



NASSAU SOUNDINGS

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 14-1
Fernandina Beach, FL
Seventh Coast Guard District



Volume 16, No. 09

Aaron Rawls

FSO-PB 14-1

September 2007

FLOTILLA COMMANDER

Tom Hayden

FC 14-1

(912) 674-2348



We had an interesting assignment on Aug 18 and 19 when the Flotilla was asked by Station Mayport to establish a temporarily safety zone of 100 yards off Port of Fernandina to assist in the off loading of a RoRo which had to back stern first into the dock. Heinz Fridrich, FSO-Ops, reported that our two OpFacs probably screened about 100 vessels of all sizes. All boaters were very cooperative and followed our instructions to stay out of the safety zone.

Great month with the Flotilla having booths at the Saint Mary's Police Department's Kids Night Out. Bob Conklin led the effort on 7 Aug with folks from Fernandina Beach and St Mary's lending a helping hand. Rick Trollope led the effort at the Amelia Island Yacht Basin's Marina Day on 11 Aug.

We start our last(for this year) Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class on 4 Sept so get the word out.

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

Ah, the lazy days of summer. Here's hoping they stay that way. Hurricane Dean is a reminder that things don't always stay that lazy. Let's remain alert to the weather conditions, and hopeful that we stay out of the bullseye of a big one.

Sam Boyd has been signing up new members. Good. We need more members, more crew and more members willing to take staff jobs. (We could also use new members with BOATS!) As we assimilate these new members lets be sure and make them feel needed, wanted...and welcome.

We have good attendance and participation at our flotilla meetings. Ours is a healthy flotilla and I know first hand hat our staff and members work hard at their duties and qualifications. Keep up the good work.

Guest Speaker. The guest speaker for the meeting on Sept 6th will be Fernandina Beach Police Chief James T. Hurley. This will be a most interesting presentation, be sure to attend.

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>.

Discrepant ATONS

- Cumberland Sound Lighted Buoy 27 (LLNR 6730/37890) Light Extinguished, LNTM 31/07.
- St. Mary's River Light 13 (LLNR 6825) Missing, LNTM 21/07.
- Kings Bay South Degaussing Range Front Day beacon (LLNR 6975) temporarily replaced with an unlighted buoy, LNTM 06/51.

Previously reported as discrepant, now reported as Watching Properly:

St. Mary's Entrance Lighted Buoy 8 (LLNR 6560), LNTM 29/07.

St. Mary's Entrance Lighted Buoy 9 (LLNR 6565), LNTM 22/07

No ATON reports given this month by 14-1 patrols.

| | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| INFORMATIONS | Craig Bennett | FSO-IS 14-1 | (904) 261-7456 |
| MATERIALS | Louis Fusco | FSO-MA 14-1 | (912) 673-9470 |
| MARINE SAFETY | Richard Trollope | FSO-MS 14-1 | (904) 941-1403 |

1. The Sector Jax Harbor Patrol Instruction is out. If anyone needs help in locating or defining anything in it, contact the SO-MS and Marc Lang has promised to assist.
2. Towboat U.S. has expanded to Crescent Lake. Towboat Palatka now has a boat available on Crescent Lake and can be contacted directly at (386) 546-8696 or VHF-FM channel 16 or a toll free number (800) 391-4869.
3. The Lacey Act makes it illegal to import, export, sell, acquire or purchase fish, wildlife or plants taken, processed or sold in violation of U.S. law. This includes the illegal Lumber Trade. Rare and expensive woods used to outfit certain boats used by the manufacturers would include this. U.S. businesses could be held liable and should ensure that foreign suppliers are doing it legally. This (Act) would criminalize the importation of wood products found in violation of the law. In the past, the U.S. citizen was an innocent owner who relied on certification of the foreign country.
4. Terrorists rent a recreational boat in NYC, load it with explosives, go alongside a ferry and kill 2000 people. Could it Happen? Yes! The Jihadists have vowed to attack the U.S. again; they have the know how to use small boats to blow up (larger) targets. (The Navy Destroyer Cole was in Yemen when terrorists (successfully) blew a hole in it with a small boat loaded with explosives. An earlier attempt against the Destroyer The Sullivans was not successful because the terrorists had overloaded the boat—and it sank. Now the terrorists know more about explosives—and how to read “capacity plates”

