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## Barry L. Candreia 1941 - 2008



*Flotilla 14-8 and the Florida Tackle and Gun Club bid Farewell to Barry Candreia – see page 7*

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- JUNE 30** USCG Golf Tournament - World Golf Village/Slam and Squire  
**30** Boat Crew Training – 2<sup>nd</sup> session – 1845 at Stellar  
**\*\*\*Last day to pay Flotilla Dues\*\*\***
- JULY 01** Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club  
**08** Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting – 1900 – Stellar Building  
**13** Vessel Safety Checks – 0900 – 1500 – Holiday Marina, Mandarin  
**20** Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC & FSO-PB  
**26** Division 14 Meeting – Stellar Building
- AUG 05** Flotilla Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club  
**08-10** Jacksonville Fall Boat Show – Prime Osborn Convention Center  
**12** Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting – 1900 – Stellar Building  
**16** Flotilla One-day Public Education ABS Course – Stellar Building  
**20** Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to VFC & FSO-SR (*this month only*)
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## FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER

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I have been asked by the division to review our quarterly activities in regard to the goals of the district and division with an emphasis on aid to the USCG missions. I would like to share my thoughts with you all.

**In the Sector's Integration Plan**, Seven members have volunteered their services: Ralph Little and Charles Smith – Contingency Planner; Sarah Tamargo – Sector Historian; Bill Edgerton – Baker County Emergency Operations Center (EOC); Charles Smith – Clay County EOC; Neely Inlow – MDA Coordinator at SCC-J; Merrill Varn – Environmental Specialist; Claire Bailey – Sector Directory. In addition, three members regularly serve as Watchstanders for HITRON: Ralph Little, Charles Trippe, and Brady Ward.

**In Marine Safety**, Staff Officer Merrill Varn completed the course requirements for the Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection program.

**In Communication**, the flotilla had 100% participation on the USCG initiated systems test held during the Memorial Day Weekend.

**In Recreational Boating Safety**, Public Education Classes were held on March 1st, April 19th and June 14th. Four to Six Auxiliarists served as instructors for each ABS program. Four new members of 14-8 attended the programs and became BQ members. As requested by USCG the Heavy Weather Plan for our AOR has been revised and up-dated.

**In Public Outreach** 14-8 was represented at the Metro Park Boat Show.

**In Vessel Examinations**, 14-8 had 5 members pass the VE exam. Three members have become vessel examiners: Chrystal Wickline, Kieran Snow and Rusty Gardner. Vessel Safety Blitzes were held at West Marine in Orange Park, Goodby's Creek in Mandarin, Florida Tackle and Gun Club in Mandarin, NAS Jacksonville Marina, Doctors Lake Marina in Orange Park, Big Boy Toys in Green Cove Springs and Ortega Farms Boat Ramp.

**In Member Services**, Flotilla 14-8 has 8 new members. Members have received training on uniform protocol, vessels as facilities, and IT training. A Boat Crew Training program began this month.

**In Fellowship**, members met for dinner at the Blue Crab Crabhouse in April. In June there was a raft up and boat-crawl at Whitey's Fish Camp on Doctor's Lake. Chuck Powell is coordinating a golf tournament held in conjunction with the Fall District Conference.

**In Division Service**, 5 members of 14-8 serve as Division Staff Officers: Claire Bailey, SO-SR; Jeff Blomgren, SO-MT; Debra Inlow, SO-FN; Thomas Sorensen, SO-CM and Robert Strong, SO-PE.

I know this is only the surface of what is happening in our flotilla. I thank all of you for working "to the best of your ability" for our Coast Guard family.

Jack Holler, Flotilla Commander

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VFC

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Unfortunately, I've had occasion lately to peruse Auxiliary manuals in search of guidance concerning principles of leadership at all levels. Here are some entries I found:

- On page 2-4, the Flotilla Procedures Manual states that some problems may discourage or kill member motivation, and includes as one, "unrealistic and/or conflicting directions..."
- In Chapter 3, the manual reminds us of the obvious that Auxiliarists are civilian volunteers. The Division Procedures Manual also makes note that these volunteers "enjoy the privilege of working with a degree of independence."

VFC Report continued...

- Chapter 4 of the Division Procedures Manual states that "Authority at division level includes the right to make decisions that are binding upon assigned flotillas."

Your elected leaders always maintain a policy and, indeed, a way of life to realistically consider the members and our volunteer status within the context of addressing both those missions that are unquestionably ours and those that are newly proposed. We also have the objective to provide clear guidance whatever the issue. Influences from outside the flotilla sometimes present challenges to that intention. For instance, the Auxiliary and the Active Coast Guard are anxiously pressing forward with plans to greatly increase Active support. Some leadership levels have requirements to encourage that process as well as to achieve greater statistics. We also sometimes receive directions to alter the way we conduct our assigned missions. In every case, we will do our best to assist what is possible within the parameters of a volunteer force, individual desires and motivations, and the maintenance of basic flotilla assignments, authority and our rather large area of operations. I am impressed with the flotilla's response to support the Gold side, just as I am pleased with our Staff's efforts to carry out our missions.

