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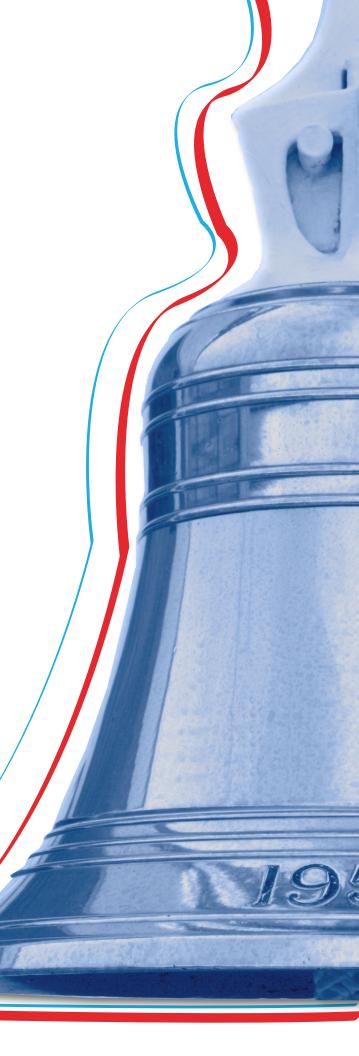


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Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

Feelin' Hot Hot. Man, it's hot outside. I guess it must be summer! The 90 degree temperatures should remind each of us every day we can actively practice our passion for boating safety not only when we are on official Coast Guard Auxiliary business and at events, but at our workplaces, churches, shopping centers, gyms, restaurants and pretty much everywhere we go.

When you find a boat owner, as you walk through life, ask them if they (or their children) have taken a boating safety course. Have you had a boat inspected for the correct safety equipment? Let them know that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a friend who will help them be safer on the water and how we can help.



You'll often see a surprised face when you mention that, pretty much anybody under the age of 25 is required to carry the Florida State Boater ID Card and must have taken a state approved Boating Safety Class in order to operate a vessel with more than 9.9 horsepower.

So, don't be shy when you run across a fellow boating enthusiast. And if they look under age (born on or after January 1, 1988) CARD'EM!

Required Online Training Not As Hard As You May Think! Our Auxiliary Mandated Online Training probably isn't being stressed enough right now. There are seven short online courses that all Auxiliarists whether new or veteran must complete. Some courses just once, some once every few years, and some every year. I've been knocking out about one per week lately and each one seems to only take a hour or so; in a matter of minutes. It's been as painless as it can be, but as the word "Mandated" means, it's something we have to do to make sure every person under the authority of the United States Coast Guard has the proper education to conduct business appropriately.

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Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

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Later in this month's newsletter, I want you to read over Admiral Papp's letter concerning Sexual Harassment and how there is no room for one single incident under his command in the Coast Guard. Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Prevention are both courses that are required in our Auxiliary Mandated Online Training. Please send me an email to pburns@safeboatingjax.com when you have completed it. It makes me smile with pride to see so many of our members already doing this training with out being ordered to do so and I smile each time that I get an email from one of you who has already completed the courses. So please, if you haven't taken these two courses yet online, please do so and send me a smile!

The link to this required online training is on the homepage of <u>SafeBoatingJax.com</u> on the left side menu <u>"Auxiliary Learning And Testing."</u>

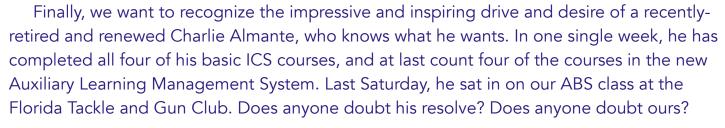
Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Vice Commander

John Hadley, VFC

So far, we still drive upward. The size and scope of our works has spread across state lines, while our new members Eric and Marion Linda, and Paul Thomas (transferee) pursue Vessel Safety Checks. We seem to be pursuing yet another better-than-the-previous-year's numbers. Well done to all VEs!

National Safe Boating Week was a big affair last month all across District 7 and we were in the middle of it too. Whatley Law and Tom Edwards were doing exams, while Paul Burns, Rusty Gardner and myself met and greeted the public during an extremely hot day at the Orange Park Academy Sports +Outdoors store.



