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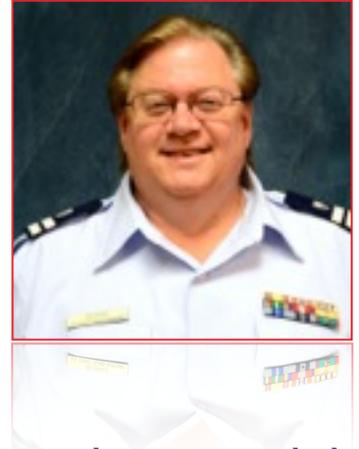
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Paul Burns, FC

Flotilla Commander

Happy New Year! January is Change of Watch season, where new officers at all levels of the Auxiliary take on new duties, some keeping the same duties as the previous year. I'm happy to be continuing as your Flotilla Commander for another year.



Flotilla Meeting and Change Of Watch

January 7th we will be holding our own flotilla's Change of Watch the same night as our regularly scheduled meeting but at a different location. The Mediterrania Restaurant is just around the corner from the Florida Tackle and Gun Club on Baymeadows Road (across the street from the Walgreens.) Mediterrania is a fine restaurant serving Greek and Italian dishes. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and appetizers, then Chef Edi has a fine dinner planned for us. The cost is \$20 per person, plus tax and gratuity, paid directly to the restaurant. Alcoholic beverages will be added to your tab. Uniform is Tropical Blue, Winter Dress Blue, Service Dress Blue, Blue Blazer, or Business Attire. Please RSVP as soon as you can to Paul Burns, pburns@safeboatingjax.com, so the restaurant can plan for proper seating.

I hope everybody will attend. It helps us get the year off to a good start.

Division Change of Watch

The Division 14 Change of Watch will be held on January 11th at Ocean Breeze on the Naval Station Mayport beginning at 6:00 p.m. RSVP should be sent to VicAquino.cgauxsa@gmail.com

Division Meeting And FSO Workshop. All FSOs are requested to attend.

Division Staff Officers and Flotilla Commanders meet four times each year to conduct business above the flotilla level. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend the Division Meeting and all Flotilla Staff Officers are encouraged to attend at least one Division Meeting each year to better understand how the Auxiliary conducts business through the ranks.

On January 18th, the Division 14 quarterly meeting will be held at St. Augustine Airport Conference Center. Following the regular meeting, and lunch, the Division Staff Officers will hold individual workshops for Flotilla Staff Officers at noon. All Flotilla Staff Officers are requested to attend this workshop. It will be a good opportunity to meet other people who are doing the same job in the flotilla that you are, exchange ideas, and get a head start on the 2014 game plan laid out by your Division Staff Officer.

Thank You!

John Hadley, FSO-MT

Member Training

Have you ever wondered how to get qualified for a particular job? Ever wonder what it takes to keep that qualification? How often you have to repeat it?

I got the link for a great little webpage which will help you answer these questions: [Training Directorate](#) under AUX NATIONAL tab.

As we look back with some considerable pride at the accomplishments of some of our members. Whatley Law, Tom Edwards, and Charlie Amante are going to be a force on the Ops side.

To get further, some leadership will need to occur. Yours truly will be squarely in the spotlight, as I move further towards qualifying as Coxswain. Without a doubt, the time spent on the water needs to increase, so that not only Whatley, Tom, and Charlie move ahead, but another surprise entry, Paul Thomas, can get started as well. With all of Mr. Thomas' accomplishments up at Charleston and in his past career(s), I was a bit taken aback we haven't attended to Paul's Boat Crew training. We will take care to move Paul along.

The economics of all these boat ops has been a major consideration. During my years in the merchant marine, I would spend a lot of time during school and union meeting coffee breaks, just listening. This tactic has served me well these days. In speaking with Paul along with some emails to Jesse Stevens, Division Officer of Operations, I have discovered any craft larger than 15-foot Length Overall will be acceptable for use once it passes its facility offer for use and inspection. The point here is flexibility in thought will carry us a good ways.

