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## **HMS Bounty...early Monday morning**



**Hatteras, N.C.: The HMS Bounty Sinks during Hurricane Sandy**

This photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard shows the HMS Bounty, a 180-foot sailboat, submerged in the Atlantic Ocean during Hurricane Sandy approximately 90 miles southeast of Hatteras, N.C., Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. The Coast Guard rescued 14 of the 16 crew members by helicopter. Hours later, rescuers found one of the missing crew members, but she was unresponsive. They are still searching for the captain.

(AP Photo/U.S. Coast Guard, Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Kuklewski)

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## FROM WHIT VICK - YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



### Imagine

With apologies to John Lennon, whose song "Imagine" envisioned a world at peace, I have a considerably smaller imagination and will try and imagine what our flotilla might be in years to come. Trying to predict tomorrow is hard enough, but predicting a hoped-for imaginary future is even trickier. However, that should not deter one from trying. Here is what I came up with:

Imagine if two or three of our new members this year really got fired up about the Auxiliary and became active productive members. Think of the Strongs, who one day many years ago decided to join the Auxiliary. Who would have predicted over 40 years later they would still be so active in a flotilla? Or the Koehls, or John Hadley, or Becky Habermas, or Paul Burns, or Rusty Gardner, to name just a few, who have contributed so much. Imagine if one or several of our new recruits blossoms next year, and this repeats again the next year, and the next...

Imagine if we increased the diversity in our flotilla to include more women and minorities, and we could learn from each other as we work towards common goals.

Imagine if you save just one life by teaching a boating safety class, giving advice during a vessel exam or on a program visit, at a safety booth, or writing an article.

Imagine if our flotilla became known for organizing and presenting AUXOP courses or boat crew classes. Imagine if we joined with other flotillas in this effort.

Imagine if some of our "no-see-ums" began coming to meetings and became newly active and productive members.

Imagine if we got one, two, or three more boats to use as facilities or if more members took the challenge and became crew or coxswains. Imagine how this could elevate our OPs program and have the secondary effect of making our flotilla more attractive to prospective members.

Imagine if our flotilla had an airplane as a facility and we began doing air patrols, and some of our members got to train as air crew.

Imagine if we had one or more of our members step up to become watchstanders or boat crew at Station Mayport, performing a crucial safety function for the public and directly aiding the Coast Guard.

Imagine if more of our members moved up the chain of leadership to assume positions at the division, district, or National level, giving us leverage in decision making and future direction of the Auxiliary beyond our own flotilla.

Imagine if we got more speakers of the caliber of Andy Andersen who inspire us to be our best, to do our best, to help our fellow man.

These may just be fanciful hopes and dreams, but who knows?

Semper paratus.

*Whit Vick, Flotilla Commander*

## FROM KEVIN KOEHL - YOUR FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER



I attended the division staff meeting on October 20th filling in for Whit Vick who was attending his son's wedding in Georgia. Division elections were held at the meeting. Bill Sekeres was elected Division Commander and Vic Aquino was elected Division Vice Commander. The Division Change of Watch will be held on January 12, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Jacksonville. Congratulations to Bill and Vic for being elected to division office and to Whit and Serena for the marriage of their son!

One of the topics of discussion at the division meeting was NAS JAX's request to have the Auxiliary enforce the St. Johns River waterfront along the NAX JAX perimeter. The 2.5 mile stretch of NAS JAX riverfront has a 400ft restricted zone for boaters. The plan discussed including conducting an initial patrol in November, then providing regular weekend patrols after Safe Boating Week in 2013. NAS JAX will allow our facilities to launch from Mulberry Cove for these patrols. Jesse Stevens will be responsible for coordinating facilities and crews to support this request. Other topics from the division meeting will be covered at our next flotilla meeting.