NEVER Give Up!

Flotilla Vice Commander

Response

Whit Vick, FSO-OP

A web-based replacement for Patrol Order Managements (POM), called Auxiliary Order Management (AOM), has recently come on line. This represents a more streamlined and user friendly way to place and track orders for patrols. As with any new computer-related event, there is a learning curve and bugs to work through. However, my initial experience with AOM is positive.

Our flotilla has gone from two qualified operations members to six in the past two years. We currently have one member in training for crew and four who are potential upgrades to coxswain in the next year or so. This bodes well for our operations program.

On a more philosophical note:

Don Wellons, Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 10-10 St Simons Island, GA, is a more seasoned citizen than myself and devotes much of his retirement time to the Auxiliary. He seems to be a happy person, so on a recent patrol on his boat I asked him what kept him happy in retirement. He gave me this simple advice: do things you enjoy. If you don't enjoy something, find something else.

I believe, as I think Don does, that being in the Auxiliary affords us opportunities for enjoyment and happiness. This might be with challenges faced and met; learning new skills; helping others; getting involved with the active duty Coast Guard; making friends. Not perfect, but pretty good.

Operations

Prevention

John Hadley, FSO-MT

A great deal has occurred with training, behind the scenes. It seems yearly, Operations has a lot on its plate with re-qualifications. In support of this and in keeping with the ongoing USCG requirements, we have kept the flotilla and in my other job, division members informed as to events in the pipeline.



The major training remains Team Coordination Training (TCT). A course was just facilitated by John Davis of Flotilla 14-4 at Station Mayport in March. In speaking to him recently, Mr. Davis advised he plans another course in this Division area in October. We recently had a question by a member asking when the next one will be held; exact date, schedule, and venue of that course coming soon.

The next major effort on my part as SO-MT, the ICS 300 course. I delivered a small description of this course at our last flotilla meeting. Essentially, this rarely-offered course will be taught by COMO Walter Jaskiewicz in the June-July time frame (no date yet.) The class size is planned to be 15-30. Division has 20 members interested in taking this course, two from this flotilla. Recently, more division members have expressed an interest in taking this course. It is an essential pre-requisite for completion of the Pollution Responder qualification. With so many potential enrollees, it is devoutly hoped the venue will be in Division 14-area.

Recently, Bill Hall, FSO-MT 14-7 expressed to me he will publicize information for upcoming class schedules for Flotilla 14-7's Auxiliary Operations (AUXOP) class schedule. This year, they have held Navigation (AUXNAV) 'A' class, AUXNAV 'B' and Weather Specialty (AUXWEA) classes. The classes are held in St. Augustine and involve some driving. Exam prep and exams are given there, proctored by their AUXOP members. Anyone wanting to develop their water skills to the level of being able to predict and operate at/near the USCG-level needs to contact me at john.hadley83@yahoo.com so I can contact their FSO-MT for next year's attendance, as well as for possible inclusion in the AUXWEA class.

Member Training

Prevention

Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on June 15th had only five students; until Friday, June 14th, we had eleven students registered for this course. However, between 12:00 PM and 5:00PM that day six students notified me they would not be attending. Their explanation was they didn't know until today that Sunday was Father's day and their families had other plans for them on Sunday so everything they had planned to put off until Sunday had to be done Saturday.

I would like to see this flotilla become involved with teaching water safety to third grade students in the elementary schools located in our area of Jacksonville. It would involve designing a 45 to 50 minute program for up to 30 - third grade students at one time. The course would need to be presented during the school day at each school on one or more days depending on the number of third grade classes and the time allowed by the school administrators. If one or more members will volunteer to lead on this, I will set up a visit with Sam Boyd at Flotilla 14-1 to learn how he has setup and presented this course to students in his area for the past eight years.

Our next ABS course will be on July 13th at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Any help will be appreciated.

Public Education

Prevention

Whatley Law, FSO-VE

Flotilla 14-8 is planning a vessel exam blitz for *Goodbys* creek ramp and *Mandarin* ramp June 29-30 from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM each day. I would appreciate any and all 14-8 program/education and examiners to make a showing at either location.



