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Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

Don't forget that October 1st is the first Tuesday of the month and the date of our October flotilla meeting. We will have some new things to talk about, so please make it a point to be there. One important topic we will discuss is forming an election committee for our 2014 Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander elections. These offices are voted on yearly at our November meeting. The election committee will insure candidates are both qualified and willing to hold office.

Jeff Blomgren has agreed to do a quick CPR refresher at the October meeting. It will be valuable training for all.

We will also want to begin discussion about our 2014 Change of Watch Ceremony and dinner.

See you October 1st!



Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Vice Commander

John Hadley, VFC

The Beat Goes On

If you have been watching television and catching up on recent news as I have, you certainly have the opinion we Auxiliarists might very well be caught up in the backwater of events. Far from it, the beat must go on.

Who makes the beat go on? We do. We are Flotilla 14-8. We are one of the very many low-level units in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary throughout the nation and this is where the heart of the Auxiliary is. In each and every one of our flotillas, there are like-minded Americans who love our nation and who want to give-back, make a difference, and do some good for society. Whatever the words you use to describe it, they all say the same thing, you have stepped forward to pick up some of the tasks our Coast Guard are required to do.

At this level, many ordinary seemingly boring tasks have to be learned, re-learned, tested-on, qualifications checked, and used in order to be retained. Boring? Maybe? Time-consuming and a drain on our time? Could be all of this is true. But, so what? Someone needs to do it. And, while we're on this subject, let us remember that while we are doing all that we are asked to do, from filling out forms, to being the person teaching, to a person and Auxiliarist, making out meeting agendas, and in the case of Bob and Carolyn Strong making telephone calls to get members to attend functions, to teach classes, and to attend public functions, these are all activities that keeps every flotilla running well.

We should all take a little time to remember that this kind of faith is what makes the US Coast Guard Auxiliary work so well. As a part of the organization described by one of the Joint Chiefs, like a boxer "punching above their weight class," we will carry on. Doing more with less is hard, but we do this, and a little more every day.

Think about what you are hoping to do, and how well you are doing it. As we welcome our new members, as we teach, show, remind, cajole, drill and take care of our members, this is taking care that "the beat goes on." Look at yourself, and then look at your new friends, and take care that they learn and grow to the level you wanted to be, when you joined.



Flotilla Vice Commander

Response

Whit Vick, FSO-OP

Another facility will be offered by Tom Edwards. This is an approximately 20 foot Twin Vee catamaran with a single outboard. This should be an excellent fuel efficient asset to conduct on the water training and other Auxiliary missions. This is Tom's second facility, the first is a 32 foot World Cat catamaran with twin 300 hp outboards. These two boats have greatly enhanced our flotilla and division's operational capabilities. Thank you, Tom, for stepping up for a worthy cause!



Several of our members are actively seeking crew and or coxswain qualification. Steve Parsons, who I know personally as an excellent boater and now a coxswain in Flotilla 14-7, took Charlie Amante on his facility as a crew trainee this past month in St Augustine. John Hadley and I worked towards getting John's dockside tasks checked off for his coxswain training. Any interested in one-on-one training or check-offs for crew or coxswain should contact me to arrange this.

I, just last night, (9/19) returned from a two week trip to Oregon and Washington where I had a number of interesting experiences regarding boating I will share in next month's report. Suffice it to say, boating in the Pacific northwest demands the utmost in preparation and skill.

Prevention

John Hadley, FSO-MT

September Proves an Exciting Month in Member Training

Yes, I know, more of the same, but September every year is a really big deal in Member Training and I want to crow about it. This is a time when every Auxiliarist in District 7 will get a chance to really do themselves some good. All you have to do is attend D-Train. This year it is being held in Orlando, Friday-Sunday, September 26-28th.



What's on the menu this year? Remember the new Auxiliary Learning and Management System we talked about in January? One of those courses we cannot take on line. Why is that? It's Civil Rights and you need a course with an instructor to gain that specialty. Our FC is going to take that course. The result is that Paul Burns will be able to teach us. How good is that?!

