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Flotilla Commander

Paul Burns, FC

November 5th will be our next flotilla meeting. It is very important that everybody make an effort to be there. We have Flotilla Elections scheduled for the 2014 Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander. Right now, I have agreed to run for another year and John Hadley has agreed to run for Flotilla Vice Commander for another year. However, I want to make it clear, that this does not prevent others from running for these offices. The flotilla may elect any qualified candidate as Commander or Vice. Nominations will be called for from the floor at the meeting.



I hope everybody got the message that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is back up and running after the end of the U.S. Government shutdown. I hope we don't have to go through this again, because I think that it broke our momentum considerably and set our schedules back a month at a critical time for elections and planning for next year. So, let's put the shutdown behind us and build up that momentum. We have some work to get done.

- We need ideas for our December holiday dinner
- We need to plan a *Change Of Watch* dinner for January 7th, 2014
- We need to appoint a financial audit committee
- We need to determine Flotilla Staff Officer positions for 2014

There will be staff officer opportunities available for new members to assume or for current officers to choose other interests in which they may like to lead. Our FSO-Information Systems and FSO-Public Affairs are being vacated and need to be filled. Possibly other positions as well.

This is the time of year to catch up on your reporting and get those online 7029 and 7030 forms submitted. Several members are showing a lack of hours to remain qualified as Instructor, Vessel Examiner and Program Visitor. Remember that training and initial qualification work does not count for your yearly minimum requirements. We have one more PE course scheduled for November 9th, there are still boats launching at the boat ramps and of course there is always the ability to throw in some program visits before the end of the year.

See you November 5th!

Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Vice Commander

John Hadley, VFC

This has been almost a historic return to duty for us, after a two week hiatus due to the delays in funding in our government. For those of us who used the opportunity to attend D-Train in Orlando, we got some meaningful work done.

Now we're back doing the business of the U.S. Coast Guard. It is a relief to me and if you're ever in doubt as to whether or not what you do is important to the gold side, consider this: I was sure that no one would need me at Station Mayport but I did indeed get a call telling me that my radio watchstander duties needed to be covered. Who knew?

Like many of you, I am besotted with the idea of getting out on the boats and completing my coxswain qualification. This is important to me. What is wrong with this idea? Simply, it is not what is important to me but to the U.S. Coast Guard. Some of the stuff I have gotten recognized for doesn't seem valuable or important but it is.

Stand a taut watch.



Flotilla Vice Commander

Prevention

John Hadley, FSO-MT

The annual District Training event ("D-Train") was held September 27-29 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando. A lot of material and training took place during this period. On Sunday, the last day, I took my Rules of the Road 70 exam and passed. It is more important I tell you this was not the only training given. If any of you downloaded the schedule and itinerary, you would have found you could have met the District Commodore and the Chief of Staff, taken training in Information Systems, Telecommunications *Watchstander*, Flotilla Commander action planning, Auxiliary Weather, and during the last day, tested for passing in all of the courses to get additional qualifications.

To do what I did, met the Commodore and the Chief of Staff, accomplished my meeting with the DSO-MA, and took my exam only required a few hours. In any year, when this event is in the close vicinity of Division 14, it makes a lot of sense to attend, only have a little to accomplish. This is like a giveaway and well-qualified instructors are there to give you a lot of material in a short time, saving travel that often takes several weeks to do in normal times. So, please consider attending next year; you will not regret it.



Member Training

Prevention

Bob Strong, FSO-PE



Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on October 19th had six students. Two weeks earlier we had 16 potential students. I began calling students early last week to inform them we might not have a course if the government was still shut down.

Only one father with four students told me they would not be attending. Guess I scared off six potential students. I will not do that again.

Our next ABS course will be on November 9th at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Any help will be appreciated.

The Florida Tackle and Gun Club representative has asked me for dates for our ABS courses in 2014.

Division 14 had a quarterly meeting on October 19th at the Queens Harbor Club. Sam Boyd, Flotilla 14-1, told me two weeks ago he would not be able to attend that meeting.