I also am looking for location captains to take charge of the ramp so we don't cause any undue wait times.

This is a 2-1/2 hour commitment no more. Please arrive no later than 9:15 AM for exams and leave no earlier than 11:45 AM. Please respond either way of your availability by this Friday (June 28th).

We will also plan one before the kickoff of NFL football in August.

Vessel Examinations

Logistics

Kevin Koehl, FSO-PA

Ralph Little contributed an article to *Mandarin Newsline*. Our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cgauxJacksonville now has 73 followers. I encourage members to visit and contribute Auxiliary photos or events to the page.



Public Affairs

Logistics

John Hadley, FSO-MA

We've supplied three shipments this month, delivered to each FSO's home. This was a pleasure to do, since it is much more efficient than receiving each shipment, retaining it and parceling it out at flotilla meetings or traveling hither and yon to each delivery site. Because the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) works this way, I am pleased to be able to answer your departmental material needs.



There are other sites available to us, such as the D7 Materials Center at St. Petersburg, the Uniform Distribution Center at Cape May NJ, and other sites. In the past, uniform savings could be had by using Lighthouse catalog in Seattle, WA, and so on. In the process of assembling uniforms, we bargain hunters in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary find that we can realize savings in the item cost, but lose it in Shipping and Handling or even worse lose the advantage in slow shipments.

Generally speaking, uniform dry cleaning is very inexpensive at NASJAX Dry Cleaners (\$3.29 for a pair of dress blue trousers.) Uniform parts, and shoes, cap frames, and cap covers are quickly purchased there, as well as out at Station Mayport CGX.

Generally speaking, uniform assembly is not a one-stop shopping affair in Jacksonville. We Auxiliary members need to exercise patience and a little choosiness in order to save costs. But, in avoiding shipping and handling costs, you will save the most.

Bob Strong, FSO-FN

Our flotilla by-laws require all members to pay their annual dues in June of each year.

As of June 20, 2013, some flotilla members have not paid their dues. Please send me your check by the end of June so we don't have to send you a disenrollment letter. Please make your check payable to "USCG AUXILIARY 14-8" for the sum stated in the letter I sent you. Please mail your check to me at: 923 Parkridge Circle East, Jacksonville, FL 32211.



ELIMINATE SEXUAL ASSAULT FROM OUR COAST GUARD

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SUBJ: COMMANDERS INTENT - CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE SEXUAL ASSAULT FROM OUR COAST GUARD

1.To execute the diverse, challenging and often hazardous missions of the Coast Guard, we must all share a strong bond of trust and mutual respect. Without both, discipline erodes, mission readiness is degraded and the performance of our people is diminished. Sexual assault is a crime. Commission of this act is a breach of trust, violation of our core values and, therefore, must be eliminated from our Service. The presence of sexual predators in our midst is unacceptable. The Coast Guard will establish an effective program of prevention, response, accountability of offenders and unqualified support for victims without fear of stigma.

2. The following is my direction:

- a. Create a culture intolerant of sexual assault or behaviors that enable it. Ensure that every man and woman in the Coast Guard, including active, reserve and civilian and Auxiliarist, is clear regarding expectations. Our goal is to eliminate the commission of these acts. There are no bystanders in this effort, I expect all hands commitment.
- b. Prevent sexual assault including unwelcomed sexual contact. Rapidly transform our Service climate to ensure that every Coast Guardsman takes ownership of this problem, recognizing their duty to stop sexual assault before it occurs. Enhance training so that all hands recognize indicators of this behavior and are prepared to intervene.
- c. Improve the availability and quality of response resources and trusted peer networks. Establish an environment that, when an assault is committed, victims come forward to report the offense with confidence, trusting that they will be protected and cared for without fear of reprisal or retaliation. Strengthen the program of victim advocacy extending throughout the process