Ralph Little, Flotilla Vice Commander

## STAFF REPORTS

### MATERIALS (MA):

The District 7 store has relocated and is open for business. The new address is:

15300 Fairchild Dr.  
Clearwater, Florida 33762

Email address: [d7store@cgaux.net](mailto:d7store@cgaux.net)

Landline: 727-535-2593

Fax: 727-535-2703

Hours of Operation: Mondays and Thursdays only, 1000-1800 hours

eStore: <http://cgaux7.org/d7store/default.htm>

24 hours, 7 days a week, only ship Monday & Thursday

Bob Flaige, FSO-MA

### MEMBER TRAINING (MT):

We are offering a **Boat Crew Training Class** that will be held on Monday evenings starting on June 23rd. It is expected that the course will take 8 to 10 weeks. Each Monday evening class will meet at the Stellar Bldg from 7-9pm. Additional small study group reinforcement of topics will be available.

Interested candidates may be able to qualify for a QE Audit at the District Conference which will be held on 9/18 - 9/21.

Members who would like to participate in the Boat Crew Training Class should contact Bob Strong by phone or by e-mail: [restrong@comcast.net](mailto:restrong@comcast.net). Even if you missed the first session, you're not too late.

### PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS):

One of my primary duties as your personnel representative is the recruiting of new members. I receive candidates from various sources including referrals from division. Having spent six months now in this position I have learned that the best candidates are sent to me from people who are already members of the CGAUX, including our own flotilla members. If each flotilla member would refer one prospective member to me we could possibly double our current membership in the next six months. COME ON PEOPLE! HELP ME OUT HERE!

Charlie Smith, FSO-PS

### FINANCE (FN):

Flotilla dues are due in the month of June per the Flotilla Standing Rules. In July we will begin the procedure of disenrolling those not having paid their dues.

Bob Strong, FSO-FN

**MARINE SAFETY (MS):**

I have made some progress on getting our flotilla connected with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to work with their "Clean Marina" Initiative. This program is designed to "bring awareness to marine facilities and boaters regarding environmentally friendly practices intended to protect and preserve Florida's natural environment. Marinas, boatyards and marine retailers receive "clean" designations by demonstrating a commitment to implementing and maintaining a host of best management practices". For those of you interested in working with recreational boaters... this could be your niche. More information about this program is available at [www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina). If you are interested in helping out, you will need to complete the requirements for Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUX-MEES). These are listed at [www.auxmdept.org/pqs\\_pdfs/AuxMEES100102\\_1.pdf](http://www.auxmdept.org/pqs_pdfs/AuxMEES100102_1.pdf) and include completing Marine Safety, Instructor Training and Good Mate courses among others. Please let me know.

Karel Kester sent an update to the Trident Program. ICS 200 and IS 800 have been added to the requirements to wear the Marine Safety Device denoting completion of this program. As you may remember from previous Eight Bells, the Trident Program is the core program of our "M" Department and impacts just about every Division and Branch of our organization. There are several ways for Auxiliarists to augment in Coast Guard billets. This includes meeting minimum Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) such as those described in the various specialties in Operations and covered by the AUXOP Program, and may include additional PQS requirements determined by a local command.

Merrill Varn, FSO-MS

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**AIDS TO NAVIGATION (AN):**

Greetings—It appeared that everyone enjoyed the boat party and raft-up at Whitey's earlier this month. However, everyone who returned home by boat were keenly aware that all navigation lights on Doctor's Lake Bridge were extinguished, making it very difficult to locate the preferred passage and difficult to safely navigate past the construction barges. The good news is that at least one 14-8 Auxiliarist phoned Sector Jacksonville and reported the problem. In addition, I mailed a Form 7054 to Miami, formally reporting the bridge aid discrepancy.

Coincidentally, our Division 14 SO-AN, Chuck Farmer, who is vacationing in Ireland, sent out the following message from Ireland:

“Every Auxiliarist, while underway in an operational facility, should be checking every ATON, PATON and bridge encountered for discrepancies. If you spot one that is off-station, significantly damaged, sinking, or otherwise out-of-sorts, call it in by cell phone to the Sector Jacksonville Operations Duty Officer, phone 564-7513”.

I will be out of the country most of July, but I intend to give a short brief concerning possible ATON training at the end of the August flotilla meeting.

Al Ricker, FSO-AN

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION:**

Our next one day, 8 hour "America's Boating Safety Program" will be on Saturday, 16 August. This program provides training for beginning and experienced power boaters and operators of Personal Water Craft.