*Kevin Koehl, VFC*

## FLOTILLA 14-8 STAFF OFFICERS

Paul Burns - Communications Services (FSO-CS)  
Robert Strong - Finance (FSO-FN)  
Marlene Koehl - Information Systems (FSO-IS)  
Robert Flaige - Materials (FSO-MA)  
Kyle George - Marine Safety (FSO-MS)  
John Hadley - Member Training (FSO-MT)  
Cris Vonderheide - Navigation Systems (FSO-NS)

Kevin Koehl - Public Affairs (FSO-PA)  
Carolyn Strong - Publications (FSO-PB)  
Robert Strong - Public Education (FSO-PE)  
Rebecca Habermas - Human Resources (FSO-HR)  
Marlene Koehl - Program Visitor (FSO-PV)  
Charles Smith - Vessel Examination (FSO-VE)  
Whit Vick - Operations (FSO-OP)

## FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS - RESPONSE

### OPERATIONS – WHIT VICK



On September 29, a patrol was done on the St John's River in Palatka. Our facility, *Carlie II*, joined with Ted Schneider and two coxswain candidates from 14-7. Kevin Koehl served as crew and John Hadley came as crew trainee. We did two boat towing drills, with towing astern, side tows, and docking with "dead" boat on the hip. John was put to the test, as evidenced by his sweat soaked shirt, but at the end of the day he was doing just fine. Ted Schneider has asked John down to Palatka for several additional weekends in October to train for his QE audit for crew on October 27. Ted is a great human being and a fantastic teacher, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for helping John get prepared. On October 13, our facility, *Carlie II*, was again on patrol, this time for a rowing race on the Arlington River. Kevin Koehl served as crew, and Whatley Law came along as a crew trainee. We joined with two facilities from 14-4, Marc Lang's "*Sentry*", and John Davis' "*Rapture*". This was a beautiful day to be on the river, and we got to meet and mingle with other Auxiliarists and some of the racers and race officials. The crew on our boat cautioned a number of boats about to enter the race area on the Arlington River, which is usually a wide open area with no speed limit. Most of the boats intercepted had no idea about the race before we told them. Whatley Law is a fifth generation Jacksonville resident who is an experienced boater with local knowledge of the St Johns River, and he will be a valuable addition to our operations program.

*Whit Vick, FSO-OP*

## FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS - PREVENTION

### **MEMBER TRAINING – JOHN HADLEY**



#### **Capt. Andy Andersen, Other Activities Grab Attention**

This flotilla had an interesting month in October, and some of it went unnoticed. To bring everyone up to date, let us begin with RiverFest 2012. One of the two yearly public service events at NASJAX Mulberry Cove, this ends the official boating season. Manager Phil Collins included Flotilla 14-8, inviting us to staff a booth. While the booth size was minimal, Marlene Koehl along with new member Whatley Law did us well, garnering five vessel safety checks (VSCs). At the same time Whatley fulfilled his five required VSCs under supervision. He will soon be an officially qualified vessel examiner. Congratulations Whatley!

Our mentoring program is proceeding. I have heard that some of the mentees are making appropriate progress. This is important both to their growth in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and to Flotilla 14-8. While the gold side accomplishes much in their professional development, this IS their schedule. By contrast, we find ways to "git 'er done," and we must remember that is one of the things which makes all of us so valuable to the gold side.

Sometimes I find that getting members qualified is a trial. I want it as much as they, and am just as pleased as they are when a qualification is earned. But there are steps to go through, and recent policy can often trip me up. So - the lesson is this: an official Basically Qualified (BQ) designation is earned only after attending a class. Online classes are okayed state and other bodies, but the US Coast Guard has not sanctioned this, and for good reason: face-to-face instruction just plain works better, more is learned and the student benefits more.

Our guest lecture season was concluded with the appearance of Capt. Andy Andersen USN (RET.) who gave us all a few pointers in the living of our lives. This value-laced speech was definitely a pick-me-up. In my review of all the speakers we have had this year - and they all had something to teach us - Capt. Andy did a great deal to reinvigorate my thinking. So I wonder now: What do I do for an encore? I will be entertaining thoughts and ideas to pass on to my (potential) successor, as this speaker season has officially come to an end. November's meeting will feature my delivery of a required sexual harassment prevention training session, which is required for all members.

Reminders are in order that four members are slipping to REYR for their Instructor qualifications, and one for Boat crew. While the names will not be published here, notices have gone out to them. I remain available at [john.hadley83@yahoo.com](mailto:john.hadley83@yahoo.com) to lend assistance. One teaching opportunity remains available, on Saturday 10th November. This applies also to those new members seeking their IT qualification." Additionally, Mr. David Fay inches ever closer to his program visitor qualification. Keep driving, Dave.