Sam will spend 15 minutes presenting the course he teaches to third grade students at the next Division Board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2014. Please plan to attend this meeting if you have any desire to teach water safety to third grade students.

Public Education

Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO-CS



This past month, I spent a lot of time researching tablet computers. The tablet computer is thin, lightweight, easy to travel with and carry around. Screen sizes are generally 7"-12". Many of them have excellent battery life, so you can actually get lost in an *ebook* or maybe even finish it before getting a message you need to plug in to a power source. You probably won't have to go running around the airport looking for an electrical plug during that two hour layover. We're talking 6, 8, even 12 hours of battery life.

Tablet computers use touch screens just like a smartphone and many brands of tablets use apps just like a smartphone. So, smartphone users will adapt pretty quickly to working with the touch screen. Tablets usually use an onscreen keyboard which will pop up on the screen when you need it but most operations are handled by flicking your finger across the screen or dragging across the screen like you would a computer mouse.

They connect to the Internet using a cellular connection (monthly charges apply) or WiFi from your home wireless router or at business hot spot like Starbucks or McDonald's.

The Apple iPad is one of the best known tablets on the market; prices start at about \$350 for the iPad Mini, 7" screen, up to about \$500 for its 10" screen sized big brother. The larger one is reported to be a little heavy to hold in one hand but of course the larger screen is easier to read and type on. I researched several tablets and found none of them, including the iPad, worked as well as a regular laptop computer. The more like a computer the tablet becomes, the heavier it gets, the shorter the battery life, and the more expensive they get. *Android* tablets work just like big smartphones using the same apps but have the same limitations of normal computer use a cell phone has.



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Information Systems

Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

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The one I settled on and ultimately purchased was the *Microsoft Surface*. I bought it directly from *Microsoft* for only \$299; I got a deal.

It is small with about a 10" screen, light weight, and the battery lasts pretty much all day. It has a USB port, which lets me plug in a flash drive, camera, or full-size keyboard and mouse. This makes it much easier to use when I need to type a lot of text. It also has an optional magnetic cover that doubles as a small external keyboard

to use in those situations where you want to see the full screen while you type.

The thing that sold me the most about the *Microsoft Surface* was the fact it comes with *Microsoft Office 2013*, which is unique for tablets without full computer power. The big drawback of the *Surface* is it does not use any of the average run-of-the-mill computer programs. You won't be able to run iTunes, Photoshop, or Turbo Tax on the *Surface*. You will, however, be able to surf the Internet, read a *Kindle* book, print to a wireless compatible printer, type a *Word* document, answer an email, view the photographs downloaded from your camera or cell phone. You can play music from the Internet, or your own library of music using *Microsoft's* music player. You can watch a *Netflix* movie or other streaming media online.

The lower priced *Microsoft Surface* uses *Windows 8 RT* as an operating system, which uses apps you download only from *Microsoft*. If it turns out you like the size and features of the *Surface* but you want to run real computer programs, you will have to purchase the *Microsoft Surface Pro* for \$799. It runs the full version of *Windows 8*. You will gain computer power and flexibility but sacrifice dollars and battery life.

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Logistics

Paul Burns, FSO–CS

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I purchased the *Surface* for a relative of mine who is notoriously handicapped in the area of technology. Her desktop computer with all the bells and whistles was nothing more than an expensive Solitaire game player. I was extraordinarily surprised that after a few minutes of instruction and a few hours of practice, she thought this piece of cutting edge technology was one of the easiest things to use and something she uses nearly every day.

So, if you are looking for a second computer for the house, considering a laptop computer for portability, or if you are thinking that your laptop is too bulky for travel, don't overlook the Tablet PC.

Next month, I'm hoping to tell you about *Windows 8* and the new version of *Windows 8.1*, which fixes some of the issues that scare people away from computers with *Windows 8*.

