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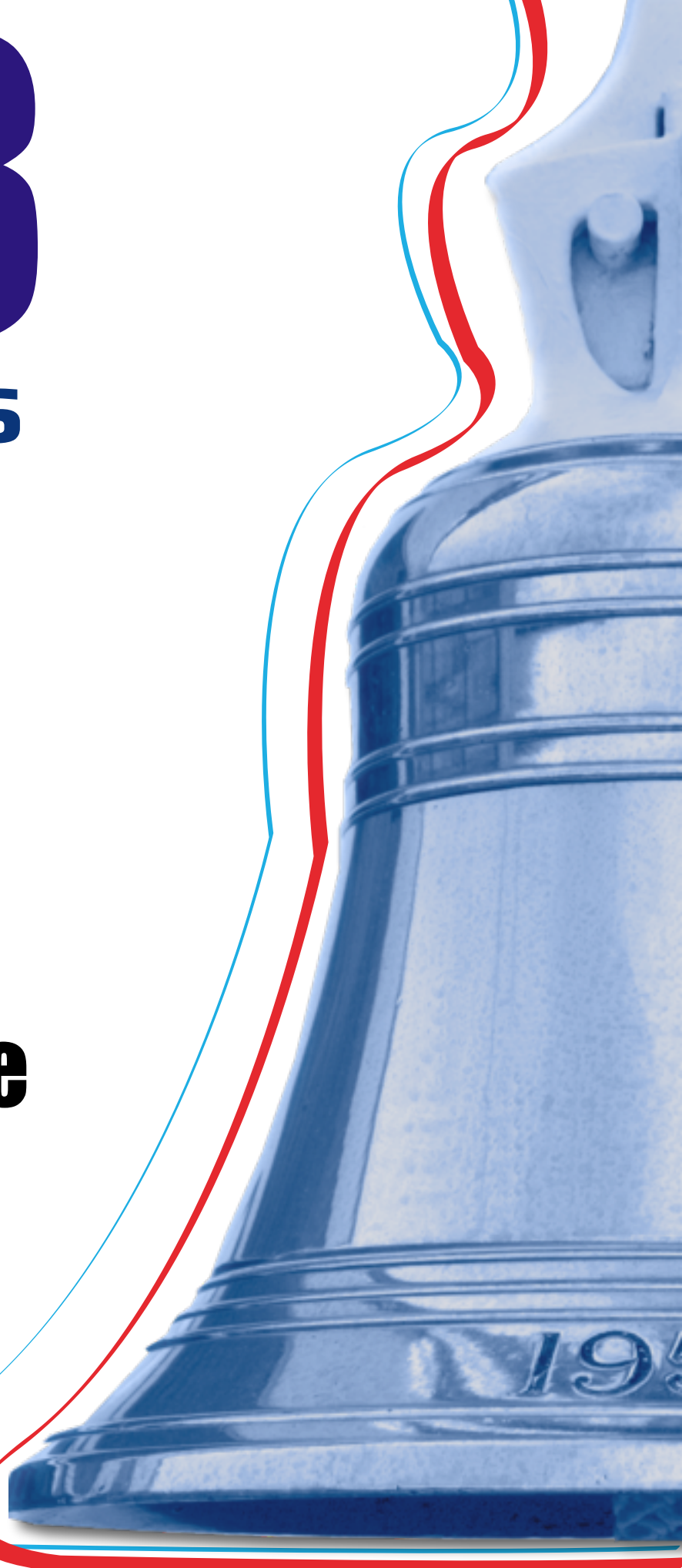
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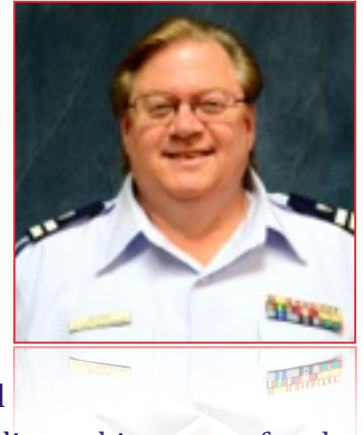


