and one the best flotillas in the division. I promise to fully dedicate myself to maintain and hopefully improve the tradition and reputation of our flotilla. Of course I cannot do this alone and need the support of all of you.

The challenges and successes of the year 2008 are behind us and we are now looking forward to the New Year.

This is a time of the year to be thankful but it is also a time to reflect and think about who we are and where we came from. Many of us will face harder times in the coming years. There is however a lot of human talent, experience and resourcefulness in our flotilla. We just have to roll up our sleeves, work together and make it better. You are not alone in this but a team member of our flotilla.

We all joined the Auxiliary for some specific reasons. .Perhaps we wanted to make our waters saver may be to assist boaters in need or to serve and support our community and our country. So let us continue to use our background and experience our skills and interests but also the education offered to provide service and do what we are most interested in. Our community and our country may need us (now) more then ever.

As I see it, my major responsibility is to provide an environment full of challenges so that you, as an Auxiliarist, can do what meets the needs of the Flotilla and gives you the most satisfaction.

Best wishes for the New Year. Heinz

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

A new year for Flotilla 14-1 is upon us. New Year's resolutions are made, some kept and some broken but all made with the greatest of expectations. I'm looking forward to a very involved year of interesting meetings, patrols, and training classes. I'm also looking forward to working with each member of the Flotilla to assist you in meeting your expectations. To achieve this we need to communicate. By making your expectations, concerns, and ideas known, we can make 2009 a great year for Flotilla 14-1.

I wish to thank the membership for the confidence in electing me to VFC and will try to live up to the responsibility of the position. I will also stay in the staff officer position of FSO-CS but I will be looking for someone that would like to train for that position. So if anyone would like to learn to manage the website, please let me know. The AUX Weather class will be starting in February. Since weather affects all of us, especially along the coast, I invite anyone who hasn't taken the class to attend.

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

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1. In accordance with 50 CFR 224.105:Right Whales Zone. From November 15 to April 15, all vessels over 65 feet shall not exceed a 10-knot speed in the area south of St. Augustine, FL. (north) to Brunswick, GA. from the shoreline out to 20 miles
2. Congress has closed a loophole in the Anti-Hull Splashing Law. The Vessel Hull Design Protection Act had provided Boat builders with protection from another company replicating a hull (called “splashing”). The loophole was that if the Hull was exactly the same but the “Deck” layout was different, it was not considered “splashing”. Now Hulls and Decks get individual design protection.
3. To learn more about Florida’s efforts to provide Clean Water and Environmental Protection go www.cwn-se.org.
4. In a recent case, a person with a suspended drivers license attempted to renew a vessel registration at a local DMV office. His application was refused based on the wrong information. The Florida Statute 320.02, paragraph #12 states: “Motor Vehicles”. A vessel (Boat or PWC) or trailer (Camping, Utility, Boat, Motorcycle, etc) is NOT a Motor Vehicle. Therefore you can legally register something other than a Motor Vehicle with a suspended drivers license.
5. To view the Salvage and Clean Up efforts of Texas boats and Marinas after Hurricane Ike go to www.Boatus.com/podcasts.
6. Mystery drownings at Marinas: Stray electrical currents from boats or docks at Marinas have caused people to mysteriously drown. Salt water is a better conductor of electricity than Fresh Water so a person is not the best path. The converse is true in Fresh Water with the person providing the better conduction path. In either Salt or Fresh Water, a person may become a victim depending on salinity, voltage, amperage, and water current.
7. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued an Incident Harassment Authorization (IHA) to permit the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) to conduct explosive demolition of the existing Beach Blvd ICW Bridge. The permit is from December 1st to Feb 28th.
8. New Products:
 - A. Rescue Tape-Self Fusing has 700 PSI strength, withstands 500-degree heat, insulates up to 8,000 volts, and is flexible to minus 85 degrees. It can be applied to a wet surface (leaking pipe or hose) and resists fuel, oil, acids, and solvents. (Should have had this for the Titanic) Check it out at: www.rescuetape.com.
 - B. Clamp Jackets-Protective covers that go over the hose clamp ends to prevent injuries. See them at: www.staffordslipknot.com.
 - C. Ocean-Tamer- A marine grade beanbag chair that cushions the shock from wave action or rough water conditions. Check them out at: www.ocean-tamer.com.

