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ALL HANDS: The Flotilla meeting for May is WED, 2 May NOT Thurs.

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There seems to be some confusion nation wide on Auxiliarist being given access to exchanges on active duty military installations. While DOD regulations approve Auxiliarist using the exchanges to purchase USCG and CGAUX clothing and uniform items there is the problem of access to the bases. Kings Bay Navy Submarine Base and Mayport Navy Base are restricted access bases. You must have a retired military identification card and auto sticker or you must go to the ID and decal office and show proof that you are a US citizen and prove that DOD has approved access to the exchange. Not an easy task.

While we have the USCG Station Mayport and Sector Jacksonville exchange near us, I strongly recommend that all Auxiliarists use the USCG station exchange and not the navy bases.

Ref the 100% accountability for CGAUX members post storm. Admiral Allen, after Katrina, imposed this directive and the responsibility on each sector. As I understand it, every CGAUX Flotilla was (and is) required to supply the division OPs officer with a point of contact (POC) who will know the whereabouts of the member and when that person plans to return to their home after the storm. This information is passed on to the Sector. The AUXLO for Sector has a copy of this database in the event communications in our AOR are disrupted.

April was a busy month with public affairs, public education, member training, operations, boat shows, kids programs, qualification exams, etc. Too many people to thank or congratulate but suffice to say more members were involved in Flotilla programs than ever before. Thank you and congratulations to ALL HANDS.

VICE COMMANDER

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This is the time of the year that volunteer work for the Coast Guard Auxilliary can be fun. Ordinarily our jobs consist of Marine Safety Education and on the water patrols, but now we can meet and greet the public at the Shrimp Fest, which is always fun. The annual Shrimp Fest Parade is a fun opportunity to socialize, too. Come on out to the Shrimp Fest and help out.

We need more volunteers to man the Coast Guard Cutter Tours at the Shrimp Fest on Saturday. We'd like to have 4 members on board all the time. It will be a 2 ½ hour stint, either 9:30 to 12, 12 to 2:30 or 2:30 to 5:00. e-mail me at capn-bill@att.net if you can help out. Thanks

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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1. NOAA has posted all of its U. S. nautical charts at a new location, <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onLineViewer>.

FL East Coast Amelia River Extensive shoaling reported in the vicinity of South Amelia River DBN 34 (LLNR 38100) 11489 34-01

FL East Coast Amelia Island An unlit pier extends into the South Amelia River at LIGHT 29 (LLNR 38080) in approx 11489 04-03 position 30-35-09N 081-27-18W

COMMUNICATIONS

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All six radio watch standers were available for assignment this month.

So far this month we've had four patrols and I've received Three Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission Reports with the fourth one on the way.

There are four more missions this month which include two Night ATON inspections on the Inter Coastal Waterway. The missions are being used for night navigation training for crewmembers. I'm looking forward to the re-qualification training.

I'm still awaiting test results of many members who took the Communications Specialists tests. This is the start of becoming a Radio Watch Stander.

Good Teamwork:

As team members, we all have to work together to get our various tasks done. This applies to our Auxiliary tasks as well as with our home and paying jobs tasks. One of the factors of good teamwork is to never say, "I won't do that since it's not my job." When that is said, the task progress slows down or stops and causes ill will. I hope none of us has ever had an occasion to say it. There may be times when you can't do something you've been asked to do because of not having the resources or knowledge to do it. That's different. Remember, we've volunteered to do our country a service. When asked, do the job. I know we've all done this in the past many times. This is just a gentle reminder to keep up the good work for our flotilla.

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

We are attempting to have Form 7028 (Change of Member Info) added to the e-forms area of the national website. This will facilitate our members ability to keep their information up to date. The website continues to evolve. Anytime a member discovers a problem with our website, please notify the Web Master. The Web Master strives to eliminate errors but users can find paths within the website that may have eluded the Web Master and your help is greatly appreciated.

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There are at least three sources of uniform items for flotilla members. Three of these sources are the USCG Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), the 7th District Store and the USCG Exchange at Sector MayPort. The UDC has all the required CGAUX uniforms at reasonable prices. Orders can be placed by fax and the UDC catalog can be accessed through the flotilla website. The 7th District Store has several uniform items and CGAUX unique items and accessories. The 7th District Store can also be reached from the flotilla website and orders can be placed online. Lastly, the CG Exchange at sector MayPort has a limited stock of uniform items and requires a trip to MayPort.

