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FSO-PB 14-1

June 2009

Calendar of Events

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| Jun | 04 | Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse |
| | 09 | AUXPAT Course, Tuesdays and Thursdays until June 23rd. |
| | 17-19 | Jacksonville International Boat Show |
| | 24 | Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse |
| | 25 | Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date |
| | 27 | Work Day |
| Jul | 01 | Safe Boating Day |
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Guest speaker Al Sandrik, National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist from NOAA being presented with his lighthouse by FC Heinz Fridrich

As in past years the activities in our flotilla increase significantly in spring and summer.

The month of May was no exception.

Early in the month many of our members participated in the Shrimp Festival parade, we supported the fireworks and the Blessing of the fleet and we provided tour guides for the CG cutter Kingfisher. I want to thank all participants but especially Bob Conklin, Richard Trollope and Joe Blanchard for organizing our participation. I also want to thank Mike and Ann Owsley for getting again a Coast Guard Cutter as a major attraction to the Shrimp Festival. Over 800 interested people visited the cutter on Saturday and on Sunday the cutter was part of the Blessing.

On Tuesday after the Shrimp Festival two of our boats sailed to Mayport for a QE mission. We recertified three crew and one coxswain in spite of strong winds. Congratulations!

We offered an ABS public safety class on May 9 and we finished up the Seaman Ship Specialty course.

Richard Trollope our FSO-VE planned for an active National Safe Boating week May 16 - 22. We found out that Richard's plan was great but that he is not **YET** in control of the weather. We had small craft advisory almost all week and boater just stayed home rather than going out on the water.

We were also planning to support the annual Ed Gaw Offshore water challenge with three boats. After discussion with the city we decided that the prevailing winds and waves were too dangerous for a save event. The event is now rescheduled for July 18.

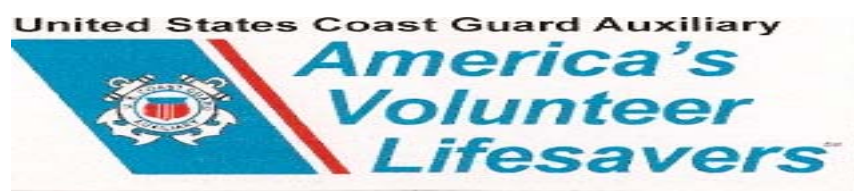
June will be another active month

On Tuesday June 2 we plan for two boats to have a Night Check check ride with QEs

On Saturday, June 6 we plan to participate in a Mayport Challenge between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary with one on the water and one on shore crew. All members are invited to come to Mayport as cheerleaders and to enjoy a picnic. We can use all the help we can get.

On Saturday, June 13 all members are invited to a Coast Guard training session on Towing Evolution. This is the first of a series of four training sessions offered by the Coast Guard to the Auxiliary.

In the second half of June we plan to support a three day Fishing Tournament and the annual two day Thistle Sail Boat Race.



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

I know I said this last month but with three children killed in a weather related boating accident on Lake George and a head on collision between a sailboat and a powerboat in the ICW it bears repeating. **We have to get our message out to the public on boating safely.** I call upon the membership to suggest ways to accomplish this task. Does anyone have a source for short boating safety audios or videos that we can turn into public service announcements on the radio and TV to get this message out to the boating public? Call me at the number listed above.

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

ATON PROBLEMS: (per Local Notice to Mariners, District 7 20/09)

- LLNR 37825 Cumberland Sound Light B extinguished
- 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

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 (Gorgia-Florida St. Simons Sound to Tolomato River), edition 38, was released in January 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS Jerry Neal FSO-CM 14-1 (904) 277-8270
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Recently, our flotilla was asked to submit "Personal Clothing and Equipment Records" for items we were loaned from the USCG. As it turns out, this does not include "Flotilla Owned" equipment you may have. If you are one of those who submitted the above-mentioned form 538, you may have entered your "flotilla-loaned" radio and/or power supply and/or antenna. If you did, those items have been removed from your submission. However, I will be sending out additional forms for those items complete with serial numbers, where applicable. Upon receipt, please sign these and send them back to me, Jerry Neal, as soon as possible.

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

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

Locally the National Safe Boating Week (16-22 May) found our area boaters keeping safe by staying home with rain and gusty winds (and a Lake Wind advisory in effect) for most of the period. This damper on activities curtailed a planned blitz by our Vessel Examiners (VEs). The next major event for such an opportunity is a "National Boating Day" proposed for 1 July 2009 perM House Resolution 410 in "recognition of the important role recreational boating and the boating industry play in the U.S."

A product quarantine on the Orion "Skyblazer XLT" (Visual Distress Signals) has been lifted. The issue was and is careful following of instructions on their use. Revised (new) instruction labels are available from mcustomerservice@orionsignals.com.

