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FSO-PB 14-1

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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Happy New Year to one and all. Hope you had a very Merry Christmas.

We start our new year's activities with a Flotilla meeting on Thursday, 4 January, at 1900 at the Lighthouse.

We're looking for a FSO-SR (Secretary/Recorder) and more Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitors (formerly called Marine Dealer Visitors). I have one possible volunteer for the RBS PV but need at least two more. Would like one in Georgia.

Also, we have the District 7 "Spring Conference" on 11-13 Jan. If anyone wants to go please let me know not later than the Thursday meeting. The theme is Training for All Members.

My thanks to all who served in FSO positions last year and I look forward to working with our returning and new FSOs for 2007.

Please note the new Flotilla 14-1 website at <http://www.cgaux7-14-1.org>. Have you visited our website lately?

VICE COMMANDER

Bill Williams

VFC 14-1

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In the short time I have been Vice Commander I have already heard from some of our staff officers regarding their various duties. It impresses on me the importance of the contribution these people make of time and effort. Our flotilla has always been regarded as having the most active volunteer workers in Division 14, and probably in the 7th District. Our people make the flotilla and make the difference.

We can look forward to another active, accomplished year in 14-1 because of the

contribution we all make, and we can be especially thankful for the extra contributions of our staff officers.

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

Items from Local Notice to Mariners for our area:

1. Amelia River lighted Buoy “2” is still extinguished.
2. Cumberland Sound Dredging continues.
3. Warning for extensive shoaling in the South Amelia River.
4. An unlit pier extends into the So. Amelia River at light 29.

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>.

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MARINE SAFETY Richard Trollope FSO-MS 14-1 (904) 941-1403

Marine Safety Issues for October 2006

1. Global Positioning System (GPS) information: To check the status on whether or not certain areas are operating, call (703) 313-5907.
2. For a USCG Licensed Mariner needing a Drug and Alcohol Urine Test (after a marine accident) the approved location in this area is:
Baptist Health Primary Care

900 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, Fl.
(904) 781-5209 or 249-0335 M—F (8-5)

3. EPIRB information:
 - Class A 121/243 Automatic on
 - Class B 121/242 Manual on
 - Class C 15/16 VHF-FM (No satellite and no longer used after 1999)
 - Class S 121/243 Limited Range Type
 - Class A, B, and S EPIRBs can be tested using an FM radio tuned to channel 99.5.
 - Category 1 406 Automatic on
 - Category 2 406 Manual
 - These EPIRBs have a self- test feature
 - When testing an EPIRB, do it for 1 second only during the first 5 minutes of each hour. (1 second equals about 3 sweeps or pulses)
4. Sector proposal for the Auxiliary:
 - Three chiefs: one each for Response, Prevention, and Logistics.
 - This organization would be at the District, Division, and Flotilla levels.
 - Further breakdown of the organization proposed is as follows:
 - Response-AN, AV, CM, OP
 - Prevention-MS,PA,PE,RBSVP, VE
 - Logistics-CC,CS,MA,PB,IS,MT,PS

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

For 2007 we plan to continue to encourage new members to become Crew and Coxswain qualified and encourage all to continue to take part in the Aux Speciality program.
Current plans are to offer the AuxCom course (Communications) which is required for all Radio watchstanders and strongly recommended for all crew and coxswains. In addition the AuxWea course (Weather) will be offered and all of us will find this course useful.
If any of you wish more information about these or other courses call me at 277-7191.

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

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

During the month of December we had 7 patrols. Three Patrols were canceled due to bad weather. This brings our YTD patrols to 105 three less then what we had planned for the year.

During the year we supported nine Permitted Marine Events with 20 patrol missions. We also had four Night Aton /Chart updating patrols during the year.

At the end of the year we had 12 active coxswains, 9 available facilities and 21 active crew members in the flotilla. All operational members achieved their annual currency.

On December 2, my wife and I attended the Division 14 change of watch at the U.S. Navy Base Mayport. This change of watch was in recognition of the 35th anniversary of the

chartering of Division 14. It was a special event with excellent food and two great videos- one about America the Beautiful and the other was a 35th anniversary tribute to all flotillas, past Division captains and many Auxiliarists.

I estimate that about 80 people attended the change of watch. Most Flotilla Commanders and vice flotilla commanders, Division Staff Officers, Division Captain Bob Funk and Division Vice Captain Jesse Stevens as well as Bob Pape the Immediate Past Division Captain and their wives were in attendance.

