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FSO-PB 14-1

November 2009

Calendar of Events

- Nov 05 Monthly Flotilla 14-1 meeting.-All Members – 1900 – Lighthouse**
07 BS & S Classes (Saturdays until Nov 14th)
25 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
26 Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date
28 Work Day
- Dec 03 There will be no Monthly Meeting for December, See you at the**
11 Flotilla 14-1 Change of Watch
26 Work Day
30 Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting – 1900 – Lighthouse
31 Nassau Soundings Article Submission Date



FLOTILLA COMMANDER Heinz Fridrich FC 14-1 (904) 261-5844

This is another important reminder that at the Flotilla meeting, Thursday, November 5, we will be electing the FC and VFC for 2010. Our current VFC Joe Blanchard headed up a search committee over the past months to identify candidates who are willing to stand for election. In addition anyone who is qualified may be nominated from the floor.

Please mark your calendar and attend this very important Flotilla meeting on November 5.

Some of our past Flotilla Staff Officers will not be returning in 2010. Also, we are looking for Assistant Flotilla Staff Officers in any of the FSO positions. All you have to do is express an interest to the FC, the VFC or the FSO who's area of responsibility interests you.

Our annual Change of Watch is scheduled on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1800 hours.

**Location: ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
8TH ST. AND ATLANTIC AVE.
FERNANDINA BEACH**

Please mark your calendar. This is our once a year Holiday Celebration and I hope you and your spouse or significant other can attend.

VICE COMMANDER Joe Blanchard VFC 14-1 (904) 277-4257

The Flotilla election of officers for the New Year will take place at the November meeting and the Change of Watch will be on December 11th. I look forward to seeing the membership at both the November meeting and the Change of Watch. The year is winding down and I know everyone is looking forward to being with friends and family during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. Please remember boating safety especially at this time. The October Social at Sliders was a great success with 31 members attending. At the Division 14 meeting on October 24th, Jesse Stevens and David Green were re-elected to the positions of Division Commander and Vice Commander respectively. The Division Change of Watch will be on January 9th.

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

General Information

- The 2009 edition of Light List 3 is available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V3.2009.pdf>
Information from the Local Notices to Mariners 08-53 and earlier are included in the new edition.
- Mooring to a Federal Aid to Navigation, or otherwise damaging one, is a violation of 33 CFR 70.01 and may earn a fine of \$500.00 per offense. (LNTM 08-51 and following).

PATON AND BRIDGE LISTINGS FOR 14-1 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM HEINZ FRIEDRICH, JOE BLANCHARD OR JOHN TATUM.

Previously reported discrepant, now reported Watching Properly

- St. Mary’s lighted buoy 8 (6560) relighted.
Changes to ATONs (since promulgation of the 2009 edition of Light List 3)
- **St. Mary’s Approach Obstruction Light South** (LLNR 6465), remove from Light List, LNTM 09-25.
- **St. Mary’s Approach Obstruction Light North** (LLNR 6470), remove from Light List, LNTM 09-25.

ATON PROBLEMS: (per Local Notice to Mariners, District 7 37-09)
 6773 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light A extinguished/damaged
 6867 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light E extinguished
 6873 Cumberland Sound Shoal Light A extinguished

CHANGES:
 Cumberland Sound Lower Range C destroyed
 Kings Bay Light 48 discontinued for dredging

REPORTED BY 14-1:
 PATON LLNR 7104 Soap Creek light extinguished
 5 Soap Creek PATONS verified again—was done last year with positions and pictures.
 3 Bridge checks were reported watching properly (CSX Bridge, Kingsley Creek Bridge and A1A/SR200 Road Bridge).