AIS-Automatic Identification System portrays on electronic charts an icon for every (AIS equipped) vessel within VHF-FM radio range. Each icon reflects the size of the vessel. Click on that icon and you can find the name, course, speed, class, MMSI#, and other info. This system can "see" around bends in a river, over islands and is not degraded by rain clutter like radar. Two classes of AIS are available: Class A is required for ships over 300 gross tons and costs about \$4500; Class B is intended for recreational boats and has less info. but is priced about \$700. (Available from West Marine)

OPERATIONS

Heinz Fridrick

FSO-OP 14-1

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During the month of May we had 10 patrols two less than what we had planned. Due to weather we had to cancel some of our patrols. This brings our year to date patrols to 49 twelve less than planned.

Early in may we supported the Shrimp Festival Fireworks with two boats and the Blessing of the Fleet.

We recertified three crew and one coxswain on two boats at Mayport. Congratulation. It was a long and rather windy day.

We were planning to support the annual Ed Gaw Open Water Challenge a 1 mile and 5K swim event just off main Beach. We had scheduled three of our larger boats but had to cancel due to strong winds and heavy seas. The waves that day were 4-6 feet with significant breakers and winds 15 KTS. The event is now rescheduled for July 18.

In June we are planning at this time 14 patrols. This includes two permitted events, a fishing tournament June 18 -20 and the annual Thistle race June 27-28. We are also planning to participate with two teams at the USCG/Auxiliary Mayport Challenge an on the water and onshore competition.

On June 13 all coxswains, crew and crew trainees are invited to the first of four consecutive CG training sessions at Mayport.

Saturday June 13: Towing evolutions

Saturday July 11: Piloting including day/night navigation

Saturday August 15: SAR Case Execution

Saturday September 19: MOB recovery

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Steve Filkoff

FSO-PE 14-1

(904) 491-8629

We (Flotilla 14-01) held an ABS class on Saturday, 9 May. Six people started the class, two left early without taking the exam, and another joined late. Bottom line, five successfully passed the course. We have no further classes scheduled for the remainder of this year.

There may be an “instructor’s education course” held by Division some time in June or July. ALL instructors will be urged to attend. Details to follow.

PERSONEL SERVICE

Barbara Dunn

FSO-PS 14-1

(904) 261-1889

FLOTILLA 14-1 - - 5 new members have been sworn in so far this year. Help them find their interests and use their talents. The latest one to be sworn in was Len Kreger. He was sworn in at the May 7 flotilla meeting.

FLOTILLA 14-1 currently has 10 new recruits who are studying to become members.

It is exciting that there is so much interest in joining our flotilla. Keep encouraging new recruits.



Len Kreger being sworn in.

VESSEL EXAMINER

Richard Trollope

FSO-VE 14-1

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1. In spite of freakish weather this year, our VEs have collectively conducted about 100 VSCs. Way to go as we are about at the half way point towards an objective of 200 VSCs in CY 2009 and we are about to commence the “summer season”. With fuel prices about half what they were in the summer of 2008, we should expect more boaters “going out” this year. (Additional decals have been requested!!)
2. A proposed House Resolution to recognize National Boating Day as Wednesday 1 July 2009 is pending in Congress. If passed (and it likely will be), this will provide additional focus on safety for the recreational boaters and an opportunity to conduct VSCs..
3. Most of our VE efforts have concentrated on power and sailing vessels. However Personal Water Craft (PWC), canoes and kayaks may be given VSCs. If they meet the Federal Requirements, they may be awarded decals. Because our Area of Responsibility has numerous canoeists and operators for kayaks, a list of the minimum Federal Requirements has been separately provided to our VEs to encourage inspecting them.
4. Several of our formerly certified VEs and prospective VEs require doing VSCs as “trainees” under a certified VE as part of the process. For “Lead” VEs, ensure that you note this as being achieved in the remarks section of the ANSC7038 report. Further, if a trainee is involved, add our Flotilla Commander on your address list to read: craig@aibeach.com,rtrollope@earthlink.net,hfridrich@bellsouth.net. By adding Heinz “in the loop”, the administrative processing for the trainee’s certification is sped up.

FELLOWSHIP

VACANT

FSO-FL 14-1

(904)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Gary Bong

FSO-YP 14-1

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The flotilla "Boats & Kids" team taught boating safety to 270 third graders this month at Yulee elementary school. Thanks to Gary Bong, Bill Foster, Ed Deely and Sam Boyd For making boating safer for 270 children. Gary Bong has an excellent program with the help of those mentioned plus Rosanne Jameson, but could use some more volunteers. 3rd graders are who we have targeted. Gary's team will try to reach as many as possible each year.

What we teach is very elementary but many of these kids are hearing it for the first time. They are the best audience in the world. 16 classes were taught at Yulee over 3 days and you could hear a pin drop in every class. These kids hang on every word and absorb it like a sponge. This is why Gary has selected teaching 3rd graders as our mission. One school teacher commented that our program is the best thing these kids have been exposed to this year. Another said she has heard the program 3 times and learns something new each time.

Next year Gary hopes to have some new recruits to help with the teaching. Or perhaps you would rather help Gary by contacting the school principles to schedule our classes. We have visual aids that help with the presentation and we work as a team. It is easy, it is fun and it is very rewarding. The only prerequisite is that you like kids.

Submitted by Sam Boyd





FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**June 4, 2009
1900**

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

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