Flotilla 14-8 was active in 2013, attending the D-Train in Orlando in September, and with so many taking the full Team Coordination Training (TCT) course and maintaining their yearly refresher. It lifts a great deal off all our shoulders, from flotilla and all the way to district-level, when these maintenance tasks gain attention. Thank you to everyone who did this, as well to those who allowed me to assist them! Also, we were able to persuade three gentlemen to get their Auxiliary Specialist efforts off the ground, when Tom Edwards, Whatley Law, and Whit Vick passed their AUX SEAMANSHIP courses!

So with the passing of 2013 and the start of the New Year, what we have established is we, *YOU*, are helping to grow our little flotilla into a unit with more capability, more knowledge, and more ability to help the gold side. This is what we do.



Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Public Education

If you ever considered becoming an instructor for Safe Boating for the public, now is your time to act. To become an instructor for the Auxiliary go to: <http://ntc.cgaux.org/TrainingCourses.php> and open the *IDC Instructor Development Course*.

- Download Appendices A, B, C and the *Student Course Book*
- Study the material and follow instructions
- Take and pass the online test
- Print all applicable materials and then contact me for the practical demo part of the qualification

Upon completion, a qualified instructor will certify your position as an Auxiliary Instructor.

The Division 14 Board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2014 will include training for most flotilla staff officer positions. The PE training will include a demonstration and training for any member wanting to teach water safety to third grade students in our local elementary schools. Please plan to attend this meeting if you have any desire to teach water safety to third grade students.



John Hadley, FSO-MA

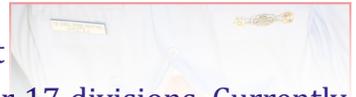
Materials

As usual, Materials just quietly putt-putts along, keeping materials in the pipeline. We aim to answer the needs of our Flotilla 14-8 members, as long as they are doing the business of the Coast Guard.

At this time, we are expecting some changes in the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) list of available items for order. As District Staff Officer, I monthly circulate a list of items Not In Stock (NIS) to all of our 17 divisions. Currently, we have been able to maintain a surprisingly large inventory available for all of our paper and CD/ Training needs throughout South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Within our flotilla, we have issues which will affect our stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for boat operations. One, the in-place sequestration and ongoing resolution has caused some challenges, as we fulfill the needs of our more active sister flotillas. Because of this, we are squeezed a little with reference to putting more water-lights on personal flotation devices. Secondly, the decision of the gold side to discontinue float coat issue to its crews means that we will no longer be supplied with this item. At present, I maintain one of these items for issue.

Generally speaking, we are in good shape, and we will answer the requirements of our crews PPE needs. The Materials Officer spot will be under different management in 2014 and I look forward to teaching Paul Thomas some of the ins and outs of this billet, as well as pass along a binder of great information. It has been a privilege to serve you in this staff position. I am sure Materials will be in extremely good hands in 2014!



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

Supporting Mandarin and Jacksonville

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8



In addition to the evident activities an Auxiliary flotilla does to benefit its' home community are others that are obvious only when you see their context. If you know of the Auxiliary from previous articles or other sources, you know our evident roles include teaching boating safety, performing waterborne security and safety patrols at public events, offering free recreational boat safety exams, supplying boating safety information through local marine outlets, assisting local environmental efforts and being St. Johns River advocates.

One of the other major community impacts a flotilla has is economic and is a by-product of its public and membership activities. For instance, a flotilla has an annual cycle that begins anew with each year change. Autumn elections provide our new or reelected leadership. In either case, a Change of Watch ceremony in January provides the opportunity to meet over dinner, install leaders and staff, award noteworthy and humorous achievements and reminisce. The point is that the ceremony is held at a local facility, usually a restaurant, and infuses revenue into that business. The 2014 occasion will be held at the Mediterrania Restaurant on Baymeadows Road. Past events were held at the Ramada Inn and Santioni's among others.

Throughout the year we also meet monthly for a fellowship get-together, picking a different eating place, mostly in the Mandarin area. Some 2013 sites included the Red Elephant and Los Lobos. Besides patronizing restaurants, our economic impact extends to office supply purchases for the unit as well as for education classes, public affairs events and the needs of our vessel examiners. Our patrol craft are fueled and maintained locally as well. Of course, individual members buy uniform parts at local bases and commercial businesses and utilize dry cleaners. Members also purchase computer and office supplies and fuel to attend various events. Overall, we haven't figured it up, but the unit cycle involves a considerable economic impact on the local area. Not the least of the flotilla's impacts is to foster one of Mandarin's and Jacksonville's groups of responsible citizens dedicated to the local community.

