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Flotilla Commander

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Two Flotilla 14-8 Members Celebrating 25 Years of Service to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Please make an extra effort to come to our August 6th flotilla meeting, as we are presenting 25 year service certificates to Cris Vonderheide and Bruce Ennis.

The value of service over a 25 year period is both measurable in hours and duty and immeasurable in the value of dedication, leadership, and inspiration.

Cris and Bruce both joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in June of 1988. Cris transferred to Flotilla 14-8 from Ohio in 1990. Both have been Coxswains in our Surface Operations program and both are active instructors in Flotilla 14-8's Public Education classes.

Cris led Flotilla 14-8 as Flotilla Commander in 1995, 1996, and 2002 and currently serves Flotilla 14-8 as FSO-NS. Outside of the Auxiliary, Bruce is a charter boat captain and scoutmaster.



CRIS Vonderheide & BRUCE Ennis

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Flotilla Commander

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Paul Burns, FC

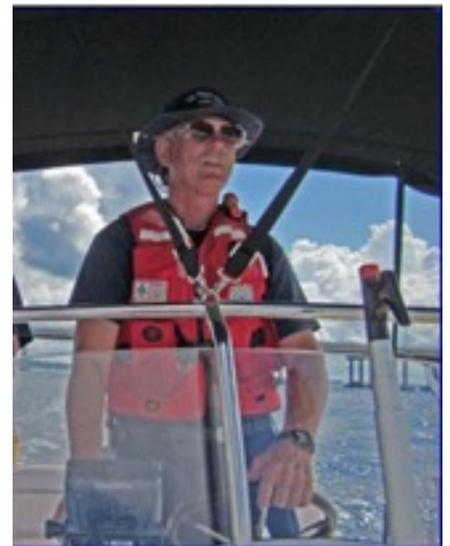
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BRUCE Ennis on patrol

Long term service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary insures consistency in flotilla operations, valuable advice, and leadership along with providing guidance and inspiration to newer members who we hope will one day reach such a notable milestone in their careers with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I encourage all new members of Flotilla 14-8 to find your passion in the many programs we offer to make our waterways safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable. Examples of success are all around you



CRIS Vonderheide at the helm

Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Vice Commander

John Hadley, VFC

Occasionally, we still suffer the surprising event, which occurs when we lose our train of thought. Very recently a member was surprised in the middle of a project, when it suddenly *blew up* on him. Sad to say, it resulted in a drop back and punt strategy. What is this saying and what should it say to the rest of us?



Well, let's remember the US Coast Guard is involved in well over 13 missions in which we can all be a part. This is why Becky often asks a joining member what it is they are interested in, taking the form of, "Yes, but what else do you want to do?" Almost everyone who lives in today's world wants to do more than go out and get a fishing line wet or ride a boat up and down the waterways. Do you like to travel over clean water? What about emergency planning and response?

Quite a few of our members are finding Mother Nature often pushes us inside and sometimes off the water. Indoors is where we discover teaching, radio watch standing, publications, and many other activities. Besides that, how about contacting other members for assistance or getting your materials ready for your next mission? Nothing is wasted and that certainly includes your time. Take a little time to put YOUR HOURS onto your 7029 and while you're on it, add that filing time, too.

Keep your ideas rolling and be a little extra-inquisitive and creative. The US Coast Guard rewards acts of heroism but also acts of extra industry and extra creativity too!

NEVER Give Up!

Flotilla Vice Commander

Response

Whit Vick, FSO-OP

Our operations program has greatly benefited from the active participation of several members in the past month.

Tom Edwards and Whatley Law took Captain Tom Allen, Captain of the Port and Sector Jacksonville Commander on an area familiarization run on Tom's facility *Tomcat*; Jesse Stevens served as coxwain.

Charlie Amante is working on his prerequisites for crew certification.

John Hadley has indicated he will pursue coxwain qualification.