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

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

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

1. Rescue 21: The National Distress Response System (NDRS) started in the 1970’s has evolved into the Rescue 21 system. Our nearest USCG station (Jacksonville) was scheduled for installation in January 2008 to provide direction finding and enhanced radio transmissions (and take the “Search” out of search and rescue (SAR)). The boater needs to register his/her VHF-FM radio with Seatow or BoatUS to receive a 9 digit Mobile Marine Service Identity (MMSI) number to be installed in the radio. If in distress, the boater lifts a small door on the radio, pushes the red button, and a call is sent to the nearest USCG station for Rescue 21 assistance.
2. The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) has become THE License Issuer and Evaluator location. There will still be 17 Regional Exam Centers (RECs) throughout the country with each having its own guidelines and time lines but the NMC will expedite the processing.
3. Marine Protected Area (MPA): These areas are compiled by NOAA and enforced by local, state and federal agencies. They are protected due to heritage, cultural or for environmental reasons. Some have no commercial fishing allowed and some have recreational fishing restricted or eliminated. In the Jacksonville area, the Guano-Tolomato National Refuge is on the list; others in Florida are the Florida Keys, Cedar Key, and

We (14-1) might be teaming with 14-4 to put on a BS&S class for the Mayport Coast Guard Station. Details are currently being worked out. My understanding is the classes would be for CG recruits. More to come on this one.

PERSONEL SERVICE

Barbara Dunn

FSO-PS 14-1

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Your personnel officer encourages all Members, especially new members and recruits to plan to attend the Change of Watch party at the Episcopal Church on Friday, December 11. This is a very important social and official event. For more information check the website Calendar www.cguax7-14-1.org. For reservations send a check payable to USCGA 14-1 for \$17 per person to Tom Pippin at 96273 Bayview Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 .

Tom must receive these checks by November 28.



FC at New member interview with Joe McCollough

FLOTILLA 14-1 - **12** new members have been sworn in so far this year. Robert Setphenson was sworn in at the October meeting. All members should be **welcoming** these new people, **helping** them find their interests and **getting** them involved. This is how we keep members active and interested.

FLOTILLA 14-1 currently has 11 new recruits who are studying to become members. It is exciting that there is so much interest in joining our flotilla. There are also 4 people who have expressed interest and are being contacted.

All members keep finding new recruits! Thanks to all members who have been recruiting. Keep encouraging new recruits. **And** when new members are sworn in greet them and help them get involved.

FLOTILLA 14-1 - Has one candidate who is transferring from Michigan auxiliary. Her name is Sondra Shepherd. She is currently visiting in Michigan but should be back in time for the November meeting.

VESSEL EXAMINER

Richard Trollope

FSO-VE 14-1

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1. Congratulations to our Flotilla 14-01 VEs: Our target “goal” of 200 Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) in CY 2009 has been achieved based on reports provided. Next step is to ensure that the AUXDATA system has recorded them all. Bravo Zulu!
2. One of our VEs, Frank Powell, has an unusual record: he routinely “flunks” vessels at a rate of 6 (or more!) for every boat that passes. Rationale: failure to meet the minimum requirements. Examples:

- A. Gasoline tanks and boat batteries not secured. (Did you know that the Federal requirement is that the boat battery must withstand a 90 pound “pull” in almost any direction?)
 - B. Flares out of date. (Worst case: the flares on the boat owner’s vessel had expired before he was born.)
 - C. Life jackets (PFDs): Inadequate number, wrong sizes, just plain worn out.
 - D. Overloading of the vessel: Virtually all small boats have a capacity plate reflecting the NOT to be Exceeded NET weight. Too many boaters (especially those preparing for fishing) are not taking into account the weight of passengers, coolers (with ice), bait tanks, food, and beverages . The VE should NOT “pass “ any vessel for which the operator is clearly ignoring the danger of overloading.
3. During the course of conducting VSCs on vessels of the Hurricane Outward Bound School in Yulee, several measures to improve safety were noted. The Outward Bound (National) Program requires that all lifejackets and the canoes (40!) have reflective tape . The Yulee school performs “night “ operations and therefore all canoe paddles have reflective tape as well. The fiberglass canoes have added flotation material (foam) added at each end to improve buoyancy. VEs are encouraged to bring these safety measures to the attention of other owners of canoes (and kayaks) when doing VSCs.

