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The CGAUX District 7 Fall Conference has come and gone and I wish I had something of the latest and greatest news to share with you. Nothing to report. However, the highlight of my attendance was the speech by Capt Dean Lee, USCG (RADM Select) who asked the CGAUX members: "What is your gift."

He told a story of when he was a new commander at a USCG station when a Marine Corps retired Sergeant Major came to his Station and volunteered to be a watch stander. While the active duty members didn't think much of him at first he quickly learned all the rules and regulations and was soon a watch stander. He served in that position for 27 years before he died last year. However, he brought more than just being a CGAUX volunteer watch stander. He brought a gift that served all USCG members well. He loved the Coast Guard and took pride in his uniform and his performance and shared this with the active members. Capt Lee said that he even learned to be more squared away and take more pride in what he did.

Everyone who serves in the CGAUX has a gift. What is your gift?

Being a Flotilla Staff Officer, Instructor, Vessel Safety Examiner, Coxswain or Crew member, etc., brings a gift to the CGAUX and the general public. Safe boating is our primary mission and everyone who joins the CGAUX brings a gift to the organization and the boating public sometimes by just by wearing the uniform. I bet many in your community know that you are a CGAUX member and as with me, are often asked questions on the simplest matter of water safety or boating. Every member of the CGAUX has a gift.

Wear the uniform with pride, represent the Coast Guard with dignity and honor and share your gift with all you meet.

In early September 2008 we received a request from Division/District to respond how many coxswains, Crew members and boats we could deploy in support of the Coast Guard in case of a major event

As requested we surveyed all operational members and asked to respond to the following event scenarios.

A. Disaster within 30 to 50 miles of Amelia Island **probably no support available**

Depending on the damage we may be able to deploy some boats locally for post storm assessment. Our priority would be on our homes and families and therefore we would anticipate no support deployment. Of course this is the decision of each individual.

B. Disaster 50 to 100 miles on the East Coast (north or south of us) but no or little impact to Amelia Island and our AOR.

All boats listed for post storm assessment can be considered for support. Accommodations on larger vessels or in CG provided shelters would be required or we could establish a shuttle service to and from our homes.

C. Disaster over 100 miles from Amelia Island south or north of us, in the center of Florida, the West Coast or the Panhandle. No impact on Amelia Island. **Only trailerable boats listed for post storm assessment could probably be considered for deployment.**

SURVEY RESULTS

- Scenario A: 9 Coxswains, 12 crew and up to 7 boats can possibly be activated for post storm assessment. This is of course depends very much on the severity of an event

- Scenario B: 7 Coxswains, 13 crew and up to 7 boats can possibly be activated

- Scenario C: 6 Coxswains, 12 crew and up to 4 boats can possibly be activated.

This means that for each of the scenarios about two thirds of our active operational members and available boats could be activated. This is an outstanding response and I would like to thank all operational members.

We communicated to division that we should implement some regular annual exercises along the proposed scenarios to be ready and prepared in case of activation.

We also should make sure that each flotilla has charts and perhaps some navigation experience for the different scenario areas.

? The USCG has published a notice stating that a change to the printing cycle of the light lists will result in no publication of new light lists in 2008 [except Vol. 5, covering the Mississippi River]. New editions of the light lists will be published in early 2008. Current editions will be effective for about 14 months. (LNTM 08-33)

Every Auxiliarist, while underway in an operational facility, should be checking every ATON, PATON and bridge encountered for discrepancies. If you spot one that is off-station, significantly damaged, sinking, or otherwise out-of-sorts, call it in by cell phone to the Sector Jacksonville Operations Duty Officer, phone 564-7513.

Aids to Navigation is now being changed to Navigation Systems.

We reported several damaged ATONs after the big storm:

- Light # 8 Kingsley Creed missing a dayboard
- Light # 10 St. Mary's River missing a dayboard
- Daybeacon # 16 Amelia River missing
- Lower Range F on Drum Point Island, Cumberland Sound dayboard missing
- Light 13, St. Mary's River extinguished

Other inputs from the Local Notice to Mariners for our area:

- St. Marys Entrance Range front lite reduced intensity
- St. Marys South Jetty buoy B off station
- Kings Bay light 48 missing
- Cumberland Sound shoal light E light extinguished/dayborad damaged
- Extensive shoaling reported So. Amelia River Daybeacon 34.

