



The NOR'EASTER

Division-14



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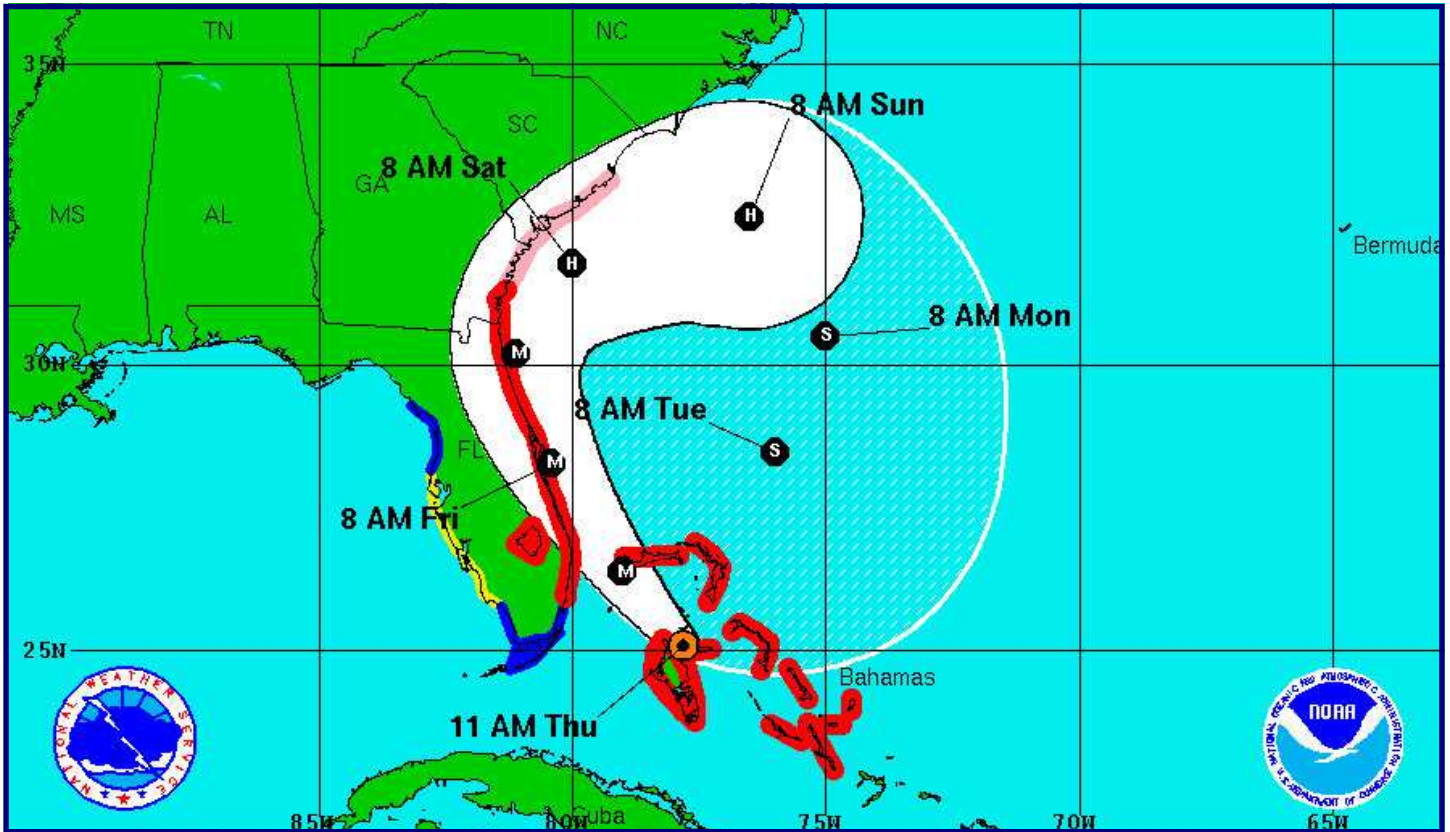
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Division Board of Directors Meeting: 0900 to 1015
General Meeting: 1030 to 1200

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Hurricane Matthew



This edition of the NOR'EASTER was prepared before Hurricane Matthew paid a most unwanted visit to Florida and the First Coast, our first major disaster in over 12 years. We truly hope that our members and their families suffered no major losses. If you have personal stories and/or photos, please share them with our editor Bill Bell at wrbell00@gmail.com.

Front Cover:

Division 14 Color Guard presented the Colors at the Opening Ceremonies and the District Board Business Meeting on Friday, September 23. Color Guard participants were (l to r): Luke Harp (MST3), Bill Sekeres (Div 14 Color Guard), Jonathan Saba (SN), Tony Skinner (D14 Color Guard), Nate Mills (MST2). Bravo Zulu to all, you represented our Division with honor.

Photo by David Patrick

Division Staff

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Division Commander

Vic Aquino



At the time you read this, my hope is that we have dodged the bullet with Hurricane Matthew as we pretty much did with Hurricane Hermine. With that said, we still have about two months left of the hurricane season and we as Auxiliarists still need to be vigilant in not only keeping our families, homes and property protected, but also be prepared to assist the active duty Coast Guard should our help be required. In our flotillas, we have a responsibility to ensure our members are safe. We can do that by contacting members in advance through the Everbridge Calling System and by call down trees maintained by each flotilla. Most flotillas were also in contact with our more “senior” members to check on their well being after the storm(s) passed. The other item as it relates to call outs “Post Storm” is that flotilla leadership, be it the FC, FSO-OP, MS or PV need to keep a list, and update as necessary, what facilities and Auxiliarists – Coxswains, boatcrew and others are available to be deployed and for how long **should it be required**. I will address this with the FC’s at the upcoming quarterly meeting.

As you read this edition of the NOR’EASTER, please take time to read not only your flotilla’s report, but also those of other flotillas as well as the division reports from the staff officers. Not only can you become acquainted with what other flotillas are engaged in, but it can serve as an excellent guide as what you can do in your flotilla to make it a more viable and coherent unit. Some flotillas are thinking beyond the box.

Recently, I attended webinars on the Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program and new PE Paddlecraft in class course. D7 is still in the process of determining how to deploy Auxiliary Paddlecraft Operators. One District has been engaged in a pilot program where a few Auxiliarist have been trained as Paddlecraft operators and are currently conducting Paddlecraft patrols to assist and provide safety guidance for those who Paddlecraft. As more information becomes available we will keep you informed.

DTRAIN 2016 was held in late September. I, as DCDR, attended as did VCDR David Patrick. A few members from 14-2, 14-4 and 14-7 were also present. In addition to attending a few workshops/classes there were several awards presented for members of the division. I accepted them on behalf of those members and they are in the process of being distributed to the flotillas and/or presented by me. My congratulations go to those for their efforts and achievements. At the general business meeting, Judith Hudson was elected as the new District Commodore succeeding Bob Weskerna, Gary Barth was elected as Chief of Staff and Pat McMenemy (Division 2, Flotilla 1) succeeded Carl Motes as DCAPT-N.