Logistics

Marlene Koehl, FSO-IS

Flotilla 14-8 continues to show improvement in mission reporting. In the third quarter 2013, 20 members reported 2,447.10 hours compared to 15 members reporting 1,692.90 in the third quarter 2012, and 18 members reporting 1,673.30 hours in the third quarter 2011.

The number of members reporting volunteer time, however, remains a low percentage of the flotilla roster. Please keep in mind that all time doing Auxiliary business should be reported. This includes attending meetings, study time, online testing, time spent purchasing Auxiliary items, computer time, phone calls, travel time as well as specific missions such as vessel safety checks, public education classes, partner visits, etc. Please let me know if you need any help in getting started.

On November 1st, OSC will be running an initial report of those members who have not fulfilled competency hours/mission requirements and whose certifications are in danger of going into REYR status. Please be sure to submit any outstanding reports as soon as possible using the following email address: koehlme@aol.com. Please contact me if after a few days of submitting your report you have not received a confirmation email from me.



Logistics

John Hadley, FSO-MA

We have few events to report in Materials this month. Some items that were in short-supply for various reasons have been filled. The main issues we still see as being an issue at ANSC are the pamphlets, *Saved By The Signal*, and the oil pollution decals. There are indications these will still be an issue but not for much longer.

We are proud to report that ANSC never did shut down and deliveries were still being made during the government shutdown.

At the District staff level, our Terry Barth, DSO has stepped down after 6-½ years to take care of family issues and to attend to her employment schedule. I will miss her guidance and assistance, as I step up into the District Staff Officer billet but I am pleased to report she will serve us all as Assistant District Staff Officer, Materials (ADSO-MA), specializing in providing help in the FEDEX catalog of published manuals. For some reason, she feels I have been doing her job for awhile!

As always, please contact me for whatever needs you may have or answers you need.

Materials



Kevin Koehl, FSO-PA

The Florida Tackle and Gun Club, home to Flotilla 14-8 since inception, celebrated the completion of new docks and flagpole pavilion with a dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 22. Flotilla 14-8 members, Bob Strong, Carolyn Strong, Paul Burns, Eric Linda, Marion Linda, Jack Holler, Marlene Koehl, and Kevin Koehl attended the ceremonies. William Sekeres, Division 14 Commander led the Sea Scout Color Guard in inaugurating the new flag pole pavilion. Ralph Little wrote an article for the *Mandarin Newslines* featuring the event.

Public Affairs



Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

November

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

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Events & Fellowships

2013 | CALENDAR DETAILS

FLOTILLA 14-8 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 05

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Tuesday, December 03

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 05

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Saturday, November 09

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

Thursday, November 21

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

DECEMBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, December 03

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

7:30 p.m. – Meeting

Thursday, December 19

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

2014

January 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. | Division Board Meeting | Location: TBD

Board Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Events

Florida Tackle & Gun Club Flag Pavilion



RAISING the American & Coast Guard Flag

Sea Scout Color Guard and William Sekeres, Division 14 Commander raising the American flag on the new flag pole.



Photographer Kevin Koehl

Paul Burns, Jack Holler, Bob Strong, and Carolyn Strong



Carlene Candreia, one of our retired members and widow of Barry Candreia, a past Flotilla Commander and past Division Captain



Florida Tackle and Gun Club, New docks and flagpole pavilion dedication



Events

Florida Tackle & Gun Club Flag Pavilion



SEA SCOUT Color Guard

Walking the flags to the new flag pavilion.

FLORIDA Tackle and Gun Club New docks



BUZ Palmer

Retired charter member of Flotilla 14-8 and member of FT&GC - Introductions



NINA Duggan

President Florida Tackle & Gun Club - Reading "Olde Glory"

