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March has started off with a bang. At the March 1<sup>st</sup> Flotilla meeting we were able to have a quorum and voted to adopt the revised Standing Rules for Flotilla 14-1. My personal thanks and appreciation to the 38 members and the guest who attended our meeting. Additionally, we completed the one hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) for 2007 with 20 of 33 coxswain, crew, and watch standers. Most thought the training was very worth while. We will try to get the remainder of water operations members following the next staff or flotilla meeting.

Our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class has 11 students and is progressing well. Our AUXOPS Communication class has eight members of the Flotilla attending the class.

Kudos to Heinz Fridrich who personally bought an Automatic External Deliberator (AED) for the Flotilla. Bob Lauber, Wayne Lawson and a few of the Flotilla team installed a glass case on the wall of the Lighthouse so that the AED is readily available for all hands in case of an emergency.

Our next Flotilla Operations Workshop will be on March 14 and the Division 14 Operations Seminar will be on March 17.

**VICE COMMANDER**

Bill Williams

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**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

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During our patrols, either multi-mission or PMEs, we should keep an eye on the Aids to Navigation. [Coxswains – do you have an up-to-date copy of our area of the Light List aboard?] If you spot one that is off-station, significantly damaged, or find one missing or otherwise out-of-sorts, call it in by cell phone to the Operations Duty Officer at Sector.

Extensive shoaling reported in vicinity of So. Amelia River DBN (LLNR 38100).  
An unlit pier extends into South Amelia River at Light 29.

General Information –

1. NOAA has posted all of its U. S. nautical charts [www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer](http://www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer).
2. Light List III, recently up-dated through LNTM 06-49, is available at [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete\(3\).pdf](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete(3).pdf). Regular updates are also available.
3. The most recent chart information, dated 1 January 2007, is available online at [“http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm”](http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm).
4. The U. S. Coastal Pilot 4 (38<sup>th</sup> edition) and other volumes, may be downloaded, at no cost, from <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>.

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

Five of five Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission Reports were received and submitted.

Isabel Gaw has taken her Comm Specialist test and is awaiting her results. If she passed, she's ready to make her commitment to be our next new Radio Watch Stander.

A large number of people are taking the AuxComm course taught by Jim Arman. We are likely to get a few more Radio Watch Standers out of this course, thanks to Jim and the hard-working students.

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

The Flotilla 14-1 website can be located at <http://cgaug7-14-1.info>. The flotilla website has a calendar that contains future events of interest to Auxiliary members. A link has been added to the Division 14 website. The Division 14 website contains a calendar with events of all Flotillas in the Division. The Division website also has AUXDATA for each flotilla and USCG OnLine.

**FINANCE**                                      J. Sintes                                      FSO-FN 14-1                                      (904) 261-4432

**INFORMATIONS**                              Craig Bennett                              FSO-IS 14-1                                      (904) 261-7456

**AUXINFO Quick Access Reports**

A new report tool has been added to the District 7 Website to help elected officers, staff officers, and most importantly, the individual members track progress in training, certifications, awards and activity. This can be done at the District, Division, Flotilla, and Member levels. AUXINFO Quick Access Reports are basic reports that you can quickly and easily access through the Member Section of the District 7 website without special software or having to “drill down” to create reports.

To access these reports on the Member Information Page, select Auxinfo Reports from the menu on the left-hand side of the webpage. The first page is an introduction and Access Policy to access Auxinfo. On the left-hand side select District reports or select your Division. The next screen will be the various reports you can select. If you selected a Division, the Flotillas will be listed across the top. Select the report you want and click the unit you want.

The District Reports will show the detail by Division, the Division Reports will show detail by Flotilla and Flotilla Reports will show detail by member or facility. To go back to the Menu screen, click the Back button at the top of the screen. To go back to the Main District 7 website, click the "Click Here to Return to Main Website" at the top of the Menu Page.

Auxinfo is data that is pulled from the AUXDATA database and is updated once a week usually on a Sunday night. You can see the refreshed by date at the top of the Auxinfo report. No personal information such as addresses, phones, email addresses can be found on the Auxinfo reports. If you have any questions or problems, please contact me for help.

I will try to answer any questions at our meeting on 01 March.

The following message is from Marilyn McBain at National. "I have had questions on the new

1-hour TCT, and 8-hour TCT workshops for 2007. OSC is still working on the re-programming of the Training Status Report; but when it is completed: In the year that the TCT 8-hour workshop is completed, the 1-hour workshop will turn green and show a "W" for waived under the Current column and show the next one due 31 Dec of the following year."

**MATERIALS** Louis Fusco FSO-MA 14-1 (912) 673-9470

The following information is provided to the members of Flotilla 14-1 to give a brief synopsis of the duties of the FSO Materials. The materials officer exercise staff supervision of the procurement of materials to include stationery, forms, stamps and publications needed by Flotilla members in the performance of their duties.