*John Hadley FSO-MT*

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### **PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG**



On Saturday, October 13, we held our second public About Boating Safely (ABS) course at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club (FT&GC). It was a success with 12 students and one potential new Auxiliary member. Marlene Koehl was a big help, for the first time ever when we walked out of this classroom the 7030s for this course had already been submitted, thanks to Marlene.

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*Public Education continued...*

Our last regular ABS course for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, November 10. However, a woman and mother called the other day asking if we could teach a private course at the Deerwood Country Club for ten students ages 11 to 16.

These students were going to take a boating course online but this mother realized that an online course really doesn't compare with a classroom course. The tentative date for this additional ABS course is Saturday November 17.

Please let me know by November 2 if you will be available to help with either of these courses. If you are a new member and want to teach and/or help with the public education courses please contact me now at 904-721-1346. Thanks!

*Bob Strong, FSO-PE*

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**PROGRAM VISITOR – MARLENE KOEHL**



On 29 September we participated in a program partner event at Mulberry Cove Marina offering a boating safety information table as well as vessel safety checks (VSCs). One member was able to complete five training VSCs needed to become a qualified vessel examiner. Another partner event is scheduled on 10 November at Sailor's Exchange, formerly Pier 17, located on Roosevelt Blvd. The Auxiliary will be staffing a boating safety table and promoting vessel safety checks at the partner's grand opening and flea market. Please let me know if you would like to participate in the event which will run from 0800 to 1400.

The following is taken from the Recreational Boating Safety - Visitation Program (RBS-VP) Manual (COMDTINST M16796.3C) and are the words of Warren McAdams, National Directorate Commodore for Recreational Boating Safety, USCG Auxiliary. It offers a good description of RBS-VP for those of you unfamiliar with this Auxiliary mission.

"The goal of this program is to establish 'community partners' and to visit them on a regular basis. The primary purpose of the visit is to inform the program partner of the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety program and the applicable federal, state and local safety requirements. While doing so, the program visitor has the opportunity to clarify safety issues, promote safe boating education and the Vessel Safety Check program. Where the 'community' partner is not a traditional marine business/dealership, the Program Visitor becomes a program resource and maintains a supply of safety related literature, federal and state requirement booklets, public education class schedules, and Vessel Safety Check station locations and schedules. We firmly believe that by educating the business establishments in the recreational boating safety community, we are leveraging our contact with the recreational boater. A knowledgeable program partner literally multiplies our contact with and impact on our ultimate customers, the recreational boater."

*Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS*

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**VESSEL EXAMINER (Acting) – JOHN HADLEY**



Whatley Law may soon become our newest vessel examiner (VE). Marlene Koehl and Whatley Law nailed five Vessel Safety Checks on Sat 21 September at Mulberry Cove RiverFest, so with one fell swoop Marlene added five to her total, and Whatley got his five under supervision. Charlie Smith, FSO-VE is back in town, but it looks like we will need a new FSO-VE in the upcoming year. Welcome back, Charlie.

*John Hadley, FSO-VE (acting)*



## FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS REPORTS - LOGISTICS

### **COMMUNICATION SERVICES – PAUL BURNS**



New members in the flotilla probably haven't had much reason to visit the division or district websites. Most information that you seek will be available on the local and National websites. However, by visiting these sites, you will get a better perspective on how the Auxiliary works on a local, regional and national basis and you will learn more about how our chain of command is organized by taking a brief tour of both the Division 14 website and the 7th District websites.

#### **What you will find at Division 14:**

- Division Staff Officers - These are the people that your flotilla staff officers report to. You may occasionally meet these people visiting our flotilla to make presentations. You will often meet these staff officers during your own training activities. At recent flotilla meetings you have had presentations from both our Division Commander and Division Vice Commander.
- Division Flotillas - I'm sure that you know that Flotilla 14-8 isn't the only flotilla in North Florida. By visiting the other area flotillas' websites you can pick up some information about what they are doing in their areas of operation.
- Read the Division 14 newsletter the "Nor'easter" (if you've got an hour or two). This quarter's issue is rather long but it's loaded with information on what is happening with the Auxiliary in North Florida. This information can help guide you to interests that you may have in your continuing Auxiliary career.