Photographs by Kevin Koehl and Vernon O'Brien

Events

Florida Tackle & Gun Club Flag Pavilion

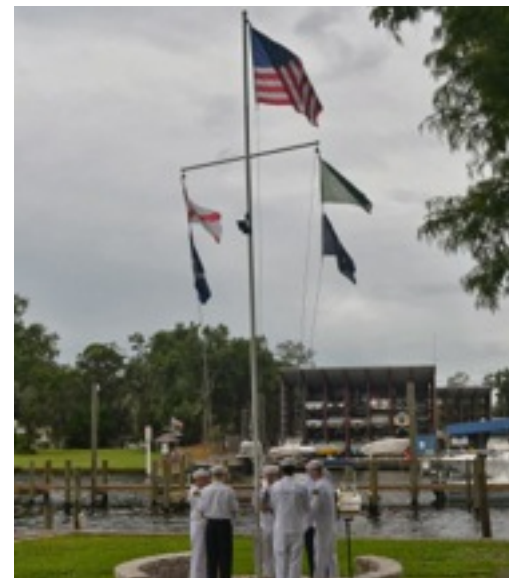


RAISING the American Flag

Sea Scout Color Guard and William Sekeres, Division 14 Commander raising the American flag on the new flag pole.

William Sekeres, Division 14 Commander

led the Sea Scout color guard inaugurating the new flag pole pavilion



BRITTANY Ferrell

Soloist singing the National Anthem



DENNY Colbert

Club Dockmaster and Board Member spoke about the new docks and lighting

Photographs by Kevin Koehl and Vernon O'Brien

Events

Florida Tackle & Gun Club Flag Pavilion

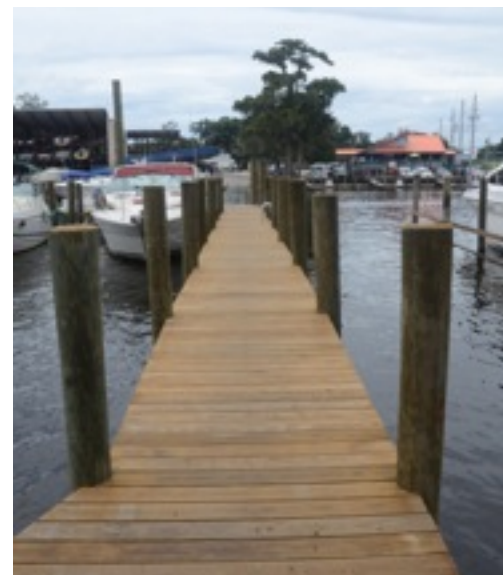


SEA Scout Color Guard

William Sekeres, Division 14 Commander

NEW Docks

Florida Tackle & Gun Club's new docks



FLORIDA Tackle & Gun Club

Plaque



SEA Scout Color Guard

Photographs by Kevin Koehl and Vernon O'Brien

Mandarin Newsline

USCG Auxiliary Update

Florida Tackle & Gun Club Flag Pavilion Ceremony

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8



Flotilla 14-8 proudly assisted the Florida Tackle & Gun Club (FT&GC) on September 22nd with the dedication of improvements to their facility on Goodby's Creek. Their new docks and flagpole pavilion add to extensive previously completed clubhouse renovations. The FT&GC, founded in September 1944, erected their clubhouse in October 1948. The flotilla was formed at the FT&GC facility in April 1969 as the Jacksonville unit of the USCG Auxiliary. The founding members of that unit included a number of the club's members. The Florida Tackle & Gun club has remained the home and meeting

place of the flotilla since its founding.

Presiding over the Dedication Ceremony was FT&GC President Nina Duggan, introduced by Buz Palmer, longtime member of the club and a charter member of the flotilla. Uniformed officers and members of the flotilla were in attendance. Bill Sekeres, Commander, Division 14 of the USCG Auxiliary assisted the Sea Scouts, B.S.A. of Jacksonville with presenting the American flag, as well as those of the State of Florida, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Florida Tackle & Gun Club and POW-MIA. Raising of the flags was accompanied by a reading of "OLDE GLORY" by Nina Duggan. The National Anthem was sung by Soloist Brittany Ferrell.

The dedication on the waterfront lawn was attended by approximately 70 club members and guests, including several active and retired members of Flotilla 14-8. Guests and the Club's Board of Directors were recognized. Dock Master and Board member Denny Colbert spoke of the many advantages of the new docks, including all new lighting. The ceremony was followed by a buffet dinner inside the clubhouse.

