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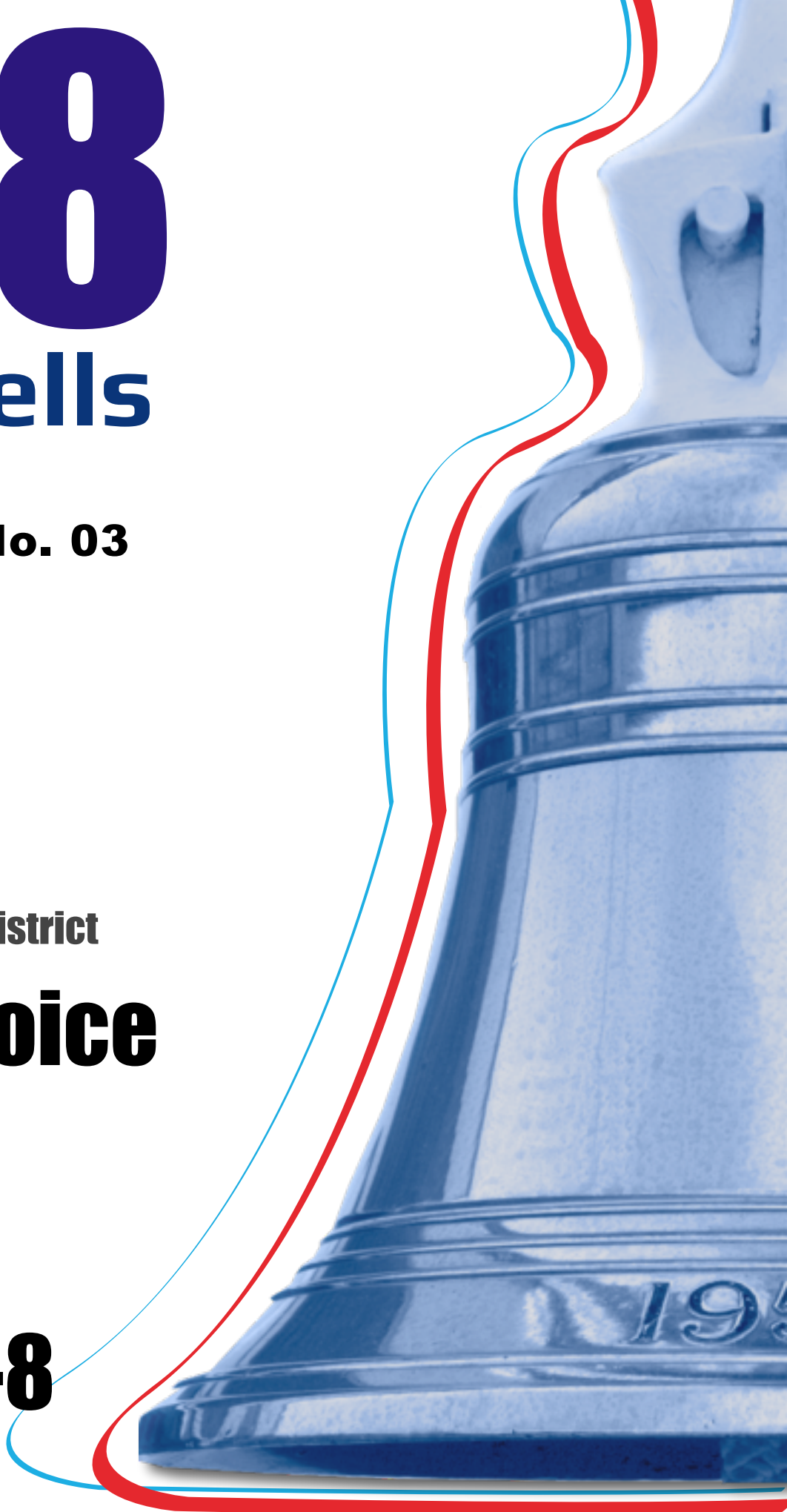
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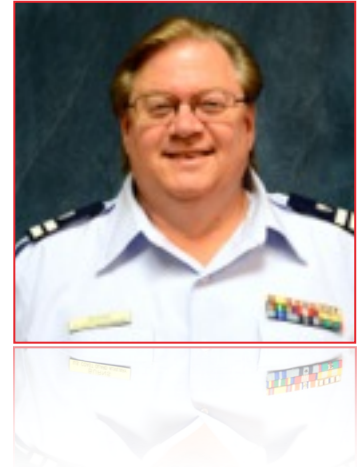
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Paul Burns, FC