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# Paul Burns, FC

## Flotilla Commander

In January we had a fun and enjoyable Change of Watch banquet. My favorite part of the night was the awards presentations. My sincere appreciation goes out to all of our Staff Officers, Vessel Examiners, Program Visitors, Instructors, and all members who made an effort to log time in support for our flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. But I would like to take a moment to point out two of our flotilla's awards for outstanding achievement for the year.



### Andy Anderson Award

For 2013, John Hadley was awarded the *Andy Anderson Award* for his outstanding contribution to our flotilla and the Auxiliary.

In the first year of operation, Andy Anderson, our first Flotilla Commander established the *Andy Anderson Award*. It is awarded each year to a member of the flotilla who contributed the most to the flotilla in support of the Auxiliary. The first recipient was Dave Holland, Bob Strong has his name on this plaque three times, being awarded most often. Last year's recipient was Becky Habermas for her outstanding work in Human Resources.

This year we honor somebody who seems to have made the Coast Guard Auxiliary a new career after retiring from 40 years at sea in the Navy and the Merchant Marine.

In 2013, John Hadley has logged over 3,500 hours total reported dedication to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Included in that figure, John recorded over:

- 325 hours of direct operational support to the Coast Guard
- 53 Public Education hours plus dozens of hours as a PE aid
- 37 Vessel Safety Checks
- 235 Marine dealer visits

In addition to serving as Flotilla Vice Commander, John also served as FSO-Materials, FSO-Member Training, and Division Staff Officer, Materials. To top off his accomplishments for 2013, John was appointed to the District Staff as District Staff Officer for Materials.

### Pete Field Award

For 2013, Whatley Law was awarded the *Pete Field Award* for outstanding performance in Surface Operations.

In 1983 the flotilla established the *Pete Field Award*, a trophy made especially for Pete by Joe Norman.

Peter Z. Field, who was our Flotilla Operations Officer, worked at an on-the-water job and still spent all of his free time on his boat, the *Dolphin*. Pete was extremely active in Operations from the time he joined the Auxiliary in 1974, until his death in 1984. After his death, this award became a traveling trophy which, is presented at the end of each year to that flotilla member who contributed the most to on-the-water operations during the year, either as crew or coxswain, regardless of whether the hours were documented or not.

Whatley Law logged nearly 100 Marine Patrol hours in 2013. As well as, over 500 hours under all missions (and I suspect his time was under reported.) Whatley, as well as Tom Edwards, represent a much needed resurgence in 14-8's Operations program.

### **FSO Workshops February 22nd**

There is a meeting schedule for all Flotilla Staff Officers on February 22nd. Details on the time and place will be confirmed via email. This meeting will bring FSOs from all Division 14 flotillas along with their respective division staff officers for training and updates in their area of influence in the Auxiliary. It will be a good get together, so please include this date on your calendar.

### **Help Wanted**

Speaking of FSOs, our flotilla is in need of a Public Affairs Officer, FSO-PA. The duties of the public affairs officer includes:

- Provide news releases to newspapers, radio, and TV stations concerning flotilla activities in order to increase local knowledge of the auxiliary and promote the best possible public image of the Auxiliary
- Coordinate public information events

The Robert Shultz, Division Staff Officer for Public Affairs, is very dedicated to the office and has offered as much training and support that anybody from our flotilla needs to learn how to do the job and make the proper contacts.

I hope that somebody will volunteer to take this office. It is a valuable worthwhile position and one which the flotilla greatly needs to fill.

