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**FLOTILLA COMMANDER**

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This has been a very mixed up month. The failure of the air conditioning at the Lighthouse cottage has caused us to do a lot of moving around.

First, thanks to Bob Lauber's persistence, it looks like the AC will be repaired by the middle of the month. The City of Fernandina Beach and Recreation Director Nan Voit have been very helpful and cooperative. Thank you for your assistance, Nan.

Now for the moving around. Heinz and Pam Fridrich gracefully, hosted the Flotilla Staff for their monthly meeting. The Flotilla general meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. The AUXNAV course and Crew/Coxswain training are being held at the Atlantic Recreation building on Atlantic Avenue. Whew! Hopefully, we will be back in the cottage for our late July and August activities.

We continue to grow. At the July meeting we will swear in 6 new members and two recruits were interviewed this week and their paper work submitted. All 6 new members are actively involved in training. We are at 88 and growing.

What an active operations schedule we have for July. With to our seventeen multimission patrols we will also support the Fourth of July Fireworks at Fernandina and St. Mary's, the annual Open Water Challenge offshore swim event and two day the Thistle sailing race. Also as part of the patrols we are training new Coxswain and Crew and completing current Coxswain and Crew annual currency maintenance.

I think that the Independent Study Courses (ICS) requirements have finally been carved in stone. These are now a requirement for Crew and Coxswain certification. Crew members need ICS 100 and ICS 700. In addition to these, Coxswains need ICS 200 and ICS 800. The courses must be completed by 31 December 2007.

It seems that being an active operational member of the USCG Auxiliary has become a bit more demanding. I hope that we can count on all of you persevere.

**VICE COMMANDER**                      Tom Hayden                      VFC      14-1                      (912) 729-8195

All Active Duty US Coast Guard members, regardless of rank, have to complete the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, and National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700 & 800. We are members of the US Coast Guard, and if we want to stay current with the Active Duty, we have to meet USCG training requirements. Also, there are many other reason why we should do the ICS training. Do you think a hurricane will never hit Fernandina Beach or some where near here? It is not a matter of if but when.

Then what are you going to do if you want to be prepared to do the Coast Guard Auxiliary mission? Say, sorry I did not take the ICS course and I'm not familiar with the new command and control system the Coast Guard and every other emergency management agencies in North Florida or Southern Georgia will be using. If you do not understand the terminology or the organization structure of the ICS, what good will you be to the CGAUX?

ICS 100, Introduction to ICS, introduces the system and provides a foundation for higher level ICS training.

IMS 700, Introduction to the National Incident Management System, is an awareness level course designed to explain NIMS components, concepts and principles.

Go to the Flotilla 14-1 web site – [www.a0701401.uscgaux.info](http://www.a0701401.uscgaux.info). Click on Member Training and then click on Member Training Resources. Here you will then click on National Training Department where you will find a link to the FEMA training courses.

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

Not much new to report on ATONs. The Cumberland Sound Range "A" light is still replaced by a separate lighted buoy and Cumberland Sound lighted buoy 31 is still listed as not working properly. Our Flotilla also reported lighted marker 7 on South Amelia River missing and Marker 45 in Nassau Sound is missing its North Facing daymarker.  
John Tatum

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

All seven (7) Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission reports for June were received and submitted.  
I had six Radio Watch Standers available this period

**COMPUTER SERVICE**                      Joe Blanchard                      FSO-CS 14-1                      (904) 2774257

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This is a short reminder to all members who presently teach or may in the future teach Public Boating Safety or Member Training courses. If you need to order training materials for the course you will be teaching. Please remember it takes the National Supply Center about two weeks to fill a request for course materials. There are a few courses such as Crew Member, AUXACN (Navigation) and Vessel Safety Check manuals that require the Names and Member Number of the trainees. Lastly, if you would like training materials dropped shipped to you let me know.

**MARINE SAFETY**

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The USCG and NMFS have completed a Port Access Route Study (PARS) on Right Whale collisions near the ports of Brunswick, GA, Fernandina Beach and Jacksonville, FL.. There will be designated access routes required for commercial vessels to use when entering or departing these three ports.

.Bridges: The USCG is changing the way it advises mariners of bridge closures due to scheduled maintenance. VHF-FM channel 16 with a transfer to channel 22 will be the designated way to advise the mariner. The old way was to use the Notice to Mariners ---but last minute changes made that way unreliable.

The "capacity plate" required on vessels under 20 feet and the stability tests on boats will change. From the 1960's the prior weight (per person) was 160 pounds. The new weight for an average person is 185 pounds. The USCG looked at several factors; for example, Canada has a "winter weight" (when people wear more clothes) and a "summer weight" The USCG settled on 185 as an all around average.

Anyone with a Coast Guard License needs to review the revised procedures in the Monday, 22 May 2006 Federal Register.