If members need help in acquiring auxiliary items or need please call me or send me an email.

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

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection –March 2007  
Safety Issues

H.R 5274 Boating Safety Tax Initiative-This proposed legislation would have provided manufacturers tax relief for supplying buyers of "new" boats free life jackets and EPIRBs.  
NOT PASSED BY CONGRESS.

H.R.5256 Recreational Marine Reserve Act-Establishing a 10 -year cut-off after which the manufacturer cannot be held liable for the performance of a boat or product.

H.R. 32 Stop Counterfeit Manufactured Goods-Strengthens criminal penalties for those using fake labels. (A Chinese company was doing this with fake labels on inferior boat gages)

Vessel Hull and Design Protection Act-Amendments-Previously a company “could” duplicate a vessels hull and deck if they made “minor” changes to the deck and would not thereby infringe patent rights. This amendment closes that loophole by separating the deck and hull and the patent covers both.

Environmental Issues:

S. 362 Marine Debris Research Prevention & Reduction Act-Provides additional funds for NOAA and the USCG to improve enforcement of pollution regulations. This will help boat owners by decreasing the amount of debris that can clog water intakes and foul propellers.

Invasive Species Act- Freighters, tankers, and large commercial vessels could take on ballast water (including marine species, i.e. ZEBRA MUSSELS)) in foreign waters, transport them, and then discharge the water along with the creatures in U.S. waters. Now such vessels are to perform a “ballast water exchange” far out to sea taking on clean replacement water before entering the U.S. This “exchange” is to be logged and CG MSOs would take ballast water samples to ensure this was being done.

POINT: As of September 30, 2008 this law would include “ALL VESSELS” and apply to “recreational boats” which previously were exempt. Congress, the EPA, and all 50 states would have to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit which would include “ANY” discharge from a boat. Although the KEY CONCERN of the law was ballast water, an 8- foot dingy with a 2 HP kicker would need a permit to operate the outboard if it were water cooled. NMMA is working to prevent this (drastic reading of the law) from happening.

Reminder: Mayport is not the only Coast Guard address in the Jacksonville area; others are:

Electronic Support Detachment (ESD)-Central Parkway, Jacksonville

Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST), Kingsland, Ga.

Coast Guard Investigator Service (CGIS), Baymeadows , Jacksonville (similar to NCIS)

Afloat Training Group (ATG), Mayport Naval Station

Helicopter Indiction Squadron (HITRON), Cecil Field (Only CG Armed helicopters)

CG Recruiter- San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville

Aids to Navigation Station-ATONS Penman Road, Jacksonville Beach

**Marine Safety Office (MSO) Currently on Arlington Expressway but moving 28 February to Sector Mayport)**

**Sector Mayport-4200 Ocean St. Mayport.**

**Advance information on the next Jacksonville Boat Show:**

**Metro Park (on the St. Johns River, across from the ALTEL Stadium) 20-23 April**

**MEMBER TRAINER**

Bob Sperry

FSO-MT 14-1

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Our AuxCOM course will finish on March 12 with eight members taking the exam.

We still plan on AuxWea speciality course to begin in July with Joe Blanchard teaching. We just heard that the course has been revised and have ordered new texts to replace the old ones we have on hand. The old course was really worth while for everyone but especially useful in understanding weather events as they apply to on the water activities. I am sure the new version will be even better.

A reminder to all crew and coxswains, you must complete the required Incident Command System (ICS) courses before the end of this year if you want to be able to continue to participate in operations activities. If you are unsure about what to do regarding these courses call me on 904 277-7191.

We have two opportunities to satisfy our eight hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) requirements this month. First, at the Stellar Building in Jacksonville on 10 March starting at 0830 and second at the lighthouse on 24 March again starting at 0830. All operations members who need refreshing in TCT have been contacted and selected a session to attend, but if you change your mind please let me know. ALL NEW CREW TRAINEES are required to attend one of these 8 hour TCT sessions before becoming qualified, so consider attending one of these sessions.

**MARINE PROGRAM VISITOR (Vacant)**

FSO-PV 14-1

**OPERATIONS**

Heinz Fridrick

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During the month of February we had 5 patrols. Four patrols were canceled due to bad weather.

At the end of January we had 11 active coxswains, 7 available facilities and 22 active crew members in the flotilla.

As of January 1, 2007 annual recertification requirements and requirements to participate in night Permitted Events have changed. We had planned the following two workshops in February and March to discuss this.