#### **The 7th District Website:**

The new 7th District Website continues to grow and become more refined. You will find a wealth of important information this month on the 7th District website's "What's New" page. The District Commodore would like everybody to look it over. You will find a link to this page in the left column of the district homepage, or use this link:

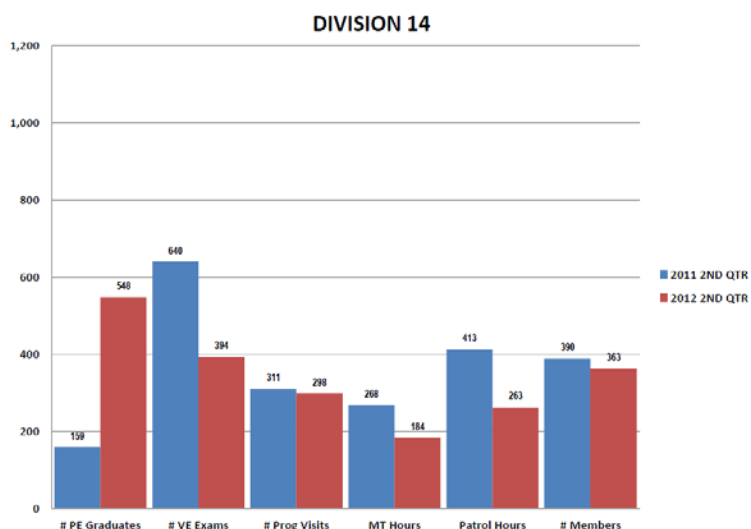
<http://www.uscga-district-7.org/whatsnew.html>

Some of the items on this page include a link to the 2nd Quarter Dashboard, which will show you to our division and your flotilla's performance statistics.

You may view the 7th District Strategic Plan for 2013.

View the 2012 PE Workshop to get your instructors ready for a new 2013 PE Schedule.

Look over the new District Store website.



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<p>Read over the AuxDirectory guide and you will be operating it like a pro.</p> <p>"The 7th District Help Desk" (formerly known as the Director's Gateway) is improved and operates just like the National Help Desk.</p> <p>You choose a subject from the drop down menu, explain your question and the issue is automatically routed to the person who can help you with the issue or request. All division and flotilla staff officers should be familiar with how the Help Desk works. It will save time and traffic when you need to get things done.</p> <p>There is an extensive "Ready For Operations" section in "What's New".</p> <p>So take a few minutes and find out "What's New" in the 7th District before it's old news.</p>	<p><b>Category:</b> *</p>	<p>Not selected</p>
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	<p>Transfers</p>	
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	<p>Uniforms</p>	
	<p>Written Exams (FC, MT or Proctor use)</p>	
	<p>All other questions</p>	

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MARLENE KOEHL**



Due to an early cut-off date this year, all mission reports for 2012 should be submitted by 15 December in order to be included in the final 2012 report run by the Auxiliary. If you have any unreported missions, i.e. vessel exams, program visits, instructor hours, patrols, etc., please submit them to me as soon as possible. Most certifications require a minimum number of hours or missions in order to maintain your certification.

Recently, we have started to see REYR status alerts being sent out to members who are in danger of not fulfilling their currency maintenance requirements. Each alert indicated the deficiency. If you have received such a notice, you have until 15 December to fulfill the requirement and avoid your competency going into REYR status. With the end of the year approaching, it would be a good time to review and verify your personal information in AUXDATA so that everything is accurate and up to date for 2013. Go to <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/index.php>, log in, do a search by typing in your name or ID number, select your name, review and submit any changes on form 7028.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [mekoehl@gmail.com](mailto:mekoehl@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns regarding IS issues.

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS – KEVIN KOEHL**



The annual Air Show featuring the Blue Angels was held on October 19 (practice day), 20 and 21st. Flotilla 14-4 took the lead for the event coordinating with the Coast Guard to enforce the security perimeter as well as provide a safety information table. The Air Show alternates locations yearly between NAS JAX and Jacksonville Beach. This year's show was at the beaches and this year's earlier show dates provided much better weather than last year's show which was held in November. I participated on Friday as crew on Don Mooers' facility enforcing the security perimeter which also served as a great platform for watching the practice for the show. 14-8 will have the lead for providing support for the 2013 NAX JAX air show event.

Please remember to visit and contribute to our flotilla Facebook page. You can post pictures and videos of activities you participate in for the Auxiliary. A link to our Facebook page can be found at [www.safeboatingjax.com](http://www.safeboatingjax.com).