On Oct 15, the Division 14 Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Ft Caroline Community Center. My term as DCDR expires this year and we will have elections for DCDR and VCDR. Candidate for DCDR is David Patrick 14-7 and Jon Hunt 14-4 for VCDR.

As this will be my last report as DCDR, I want to thank all members and staff for their continued support. It has been a rewarding experience. At times, the position was challenging and I hope I have served you well. I will continue to serve in flotilla 14-7 as FSO-PE and will assist the new division bridge in my capacity as IPDCDR.

Semper Paratus,

Vic Aquino, DCDR

**Vice Division
Commander
David Patrick**



I hope you and your family stayed safe during the recent Hurricane Matthew. As we return to our duties as Auxiliarists, I urge you to take precautions especially if you are to be on the water. We must practice what we preach — Boating Safety!

Since this is our last Nor'easter of 2016, I should like to recognize and thank Vic Aquino for his service as Commander for Division 14. Vic has shown great leadership and organizational skills. He is passionate and serious about his support for the Auxiliary – I know this because we have worked closely together over these past two years and I thank him for including me in many of the decisions that have been made.

When I joined the USCGA more than 8 years ago, I thought – WOW - what a host of exciting things to do. That I could do it all, boating, flying, instructing, vessel inspections, editing newsletters, visiting marine dealers, even interpreting! By the way, for those who know me, that means translating American to English or vice versa! It didn't take me long to realize that was an unreasonable goal as I learned more about our organization and the multiple opportunities that it offers. Many of my past forays into volunteering saw me in organizations struggling for members and participation, always fundraising and having difficulties in getting the word out about the wonderful things we were doing for the community. Some of those were national organizations but none has been as rewarding as being a member of the USCGA. Along with all the AUX activities in which I participated, the most rewarding part has been the **fun** and **fellowship** I have experienced, from the flotilla level to division activities, to serving at the National level and attending DTRAIN. Add to that the opportunities to give back to my adopted country, to meet and work with CG men and women who are the finest people anyone could wish to meet and, if I may quote ENS Marion our Sector Auxiliary Liaison, "what this (Auxiliarists volunteering your time) means to the active duty member is a reduction in duty days/watches creating more time to focus on work, training, and professional development."

So where am I going with this, I hope you are asking? Well firstly, it's to encourage those of you who are contributing to your flotilla and division activities to continue and say thanks for all you do. Secondly, if you are assisting our active duty partners by radio watch standing, by assisting with food services, if you are on gate guard duty, if you are responding to pollution control situations, if you are a member of our Division Honor Guard, I want to say a huge THANK YOU. Know that you are truly appreciated by Sector and Station personnel. And last but by no means least, if you are having fun along the way you are doing something right and need to share that enjoyment with others. Talk about what you do, encourage others to do likewise and show recognition by thanking them and holding them up as examples of what we can do as a team. After all, I am sure you have heard the term FORCE MULTIPLIER many times over.

In closing, I wish I could find, and give recognition to, the person who, recently at DTRAIN, coined the phrase "the AUX ROCKS". You may have heard that term before but, for me, it was the first time but so extremely appropriate for the feelings I have for the USCGA, the finest volunteer organization in our country!

Semper Paratus

David Patrick VCDR

Flotilla Commander Reports

14-1 Amelia Island Harry Tipper, FC

During the Third Quarter of 2016, Flotilla 14-01 continued a series of VE events begun in the Second Quarter in both Nassau and Camden counties as well as participation in the local fishing tournaments in St. Mary's and Fernandina Beach. It conducted OPS patrols and MT focused on boat crew certification and re-certification, not to mention trying to increase the flotilla's members' completion of Mandated Training. Sadly, I anticipate that we will see out 2016 with a significant percentage on the membership in a position of non-compliance on this regard. All of the Flotilla's activities will be detailed in the individual FSOs' reports to their respective SOs.

We have submitted applications for Life Jacket Loaner stations to the Nassau County Commissions and the City of St Mary's for their respective approvals, which we optimistically believe will happen this year. The Nassau County Commissioners unanimously approved the establishment of a Life Jacket Loaner station at Dee Dee Bartels Boat Ramp. The only task that remains is to get the Building Inspector to approve the plans. And, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources has approved one at the bait shop in Crooked River State Park in Camden County. Again, we just need to finalize the plans. Then, Station Mayport and we start building.

Labor Day saw the kick-off of the Flotilla's Fall activities. PE and VE activities will continue unabated. There will be two events of particular note coming up in September and October:

- ◆ The Flotilla just concluded lending operational and PA support to the King Bay's MFPU unit's semiannual Resolute Guardian exercise, held on September 28th. This event involved the bulk of the flotilla's boat crew, coxswain, and OFACs as well as PA, PV, and VE staff being tasked with alerting the general boating public to the exercise's impact on Cumberland Sound, the ICW, and the St Mary's channel.
- ◆ The annual St Mary's Rock Shrimp Parade and Festival was held on October 1st where the 14-1 Detachment (St Mary's, GA) participated in the parade and manned a PA booth and static display for the Festival. This endeavor also had participation by the MFPU and MSST units.

Looking ahead there are three events coming up:

- ◆ October 22 -- Lighthouse Work Day and Cook-Out with Station Mayport AD members participating.
- ◆ November 3 -- Flotilla Elections.
- ◆ December 2 -- Change of Watch & Holiday Party.

Flotilla Commander Reports

14-2 Arlington Bill Sekeres, FC

In the last Nor'easter report, I indicated that 14-2 has set as a goal that of increasing our presence on the waterways in our Area of Responsibility (AOR). That presence was intended to benefit, of course, the Coast Guard and the general public as well as getting our membership out of "the meeting room".

I've copied a section of my last report here: The purpose of this Patrol was to familiarize ourselves with Flotilla 14-2 AOR and its boundaries. The Patrol was the opportunity Flotilla 14-2 was looking for to conduct an inspection of the bridges within the AOR, as well as the aids to navigation (private and federal), ranges, lights on bridges, lights on piers, wharves, floating anchored moorings that constitute as the aids to navigation within Flotilla 14-2 AOR.

- ◆ During our Patrol six bridges and 12 PATONS were inspected.
- ◆ Discrepancies were reported on the specified forms and sent to the SO-NS
- ◆ Reports were also sent to the USCG Jax Beach ATON Station.

Adding to that report I'm pleased to write that our ATON emphasis continues to grow in Operations and ATON Verifications. I've included excerpts of the After Action Report submitted by our FSO-NS, Luis Burgois: The 2nd Patrol was completed 24 SEP. (With 14-08 not having active Operations) the patrol covered the Goodby's Marina Private Aids (PATONS), adjacent waters, and the Ortega River ATONS during which 40% of the lights, buoys and bridges were verified.

