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1. During the month of February we had 9 patrols which bring the YTD patrols to 10 six less than what we had planned through this month. Due to weather we had to cancel 3 patrols during the month.
2. Available for Patrol during the month were 7 facilities, 10 coxswains and 19 crew members
3. During the month we had two OPS workshops with all flotilla members invited to attend. At the first workshop 30 members attended and at the second workshop 40 members attended. We discussed many subjects as shown on the following agenda:

FIRST OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, Light House 1900-2100

AGENDA

1. Flotilla Operation Practices and Procedures (**Fridrich**)
2. Annual Currency maintenance Flotilla 14-1 (**Sperry**)
3. Additional Training and Night Operation (**Fridrich**)

SECOND OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 27, 2008, Light House 1900-2100

AGENDA

1. Uniforms (**Fridrich**)
2. Permitted Marine Events (**Fridrich**)
3. Come Upons, distress and non distress situations (**Fridrich**)
4. Communication refresher (**Neal**)

5. Aids to navigation tutorial and reporting (Tatum)

Most difficult was the discussion on Come Upons in a non distress situation. We also realize that we need to do more training in Communication and Aids to Navigation.

4. We have now four teams involved in additional training at night: Navigation and piloting, Towing Evolution and MOB drill. We are planning to practice during March and hopefully sign off in early April. Our first Night Permitted Marine Event is the Shrimp Festival Firework on May 2 and we need at least two teams signed off in additional training to support the event.
Once we have signed of crew and Coxswain we intend to involve all crew trainees in additional training.
5. The second quarter 2008 will be very challenging. In addition to support 4 Marine events with 7 patrols we want to recertify 7 crew members and 3 coxswains and we would like to certify 6 new crew members.
- 6 We have a **major problem** at this time. 10 of our certified crew members and coxswains are in REYR for various reasons related to TCT and ICS test status. That means we cannot assign them on patrols as certified crew. This represents 30 % of our available crew members and coxswains. We need to correct this urgently.
7. During the second week of February several of us participated in the annual currency of Coxswain and Crew members of Station Mayport. Over two full days working the distressed vessel we learned a lot how the Coast Guard practices Towing evolution, MOB drills and SAR communication.
8. In the last Nassau Sounding we presented the 2008 Business plan for the flotilla. By now you should have been able to read and understand the objectives and initiatives of all Flotilla Staff Officers for this year. We are planning to review changes to the plan and also the status of objectives/Initiatives against plan on a quarterly basis.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

John Tatum

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General Information – (repeated)

- Coast Pilot 4, 39th edition, covering Cape Henry to Key west, is available at “<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot4.htm>”.
- The 2007 edition of Light List 3, updated through LNTM 27-07, is available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/lightlists/lightlists.htm>

I presented the latest in ATON reporting requirements at the 14-1 February OPS training meeting.

Dredging –

Weeks Marine dredge “R.N. Weeks” will be working the St. Marys channel entrance and Fernandina Harbor from Fort Clinch to about 3.7 miles east of the jetties, through Feb 08. Spoil will be deposited off-shore initially, then on the left descending bank of the St. Marys River near Fort Clinch.

ATON Discrepancies:)

The following buoys have all been moved for Dredging at St. Mary's entrance channel:
#8, 10,11,12,13,14,15,17 and turning basin lighted "C".

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

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1. The USCG 2008 Authorization Bill, Section 503 S-1892, states that the continued use of LORAN C would be permitted and funded until Congress decides to enact a law to terminate it.
2. Previously, Vessel Log Books were only required for International Voyages. Section 312 of the USCG 2008 Bill would require the Log Book on Inspected Passenger Vessels on Domestic Voyages.
3. The Florida Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has begun TWO-YEAR Registration for Cars, Trucks, Trailers, and Vessels. You can renew your registration now for two years (the cost: double the price for one year).
4. Artificial reefs bring life to Florida waters by attracting fish –and fishermen. Old ships and concrete had been being used to line the sea bottom off Jacksonville until CY2000 when that practice was stopped by the City Council. In November 2007, the Council lifted the ban and now permits placement of heavy concrete balls and well-cleaned and stripped vessels as part of the artificial reef program.
5. The Counterfeit Connection. Many non-reputable companies are cloning products that affect the boating industry. These knockoffs (as they are known) are cheaper in price but also lower in quality and value. For example, a comparison test was made of an ITT Rule electric bilge pump and a cheaper look-a-like. The knockoff has a smaller motor and has to work harder to move the same amount of water; it ran 45 MINUTES and stopped. The wires overheated and the housing began to melt. The ITT Rule pump ran for 500 HOURS—and was still going.
6. Commercial Tankers and Freighters are required by International Law to have clean up insurance in case of an Oil Spill. The amount of insurance is based on vessel size.
Oil Tankers: From \$1200 per ton or not less than \$2 million to \$3000 per ton or not less than \$22 million. Freighters: From \$600 per ton or not less than \$500,000 to \$950 per ton or not less than \$800,000.
7. Internet addresses of interest;
Waterway rules of the road: www.BoatUS.com/foundation/toolbox
Sign up for the Boat Recall alert: www.BoatAmerica.org/recall
Need Hurricane Plans for boats and marinas: www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes

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The Flotilla is reviving a program that many of you know as the Marine Dealer Visitation Program now the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program or RBSVP. This is broad public outreach program in support of the Coast Guard’s recreational boating safety mission. The goal of the program is to promote safe boating through the aid of local businesses, offices and marine dealerships. Partnerships will be developed between the auxiliary program visitors (PV) and these businesses and dealers (Partners). Open lines of communications between Partners and PV will be maintained by frequent visits and providing up-to-date safe boating literature, boating safety class schedules, list of vessel safety examiners, etc.

This is an opportunity to provide an awarding and important contribution to the Coast Guard and to your Flotilla. Becoming a certified Program Visitor is relatively easy...passing an on-line exam and accompanying a certified PV on two visits. If you have been certified in the past or new and would like to get involved now, we can sure use your help. This past month we have developed 7 new partners in St. Marys and Yulee. We really need someone to solicit partners in Fernandina Beach.

The more PVs the more Partners we can develop and this is the key to a successful program. If you are interested please contact me at pmaye@tds.net.

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Flotilla 14-1 has a “floating” number of a dozen qualified Vessel Examiners (VEs) and two undergoing training. About a half dozen more could be recertified by serving as trainees for two Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) with any of the following VEs:

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| Powell, Frank | Trollope, Rick |
| Pippin, Tom | Lauber, Bob |
| Fridrich, Heinz | Knauss, Ron |
| Hayden, Tom | Boyd, Sam |
| Arman, Jim | Clare, Tom |
| Hiott, Jim | Maye, Pete |
| Owsley, Mike | |

A recent “All Hands” from our Flotilla Commander advised of numerous obsolete forms or revisions –including the AUXDATA Report-Vessel Examinations, ANSC –7038 (1-08).. “The :change to this form does not affect VSCs or Facility Inspections”.

For all VEs and trainees, if you need more copies of the Fed, FL or GA publications, ANSC-7012 VSC forms, or CY2008 Decals, call me at (904) 491-1403 or e-mail your request to rtrollope@earthlink.net. Again an important reminder to all VEs (and thanks to those who have been doing it): “Submit your activity Report Vessel Examinations ANSC 7038 to our Flotilla 14-1 FSO-IS, Craig Bennett, craig@aibeach.com with copy to me rtrollope@earthlink.net. Craig gets the reports into AUXDATA and I monitor our progress.

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

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