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If you read the Division newsletter I sent you, the “Nor’easter”, this is going to start out the same because it is the way I want to start.

I don’t know if this article is to be my “Swan Song” or not. I know that I feel like a “Short Timer”. What other cliché can I come up with, Oh yea, “Lame Duck”.

Never did I think that any experience with a volunteer organization could be so demanding, frustrating and still rewarding. I had set lofty goals for myself this past year. Many were achieved, though many will be left for my successor. It took me a while to separate the doers from the “No See Ums”. It took me a while to I realized that no matter what you do, some members are there in name only. Knowing this allowed me to work better with the doers.

We have done well in promoting our Recreational Boating Safety program. I would like to thank Doug Auburn and all you instructors for the super job you have done. I would also like to praise my friend Jim Hiott and all of you Vessel Examiners that have inspected in excess of 300 boats this year. Did you know that Nassau County and the St. Mary’s area of Georgia had fewer boating accidents per capita than any other area of Florida? I am sure that their efforts have contributed greatly to this statistic.

I know that several of our Crew and Coxswains have expressed concern about the Coast Guard not using us for Search and Rescue missions. That you are tired of cruising up and down the Intercoastal burning gas. Well, I hope that while you are cruising that you continue to train your crew, are on the lookout for boaters that may need help or advice and observing those activities that the Coast Guard has asked us to be alert too.

I would like to leave with a word to the “No SEE Ums”. I just cannot understand why anyone would want to belong to a “SERVICE” organization and not want to provide a service. We have several folks as members that I have never met in my five years in 14-1.

We are a very dynamic Flotilla and get involved in many local activities. Where are you when we need you? I certainly would not pay dues to an organization that I had no intention of being an active participant. Do you need membership to put on a resume, are you just a joiner and not a doer, or do you just like expound on the number of organizations to which you belong . If you are in it just for the social activities there are many other social clubs in town.

We need members that are willing to get involved. We need public education and youth teachers, vessel inspectors, leaders, talented staff officers, boat crew personnel, radio operators, lighthouse cleaners, fixer uppers, and most of all members that want to provide a valuable service to our community, "SAVING LIVES."

I really do appreciate the core group of about twenty-five to thirty members that I could count on to come to meetings and to participate in our many activities. They are a great group of people and I feel honored that they allowed me to be their Flotilla Commander.

In my first Nassau Soundings article I thanked those of you that allowed me to be your Flotilla Commander; I hope that I have not disappointed you. This being my last article, I again thank you for allowing me this honor.

VICE COMMANDER Tom Hayden VFC 14-1 (912) 729-8195

Illness and injuries have struck a number of CGAUX members of Division 14 and Flotilla 14-1 over the last few months and now that we are entering the colder months, we need to be extra conscience of our health and potential injuries due to cold weather fatigue. I'm not just talking about boat operations but all our CGAUX and personal activities.

Hypothermia can occur just walking the dog. All coxswain and crew should be familiar with the hypothermia chart on p.47 of the "Federal Requirements & Safety Tips for Recreational Boats" or Boat Crew Seamanship Manual. If any member is not familiar with the signs of hypothermia, just ask me at the next Flotilla meeting and I'll give you the information..

Always, get a good nights sleep, eat right and exercise. Health officials recommend a 30 minute walk at least 3-4 times a week. Before you leave the house dress properly.How many times have we thought it's not the cold and we start off for our walk and find that we needed a jacket or warmer sweater? Then more important, how many times have we kept going instead of returning to get warmer clothing?

I'm looking for ideas on a health and fitness program for Flotilla 14-1 next year. Not to mean anything during regular Flotilla meetings but something we can do as individuals or maybe in small groups. I have asked our Flotilla 14-1 Safety Officer, and Red Cross Safety Instructor, Deborah Rollins, to take our ideas and come up with a health and fitness program that she will promulgate to all.

My first idea is with members who want to participate with a walking chart with time or

distance and certificates for the top achievers in age groups. If we have any runners - have fun! Send Deborah and/or me all your ideas.

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

The following are reported ATON problems in our area in the Local Notice to Mariners:
Amelia River lighted buoy “2” The light is extinguished.

A warning for heading North on the ICW: “Due to limited commercial use” the Savannah district will not receive funds to maintain waterway depth from Cumberland Sound North to Port Royal Sound, South Carolina. Quarterly condition reports will be on the Local Notice to Mariners.

District 7 has over 850 ATON discrepancies right now, but our area is in pretty good shape.

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

1. Nine (9) of Ten (10) Radio Watch Standing (RWS) 7030 Mission Reports from 23 September to 22 October were received and submitted.
2. I had five of six RWStanders available this period. I was not available for watch this month.
3. I have been out of the state since 28 August and will return about 2 November. I am in touch via email, however, and have continued to assign Radio Watch Standers and monitor 7030 Mission Reports for them.

COMPUTER SERVICE Joe Blanchard FSO-CS 14-1 (904) 2774257

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If you have a need a supply of USCG Auxiliary Letterhead Stationery I cannot order this letterhead stationery from the Supply Center for flotilla members needing the letterhead. However, this stationery is now available online from the Auxiliary National Forms site. To access the National Forms site accomplish the following steps:

1. Access the Flotilla’s web page.
2. Click on member information button.
3. Scroll down and click on the Auxiliary National Forms site button.
4. Click on Miscellaneous Forms button.
5. Click on Letterhead button.

6. If you see that the letterhead page is filled-in, click on the reset button located on the top left of the document.
7. Lastly, print a copy of the letterhead.