Recreational Boating Safety: We have arranged with Arlington Marina to conduct a "marina day outing" which will include activities in PE, VSC, PA, PV for the 150 +/- boat owners.

Operations: We currently have one facility with two being added this year. These additions will greatly enhance our ability to cover our surface operations responsibilities.

Flotilla Commander Reports—continued

14-4 Jacksonville Beach Gary Gray, FC

The Jacksonville Beach Flotilla 14-4 continues to serve the boating public in many important ways. The response of our members and the hard work and devotion of our Flotilla Staff Officers is evident in the success we have achieved this year. At the Change of Watch, I challenged our members to be: “Prepared, Proficient, and Professional.” They have fulfilled this challenge in every facet of service.

In operations we have provided boats and crews to support 22 Safety Zones and Permitted Marine Events, assisting public vessels five times. We have completed 14 Safety patrols with 2 assists and even had 2 assists during some of the 4 Qualifying Examinations that were conducted. All but one of our crews and coxswains have re-qualified this year and we have added a coxswain and two new crew members. Yet another QE session is scheduled for later this year.

Our Program Visitors are extremely motivated and dedicated. They have achieved a real partnership with local business who will call upon them to restock the literature if it runs out before a visit is made. Some 3939 visits have been made to date with such visits taking about 12-15 minutes.

The Vessel Examiners are out weekly and are very contentious about notifying their Flotilla Commander by text or email. They have completed 178 exams.

Our new FSO-MS Officer and his team have completed many activities totaling about 260 hours of service. This cooperation between staff officers and members was very evident in the strong support showed for National Safe Boating Week.

Our dedicated instructors have conducted 2 ABS classes in private homes in addition to 5 public education classes and have served 104 students. Our new FSO-PA is making a very significant impact in personally contacting potential students to insure their attendance. This will be our last class at the Captain’s club as the club has been sold and we are going to have a new meeting place in 2017 and will meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

While flotilla and individual statistics are readily available in AUXDATA, It is hard to describe a successful year without noting some of these highlights. Our members and officers are always prepared and well trained for the tasks in which they are engaged. I am also pleased to note that whether they are engaged in a vessel safety check, public education or advising a boater of a safety zone on the water, they always act in a professional manner, in proper uniform and in ways that reflect positively on the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Flotilla Commander Reports—continued

14-5 Green Cove Steve Crowder, FC

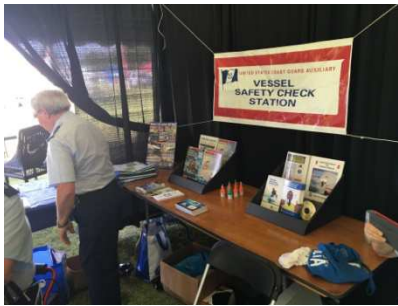
1. Flotilla 14-5 presented a Safe Boating Class in Flagler County for Sea Ray staff in support of their new boat usage program for their employees. We had 9 participants in our last Clay County Safe Boating Class of which none were from Clay County but rather from four surrounding Counties.
2. We had our August Social at Julington Creek Fish Camp. Our Socials continue to improve in frequency, interest and attendance.
3. 14-5 is running low or completely out of routine handout materials. We believe this to be a supply system issue but we need to “track to ground” and fix whatever the issue is.
4. We did however, receive a Paddle Craft package that consisted of cell phone bags, whistles, and orange paddle craft stickers, so we will be increasing paddle craft safety checks in the near future by expanding beyond Putnam County’s current activity.
5. Currently it doesn’t look as though we have anyone interested in running for FC for our next elections. We have a solid relationship with Clay County Sheriff’s Office for PE and PA and I would hate to see that dissolve should we not have any leadership. I plan to attend the Police Academy in December and that is five days a week for 8-10 hours a day, which concerns me about being able to run for FC again. I am not sure if that is a wise move for the Flotilla as everyone who is active is already wearing multiple hats as it is and I do not want to continue to fail them due to my lack of time to truly contribute in the way that a Flotilla Commander should be able to. We are however, continuing to discuss this issue and I will keep you posted.
6. We had another VSC Blitz on the Labor Day weekend at Whitey’s Fish Camp and are researching the possibility of conducting one at Julington Creek Marina in the near future.

Flotilla Commander Reports—continued

14-7 Saint Augustine Libby Rattrie, FC

Over the past 3 months, life has been busy for the members of 14-7, supporting our Auxiliary Missions. Two ABS classes were held for the boating public. Mandatory Training classes continue to be held for members that needed those courses to meet the end of year requirement. AUXWEATHER course has started for members working on their AUXOP qualification.

Our VEs paired up with PA at both the Vilano Boat Ramp & the Lighthouse Boat Ramp, and during a fishing tournament at Vilano. Our PA team had an information booth at the St. Augustine Outdoorsman Adventure RV & Boat Show in September. VSCs were done in conjunction with this event at the City Marina.



A Safety Zone Patrol for the Menendez Landing re-enactment covered the Waterways Management Mission. A night ATON patrol was also completed.

Sector Pollution Response called out our Pollution Responders for a diesel discharge at Cat's Paw Marina. Unfortunately no source or responsible party was found.



Photos by Libby Rattrie

Flotilla Commander Reports—continued

14-7 Saint Augustine Libby Rattrie, FC (Cont'd)

The Sea Partner Mission has been busy with the Sea Turtle nesting season. The season is winding down now, just the final nests to hatch.



Photos by Libby Rattrie

The Flotilla proudly participated, along with the Coast Guard, in the “Feds Feeding Families” program. We donated 237 pounds of food!

We have had great & interesting Guest Speakers for every Flotilla meeting, including FWC & Shakera Bailey of Feeding NE Florida. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our monthly September meeting due to Hermine, but the Matanzas Riverkeeper has been rescheduled to speak in the New Year. Our monthly Fellowship gatherings at Red Frog & McToad, Hurricane Patty’s & South Beach Grill have been well attended. Good food & great Happy Hours!

Finally our dues collection, although painful at times, has gone very smoothly. It looks like only a handful of members will be leaving.

Flotilla Commander Reports—continued

14-8 Jacksonville Whatley Law, FC

14-8 closes in on the last quarter of 2016 with great momentum towards 2017 with promising FC and VFC candidates with good credentials for leadership. The Flotilla has a strong base of past Flotilla commanders and Staff Officers to set the pace for a stronger 2017.

The Flotilla has participated in vessel examination blitzes at multiple boat ramps and marinas, provided for and participated in a flare demonstration at Epping Forest Yacht Club, a VE and PA event for NAS Jax MWR. The Flotilla has participated in operational support for Station and the Recruiting office.