Contact us through our website, <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> for membership, vessel exams, classes or any reason.

2014 | CALENDAR DETAILS

Flotilla 14-8 Meetings

January 07

6:30 p.m. ▪ Change of Watch ▪ Location: Meditterania Restaurant

February 04

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

7:30 p.m. ▪ Regular Meeting

January Events & Activities

January 11, 2014

6:00 p.m. p.m. ▪ Division Change of Watch ▪ Location: Ocean Breeze @ Mayport Naval Station

January 16, 2014

6:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship ▪ Location: TBD

January 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. ▪ Division Board Meeting ▪ Location: TBD [General Meeting starts @ 10:00 a.m. & SO/FSO Workshops @ 11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.]

The Division FSO workshop will be held:

St Augustine Airport Conference Center

4730 Casa Cola Way

St Augustine, FL 32095

Directions are easily Googled by entering *Florida Flyers European US Flight School*, which is in the same building.

January 24-26, 2014

Winter Boat Show ▪ Location: Convention Center

February Events & Activities

February 01, 2014

7:30 a.m. ▪ ABS Course ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club

March Events & Activities

March 08, 2014

7:30 a.m. ▪ ABS Course ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club

Special Boating Dates

For details on the events including times, links, and locations, you can visit <http://www.floridabywater.com/event>.

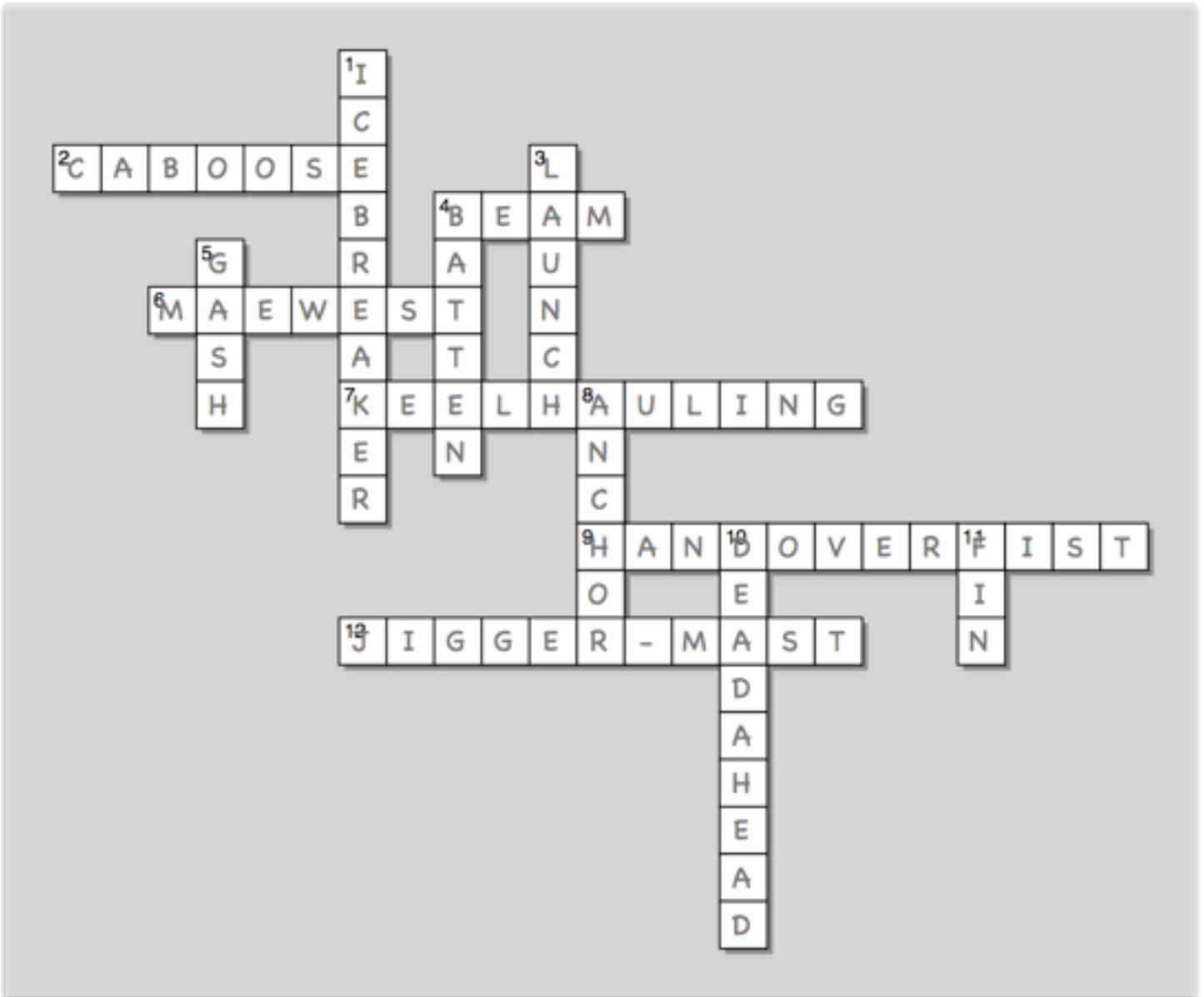
Jacksonville Boat Show	January 24-26
Yachty Gras Boat Parade	January 31
Southeast Boat Show	April 11-13th
Blessing of the Fleet	April 13th
National Safe Boating week	May 17th-23rd
Memorial Day	May 26th
National Marina Day	June 14th
Kingfish Tournament.....	July 21st -26th
Sea and Sky Spectacular (NAS JAX)	October 26-26
Florida Georgia Weekend	November 1st
Jacksonville Boat Parade.....	November 29th