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ELIMINATE SEXUAL ASSAULT FROM OUR COAST GUARD

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- d. Hold anyone who commits the crime of sexual assault accountable. Improve reporting, investigative and prosecution processes to ensure timely outcomes. Ensure objectivity and full accountability as an effective deterrent.
- e. Establish a program for victim advocacy and aftercare.
- 3. The Vice Commandant will personally oversee execution of this Commanders Intent. The Deputy Commandant for Mission Support will act as executive agent for implementation of the Coast Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) strategic plan and follow-on actions. Leaders at all levels will gain full knowledge of the scope of this problem and Service strategies for eliminating sexual assault from the Coast Guard. Individual leaders are responsible for demonstrated commitment. I expect every Coast Guardsman to display the same level of dedication and courage executing this intent that they would on a lifesaving mission that is, in fact, what this is all about.
- 4. Each command will ensure that this Commanders Intent is read and discussed with all hands.
- 5. Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant, sends.
- 6. Internet release authorized.

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. Commandant of the Coast Guard

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Events & Fellowships 2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ABS Class 7:30 a.m.
14	15	16	17	18 Flotilla Fellowship Location: Pizza Palace	19	20 Division Meeting Location: TBD
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Events & Fellowships 2013 | CALENDAR DETAILS

FLOTILLA 14-8 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 02

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments - Florida Tackle & Gun Club 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

JULY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 04

Independence Day

Saturday, July 13

7:30 a.m. | Public Education - ABS Class | Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Thursday, July 18

6:30 p.m. | Flotilla Fellowship | Pizza Palace, 3928 Baymeadows Rd. (near San Jose Blvd.)

Saturday, July 20

Division Meeting

AUGUST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ???

Tuesday, August 06

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments - Florida Tackle & Gun Club 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Thursday, August 15

6:30 p.m. | Flotilla Fellowship | Location: TBD

Saturday, August 17

7:30 AM | ABS Class | Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Events





TOWING Exercise

Don Wellon's boat, Simple Life 2, from Flotilla 10-10 in St. Simons Island, GA





JESSE Stephens and KEVIN Koehl

On the Tomcat for QE Patrol



Flotilla Fellowship

Gator's Dockside Fellowship on June 20, 2013

From left: Paul Burns, Bob Strong, Carolyn Strong, Beverly Hadley, John Hadley, George Law, Whatley Law, Becky Habermas, Ron Habermas, Charlotte Amante, Charles Amante. Food was great and so was the fellowship.



PIZZA PALACE





Mandarin Newsline

USCG Auxiliary Update
Concerns for Non-Motorized Boats
By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8



The class of boats without motors includes kayaks, canoes, rowboats, paddle-boards, windsurfers and sailboats. Motorized sails are not included here since they share requirements of motorized vessels. Concerns for this class are important to both their operators and those with motorized craft. Indeed, many motorized operators also use or carry a light craft. While safety is our primary interest, concerns extend to insuring their use is enjoyable.

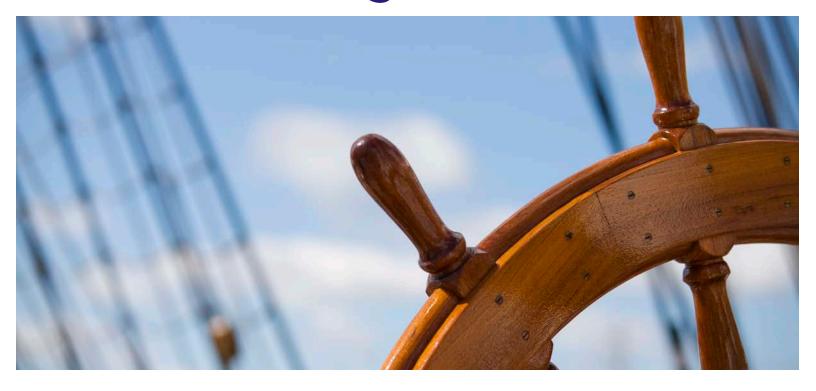
Most of the non-motorized class is small, light, slow, hard to see and have one occupant. I personally like to explore the shallows, but that is not a limitation. They are encountered anywhere from the beach to offshore to mid-river. Typically not equipped with navigation lights, if properly operated they may be on the water after dark with a flashlight.