Boating safety Classes have continued to produce educated boaters both young and old for 2016 with great growth year after year lead by Bob Strong, Paul Burns, Dan Hess and Chris Vonderheide.

Recruiting efforts resulting in a completed application and member number has been disappointing so far this year, adding only two new members to our roster this year. However, there are currently 10 candidates in the recruiting pool at this date. Three of those have begun the application process and have been fingerprinted. We are encouraged by the shortened lag time from application to BQ with one member achieving BQ status and his member card in 9 months' time from the date of his member number. Early completion of Mandated Training is encouraged of all new members upon receiving their member number.

Vessel Examinations, 14 VSCs this month including 5 by Z. Kelly, under FSO-VE supervision to become a certified VE (3 decals issued) at Lakeshore Drive boat ramp on Doctors Lake at Fleming Island, another passing VSC by R. Strong at Boating Safely student's home in NW Jacksonville, and the other 8 passing VSCs by P. Thomas in Georgia on Lake Chatuge (2) and Lake Blue Ridge (6 including a 14 ft. canoe) with full knowledge and support of Flotilla 2-23 there. All VSCs were coordinated with FSO-VE, FSO-PA, and FSO-PB. Dan Hess, David Howells are both working in operational support as coxswain and boat crew and are focused on 2017 opportunities in direct operational support.

2016 has been a stronger and rising year for 14-8 and I look forward to participating and supporting the new leadership and Flotilla in 2017.

Staff Officer Reports

Communications Joe Colee

- ♦ Communications watch standing at Station Mayport still going well with four active Auxiliary Watchstanders. Bravo Zulu to Scott DeBrauwere, John Hadley and Dave Hensel for continuing to lead the way in hours on watch and to Scott DeBrauwere for coordinating and standing watches for over 6 years.
- ♦ Division 14 has 2 prospective new Radio Facilities, one in Jacksonville and a second in Fernandina, one or both to include HF as well as VHF.
- ♦ There will be another Division 14 VHF drill upcoming in October, the date and time will be announced later.
- ♦ St Augustine Radio One provided HF DSC monitoring during tropical storm Hermine and Hurricane Matthew as requested by ComCom (Communications Command).
Auxiliary radio facilities as well as some of our Auxiliary members that are ham radio operators provided VHF backup for Sector Jacksonville in the Fernandina, Jacksonville, and St Augustine areas during Hurricane Matthew, Bravo Zulu to all who participated. Many were on emergency power.
(My facility was running simultaneous operations on HF for Comcom and VHF for Sector Jacksonville).

Human Resources Rick Saunders

Provisional Membership Status

District 7 has begun the program for the issuing of Provisional Membership. This will provide for issuing of an ID card to new members as well as allowing them to purchase and wear the Auxiliary uniforms.

Beginning in early September 2016, DIRAUX began sending out to Flotilla Commanders a 7068 Form to provide for the Attestation for Provisional Membership in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. This form is sent out after a Preliminary Background Check has been completed by DIRAUX. This background check is not the same as the PSI Personnel Security Investigation but checks some of the same items.

While Merriam-Webster defines attest as “to show, prove, or state that something is true or real” I see the purpose of the form is to provide the FC with the method to recommend that a new member be granted Provisional Membership status.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Human Resources Rick Saunders (Cont'd)

Provisional Membership Status (Cont'd)

There are requirements that the new member needs to be complete before they can be recommended for Provisional Membership:

- ◆ Has served at least 90 days since base Enrolment Date.
- ◆ Has completed the New Member Course.
- ◆ Mentor has provided a positive endorsement based on the general assessment of adherence to the Coast Guards core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. If there is no mentor, then the FC needs to be comfortable in making this assessment.
- ◆ Has paid appropriate dues.
- ◆ Has submitted at least one ANSC-7029 Activity Log to the IS officer.
- ◆ While Auxiliary Mandated Training, including ICS 100 & 700, is not listed as required on this form, they are also a requirement for Provisional Membership.

In order for the Flotilla Commander to make a recommendation, the member must also have participated in an activity to demonstrate their interest/commitment in becoming a member. While only one of these activities is required for Provisional Membership, the more active the member has been, the easier it is for the FC to recommend Provisional Membership approval.

Has participated at, or in support of, an Auxiliary event such as:

- ◆ A meeting
- ◆ A conference
- ◆ A training forum
- ◆ Outreach/service event (e.g. PA booth, boat show, VSC blitz, PE course)
- ◆ A fellowship event
- ◆ A committee tasked to support an Auxiliary event
- ◆ Successful completion of a boating safety course.
- ◆ Successfully completed all qualification tasks or the end of course exam in at least one Auxiliary competency training program.
- ◆ Has offered a surface, aviation, or radio facility for use.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Information Services Bob Cook

REYR REMINDER - We are now entering the last quarter of our member year, it is important you make sure you have completed all the minimum annual requirements for each of your certifications, they must also be inputted AuxData, before 31 DEC 2016.

AUXMT – Members need to be reminded that if they do not complete the mandated eight courses and ICS 100 & 700 any certifications they hold will go into REYR at the end of 2016. Make sure members are aware of this so they can get these completed before the end of the year.

AUX WEB SITE LINKS: myCGAux - The new system is now open to all members. URL: <http://my.cgaux.org/home>. This system is easy to log on to using your Member Zone Login (AuxDirectory/NTC) and Password. This system is set up to provide communication and information about the Auxiliary based on your Flotilla/Division/District, your offices, and qualifications. The goal is to have one login to access many systems. There is a video on this on the Information Directorate AUXIT News: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=IT-GROUP&category=auxit-news> Check it out to see the future of communication for the Auxiliary .

Auxiliary Forms Web Page Link; <http://forms.cgaux.org/>

7029 WEBFORM - Member Activity Log via Webform

7028 WEBFORM - Change of Member Information for Your AuxData Record

AUX LMS Course Web Site for taking the AUX MANDATED Courses On Line; <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/> and <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/Default.asp> TO LOGIN YOU MUST use the Email that is in YOUR AuxData, Record, than use that, for your USER NAME, select, I FORGOT MY PASSWORD to get a TEMP PASSWORD by following the instructions.

Training Directorate Web Site For All other Aux Training and Online Learning/Testing <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=t-dept>

Members can check all Missions and Hours inputted into AuxData by going to the **District 7 Auxinfo Site**; <http://www.uscga-district-7.org/auxinfo/Division14.htm> Auxinfo is downloaded from AuxData every MON. **NO PASSWORD NEEDED.**

REMINDER - All **FEMA ICS Courses Certificates** and all **Approved Boating Course Certificates** for Change of Membership to **BQ Status**, must be submitted to the FSO-IS for inputting to the Members Record. The FEMA Web Site does not interact with the AuxData Web Site and they will not be credited to your record until they are sent to your FSO-IS; <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=fema-emi>

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Marine Safety Libby Rattrie

There are several sub-missions to the Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Mission. During this quarter, the **Response** mission was undertaken by our Auxiliary Pollution Responders in 14-7, Libby & Neil Rattrie, who were called out by Sector Jacksonville's Pollution Response Department for a diesel spill near Cat's Paw Marina. Unfortunately it was a mystery spill with no responsible party or source identified. The CG helped the marina with the clean up.



