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Barry & Carlene Candreia on Patrol Aboard B&C's LUV



A Fond Farewell to our dear friend and fellow Auxiliarist Barry Candreia – see page 7

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- JUNE 01** "Head Count" Deadline for 04 Aug CG Day at Metro Park (see page 6)
03 Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club
07 Flotilla Boat Party / Raft-up – 1630 – Whitey's Fish Camp (see page 5)
08 Memorial Service for Barry Candreia – Florida Tackle & Gun Club - 1200
10 Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting – 1900 – Stellar Building
14 About Boating Safety Program – all day – Stellar Building
20 Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC & FSO-PB
22 Vessel Safety Checks – 0900 – 1500 – Ortega Farms Boat Ramp
30 USCG Golf Tournament - World Golf Village/Slam and Squire
30 Last day to pay Flotilla Dues
- JULY 01** Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club
08 Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting – 1900 – Stellar Building
13 Vessel Safety Checks – 0900 – 1500 – Holiday Marina, Mandarin
20 Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC & FSO-PB
26 Division 14 Meeting and Picnic – Location TBD
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FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER



It was with great sadness that we noted the passing of retired member, Barry Candreia, on May 9th. Plans are being made for a memorial service to be held at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club on Sunday, June 8th. Paul Burns, Buz Palmer and Kieran Snow have offered their vessels to escort Carlene Candreia when Barry's ashes are spread on his beloved St. John's River.

The division meeting held on May 10th featured an informative presentation by Captain Thomas of USCG Sector Jacksonville. It was followed by a Job Fair conducted by Ensign Daniel Nutting, USCG AUXLO (Auxiliary Liaison). Ensign Nutting described many opportunities for Auxiliarists to assist the USCG in targeted areas of need. Four members of 14-8 have already expressed an interest in

offering their expertise. They are: Bill Edgerton, Ralph Little, Charlie Smith, and Sarah Tamargo. Look for updates in 8 Bells and at our flotilla meetings for more opportunities to assist in the Sector Integration Plan

Special thanks to our dedicated Vessel Examiners who spent two weekends during Safe Boating Week at NAS Jax, Doctor's Lake Marina, and Big Boy Toys in Green Cove Springs.

14-8 was prominently mentioned in an article on Boating Safety in the Mandarin Sun of the Times-Union. Our next About Boating Safely program, to be held on June 14th, was a feature of the article. A copy of the May 17th edition of the Mandarin Sun will be available to members at our flotilla meeting.

June is almost upon us and that brings a heightened awareness of hurricane season. You can join our emergency preparedness plan by volunteering to visit a marina in your area. Charlie Smith will be giving us some practical suggestions on how to implement the Heavy Weather Plan. Please contact Bob Strong to add your name to the list of members who will be assisting the USCG in this important mission.

The Fall 7th District Conference comes to Jacksonville at the end of September. In order for 14-8 to look its best, the focus of our June 3rd flotilla meeting will be uniforms. Are you confused by components, accessories, collar devices or insignias? Do you know how to wear Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue Long, Undress Blue or ODUs? These and many other questions will be answered when Bob Strong instructs us on proper uniform decorum. Don't miss our "fashion show" where selected members will proudly be wearing their uniforms for all to see and benefit.

Jack Holler, Flotilla Commander

A MESSAGE FROM THE VFC



It's become apparent we are living in a time of new potential for whatever each of us views as our volunteer role in the Auxiliary. Normally, any member can take part in whatever function they wish, either as a Staff Officer, assistant, trainee, or task coordinator.

Really, and to a greater extent than any organization I've come to know, there are no cliques to frustrate - only dedicated workers, doing what they can. To this standard, the Active side is expanding the opportunities to assist them in the conduct of both field and administrative functions. It's a smart move generated by a need to improve on their use of "free" help to cover areas in which they either lack sufficient resources or want to use active and law enforcement manpower for

more critical functions.

That's fine, but both individually and organizationally, we should proceed to offer assistance with regard to our own requirements and limited resources. Individuals should realistically assess any physical requirements or potential exposure to hazards and whether the compensations - or lack of them, is acceptable.

Ultimately, I don't believe the intention is to distract the most involved members from the business of maintaining the viability of the core Auxiliary unit, the flotilla, and accomplishing its assigned roles in recreational boating safety and marine safety. From the VFC perspective, the opportunities are great for those able to add more time or initiate involvement.

Ralph Little, Flotilla Vice Commander

STAFF REPORTS

INFORMATION SERVICES (IS):

ATTENTION... I have a new fax number (707) 375-2680 which allows you to fax items you need to get to me so I can process them. Not much is going on in the Information Services front, as I have not seen any 7038 forms for the VSC blitzes on April 18th or May 17th. Please forward them to me so I can start doing some work. Please constantly check the on-line forms as they get updated regularly. Remember all Auxiliary functions should be reported monthly on form 7029, this would include travel and prep time for those activities noted on another form. Wishing all members a safe Memorial Day as my boating season gets under way.