Don Wellons, FC of Flotilla 10-10 in St. Simons Island, Georgia did a patrol in which I was able to participate. He has a new (to him) facility, a 21 foot Parker cuddy cabin, which is a great training platform.

Please contact me if you wish to get involved in a great way to challenge yourself, learn, and serve the Auxiliary-operations.



Prevention

John Hadley, FSO-MT



Member Training has been characterized by varied and wide-ranging activities, which continue since this officer last reported. The events have been characterized as follows:

John Hadley took and passed the ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents;

Paul Burns and Charlie Amante continue to forge ahead in completing the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) series;

Tom Edwards and Whatley Law received and hope to move ahead in the Auxiliary Operations Specialty classes when they began taking the weekly Webinar;

John Hadley is trying to pass the Operations Policy test;

Charlie Amante is working with Whit Vick, who is mentoring him through his work in preparation for his Boat Crew qualification.

There are plenty more courses out there. Please let me advise you of anything more you may want to do in furthering your Auxiliary career. Note: There is often a lead time when trying to get enrolled. Many courses are not push-button accessible. Therefore, please send me an email or call me at (904)-626-3772 if you are interested in a particular course of study.

Member Training

Prevention

Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on July 13 had 20 students.

Charles Amante successfully completed all the requirements to become an instructor for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Congratulations to Charles!

To become an instructor for the Auxiliary, simply go online to the National Training center <http://ntc.cgaux.org/>. After reading and understanding the first page click on *Training Course Links* then click on the *IDC Instructor Development Course*. Download the three appendices and the *Student Course Book*. After studying the course book, click on the *Test* and do your best. When you pass the test, carefully read and follow the instructions. To complete the course, prepare a teaching outline for a 30 minute and a two hour presentation of two chapters in the current ABS course. Upon successfully teaching these two chapters, you're granted the title of *US Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructor*.

Our next ABS course is August 17 at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Any help is appreciated.



Public Education

Prevention

Whatley Law, FSO-VE

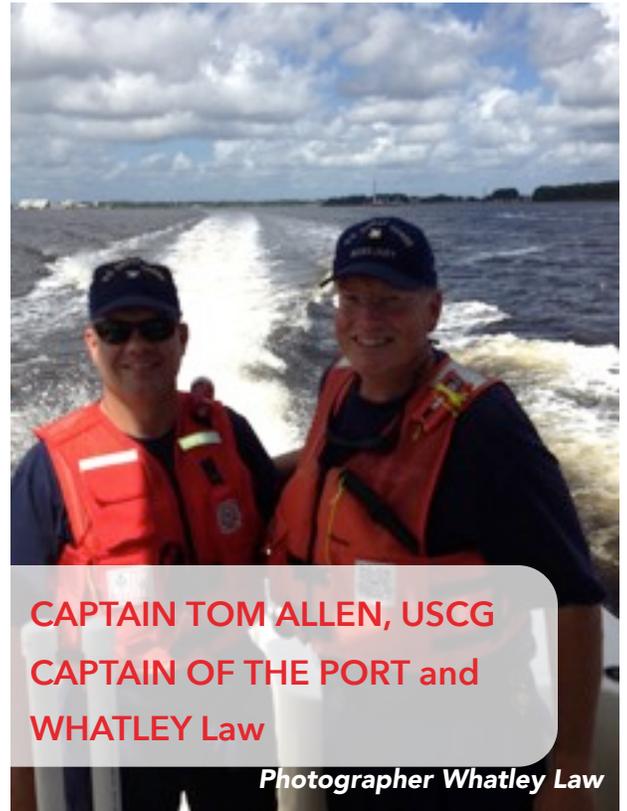
Special Report

We spent the day on an Area of Responsibility (AOR) recon patrol from the south end of St. Johns at the Buckman Bridge to the Ocean and the Intracoastal waterway just South of Beach Boulevard bridge. Our patrol was all day.