A member of 14-1, Walt Lavender, became the newest Auxiliary Pollution Responder by completing his Pollution Responder PQS.

Marc Lang of 14-2 at various events with the "Wear It" trailer, provided important Boating Safety information to the public, covered the **Prevention** aspect.

Under **Waterways Management**, Division 14 participated in several Safety Zone Patrols, including the Menendez Landing re-enactment in St. Augustine by 14-7 & the Arlington/Pottsburg Rowing Regatta by 14-2. Several ATON night patrols were also completed.

Sea Partners has been busy with Sea Turtle nesting season, in particular by a 14-7 member, Libby Rattrie. Sea Turtle nests have been marked, observed & evaluated over the past several months.



Finally, the **Environmental Protection** mission was completed with participation in the Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Clean Up Day by Libby & Neil Rattrie of 14-7.

Photos by Libby Rattrie

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Materials Steve Craven

There is nothing significant to report on this month

Navigation Systems Neil Rattrie

Due to the passage of Hurricane Hermine, aids to navigation, structures or platforms may be damaged, destroyed or submerged. Lighted and unlighted buoys may move from assigned positions, be damaged, extinguished, sink or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely completely upon the position or operation of any aid to navigation in these areas, but should also employ such other methods of determining position as may be available. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may move from charted locations and pipelines may become uncovered or move due to the force of the storm surge. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and report all aids to navigation discrepancies to the nearest Coast Guard Unit. (Taken from LNTM 36/16)

U.S. Coast Pilot 4, Atlantic Coast: Cape Henry, VA to Key West, FL, 47th Edition, 2016, has been issued and is ready for free download and weekly updates at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>.

No reported activity or training in Flotillas 14-01, 14-04 and 14-05. Flotilla 14-02 conducted 2 patrols that partially covered both their own AOR and that of 14-08. Several discrepancies were reported. The balance of the AOR's will be completed by the end of November 2016. Flotilla 14-07 had a patrol in August.

Twenty six aids and nine bridges have been reported either to ANT Jacksonville or the Bridge Administration in Miami in the last three months. The majority of the aids reported were Federal and not Private. The total number of Private aids (41%) continue to be in poor condition or discrepant with a large number of lighted ones being extinguished. This increases the possibility of incidents and/or running aground.

Overall, the Division continues to have little or no activity since the annual Aids Verifier maintenance requirement and training have been rescinded.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Operations Bill Sekeres

Fernandina, 14-01

As we have done for years, flotilla facilities participated in the Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay full scale maritime exercise, *Resolute Guardian*, on 28 September. The exercise consisted of small boat maneuvers, blank gunfire and distress signal training.

The exercise was conducted in the Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinity of the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and continuing south to the Saint Mary's River entrance where flotilla assets performed safety patrols. In addition, flotilla crew members passed out informational flyers at local marinas to inform boaters of the exercise urging local mariners and members of the surrounding community to maintain a safe distance.

Arlington, 14-02

Details of the flotillas OTW activities are described in the Flotilla Commanders section of this publication.

Beaches, 14-04

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St Augustine, 14-07



Photo by David Patrick

Photo of the Chalupa 'San Augustin' participating in the re-enactment of the Landing of Pedro Menendez (seated at the bow) on Sept 10 at the Fountain of Youth. The chalupa was rowed up Hospital Creek from the Castillo San Marco and 14-7 was asked to provide a safety zone patrol during the re-enactment.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Operations Bill Sekeres (Cont'd)

14-7 has three crew who are due for re-certification this year and preliminary dates for the QE have been set for the weekend of October 15/16. Thanks to Steve Parsons and Dave Boyle who are providing their time and facilities for the QE and training sessions prior to those dates.

All PPE was inspected earlier this year and we are now due for the next six monthly inspection. All crew now have personal locator beacons (PLB) assigned to them and they are testing these on a monthly basis.

Division: In 2015 the Coast Guard issues instructions that in addition to Coxswains, all crew members must have a minimum of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while on a patrol and each flotilla, through its Rescue and Survival System (RSS) officer, must conduct periodic inventory accountings. Beginning last June the Coast Guard has provided funds to supply that PPE. With input from each flotilla RSS officer, the Coast Guard has ordered the equipment seen below; delivery of which has begun.

SAR Vests	-	Mirrors	-	Strobe Lights	-	Whistles	-	PLB*
59		26		39		26		31

* Personal Locator Beacon

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Public Affairs Jon Hunt

As always, the summer was full of activities for Division 14. Prior to the 4th of July, I was asked to attend a print and broadcast media briefing at the Freedom Fountain in Jacksonville to give a briefing on how to request a vessel exam and how to enroll in a safe boating class. The active duty had a representative there as well and he spoke about the proper use of PFDs. The Division continued to support Station Mayport with four radio watch standers from three different Flotillas standing regular watches.

Flotilla 14-7 has been involved in the Department of Homeland Security "Feds Feeding Families" program and has collected over 146 pounds of food. They also set up a "Paypal" option for attending ABS classes. The Division held four ABS classes this summer with 40 students in attendance.

We performed 399 program visits this summer, helping us get the word out on safe boating events and activities. We also held VE inspections on thirteen different dates throughout the summer at various locations in the Division. Operationally, 14-4 assisted at the Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament for 3 days, while the other Flotilla's ran numerous PME and MOM patrols.

A new FSO-PA was sworn in for Flotilla 14-4, Bill Vaughn. Bill is looking forward to his new challenge and is getting the hang of all that the job entails. We have been told that the ADSO-PA, Bill Giers, will be stepping down from his position at the end of the year. His replacement has not been named yet.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Public Education Harry Tipper

I want to begin by commending the Division 14 FSO-PEs for their efforts to promote boating safety in an environment in Florida that often seems to turn a deaf ear. The summer months typically are a slow time from a PE perspective for the flotillas in Division 14 as they generally concentrate their efforts on OPS and VE related activities; however, there are couple flotillas that have been holding ABS classes and reporting a steady increase of students for them. I attribute a significant portion of that increase to finding new venues at which to hold classes. All flotillas have begun to revive their teaching offerings now that we are past the Labor Day holiday. Few, however, are planning to hold any PE events after the Thanksgiving holiday until mid-First Quarter, 2017.