Flotilla Commander

New Members

It's exciting any time we see new people joining our flotilla. Welcome Daryll Kozee and Roger Davis! Both show initial focus and a desire to get involved as soon as possible. Daryll's paperwork is already in process and I'm sure I will be sending Roger's any day now.



Fellowship

Both Roger and Daryll attended our February fellowship dinner. As a matter of fact, thanks to an accepted invitation from Flotilla 14-2, we had about 30 people over for dinner at St. Mary's Seafood on Old St. Augustine Road. I had a great time and looking around the room everybody else did too.

Please, at our March meeting, come with one of your favorite restaurants in mind. We can plan out the next few months. I know everybody has one or two favorite places to eat. Please let us in on it.

Baseball

I really love going to the baseball park in the Spring. Many of you attended our Division Night Out with the Jacksonville Suns, last year. We had such a good time, we're planning another night of baseball this coming April 24th, we will come together in a great night of hotdogs, beer, Cracker Jacks, and a great time! Last year we had over 80 people participate including members of the US Power Squadron and the active Coast Guard. Mark your calendars and please make plans for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to "Take You Out To the Ball Game!"

Notable Anniversary Coming. The Big 45 for 14-8!

Our April meeting deserves special attention. In April, our flotilla celebrates 45 years of service to the Jacksonville community. We will want to do something special at this meeting. Please bring your ideas to our meeting on March 4th so we can make plans for a special meeting in April.

John Hadley, VFC

Flotilla Vice Commander

New this month are a few things. We still need a National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Committee Leader for 2014. At present we are the only flotilla in Division 14 with no one to take the helm of this important effort. We still need a person or persons to step forward as chairperson.

Several items need to be mentioned here:

The first, we have several important training events. (1) Team Coordination Training update for 2014 is available. Ask the Member Training officer for set-up and assist in getting this done. (2) the Vessel Examination officer has received notification the mandatory 2014 Vessel Examiner workshop is available. Training Officer can be reached at dec23265n@gmail.com to get this done.

Several workshops will be held this year – one Vessel Examiner workshop material will be given at our next flotilla meeting Tuesday, March 4th after the meeting adjourns.

Our new Materials Officer, Paul Thomas, is waiting to get orders. See him at the next meeting to get his contact information. He can get the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) to send brochures and other materials to your homes, saving time. For anyone needing materials to support Public Affairs displays, Public Education classes, Program Visit rounds, Operations vessel and training needs, Paul Thomas is your man.

Winter weather is easing off and we must be thankful we did not suffer as badly as everyone else. As a matter of fact, local television stations were reporting every other state in the Union (yes, including Hawaii) had snow on the ground but we didn't. As a hint to all those in OPS, please get your float time scheduled through Auxiliary Orders Management (AOM), using the links supplied. [See the Member Training report to get this link and get your account set up.]

We must give additional thanks to Becky Habermas, FSO-HR and Marion Linda, FSO-IS. They began to take care of their duties in 2014 with a really good start! One of Becky's new persons has started already spending time with Operations Officer Whately Law, getting his mentoring started. At the same time, there is no amount of words which can thank Marion for the speedy, efficient, and polished way she has gotten Information Services department started in 2014. I am sure you will be amazed at how much they do and how important it is to keep them informed. It falls to me to e-mail Marion often and I put a lot of stickers on brochures with Becky's contact info.

