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This report is coming from a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center for the San Diego fires. Some of you know that I get called out for FEMA when there is a major disaster and FEMA goes to it's part time employees.

The fires in San Diego are as bad as they have been reported on TV news. The numers of evacuees and damage to private and public property is staggering. I'm assigned as a team leader for on the "Harris Fire." This in The South East part of San Diego County on the US and Mexican border. All fires in Southern California should be contained by end of this week.

Will return by the end of November. Many thanks to the IPFC and the VFC for filling in for me.

EXTRA, EXTRA

Since our Flotilla Commander is off to California assisting the wildfire victims. I get another chance to pass along some **comments from the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander.**

I often get asked, "How do you know that", when some question about the Auxiliary comes up. Well I guess it is time to reveal my secret. I have a list of auxiliary websites that I try to keep up with. Most anything that you want to know about the auxiliary is on one or more of these websites. Then if all else fails I then "GOOGLE". Of course the final source is always the AUXILIARY MANUAL

Here they are:

1. CHDIRAUX--- <http://www.cgaux.info> ; The latest information from the Chief Director of Auxiliary.
2. DIRAUX--- <http://www.d7oax3.net>; The 7th District Director of Auxiliary. District information, Directives, Qualification Gateway, REYR's and a Super Search Engine.
3. DIRAUX WEST--- <http://www.dirauxwest.org>; Where to find the answers to questions about training and qualifications.
4. AUX NATIONAL--- <http://nws.cgaux.org>; Information generated at the national level. Staff Officer Departments, Search Engine and links to the National Commodore.
5. SEVENTH DISTRICT--- <http://www.cgaux7.org>; Information specific to our 7th Auxiliary District. District Forms and Manuals and lists of Boating Safety Classes.
6. AUXDATA--- <http://auxdata.uscg.gov>; Repository for all Flotilla reportable data. Anyone can gain access by getting a password through the FSO-IS.
7. AUXINFO--- <http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov>; Basically the same information as AUXDATA in a different and harder to use format.
8. AUX DIRECTORY--- <http://www.auxedirectory.org>, Maintains the e-mail addresses, units and qualifications of all Auxiliary members.
9. AUXILIARY KNOWLEDGE BASE---<http://kb.cgaux.info>; Answers many questions regarding the Auxiliary.
10. POWER POINT SEARCH--- <http://www.cgauxpresents.info>; A very helpful site when planning and developing member training.

If you really get interested and want to know more about our organization, these websites will go a long way towards satisfying your curiosity.

VICE COMMANDER Bill Williams VFC 14-1 (904) 261-9511

I am on a month's long vacation. See you when I get back.

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

General Information –

1. NOAA has posted all of its U. S. nautical charts at a new location, <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onLineViewer>.
2. Light List III, up-dated through LNTM 06-16, is available at [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete\(3\).pdf](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3Complete(3).pdf). Regular corrections are also available.
3. The most recent chart information, dated 1 July 2007, is available online at <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/dole.htm>.
5. Status of Charts, Latest Editions and Most Recent Local Notice to Mariners

<u>Chart Nr.</u>	<u>Chart Title</u>	<u>Ed/Date</u>	<u>LNTM Date</u>
11488	Amelia Island to St. Augustine	26/Dec 06	13/07
11489	ICW – St. Simons Sound to		

	Tolomato River	37/May 07	30/07
11490	Approaches to St. Johns River; St. Johns River Entrance	19/Dec 06	17/07
11491	St. Johns River – Atlantic Ocean to Jacksonville	36/Jan 07	37/07
11492	St. Johns River – Jacksonville to Racy Point	21/Jul 06	24/07