*Kevin Koehl, FSO-PA*

## **PUBLICATIONS – CAROLYN STRONG**



Flotilla Staff Officers are reminded to forward their reports to the Publications Officer by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. We are always open to submissions of photographs and articles by our members. This is your newsletter and your input is valued. If you are a new member, submit an article about the training you are receiving and what you have learned from it. If you are beginning crew training, please write about your experiences on the water. I would love to get some "Sea Stories" to publish.

We added something new this month – a proofreader! George Law helped proofread the reports and articles submitted for the *Eight Bells*. Is there anyone else who would like to take a turn at doing this? I welcome any help you can give to make our newsletter one of the best in District 7. Also, if you are inclined toward working with photographs and with word or other publication software, please talk with me. I would like to start training someone to eventually take on the job of Flotilla Staff Officer – Publications. Thanks go to all who submitted photos this month. They make *Eight Bells* a newsletter that we all look forward to reading.

*Carolyn Strong, FSO-PB*

# **FLOTILLA 14-8 PHOTO ALBUM**

## **OCTOBER 2 FLOTILLA MEETING**



**Top Ingram and Bob Strong (above)  
Bruce Ennis and Jeff Blomgren (left)**



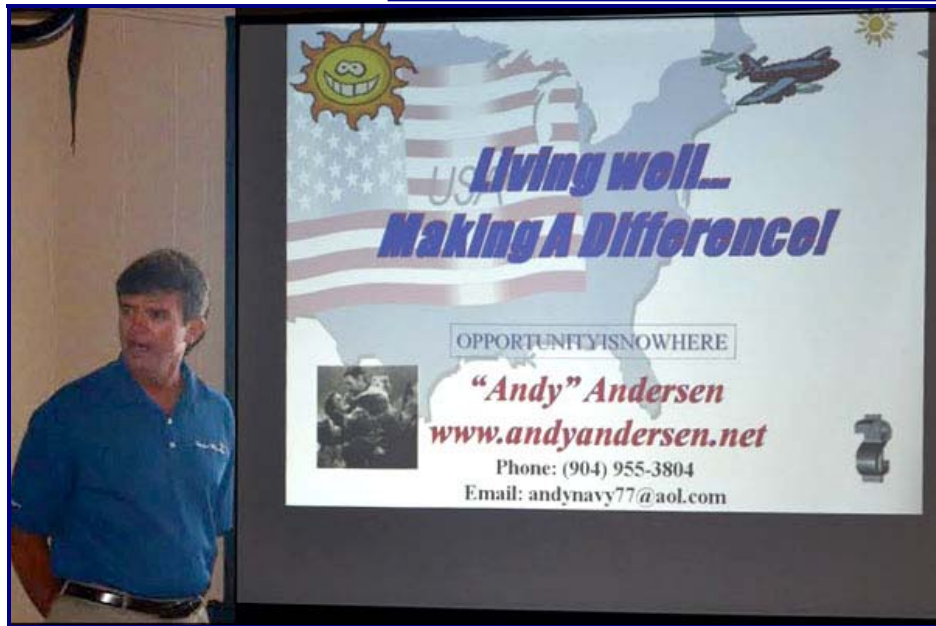
## OCTOBER 2 FLOTILLA MEETING



Meeting photos  
By Carolyn Strong,  
Kevin and Marlene Koehl

Whatley Law's son Will (left) attended the meeting with his Dad. They each got something from our guest speaker, Andy Anderson.

Bill Sekeres, VCDR 14 talks with Kevin and Marlene Koehl before the meeting.



Our Guest Speaker Capt. Andy Andersen, who inspired us with his excellent program



John Hadley, FSO-MT; Capt. Andy Andersen, USN (RET); Whit Vick, FC and Kevin Koehl, VFC

## Congratulations:



John Hadley (left) and Paul Tynda (below) each received a CG Meritorious Team Commendation Award for their service in support of the USCGCC Eagle when it visited Naval Station Mayport. The awards were presented by Whit Vick, FC at the October flotilla meeting.



Carolyn Strong, FSO-PB (left) received a plaque in recognition of our flotilla newsletter *Eight Bells* winning second place in the 7<sup>th</sup> District Publications contest for the year 2011.