Fred Cooke, FSO-IS

PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS):

Flotillas that use a MENTOR SYSTEM have found that new members, and some old members, are very enthusiastic about it. Assigning of a mentor helps to reduce the disenrollment problem. In addition, the flotilla not only gains new members, but gains active members. An experienced flotilla member acts as a mentor who can provide valuable assistance by answering or getting the answer to ALL Auxiliary questions.

The mentor can help with jargon, abbreviations, uniforms, filling out AUXMIS reports, activities, procedures and protocol. That person is responsible for introducing the new members to all other flotilla members and ensuring that the new member, or inactive member, is encouraged to participate in advanced training and activities. THIS FLOTILLA NEEDS MENTORS. Please contact me.

Charlie Smith, FSO-PS

MARINE SAFETY (MS):

Thanks so much to flotilla members (Bill Edgerton, Charlie Smith, Ralph Little, and Merrill Varn) who have responded to the needs of USCG Sector Jacksonville. We still need Commercial Vessel Examiners (6 pack, 12 pack and tow boats) as described below.

▶ [AUX-ACP](#) - Assistant Contingency Preparedness Specialist

Upon completion of this personal qualification, Bill Edgerton (Baker Cnty) and Charlie Smith (Clay Cnty) will assist their local Marine Safety Offices in planning for various emergencies.

▶ [AUX-MSW](#) - Marine Safety Watchstander

Upon successful completion of this personal qualification, Ralph Little will be able to complete a Marine Safety Watch as a conduit for receiving, passing, and recording information.

▶ [AUX-ED](#) and [AUX-ET](#) - Assistant Pollution Investigator/ Pollution Response Specialist

Upon successful completion of this personal qualification, Merrill Varn will be able to assist a qualified Pollution Investigator or FOSCR in completing a Pollution Investigation case or an Oil Pollution Response. Merrill is also pursuing qualifications for AUX-MEES (Marine Environmental Education Specialist) so that she can work with the Clean Marina and Goodmate programs administered by FL-DEP.

We still need one or two flotilla members to help out with commercial vessel exams as described below. PLEASE help out by letting Rusty Gardner, Merrill Varn, or Bob Funk know of your interest. MSO Marc Lang, does these exams with some frequency as an Auxiliarist. When he left the USCG after more than 30 years active duty, he promised himself he would never again board a commercial fishing vessel (CFV). He adds that the passenger and towing vessel personnel are a joy to work with; they welcome the exams and are eager to get their boats up to snuff. So join Marc and get your UPV or UTV quals. "Try it, you'll like it."

▶ [AUX-UPV](#) - Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner

Upon successful completion of this personal qualification, a person will hold the minimum competencies to examine Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV) and their associated equipment for compliance with the applicable safety regulations in 46 CFR Subchapter C.

▶ [AUX-UTV](#) - Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner

Upon successful completion of this personal qualification, a person will hold the minimum competencies to examine Uninspected Tow Vessels (UTV) and their associated equipment for compliance with the applicable safety regulations in 46 CFR.

Merrill Varn, FSO-MS

AIDS TO NAVIGATION (AN):

For all those members who missed the AIDs Verifier (AV) training in the Stellar cafeteria—you have another chance to get the training and to become AV qualified.

Chuck Farmer, the division DSO-AN has put together flotilla level AIDs Verifier training/testing, resulting in qualified AV members. I will give a short presentation explaining the AV training and testing method following the August Flotilla meeting. If there is enough interest we will set up a date for the AV training in the Stellar building later in the year. Chuck Farmer is also working on developing a Chart Updating course.

Al Ricker, FSO-AN

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

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

PROGRAM VISITOR / VESSEL EXAMINER:

Flotilla 14-8 Vessel Examiners were busy in May with VSC Events at NAS Jax, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park.



Our new VSC sign



Vessel Examiner Charlie Smith



Under the new canopy: Al Ricker, Charlie Smith, Tom Sorensen and Kieran Snow



Tom Sorensen talks with Kieran Snow

Photos by Rusty Gardner and Bob Strong

14-8 PHOTO ALBUM
FLOTILLA MEETING 6 JUNE 2008



*Sandra Snow was sworn in
as our FSO-MT*



*Bruce Ennis received his
20 Year Auxiliary Membership
Service Award*



*Jeff Blomgren, SO-MT 14
presented the IT Workshop for
2008*



14-8 Boat Party/Raft up

To ensure that our flotilla complies with our fourth primary function (Fellowship), 14-8 is planning a boat party and raft-up on Saturday June 7 at 4:30 PM. The location is Whitey's Fish Camp's new docks at Rt. 220 and Swimming Pen Creek in Orange Park. Come by car or come by boat—everyone is welcome.