Learn more from experienced boat operators through courses such as that presented by the Auxiliary at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club at 9010 San Jose Blvd. For the November class call Bob at 904-721-1346 to reserve a place or discuss alternative dates or places.

NEWS From BoatUS

Ten Thousand Bucks

It's Yours If Your Group Has the Best Idea for Safe and Clean Boating Outreach

Apply for a BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant

ANNAPOLIS, Md., October 17, 2013 - Like the name it implies, the goal of the boater-funded BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is to educate boaters about safe and clean boating. Now, the Foundation is looking to fund Grassroots Grant projects that utilize new, innovative approaches that encourage safe and clean boating among the boating public. Organizations with the best grant applications will be awarded individual grants of up to \$10,000 to implement their plan. However, applications need to be submitted by January 15, 2014, and public online voting on the applications will take place in early Spring 2014.

The Foundation's Grassroots Grants Program has funded over

\$1.3 million in local boating safety and clean water projects over the past 25 years. Last year, the national 501(c)(3) nonprofit more than doubled its individual maximum grant size to \$10,000. "While the program is still for small local groups, organizations and non-profits, we're getting away from awarding funds for traditional signs, brochures, or boat show giveaway items," said BoatUS Foundation Outreach Manager Alanna Keating. "Now, we're looking to tap into the many exciting interactive and innovative ways to encourage behavior changes, including social media, the web or unique hands-on activities."

Groups wishing to apply for one or more Grassroots Grants may go to www.BoatUS.com/Grants to view the guidelines and begin their application. Grant application submissions may include videos, photos or graphics or anything to potentially help increase the chances of funding. The projects with the most votes will have

one year to complete the grant project.

To be the first to learn when voting for grant projects begins, "like" the BoatUS Foundation on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/BoatUSFoundation.

To watch a short video on the Grants program and how to apply visit <http://www.BoatUS.com/Grants>.

About the BoatUS Foundation:

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by the half-million members of BoatUS, it provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. To make a tax-deductible donation to this 501(c)(3) nonprofit, go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation.

