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WATCHSTANDER AWARDS

The U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) has recognized its' three volunteer watchstanders from Flotilla 14-8. Award presentations were made at a full unit formation held in HITRON's Cecil Field hangar on September 8, 2009. Acting Unit Commander and presiding officer, Commander Daniel Kenny bestowed the Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Award on Charles Trippe, Brady Ward and Ralph Little, citing them for superior performance as Operations Duty Officers. Their citations specified each man's duties as they contributed to unit effectiveness in combating the illegal maritime drug trade. By volunteering for 1-3 watches each month, the Auxiliarists fill about 12 percent of the unit's requirement and release active members for operations, training or rest. Watches vary from 8 to 24 hours in length. Many of the chosen watches, especially those of Charles Trippe, occur on or next to holidays, relieving more crew to enjoy special days. HITRON aviation, gunner and maintenance personnel deploy often on sea tours of 1-3 months. Auxiliary wives Susan Ward and Jo Ann Little observed the ceremony and met with CDR Kenny.

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FROM THE FLOTILLA COMMANDER



We are reaching that time of year when we need to start thinking about 2010 and our new year of challenges and opportunities. October 6 we will be having our meeting at the detachment location in Green Cove Springs. This will be our last opportunity to fellowship with our 14-8 members before they become members of 14-5. I would encourage everyone to attend this meeting. Debbie Inlow is organizing this event and it will be our fellowship for October as well as our pre-separation meeting.

October 6, 2009 Agenda

NOTE TIME CHANGE (No FSO meeting for 14-8)

- 1900 - Fellowship Dinner starts at 1900 (7:00pm) – Pot Luck, bring a dish to pass and a dessert**
- 1930 – (7:30) 14-8 business meeting – Swearing in of new members**
 - 14-8 Nominating committee report elected officers for 2010**
 - 14-8 Vote on new detachment formation (need 22 members to have quorum)**
- 2000 – (8:00) Detachment meeting agenda – election of officers**
- 2030 – (8:30) Fellowship dinner continues with dessert and coffee**
- 2100 - (9:00) Meetings adjourned**

Flotilla 14-8 wishes to congratulate all the members of the detachment and wish them well on their upcoming charter to 14-5.

The next meeting of Flotilla 14-8 will be on November 3 at the FTGC. We will be electing our leadership for 2010 and this is an important meeting. We urge you to attend and cast your vote.

The Change of watch committee consists of Paul Burns, Carolyn and Bob Strong, Mike Morgan and Jack Holler. It's that time again and this year has sped past us. Thank you all for your hard work throughout this challenging year. 14-8 is GREAT!

Jeff Blomgren, Flotilla Commander

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNICATION SERVICES (CS):



If you have been on our flotilla website lately, I hope that you noticed the “Best Of The Web 2009” logo posted. Flotilla 14-8 again has received national recognition for its website, our second award in this category. Our website was redesigned this year to have the same look and graphic appeal as the 7th District’s website, and not unlike some other websites in the 7th district on the outside. Therefore flotilla 14-8 is recognized for the content inside our website, which comes from our membership, a group of Auxiliarists who have repeatedly demonstrated that excellence and achievement does not happen by accident. It comes from training, mentoring, encouragement, leadership and initiative. As Flotilla 14-8 enters its 41st year of service to the North Florida region, in 2010, I hope that each member will commit to doing something “Great for Eight” and doing something great for the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the coming year.

Paul Burns, FSO-CS

MARINE SAFETY (MS):



Marc Lang ADSO-MS Info-Gram:

1. Sector Jacksonville, formerly known as Group Mayport, Station Mayport and Marine Safety Office Jacksonville, is divided into the following departments each with responsibilities as noted:

- Logistics- Supply, Finance, Administration and the Galley
 - Response- Search and Rescue, Hazardous/Oil Spill, Law Enforcement
 - Prevention- Domestic & Foreign Vessel Inspections, Commercial Fishing Vessels, Investigations, Facilities.
- Waterways- Bridges, Marine Events, Aids to Navigation
 - Planning- Contingency Plans relating to threat areas, drills, exercises.

Spotlight on the Prevention Department: Inspections - U.S. vessel that carrying 7 or more fee-paying receive an in the water inspection every year and a drydock (out of the water) every 2 years. They are classed as Subchapter I, T or K boats. U.S. Merchant Vessels (Freighters, Tankers etc) Foreign Freighters, Tankers and Car Carriers get a once a year exam by the Prevention Dept., Bargescarrying Hazardous Cargo (e.g.Crowley and Trailer Bridge), Cruise Ships (Carnival). Commercial Fishing Boats and Tugboats- annual courtesy exam; certain tugboats also get a security inspection. All US vessels under construction/repair are inspected step by step and tests witnessed. Investigations- USCG personnel license problems (failed drug tests, misconduct, inappropriate behavior). also review Ships Log Books. Facilities- Inspects Waterfront and Marine related companies (e.g.Talleyrand, Nassau Terminals, Blount Island, Hess, Chevron).