Remember Tom Edwards, Whit Vick, and Whatley Law all taking the AUX SEAMANSHIP course online? They could also, if they wanted, take the AUX WEATHER course in two days, on Saturday again on Sunday and test out Sunday afternoon. There is a lot to be done. Additionally, the Vessel Examiner course, Flotilla Leadership and Development, Telecommunications Operator Personnel Qualification Standard, and the all-important Information Systems course are being taught as well. If we even had one person attending the courses I just listed, many of the problems any flotilla faces could be easily prepared for.

Your Member Training officer is busily proclaiming the chances to gain more information in this target-rich environment. What will he be doing? Well, let's just say there are a few items about which he has been curious. If the mission bears fruit, you will be the first to hear about it next month!

Member Training

Prevention

Whatley Law, FSO-VE

14-8 reporting in. We spent Sunday, two weeks ago, at the *Goodbys Creek* boat ramp doing vessel examinations. In the span of less than three hours, Kevin Koehl and myself completed, as I recall, 11 vessel exams.

This ramp continues to be a "high focus boat" boat ramp with many boats non compliant.

Our plan for the third quarter of 2013 is a shift to boating education during the vessel inspection

We will continue to hold monthly "high focus boat" inspections at the *Goodbys Creek* ramp to help boaters prepare for the 2014 boating season.

This will complete the 2013 plan for 14-8 outside individual efforts.



Vessel Exams

Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on September 21 had ten students. Thanks to Paul Burns for helping to teach this course.

Our next ABS course will be on October 19 at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Any help will be appreciated.

Division 14 will also have a quarterly meeting on 19 October at the Queens Harbor Club. Sam Boyd, Flotilla 14-1, will spend 15 minutes presenting the course he teaches to third grade students. This may not seem important to most members until you consider the fact the Sam teaches this course to ALL third grade students in his area. The certificate he presents to each child contains information directed to their parents about the Auxiliary and the Boating Safely courses we offer the public. How better to reach the parents and perhaps educate them as well. All flotillas need to offer this course to all of the elementary schools in their area.



Public Education

Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO–CS

I was just thinking about all the technology I have been using lately I wasn't using a year ago or two years ago, and how all this technical stuff effects our jobs in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The thing that stands out the most to me these days is the Smart Phone, also known as the iPhone, Android, the Windows phone, and Tablet. They all accomplish pretty much the same things, these names are just brand names. I was often confused by all this terminology before I really began to study it.

Smart Phones use applications (apps), which are programs that perform very specific tasks. One app may give you weather information, another helps you send text messages or view your photographs. An app may be a game to play or it may allow you to use your smart phone's screen to be a ruler, a level, a compass, a flashlight, or a mirror. I found an app that reads product barcodes and gives you all the information about the product to be useful for a few minutes, and I found an app that lets you play a drum set by tapping your fingers on the phone's screen, which sounded pretty cheezy until I plugged the phone onto an amplifier, and holy smokes, it sounded like a real drum set.

Hey, how about a Coast Guard Auxiliary App? If you are a Vessel Examiner and have an iPhone, our own flotilla member, Rusty Gardner, has written an app that lets you enter all the information from a VE on your cell phone and then upload your report. I haven't really heard about any other useful Coast Guard Auxiliary apps out there, so hats off Rusty! You're a real trailblazer.

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Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

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I held out as long as I could to make my first Smart Phone purchase. Previously, I preferred to leave computer stuff to computers and telephone stuff to a simple, not so smart but relatively easy to use standard cell phone, but I envied those people on airplanes who seemed to be getting so much work done on their Smart Phones I while was bored to death with the same old airline magazines. I was jealous when receiving emails tagged at the end with those famous words "Sent from my Smart Phone." I don't guess that anybody was ever impressed when I tagged my email with the words "sent from my six year old desktop computer."

So I broke down this year and bought a fancy Android Smart Phone. It does so many neat things, but I can't see the buttons in bright sunlight, so it's pretty difficult to make a phone call outdoors. I can surf the Internet on the phone, but the screen is too small to really read the print. I can receive email and text messages, (which was my primary motivation in purchasing a Smart Phone) but my fingers are much bigger than the typing keys, so trying to respond is often futile. Don't worry about me texting and driving. I can't even text while sitting still.