We started from Toms dock at 9:00 am and went into the NAS Jax security zone. While in the zone we encountered a vessel in the zone and we informed them they were in a restricted zone and should move out quickly.

We then proceeded to downtown and Sisters Creek. Shortly after we went to the Mayport basin and ocean.

We then proceeded to the Intracoastal and the Beach Blvd bridge. We fueled at River City Marina - page 18. Finally back to Tom's for a debrief and critique from Captain Allen.



**CAPTAIN TOM ALLEN, USCG
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT and
WHATLEY Law**

Photographer Whatley Law

Special Report

Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO–CS

It's Time To Watch The Weather

I try to draw attention to the weather each August to remind our membership to think about the potential of severe weather and formulate a game plan in the event we are affected by severe weather.

So far the tropics have been relatively quiet. History tells us however, this is just the calm before the storm. The middle of August through the middle of September is the most active time of the year for tropical storms and hurricanes threats.

Our flotilla website, SafeBoatingJax.com has a comprehensive weather center to insure you have the best information available. Links include: local news stations, The National Hurricane Center, a five day forecast, live regional radar, and tide information.

Make sure you are familiar with these weather information sources so when the big one threatens you make informed decisions to protect your home, your family, and your boat. Don't be over confident that Jacksonville is geographically immune to hurricane devastation. Just ask anybody who experienced the Category 4 force winds of *Hurricane Dora* in 1964.

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Information Systems

Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

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Jacksonville, Category 4 Hurricane Dora, 1964

In 1999, *Hurricane Floyd* led to the evacuation of 2.6 million coastal residents, a large percentage of those evacuees ended up stranded on Florida highways, in traffic jams heading north and west as the gas stations along Florida highways ran out of fuel. Remember to stock up on non-perishable food, water, batteries, and gasoline before the last minute rush begins. Send your flotilla commander an email with your plans to *bug out or dig in* and contact information prior to the storm, so our calling tree can confirm you are safe after the storm passes.

The Weather Channel has a very good, free app for your cell phone or mobile device, which alerts you when severe weather threatens you.

Logistics

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS



Some of our members have experienced problems with the online Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) for the Auxiliary Mandated Training Course requirements and the ICS 210 course. Apparently, the system was not providing a confirmation of completion notice. The successful completion of mandatory courses should be automatically inserted into your AUXDATA Training Record. This was the case for two members taking the online courses even though the system did not provide them with a completion notice. If after completing a course, the system provides any type of confirmation, please print and save it for your records in case we need to submit it manually. Or print a copy of your transcript as described below. Keep in mind the Auxiliary is not providing a **Certificate of Completion** for the mandated training. Please feel free to contact me to confirm your training status. The following is taken from the National Help Desk + Knowledge Base website regarding this issue:

- How can I confirm I've completed a course on the AUXLMS?

Please note, the ability to produce certificates is disabled however, your transcript can be used as proof of completion.

- To access your transcript, click on the *My Account* menu button and then click on the *My Transcript* option. You will see your transcript.
- Click on the *Print* button to print your transcript for your notes.

There are three ways to confirm you've completed an AUXLMS course:

- The transcript in AUXLMS
- AUXINFO (AUXDATA Tasks, General Training)
- Your AUXDATA Training Record Report, available via your FSO-IS or MT officer.

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Logistics

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS

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Mandated Training Courses and the ICS-210 are transmitted to AUXDATA hence, AUXINFO.

Other course options, for which there is no link to an Auxiliary qualification or membership requirement, are not recorded in AUXDATA (or AUXINFO) but will appear on your transcript.

To use AUXINFO, go to www.auxinfo.uscg.gov, choose *AUXDATA Cubes*, then *AUXDATA Tasks*, then *General Training*. From there, you'll have to go *Down a Level* as needed, to get to your own record. (Detailed instruction for the use of AUXINFO is beyond the scope of this knowledge base. For assistance on using AUXINFO, see your Flotilla Commander or FSO-CS.)

