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*The USCG "Wear It" Life Jacket simulator trailer came to the Jacksonville International Boat Show at Metro Park in April ... See more photos on page 8*

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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| <b>MAY</b>  | <b>06</b> | <b>Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle &amp; Gun Club – IT Workshop</b>    |
|             | <b>10</b> | <b>Division Meeting – 0900 – Stellar Building</b>                               |
|             | <b>10</b> | <b>Vessel Safety Checks – NAS Jax</b>   |
|             | <b>13</b> | <b>Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting – 1900 – Stellar Building</b>                |
|             | <b>17</b> | <b>Vessel Safety Checks– 0900 – 1500 – Green Cove Springs &amp; Orange Park</b> |
|             | <b>20</b> | <b>Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC &amp; FSO-PB</b>                   |
| <b>JUNE</b> | <b>01</b> | <b>“Head Count” Deadline for 04 Aug CG Day at Metro Park (see page 7)</b>       |
|             | <b>03</b> | <b>Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle &amp; Gun Club</b>                  |
|             | <b>14</b> | <b>About Boating Safety Program – all day – Stellar Building</b>                |
|             | <b>20</b> | <b>Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC &amp; FSO-PB</b>                   |
|             | <b>22</b> | <b>Vessel Safety Checks – 0900 – 1500 – Ortega Farms Boat Ramp</b>              |
|             | <b>30</b> | <b>USCG Golf Tournament - World Golf Village/Slam and Squire</b>                |
|             | <b>30</b> | <b>Deadline for paying Flotilla Dues</b>  |
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## FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Blitz held on April 12th presented a unique logistical challenge as we were working on both sides of San Jose Blvd at both the Florida Tackle and Gun Club and Goodby's Creek Boat Ramp. Thanks to the eight members who made the event successful. Chrystal Wickline completed her fifth supervised VSC and Sandra Snow completed four VSCs. A one-on-one experience can be personally rewarding for both the individual boat owner and the examiner. Your FC encountered a boat owner who qualified for his safety sticker but was unaware of the function of that "little red button" on his marine radio, otherwise known as Digital Selective Calling (DSC). After a brief discussion of DSC and Rescue 21, the owner assured me that he would register his boat for the program.

On April 15, 2008 14-8 activated the flotilla calling tree. During this initial test, each member received a personal reminder about the upcoming social event at the Blue Crab Restaurant. Although successful, it still needs a little tweaking, which will be discussed at the next flotilla staff meeting on May 13th.

At the next flotilla meeting on May 6th, Jeff Blomgren, SO-MT 14, will present an IT workshop. While this is a requirement for all current instructors, all members will find this information useful. Any Basically Qualified member can join the PE department and become an Instructor. In addition, Charlie Smith, FSO-PS, will discuss our Heavy Weather Plan. Volunteers will be needed to visit marinas. After hearing Charlie's practical suggestions there will be no problem in signing-up Auxiliarists.

Bob Funk, Division Captain and Flotilla 14-8 member is now a Sector Auxiliary Coordinator. His job will be to coordinate Auxiliarists into Active Duty Coast Guard missions. **The May 10 division meeting will outline the joint Active Duty and Auxiliary missions needed in our area:**

- ◆ Contingency Planning Specialists
- ◆ Radio Watch Standers at Station
- ◆ Communication Watch Standers at the Sector Command Center
  - Radio
  - Rescue 21
- ◆ MDA Coordinators at SCC-J
- ◆ Commercial Vessel Examiners
- ◆ Assistant Pollution Investigators
- ◆ Force Building (Matching of specific member skills to other needs at Sector)

The growing need to secure the safety of our waters requires each of us to step forward and offer our skills for the protection and safety of ourselves, our families and our country. An important job is being entrusted to us. **Let's all try to attend the May 10th meeting of Division 14 at the Stellar building.**

Jack Holler, Flotilla Commander

## A MESSAGE FROM THE VFC

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Our staff and members all have stories that are of interest to the flotilla and the boating public. Thanks to federal tax time occupying Debbie Inlow's time, I was able to revisit the Public Affairs realm and wrote a short article featuring Tom Sorensen's radio expertise and its value to us. That leads me to promote the idea among all to suggest or write similar ideas and work with Debbie to get them published. Such stories not only provide a creative outlet, but honor individual efforts and give occasion to link them with recruiting or our boating safety services. Other functions that might be of general interest are Charlie Smith's efficiency at finding and signing up members, the FCCJ boating safety videos being worked on by Rusty Gardner and Chrystal Wickline and Al Ricker's

attention to broadening our understanding of ATONs. Team efforts at Vessel Safety events, boat show booths, and fellowship socials also have good article potential - along with being good photo ops.