So many apps. So little time to figure out how they work!

I guess that I can't really say that the Smart Phone has made a tremendous impact on my Coast Guard Auxiliary experience yet. Maybe if somebody developed a form 7029 app, more people would report their activity time. One day we may need a FSO-APP on staff. I do see a lot of Auxiliarists carrying Smart Phones. However, if you don't really have an urge or need to carry a computer around everywhere you go, you'll save a lot of money by just sticking with standard cell phone, and save your email response until you get home to your trusty desktop computer.

Logistics

Bob Strong, FSO–FN

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

As of September 20, 2013, some flotilla members have still not paid their dues. Please send me your check now. Disenrollment letters for not having paid your dues will be mailed October 2, 2013. If you wish to remain a member 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, or hand deliver it to me at our next flotilla meeting on October 1, 2013. If you wish to resign or transfer, go on line and complete applicable sections I and II of form 7035. Sign where required and mail or hand deliver to Paul Burns, FC 14-8.



Finance

Logistics

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS



With the addition of several new members to our flotilla this year, I would like to take a moment to review a few details relating to Information Services (IS).

- ✦ When taking courses on-line, ALWAYS print a copy of the Confirmation of Completion for your records and submit to the FSO-IS, if required.
- ✦ Courses offered through the National Testing Center (NTC) will automatically be inserted into your AUXDATA training record by NTC.
- ✦ Courses offered through FEMA (IS/ICS Courses) are not automatically inserted into your AUXDATA training record and a certificate of completion must be submitted to the FSO-IS for entry in AUXDATA.
- ✦ If you did not include a copy of a safe boating class certificate of completion when you submitted your application papers, you must submit a copy to the FSO-IS in order to have your status updated from IQ (Initially Qualified) to BQ (Basically Qualified) status. This may be done by email or U.S. postal service. BQ status is required for all certifications.
- ✦ Every member should be completing Form 7029 each month in order to get credit for your volunteer hours. Please contact me at mekoehl@gmail.com if you need assistance. You can access this form at <http://webforms.cgaux.org/forms/7029/> or from our flotilla's member home page www.safeboatingjax.com
- ✦ An excellent resource for finding answers to questions regarding the Auxiliary is the USCG National Help Desk + Knowledge Base website <http://help.cgaux.org/index.php?/Core/Default/Index>
- ✦ AUXINFO is a resource for members to track individual and flotilla activity, training, certifications and other information. AUXINFO is updated on a weekly basis and draws its information from AUXDATA, the Auxiliary record keeping system. You can access AUXINFO at <http://www.uscga-district-7.org/auxinfo/Division14.html> or from our flotilla's member home page.

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Information Systems

Logistics

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS

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- ✦ It is very important that the Auxiliary has accurate contact information. Please complete Form 7028 if you have made any changes to your address, email, phone numbers, etc. Please contact me if you need help with this form.

Also, as we begin the fourth quarter of the year, keep in mind that some certifications require an annual minimum number of missions/hours to maintain qualification. Some of these include the following:

- ✦ Program Visitor – minimum of 4 partner visits
- ✦ Vessel Examiner – minimum of 5 vessel safety checks (paddle craft do not count towards currency maintenance)
- ✦ Boat Crew – minimum 12 underway hours + 1 hour TCT refresher course
- ✦ Coxswain – minimum 12 underway hours + 1 hour TCT refresher course
- ✦ Instructor – teach 2 hours or be an aide 4 hours or teach 1 hour and be an aide for 2 hours
- ✦ AUXPA – minimum 16 hours

Information Systems

Kevin Koehl, FSO-PA

In support of our boating safety classes for September, announcements were placed in the community events section and outdoor calendar of the Florida Times-Union for classes scheduled in Mandarin and Jacksonville Beach. Ralph Little contributed an article to the Mandarin Newslane. The Auxiliary will participate with the Florida Tackle and Gun Club at an event scheduled on September 22 to celebrate their recently constructed docks. Coverage of this event will occur in next month's Eight Bells.