### **What will you accomplish in the Auxiliary in 2014**

Please take a moment and ask yourself what you would like to accomplish this year. Set a goal or two. Then work to achieve an increase over your performance from last year. Consider qualifying for:

- Instructor – teaching our public education classes

- Program Visitor – visiting businesses and supplying handouts and information pamphlets to the public which, benefit the boating public and advertise our activities. These businesses include, marine and sporting goods businesses, libraries, businesses with waiting rooms,
- Vessel Examiner and Commercial Fishing Boat Examiner
- Surface, Air, and Communication Operations, including Boat Crew, Coxswain, Air Observer, or Pilot & Radio Watchstander
- Marine Safety and Marine Environmental Protection

# John Hadley, VFC

## Flotilla Vice Commander

### The Time is Now

Once again we prepare to start up another month. February begins in just a few days and here we are preparing to start up our year. What to do? I'll break the rules of grammar and composition and ask another question: What do you want to do?

As we all know, our whole existence as a flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is to support and augment the US Coast Guard as much as possible. So many of our members have a mental picture of where they want to go. Usually this often means wearing the uniform on a beautiful sunny day and motoring up and down the St. Johns River at high speed. But there is so much more than boating. As is often said, a great deal must be done before you can step on a facility. So, before we talk about boats, let's ask: What are the missions of the Coast Guard?

Let's start with ports, waterways, and coastal security. These are areas we patrol. We also are able to support Aids to Navigation as verifiers and reporters on the condition of buoys, navigation marks, and beacons. Whenever we can, we also perform search-and-rescue. These three activities come under Operations. Other, more complicated areas, include Marine Safety which, features program visits, vessel safety checks, and public education. Living Marine Resources reporting involves manatee counts and right whale observations from vessels. Finally, Marine Environmental protection requires time spent learning the sequence of courses called *Good Mate and Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection*, and many more. Who knows that, "If an event was never reported or photographed it is just the same as if it never existed?" This is Public Affairs, without which so many would never know that so much is being done by so few.

These are just a few missions that the active duty Coast Guard perform and whenever possible we do, too. You cannot just start doing it with just enthusiasm and a uniform though. These missions are all supported by training. When the time spent becomes tedious, the weather turns mean, Auxiliary training serves as your bed-rock and foundation to carry on. The time to start your training is now. The time to make your choice of mission is now. The time to tell your fellow members is now.

Yours to prepare for another great Auxiliary year!





# John Hadley, FSO-MT

## Member Training

What do you want to learn?

As your Flotilla Vice Commander, I wrote a few paragraphs which, I hope will open some eyes. Now, I have more information. As Member Training Officer, I am glad to say everything I have seen with the Change of Watch has been exciting. There are a lot of things going on but I am pleased to report that a careful packaging of all materials and a binder that is tabbed has made it easy for me to pass the materials suite over to Paul Thomas. I am sure that he will serve you all capably and well.

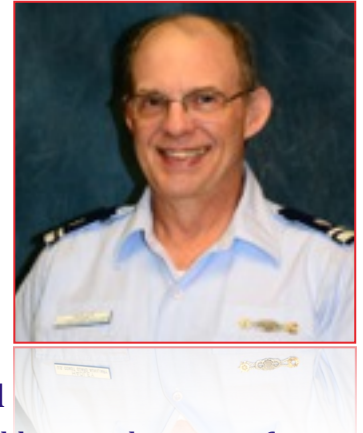
There are several projects in the works right now. The next flotilla meeting will feature my presentation of the description and use of the 7029 and 7030 forms. In it, I will talk about the importance of these forms and in the case of the 7029, how easy it is to fill out and submit. The 7030 form is different, and is used to submit reports for many different types of missions, including some workshop/training classes.

Additionally and as a part of the member training activity, in consultation with members and with Paul Burns, I am planning on bringing in a speaker to present in March 2014. The choices at this time will be from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Messrs. David Milton or J. Bruce Richardson, who both recently wrote articles concerning the planned dredging project in the St. Johns River. One of these speakers will speak as a matter of information and not as entertainment. The impending planned (and unfortunately, delayed) dredging is a project many view as overdue. Local thinking is this will likely dovetail with the increase in draft needed for the Mayport Navy base.