Finally, those of you who are once again making the time to spend with your U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, let me personally encourage and thank you for doing this. Many of us have a sticking gas pedal when it comes to getting started but once we do get going we bring a lot of 'tricks of the trade' to the table! For all this, and for your love of country, thank you!



John Hadley, FSO-MT

Member Training

Mandatory Vessel Examiner Workshop

New information this month: there will be a Vessel Examiner Workshop after flotilla meeting adjournment on Tuesday, March 4th. This is a mandatory workshop for Vessel Examiners and needs to be on-file in AUXInfo database, NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2014. If you pass this date without having taken the workshop training, your Vessel Safety Checks will be invalid. The Vessel Examinations Officer can be contacted at wlaw@mspaceholdings.com

Team Coordination Training 2014 Update

Please call or visit the Member Training Officer at dec23265n@gmail.com to make arrangements to get this training completed. If you are contemplating becoming a Boat Crew Member you must take the four-hour initial large course. This will not stop you from taking the 2014 update if you so desire. The longer initial course must be taken and repeated every fifth year. In between years require completion of the TCT yearly refresher.

Plans this year for Member Training include many more workshops than during the past three years. This will include CPR refresher training, as well as the above classes. Where opportunity presents itself, I will be scheduling speakers mainly to update Member information and introduce new developments in skills we already have.

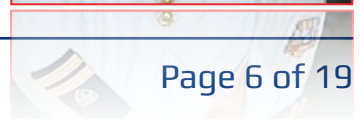
FYI : Boat Crew candidates having completed their On The Water (OTW) time and exams who desire to be examined for their qualification need to inform the Flotilla Staff Officer Operations and the Flotilla Staff Officer Member Training. We will then notify the Flotilla Commander and a date is set.



Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Public Education

Attendance at our first About Boating Safety (ABS) course on February 1st was very disappointing. Twenty people signed up to attend but only six of them showed up on Saturday morning. A Scout master and two scouts, none had made a reservation, arrived and saved the day. Our total attendance was nine. I called all 20 people the week before to remind them



of the course. Yes, I only talked to 12 and left messages for the other eight, but only the 6 of the 12 I talked with showed up. I found out since, we did better than three other flotillas with ABS courses scheduled about the same time. One flotilla had four students and two others had to cancel their course for lack of students. I am beginning to believe in requiring registration including payment of fees ahead of time.

Our second ABS course will be on March 8th at The Florida Tackle and Gun Club (FT&GC). Our third ABS course will be held on May 17. Please let me know if you will be available to assist with any of these courses. We originally had a course scheduled for April 26 but cancelled it in order to allow our Division to hold a quarterly meeting at the FT&GC that morning. Please plan to attend the Division meeting.

Becky Habermas, FSO-HR

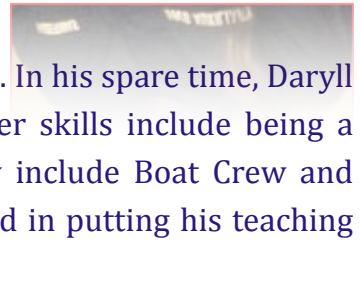
Human Resources

We have two new members to introduce this month, Daryll Kozee and Roger Davis.

Daryll Kozee is a teacher at the Tony Boselli School for At Risk Children, he was also a former Coast Guard Reservist and worked on a cruise ship as a deck and galley hand. Daryll also has advanced degrees in Anthropology & History. His previous volunteer experiences include being a Girl Scout Leader (Daisy Girl Scouts), a tour guide for the MOSH museum in downtown Jacksonville, as well as being involved in various church activities. In his spare time, Daryll is working on restoring his boat, a 1969 Thunderbird Cheyenne. His other skills include being a Mason and also working on computers. Daryll's interests in the Auxiliary include Boat Crew and eventually becoming a Coxswain, a Vessel Examiner, and he's also interested in putting his teaching skills to work as an instructor for our Recreational Boating Safety Classes.