Public Affairs

Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

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

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR DETAILS

FLOTILLA 14-8 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 01

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

OCTOBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, October 01

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Thursday, October 17

6:30 p.m. | Flotilla Fellowship | Location: Clark's Fish Camp

Saturday, October 19

7:30 a.m. | ABS Class | Location: Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Saturday, October 19

8:30 a.m. | Division Meeting | Location: Queens Harbor Community Center near the Main Gate

Board Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Events



On patrol aboard *Tomcat* with Tom Edwards and Coxswain Jesse Stevens during the river swim in the picture the Coast Guard 25 footer *Defender* class downtown Jax.

The River Swim was from JU to the Fuller Warren bridge. Of note the 240 Bravo machine gun on the bow of the CG 25.

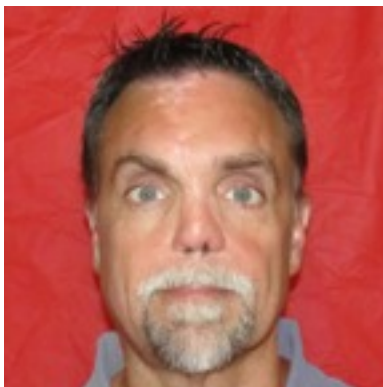
We ran patrol in front of the swimmers with the Fire Departments Jake Godbold and small boat.

We redirected about 8 vessels of all sizes during the swim.



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

James Brunet



Judy Robinson



William Robinson



Events



WILLIAM Robinson & JUDY Robinson

Photographer Kevin Koehl



BRUCE Ennis

Received an Auxiliary Membership
Service Award for 25 years

Photographer Kevin Koehl



SEPT Flotilla Meeting

Photographer Kevin Koehl



JAMES Brunet

Prospective Member

Photographer Kevin Koehl



KAREN Droege

Swearing in new member

Photographer Kevin Koehl



CHARLES Amante

Received his Instructor Certificate

Photographer Kevin Koehl



FLOTILLA NIGHT OUT

CLARK'S FISH CAMP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH | 6:30 PM

DIRECTIONS: FROM I-295, TAKE OLD ST AUGUSTINE ROAD, SOUTH TO HOOD LANDING ROAD (3 TRAFFIC LIGHTS) AND GO RIGHT. CLARKS IS AT THE END OF ROAD ON JULINGTON CREEK.

WE WILL NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION, SO PLEASE RSVP TO PAUL BURNS PBURNS@SAFEBOATINGJAX.COM .



CLARK'S FISH CAMP
WEBSITE



"THE PEOPLE'S PLACE"
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

MENTORSHIP PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This plan was developed with the NACO 3 Star Award in mind and was tailored to three points in Goal #3: Promote Individual Success. The points this plan was tailored to are 3.1: Assign a formal mentor to each new member for their first year of membership. 3.2: Utilize the member involvement plan to help new members plan their involvement and training. 3.5: Establish a flotilla mentoring plan for potential staff officers. Additionally, points 3.3: Provide written goals and expectations for all staff officers and committee members at the beginning of the year; and 3.4: Provide all staff officers with specific written job descriptions upon appointment (Check AUXMAN); are addressed in the plan under the section for point 3.5. This is just a general plan to make it easier for flotillas and the division to meet Goal #3 of the NACO 3 Star Award and move closer to achieving this accomplishment.

NEW MEMBERS

First, a pool of candidates from the flotilla willing to become mentors is needed. These members should have a good understanding of the basic knowledge need for an individual just joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Customs & courtesies, uniform wear, flotilla activities, training requirements and be able to assist the new member with planning their career in the Auxiliary. The mentorship must start as soon as possible but not overly aggressive. It all starts with recruiting. Once the prospective member is becoming active and starting the enrolment process, a mentor needs to be assigned. At this stage, the mentor should focus on the basics of membership in the Auxiliary and discuss possible areas of interest. Based on the new member's interest, the mentor can direct the new member to the required courses and training. This first mentor should stay in contact with the new member for a full year from date of membership. If needed, an additional mentor can come into the picture as a subject matter expert. One example would be Vessel Exams. If the new member tells the initial mentor that they wish to become a Vessel Examiner, then the mentor would outline the training and required reading they will need and other possible paths related to the Vessel Examiner program. The member who is seasoned or staff officer for the area desired by the new member would then become a mentor for that area and assist with training and practical exercises. For Vessel Exams, this would be supervising the five initial exams to become qualified. Once completed, there is no longer a need for the subject matter expert to be involved directly in the mentoring of the new member unless desired by the new member. The