In Memory of Jay Sintes

Jay Sintes joined the Flotilla along with his wife Helen in 1999. Jay became The Flotilla Secretary Officer for two years and in 2001 did double duty as the Finance Officer which he held until his death on October 9th 2009.

Jay also assisted Helen in maintaining the Amelia Island Lighthouse for the Coast Guard and conducting guided tours for the public.

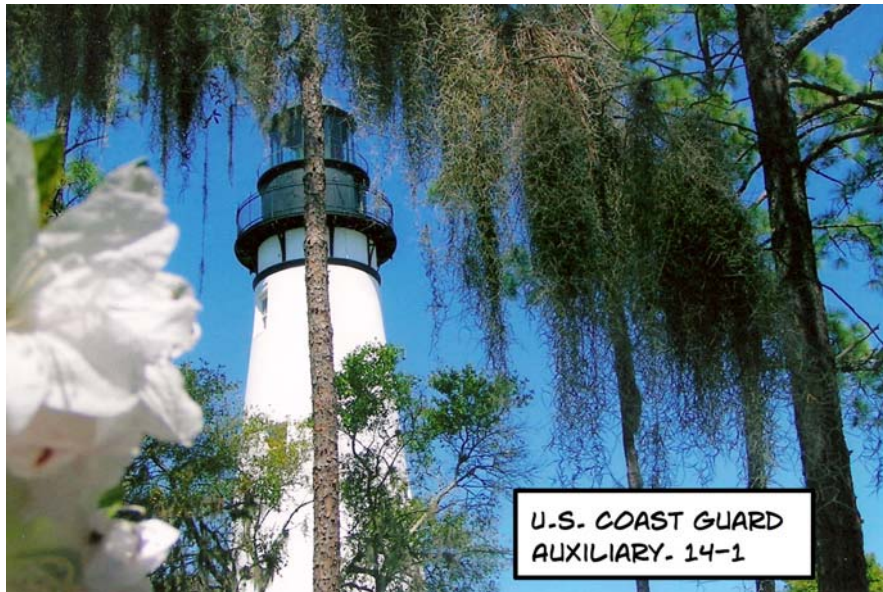
Jay was always volunteering to help maintain the Lighthouse grounds and the cottage

Jay was an outstanding Coast Guard Auxiliary member, always ready to help the Flotilla. He is an example for all of us to follow and will always be remembered.

Mr. Frank Joseph Sintes, Jr. 79, of Fernandina Beach, Florida passed away Friday, October 9, 2009 at his home.

He was a native and longtime resident of New Orleans, Louisiana having lived most of his life there until relocating to Fernandina Beach eleven years ago. Following his early and high school academic career he attended Louisiana State University and Tulane University. Afterwards he began working for Gulf Oil Corp. where he was employed as the supervisor of lease records for the New Orleans district office for thirty-four years. Locally he served in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for ten years as staff officer and lighthouse keeper. In addition he was a longtime member of St. Michael Catholic Church. Throughout his life he was a loving husband, father and Papa who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.





**CHANGE OF WATCH 14-1
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11
1800 HOURS
ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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FERNANDINA BEACH**

Please mark your calendar and contact Tom Pippin with your reservation. Make your check for \$17.00 per person payable to USCGAUX 14-1 and mail it to Tom Pippin at: 96273 Bayview Drive Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32034. All reservations must be received By Tom by November 28 so please act now. Suggest you print out this notice as a reminder.

Dress is Holiday wear. Most members will wear the blue blazer with grey or white pants, white shirt and blue tie. (not required)

You are invited to bring an appetizer for happy hour or a desert. Happy hour is at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30.

This is our once a year holiday celebration with spouses or significant others. Don't miss it.



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**November 5, 2009
1900**

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

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