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I can't do full justice to all the silent efforts that keep us going, from Carolyn's reliable publication efforts, Claire's attention to managing member training, Fred's maintenance of our crucial statistics and records, Bob Flaige's management of our materials and supply, and Merrill's work to bring our marine safety activity up to speed. Check our website to see Paul Burns' expertise at work and note that Neely and his instructors are steadily teaching boating safety in a difficult year. I don't mention Bob Strong because I'd have to repeat for his efforts at running our finances, instructing, "Stellar" liaison, examining vessels, event support, and keeping us straight with good advice. I also haven't missed that members such as Sandra Snow, Top Ingram, Charles Taylor, Brady Ward and Charles Trippe are out there learning, providing assistance, providing key functions, and supporting Coast Guard activities. So, go forth and write!

Ralph Little, Flotilla Vice Commander

## STAFF REPORTS

### INFORMATION SERVICES (IS):

I am still awaiting 12 individuals to check their email and respond to "Second Request" to confirm our records are 100% perfect. As I mentioned in Eight Bells the Coast Guard Auxiliary Leadership will take nothing less than 100% accountability.

Fred Cooke, FSO-IS

### MATERIALS (MA):

As previously reported, the 7th District store is being relocated and ceased operations on April 9th. It is anticipated that the store will not reopen for a period of 4 - 6 weeks. At this time there has been no date announced.

Bob Flaige, FSO-MA

### MEMBER TRAINING (MT):

The Administrative Procedures Course (APC) was completed by five members of our flotilla. Thus far, Alton Ricker has passed the on-line test. Congratulations Al!

At the May 7th Flotilla meeting, Jeff Blomgren will present the annual IT refresher required for all those holding the Instructor certification. It will be given at the conclusion of our regular business meeting.

Flotilla 14-4, Jacksonville Beach, has invited 14-8 members to attend their presentation of the one hour Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher that is an annual requirement for Boat Crew currency maintenance. Flotilla 14-4's Wednesday, May 6 meeting is at the Captain's Club, 13363 Beach Blvd. (west of Hodges), starting at 1900.

There's a strong need for both Coxswain and Crew. As soon as there is enough interest, a formal training program will be presented. It is likely the training will be division-wide to accommodate the needs of all the flotillas.

Claire Bailey, FSO-MT

### PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS):

Previously I had published the primary recruiting goals for our organization. The following is a list of secondary possibilities:

- ◆ Chemical societies
- ◆ Pure water agencies
- ◆ Environmental professionals
- ◆ Bridge and lock operators
- ◆ Local airports and aviation clubs
- ◆ Photography clubs
- ◆ Boat builders
- ◆ Ham radio clubs
- ◆ Retired military personnel
- ◆ Local government organizations
- ◆ Senior citizen groups
- ◆ Colleges and high schools
- ◆ Fire departments and ambulance personnel
- ◆ Power Squadron and other service organizations, VFW, etc.
- ◆ Local industry

All flotilla members probably know one or two individuals in the above categories. Refer them to me for possible recruitment and we not only can increase our membership but also broaden our member experience base.

Charlie Smith, FSO-PS

### COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (CS):

Not much of a report from me. Just got out of the hospital. I had surgery on my knee and I'm going to be laid up for a couple of months. At the staff meeting it was requested that we put the url address for the flotilla website on the newsletter, front page if it will fit. The url is <http://a0701408.uscgaux.info/>.

The most important and noticeable links on the website are fixed, and the latest Eight Bells was able to upload to the site. The 7th District website links seem to have settled into a permanent home, at least they haven't moved in the past few weeks.