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initial mentor can serve as the subject matter mentor if they are able to perform those duties. The initial mentor should direct the member to the ICS courses, required training, TCT, APC and keep them informed about training opportunities they are eligible for. Although the mentor should become less involved as the first year comes to an end, there is no doubt that a relationship can evolve and the mentor become someone to emulate in the Auxiliary. This is natural and encouraged, but with the formal mentorship ending, an informal mentorship could develop, but none of the parties of the mentor-mentored relationship should not feel obligated to end any assistance or requests from one another. This can reinforce the cornerstone of the Auxiliary - Fellowship.

MISSION AREA MENTORS

As the missions of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary become more complex and diverse, so will the training needs of our membership. For new members this can seem overwhelming at times, but with some guidance and decoding of acronyms new members can be made to feel at home and at ease with the training material. Current members may feel like training in a different field or qualifying in new areas of the Auxiliary mission. Even to an experienced member, training in a new area can be a challenge, especially if you don't know where to start. This is where the Mission Area Mentors come in. A mission area mentor can be a member qualified in an area and/or the staff officer of that area who helps other members qualify in their field. It may not be needed for all Mission Area Mentors to be instructor qualified but it would help in some cases. The primary tasks for Mission Area Mentors are to assist members training in their field, serve as supervisor for sign offs on PQS packets and required tasks, and to be a point of contact for question and concerns about the training and requirements. This mentor will typically be with members until the training is completed or if a member has questions about the program. This mentor could also assist members who have fallen into REYR status in their qualifying areas. The level of interaction can vary with this mentor. This all depends on the need of the member. New members may take more time than a member who has been in the Auxiliary for ten years. Interaction can range from email communication to direct supervision and must be in contact with the initial mentor of a new member in their first year. This type of mentor can be in many levels to serve larger units. For example, a member who is qualified for a MS PQS can sign off on the same PQS for other members, but the only members that are qualifying are in other flotillas than that mentor and in the same division. This mentor is assisting across the division into additional flotillas. There

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may be a need to keep a roster of capable mentors in multiple and/or complex mission areas to assist members across the division or even the district to help fellow members reach their goals.

LEADERSHIP/STAFF OFFICER MENTORS

The need for mentorship and guidance for elected and appointed staff officers is great, not because of any fault of the members in these positions but because of the value in the position itself. This mentor should be a past or current officer that is well versed in flotilla/division procedures. Members who wish to become a staff officer and/or express an interest in holding a position should be directed toward this mentor. The best mentor is usually the member currently holding the office desired. The office desired by the member should be the indication of where to direct the member for any training while being mentored. For appointed officers at any level if no mentor in that office is available then the elected leader or a similar appointed officer should serve as the mentor. This mentor can be interchangeable and on multiple levels if needed. Example: a DSO, ADSO, SO can mentor an FSO or the FC/VFC can mentor the FSO. However, there needs to be an effort for the member to become qualified in the office area (VE,OP,PV,etc) or give them time to become qualified and make arrangements accordingly. The whole idea is that the chain of leadership be used for the officers. For the elected leaders to be, a mentor could be the current or immediate past officer. Preferably the current officer will be the elected officer mentor. This will allow a smooth transition into the change of watch and give the newly elected officer a chance to hit the ground running. Even though the elected members are put into office by the membership and the incoming officer is not known until the election, the time before the newly elected officer takes office will be the time for mentoring. This can help the new officer prepare for the coming year. This part of the mentorship plan is not particularly directed to new members in the first year but at the end of the first year or after that point they can benefit from this as they begin to climb the ranks of the Auxiliary and hold their first office. That point is where the new member is no longer a new member. For the appointed staff officers, the mentoring process is more simple. The incoming appointed staff officer will work with the current staff officer and get all the needed information about the office, materials (if any) and training in the area of responsibility. The incoming FC/VFC can assist in some of this as two of the points of the NACO 3 Star Award can be addressed here. 3.3: Provide written goals and expectations for all staff officers and committee members to all members at the beginning of the year; and 3.4:

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Provide all staff officers with specific written job descriptions upon appointment (Check AUXMAN). This can not only set the tone of the leadership and give a clear and concise expectation of the staff officers but can all be done at the change of watch which this portion mentorship program is directed toward aiding. The three points of the NACO 3 Star Award coming together and laying a foundation for smooth transition of leadership provides the perfect opportunity for an Auxiliary unit to flow from one year to another. These mentors do not have to be current officers but can be seasoned members who have held office in the past and are prime candidates for the nominating committee to find qualified candidates to run for elected office. These mentors should set the example for leadership among the membership.

CONCLUSION

The first year for a member left alone to start with no help is the worst way to welcome someone joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The mentor being assigned from the start of a prospective member's Auxiliary career will help keep turnover of new members down, get the new members involved faster, put the new members on the right track for their goals in the Auxiliary, and (most importantly) make them feel like a welcomed and needed addition to the team. It all starts with the first contact. The HR officer who makes the phone call and invites the prospective member to the next meeting or the friend of a member who come to check us out. The person who enrolls or recruits the prospective member can almost be a mentor themselves, and expose the individual to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and show them what we do and how they can be a part of it. The FSO-HR should seek a mentor as soon as the prospective member is IQ for the new member for that first year. Like a football, each mentor handing the new member over as training or needs dictate to the next. One day a mentor may look online to find that they mentored the National Commodore and qualified them on Vessel Exams.

Submitted by Paul Tynda, FSO-DV 070-14-08

Mandarin Newsline

USCG Auxiliary Update

Uh-Oh!

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8



We've all had that uh-oh moment when we realize that some inopportune occurrence has radically changed our plans. It may flash through your awareness just as you fall into the water. The change could have been unforeseen or a result of your own inglorious choice of action. As a boat operator you are in charge. That implies many tasks to assure the safety of yourself, passengers, your craft, others you meet on the water, property your vessel affects and marine life.

Experience helps, but does not trump the unforeseen. In Pinellas County in April, two persons enjoying a day on the Gulf were returning through a Pass when the operator stopped the vessel to check an engine malfunction. He put the vessel in neutral, set the anchor, then walked to the stern and stood on the transom near the engine. He lost his balance, fell overboard and was unable to grab a line thrown to him. Neither directions nor the passenger's efforts were effective and an otherwise competent boater was lost in the current. Had he worn a life preserver, there likely would be no incident for us to contemplate.

Poor choices happen. At a July outing on a Polk County lake two boys, ten and nine years old and a 31 year old man were being pulled on an inner-tube by a jet ski. The 28 year old operator made a turn and the tube crashed into a wooden boat dock. The ten year old didn't make it, the 31 year old was in critical condition and the nine year old was stable.

The point is, you can't plan or avoid every circumstance that affects your boating excursion. Current, weather change, other operators, malfunction and poor choices are all possibilities. They are best dealt with through building your boating knowledge, experience and preparation. Wearing a life preserver all the time gives you an edge to avoid the consequences of many unforeseen events. Especially if you are the operator, your safety may also be crucial to that of your passengers.

Learn more from experienced operators through courses such as that presented by the Auxiliary at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club at 9010 San Jose Blvd. For the next class on October 19, call Bob at 904-721-1346 to reserve a place or for other possibilities.