MARINE SAFETY	Richard Trollope	FSO-MS 14-1	(904) 941-1403
MEMBER TRAINER	Bob Sperry	FSO-MT 14-1	(904) 277-7191

All formal member training activities have concluded for 2006 except for a Communications workshop for Operations personnel to be scheduled this month. All Operations personnel are reminded that the required Incident Command System (ICS) Courses must be entered into your AUXDATA records during 2007. If not you will lose your certification status that allows you to participate in operations activities. If any Coxswain, Crew or Radio watch stander needs help in taking these required tests contact me and I will guide you through the procedure. It is time to consider what training activities you desire in 2007. We will continue to offer selected AUXSPECIALITY courses for those of you seeking AUXOP status or just interested in furthering your boating knowledge and skills. At this time I am considering the AUXCOM, AUXPAT and AUXWEA courses. If you have any thoughts contact me. I welcome the input.

MARINE DEALER VISITOR	Dallas Butcher David Johnson	FSO-PV 14-1	(904) 491-3854 (904) 491-6657
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PUBLIC EDUCATION	Doug Auburn	FSO-PE 14-1	(904) 491-0042

In a USCG report on "Registered Boats and Recreational Boating Accidents" it was demonstrated that fatalities per 100,000 registered boats have been on a steady decline since 1991 when there were 924 deaths. At that time the country had 11,068,440 registered boats. That year there were 8.3 fatalities per 100,000 registered boats. By 1997, with 12,312,982 registered boats, there were 6.7 deaths per 100,000 registered boats while during 2005, with 12,942,414 registered boats there were 697 deaths or 5.5 per 100,000. It is encouraging to see that all the work of many, many people is consistently reducing the number of deaths due to boating even while the number of registered boats on the water is increasing.

The number one contributing factor to boating accidents is "careless/reckless" operation of boats. This contributed to 639 accidents and 40 fatalities in 2005 while operator "inexperience" contributed to 429 accidents and 65 deaths. Falling overboard is not something people want to do, but it does happen. Of 498 people who did so in 2005, two hundred and thirteen died.....not quite one half. Open motor boats were involved in 253

drownings, 98 "other" deaths and 1754 total injures. What is the most dangerous activity on water? The use of alcohol contributed to 366 accidents and 143 deaths. Our public safety mission continues!

Tom Phippen has signed on to serve as Public Education officer for 2007 and I want to wish him well. Also, I want to say a big "Thank You" to all of 14-01's Public Education instructors who helped me these last years. Your work was most professional and I really appreciated it.

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

We began the year with 81 members. We have added 12 new members and expect 2 more to be added before year end. One member transferred out and 3 have chosen to disenroll.

We now have 12 members with Georgia addresses and 2 prospect members from Georgia. It may be time to think about a detachment. A flotilla needs 15 members to receive a charter.

Please get your reservation and \$35.00 check to Jay Sintes for the Change Of Watch & Christmas Party. Saturday December 9 at St Peters Episcopal. GREAT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, FEW SPEECHES AND LOTS OF FUN.

SECRETARY Jill Auburn FSO-SR 14-1 (904) 491-0042

VESSEL EXAMANER Jim Hiott FSO-AN 14-1 (904) 261-4205

HISTORIAN Robert Lauber FSO-HN 14-1 (904) 277-4065

LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGE & GROUNDS

Each month we have a "WORKDAY" When we maintain the grounds and clean the cottage and repair items as necessary. We notify the members the date of work day and what we need to accomplish. Last Friday on work day we replaced the weather strip on the East door, removed the AC duct grills cleaned, added foam sealer around the edges and caulked voids around the duct. We also vacuumed the floor and cleaned the kitchen. The east yard was raked and the driveway was blown off.

The seven members working (always the same ones) were, Heinz Fridrich, Jim Arman, Jim Hiott, Sam Boyd, Wayne Lawson, Howard Crews, Tom Pippin and Bob Lauber. There were other tasks we could have accomplished if more members helped.

Next month workday will be on the 24th. Please put this date on your calendar and join us to help maintain the property. We are very fortunate to have such excellent facilities to use exclusively for our activities. The City of Fernandina Beach allows us to use the property as long as we maintain it. We look forward to seeing more members on the 24th.

GROUNDS KEEPER Paul Clark FSO-GK 14-1 (904) 261-4041

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER	Helen Sintes	FSO-AN 14-1	(904) 261-4432
FELLOWSHIP	Tom Pippin	FSO-FL 14-1	(904) 491-6285

We had a great time viewing the film THE GUARDIAN as a Flotilla in October. We had 35 members and their guests at the viewing and all felt that it was a great film and portrayed the Coast Guard very well.

Our November social will be at WICKED DAVEY'S FANCY SALOON, 232 No. 2nd St. in Fernandina. This is a new restaurant and it is historical and unique. Meals will be in the \$15-\$16 range with a choice of three entrees or tapas. We will pass a sign-up sheet at the meeting on Nov. 4th. Please call me if you would like to make a reservation! We should have a fun and exciting evening!

BOATS, WATER & KIDS	Gary Bong	FSO-WK 14-1	(904) 261-2006
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**Flotilla 14-1 Change of Watch
&
Christmas Party**

**Saturday December 9
Happy Hour – 1800 hours (6:00pm)
Dinner - 1830 hours (6:30pm)
St. Peters Episcopal Church
\$17.50 person - \$35.00 couple**

Please send your confirmation and money to Jay Sintes: P.O. Box 485 Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32035

Please don't miss this annual event and get your reservation in early. Dress is holiday wear. Men wear blue blazer if you have one. An appetizer or desert for the table would be appreciated.

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12	13	14 SOCIAL AT WILD DAVY'S 1730	15	16	17 STAFF REPORT DUE	18
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FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**November 2, 2006
1900**

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

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