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

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### PUBLICATIONS:

Our new District 7 Publications Officer, Dorothy (Dottie) Joan Riley, DSO-PB has posted two excellent PowerPoint presentations on the D7 website. One is called *Digital Photography Basics* and another is especially for Publications Officers. Both can be found by going to [http://cgaux7.org/articles\\_dso-pb.asp](http://cgaux7.org/articles_dso-pb.asp) and clicking on the links provided to either view or save the programs. I recommend *Digital Photography Basics* for anyone using a digital camera to record Auxiliary events for our newsletter. And if you are interested in Publications, you will find the presentation for Publications Officers to be a valuable reference.

Carolyn Strong, FSO-PB

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### AIDS TO NAVIGATION (AN):

Chuck Farmer, SO-AN 14 (the division ATON Staff Officer), requested that I share the following ATON related information. In addition, Chuck is looking into holding a division-wide chart updating course, possibly in September 2008. It has not been firmed up yet. I will have a complete list of **Discrepant ATONS; Previously Discrepant Now Working ATONS; Changes to ATONS; Dredging; Bridges and Bridgeworks** at our May flotilla meeting for those who want a copy.

Al Ricker, FSO-AN

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### FATHOM THAT – SO-AN 14 Notes for 23 April 2008

*The information listed has been taken from the Seventh District Local Notices to Mariners, Weekly editions 08-08 through 17-08.*

#### General Information

- ◆ Coast Pilot 4, 39th edition, covering Cape Henry to Key West, is available at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot4.htm>
- ◆ The 2007 edition of Light List 3, updated through LNTM 27-07, is available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/lightlists/lightlists.htm>
- ◆ The Captain of the Port Jacksonville requests mariners to maintain only sufficient speed for steerageway on the St. Johns River in Brills Cut Range and Upper Range near the Dames Point Bridge, due to construction.

**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 904-564-7513.** Check the shoreline for charting errors, as well as recent changes. Following the patrol, contact me for assistance making a full report on the discrepancy or charting errors/changes.

### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

#### **EPIRB NOTICE**

The US Coast Guard issued a press release <http://www.uscglosangeles.com/go/doc/830/198867/> reminding mariners that older model Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) that broadcast on 121.5 MHz or 243 MHz will not be monitored by satellite as of February 1, 2009. Effective that date, the satellites will only monitor for radio beacons broadcasting on 406 MHz. Some of the newer EPIRBs are equipped with embedded GPS, which will automatically signal the location of the distress. (4/18/08).

Submitted by Chuck Farmer, SO-AN 14

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**MARINE SAFETY (MS):**

We have permission to purchase hardcopies of the specialty chapters for *Marine Safety and Environmental Protection*. Anyone interested in pursuing any of these personal qualification standards please get in touch with Merrill Varn ([orts7@hotmail.com](mailto:orts7@hotmail.com)). Merrill Varn and Sandra Nelsen are forming a study team to qualify for four of the following specialties AUX-ACP, AUX-ET, AUX-MEES, AUX-MSAM, AUX-MSW. We are both more interested in the Environmental Protection opportunities. We also need a study team working on Marine Safety (Commercial Vessel Examiners). Please, please step up to the plate. Almost all of the tests are open book so it's not impossible.

**Elsewhere around our division:**

- ◆ Joe Blanchard of Flotilla 14-1 followed up on an oil spill in Egan's Creek in the Fernandina area. Sector Jax looked for the source of the spill for two days. Investigating dozens of boats, Joe located the exact vessel with the bilge pump causing the spill thus preventing extensive further environmental damage.
- ◆ Marc Lang, SO-MS 14 provided a Harbor Patrol and Marine Safety information talk to Flotilla 14-1 personnel during their April meeting.
- ◆ Marc Lang also wanted me to be sure everyone knew about the new silent running paints which use a visco-elastic polymer system to eliminate sound and vibration. It absorbs noise, weighs less and is water based. Mascoat products developed Delta T and Delta db to form Stingray. Paint companies are under extreme pressure to get rid of copper and tin based paint due to environmental problems.
- ◆ Finally, Marc asks that you remind friends and public boating contacts to register their VHF-FM radios having DSC (Digital Selective Calling) capabilities. If the radio is registered and you have an MMSI number you simply push a button for emergency assistance. Without registration USCG will not know what boat is calling. In order for the device to transmit your location, it must be connected to a GPS unit. Many boaters think that the device comes emergency ready. To check whether a radio is registered simply lift the plastic cover and push the button for 5 seconds; if the radio is not registered it will say "NO MMSI".