Word Search Puzzle

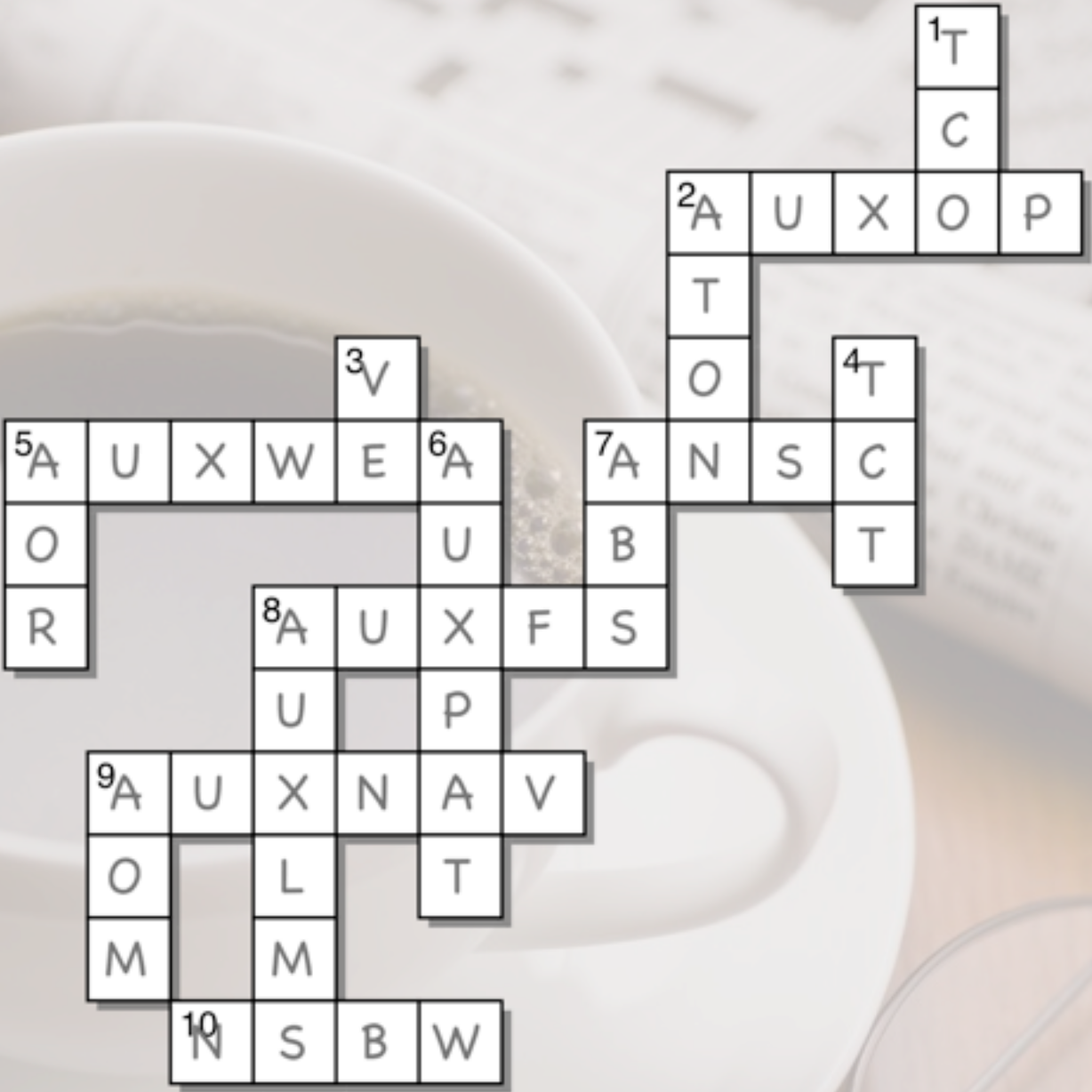
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W A T E R C R A F T D J M E T
A N C H O R A G E Y M F O Q A

SCHOONER
COCKPIT
CLEAT
GUNPORT
WATERWAY
WATERCRAFT
GROUNDING
MAIN
LADER
DINGHY
ANCHOR
ANCHORAGE
RULES
BOW
BREAKWATER

YAW
TUGBOAT
THWART
NAVIGATION
SAIL
BATTEN
REEF
MILES
AHOY
ALONGSIDE

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?

Indian Rocks Beach

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Hand drawing from the original Eight Bells
newsletter.

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



Punography

"Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes."

Author: Unknown

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