I hazard the guess that the primary safety concern of most paddlers is being seen by oncoming motorized boats. If being alone in a small craft is not enough motivation to wear a life jacket full time, the chance of being struck or swamped should encourage operators to do so and make that jacket a bright color. These craft sit low in the water and, except for those with sails, are not easy to see in choppy water. Their hull color may even blend with the water and be camouflaged. While there are good, sporting reasons for non-bright hulls, an orange flag and bright jacket should be the trade-off. My challenge to all motorized vessel operators is to keep in mind the point of view of persons operating this vessel class and the conditions they face.

Surveys by Florida's Fish & Wildlife Service, indicate the biggest enjoyment concern of non-motorized operators is having access to the water. Their point is that launch areas should not require long carries and localities should consider not preventing water access at points such as those under bridges.

The flotilla offers an 8-hour safety instruction class featuring live, experienced boat handlers. A father who took the class in March with his teenage son recently wrote us with his opinion of the class. A couple of his comments included: "For us it was a bonding course, not just a safety course." "Twenty bucks a head doesn't come near the value that this course is worth, and I know you do it for the love of it." Reserve your space for the next class on July 13th at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd. Check our website http://www.safeboatingjax.com for more information or call Bob Strong at 904-721-1346.

Nautical Nauledge



Nautical Miles

Nautical miles use "knots" to measure the distance traveled by sea AND by air.

Air and sea navigators often use latitudes and longitudes for the traveling resources and destination identifiers, thus knots are used for the measurement. This is also where charts come into the mix. Charts cannot use a single linear scale rather a Mercator projection which scale varies. The Mercator projection is a

cylindrical map projection versus a flat map we would find when traveling by car.

A nice example of knots is if I were to fly at 60 knots (groundspeed), going east or west along the equator for one hour, I would travel one degree of longitude in every hour. This is beneficial to both airplanes and boats.

I found consensus online for one nautical mile equalling 1,852 meters (roughly 6,076 feet.) Although Merriam-Webster calculates it as 1,853.2 meters. Should we be picky about this? I guess it matters how late we'll be to our important events.

That's not the end of
Nautical miles and Mercator
projection though...there's lots
more. If you're interested in
learning more, you can go to
Nautical mile or Mercator
projection on Wikipedia or
nautical mile in the MerriamWebster dictionary online. I also
did a simple search online for
"How many meters are in a
nautical mile?"

Flotilla 14-8 News



The Florida Tackle and Gun Club's "Flag Pole Park Project!"

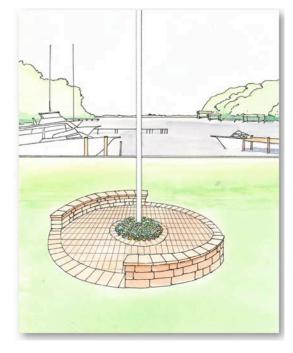
The Florida Tackle and Gun Club has initiated a fund raising project to enhance the Flag Pole area of the clubs waterfront, where our Coast Guard Auxiliary Ensign flies 24 hours a day.

Their goal is to raise \$2,500.00! Once they achieve that goal the construction of the park will take a very short time. They will also be replacing the flag pole light with a new LED solar light mounted up on the flag pole itself.

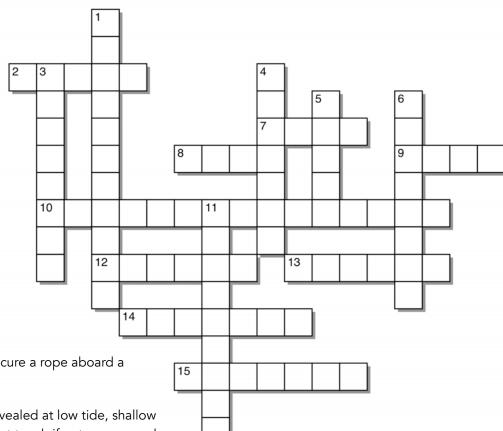
The flag pole project will enhance the new docks currently under construction at the club.