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

1.Engine Model Year Misgivings: Mercury, Honda, and Yamaha outboards have done away with model years so as to introduce new technology as soon as it is available. Problem: 2 “identical” motors in the same showroom, one with “old” technology, one with “new”—and both came out in 2007! In about 10 states the boat motor year must be listed on the title . If you buy a 2007 boat with a 2006 motor (brand new, zero hours) and decide to trade or repower you will receive less money because the motor is a year “older” because the title says boat 07, motor 06. Your problem: what technology are you buying or selling--old or new?

Suzuki and Bombardier (Johnson and Evinrude) still use model years. The several manufacturers are working through this to find an agreement.

2. Two (2) cylinder Tohatsu and Nissan outboards have a safety that cuts off 1 cylinder when the engine starts to overheat. This overheating can occur when the engine is not positioned correctly on the boat transom and bubbles form in the cooling water. To restore performance, stop and tilt the engine up to clear the cooling water intake. To correct it permanently, the engine must be positioned on the transom in the right way. The specification indicates that the ventilation plate (often called a cavitation plate) should be even with the bottom of the hull of the boat.

The engines of other manufacturers should be mounted somewhere between the bottom of the hull to 2 inches below it. The manufacturer provides specific location. If the plate is too high or too low air in the cooling system problems will result.

3. EPIRBs and PLBs: The March 2007 Boat U.S. magazine has an excellent article on "EPIRBs-The Next Generation" (pages 18-19). Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) "good" for 48 hours use have been around for some time. Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) "good" for 24 hours have been available for "on-shore" activities but are rapidly being introduced to marine use. (The Coast Guard plans to issue PLBs to all its surface deck and aircraft crews and some Auxiliarists already have them).

Key safety considerations: EPIRBs may be manually or automatically turned on and will float; PLBs must be manually turned on and may or may not float. Both operate best if the antenna has a clear un-obstructed view of the sky. Once on (in an emergency), leave it on: turning it "off" to "save power" will only confuse possible rescuers. Never "clutch" the antenna; holding on to it will cause the signal to radiate into you instead of into the sky.

4. Special interest items:

- A. At www.sailwx.info you can track vessels by name or call sign and find out weather and tides around the world.
- B. The term "Consideration" as in a Passenger for Hire has been amended. Sec 2101 of the U.S. Code paragraph 5a. (The amendment was inserted between two existing paragraphs) Consideration means-an economic benefit, profit or pecuniary (involving money) payment to a person or vessel. It does "not" include a "voluntary" sharing of expenses of the voyage by contributing a donation of fuel, food, beverages or other supplies. If you "demand" they bring or pay for something to "come along", that is "passenger for hire". If they show up with an item or volunteer something, you are "legal".

MEMBER TRAINER Bob Sperry FSO-MT 14-1 (904) 277-7191

The two part GPS course will be held on Saturdays 9 June and 16 June at the lighthouse starting at 0900 each day. Each session will last about three hours and students are expected to bring their GPS units with batteries and instruction manual to each session.

The SPECIALITY course AUXWEA Weather will begin on 11 July and continue for 12 sessions. It is a revised course and will be useful for all members even if they have already taken the course.

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Completed publications for April ABC course, 11 students signed up.

The city manager of Fernandina honored our request to make a city wide proclamation for national safe boating week, The Flotilla commander and I will attend the city commissioners meeting in May to officially receive the proclamation.

Preparing news copy for new ABC and GPS courses that will be held in May and June.

Created a fold out flyer that contains all of the pertinent information about our flotilla, including web address, classes, vessel exams, contact names, etc. These will be ready for handing out at the Shrimp festival. 250 will be made

Submitted application to Fernandina Shrimp festival to allow flotilla to participate in festival parade

WHAT ABOUT VESSEL MAINTENANCE POLLUTION?