Crossword Corner Puzzle



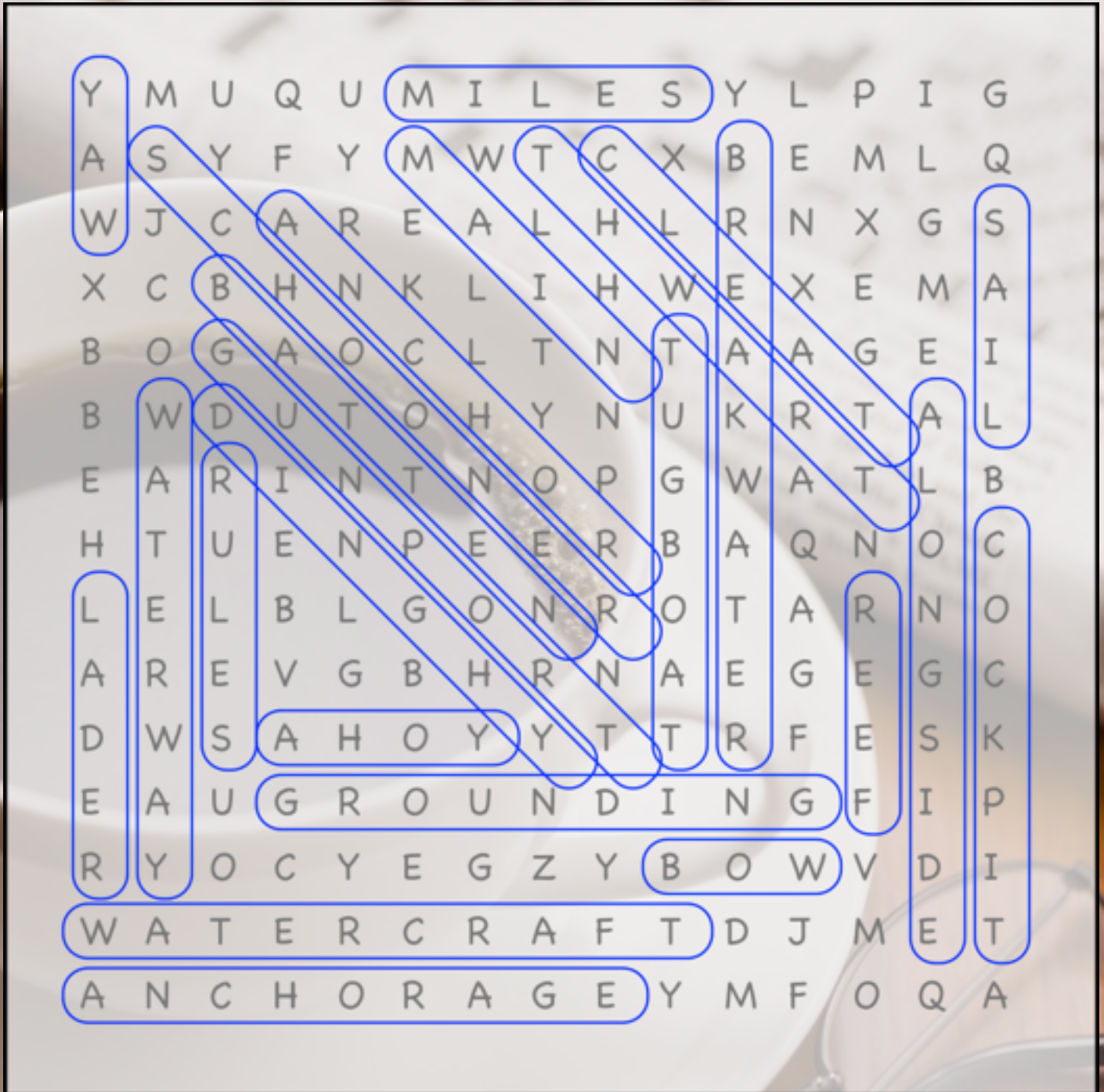
Across

- 2) a small ship's kitchen, or galley on deck.
- 4) The width of a vessel at the widest point, or a point alongside the ship at the midpoint of its length.
- 6) A Second World War personal flotation device used to keep people afloat in the water; named after the 1930s actress Mae West, well known for her large bosom
- 7) Maritime punishment: to punish by dragging under the keel of a ship
- 9) To climb steadily upwards, from the motion of a sailor climbing shrouds on a sailing ship (originally "hand over hand")
- 12) The fourth mast, although ships with four or more masts were uncommon, or the aft most mast where it is smallest on vessels of less than four masts

Down

- 1) A special-purpose ship or boat designed to move and navigate through ice-covered waters
- 3) Traditionally, a launch was the largest ship's boat carried by a warship; In modern usage, a large motorboat; To dispatch a ship down a slipway, prior to fitting-out and commissioning.
- 4) A stiff strip used to support the roach of a sail, enabling increased sail area; Any thin strip of material (wood, plastic etc) which can be used any number of ways
- 5) Any refuse or rubbish which is discarded into a refuse container or dustbin which is known as "gash fanny" (South African Navy)
- 8) an object designed to prevent or slow the drift of a ship, attached to the ship by a line or chain; typically a metal, hook-like or plough-like object designed to grip the bottom under the body of water (but also see sea anchor); to deploy an anchor ("She anchored offshore.")
- 10) Exactly ahead, directly ahead, directly in front
- 11) A term used in European and British Commonwealth countries for a tower-like structure on the dorsal (topside) surface of a submarine; called a sail in the United States

Word Search Solution



Last month's Word Search answer key

Name that Location



Photo by Coast Guard on Coast Guard website

Can you guess where this is?

Coast Guard Training Center Cape May in New Jersey

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 drawing?



Punography

"England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool."

Author: Unknown

Eight is Great!

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