The one area that needs the most attention in DIV 14 is the paddlecraft arena. That area is seeing a tremendous growth among participants. However, the FSO-PE officers who are attempting to target this market are hampered by two significant barriers:

1. Most non-fishing, recreational kayakers in the Division's AOR are part-timers who generally rent not own the boats that they operate. And, the bulk of the outfitters appear to care little about the Auxiliary (or any other organization) conducting classes to promote boating safety. They only want to engage in those activities that generate revenue for the outfitter. (From my personal experiences, the VEs have a similar problem.)
2. Auxiliary educational material for paddlecraft largely is ACA-branded material; however, unlike ACA instructors, AUX instructors cannot teach the on-the-water aspects of paddlecraft safety. Unless the Auxiliary is willing to waive this prohibition for AUXPAD-certified instructors, it may have a difficult time finding outfitters in this Division's AOR willing to host a boating safety event since they see no value proposition in doing so. Since we largely are using ACA educational material but are prohibited from on-the-water instruction, outfitters who are willing to conduct training classes have no use for our instructional programs. Unlike ACA instructors, we only have the ability to teach the "dockside" portion and use ACA material to do it. On the other hand, if Auxiliary instructors had the ability to combine a dockside class with an on-the-water training "outing" (for which both the outfitter and the flotilla would receive a fee), then they would see a value in such a session. Right now, most forego any pretense of training.

One area that we should begin exploring is what I call "teaser" PE events. For example, Jacksonville has a boat show every January at which various individuals and groups conduct workshops. Typically, they are 1-hour presentations on topics that are designed to appeal to attendees. A "teaser" that we might conduct would be a version of our "Boats and Kids" presentation, plugging the ABS class offerings at the end to the parents who bring their kids. Another might relate to safe fishing from a kayak. And, I am sure that there are other, similar events in every flotilla's AOR at which we could conduct such a "teaser" seminar.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Vessel Examinations Phil Tallon

3rd Quarter 3-Month Division VSC Progress

Since the 2nd Quarter July VE Article/Report, most flotillas continued to show improvement in the number of VSCs completed. Total Division 14 VSCs increased by 178 (compared to 633 in 2nd Quarter) from 1083 (876 passing) by 49 VEs to 1261 by 55 VEs in all 6 flotillas.

Most of the 1261 total VSCs were completed by Flotillas 04 (178/ 8 VEs), 05 (192/7 VEs), and 07 (601/17 VEs with 433 Paddle Craft by Becky and Peter Kaurup). Others included 01 (111/10 VEs), 02 (89/6 VEs), and 08 (100/8 VEs).

Most flotilla VSCs continued to be completed on an individual basis, among the highest contributors were 46 by William Latimore (14-01), 42 by Luis Burgos (14-02), 61 by John Hadley (14-04), 108 by Wayne Beard (14-05), 26 by Bill Hall in addition to 220 (204 PDCFT) by Becky Kaurup and 222 (213 PDCFT) by Peter Kaurup (14-07), and 45 by Dan Hess (14-08). Others flotilla team VSCs were completed at blitz and combined RBS weekend and Labor Day events.

- ◆ Unspecified NE FL and SE GA boat ramps by 14-01
- ◆ Lions Club Park, Lonnie Wurn Park, Arlington Road ramps and Marina St. Johns River & Mill Cove 14-02
- ◆ Five Beaches ramps and marinas including Palm Valley and Morning Star St. Johns River & ICW 14-04
- ◆ Doctor's Lake Whitey's Fish Camp, Black Creek, St. Johns River, and Lake George ramps by 14-05
- ◆ Vilano ramp, St. Augustine City Marina and Francis Field PA/VSC Event by 14-07
- ◆ Fleming Island Doctors Lake ramp, Lee Co. Sanibel Island w/09-01, & NAS JAX Marina Riverfest 14-08

VSC Decals and Supplies

After the last Division Meeting when additional decals were provided to Flotillas 14-05 (50), 14-07 (40), and 14-08 (50), weekly AUXINFO Report reviews showed a growing need for additional ones for some flotillas. They are included for 14-02 (40 from District and 30 from Division) and 14-05 (45 from District) in the following summary of those still available after return to District of 100 from 4-04's original 840 surplus supply and 100 unneeded additional ones sent to 14-07.

- ◆ 14-01 with 168 unused decals from original 240 supply.
- ◆ 14-02 with 186 unused decals from 255 supply (80 original).
- ◆ 14-04 with 618 unused decals from 740 supply (840 original).
- ◆ 14-05 with 107 unused decals from 260 supply (90 original).
- ◆ 14-07 with 463 unused decals from 1030 supply (660 original).
- ◆ 14-08 with 120 unused decals from 170 supply (110 original).

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Vessel Examinations Phil Tallon

Most flotillas have passed 55 to 75 percent of VSCs resulting in related decal usage and remaining one available, except 14-07 at 95 percent with the largest number of Paddle Craft for which 422 of 433 passed. VSC 7012 and 7012A Forms and related supplies like the Guide to Federal Requirements used with them should be provided by ANSC Granit City upon receipt of the of the appropriate order form included with instructions and Decals to each flotilla at the beginning of 2016, instead of FCs or FSO-MAs requesting such material from the DSO-VE who only provides Decals.

Goals and Awards

Division and D7N 2016 Planning Goals still include each VE completing at least 40 total VSCs eligible for the DCO-7 special annual award, at least 1 VE in each Flotilla completing 30 Paddle Craft VSCs for that DCO-7 annual award, at least 1 VE in each flotilla completing 100 VSCs to receive that DCO-7 special award, and each Flotilla completing at least 1 VSC Event in each of 8 boating season months in support of the individual VE awards. Some Flotillas appear to be making progress toward their achievement, particularly those with FSO-VEs leading by example and participating in regularly scheduled VSC blitz events.

In addition to the District Commodore's special annual awards for completing at least 40 VSCs and 100 VSCs that he will award personally at end of year, the District Directorate for Prevention (DDP) continues to issue monthly award certificates for completion of 25 VSCs (Blue), 50 VSCs (Silver), 75 VSCs (Bronze), 100 VSCs (Gold-Century), 30 Paddle Craft VSCs (Blue), and 50 Paddle Craft VSCs (silver) as recorded in weekly AUXINFO Reports.

This included awards presented at the July Division Meeting for John Hadley 41 VSCs (Blue) and Fred Saunders 33 VSC (Blue) in 14-04, Wayne Beard 108 VSCs (Gold-Century) and Chuck Whipple 26 VSCs (Blue) in 14-05, Becky Kaurup 204 Paddle Craft (Silver) and Peter Kaurup 213 Paddle Craft (Silver) in 14-07, and Dan Hess 32 VSCs (blue) in 14-08. Additional ones will be presented at the October Meeting, with the hope that one or more VEs from each flotilla will be so recognized by year's end.