Merrill Varn, FSO-MS

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:**

See Ralph Little's VFC report on page 2.

Debbie Inlow, FSO-PA

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION:**

Our second boating safety program was conducted Saturday, 19 April with nine successful candidates completing the program. Our next one day, 8 hour program, "The America's Boating Safety Program" will be on Saturday, 14 June. This program provides training for beginning and experienced power boaters and operators of Personal Water Craft.

Neely Inlow, FSO-PE

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**PROGRAM VISITOR / VESSEL EXAMINER:**

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program in 14-8 continues to provide services and materials to support safe boating in our community. On April 12th, we held our second RBS event at the Goodby's Creek Boat Ramp and the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Eight volunteers assisted with the event. During the six hour blitz, we were able to provide the public with boating safety material as well as Vessel Safety Checks. Our next event will be held at NAS Jax on May 10th, from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. I will be sending a separate e-mail in the near future with details of how our volunteers can get onto the base.

Also, Safe Boating Week is this month, and we have two events scheduled. We will be at Big Boy Toys in Green Cove Springs and the Doctors Lake Marina on May 17th. These events will both run from 9:00am to 3:00 pm as well.

As you can tell, we are going to need a lot of volunteers during May. Please check your schedule to see if you have these times open. If you are not able to make one of the planned events, we can also use people at various boat ramps during Safe Boating Week.

Rusty Gardner, FSO-PV/VE

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# LAND MOBILE/FIXED RADIO FACILITY OR “RADIO COMMUNICATION COMPULSIVE DISORDER”

## The Making of a Mobile Facility (Selected excerpts) From the desk of Thomas Sorensen, SO-CM 14

First let me say greetings to all of Division 14 and “Eight is Great” Flotilla 14-8.

We must, as 1st line defenders, be ready to preserve and protect our homes and family first, because here’s what happens in a storm, even a stateside storm like New Orleans: people displaced, power gone!!! All forms of communications gone! Yes, good bye!

Mobile communication facilities, whether it is Amateur Radio Emergencies Services (ARES), Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES), MARS systems (US Army MARS, Navy MARS, Air Force MARS, Marine Corps MARS), we have a common goal: to pass health and welfare traffic, emergency message traffic and support all government agencies. If you are starting a mobile or station radio facility who do you serve? In the beginning of my quest to give the country and community my support after 911, I found an army AV145 electrical shelter. I started my time in US Army MARS for 14 years with this radio shack.

As time went by, I found the old # 13 ambulance at an auto repair shop. I jumped out of my car and bargained with the owner of the repair shop. I changed rear end gear oil and replaced the tires on the rear. What do you do with it? Well, the jump seats I made into a duty bunk (if you have ever done duty as a radio operator, loading your truck up with gear and spending 24 hrs in a shelter as a radio operator is not pretty). So converting it from ambulance to communications command post was just trial and error. Everything in there I tried to use and recycle.



I added a big solar panel which can run 3 mobile radios vhf/uhf (see picture at left). The unit then accumulated an 1800 watt generator mounted to the rear bumper. Then opportunity knocked. A feller saw I had an ambulance and one day he asked, “What is this ambulance”? I said “I am glad you asked my son”. Thus I had a battery operated 115 volt generator. These things go for 1800 dollars but the comm vehicle got a discount of 275 smackers.

At this point the vehicle was still looking for a home purpose. After the conversion was complete, the radio placement was tried and reinstalled various times. Radios, I found, have to be permanently secured just like aboard ship. Radios are priced about 1100 to 2000 dollars apiece. The placement must be accessible for uninterrupted communications. If you start a mobile facility concentrate on if it is individual unit supported or group. Sometimes there are stumbling blocks to cross liability, county laws, etc. My rig is insured for liability but all the radios are written off so if a disaster hits my asset I would just pick up and move on. That’s the saga of the comms vehicle. Any person or flotilla needing help, I will be more than happy to assist.

We must remember human life is priceless. Things can be replaced. But humankind must be cherished. The hurricane season is upon us, so do this: Check for missile hazards i.e. limbs, lids, trash cans, sheet metal. Have generator, batteries, flashlights, etc., bottled water and a plan. If evacuating, use the routes. Gas up before you go into warning status. Once it is by the Caribbean islands, gas up, stock up, then you can concentrate on the Auxiliary and USCG!