# On the Water

## SEPTEMBER 29 PALATKA TRAINING PATROL

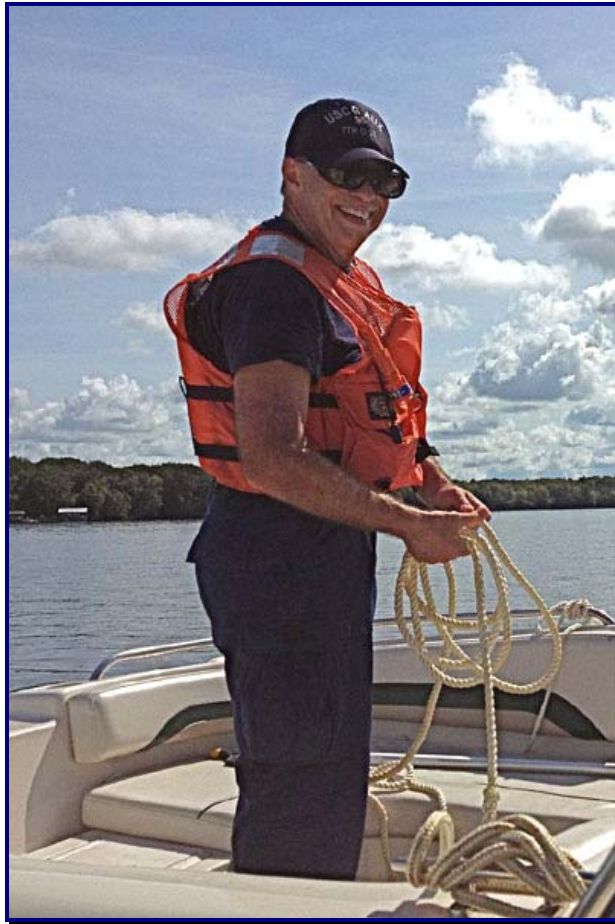
*Photos provided by Whit Vick and Kevin Koehl*



**Kevin works with the line...**

**And then enjoys the ride. Kevin served as crew on the patrol.**





John Hadley handles the lines, while training as crew on the Palatka patrol.

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## OCTOBER 13 PATROL FOR FIRST COAST HEAD RACE



Whatley Law and Whit Vick prepare to launch *Carlie II* for the patrol.





Rowers approaching the Mathews Bridge

Rowing competition - First Coast Head Race on the Arlington River

On October 13, our facility, *Carlie II*, was again on patrol, this time for a rowing race on the Arlington River. Kevin Koehl served as crew, and Whatley Law came along as a crew trainee. We joined with two facilities from 14-4, Marc Lang's *Sentry* and John Davis' *Rapture*.

This was a beautiful day to be on the river, and we got to meet and mingle with other Auxiliarists and some of the racers and race officials.

Other Auxiliarists were: Dave Hensel 14-5, Kevin Holbrooks, John Davis, Bailey Holbrooks, Marc Lang 14-4 and Claire Bailey 14-7.

...Whit Vick



Whit and Kevin onboard *Carlie II*  
"Commander and Navigator" - photo by Whatley Law

*Patrol photos submitted by Whit Vick, Kevin Koehl and Whatley Law*



Whatley acted as “Forward Ballast” (he claims he was actually on “Forward Aircraft Watch”)

The 14-8 patrol (right):  
Whit, Whatley and Kevin



Kevin having lunch with 14-4 member Kevin Holbrooks and his daughter Bailey Holbrooks



# October Flotilla Night Out



Fourteen members and spouses were present at our last Flotilla 14-8 "Night Out" on October 18<sup>th</sup> at LOS LOROS Mexican Restaurant. We had a lot of fun!

Left to right in photo: George Law, Marlene Koehl, Julie and Tom Edwards, Carolyn and Bob Strong, Paul and Carol (hiding) Burns, Whatley Law, John (back to camera) and Beverly Hadley, Becky and Ron Habermas. Kevin Koehl volunteered to take the picture.



*Photo by Kevin Koehl*

**We will not have a Flotilla Night Out in November because of Thanksgiving.**

**Our next fellowship will be a Flotilla Holiday Dinner at Vito's Italian Restaurant, 3825 Baymeadows Road on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30pm. Remember to mark your calendar NOW.**

# Mandarin Newsline – October Edition

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## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

### Keeping Waterways Safe

By Contributing Writer Kevin Koehl, Flotilla 14-8

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Fall marks the official end of the boating season for much of the US, but for Florida boaters, it means the beginning of some of the best boating weather of the year. It also signals the start of the migration of many cruisers from Canada and our eastern states to Florida waterways for the fall, winter and spring months. Jacksonville, the St. Johns River and the Intracoastal Waterway play a major role in this migration.