We intend for everyone who wishes to share light finger foods and other refreshments on our various boats and on the docks around 4:30. What a great chance to show off your boat to your friends in 14-8! Please bring light finger foods and drinks to share.

We plan to all go to dinner in Whitey's around 6:30.

The representative at Whitey's said that the docks are free but are first come, first serve. For those folks coming by boat, there is a good ramp at Fleming Island and for a very short cruise (100 feet), Whitey's has a ramp.

It is not recommended to spend the night on our boats at Whitey's so everyone is on their own after dinner.

If you have any questions, please call *Al Ricker 269-4240* or *Debra Inlow at 529-8681*, and please RSVP with Al or Debra no later than Thursday June 5 – use e-mail or phone to RSVP.

Rather than pay in advance, everyone will be responsible for paying their own check.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Al & Debbie

NEWS FROM DIVISION 14

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. 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 (including ACTIVE Auxiliary members), but they need a head count of us planning to attend. So let's get the count to me BY JUN 1!!!**

R.M. Funk, DCP 14

The Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday 30 June with a Shotgun Start at 0800. The field is still open for Auxiliarists wanting to play. The entry fee is \$95.00 which includes, cart, green fees, lunch, putting contest and a raffle ticket. There will be first, second and third place prizes four hole-in-one contest and more. The event is at the World Golf Village and will have a format of a four-person scramble. Registration deadline is Monday June 16th. Non-Golfers of Auxiliary are welcome to participate with ancillary events such as registration and distribution of materials.

A LOOK ASTERN

I have been asked by some of our 'newer' members to include a bit of Flotilla 14-8 history in our newsletter, so beginning this month, I will share with you some tidbits from the past. This Sea Story, from the **JUNE 1978** Eight Bells, and the sketch were by Wilson Robertson, who was FSO-PB 14-8 for 25 years.

Carolyn Strong, Flotilla Historian

Sea Stories: Friday the 13th came on a Saturday in May, and it was a day full of sea stories for 14-8. Group Mayport got a report via Amateur 2-meter of a Hobie capsized under the Buckman Bridge, found HIGH HOPES V ready and able, and sent him to assist. DOLPHIN followed to assist any other boats having trouble with the afternoon squall. When HIGH HOPES V arrived at the reported location, the Hobie had evidently righted himself and gone about his business. DOLPHIN assisted another sailboat on the way over.



Later, Mayport sent HIGH HOPES V to assist a grounded sailboat near Point La Vista. The river was quite rough, and it was difficult to pass a line and maneuver into towing position. Buz and Pete finally managed to work the sailboat into deeper water and he went off under his own power. Buz returned to FT&GC to recover.

Meanwhile, the tug SUN TRADER reported a disabled boat requesting assistance near Popo Point, inside of Marker 19. Just about dusk SHUDNA and JAX MOBILE 5 were requested to go to Governor's Creek ramp and start a search for this one. After searching the area thoroughly in the dark, no boat was found. He had evidently been assisted, or fixed his own motor problem before they arrived. SHUDNA felt its way back to the ramp thru unfamiliar waters in the pitch black dark, and secured about 2230.

Editor's note: Skippers of the above mentioned facilities were Buz Palmer (HIGH HOPES V), Pete Field (DOLPHIN) and Frank Brandon (SHUD'NA). All were very active on the water.

REMEMBERING BARRY CANDREIA

VFC 14-8 1990-91; FC 14-8 1992-93 & 1997;
VCP 14 1998; DCP 14 1999 – 2000;
FSO-OP 14-8; SO-OP 14



*Barry Candreia, DCP 14 with CDR Jim Rendon,
USCG Mayport February 2000*



*Carlene & Barry Candreia
with LT Javier Delgado, USCG June 2000*



Barry & Carlene on patrol April 2001



*Barry on board the Command Vessel for
The Annual Mug Race May 2001*



Barry – December 2002



Barry & Carlene – December 2003

THE PILOT'S PSALM

The Lord is my Pilot, I shall not drift. He guides me across the dark waters. He steers me in deep channels. He keeps my log. He pilots me by the star of holiness for His name's sake. Yea, though I sail 'mid the fenders and tempests of life I shall dread no danger for He is near me. His love and care shelter me. He prepares a harbor before me in the homeland of eternity. He anoints the waves with oil, my ship rides calmly. Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me on my voyages and I will rest in the Port of our Lord forever.

A Memorial Service for Barry will be held at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club on 8 June 2008 at 1200



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FLOTILLA 14-8
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Including Uniform Instruction by Bob Strong
Tuesday 03 June 2008 at 1930
FLORIDA TACKLE AND GUN CLUB
9010 San Jose Blvd

ABOUT BOATING SAFELY PROGRAM
Saturday 14 June (All Day)
The Stellar Building, 2900 Hartley Road

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK BLITZ
Saturday 22 June 2008
0900 - 1500
Ortega Farms Boat Ramp



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