Some proposals to counter the threat follow:

The Marine Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 gives the USCG authority to license all recreational boats. This licensing would be beneficial as a means of tracking them—but would it help? Another way would have every boater use an Automatic Identification System (AIS). This transponder will identify and locate your vessel. AIS is currently only required for most commercial vessels over 65 ‘

Require all USCG documented boats carry their official number on the hull (as large vessels do with the IMO number)

Use Radio Frequency tags with microchips has been suggested. A single data base on which all State boating registrations were accessible from one source is another idea.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Robert Conklin

FSO-PA 14-1

(912) 673-9678

Our Flotilla now has a monthly column as part of the Nassau Neighbors section of the Florida Times Union newspaper. The column is called Safety Ahoy and can be written by any member of our flotilla. The theme is of course, is about boating and boating safety in the Nassau county area. The middle of each month, just send your article to me with a picture of yourself to mcmaya@tds.net. I will do the editing and submission to the paper. Our first article in July was written by our commander, it gave a general overview of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and it’s functions. Our vice commander just submitted to me this month’s article, so be sure to get the paper at the end of each month and see you fellow members in print.

This month also had us participate in the nationwide “National Night Out” program. We set up “Coastie” and a table to handle flyers and meet the public. The Saint Mary’s program was held at the local marina and had participation by police, fire, forestry department, coast guard, and many local businesses . It was a nice event, except for the extreme heat. My thanks to John Thomas, Roy Durden, Bob Marcias, Ron Knauss, and Lou Casey for their help. At the event, we were interviewed for the local Up Periscope Navy newspaper and for Camden County TV. And submitted newspaper article about our upcoming BS&S class to several local papers.

PUBLICATIONS

Aaron Rawls

FSO-PB 14-1

(904) 225-0765

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tom Pippin

FSO-PE 14-1

(904) 491-6285

We start our Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class on 4 Sept so get the word out.

Tues. 9/4 Knauss Which Boat?

Tues. 9/11 Owsley Safety Equipment

Thurs. 9/13 Durden Trailering Your Boat

Tues. 9/18 Rawls Handling Your Boat

Thurs. 9/20 Lauber Highway Signs

Tues. 9/25 Knauss Rules of the Road

Thurs. 9/27 Auburn Rest of the Story

Tues. 10/2 Fridrich/Lawson Navigation

Tues 10/9 Sperry Weather

Thurs. 10/11 Arman Radio

Tues. 10/16 Exam

PERSONEL SERVICE

Sam Boyd

FSO-PS 14-1

(904) 277-6608

We have received a new directive regarding new member status. It is very detailed, but I will try to make it simple.

New members receive a member number relatively quick. About 3 to 4 weeks after the final meeting with me and the FC or VFC.. They are then assigned the status of AP. I think that stands for applied for. Once they clear the security center which is now taking in excess of 4 months their status changes to BQ, IQ or AUXOP. BQ are those people who have completed a boating safety course. This is a requirement to hold elected office or becoming crew qualified. All others are IQ except those who have completed all 6 AUXOP courses and been awarded AUXOP status.

The new information involves AP status. Our new people are assigned a member number from district 7 usually within 4 weeks and listed as AP status. AP status now offers new members all the privileges of members assigned to BQ, IQ or AUXOP status. They can participate in all training, take exams, buy uniforms, vote at meeting etc. Even though they are AP and not BQ, they will have to complete a boating safety course to complete crew training.

About the only thing they CAN NOT do is hold an elected office until they change from AP status. At that time they should be given an ID card. District 7 has been slow to issue these even after our people clear the security center. Do not know why.

