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FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



FLOTILLA MEETING AND LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 7PM

Shipmates,

Attendance at our upcoming flotilla meeting is very important. We are holding our yearly election for Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander. As I am well aware that November 8th is also the night we will be anticipating the results of our Nation's Presidential Election. I promise to make the meeting brief, so return home for what will prove to be an interesting if not historic political event.

Whatley Law, FC 14-8 2016

IMMEDIATE PAST FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT



As chairman of this year's election committee, I am pleased to certify our candidates for elected office for 2017.

Flotilla Commander - Paul Tynda

Is a BQ Member since 2008, Mandated Training Certified, and IT Certified

Flotilla Vice Commander - David Howells

Is a BQ Member since 2014, Mandated Training Certified, Boat Crew Certified, and VE Certified

Nominations from the floor can be taken up to the time of the election, however, candidates must be a member for at least one year, BQ status or higher, MANTR Certified, and certified in either IT, PE, VE, or Operations

Paul Burns, IPFC 14-8 2016

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER'S REPORTS

MARINE SAFETY - PAUL TYNDA



There are a few things coming up in the next few months for Marine Safety. On September 17th is International Coastal Cleanup Day, a day where volunteers gather and work to clean the coastlines and inland waters around the world. This event was hosted and supported by the Ocean Conservancy (who developed the Good Mate Manual we use for the Good Mate Course). Currently there were four events scheduled in our area. One in Fernandina Beach, one in Jacksonville Beach, one in Ponte Vedra, and one in Vilano Beach.

Starting in January 2017 there will be an opportunity to get qualified as an Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Responder. Libby Rattrie, SO-MS will be holding a pollution responder class to start getting people qualified in our area. The PQS requires ICS-300 as a prerequisite, which is a three day class. All members interested in pursuing this PQS should contact Libby Rattrie at pb-rattrie@att.net

-The PQS can be viewed here: http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/P-DEPT/AuxAsstPollutionResponder.pdf

-The Site to register for ICS-300 (shown as G-300) is the following link:

<http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>

Find a local class and register for the date on the calendar. You will need the name of your Flotilla Commander (when asked who is requiring you to take the course) and that it is for the pollution responder course for the USCG.

As a reminder, we are still in hurricane season and have three active storms being monitored. These storms can cause a lot of damage and flooding. Being prepared and having a plan can go a long way to helping you ride out or evacuate incoming storms. Check your supplies and evacuation routes and make sure they are still good. If you don't have a plan or know what to get, visit this website: <http://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide.aspx>

Paul Tynda FSO-MS 2016

FINANCE – BOB STRONG



Flotilla dues for 2017 remain the same as for 2016, at \$40.00. Please bring your check to the flotilla meeting or mail to my home address: 923 Parkridge Circle East, Jacksonville, FL. 32211. Check payable to: "USCG Auxiliary 14-8" for \$40.00. The flotilla is required to maintain a commercial account that charges a \$20.00 fee for a check that is returned for insufficient funds, please make sure that doesn't happen or your dues could cost you \$60.00 for 2017.

Bob Strong, FSO-FN 2016

VESSEL EXAMINATION –DAN HESS



Held VE "blitz" on 29OCT at three (3) local launch sites (John T. Lowe boat ramp, Mandarin Park boat ramp, and Doctors Lake boat ramp on Fleming Island) with six (6) VEs (W. Law, D. Hess, R. Little, P. Thomas, R. Little, and Z. Kelly) participating.

* Above blitzes were coordinated with FSO-PA and FSO-PB.

* Number of VSCs completed this month by Flotilla = 20 (with 5 passing/Decals issued).

* Currently in the process of scheduling the Flotilla's next VE day/blitz.

The month of August

Flotilla 14-08 did 9 VSCs with 3 decals being issued in August. The VEs who participated were myself and Zachary Kelly. I believe 6 were performed in Clay County and the other 3 were performed in St. John's County

When Zachary Kelly's 4 VSCs are recorded into Auxdata by Marion, we will have done 104 safety checks for the year.

Dan Hess, FSO-VE 2016

HUMAN RESOURCES – PAUL BURNS



I have submitted 2 completed applications for two new members. Roland Laliberte and Eric Bellamy are awaiting their member numbers when the applications have cleared the Coast Guard Office in Miami.

Roland Laliberte is a retired physics teacher from Boston Public Schools. He has owned several boats in the past and has recently purchased a 39' trawler. Roland is interested in Public Education, Marine Safety and Vessel Examination.

Eric Bellamy works on the Victory Cruise and gaming boat sailing daily from Mayport. Eric desires to gain knowledge of weather and communications offered by the Auxiliary and he is interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner.



