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Calendar of Events

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| Jul | 01 | Safe Boating Day |
| | 02 | Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse |
| | 04 | Fire Works, Fernandina Beach Harbour and St. Mary's Ga. |
| | 11 | Mayport training session: Piloting including day/night navigation |
| | 18 | Ed Gaw Open Water Challenge |
| | 25 | Work Day |
| | 29 | Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse |
| | 30 | Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date |
| Aug | 06 | Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse |
| | 08 | Marina Day (see VE report) |
| | 15 | Mayport training session: Search and Rescue Procedures |
| | 26 | Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse |
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| | 29 | Work Day |



One great reason to celebrate and be proud of!

Auxiliary's 70th Anniversary (posted 19 June 2009 National Commodore Website)

On June 23, 1939, Congress established the Coast Guard Reserve, a volunteer civilian organization, to promote boating safety and to facilitate Coast Guard operations. Initially, members conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. In February 1941, the Coast Guard military reserve was established and the volunteers renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As the U.S. entered World War II, recruits flooded Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. In 1942, some 50,000 Auxiliarists became the core of the Temporary Reserve performing coastal defense and search and rescue duties, patrolling bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare. As their ranks grew, thousands of active duty Coast Guard personnel were freed for service overseas.

By 1950, the four Auxiliary cornerstone missions - public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship were established. In 1996, legislation expanded the Auxiliary's scope to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission authorized by the Commandant. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the world's largest volunteer marine safety organization, has kindled and interest in to create similar groups in other countries. Today, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels; flying in C-130's, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars. Active Duty, Reservists, Civilian Employees, Retirees and Auxiliarists,--truly constitute TEAM COAST GUARD.

Auxiliarists have a great deal to be proud of. Each of us should take pride in knowing that we are a special group, making a unique contribution to the Coast Guard and our Nation. Thank you for your service.

Happy Birthday and Semper Paratus

COMO Nicholas Kerigan

National Commodore

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

To all Flotilla Members

In the May 2009 Nassau Soundings we reported about areas where the Coast Guard Auxiliary can facilitate the Sector's strategic goals and initiatives but also where the Sector can better support the Auxiliary

The **three primary priorities** for the Auxiliary are

1. **Recreational Boating Safety** including Public Education, Program visitation, Vessel Safety Exams and Public Affairs.
2. **Permitted Marine Event Patrols.** Like the Fireworks at the Shrimp Festival or the Fourth of July Fireworks. We plan usually about 22 event patrols/year in our AOR half of them at night.
3. **Multi Mission patrols.** We plan annually about 115 safety, security, night ATON and OPS training patrols in our AOR.

We also reported that the Auxiliary and Sector units will work towards additional initiatives. One of these is:

Building the Workforce including training opportunities for Auxiliary personnel at active duty Sector units, adding active duty Auxiliary QE's, offering annual Station/ Division workshops and conducting joint drills and assignments.

This initiative is being implemented and well on its way:

On June 6 we participated in a friendly Auxiliary/CG station Mayport on shore and on the water competition (see the operations report)

On June 13 eighteen members from our Flotilla participated in a four hour training session at Mayport. We learned about safety issues, situational awareness, lookouts, deck communication, line nomenclature and towing procedure. This was a very interesting and useful training and all participants enjoyed this very much. It was a great experience.



The14-01 Towing Evolution training participants June 13, 2009
(missing is Joe Blanchard and Dick Beberman)

There will be three additional training sessions at Mayport. Mark your calendar!

Saturday July 11: Piloting including day/night navigation
 Saturday August 15: SAR Case Execution
 Saturday September 19: MOB recovery

VICE COMMANDER Joe Blanchard VFC 14-1 (904) 277-8270

It is the annual hurricane season and we must be prepared should one of these natural monsters or its less powerful cousin, the tropical storm, come our way. The first priority of auxiliary members is the safety of themselves and their families. The protection of property is next, and finally their support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. If we receive an alert that hazardous weather will impact our area, members will be contacted by both the Flotilla's calling tree and the District's automated service. When called by the calling tree, any information we have about the situation will be passed to the members and the members will be asked their intentions as to how they plan to safeguard themselves and their families. We need to know where you plan to go and how we can contact you at that location. If you plan to leave the area, then we also need to know when you plan to return. This information will be used to ensure that you are safe after the hazardous weather has passed. If you need information about conditions here, either during the storm or afterward, please call the Flotilla Commander or me. The muster information, from the calling tree, will be passed to the Division. The Division must know that everyone has been called and accounted for. Please assist the calling tree personnel with this information when contacted.