SECRETARY

Conrad Vaughn

FSO-SR 14-1

(912) 882-9453

VESSEL EXAMANER

Bob Tolg

FSO-VE 14-1

(904) 261-6149

Richard Trollope

FSO-VE 14-1

(904) 941-1403

Through July, Flotilla 14-1 VEs had conducted at least 108 Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) in 2007. With the hottest days of summer behind us and schools back in session, most recreational boaters will be “out” occasionally-particularly for the Labor Day weekend..

For our VEs, it is of particular importance to continue to emphasize the requirements for the proper size, type, and wearing of lifejackets for children. Remind boaters that 85% of drowning victims were not wearing a PFD of any kind.

Further, our area of responsibility includes several jurisdictions where the requirements for children to wear a PFD are different as follows: 6 years and under in Florida, 10 years and under in Georgia, and 13 in Federal waters.

If you VEs need more forms, decals, or pamphlets, please call (904) 491 1403 or e-mail me at rtrollope@earthlink.net.

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

ALL HANDS: Work day. Roger Fowler will be in charge. Start 0900 Saturday 25th Aug.
Tasks: Vacume floor in meeting room, kitchen and entrance hall. Clean bathrooms as needed. Edge walks, trim shrubs as needed and blow off drive and walks. The tasks can only be accomplished with enough manpower.
We need your help. Thanks to all dedicated members that help.

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

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER Helen Sintes FSO-LK 14-1 (904) 261-4432

FELLOWSHIP Mac McAllister FSO-FL 14-1 (904) 227-0062

YOUTH PROGRAMS Gary Bong FSO-YP 14-1 (904) 261-2006

HEALTH and SATETY Deborah Rollins FSO-HS 14-1 (904) 261-0725

Annual Flotilla Election.

The Annual Flotilla election for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander will take place at the November meeting.

Requirements to be a candidate for Flotilla commander:

Auxiliarist for one year prior to nomination.

Currently certified, as of the date of election, as VE, IT, or in Operations.

Completed Administrative Procedures, Elected Officer's Course (ELC), or AUXMIN specialty course.

Term – One year.

Requirements to be a candidate for Vice Flotilla Commander:

Auxiliarist for one year prior to nomination.

Currently certified as of the date of election, as VE, IT, or in Operations.

Completed Administrative Procedures, ELC, or AUXMIN specialty course.

Term – One year.

Qualified members desiring to be nominated for the above offices will indicate it in writing to one of the members of the nominating committee by November 1st, 2007.

Nominating Committee:

Bob Lauber Chairman

Sam Boyd

Jim Arman

Wayne Lawson

Reminder!! These are new fines that were implemented on 8/1/07 for the State of Florida:

As of 08/01/07 cell phone use must be "hands free" while driving. Ticket is \$285. They will be looking for this like crazy - easy money for police department.

- Cell phone use in the construction zone. - Double fine as of 08/01/07. Cell phone use must be "hands free" while driving.
- Carpool lane - 1st time \$1,068.50 starting 8/1/07 (The \$271 posted on the highway is old). Don't do it again because 2nd time is going to be double, 3rd time triple and 4th time license suspended.
- Incorrect lane change - \$380. Don't cross the lane on solid lines or intersections. Block intersection - \$485.
- Driving on the shoulder - \$450.
- Passengers over 18 not in their seatbelts - both passengers and drivers get tickets.
- Speeders can only drive 3 miles above the limit.
- DUI (Driving under Influence=JAIL and stays on your driving record for 10 years!)



FLOTILLA 14-1 MEETING

September 6, 2007
1900

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

NASSAU SOUNDINGS is published at no expense to the government. Cost of its publication is borne by the dues paying members of Flotilla 14-1 of the 7th District U.S. Coast Guard

***PRIVACY ACT:** Telephone numbers and addresses of members are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. As a matter of policy, rosters of names, addresses and telephone numbers shall not be made available to the general public or any outside organization.*

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
588 LITTLE PINEY ISLAND POINT
FERNANDINA BEACH FL 32034

OFFICIAL BUSINESS