During World War Two (WW 11) and Korean War, the USCG issued a Port Security Card to workers and others needing access to the docks. The new access permit is called a Transport Worker Identification Certificate (TWIC).

Need to locate some one in the Coast Guard? Call (202) 493-1697 or e-mail cglocator@ballston.uscg.mil

The USCG is decommissioning its two oldest (sixty plus years) cutters .The CGC Stons (built in 1942) and CGC Acushnet (built in 1943) are being taken out of service in Alaska.

Locally, the small boat ramp at the Fernandina Beach marina is still closed until further notice. Dredging operations are almost completed; however much work remains to be accomplished on the piers/docks.

**MEMBER TRAINER**

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June has been another very active month for operations. During the month we had 10 multi mission patrols. These include the support for the St. Mary Kingfish tournament with three vessels, a Night Aton, eight crew and one coxswain on the water training patrols. As part of these missions we also patrolled on a regular basis all Security Zones assigned to us by the Coast Guard.

Year to date we had a total of 52 patrols which is right on our plan for the year.

During June 10 Coxswains, 15 crew and 9 facilities were available for Operations.

The month of July will be very challenging for operations. We are planning 17 multi mission patrols almost twice what we normally do. With these patrols we plan to support the Fourth of July Fireworks at Fernandina Harbor and St. Mary, the Open Water Challenge an annual offshore swim event and the two day Thistle Race an annual sailing event. In addition we plan our regular safety patrols and additional crew and coxswain training.

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	Doug Auburn	FSO-PE 14-1	(904) 491-0042
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During the month of July we have one public education class scheduled. Bob Sperry & Roy Durden are conducting a two Saturday GPS class. (July 15 and 22) If you always felt a wee bit uncomfortable punching in way points, running reciprocals, etc., then call Bob and sign up to take this interesting class.

During September & October we shall offer our last boating safety class of 2006...BS&S. This class meets the Florida requirement that all boat "drivers" twenty-one years of age and under must pass an approved boater safety course. You do not need this class? O. K., but how about mentioning it to someone you know who might profit from it. Florida with more boats than most states is close to the top in boating accidents. If you read a newspaper you have read about quite a few boating accidents this year in Florida. Our Public Education program is a major effort by 14-1 to make boating a safer activity. Give us a hand---promote our safety program.

There is another way to help.....consider signing on to take over the P. E. program for 2007. I am sure the Flag would appreciate someone stepping forward and helping them with this important activity.

<b>PERSONEL SERVICE</b>	Sam Boyd	FSO-PS 14-1	(904) 277-6608
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As you know the Coast Guard now requires Personal Security Information for our members. The two categories are: Direct Operational (DO) and Operational Support ( OS ). All new members are required to complete the requirements for OS status so we all have that. Previously any one participating in operations such as crew needed the DO status. We are delighted that this

is no longer a requirement. Only our two elected officers and our finger print technician need DO status.

We have several new prospect members. Three of them are from St. Mary's. Our Georgia contingent is growing. We currently have 10 members from Georgia and hopefully will soon have 13.

<b>SECRETARY</b>	Jill Auburn	FSO-SR 14-1	(904) 491-0042
<b>VESSEL EXAMANER</b>	Jim Hiott	FSO-AN 14-1	(904) 261-4205

There's not a lot to report this month. Things are slowing down due to travel plans, schools out and some of our members me included have lots of company during the summer. I would like to talk about having another VE day soon. What would be a good day, where to have it etc. I would also like to find out if there is an award or other form of recognition for our VE'S that have completed 25 or more inspections. Don Moors let me to believe there is.

<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN 14-1	(904) 277-4065
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<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Tom Pippin	FSO-FL 14-1	(904) 491-6285

A group of 25 Flotilla 14-1 members will be touring the USS TENNESSEE, Tuesday, July 18, at Kings Bay Submarine Base, GA. This will be a tour remembered for a long time! We will meet at the Stimson Gate at Kings Bay at 1430 hours (2:30pm) to get our passes and be picked up by boat crew and taken to the lower base. Sorry, NO CAMERAS on the lower base; we will take group pictures at the Stimson Gate. Dress will be casual with long pants for all and leather or tennis shoes--no sandals. The tour will be approximately 2 hours. Anyone desiring to carpool should meet at the Blockbusters parking lot (14th St, and Sadler) at 1330 hours on Tuesday. We cannot wait for anyone who arrives late, so please insure that you are at the Stimson Gate on time. You can call me if there are questions.

After the tour, we will have dinner at Borrell Creek Landing Restaurant, St. Mary's. Anyone is welcome to meet us at the restaurant at 6:00pm to enjoy a great seafood dinner before the group returns to the Island!!

<b>BOATS, WATER &amp; KIDS</b>	Gary Bong	FSO-WK 14-1	(904) 261-2006
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# FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**July 6, 2006  
1900**

**Fernandina Beach Police Dept  
Lime Street  
Fernandina Beach, FL**

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