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MEMBER TRAINER

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We have lots of training opportunities in 2009.

Don't miss attending sessions of our public education courses. The BS&S course starting in February presents an excellent opportunity for a refresher in basic boating. Members are welcome to attend any session.

We plan three Specialty Courses in 2009. First, our AUXWEA will start in February with VFC Blanchard teaching twelve sessions. This is a good course for all members and will give you a much greater understanding of our weather and how to anticipate changes. It will make you much more aware of the weather and better able to follow weather forecasts and even how to make your own forecasts..

In April we will offer AUXSEA taught by PFC Arman with six sessions. This seamanship course is a follow up of the BS&S course and will expand your knowledge of boat construction, stability and handling as well as rules of the road. Don't miss it.

Later in the year we will offer AUXPAT (patrol) with five sessions and also our two session GPS course that is open to the public.

We are interested in starting training for prospective crew members for our patrol operations program. Anyone interested contact me or our FSO-OP.

OPERATIONS

Heinz Fridrick

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During the month of December we had 11 patrols which bring the YTD patrols to 130, six more than what we had planned for the year 2008.

This is the one of highest number of patrols we ever achieved in any year as a flotilla and I want to thank all boat owners, Coxswains, Crew members, Crew trainees and Radio Watch Standers for a very busy and successful year.

In the coming year we are planning 135 patrols including 62 Multi mission patrols, 36 marine safety patrols, 22 PME patrols and 14 Operational patrols with QE's. The operational patrols include recertification of 10 crew members and coxswains and the qualification of new crew members.

This will be another challenging and demanding year for operations, member training and communications.

I am confident that together we can do this.

In January and February 2009 we are planning two **Operational Workshops. Please mark your calendar**

In the **first Workshop** on Wednesday, January 28 1900-2100 we intend to discuss 2009 Patrol Practices and procedures, 2009 patrol schedule and new 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 4 1900-2100 we will discuss 2009 currency requirements, Permitted Marine Events, key policies related to operation such as offshore limitations, min crew requirements etc In addition we are planning to discuss communication requirements and navigational aids and reporting.

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1. First of all, a word of thanks and congratulations to our VEs who completed a total of 180 VSCs in CY 2008 (90% of a target of 200 for that year). As with CY 2007, we still are having issues getting credit on AUXDATA for all these VSCs, but these kinks are being worked out. Our target goal for CY 2009 is also 200 VSCs. However this target should now include increased emphasis on those vessels for which the frequency of injury or deaths (nationwide) is far too high. Specifically, we need to take every opportunity to give our free VSCs to PWCs, canoes, kayaks, and the smaller boats that are known by the Coast Guard as “High Focus”.
2. Review the Vessel Examiner article in the November 2008 issue of the Nassau Soundings which provided the points you VEs need to remember when conducting VSCs on PWCs, canoes, and kayaks. (If you have not seen many of these on the Amelia River, check out the Cumberland Sound and St. Mary’s ramps for kayaks. The Huguenot Beach area abounds with PWCs on weekends and they need checking!) The critical thing to stress for all operators of these vessels is the need to wear lifejackets at all times when on the water. They won’t work unless worn...!
3. Looking in to CY 2009, we expect to have the new decals in hand early in January—and hopefully in time for our first Flotilla meetings (Staff and Regular). If you were an active VE in CY 2008, you will be given (by hand or mail) five (5) CY 2009 decals for “starters”. If you need more ANSC 7038 Report Forms, please let me know.
4. Again thanks to all those VEs who have become adept at submitting the ANSC 7038 Reports electronically to Craig Bennett, our FSO-IS, and me. If you are still getting the “hang of it”, complete your report, type in your email address, the recipients: craig@aibeach.com,rtrollope@earthlink.net...and STOP. Go to “print” and get at least one copy of your work and then hit “Submit”. Within minutes (or less) the system will provide you a “receipt” for your ANSC 7038. Be aware that Report is not going to get on AUXDATA until Craig magically makes it happen but you have a record of the submit and your copy to me helps fill in data required for a monthly report to the DSO-VE. If you have questions or need “stuff”, please contact me by email, landline (904) 491-1403 or cell (904) 557-6224.
5. Let us have another great year keeping boaters in OUR waters safe!

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

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1800

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