FFWC Restrictive Safe Boating Inspection Legislation

There appears to be little response or follow-up on the past Division Meeting PP Presentation about recent State Legislation to prevent State law enforcement officials from stopping boats for inspection w/o probable cause(?), and requiring issuance of a permanent passing decal after any inspection for which such inspections would be prohibited in the future except for obvious violations.

However, 14-07 reported an August Meeting FFWC presentation about strict enforcement policy, and I conducted several failing VSCs for boat owners who had received such a decal without being cited for such things as missing registration and no Type IV PFD after being inspected only for life vests w/o any type of form issued. Otherwise, I have not received any other related information at either Division or District levels but would appreciate being kept advised of any such similar situations.

Staff Officer Reports - Continued

Vessel Examinations Phil Tallon (Cont'd)

Paddle Craft VSCs and AUXPADs

I received a call from newly elected DCO-7 Judith Hudson (Immediate Past VDCO/COS -7) about DTRAIN and issues involving VSCs and related activities for Paddle Craft including a possible adjunct or sub program for them emphasizing education through related organizations including at least one she has joined (ACA,). There appears to be growing interest in this since most of the traditional VSC decal equipment and Nav Rules related CFR requirements (Code of Federal Regulations cited in the illustrated Guide provided with VSCs) and their recognition by boat insurance companies for damage and liability policies for which they provide premium discounts do not apply. It is also hard to explain to Paddle Craft owners, users, and rental livery managers.

As you know, what used to be the Courtesy Motorboat Examination (CME) Program has evolved from that for privately owned motor powered pleasure boats, to PWCs/Jet Skies, and now PDCFT including paddle boards and standup surfboards. Judith would like hear about interested, experienced, qualified and available VEs who can work with District DDC-P Larry Berman, the DSO-VE, and ADSO-VEs such as myself in serving on committees and task forces to develop a separate but related CG AUX VSC type educational program just for PDCFT that can in turn be used with other Districts at the National level.

With this in mind, she asked me include the August 16, 2016 message to ADSO-VEs and SO-VEs, about the AUXPAD Program that she previously discussed at our first Division Meeting this year in Fernandina Beach (which includes some expressed interest by Division 14 members). See article on "AUXPAD Program" on Page 30 and 31 below.

Conclusion

Thanks to all Division 14 VEs and FSO-VEs who continue to unselfishly give their limited time to save lives and assist the Coast Guard in this regard, including those responding "I Want a VSC" requests.

Semper Paratus, Phil Tallon, SO-VE 14, ADSO-VE D7N

UPCOMING EVENTS



Division 14 Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2016

Time:

Board Meeting 0900 - 1000 Hrs.
General Meeting 1015 - 1200 Hrs.

Place:

Fort Caroline Community Club
4131 Ferber Road, Jacksonville, FL 32277

Please Note:

The Fort Caroline Community Center has limited parking on the paved spaces in front of the building. Over-flow parking is available at the boat ramp.



SAVE THE DATE

Division 14 Change of Watch

Place

Allegro
3651 US-17
Fleming Island, Florida

When

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Further Details to be Provided Shortly

Thanksgiving at Sector Jacksonville in Mayport

Thursday, November 24 2016

Division 14 will be organizing our 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our Active Duty Shipmates in the Station Mayport Galley.

We will shortly be asking you to sign up to contribute a side dish, vegetable dishes, casseroles, stuffing, pies and desserts. Turkeys, ham and potatoes will be provided out of Division funds.

Assistance in the galley may be restricted to Food Service members due to lack of space in the kitchen.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



Looking their finest at DTRAIN 2016

Photo (left to right): David Patrick (VCDR), Vic Aquino (DCDR), Libby Rattrie (FC 14-7), ENS Marion (AUXLO) and Bill Sekeres (AUC & IPDCDR).

Photo by Auxiliarist

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Vic Aquino accepting a Team Award from
National Commodore Richard Washburn

Photo (left to right) COMO Weskerna, CDR Vicencio-Roldan (Director of Auxiliary D-7), Vic Aquino (DCDR) and National Commodore Richard Washburn.

Photo by D. Patrick

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE—PHIL TALLON

D7 investigating opportunity to implement AUXPAD program.

Larry Berman, DDC-P, has been researching and attempting to identify members who are interested. We have been talking to various people at the national level, ACA, and a member or two in D7 who have expressed interest. However, nothing concrete has been developed yet.

Steps to design and implement AUXPAD program :

1. Identify a member who is willing to lead this effort, with considerable time to make the program his/her major interest for a while at least.
2. Identify a small group of members willing to help and actively participate in initiation and implementation of the program.
3. Work with the DDC-P, National staff, and DIRAUX to develop a D7 Plan.
4. Establish time frames and costs for either starting a pilot program in AOR (North, East, and West as defined by our DCAPT's) or district-wide for multi-year program activation.
5. DCO & DCOS review program for input.
6. Present program to EXCOM for review, input and approval, with Director as EXCOM member to be included. Some funding and record keeping may be needed from DIRAUX, or at least some other support.
7. DCO presentation and approval.
8. Publicize program to find interested members and locations.
9. Start the program.

This AUXPAD program is one of the goals in my draft operations plan for 2017-2018, to **cover the following:**
(by Judith Hudson)

- ◆ Purpose & Philosophy
- ◆ Action steps and division of responsibilities
- ◆ Members with current ACA credentials, qualifications & experience
- ◆ Members with personally own paddle craft & PPE
- ◆ Members who want/need training
- ◆ Explanation of requirements for different levels of qualification, including how to qualify an AUXFAC, and what ongoing training and participation is needed to re-certify/retain qualifications
- ◆ Safety factors and considerations + list of safety equipment
- ◆ Time Frames for each step
- ◆ Costs
- ◆ Documentation & Record Keeping requirements & considerations (I am not sure what elements are available in AUXDATA and AUXINFO currently). Obviously, DIRAUX would be taxed with part of this, so would need to be included in helping to draft this part of the Plan.
- ◆ Required support and other resources from CGAUX National, District, and DIRAUX (and ACA?)
- ◆ Recognition program for participation - what we can do as a District & what we might want to propose to National.
- ◆ Oversight - checks & balances

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE (cont.) — PHIL TALLON

There are probably other action steps or subject areas that we should include in a program for D7, for which I am open to suggestions from more knowledgeable members.

Just FYI in Division 14 has several members interested in becoming Paddle Craft Operators and a few interested in becoming AQ's. They are so enthusiastic that some (like myself) are willing to pay the initial \$500 - 650 cost for ACA qualification.



The above information might help make a positive recommendation for the program that we need in District 7 and especially in Division 14 as our paddle craft community is booming. We have kayakers and canoers and paddle boarders in all sorts of activity at our beaches, lakes, rivers and ICW for which the number is growing.



I have joined the ACA with inquiries to become an ACA certified instructor, in anticipation of District 7 AUXPAD program implementation even over several years, to be prepared and use the knowledge to help participants become safer boaters.