Roland Laliberte



Eric Bellamy



Kelli Lovejoy

Kelli Lovejoy is a Registered Nurse at Wolfson Children's Hospital. With 30 years of boating experience, Kelli is interested in our Public Education program and Public Affairs

Paul Burns, FSO-HR 2016

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - DAVID HOWELS



US Coast Guard Support:

October was an eventful month with the approach of 2 hurricanes and the impact of one. Hurricane Matthew seemed poised to hammer us with Category 4 strength, but followed the Gulf Stream, actively pulling it further out to sea and only providing Category 3 power. Gulf Stream saves the First Coast yet again. The flotilla was activated to notify all marinas in their AOR to insure they have initiated their hurricane activation plan.

David Howells participated in a patrol off Amelia Island on 10SEP, also on 28SEP he was part of a support mission for the Resolute Guardian military exercise off King's Bay Naval Base.

14-8 completed 1 PV visit, also flotilla 14-8 participated in the 2016 NAS JAX Riverfest.

We were well represented with Dan Hess, Zack Kelly, David Howells and Jolene Richardson. Two VSC's were also done during the Riverfest.



David Howells, FSO-PA 2016

PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG



We have concluded our 2016 Class Schedule

Consider becoming an Instructor, there are more opportunities than public classes, your qualification also applies to instructing courses and seminars to Auxiliarists.

If are thinking of becoming and IT certified instructor, you will need to take the Instructor's Course online and teach one 30 minute class and teach an additional one to two hour chapter.

Bob Strong, FSO-PE 2016

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MARION LINDA



NOW is the time of the year to look at the requirements necessary to keep your certifications. There are already too many members REYR so don't wait too long. I feel it is a waste of time and energy when a member works hard to receive a certification then loses it due to not performing required tasks. For example, a VE has to examine 5 vessels a year to keep his qualification as a VE. Similar situation for an instructor, boat crew, coxswain, etc. Each qualification/certification has a yearly minimum to maintain the qualification. IF you are unsure about what is required, just ask me. If I don't know, I know who does!

And, to fulfill the requirements is still not enough. You need to fill out a report, send it to me and I will enter it into AUXDATA. I know there are members out there that have not turned in their hours for most of the year. I see them at meeting so I know they should have reports - even if they are only the hours attending the meeting reported on a 7029 - they are important enough to turn in.

But don't wait too long. Any report I receive after December 15, 2016, may not get entered into AUXDATA by the end of the year. December 15 will be the deadline for getting reports to me. Previously, at the end of the year, everyone does "catch up" and I receive 12 months of reports at one time. I need time to get these reports into AUXDATA (along with everything else that occurs during the "holiday" season).

So this is a reminder, please don't wait! Gather your information now, fill out a form, and click on "SUBMIT".

There are members who have had problems sending electronic reports and additional problems with my receiving the reports. And it most likely has to do with the Browser you are using to access and send the forms.

Marion Linda, FSO-IS 2016

Flotilla Monthly Social Dinner



November 15th we are promised a gourmet dinner at a more than reasonable price, at:

J William Culinary 4260 Herschel Street. Jacksonville, FL 32210 in Riverside.

Although specializing in prepackaged gourmet meals for the fitness industry, J William Culinary caters group dinners in one of their many private dining rooms.

Our flotilla member Kevin Kalil, is employed there, promises a private catered dinner for around \$20 per person.

This past summer, members of Flotilla 14-8 enjoyed an impressive buffet meal. There was a pretty poor turnout that night, so we decided at our last social dinner to give J William Culinary another go. You won't be disappointed.

MEMBER TRAINING – CRIS VONDERHEIDE



Auxiliary Mandated Training Facts

Requirements for Auxiliarists to complete Mandated Training have led to some creative solutions to encourage members to complete this training in a timely manner. Clearly there are a number of implications for failure to complete by year's end, but there has been some confusion about methods and remedies. There are facts and there is fiction; here are some facts:

- Completion of Mandatory Training is now a prerequisite for
 - Initial or recertification in any competency.
 - Holding elected office after 31 DEC 2016.
 - Appointment to any local or National office.
 - Nomination for any elected local or National office.
 - Receiving travel orders, reimbursable or non-reimbursable orders
 - Attending any "C" school
 - Receiving a new or replacement Auxiliary ID Card, (other than Provisional members)
 - Acceptance of an Offer for Use for a surface, aircraft, or radio facility

HOWEVER:

- Completion of Mandatory Training is not a prerequisite for initial or continuing membership in the Auxiliary.
- Members who have not completed Mandatory Training may not be penalized with increased dues and members who have completed Mandatory Training may not be given a dues discount.
- Members may not receive discounts on their dues for logging hours in AUXDATA, nor may an Auxiliary Unit pay any portion of a member's dues for any reason.
- Auxiliary units may not impose any sanctions or penalties upon members who have not completed Mandatory Training.
- Failure to complete Mandatory Training is not a ground for disenrollment from the Auxiliary.

REMEDIES:

- Failure to complete Mandatory Training is analogous to the member going into "REYR" status.
- The member who has not completed Mandatory Training can come out of "REYR" status by completing the training. It's just like any other requirement that places a member in REYR status when training has not been completed.