Also attending were Captain Thomas commander CG Sector Jacksonville, CWO Matuschek CG Station Mayport , Chief Cantrell from Ponce, Commander Crawley our new district Commander Brown and RCO Goldenberg.

There were lots of great speeches and also achievement awards from the Coast Guard.

I was an exceptional evening and I am glad we attended representing Flotilla 14-01.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS Robert Conklin FSO-PA 14-1 (912) 673-9678

2006 was a great learning year for me as your new Public Affairs officer,(PA)for the flotilla. Trying to understand the Coast Guard abbreviations and acroynms is a challenge in itself, but I think that I understand some of them finally.

The highlight for me personally was my acceptance into the Coast Guard PA school in Alameda station. Over a period of three days, thirty of us learned the basics of interviewing, reporting, writing, and understanding the relationship between the coast guard and the press. It was refreshing to learn that the Coast Guard has a very open and honest approach to letting the public know what they do and how they do it. Any member of the Coast Guard can talk to the press if they were involved in a situation and keep to the facts, there is no upper filtering.

Over a dozen articles about the various activities of our flotilla were published in local Florida and Georgia papers. One in depth article on our Kids and Boating school program was submitted to the Navigator for publishing in 2007.

My goal this year is to ensure that our activities keep getting into the local news and to attempt to get articles printed on a monthly basis. To help me achieve that, please keep me informed of what you do and always try to include pictures whenever possible.

PUBLICATIONS Aaron Rawls FSO-PB 14-1 (904) 225-0765

This newsletter is dependant on the INPUT of the officers, staff and members of the Flotilla. Please send articles on time. THANKS.

PUBLIC EDUCATION Tom Pippin FSO-PE 14-1 (904) 491-6285



Heinz Fredrich receives Buddy Birkitt award from Sam Boyd

We welcomed 13 new members into Flotilla 14-1 in 2006 and are waiting for transfer papers for David Owsley .That will make 14 new members. You all did a good recruiting job this year. Don't let up. We have no prospects in the pipe-line at present.

Think of each of our staff work areas and try to recruit people with a job assignment in mind. We need to get new members involved in something or they lose interest. That holds true for many all of our members. If you do not hold a staff position, please consider training for one. Or at least, assist with one. With 21 staff positions, there must be something that will appeal to everyone. Take your pick:

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| Aids to Navigation | Marine Visitor | Communications |
| Operations | Publications | Public Affairs |
| Finance | Public Education | Information Services |
| Personnel Services | Member Training | Materials |
| Secretary of Records | Vessel Examiner | Webmaster |
| Grounds Keeper | Light House | Youth courses |
| Historian | Aids to Navigation | Marine Safety |



Tom Hayden receives First Commander's award from Sonny Laton. First Commander 14-1

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Friday Dec 1st was work day at the Lighthouse Cottage.

Bob Lauber, Jim Arman and Wayne Lawson replaced the gutters over the front and back doors.

Jay Sintes, Heinz Fridrich, Jerry Neal, and Tom Pippin vacuumed, cleaned and polished the floor. Howard Crews raked the East yard and Heinz blew off the drive. Paul Clark has been working for several days installing a fresh air duct to the AC system. Paul also maintains all the lawn of the property.

We really appreciate the effort of these dedicated members. We need to see some new faces at the next work day. We will e-mail the date and what we want to accomplish to all members.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER	Helen Sintes	FSO-AN	14-1	(904) 261-4432
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BOATS, WATER & KIDS	Gary Bong	FSO-WK	14-1	(904) 261-2006

Special Notice from CPR TEACHER Deborah Rollins

I'm scheduled to teach 2 Adult CPR/AED classes in January at Osprey Village, right next to Amelia Island Plantation. Since my schedule is so tight in January, I'd like to offer auxiliary members an opportunity to join either one of these classes at Osprey Village.

I will offer auxiliary members a Renewal Class, sometime in January, at the lighthouse.

However I highly recommend that members who wish to take the whole class, try to schedule themselves at Osprey.

Class Dates:

Thursday, January 18

Adult CPR & AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

Time: 0815 - 1430

Location: Osprey Village - Next to Amelia Island Plantation

Cost For Aux Members: \$20.

Wednesday, January 24

Adult CPR & AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

Time: 0815-1430

Location: Osprey Village - Next to Amelia Island Plantation

Cost For Aux Members: \$20.

Deborah Rollins

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**January 4, 2007
1900**

**Amelia Island Lighthouse
100 O'Hagan Lane
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