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

ATON PROBLEMS: (per Local Notice to Mariners, District 7 24/09)

- LLNR 37980 Amelia River Daybeacon 16 destroyed (we reported this)
- LLNR 37803 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light E, extinguished and damaged
- LLNR 37808 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light D light extinguished
- LLNR 37843 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light A light extinguished

Extensive shoaling reported South Amelia River Daybeacon 34 (LLNR 38100)
Shoaling reported in the vicinity of Fernandina Beach LT 1 and LT 3

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The 2009 edition of Light List 3 [and all other areas] was promulgated. It is available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3.2009.pdf>
Information from the Local Notices to Mariners 08-53 and earlier are included in the new edition.
- Tying up to federal Aids to Navigation, or otherwise damaging one, is a violation of 33 CFR 70.01 and may earn a fine of \$500.00 per offense. (LNTM 08-51 and following)
- The most recent D7 LNTM [09-18] indicated that a new edition of the ICW chart 11489 (Georgia-Florida St. Simons Sound to Tolomato River), edition 38, was released in January 2009.

COMPUTER SERVICE Joe Blanchard FSO-CS 14-1 (904) 277-4257

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

1. National Boating Day may be proclaimed for 1 July; it is a “no cost” means of drawing attention to the economic value of recreational boating for manufacturers, dealers, outfitters, and marinas. The latter already have a “Marina Day” scheduled for Saturday, 8 August this year.
2. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as of March 2009, wants to up the percentage of Ethanol in Gasoline to at least 15% and possibly up to 20% in 270 days. Most engines run OK on 10% Ethanol –but not any higher. The havoc Ethanol causes on fiberglass fuel tanks will be much worse as this percentage is increased.
3. Florida Fishing License Change: In the past, if you fished from a bank, beach, pier, dock, surf, or structure other than a boat in salt water, you did not need a fishing license. (A fishing license was always required for fresh water). Starting 1 August, you will need a Salt Water Fishing License to fish from ANY location including a Fish Management Area. Exception: using a cane pole with no reel (retrieval device). Florida residents who are 65 or older may receive a Complimentary Hunting and Fishing License. Go to www.myfwc.com for more info. If you want to get a License immediately, call 1 888 Fish Florida (347- 4356) 24 hours a day.
4. Drowning Response:
Most people assume a drowning person will splash, yell, and wave for help. This is not always the case; if they do, it is called “Aquatic Distress”! They are not “drowning” but are still in trouble.
The Characteristics of Instinctive Drowning Response are:
 - A. The victim is unable to call for help; the respiratory system was designed primarily for breathing—speech is secondary.
 - B. The mouths of drowning persons sink below and reappear above the water; they are not above the surface long enough to exhale, inhale and call for help.
 - C. Drowning people cannot wave for help; they will extend their arms and press down on the water to allow themselves to breathe.
 - D. Drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements such as waving for help or moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for a piece of equipment.
 - E. From the onset of Instinctive Drowning Response, the victim will remain upright.
With no supporting kick they can struggle for 20-60 seconds before submersion occurs. Rescuers need to know the difference between Aquatic Distress and the Instinctive Drowning Response to perform effectively.

MEMBER TRAINER

Bob Sperry

FSO-MT 14-1

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We have eight members actively studying to become crew qualified. If anyone else is interested contact me.

On July 11 we are having our second session of training with the CG at Mayport. This session deals with Navigation and should be attended by all of our crew and coxswains as well as all our trainees. If you wish to attend and haven't contacted our Commander do so asap.

At our next general meeting Past Commander Roy Durden plans to give a review of Marlinespike Seamanship. You should read Chapter 7 of the BOAT CREW Seamanship

Manual to refresh your memory of that subject.

Our next Auxiliary Speciality Course will be AUXPAT will start on September 9. It covers the types of patrols we do, and the issues and procedures we should follow when on patrol.

OPERATIONS

Heinz Fridrick

FSO-OP 14-1

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During the month of June we had 12 patrols in line with our plan. This brings our year to date patrols to 61 twelve less than planned.