The Florida Tackle and Gun Club has been the home of Flotilla 14-8 since our flotilla was founded in 1969. The contact person for the project, Buz Palmer, is also a founding member

of Flotilla 14-8. Written by Buz Palmer



Crossword Corner



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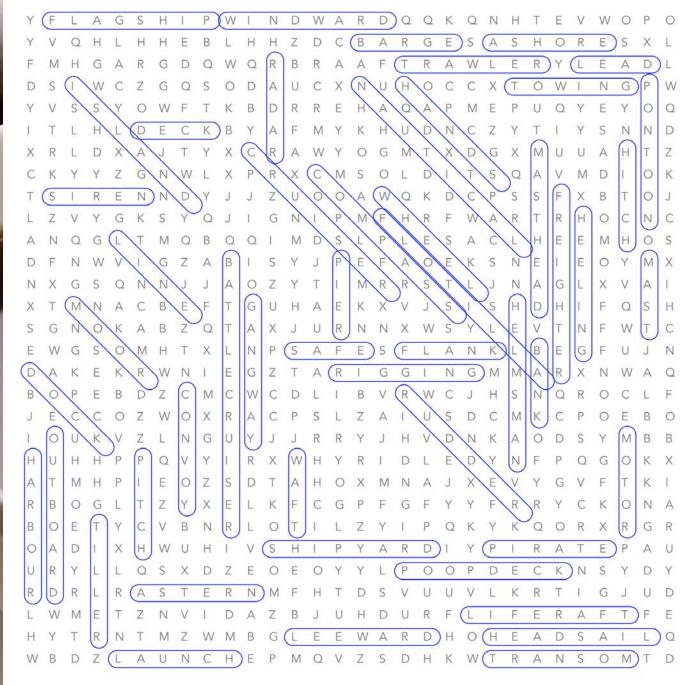
- 2. A stationary device used to secure a rope aboard a vessel.
- 7. Rock or coral, possibly only revealed at low tide, shallow enough that the vessel will at least touch if not go aground.
- 8. A cry to draw attention. Term used to hail a boat or a ship.
- 9. A ship's steering mechanism; see tiller and ship's wheel. The wheel and/or wheelhouse area.
- 10. Any device external to a vessel or aircraft specifically intended to assist navigators in determining their position or safe course, or to warn them of dangers or obstructions to navigation.
- 12. A group of ships traveling together for mutual support and protection.
- 13. A lever used for steering, attached to the top of the rudder post. Used mainly on smaller vessels, such as dinghies and rowing boats.
- 14. An opening in the bulwark of the ship to allow passengers to board or leave the ship.
- 15. The system of masts and lines on ships and other sailing vessels.

Down

- 1. The aftermost deck of a warship. In the age of sail, the quarterdeck was the preserve of the ship's officers.
- 3. A fin mounted on the side of a boat (usually in pairs) that can be lowered on the lee side of the ship to reduce leeway (similarly to a centerboard, which see).
- 4. Both the act of rigging a temporary mast and sails and the name of the resulting rig. A jury rig would be built at sea when the original rig was damaged, then it would be used to sail to a harbor or other safe place for permanent repairs.
- 5. A large jib, strongly overlapping the mainmast.
- 6. A type of sailing vessel characterized by the use of foreand-aft sails on two or more masts with the forward mast being no taller than the rear masts, first used by the Dutch in the 16th or 17th century.
- 11. By the side of a ship or pier.

Look for the answers in next month's newsletter

Wordsearch Wonderland





Name that Location



Can you guess where this is?

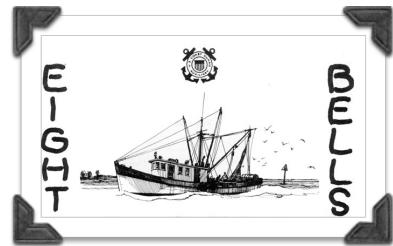
Palafox Pier & Yacht Harbour Marina in Pensacola, Florida

Eight Bells History

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Hand drawing from the original Eight Bells newsletter.

Drawn by Wilson Robertson, FSO-PB 14-8. Does anyone remember this facility?



Punography

"I stayed up all night to see where the sun went...then it dawned on me."

Author: Unknown

Eight is Great!



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