Bear in mind it may take a week or so for your course to make it to AUXDATA and another week to get to AUXINFO.

[Source: DNACO-ITP, 3/5/13. Believed to be accurate as of that date.]

For more information about AUXLMS, go to The National Help Desk + Knowledge Base link <http://help.cgaux.org/index.php?/Knowledgebase/List/Index/26/auxlms>

Logistics

John Hadley, FSO-MA

While our activity this month was more or less quiet, we have a chance to do just a little more. Sound familiar?

When I first joined the Auxiliary, I took note of all the activities in which it was possible to get involved. One thing I remembered from years past, is it is very difficult to get any operation without proper materials support. One thing we like to do here in the Auxiliary is learn and teach. So, I was very pleasantly surprised when Tom Edwards and Whatley Law jumped all on a chance to go onto a webinar course, Auxiliary Seamanship. This is great! For once, I got to supply stuff that was out of the ordinary.

This is one Materials Officer who likes to get these types of cool requests. It's a challenge, and I get a chance to not necessarily stand next to the successful student but build confidence I can get you what you need.

Keep studying! I'll get you what you need or at least find out how to get it.

Semper Paratus!



Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

AUGUST

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

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

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1	2	3 Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR DETAILS

FLOTILLA 14-8 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 06

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments – Florida Tackle & Gun Club

7:30 p.m. – 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: 4 Rivers Smokehouse

Saturday, August 17

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | ABS Class | Florida Tackle & Gun

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 03

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Refreshments – Florida Tackle & Gun Club

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Thursday, September 19

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

Events



QUALIFYING for VE

George Law is completing his five required vessel exams to become VE qualified



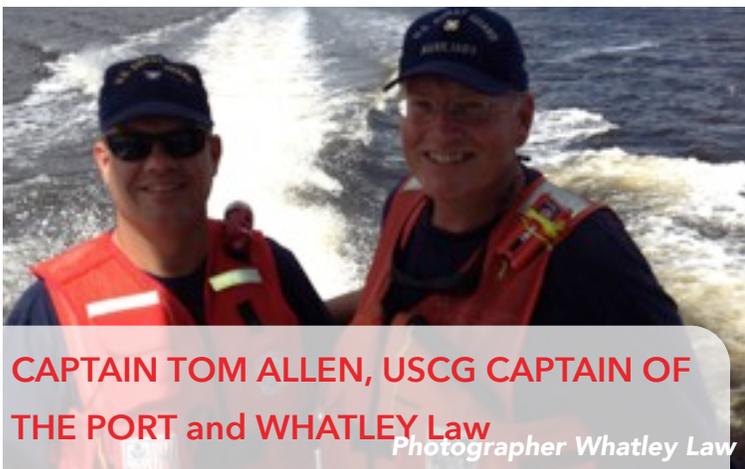
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Photographer Whatley Law



Photographer Paul Burns



CAPTAIN TOM ALLEN, USCG CAPTAIN OF THE PORT and WHATLEY Law

Photographer Whatley Law



Photographer Paul Burns

WHATLEY Law and TOM Edwards

Cruising with the Coast Guard



Photographer Whatley Law

JESSE Stephens and TOM Edwards

Fueling at river city marina. Tom and Jesse on the dock. Captain Allen lending a hand on Tomcat.