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**PROGRAM VISITOR / VESSEL EXAMINER:**

We are now in the middle of summer and the VSC Blitzes continue throughout the area. On June 22nd we conducted a VSC Blitz at the Wayne B. Stevens Boat Ramp off of Ortega Farms Rd. The next event will be held at the Holiday Marina in Mandarin on Sunday July 13th.

Inflatable lifejackets 3,500 Inflatable lifejackets for VEs and PVs are scheduled to arrive at ANSC this month and 3,600 sometime in July for a total of 7,100 PFDs. ANSC will distribute to DCPs based on AUXDATA, Division level counts of qualified Auxiliary VEs and PVs. Further distribution will be from FCs for appropriate program use at the deck plate level.

Lifejackets will feature the 'WEAR-IT' logo imprinted on the back and have been purchased with Coast Guard funds therefore, must be treated and tracked like CG property provided for Auxiliary use. Furthermore, there is an additional element of program accountability that will require annual reporting to the Program Operations Branch of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-54222) for three years.

Rusty Gardner, FSO-PV/VE

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**14-8 PHOTO ALBUM**  
**FLOTILLA MEETING 3 JUNE 2008**



*Chrystal Wickline and Chuck Powell took the Oath of Membership and received Certificates from Jack Holler, FC*



*Jack congratulated Cris Vonderheide on receiving his 20 Year Membership Service Award*



*Bob Funk, DCP 14 received an Auxiliary Performance Award for Operations*



*Bob Strong received an Auxiliary Performance Award for Public Education*

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**FLOTILLA RAFT-UP AND DINNER SOCIAL AT WHITEY'S FISH CAMP**  
**SATURDAY 7 JUNE**



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Sunset on the water as Paul Burns heads home

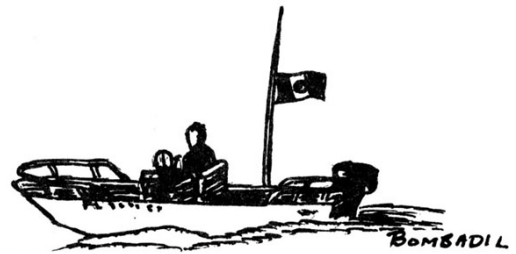
...AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

## A LOOK ASTERN

By Carolyn Strong, Flotilla Historian

Some more 'goodies' from our flotilla history: The following reports were published in the **AUGUST 1978** Eight Bells. The sketch was drawn by Wilson Robertson, FSO-PB 14-8.

**Operations:** (FSO-OP Pete Field) – After the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, things have been kinda quiet. *DOLPHIN* has been laid up temporarily, but is back in action. *LESS TENSION* has had an unwilling engine. *BOMBADIL* has been in Carolina. *BOOZIE POO* has been trapped behind Ortega River bridge. *GOLD NUGGET* and *HIGH HOPES V* have been on the river regularly, but not called on much. Nothing ever happens when *WEE SCOT* is on the river. We would still like to work out a SAR exercise and raft-up for some evening in early fall.



*Editor's note* In addition to the seven above mentioned facilities, we also had: *SHUD'NA*, *NASSAU HOOKER*, *PEE WEE II* and *GOLD NUGGET*. That made eleven working facilities!

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**SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2008  
A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR  
BARRY CANDREIA  
Past DCP 14 and Past FC 14-8**

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*Kieran Snow, Paul Burns, Charles Trippe*



*Paul Burns, Kieran Snow, Bob Strong,  
Bruce Ennis, Jeff Blomgren*



*Bill Edgerton, Jack Holler, Kieran Snow*



*Blanche and Joe Norman*



*Rose and Bruce Ennis with Carlene Candreia*



*Barry's daughter Melissa and his Grandson Kolson*

A Memorial Service for Barry Candreia was held at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club on 8 June 2008 at 1200, with a luncheon provided after the service by members of the Florida Tackle & Gun Club. Flotilla 14-8 provided flowers and a large cake. Members of the flotilla who took part in the service included Jack Holler, Bill Edgerton, Cris Vonderheide and Jeff Blomgren. Many flotilla members, club members and other old friends attended as well as Barry's daughter Melissa Freeman and her son Kolson who came all the way from Oklahoma.



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America's Volunteer Lifesavers<sup>sm</sup>

**FLOTILLA 14-8**  
**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Tuesday 01 July 2008 at 1930**  
**FLORIDA TACKLE AND GUN CLUB**  
**9010 San Jose Blvd**

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**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK BLITZ**  
**Saturday 13 July 2008**  
**0900 - 1500**  
**Holiday Marina - Mandarin**

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**DIVISION 14 MEETING**  
**Saturday 26 July**  
**The Stellar Building, 2900 Hartley Road**

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