Why is the comm vehicle referred to as *Mother Jugs and Speed*? It was from a movie I saw as a kid with Bill Cosby, Raquel Welch and Jerry Reed. The movie was about a commercial ambulance service competing against another company... interesting comedy.



*“Mother Jugs and Speed”*

Respectfully, Thomas Sorensen, SO-CM 14 / FSO-CM 14-8  
*SEMPER PARATUS*

## NEWS FROM DIVISION 14

### Spring Division Meeting 10 May, 0900 at the Stellar Building

Recently a Joint Planning Meeting was held between the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Sectors within District 7. One of the primary objectives of the meeting was to more fully integrate the Auxiliary into the active duty missions by providing specific and meaningful opportunities for the Auxiliary membership. This objective was strongly supported at the highest levels of the Coast Guard and comes as the result of the leadership in the District listening to the membership asking for a greater and more meaningful involvement.

Captain Thomas at Sector Jacksonville has described several important and significant opportunities open to our membership for 2008 and 2009. On 10May, 0900 at the Stellar Building, we will be holding our Spring Division Meeting, and at that meeting the Active Duty Officer for Sector will discuss in some detail these jobs. They will describe the scope, the training and qualification requirements, and the commitment expected by both parties for the following:

- ◆ Contingency Planning Specialists
- ◆ Radio Watch Standers at Station
- ◆ Communication Watch Standers at the Sector Command Center
  - Radio
  - Rescue 21
- ◆ MDA Coordinators at SCC-J
- ◆ Commercial Vessel Examiners
- ◆ Assistant Pollution Investigators
- ◆ Force Building (Matching of specific member skills to other needs at Sector)

In addition there will be a discussion of the three priorities the Sector envisions for our Division:

- ◆ Recreational Boating Safety
- ◆ Permitted Marine Events Support
- ◆ Multi-Mission Harbor Security Patrols

This is the beginning of a continuous dialogue between the Active Duty and the Auxiliary to better and more fully use us in support of the jointly held purposes and missions. As members we all took an oath to support the Coast Guard. We now are given the opportunity to more fully realize that oath and we strongly encourage your attendance at the 10May meeting.

R.M. Funk, DCP 14

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### Hey folks,

There are two upcoming events involving Station Mayport we are to be aware of: The Chief Petty Officers Organization is holding both.

- ◆ **The first is a golf tournament at the World Golf Village/Slam and Squire on 30June. It is open to any of our members at a cost of about \$85.00 all inclusive (cart, fees, lunch, etc). There are huge prizes for hole in one, and stuff like including 5-night Carnival Cruise, a Boat, a Car. Please get the word out. Interested should contact Chief Garris , the XO, at the Station ASAP.**
- ◆ **Proceeds from the first event will benefit the second event which is on 04Aug and is "CG DAY". This event will be held at Metro Park in Jax. The park will be closed for our use. There will be events for kids, adults, music, the Jaguar Cheerleaders, prizes, food PLUS admission to the Jax Suns baseball game that evening, Mayor Peyton will attend. ALL FOR FREE. They are expecting over 1000 to attend. It is for CG family only. But they need a head count of us planning to attend. So get the word out on this to ALL your members and let's get the count to me BY JUN 1!!!**

R.M. Funk, DCP 14

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## 14-8 PHOTO ALBUM

### FLOTILLA VSC BLITZ 12 APRIL 2008



*Chrystal Wickline completed her fifth supervised VSC at the Goodby's Creek boat ramp*



*Chrystal discussed Recreational Boating Safety With interested boaters at the boat ramp*



*Charlie Smith enjoys the shade of our new "Pop-up" canopy at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club while waiting for more boaters to stop by. Eight members of 14-8 participated in the VSC blitz.*