COMMUNICATIONS

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I have all seven 7030 reports from radio watch standers, so far for the month of September. Two more patrols are scheduled for the month.

As of 1 Aug 2008, AUXCOMM Specialty Course is no longer required to pass to become a RWS. Instead, trainees have to study and pass the Telecommunications Personal Qualifications Standard (TC PQS). It is 36 pages long and available from Aux National web site (under "Manuals") through our flotilla web site. Our FC recently sent out an "All Hands" email to you explaining the PQS in general terms. I am using this space to tell you one of its details:

The following references are given and referred to – some many times throughout the 19 tasks, others a few times. I have added, in parenthesis, the number of times the references are referred:

Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator Specialty

A. References:

- (a) Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3 (series) (10 times)
- (b) Boat Crew Seamanship Manual, COMDTINST M16114.5 (series); Chapter 11 (9 times)
- (c) Auxiliary Aviation Training Manual, COMDTINST M16798.5 (series); Chapter 6
- (d) Telecommunications Manual (TCM) COMDTINST M2000.3 (series) (6 times)

- (e) Radiotelephone Handbook, COMDTINST M2300.7 (series) (6 times)
- (f) U.S. Coast Guard Addendum to the United States National Search and Rescue Supplement, COMDTINST M16130.2 (series) (1 time)
- (g) Communications Watchstander Qualification Guide, COMDTINST M16120.7 (series)
- (h) AUXCOM – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Communications Course (3 times)
- (i) Appendices A-G to the Auxiliary Telecommunications PQS (10 times)
- (j) Chart No.1, NOAA Nautical Chart Symbols and Abbreviations (1 time)
- (k) NOAA or Corps of Engineers charts of the local area. (1 time)
- (l) United States Coast Pilot, Vol. 1-9, as applicable to the local area (1 time)
- (m) Light List, Vol. 1-7, COMDTINST M16502 (series) , as applicable to the local area (1 time)
- (n) NOAA Tide Tables, as applicable to the local area (1 time)
- (o) Telephone Directory, as applicable to the local area (1 time)

I found two more items referenced that are not in the above References list:

- (p) Chapter 2, National SAR manual, Vol 1, COMDTINST M16120.5 (series)
- (q) National weather forecast

As you can see, the trainee is required to read and study more than just the pages of the TC PQS. As I have previously stated, trainees will be assigned a mentor to help the trainee through the course. Then a QE (qualifying examiner) will certify the trainee has successfully performed the tasks. This process is the same process used to train crew members.

Next month I will describe a particular task to display the form of the tasks.

COMPUTER SERVICE	Joe Blanchard	FSO-CS 14-1	(904) 277-4257
	Remember to check our web site http://cgaux7-14-1.org/		
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Members needing to obtain USCG AUX uniform items such as ODUs, Caps, Shirts, Shoes and other uniform items can log on to the USCG Uniform Center (UDC) at the following Web Link: WWW.USCF.MIL/UNIFORMS/ or call the (UDC) at 1-800-874-6841.