July's Flotilla 14-8 Meeting



USCG CHIEF Petty Officer FROST, USCG

Discussed the process and role of Pollution Response, as well as the procedure for getting qualified as Asst. Pollution Responder in the Auxiliary

Photographer Paul Burns



USCG LTJG SHARP

Discussed the Coast Guard's roles of Prevention and Response

Photographer Paul Burns



Defining the Art of Smoking



John Rieck

SMOKEHOUSE



SIGNATURE PRODUCTS



FLOTILLA NIGHT OUT

4 RIVERS SMOKEHOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 | 6:30 PM

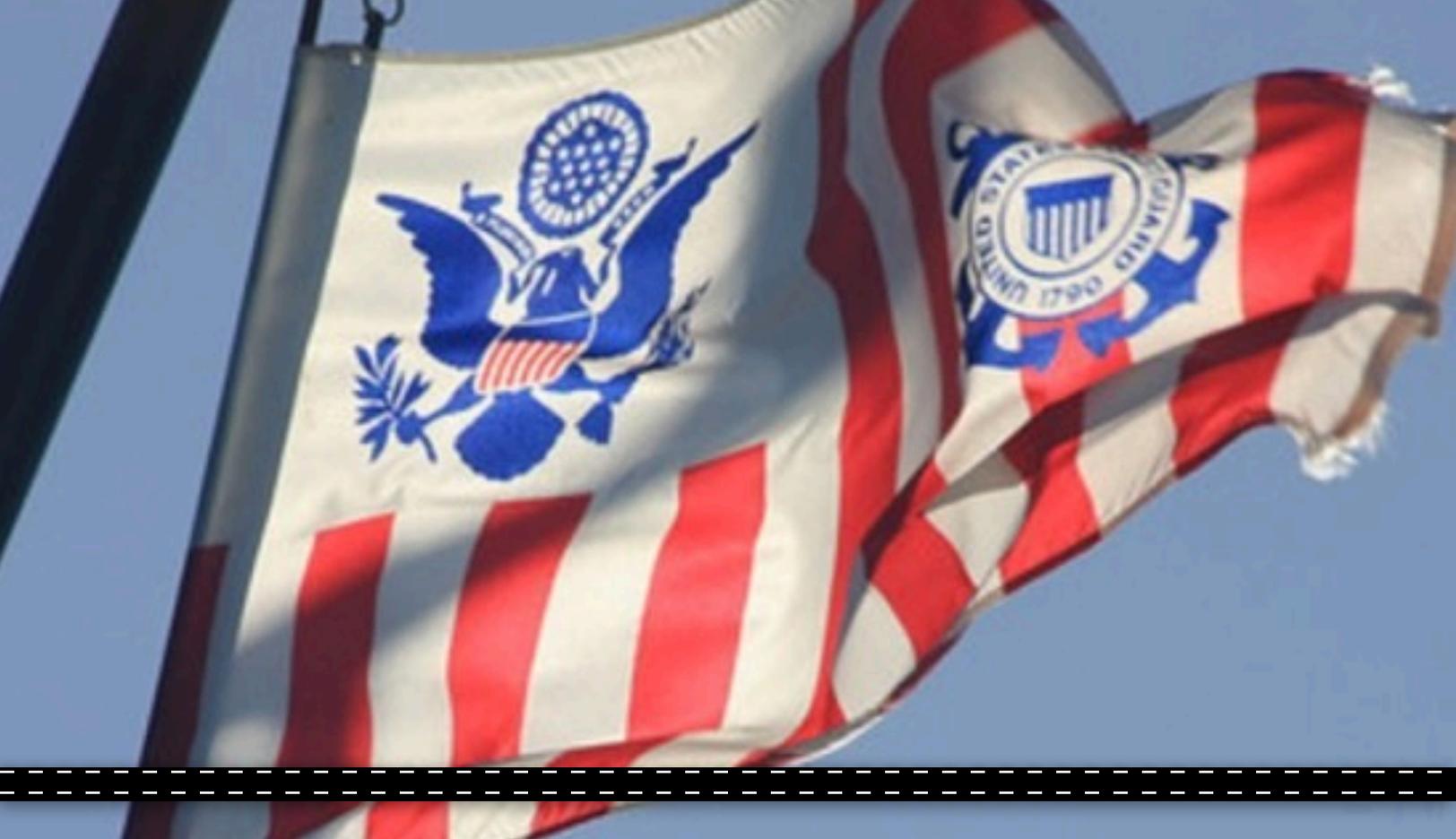
9220 BAYMEADOWS ROAD, (A COUPLE BLOCKS EAST OF I-95)