Roger Davis is an Auto Body and Collision Technician/Expert. Roger has extensive experience on the water including off-shore experience and was formerly a member of the North Florida Cruising Club where he raced boats. He is skilled in martial arts and was formerly a lifeguard where his skills included performing CPR and first aid to disabled swimmers. He is also presently working on a 34' Hunter Sailboat. Roger is definitely interested in taking Boat Crew classes, becoming a Vessel Examiner, and is willing to lend a hand wherever he can as far as his Auxiliary career.

Welcome Daryll and Roger to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we know you'll both be very valuable and active members of our Flotilla.



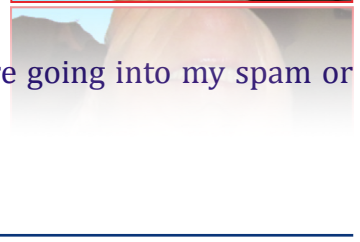
Marion Linda, FSO-IS

Information Systems

I can think of nothing worse than a member putting in the hours on a mission, taking the time to fill out a report, and then not getting the credit.

During this past month, I found out that I was missing some reports that members had submitted. This was happening for a couple of reasons.

I believe there might have been a glitch in the system for a few days and reports are somewhere still floating in cyber space. Also, a few reports were going into my spam or



junk mail. I don't look there very often because it is extremely rare there is anything of value in my spam folder.

So, to minimize the chance of this happening again, I will follow the procedure below:

Whenever I receive a mission report, I will confirm back to you I have received it in 1 of 2 ways.

1. When I receive your report and have the time to enter it into AUXDATA the same day, I will send you a reply, so you can see the report to which I am referring, stating I have received your email and ENTERED THE INFORMATION INTO AUXDATA.

- OR -

2. When I receive the report and DO NOT HAVE THE TIME to enter it into AUXDATA, I will send you a reply email stating I have received your email. Then, I will send a **second** email at a later date stating it has been entered into AUXDATA. If you do not receive an acknowledgement to your email within a day or 2 of sending it, it most likely means I did not receive it. Please notify me if you believe you filled out a mission report and I never received it.

If at any time, you believe you have missing credit, please let me know. I will do what I can to research the hours and get you the missing credit.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and if you have any suggestions to make this work more efficient, please let me know.

As we start a new year, **please** make a New Year's resolution to submit your reports. The 7029's can be submitted once a month, once a week, or however it works best for you.

All other missions reports should be submitted as the missions are completed. But more about this next month. I have to leave myself something to write about in the next issue of *Eight Bells*.

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

Hypothermia – Not Just for Boaters and the Cold

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8



Continuing the theme of danger in the water from last month's discussion of dock shock, it seems a good time to address hypothermia.

For sure, if you go into the St. Johns River in the colder months you are at serious risk from this affliction. However, exposure, wind, fatigue and alcohol consumption are factors that extend hypothermia threat into much warmer conditions. Auxiliary crews are required to wear orange Mustang survival suits in North Florida when water temperatures are below 60 degrees and dry suits for less than 50 degrees.

As excerpted from the Florida Wildlife Commission website; hypothermia is a serious life-threatening condition that happens when the body loses heat faster than it can replenish it. Hypothermia is one of the greatest dangers when you go out on the water. Usually thought of as a cold-weather or cold-water condition; it can occur at temperatures well above freezing, even in waters as warm as 80°.

One of the first signs that your body is losing heat is shivering and "goosebumps". As your body temperature falls, the shivering slows and then stops as your body starts to shut down. The flow of blood to your arms and legs slows and then stops. As it progresses, your speech becomes slurred, then incoherent, you become lethargic, your motions are uncoordinated, breathing slows, becomes shallow and erratic, leading to unconsciousness and death.

If you find yourself in the water and a hypothermia situation, DON'T SWIM unless the shore or a boat is close. You lose more heat swimming than by treading water. In 70° water, a person can survive for 18 hours floating with a life preserver, 13 hours treading water and only 10 hours swimming. In the 55° water found in our area until April, the survival figures drop to 3-½ hours floating with a PFD, 3 hours treading water and only 2 hours swimming. Do see the FWC site at <http://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/hypothermia/> since in this space I can't cover all the considerations for avoiding or lessening hypothermia's effects.