In summary, Auxiliary Mandated Training prepares Auxiliarists to effectively serve as members of a volunteer organization that is in frequent contact with the American public and which augments and supports the US Coast Guard. This training provides a basic understanding of crucial human relations, policies, personal safety, and organizational security topics, and the National Incident Management System. Most importantly completion of the Mandatory Training places the Auxiliarist on the same footing as other members of the Coast Guard team and allows for seamless integration and augmentation.

Cris Vonderheide, FSO-MT 2016



MEETING ACTIVITIES

Right
Dan Hess conducts a 1 hour TCT
Refresher at the October Meeting

Below
David Howells receives his
Auxiliary Procedures Course
Certificate. David is running for
VFC in November



Right
Zachary Kelly, our flotilla's latest BQ member, receives his
membership card



Right.
Kevin Kalil presented a
lecture on civilian radio
frequencies and how
ham radio operators can
facilitate
communications during
an emergency where
communications
infrastructures may be
damaged or out of
commission for an
extended period.

HURRICANE MATTHEW OCTOBER 7, 2016



Right:

Flotilla 14-8 facility, *Tom Cat* suffered devastating damage during Hurricane Matthew. The 32' Worldcat cruiser was torn from its lift on the St Johns River in San Marco and slammed it into the bulkhead, tearing off the boat's flybridge and submerging the vessel. A total loss.

Below: Tom Cat before the storm



FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Flotilla 14-8 members COMO Bill Edgerton, National Commodore 2003-2004 and Brenda Edgerton, past Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 14-8, enjoying the festivities at the 2016 Coast Guard Auxiliary National Convention.



Below

Whatley Law, Flotilla Commander, was invited to prepare the 4th of July meal aboard the 87' Coast Guard Cutter *Ridley*



Thanksgiving at Station Mayport 2016

Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Sector Galley for our ACTIVE DUTY Shipmates

1130 Thursday, November 24, 2016

Please organize your flotilla to donate dishes, then let David Patrick know and arrangements will be made to get them to the Sector Galley.

Dishes could include:

Cranberry Sauce
Green bean casserole
Sweet potato pie
Broccoli casserole
Pumpkin bread loaf
Stuffing, need a couple of trays
Carrots, green beans, peas etc. already cooked - just needing to be re-heated.

Desserts can be:

Key lime pie
Brownies
Pumpkin pies (2/3)
Apple pie
Eclairs
Other desserts

PLEASE NOTE WHEN OFFERING TO PROVIDE A DISH:

- Please state the number of persons each dish will serve.
- Division will be purchasing turkeys and ham.
- AUXFS members will man the galley along with active duty.
- Anyone else delivering dishes should arrive no sooner than 1115.
- David Patrick is the point of contact at (904) 687-4197 or davidpatrick81@gmail.com





Mandarin News

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

New Law for At-Risk Boats

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8

Some areas in Julington Creek and the Mandarin part of the St. Johns River have vessels that may be derelict or nearly so. If I've seen them at their moorings or slips, so has enforcement. Managing such vessels relates to the maintenance of waterways by providing for safe navigation. Such actions also induce owners to keep a safe vessel. A 2016 law, Florida Statute 327.4107, allows any law enforcement officer to issue non-criminal citations to owners whose boats are "at risk" of becoming derelict. See <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2016/327.4107>. The law relates to boats that are in the water or aground and the first offense includes a \$50 fine.

The Florida Wildlife Commission indicates that officers can now take action before a vessel crosses that line between at-risk and derelict, and also prompts owners to fix issues. Under the new law, a vessel is deemed to be "at-risk" if:

- It is taking on, or has taken on, water without an effective means to dewater.
- Designed enclosures cannot be sealed off or are open to the elements for extended periods of time.
- It has broken loose, or is in danger of breaking loose, from its anchor.
- It is left or stored aground, unattended, in such a state that would prevent the vessel from getting underway, is listing due to water intrusion, or is sunk or partially sunk.



A vessel with one or more of these criteria will be cited, requiring the owner to correct the problem or

face stronger penalties after 30 days. If still not fixed, non-compliant vessel owners can face additional fines of \$100, then \$250 until they are resolved.



Related to this issue, when selling their vessel owners are required to notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the sale. Failure to do so is a violation and may cause the prior owner of record legal troubles should the vessel become derelict at a later date.

Sign up for our Boating Safely class on November 12th at the Florida Gun & Tackle Club on Goodby's Creek at San Jose Blvd. Contact us through our website, <http://www.SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> or call Bob at 904-721-1346 for class i

Don't Forget our Flotilla Meeting Tuesday, November 8th, Fellowship - 7:00pm Flotilla FC and VFC Elections

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NOV 8	Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
NOV 8	Flotilla Officer Elections – 1930 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
NOV 15	Monthly Social Dinner - 1830 - J William Culinary, 4260 Herschel Street
NOV 27	<i>Eight Bells</i> Newsletter Deadline for Staff Reports, Pictures, and Articles
DEC 13	Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club

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<http://www.safeboatingjax.com/>**



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