Photos by Bob Strong

### SPRING BOAT SHOW IN METRO PARK 18 THROUGH 20 APRIL



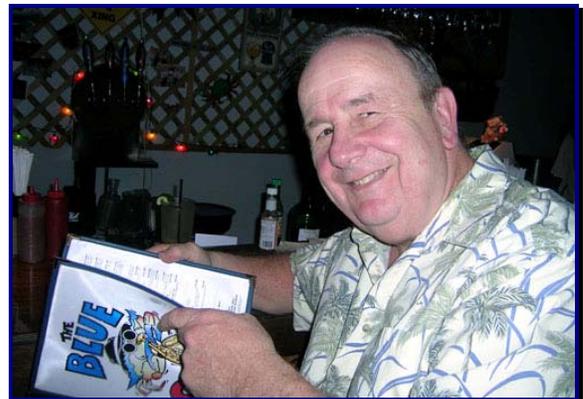
*Left to right (back): Jeff Blomgren, 14-8; Mark Heinrich, 14-2 who organized the display; Chris Hutton of Hutton's Custom Electronics Front: Stacy Wright with Mikey the dog. Mikey demonstrated the life jacket for dogs.*



*Bruce Wright, Chief Safety Officer; Chris Hutton; Jeff Blomgren and Chris' dog Mikey*

Photos contributed by Jeff Blomgren

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER 25 APRIL



*Charles Carlson, an Auxiliarist from Staten Island New York, joined us for fellowship at the Blue Crab*

Photo by Jack Holler

## KAYAKS AND CANOES KEEP COAST GUARD BUSY

From Oregon to New Orleans to Philadelphia the U.S. Coast Guard stayed busy on a recent weekend rescuing kayakers and a canoeist. In Oregon the Coast Guard rescued a 30-year old male after his kayak overturned. The man was reportedly suffering from hypothermia when Coast Guard rescuers reached him; In New Orleans the Coast Guard rescued a man in the Bonnet Carre Spillway after the canoe he was aboard became stranded by the strong current; and in Philadelphia the Coast Guard, a tug boat crew and a boom boat crew rescued two kayakers after they capsized and were overtaken by water in the Delaware River. Both kayakers demonstrated early signs of hypothermia.

Stories like this are all too familiar and as the temperatures across the country warm more and more Americans will take to the water for recreation. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary reminds paddle craft operators that a safe trip begins with assessing conditions and planning your trip, including the return. Data is available from a wide array of sources: buoys, NOAA forecasts, locals, previous trip reports, bar condition reports, and charts are starting points as the prudent mariner does not rely on a single source of information. And don't forget to wear your lifejacket. Paddle craft operators are also encouraged to get a free Vessel Safety Check (yes paddle craft are considered vessels too and are required by federal law to maintain specific safety equipment onboard) To arrange for free Vessel Safety go to [www.vesselsafetycheck.org](http://www.vesselsafetycheck.org) and click on "I Want a VSC" to find a Vessel Examiner near you.

As the number of people turning to manual powered craft or paddle craft increases, so does the risk for novice or unprepared operators getting themselves into trouble. A recent study by the Outdoor Industry Foundation has shown a dramatic increase in the number of Americans participating in kayaking, a 23% increase in 2005 alone. Unfortunately, there has also been a rise in the number of paddle craft accidents.

Three knots is the average speed for a kayaker. In the wrong place, where a river narrows or underwater features force waters to speed up or create towering waves, experience and preparedness, not muscle power, are what matter. The prepared kayaker will have a boat appropriate for the task, be wearing protective clothing and a lifejacket, be carrying safety and communication equipment, have the skills to re-enter and roll, and use good judgment tempered with an appraisal of objective and subjective factors. The experienced paddler should also be in the company of one or more people equally versed in reading the water and self-rescue.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the United States Coast Guard. Created by an Act of Congress in 1939, the Auxiliary directly supports the Coast Guard in all missions, except military and direct law enforcement actions. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of the United States Coast Guard. For more information visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org), if you are ready to be join visit <http://join.cgaux.org/>.

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**FLOTILLA 14-8**  
**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Including Instructors Workshop by Jeff Blomgren, SO-MT 14  
**Tuesday 06 May 2008 at 1930**  
**FLORIDA TACKLE AND GUN CLUB**  
**9010 San Jose Blvd**

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**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK BLITZ**  
**Saturday 10 May 2008**  
**0900 - 1500**  
**NAS Jacksonville Marina (Military Only)**

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**SPRING DIVISION 14 MEETING**  
**Saturday 10 May 2008 - 0900**  
**The Stellar Building, 2900 Hartley Road**

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