In the next few weeks, vessel maintenance and repair activities will be taking place virtually all around us. These activities include surface cleaning, sanding, washing, waxing, scraping, painting, as well as replacing hardware on the boat, lines, cleats, etc. Moreover, many people change their oil in anticipation of the season, and dispose of batteries, antifreeze, and other toxic materials.

Cleaning products used to get boats ready for the season include soaps, solvents, cleaners, waxes, teak cleaners, and fiberglass, wood, and chrome polishers. A number of these products contain ammonia, phosphates, chlorine, hydrocarbon products, and otherwise harmful ingredients that are hazardous to humans as well as the aquatic environment.

WHAT'S A SKIPPER TO DO?(especially an auxiliary skipper)

- Avoid using products that contain chlorine, phosphates, ammonia, hydrocarbons, or any other product labeled hazardous to humans. If a product is hazardous to you, chances are it's hazardous to the aquatic environment as well.
- Rinse your boat with clean, fresh water after each use. This stops organism growth, extends the life of the protective paint, and reduces the need for heavy duty cleaners. Use more "elbow grease," not more product.
- Use only the amount of cleaning product you need, and be sure to clean up any spills with a rag and dispose of the rag properly.
- Conduct all sanding and scraping operation while the boat is in the boat yard. If you must sand while the boat is in the water, use a vacuum sander to ensure debris doesn't get into the water, and use drop cloths to prevent paint chips from contaminating the aquatic environment.
- Try using hull paints containing Teflon, silicon, or cayenne pepper rather than toxic metals, like copper and tin. If you must paint the boat's topside while the boat is in the water, make sure you have a tarp to catch any spills.
- Be sure to dispose of oil and batteries properly. If your marina doesn't have a hazardous material receptacle, encourage them to get one. Dispose flares in a flame proof container, or transported to the local fire department for proper disposal.
- Encourage your marina or marine dealer to stock environmentally friendly products.

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We have had two outstanding Courses in the last two months!! Our BS&S course was excellent in March. The ABC Course offered on April 14 was a big success. We had 11 enrolled and we had 11 graduates. The Flotilla will sponsor another ABC on Sat., May 19. If you know of anyone interested in this course, please have them call me for information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Flotilla's outstanding corps of Instructors. These courses would not be successful if it were not for the dedication and abilities of our Instructors. I would also like to thank Doug and Jill Auburn for their help in training me and helping organize this program!

PERSONEL SERVICE Sam Boyd FSO-PS 14-1 (904) 277-6608

Please make a point of meeting and welcoming our four new members. Go to our website, click on member information, then click on new members to see their photo's.

With the 4 new people, we now have 95 members. I will have a current roster for hand out at the May meeting. If you do not plan to be there and want one, let me know and I will mail it to you.

We could use a few good prospects, so keep looking for interested people. We are working with 9 prospects now, but I only expect 4 or 5 of them to Join TEAM COAST GUARD.

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VESSEL EXAMANER Bob Tolg FSO-VE 14-1 (904) 261-6149
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As our previous FSO-VE, Bob Tolg, will be "out of area" for the Summer, I have been assigned to follow up the challenge to keep our fellow boaters as safe as possible by the VE process.

Aside from the designated Vessel Safety Examiners (VSEs), every Flotilla member is encouraged to bring attention to these FREE inspections. Of particular "interest" are the small craft (21 feet or less) and boats carrying children. (Please remember the PFDs (life jackets) must be of proper size for the child; encourage parents to have the children "test" their use in the water to ensure they become comfortable with them.)

No need to wait for Boating Safety Week; watch for "targets of opportunity" including your neighbor's boat on a trailer, in a slip next to yours, or on the adjacent launch ramp. If you as a VSE need Vessel Safety Check report forms (ANSC 7012) or 2007 decals contact me at (904) 491 1403.

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Work Day for May

Workday at the Lighthouse property will be on Saturday May 26th.

We need more members to participate in maintaining the property. We will start at 0830 and will have many tasks to accomplish. If you haven't participated in the past now is the time to come forward and due your part as a flotilla member.

TASKS

1. Clean the interior.
2. Check the East yard sprinkler system for necessary repair.
3. Plant grass seeds in West and East yards.
4. Replace the sprinkler controller.
5. Blow off the drive & walks.

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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**May 2, 2007
1900**

**Amelia Island Lighthouse
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