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Special News



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member honored for saving St. Augustine woman's life

In a special ceremony at the July Division 14 meeting, David Hensel, Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 14-5, received the Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal for saving the life of Sherry Hartman at the St Augustine St Patricks Day Parade. Hensel was among four auxiliary members preparing to represent the Coast Guard in the parade when he

saw Hartman collapse in cardiac arrest. He performed CPR on her for more than 13 minutes until emergency medical personnel arrived.

Photo

Left to Right, David Hensel, Captain Thomas Allen USCG, Sherry Hartman

Photo by Joe Rassa. Release is authorized by Robert Shultz, Division SO-PA

[Read more at Jacksonville.com](http://Jacksonville.com)

Flotilla 14-8 News



Members Training and Earning Certification

July was a fruitful month for Flotilla 14-8 members receiving training and certification in Vessel Examination and Public Education. A VE event at the *Goodby's Creek* boat ramp fulfilled the Practical Vessel Exam requirement for David Fay and George Law. During the July Public Education class, Charles Amante completed his requirement for certification as an instructor. Whatley Law, Ralph Little, Bob Strong, Paul Burns, and John Hadley supervised and mentored the trainees.



CHARLES Amante

Teaching the legal requirements of boating at an About Boating Safely class of 20 students

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All new members are encouraged to complete an area of training, which fulfills one or more of the activities, which touches and benefits our community, including Public Education, Vessel Examination, Surface Operations, Marine Safety, and Public Affairs.