1. Display of the “Anchor Ball”: A visitor to a Boat Show had recently received a violation for not displaying it and asked about the rule. The Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational Boats states on page 25 that “During the Day: All vessels at anchor must display, forward where it can be best seen, a black ball shape”. “Exceptions: If your vessel is less than 23’ /7 meters in length, then it is not required to display an anchor light or shape unless it is anchored in or near a narrow channel, fairway or anchorage, or where other vessels normally navigate. If your vessel is less than 65.6 feet/20 meters in length, then it is not required to display an anchor light if it is anchored in inland waters in a special anchorage designated by the Secretary of Transportation.”
2. Water Reversion: This problem occurs mostly on Inboard engined boats but can affect Outboards as well. The exhaust pipes that exit at the transom are at the water line. If the pipes are not angled aft, water can back up the pipes and into the engine. Outboards sitting low on the transom can sometimes have the exhaust under or near the water. When the boat is going slow, a following sea or wave comes toward the stern or you are in reverse, water can back up into the motor.
3. Cape Canaveral Proposed Security Zone: If a proposal becomes law, the Security Zone would be extended from 3 to 12 miles offshore during a shuttle launch.
4. USCG Inspected Vessel to Carry Passengers for Hire: If planning to purchase such a vessel, do thorough checks to see if it is ready to operate. Go to <http://cgmix.uscg.mil/psix2>. PSIX stands for Port Security Information Exchange. Then do a vessel search to learn about the boat before you buy it. To learn even more, have the state or documentation number available and call the USCG Prevention Dept; they will look it up and advise you.
5. Outboard Trim Tabs: Mounted on the bottom of the anti-ventilation plate and aft of the propeller is a trim tab usually made of zinc. This tab is usually set at an angle to counter prop torque. Some outboard companies have omitted the tab (to save \$\$) by using a finless anode and when you let the steering wheel (or tiller) go, the boat takes a hard turn. Replace that anode with a fin type and you will increase efficiency and not have to struggle with the steering.
6. “Lake Wind Advisory” forecast on the Weather Channel: What does that mean? Winds of 20-25 knots with gusts to 30-39 knots are predicted; large waves created by them can readily capsize small craft.
7. New Products:
 - Seawatch UV Measurement watch tells time and the Ultra Violet Index . Cost: about \$50; go to www.oceanequipment.com or call (949) 588-1470.
 - Remote control boat latch from EPCO: For trailered boats, one person can release and attach the latching device remotely. It also has a LED pole to help align the bow with the device. Go to www.epcomarineproducts.com or call (800) 879-3726.
 - Turbo Swing for towing a skier or another boat mounts to the Outboard Motor (3 models from 40HP to 250HP). The Turbo Swing loops behind the motor with easy access to fasten the towline with a pulley and is in use by Rescue boats worldwide. Go to www.turboswing.com
 - Turbolube Trailer Wheel Bearing Hub (from Tiedown Engineering) has SAE90w gear oil instead of wheel bearing grease. A see-thru plastic cap lets you monitor the level of oil. Tiedown Engineering also makes plastic coated trailer guides to protect your boat when launching (saving carpeting/and or the boat). Go to: www.tiedown.co

Underwater Camera and Snorkel/Dive Mask allows pictures to be taken with out having to carry an extra piece of equipment. The camera can be downloaded to a computer with a USB cable. Go to: www.jcp.com, JCPenneys #686-3020 or (800) 222-616, or www.kidsstuff.com .

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

It is time to plan for next years Aux Speciality Courses. The SAR course has been updated and requires special training for the Instructor. If one of our instructors is interested let me know so we can plan for that course since it has not been offered for several years. Other possibilities are Weather, Communications, Patrols, Seamanship and even Navigation. Let me know if anyone is interested in any of these. (904 277-7191)

We are still looking for members who are interested in becoming crew or Coxswain qualified so we can plan a training program for next year. I Would like to get the majority of training completed before July 2009 so Contact me soon so we can get schedules completed prior to next January.

Since our September general meeting was cancelled our monthly quiz for all members to be prepared to answer at our next general meeting will be the same as for September:

WHEN DOES A POWERBOAT BECOME THE STAND-ON VESSEL AND A SAIL BOAT BECOME THE BURDENED VESSEL?

**IN FLORIDA AT WHAT AGE IS A LIFE JACKET NOT REQUIRED?
WHAT ABOUT GEORGIA?**

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU OBSERVE A DAMAGED ATON?

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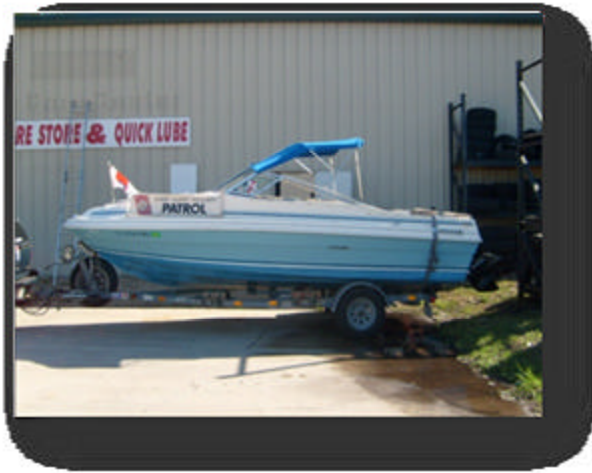
OPERATIONS Heinz Fridrick FSO-OP 14-1 (904) 261-5844

During the month of September 2008 we had 13 patrols five more than planned. This brings our YTD patrols to98, exactly what we planned at the beginning of the year..

As of the end of September we had 16 certified crew available for patrol, about 25% less than what we had at the beginning of the year. This includes two new crew members who qualified who qualified at the end of July.