Now, we can finally advise you all that a new webpage, updated as of January 17, 2014, [http://tdept.cgaux.org/documents/NATIONAL\\_MEMBER\\_TRAINING\\_COMPENDIUM.pdf](http://tdept.cgaux.org/documents/NATIONAL_MEMBER_TRAINING_COMPENDIUM.pdf) is finally complete. This is a great little Excel type of file in PDF format which, lays out in an easily read scheme for those who wish to find out their requirements in the Auxiliary Learning and Management System (AUXLMS), the Auxiliary Operations Specialist (AUXOP) requirements, those required for the Trident (PRO-M) badge, Boat Crew, and Boat Crew Coxswain. The great feature in this form is the re-train requirement in each case where refresher training is required. An important example is Team Coordination Training.

There are those persons with certain ambitions of activities serving with the Gold-side at USCG Station Mayport, who will be disappointed. None of the active-side support missions are listed. Requirements for the various missions change frequently.

Finally, we have some easily read guidance and I encourage everyone in the flotilla who is active, or planning to be, to visit this site.





## Bob Strong, FSO-PE

### Public Education

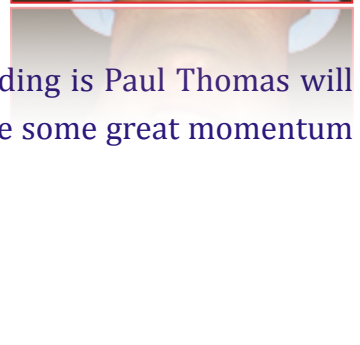
The Florida Tackle and Gun Club approved nine Saturdays for our use of their hall to conduct About Boating Safety (ABS) courses in 2014. The dates are Feb. 1, Mar. 8, May 17, June 21, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 , and Nov. 8. Please let me know if you will be available to teach or assist or both on any of these dates.



## David Fay, FSO-PV

### Program Visitation

We're kicking off 2014 and looking for opportunities to work with our partners and spread the Coast Guard Auxiliary message. John Hadley visited a few sites to inquire about activities for 2014. He found Epping Forest is still working on their calendar but they will report back to him when complete. A few others have nothing planned at this point but we will check back with them throughout the year. I reached out to Adamec Harley Davidson about becoming a partner organization. I know a lot of my fellow bikers are also boaters, so I think it will be a good fit. My understanding is Paul Thomas will take over visits to the Tax Collectors Office on San Jose. With all this, we have some great momentum already for 2014.



# Marion Linda, FSO-IS

## Information Systems

Same message, different face. Please send me your hours by filling out a 7029 form.

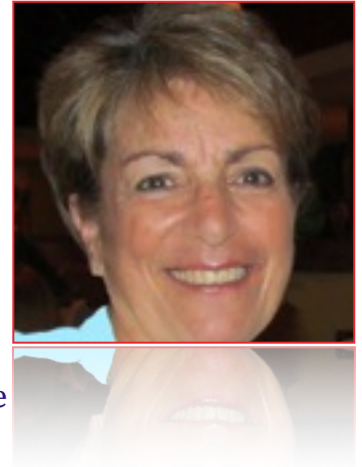
What a way to introduce myself. Although I am fairly new to the USCGAUX, I have been a boater for 25 years. My two loves are boating and computers, so when Flotilla Commander, Paul Burns, asked me to be the Information Systems Officer (FSO-IS) it was a natural fit.

I am sorry to see Marlene Koehl leave the position but she has set out on new adventures after spending time with me on AUXDATA entry. We spent quite a few hours together preparing me for the FSO-IS position; hopefully, I will fill her shoes.