Dredging –

- St. Marys Entrance Channel, by dredge ILLINIOS (sic), ETC Oct 07

Lighted buoy “10 “ at Fernandina Harbor was reported missing and has been replaced by a temporary one. Subsequently we received word it was sighted a couple of weeks later on Tiger Island beach. The lat and long was reported by me to the ANT Jax Beaches so it could be picked up. Thanks to those who helped with these sightings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Flotilla 14-9 participated in the Coastal Cleanup by cleaning 3 boat ramps; they have applied again for another unit for the Monofilament Recycling Program.
2. Boat insurance fraud is increasing. A person buys a boat for \$100,000; 5 years later it is worth \$50,000---but he owes \$85,000. At that point insurance fraud looks real good. Sample: Fit 10-15 people or a couple of kilos (of drugs) and run a “stolen” boat to Florida, offload, and abandon the boat on the beach. Then law enforcement finds the abandoned boat and returns it to the last registered owner “who typically is unaware the boat was stolen”. Even though this scenario may have occurred 3 or 4 times, law enforcement could not convict the owner of a crime because he/she “was not caught in the act”. Thanks to changing laws, the boat owner is now issued a warning the 1st time; the second time, the boat is seized –breaking the cycle.:
- 3 “Proceedings” is a USCG magazine dedicated to Marine Safety (MS) and is published 4 times/year. Each issue focuses on a certain part of MS such as Documentation, Licensing, Waterways Management, etc. The Summer 2007 issue is all about Waterways Management. There is an article on the Right Whale, Advances in ATON, and How to go about getting a Marine Event Permit. (for which they endorse CG Auxiliary support). On the back 2 pages are answers to the Deck and Engineering test questions. Go online to read it at www.uscg.mil/proceedings or contact the USCG National Maritime Center to receive a free subscription.

4. The SO-MS has updated the “Employment of C.G. Aux in Harbor Safety and Security Missions “instruction by renaming it to “Auxiliary in Harbor Safety and Security”; it still is SecJax Inst 16790.3 .The names of some facilities have changed and others have gone out of business.
5. The Florida Legislature is planning a new Boaters Card program. Starting in 2008, the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) will add 5 years to the age required to get a Boaters Card (that would make it 26). In 2009, the age will be 31, 2010 the age will be 36, 2011 the age will be 41 and so on. This is not the law yet but is being proposed.
6. Electrical Connector and Wiring Issues:
 “Wire nuts” -official name “Marrettes” – are illegal for use on USCG Inspected Passenger Vessels by the CFR. They are not “illegal” for recreational boats but are NOT recommended. Boat manufacturers do not use them and reputable retailers like West Marine and Boaters World don’t sell them. Why not? Because unlike a home, boats vibrate!
 Use Stranded Core vice Solid Core wire; not finely stranded which is more likely to suffer corrosion problems)
 Soldering of connections creates a hard spot by stiffening the wire; fracturing can occur with little stress.
 The best connection is the “Crimped” type and the best test for the crimped connection is the pull test. If it comes apart or is loose, the connection is bad.
 Eliminate sharp bends, protect from chafing (i.e. at bulkhead [penetrations) and support the wire every 18 inches.
 Wire insulation differs for “flame retardant”; “oil resistant”, and “moisture resistance”
 Look for Boat Cable or a UL number.
 Stripping wire with a pocketknife nicks the wire; use the proper tool.
 Never wrap a bare wire around a terminal screw; use the proper type connector.
 Pay attention to the color-coding of wire. ABYC standards designate a certain color for each circuit. By using this standard, you will find it easier to trouble- shoot your electrical system.

MEMBER TRAINER	Bob Sperry	FSO-MT 14-1	(904) 277-7191
MARINE PROGRAM VISITOR	(Vacant)	FSO-PV 14-1	
OPERATIONS	Heinz Fridrick	FSO-OP 14-1	(904) 261-5844

1. During the month of October we had 9 patrols which brings the YTD patrols to 115 ,thirteen more then what we had planned through this month.
2. During financial year 2007 October 1, 2006 to September 30,2007 our Flotilla had 89 safety patrol missions,16 Marine Safety missions and 20 Missions for Permitted Events for a total of 125. A Flotilla Record . Thank you to all members.
3. Available for Patrol during October were 8 facilities,11 Coxswains and 19 Crew.
4. At this time we have 13 new members who have expressed an interest to become crew. We are in the process to take them out on the water to show what this is all about.

5. We are planning an Operational workshop in January/February to discuss some of the Operational Policies and Plans for 2008. all members will be invited to participate.

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We had an enjoyable social event for October. A small group of flotilla faithful had an enjoyable evening on the deck at the Armadillo Grill. Great food, fantastic entertainment and a beautiful sunset over the marsh. We really should have better participation if we are going to plan events like this. 8 of our 96 members attended. For new members, this is a good way to get to know other flotilla members. Y'all missed a fun evening.



Please make your reservations with Jay Sintes now for the Change of Watch. (904) 261-4432

This is our number one social event of the year. The date is Friday December 14 at St. Peters Episcopal Church. We begin with refreshments at 1800 and buffet dinner at 1850. Dress is holiday casual. Send your check for \$17.50 per person to Jay Sintes at P.O. Box 485 Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32035. Make check out to USCG Aux 14-1

All eleven of our new members now have an assigned member number and can participate in all flotilla training and other activities. Congratulations to new members: Leanne Aberson, Chuck Molnar, Roland Penny, Steve Filkoff and Dave Seaman for completing the Boating Skills and Seamanship course.