DAVID Fay

Completing a vessel exam at *Goodby's Creek* boat ramp



GEORGE Law

Checks a vessels FL numbers for proper spacing during a vessel exam

Written by
Paul Burns

Wordsearch World

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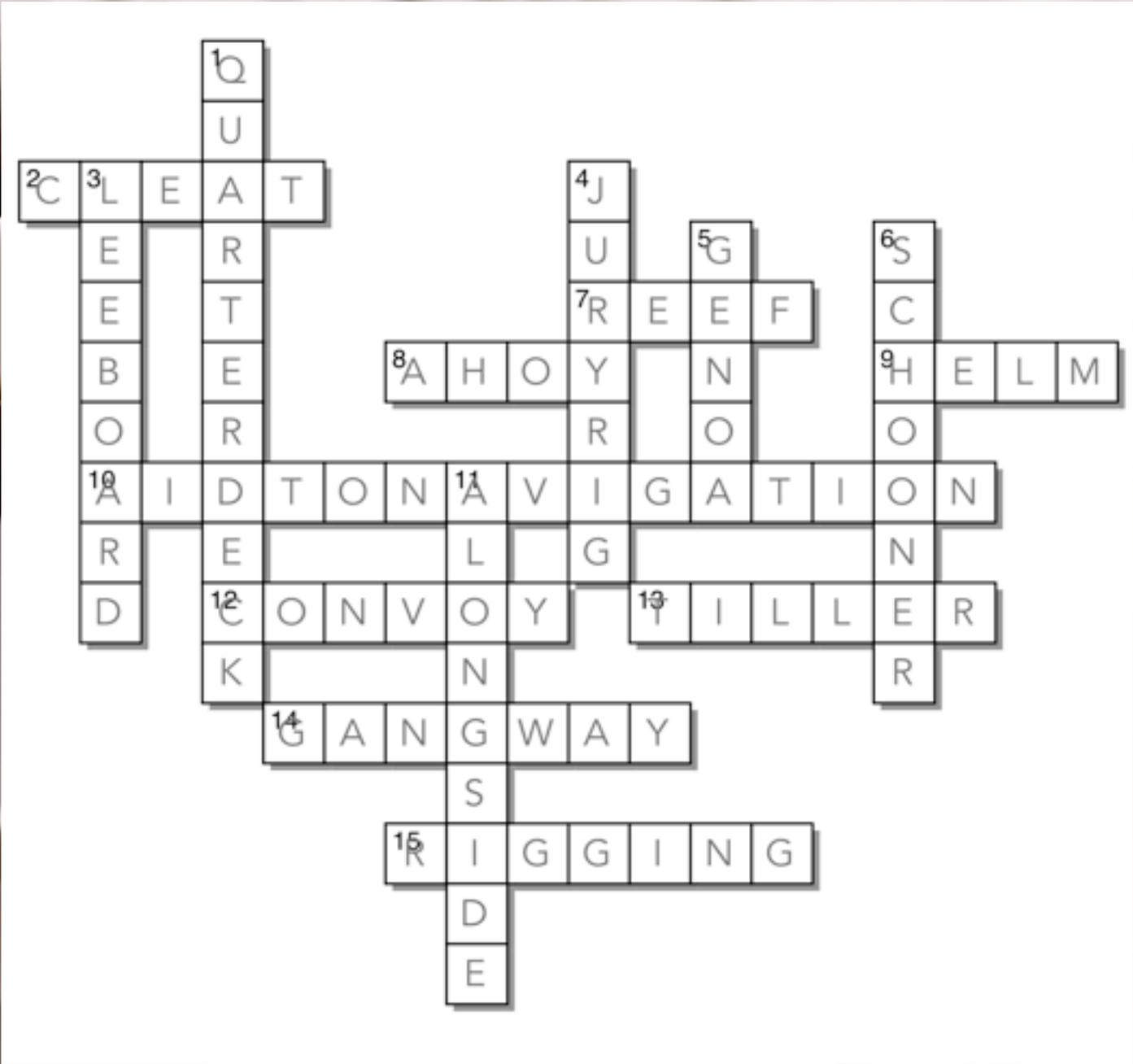
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FLAGSHIP
GIVE-WAY
HEADSAIL
HITCH

KEEL HAULING
MAINSHEET
NIPPER
OFFING
RADAR

Look for the answers in next month's newsletter

Crossword Corner Solution



Last month's Crossword Corner answer key

Name that Location



Photo by Rusty Gardner

Can you guess where this is?

Suwannee River

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

"Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too."

Author: Unknown

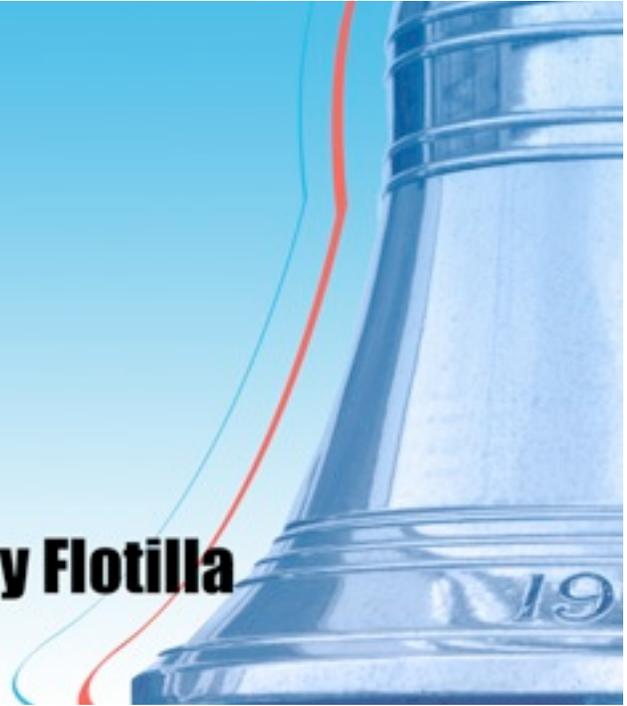
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