Even before I accepted the FSO-IS position, I found the 7029 form the most challenging. Now as the FSO-IS, I am still finding it the most challenging form. It seems to me other members in the flotilla might also sit in front of the 7029 form on the computer and say to themselves “okay, so which code do I use?” An elected or appointed staff officer would fill in a 99A for preparation & travel. Yet non-leadership members would fill in a 99E for doing the same thing – preparation & travel. Preparation & travel in support of Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) missions (filled out another form) would be a 99B, yet preparation & travel in support of Marine Safety (MS) missions (filled out another form) would be a 99C.

So I have included in “my message” this month, a copy of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member activity form where there is an explanation of the missions codes used in the 7029 form (see following page.) I know many of the members have been in the Auxiliary a long time and know all of this, but there are a few of us out there that will appreciate getting this information.

Also, when you are filling out the form and you hold the curser over the 99A, 99B, 99C, etc under “HOURS PER MISSION CATEGORY” an explanation will pop up on the screen.



MISSION CODE	MISSION DESCRIPTION
<b>99 A</b> AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP	Report all time spent by elected and appointed <b>STAFF</b> performing National, District, Division, and Flotilla position duties. This includes <b>all time spent for preparation and travel for these duties</b>
<b>99 B</b> RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY (RBS) SUPPORT ONLY	Report all time spent in <b>RBS Support</b> that is not otherwise reported on a 7030, 7038, 7039, or 7046. This includes <b>all time for preparation and travel in support of missions reported on 7030 and 7038</b>
<b>99 C</b> MARINE SAFETY (MS) SUPPORT ONLY	Report all time spent in <b>MS Support</b> that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7038. This includes <b>all time for travel in support of Marine Safety and Marine Environmental Protection</b>
<b>99 D</b> TRAINING SUPPORT	Report all time spent in <b>Training Support</b> that is not otherwise reported on a 7030 or 7039. Any hours spent as a Trainee, other than attending a workshop, should be reported here. This includes <b>all time for preparation, study, homework, and travel</b> regardless of the level of training
<b>99 E</b> AUXILIARY ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL SUPPORT	Report all time spent for Auxiliary and CG Support missions not otherwise reported on any other form or any other Mission Code above. <b>Include all time working on committees or attending meetings (if you are not an elected or staff officer.)</b> This includes all time for preparation & travel

# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

## Dock Waters Can Be Shocking – Swimmers Beware!

*By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8*



The theme and some words of this article originate from coverage in Auxiliary publications. It is just too important to not remind Mandarin residents of a danger that is rarely discussed and is enhanced in fresh water. Perhaps it is best discussed in February when few are feeling compelled to jump in the water whether to swim or work on your boat.

You need to know what's in the water before you jump off a dock. Just like you wouldn't want to collide with an object hidden by our stained water, smack into the shallow bottom or be immersed in algae, you need to be careful of electricity in water near a dock or marina. Where there is electric service, there is an unpredictable and often undetectable danger of electric shock. Electricity from the dock gets into the water, either from the dock or through a boat's running gear, usually from a redirection of the higher 110 volt shore power ground.

Once you're in the water, especially fresh water, your body is actually a better conductor of electricity than the water itself, and then it is too late to do anything about it. While you may feel a warning tingle from light current, high current is paralyzing. The only way to help a swimmer who is caught in an electric current is to shut the power off. Even walking barefoot along a dock that has power cords can result in electric shock!

Part of your safety consciousness should include knowing where the power cutoff switch is located for the dock or marina you are using. There are various ways to determine if dock and boat electrical connections are safe, but all require extensive testing by a knowledgeable individual. Check your dock's wiring and turn off power to the dock before you enter the water. Swimming is prohibited in most marinas for many reasons and the electricity danger is one of them. Furthermore, in a marina, boats are constantly changing, so what is safe today may not be tomorrow. If you have further questions contact your marina management or see the BoatUS site <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2013/july/electric-shock-drowning-explained.asp> for details and a diagram.