Experienced boat operators teach our *About Boating Safely* course at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club at 9010 San Jose Blvd. Call Bob at 904-721-1346 to reserve a place in the March 8th class or check our site at <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com>.

2014 | CALENDAR DETAILS

Flotilla 14-8 Meetings

March 04, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- 7:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club

Events & Activities

March 01, 2014

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ▪ SO/FSO Workshops - Location: (St. Augustine) Airport Conference Center

March 08, 2014

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

March 20, 2014

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

April 24, 2014

- Time: TBD ▪ Jacksonville Sun's Baseball Game Night

April 26, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. ▪ ABS Course ▪ Cancelled
- 7:30 a.m. ▪ Division Meeting ▪ TBD

May 17, 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

March

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

Brain Teasers & Fun Stuff

Definition from the Vessel Safety Check Manual

Monohull Boat

A boat on which a line at the intersection of the water surface and the boat, at any operating draft, forms a single closed curve (catamarans, trimarans and pontoon boats are not monohull boats).

Readily Accessible

A safety item that can be obtained quickly and used easily.

Immediately Available

Close at hand, so as to be instantly ready (without delay) for easy use.



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 did a theatrical performance about puns.....It was a play on words."

Author: Unknown



Memories & Events

New Members & Flotilla 14-8 February Regular Meeting



Becky Habermas, FSO-HR with two prospective members: Daryll Kozee and Roger Davis
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



Roger Davis
New 14-8 Member
Photo by Becky Habermas



Daryll Kozee
New 14-8 Member
Photo by Becky Habermas



Eric and Marion Linda
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian

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Division Change of Watch, Saturday, 11 January, 2014 at the Ocean Breeze, Naval Station Mayport



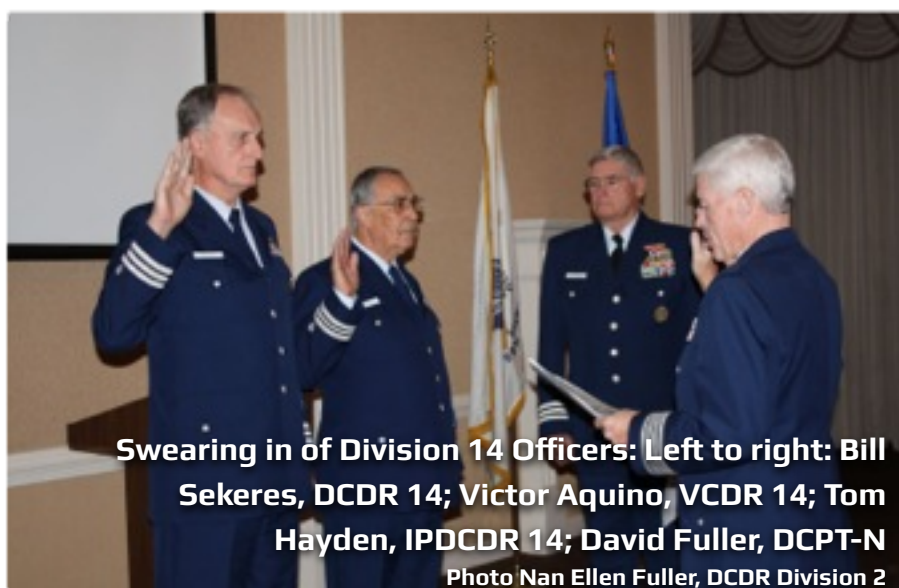
David Fuller
DCPT-North, District 7
Photo Nan Ellen Fuller, DCDR
Division 2



**Brendan Burke, with the St.
Augustine Marine
Archeologist Society -
Keynote Speaker**
Photo Nan Ellen Fuller, DCDR
Division 2



CAPT Thomas Allan, USCG
**Commander, Sector
Jacksonville**
Photo Nan Ellen Fuller, DCDR
Division 2