**1. Wednesday, February 14 1900 to 2100 Light House**

At this workshop we discussed the new recertification requirements for coxswains and crew. I sent you a copy of these requirements on January 14 and January 16. We also discussed the ongoing training, how we keep track, TCT and the new Night navigation requirements. Members who could not attend this workshop can come to a make up session on March 14 at the lighthouse at 1630

**2. Wednesday, March 14 1900 to 2100 Light House**

**1. Communications Refresher**

## 2. Operations Policies

- min Crew requirements
- ATON reporting
- Mishap reporting, Damage claims
- MSAP
- SAR Organization
- Salvage Policy
- Crew Fatigue
- Min. Survival Equipment (must and optional)
- Hypothermia protective clothing
- Direction & Navigation to Mariners
- Engine stop Policy
- MDA coordination and Disaster plan
- PBIRB poach
- OIL and Chemical spills

**NOTE: Make up for 2-14 Workshop 1630 to 1830 on March 14 at the Lighthouse.**

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	Tom Pippin	FSO-PE	14-1	(904) 491-6285
<b>PERSONEL SERVICE</b>	Sam Boyd	FSO-PS	14-1	(904) 277-6608

Many members think the main job of the Personnel Services officer is recruiting. Actually I do very little recruiting. Most prospects come to us from several ways:

1. Referrals from our members
2. Articles in newspapers
3. Public education classes
4. Referrals from the National web site

Once they are referred to me, my job is sales (persuader) and administrative.

As soon as I receive a prospects name, I pull a form letter of introduction out of a file and send it to them with the brochure "Prospect Member Information Booklet". The letter invites them to contact me if they are still interested. This may involve a follow up phone call. If interested, I then take them a binder containing the New Member Course. They are asked to contact me when they have read the material and are ready to fill out the application forms. I then arrange a meeting for them with the FC and myself to complete the application process. This involves filling out the application, a briefing by the FC, finger printing and taking a photo for their ID card. Copies are made for their file which is kept by the flotilla and the New Member Package is forwarded to DIRAUX. We have this whole process well organized.

That is what the FSO-PS does. I have enjoyed the job and wouldn't have done it for 5 years if I didn't. The best part is meeting the new member prospects. It is now time to let someone else have all the fun. Please let me know if you are interested in this very

rewarding position. You will have excellent on the job training and I need to start working with someone now. I have contacted a couple people who have turned me down. Hope someone will soon step forward.

Other jobs I have are maintaining the roster and fingerprinting. These are not PS responsibilities and could be done by other people.

<b>SECRETARY</b>	Conrad Vaughn	FSO-SR	14-1	
	NEW, Welcome Aboard!!!			
<b>VESSEL EXAMINER</b>	Bob Tolg	FSO-VE	14-1	(904) 261-6149
	NEW, Welcome Aboard!!!			
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN	14-1	(904) 277-4065

### **WORK DAY AT THE LIGHTHOUSE**

We plan to accomplish the following tasks at the Lighthouse grounds on Saturday 31 March at 0900.

- Clean kitchen floor,
- Wash windows
- Pressure wash outside of cottage & lighthouse (green stain).
- Trim plants along drive.
- Cut trees blocking view to marsh.
- Check attic above AC duct for mildew.
- Spray weeds.
- Blow off drive & walk.

We need several members to accomplish these tasks. The same members show up to work. We would appreciate your help. Just show up and we will find plenty for you to do.

<b>GROUNDS KEEPER</b>	Paul Clark	FSO-GK	14-1	(904) 261-4041
<b>LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER</b>	Helen Sintes	FSO-LK	14-1	(904) 261-4432
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Mac McAllister	FSO-FL	14-1	(904) 227-0062
<b>YOUTH PROGRAMS</b>	Gary Bong	FSO-YP	14-1	(904) 261-2006
<b>HEALTH and SATETY</b>	Deborah Rollins	FSO-HS	14-1	(904) 251-0725

### **For ALL HANDS: The following is from Deborah Rollins:**

In years past many in the Flotilla have volunteered to work the ladies WTA tennis tour - Bausch & Lomb Championship - at Amelia Island Country Club. The Tourney is 2 Apr thru 13 Apr.

If any of our guys & gals wish to work with the CAP, in the parking lot, please contact **Jerry Kawecki** directly, as he is the one who gathers volunteers for the parking lot ONLY. [gjk@bellsouth.net](mailto:gjk@bellsouth.net) or, mobile: (904) 415-0187.

If anyone in the Flotilla wishes to be a volunteer (on tournament site) for the **Bausch & Lomb Championships**, please fill out an application on the Internet. To sign up, all volunteers are being directed to our new on-line volunteer registration. Please go to the official Bausch & Lomb Championships website at:

[www.blchamps.com](http://www.blchamps.com)

Notice at the top RIGHT corner of the screen, there will be a "rotating button" which will say either

"volunteers" or "ball persons." When it rotates to VOLUNTEERS, click on it!

You may check out ALL the volunteer positions, by clicking one by one, the list on the right panel.

Then, you may sign up, by following the instructions on the LEFT panel.



# FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**March 1, 2007  
1900**

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

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