SECRETARY	Conrad Vaughn	FSO-SR 14-1	(912) 882-9453
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The weather may be cooling down but our local (and visiting) fishermen are still going out on the weekends. For our VEs, use these as opportunities to not only provide vessel safety checks but also a means to pass on information.

Example: Let them know that unless the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is constrained all boats discharging water into the rivers, creeks, swamps and ocean within state and Federal jurisdiction will require special permits by September 2008. Legislation has been introduced in Congress to have the EPA limit such permits to large, commercial vessels which allegedly have been responsible for transporting “critters” from overseas and dumping them here in the U.S. along with their bilge water. These critters are more than a nuisance and have caused significant economic and environmental damage in many parts of our country. If the EPA is not halted, our VEs can expect to be looking out for newly required “permits” along with other recreational boat registration documents by next fall.

Again, pay particular attention to the vessels of “high focus”. These are the smaller boats, usually less than 23 feet long, often trailered to our local launch ramps and frequently from “out of state”. Aside from Federal and state (Florida or Georgia) requirements, the brochures you pass out contain lots of recommendations for safer boating (and fishing) For the “strangers” in these parts, your local knowledge of tidal and weather conditions is well worth “passing on”.

For all VEs, please keep me cut in as to the VSCs you have conducted. However, ensure you send in your Activity Report Vessel Examinations (ANSC 7038) reports to Craig Bennett for entry into the AUXDATA. Keep up the good work you do.

HISTORIAN	Robert Lauber	FSO-HN 14-1	(904) 277-4065
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TOMMIE'S TOY ON PATROL

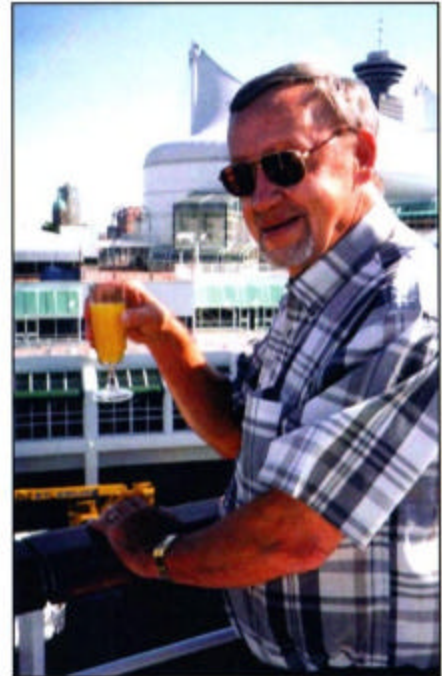


God Saw You

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away,
and though we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hands were put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Tom Wright, born in Ellendale, North Dakota, was a world traveler during his career with the U.S. Air Force. Much of his time in the military was served as an attaché to foreign embassies. He lived in Bangkok, Thailand; Gulfport, Mississippi; Bogotá, Columbia; Austin, Texas; Omaha, Nebraska; Zaragoza, Spain; Caracas, Venezuela; Reston, Virginia; and California as well as many other locations.

He found his "home" on Amelia Island in 1990 when he and Patti arrived aboard their 36' sailboat, "Los Amantes." Tom loved Amelia, his years in the Sailing Club, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Plantation Point. He was a "Prince" and will be sorely missed.



Thomas "Tom" William Wright

Date of Birth

September 17, 1933
Ellendale, North Dakota

Date of Death

September 19, 2007
Jacksonville, Florida

We also lost two Very Special Members in October. Larry Bowie was still an active member His vessel, the Branch Office, made many Patrols with and with out him on board. Rich Wagner was one of our Radio Watchstanders. His activates was greatly appreciated.



Larry Bowie



Rich Wagner

Both died on October 19, 2007. They will be missed by all of us.

GROUNDS KEEPER	Paul Clark	FSO-GK 14-1	(904) 261-4041
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Work Day November 24, 2007. Lot's of work for everyone.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER	Helen Sintes	FSO-LK 14-1	(904) 261-4432
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CHANGE OF WATCH
Flotilla 14-1



St. Peters Episcopal Church

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
1800 REFRESHMENTS
1830 BUFFET DINNER

This is our premier annual event. Dress is holiday casual. Men if you have it, wear your blue blazer with grey or white pants, white shirt and blue tie.

\$17.50 per person - \$35.00 per couple.

You are invited to bring your favorite desert or appetizer to the table. (not required)

Send your check to Jay Sintes
P.O. Box 485
Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32035



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**November 1, 2007
1900**

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

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