**Swearing in of Division 14 Officers: Left to right: Bill
Sekeres, DCDR 14; Victor Aquino, VCDR 14; Tom
Hayden, IPDCDR 14; David Fuller, DCPT-N**
Photo Nan Ellen Fuller, DCDR Division 2

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Flotilla 14-8 Night Out: February (continued)



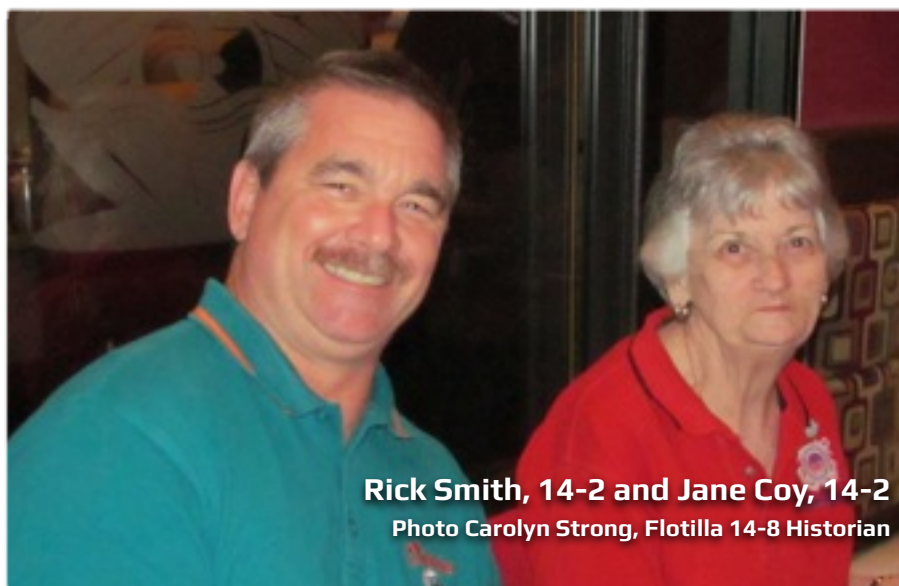
**Janet Henricks (mother of Mark Henricks);
Phil Tallon, 14-2; Mark Henricks, FC 14-2**
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



Bob Strong, 14-8
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8
Historian



Darwin Coy, 14-2
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8
Historian



Rick Smith, 14-2 and Jane Coy, 14-2
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian

Memories & Events

Flotilla 14-8 Night Out: February (continued)



Jesse Stevens, 14-2 and Paul Thomas, 14-8
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



Chuck Hayes, 14-2
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



Beverly and John Hadley, 14-8
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



Marion Linda and Becky Habermas both 14-8
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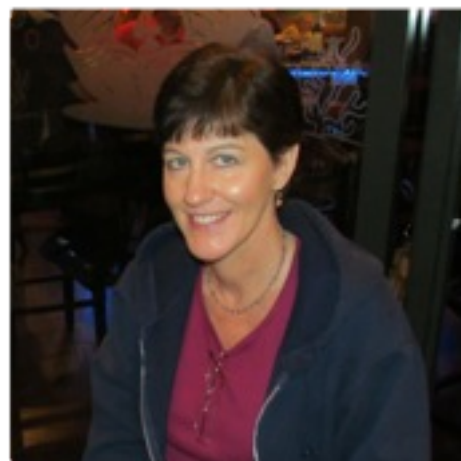
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**Roger and Carolee
Davis - prospective
member of 14-8**
Photo Carolyn Strong,
Flotilla 14-8 Historian



**Bill Sekeres, DCDR
14 (14-2) and wife
Jan Sekeres**
Photo Carolyn Strong,
Flotilla 14-8 Historian



**Jesse Stevens'
daughter LeeAnn**
Photo Carolyn Strong,
Flotilla 14-8 Historian



**Luis Burgos, 14-2; Maury Kopman (Paul's
guest); Paul Burns, FC 14-8**
Photo Carolyn Strong, Flotilla 14-8 Historian



**Sandra and Daryll Kozee - prospective
member of 14-8**
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