Experienced boat operators teach our About Boating Safely course at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club at 9010 San Jose Blvd. Why not attend a class during the cold months? Call Bob at 904-721-1346 to reserve a place in the first 2014 classes on February 1st or March 8th or check our site at <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com>.

# 2014 | CALENDAR DETAILS

## Flotilla 14-8 Meetings

### February 04

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

## February Events & Activities

### February 01, 2014

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

### February 20, 2014

- 6:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Night Out ▪ Location: St. Marys Seafood & More

### February 22, 2014

FSO Workshops CANCELED

## 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>.

- 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 Airshow) October 25th-26th
- Florida Georgia Weekend .....November 1st
- Jacksonville Boat Parade .....November 29th



# 2014 | CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

February

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

# Brain Teasers & Fun Stuff

*Definition from the Vessel Safety Check Manual*

## Inland Waters

The navigable waters of the United States shoreward of COLREGS Demarcation Lines, as defined in Navigation Rules - International and Inland, and as represented on nautical charts by dashed magenta lines; and the waters of the Great Lakes on the U. S. side of the International Boundary.

## Navigable Waters of the United States

The territorial seas of the United States, the internal waters of the United States that are subject to tidal influence, and the internal waters of the United States that are NOT subject to tidal influence but are used as highways for substantial interstate or foreign commerce (such as rivers, canals, and the Great Lakes).



**Eight Bells History**  
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Does anyone remember this drawing?

## Hand drawing from the original Eight Bells newsletter

Drawn by Wilson Robertson, FSO-PB 14-8

# Punography

“I’m reading a book about anti-gravity.....I can’t put it down.”

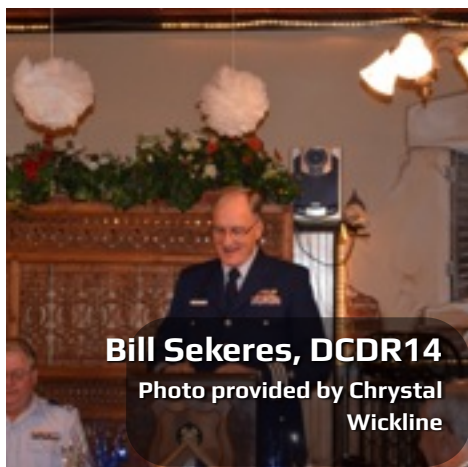
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## Flotilla 14-8 Change of Watch Photos







**Bill Sekeres, DCDR14**  
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**John Hadley & Paul Burns**  
*[Andy Anderson Award]*  
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**Whatley Law & Paul Burns**  
*[Pete Field Award]*  
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**Chrystal Wickline & Carolyn Strong**  
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**Paul Thomas**  
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**Marion Linda, Becky Habermas, & John Hadley**  
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**Rusty Gardner**

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**Paul Burns, John Hadley,  
& Bill Sekeres, DCDR14**

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**2014 Flotilla 14-8  
Staff Officers**

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**CWO Doug Schubert,  
USCG**

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**Dinner & Fellowship**

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## Flotilla 14-8 Night Out

**St. Marys Seafood & More**

**11290 Old St. Augustine Road (Next to Taco Bell)**



Just in time for us to kick off our monthly Fellowship Night Out, a new restaurant has opened in the old “LeGrands” location on Old St Augustine Rd @ I-295.

St Marys Seafood & More offers a reasonably priced menu of Seafood, Sandwiches, Chicken, Beef Pastas, a full bar, a friendly staff and a good sized private room. I know many people who have returned several times since it opened a few weeks ago. I’ve a good meal or two, myself there.

Please RSVP to Paul Burns, [pburns@SafeBoatingJax.com](mailto:pburns@SafeBoatingJax.com) so we can send an estimated head count a day or two before the dinner. However, if your schedule opens up at the last minute, feel free to drop by. There will be plenty of seating available.

[stmarysseafoodandmore.com](http://stmarysseafoodandmore.com)



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