Early in the month we Night Qualified 5 coxswains and 3 crew on 2 boats. To qualify we had to demonstrate our ability to navigate and pilot at night, to execute a MOB drill and demonstrate an efficient towing evolution. Our two teams did very well.

On June 6 we participated with two teams in the USCG/ Auxiliary Mayport Challenge on the water and onshore competition.

Five flotillas from Division 14 and two CG teams from station Mayport participated in the OTW competition. The teams were judged in plotting a two leg course and accurate piloting, the execution of a MOB drill and a safe and efficient towing evolution including dockside, underway and on scene preparations, deck procedures and commands.

Pier Pressure with crew Kelly, Hiott and Filkoff participated in the challenge as distressed vessel.

The onshore teams had to throw a rescue ring to a dummy in the water, execute a precision heaving line toss and get into a Mustang.

The Highlight was a great Picnic with all participating flotillas, Division staff and the Coast Guard. It was a great day but also very wet.



THE ON SHORE TEAM BOB, JERRY, JOE and CHEERLEADER JOAN

The Mustang Competition Mayport Challenge June 6, 2009



THE “ON THE WATER TEAM” SCOTT, AARON, AND HEINZ
Heinz, Aaron and Scott plotting courses

On June 13, eighteen of our members attended a four hour training session at Mayport. A total of 55 Auxiliarists were there.

Bob Funk Auxiliary Sector coordinator, head QE for the North East and Division OPS officer and BM1 Criscoll presented and discussed with us Towing Evolutions. We all learned a lot and enjoyed the great experience.

The next Training session is on July 11 on Piloting.

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PERSONEL SERVICE

Barbara Dunn

FSO-PS 14-1

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FLOTILLA 14-1 - - 5 new members have been sworn in so far this year. Help them find their interests and use their talents.

FLOTILLA 14-1 – Two prospective members were interviewed on Jun 17 and are awaiting there member number and ID cards.

FLOTILLA 14-1 currently has 11 new recruits who are studying to become members. It is exciting that there is so much interest in joining our flotilla. All members can be recruiters. Keep encouraging new recruits. And when new members are sworn in greet them and help them get involved.

VESSEL EXAMINER

Richard Trollope

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1. The next major National emphasis on Safe Boating will be “Marina Day” on Saturday, 8 August. For all our Vessel Examiners (VEs), there will be ample opportunities before that date to do Vessel Safety Checks on power, sail, canoes/kayaks, and Personal Water Crafts (PWCs). Check your neighbors’ yards as well as the marinas and ramps particularly for “High Focus” vessels (21 feet or less. These smaller craft with lower “freeboard” (or almost “none”) are disproportionately the craft from which persons fall overboard, get swamped, or are involved in accidents.

2. Kudos to our VEs whose efforts during a windy spring season still eked out at least 117 VSCs. Special attention is noted for Frank Powell's 39 (as of 31 May). Frank fails to pass most of the vessels he checks for safety with some instances truly amazing. Example: a boater whose flares had expired before he was born.
3. At present we are suffering from a shortage of CY2009 VSC decals (down to 3 among our staff officers who also are VEs). If you are not using your decals, please advise me so they can be redistributed. Additional VSC decals have been requested. Please continue to do VSCs even if you run out of decals; get the name and address of the vessel owner to whom a decal is "owed" and send it when available.
4. The single most important safety items for VE focus are: Lifejackets that fit and are sufficient for every person expected on the vessel.

HISTORIAN

Robert Lauber

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Dennis Murray, one of the newer members of our flotilla, is recognized by FC Heinz Fridrich for having completed all requirements for certification by the USCG Academy as an Academy Admissions Partner (AAP). Dennis joins a nationwide select group of some 400 auxiliarists, active duty and reserve officers and alumni, all of whom are certified as AAPs and who are engaged in assisting the CGA's Admissions Office in seeking out potential candidates to compete for Academy scholarships in pursuit of engineering and other related technical degrees. Assisting Heinz in affixing Dennis' new shoulder boards is 14-1 member Bill Long, also an AAP, and recently designated by the Academy as Regional Coordinator for the AAP program for the NE Florida area.

FELLOWSHIP

VACANT

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**July 2, 2009
1900**

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

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