Many seasonal boaters utilize St. Johns River marinas and boatyards in Jacksonville and Green Cove Springs for summer storage of their sailboats, cruisers, and trawlers. With hurricane season winding down, cruisers will make their way to the Florida coast, the Keys, and the Bahamas to take advantage of the warm weather, boater friendly coastal communities and great fishing. The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary play a vital role in this migration.

The Intracoastal Waterway or ICW, affectionately known by boaters as “the ditch”, is the major route in the cruisers’ migration. A combination of manmade and natural coastal waterways, the ICW’s narrow channel is subject to shifting shoals, especially at inlets. The Coast Guard is responsible for placing and maintaining the waterway “road signs” or aids to navigation which mark the channel to keep boaters safe. The Coast Guard Auxiliary assists by regularly checking aids to navigation to identify damaged, weathered or missing markers. Boaters can also play a valuable role by reporting problems with aids to navigation or other navigation hazards to Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville at 904 564-7500. Imminent hazards to navigation can be reported to the Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16.

Boater education also plays a major role in safely navigating our waterways. You can learn how to identify and understand aids to navigation by attending a Coast Guard Auxiliary one day Boating Safety Class on Saturday, Nov 10 at 9010 San Jose Blvd. Contact Bob at 904 721-1346 for more information.

The missions of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary are critical year round to keep waterways safe for boaters navigating our Florida waterways.

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***Always remember that people are not suspicious, behavior is!***



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## OFFICIAL U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

AUXDirect provides important news and information for Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel.

WASHINGTON - With the transition of the national leadership of the Coast Guard Auxiliary on November 1, 2012, National Commodore James E. Vass, Jr. will be relieved as National Commodore by COMO Thomas C. Mallison. Coast Guard Auxiliary members and friends are invited to view Vass' farewell message thanking the Auxiliary membership for their service at: [http://auxpa.org/downloads/NACOfarewell\\_2012-10.pdf](http://auxpa.org/downloads/NACOfarewell_2012-10.pdf).

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Thomas Nunes

Director - Government & Public Affairs

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### Flotilla Holiday Dinner

Thursday December 20th  
6:30pm

Please RSVP no later than December 12th

### Vito's Italian Restaurant

3825 Baymeadows Rd  
(at Intersection of San Jose Blvd)



An Authentic Sicilian-Italian, Family run business

This is Paul Burns' Favorite Restaurant

*"I've been eating here twice a month for over 10 years.*

*I highly recommend.....everything on the menu. I've had it all!" ...Paul*

From reasonably priced pizza, calzones, and pastas to  
gourmet chicken, veal and seafood dishes

Visit: <http://www.vitosjax.com/>

Please make a special effort to bring your spouse and  
celebrate the holiday with Flotilla 14-8 at **Vito's**

We need to send a head count for reservation by December 12th.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Strong, [cgstrong@comcast.net](mailto:cgstrong@comcast.net)

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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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## **FLOTILLA 14-8 MEETING**

### **THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2012**

**Fellowship & Refreshments 7 PM**

**Meeting to include Election of Flotilla Officers (quorum required)  
and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training - Required Annually**

**Florida Tackle and Gun Club**

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## **Holiday Dinner December 20**

**VITO'S Italian Restaurant**

**3825 Baymeadows Rd**

**Gather at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 PM**

**Make reservation now, Email [cgstrong@comcast.net](mailto:cgstrong@comcast.net)**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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| NOV | 07 | 7029 Reports due to FSO-IS   |
|     | 08 | Flotilla Meeting – 1900 - Florida Tackle & Gun Club – <b>note date change!</b> |
|     |    | <b>Quorum Required for Election of Flotilla Officers</b>                       |
|     | 10 | ABS Class – 0730 to 1700 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club                           |
|     | 15 | Division Staff Officers Reports due to division                                |
|     | 20 | Eight Bells Deadline: Reports due to VFC & FSO-PB                              |
| DEC | 04 | Flotilla Meeting – 1900 - Florida Tackle & Gun Club                            |
|     | 15 | Division Staff Officers Reports due to division                                |
|     | 20 | Eight Bells Deadline: Reports due to VFC & FSO-PB                              |

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