During September eleven coxswains and 10 facilities were available for patrol.

During the month we focused on n the training of two new crew members who are scheduled for QE audit in early November.



Due to weather we had to cancel two planned patrols in support of the QE missions at the District Conference in Jacksonville. On short notice Marie Louise ([see picture](#)) and coxswain Trollope trailered to Jacksonville to help out in a windy and sometimes rainy day. [Thank you Richard for your support.](#)

In October we plan 14 patrols. Two thirds are on the water training patrols for two new crew who are schedule for a QE audit on Nov. 8th.

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The BS&S class started Sept. 23rd with 15 or more in attendance ([some failed to show for 1st class](#)).

PERSONEL SERVICE	Sam Boyd	FSO-PS	14-1	(904) 277-6608
	Barbara Dunn	Assistant		(904) 261-1889

We have 5 new member prospects and one new member: Please welcome Marques Stewart. Marque recently retired from the military and lives with his wife Baneet in Yulee. He is working part time as a security officer at Kings Bay. Marque's military specialty was supply and he has wants to work with our supply officer Lou Fusco. Lou will also be his mentor. Marques is taking the BS&S course and wants to be crew qualified.



SECRETARY	Conrad Vaughn	FSO-SR	14-1	(912) 882-9453
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VESSEL EXAMANER

Richard Trollope

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1. We now have a total of seven (7) inflatable (Type V) Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for our VEs to wear during VSCs. These belong to the USCG and have been distributed by our Division ADSO-VE requiring us to maintain strict accountability for them. All the PFDs (by Mustang) are adult-universal for chest sizes 30-52 inches. Besides other warnings with the instructions, note that these PFDs are NOT to be used where water impact is expected. Most importantly for us, these PFDs do NOT- repeat-NOT meet the requirements for our patrols as they don't have the required reflective tape and we are not allowed to put any on them. Rationale: Our VEs are only to wear them as "show and tell" to let boat owners and operators see what they can purchase for their own use. Planned distribution of these new PFDs will be to our six highest VSC producers (Hayden, Powell, Maye, Arman, Pippin, and Simonsen) with the seventh held in reserve for our Public Education classes (IE BS&S and grade schools). We might get more of these PFDs later but only if the USCG can afford them and they deem the public relations effect worth the cost.
2. Fall is now here but we can expect our local and out of area fishermen to continue coming in spite of cooler weather. So please continue your efforts to conduct VSCs at every opportunity.
3. Although not conducting inspections at the time, I have noted numerous boats with the State letters and numerals run together (example: FL1234HJ vice FL 1234 HJ). We may not verbally be able to convince the owner/operator to correct this but we certainly can provide him/her a copy of the "Federal Requirements & Safety Tips for Recreational Boats". Take the time to show him/her that page 2 of the pamphlet shows the correct "spread" between the letters and numerals.
4. If you need any materials (ANSC7012s or decals) let me know. Good Hunting.

HISTORIAN

Robert Lauber

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Lighthouse Property Clean-up**October 27th Saturday at 0900**

We need more help to clean the interior of the cottage and cut and trim the grounds. Last time we only had 3 members to do all the work.

Please show your interest in the Flotilla and help.

GROUNDS KEEPER

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LGHTHOUSE KEEPER

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The October social is all set. Wednesday, 22 Oct, at The Crab Trap, located at 31 N 2nd St in Fernandina, gathering at 17:00, dinner starts at 17:30. There will be a special, limited menu: all dinners will be only **\$9.99**, including sides and soft drinks. We'll have separate checks, tax and gratuity will be included on each check. Go to your Flotilla's website to view the menu.

I'LL NEED A COUNT OF ATTENDEES BY 18:00 SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER.

Sure hope to see a bunch of Auxiliarists there!

YOUTH PROGRAMS	Gary Bong	FSO-YP 14-1	(904) 261-2006
HEALTH and SATETY	Deborah Rollins	FSO-HS 14-1	(904) 261-0725

Jim & Deborah Rollins are moving to TEXAS! This has all happened very quickly. In a blink of an eye our Amelia Island home is sold, and we are scrambling to get packed up and outta here by the end of September.

We'll fill you in with details later ... but for now, we want to make sure we remain in contact with you, so we're requesting that you update your files with our new Email address, please.

Beginning IMMEDIATELY, please use our new Email address:
Deborah@JDRollins.com



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

**October 2, 2008
1900**

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

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