2014 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Flotilla 14-8 Change of Watch @ Meditterania Restaurant 6:30 p.m.				Division Change of Watch Location: Ocean Breeze @ Mayport Naval Station Time: 6:00 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship Location: TBD 6:30 p.m.		Division Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. General Meeting 10:00 a.m. SO/FSO Workshops 12:00 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Winter Boat Show at the Convention Center	Winter Boat Show at the Convention Center
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Winter Boat Show at the Convention Center						

Crossword Corner Solution





Flotilla 14-8 Change of Watch

Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 6:30pm

Mediterrania Restaurant

3877 Baymeadows Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32217

Chef Edi

Will prepare your choice of Fish, Chicken, or Lamb

Cost will be \$20.00 per person plus tax and gratuity

Make your reservation with

Paul Burns

pburns@safeboatingjax.com



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RESTAURANT



GREEK, ITALIAN
CUISINE

Guest speakers: Branden Burke, St. Augustine Marine Archeological Society and Captain Thomas Allan, USCG



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
District Seven, Division Fourteen**

**Division Change of Watch
Saturday, 11 January, 2014**

**Ocean Breeze
Naval Station Mayport**

**Social hour - 1800 hours,
Dinner - 1900 hours.**

Dinner Buffet

Tossed Fresh Greens w/ Choice of Two Dressings

Spinach Salad

Roast Beef Au Jus w/ Carver

Chicken Florentine

Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Wild Rice

Medley of Fresh Garden Vegetables

Green Beans Almondine

Warmmed Dinner Rolls w/ Butter

Chocolate Cake

Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

\$29.50

**R.S.V.P. to:
Vic Aquino at cgauxsa@gmail.com**

**Uniform of the Day:
Service Dress Blue, Tropical Blue,
Winter Dress Blue, Blue Blazer,
Business Attire**

**Checks made payable to:
USCG Auxiliary, Division 14**

**Mail checks to:
Joe Blanchard
593 Amelia Circle
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034-2450**

Name that Location



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Hudson



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Drawn by Wilson Robertson, FSO-PB 14-8

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Does anyone remember this drawing?

Punography

“This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club...but I never met herbivore.”

Author: Unknown



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