Semper Paratus, Phil Tallon, SO-VE 14, ADSO-VE D7N

Division 14 Board of Directors Meeting

**Division 14 Board of Directors Meeting
St Augustine Airport Conference Center
St Augustine, Florida
16 July 2016**

DCCR Aquino introduced Ensign Ramon Marion, of Sector Jacksonville as AUXLO to D-14.

- ◆ ENS Marion gave a brief background of his experience and duties in Jacksonville. ENS Marion as AUXLO is the coordinator between the Sector and AUX Divisions within Sector JAX. He prepares condensed report to Sector Captain highlighting work, needs and accomplishments. He is also our lead person in the implementation of the RSS equipment. Currently this Sector JAX is the only Sector in full compliance within District 7. He coordinates with our Division through ASC Libby Rattrie, whom he acknowledged at this time.
- ◆ ENS Marion accepted questions stating he will follow up with them and answer after additional research. A question on the protocols of a SAR mission/activity/administration. Using a specific incident, he will clarify and respond.
- ◆ The NEW COMMAND CENTER –WATCHSTANDER (SECTOR) number is operational – 904-714-7557. This number is answered by the OOD and primary SAR Center number.
- ◆ AUX Water Patrols should keep Sector “in the loop” when on patrol. Notify Sector of your duties even though Station may have your Guard.

Staff Officer Reports/Comments

- ◆ SO-MS Rattrie announced Walter Lavender (14-1) just completion Pollution Response qualifications.
- ◆ SO-MT Chuck Hayes reported 44% of Division have completed MT requirements.
- ◆ SO-MT Hayes announced there will be a Division wide AUXMT seminar to assist those members in completing the requirements.
- ◆ SO-CS Colee reported Station has 4 AUX Members are scheduled watch standers per week. He mentioned the STATION OD telephone # is 904-564-7509. With Sector not on the same campus facility as Station, it is necessary to communicate with both individually.
- ◆ SO-VE Tallon added further detail to his printed report.
- ◆ SO-MT Hayes reviewed the AUXPAD anticipated program due in August 2018. There is much interest, although it comes with expense for those who wish to meet the qualifications.
- ◆ DCCR Aquino also noted there are changes to the Florida Boating Law, effective July 1, 2016. He reviewed the changes in a PowerPoint presentation which will be distributed to the Flotillas within the Division.
- ◆ SO-VE Tallon presented Vessel Exams Awards to members – Whipple, Hess, Saunders, Hadley, Beard, B Kaurup and P Kaurup.
- ◆ SO-FN Baumann gave a brief financial report.

Division 14 Staff Officers Meeting

Division 14 Staff Officers Meeting St Augustine Airport Conference Center St Augustine, Florida 16 July 2016

Presiding: DCDR Vic Aquino (D-14)

Attending: FC/PE Harry Tipper, FC Garry Gray, FC Steve Crowder, ASC/FC/MS Libby Rattrie, IPFC/CS Paul Burns, IPFC Rick Smith, AUXLO Ens. Ramon Marion, USCG

Staff Officers: SR – W Hall, FN - K Baumann, CS - P. Burns, IS - R. Cook, VE - P. Tallon, NS - N Rattrie, HR - R Saunders, PA - J. Hunt, MA - Stephen Craven, CM - Joe Colee, PB- W. Bell, MT- C Hayes, NS- N Rattrie,

Unable to attend: VDCR Patrick, DV- J Richardson, OPS- William Sekeres, PB-W Bell, PA-J Hunt, PV- J Rassa, OPS- W Sekeres

Guests: J. Hadley (14-4), Dan Hess (14-8), Henry Seiden (14-7) Mike Christnacht (14-4)

Meeting called to order at 1024 by DCDR Aquino with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick Smith.

- ◆ DCDR Aquino introducing D-14 AUXLO Ensign Ramon Marion and acknowledged Mrs. John Hadley attending with her husband, AUX John Hadley.
- ◆ DCSR Aquino received a motion of approval (C. Hayes/S.Craven) of the minutes of the April 2016 meeting as published. DCDR recognized SO-VE Tallon as representing Flotilla 14-2
- ◆ Remarked upon the importance of the Mandatory Training requirements and continued emphasis to complete. Without completion a member may not perform certain activities within the Auxiliary, such as hold office, perform activities such as boat/air crew/VE/PA, ID cards will not be issued/re-issued, and earn certain awards. Flotillas should emphasize AUXMT completion.
- ◆ The HUREX exercise this Spring using Everbridge was generally a success. Another test will be held in the near future to be certain adjustments in notification have been successful. (The identifying telephone # is 904-070-1400 or 111-555-1212.)
- ◆ National Safe Boating Week Activity (NSBW) went well within the Division.
- ◆ Issuance of ID cards is working slowly. AUXMT requirements must be met for issuance.
- ◆ Awards processing is slow and many are working on the backlog.
- ◆ Division leadership elections are set for OCT 15. Refer to AUXMAN for requirements. This information has been sent to all FC's. A Nominations Screening Committee is established with ASC/FC Libby Rattrie as Chair with Bob Cook and Mike Christnacht as members. All qualified interested candidates are to submit nominees to DCDR Aquino by August 15. DCDR Aquino will send the letters of intent to the Screening Committee By August 15. The Screening Committee will submit their report of vetted nominees to DCDR Aquino by August 31. DCDR Aquino will notify the voting members of the BOD of the candidates by September 15.

Division 14 Staff Officers Meeting (Cont'd)

Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

- ◆ Staff Officers changes are necessary. Mark Ellins SO-PB is unable to continue and is replaced by William (Bill) Bell (14-7). The pending appointment of Tony Skinner as SO-FS, Flt. 14-7, is effective when the position has full approval within District.
- ◆ DCDR Aquino commented on activities within our Sector accomplished by members of Division 14:
 - ◆ Has 323 members in 6 Flotillas and 2 detachments
 - ◆ Division 14 members operate 17 Operational Facilities (surface) and have 5 coxswains.
 - ◆ All Flotillas participated in National Safe Boating Week activities
 - ◆ Members of the Division stand weekly Radio Watch at Station. (4 members carry scheduled shifts)
 - ◆ On the Water Safety Assists have been accomplished in the last quarter by 14-2, 14-4 and 14-7
 - ◆ SO-CM conducted an HF/VHF Radio Drill and supplemented Active Duty in operational matters
 - ◆ Conducted 1047 Vessel Exams in the last 2 Quarters
 - ◆ ATON inspections of St Johns River, Tolomato River and Mantanzas River have been accomplished.
 - ◆ Public Education classes were held by Flotillas 14-1, 14-7
 - ◆ "Feed the Families" is a joint initiative with USCG to help others with food needs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04.



**Mark your Calendar for our
First Division Meeting of 2017**

Place

TBD

When

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Further Details to be Provided Shortly

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