2. Starting/Deep Cycle Marine Batteries - Starting Batteries are designed to start the engine and then be recharged by the alternator. The size should be based on the load of the engine starter. Allow 1 amp per cubic inch for a gas engine and 2 amps for a diesel. CCA or MCA cold cranking amps or marine cranking amps should be 4 times the starters load. Marine batteries are designed for the rigors of a rocking boat compared to vehicle batteries. If you operate equipment when the engine is not running, then a Deep Cycle battery is best. They can be discharged to 50% of their capacity but not less. They can also serve as a starting battery but they should be larger to allow for low cranking amps. They have less instant power than a starting type.

3. ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) recommendations:

- a. Batteries- Battery cables size 6 or less (the smaller the number, the larger the cable) should not use wing nuts on the battery posts. No more than 4 terminals should be on 1 stud (buss bar or battery transfer switch). There are 3 ways to store the battery (with positive battery terminal covered, completely covered in a battery box, in a compartment designed only for the battery).
- b. Placement of operator's seat- The surface of the operator's seat should be no lower than 27" below the eye line of the windshield. If standing the operators position should be 58" to the eye line of the windshield.

4. AMVER (Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System) in operation since 1958, is voluntary ship reporting system. The ships must be at least 1000 gross tons and on a voyage of 24 hours or more. About 3000 ships participate annually. Ships report their position, route, course and speed to the USCG preferably by email at the start of a voyage. A computer tracks the vessel and if they or another vessel needs assistance, the computer knows the locations of other vessels in the area, their capabilities, whether they have a doctor onboard etc. It is operated worldwide. The ship sends its sailing plan in and notifies the USCG of its arrival.

5. The U.S. Dept. of the Interior has awarded grants under the CVA (Clean Vessel Act) to Florida and Georgia. Florida DEP gets \$1.8 million for building 29 Sewage Pump out Stations Georgia DNR-EPD gets \$63,000 for building 2 Sewage Pump out Stations and purchasing a Sewage Pump Out Boat.

6. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) and Radios the USCG has issued a Safety Alert to inform vessel operators that the new CFL type bulbs interfere with certain types of radio frequencies. CFL bulbs employ a RF lighting device to excite (supply with electricity) a gas inside to produce light. Radios operating in the 0.45-30 MHZ band are affected. LED type bulbs are recommended in the pilot house and other places radios are located. What radio operates in the 0.45-30 MHZ Band? 0.3-3 Medium Frequency 3-30 High Frequency- (SSB) Single Side Band-These travel on the surface permitting long distances. Some Recreational Yachts as well as Commercial Vessels use these radios for offshore voyages. 30-300 VHF-FM radios- Type Aux and Rec Boats use are short distance and not affected by CFL bulbs.

New Products

- A. Clamp Tite Tool- used to make hose clamps from regular wire. www.clamptitertools.com 800 962 2901
- B. Fuel Saver Spider- goes in fuel hose to prevent siphoning www.Vetus.com
- C. Battery Cables and Elec. Supply. www.GenuineDealz.com 866 970 3325 Good prices and located in Brunswick, Ga.
- D. Self Stick Non Skid Pads and Sheets- 8 colors and CAMO. www.seadek.com 321 632 4466
- E. Items for your Dog Aboard the Boat. www.pawsaboard.com
- F. Aquaflare- attaches to your Life Jacket www.aquaflare.com 920 766 7900
- G. Brake Lights for your Outboard or PWC. Change your speed and slow down, light comes on! www.powersportinnovations.com 239 481 0274
- H. Lubricate your Outboard Motors Steering Arm with Steersman Steering Guard. www.WWMarine.com 800 747 5976.
- I. Poliglow makes your boat shine again. www.poliglow-int.com 800 922 5013
- J. Enviromonde Network Boat Cleaner and Wash- www.killthespill.com 613 482 3331
- K. Baking Soda Hull Cleaning- "new business oportunity" Sodablastboats.com 800 216 7632

Merrill Varn, FSO-MS

MEMBER TRAINING (MT):



The four sessions of training at Station Mayport concluded with Man Overboard, and the very important, Communications taught by Jim Arman from Flotilla 14-1. All the sessions were of value to anyone who is a boater, and especially to those in the Operations Program. With the success of this training, it is anticipated that additional training in other relevant topics will be scheduled for the future.

A couple of opportunities in support of the active duty Coast Guard are open to all members. All the details have not been worked out, but if you are interested, please let me know and you will receive the information as it comes in.

- **Station Mayport** is asking for help from Auxiliarists to work as Watch Standers at Station on Saturdays and Sundays for about 4 hours per day. You will be the radio operator for both Auxiliary and active duty patrol boats, monitor the Rescue 21 program as backup to Sector, and keep a log of boat activity.
- **Sector Jacksonville** is taking the H1N1 (Swine Flu) very seriously and anticipates the Coast Guard will be coming in contact with individuals so infected. For example, boarding teams will be wearing masks as a prevention measure. Sector needs help with administrative work in their Prevention area with data collection and data reporting to District. Currently this assignment is required once a week. However, should the situation become critical, daily reporting may be required.
- **Division 4 Personnel Officer Training** – The training originally scheduled for Saturday, October 10 in Melbourne is now on hold. The date is going to change, but will still be a Saturday. As soon as I hear the final details I will notify all of you who have already indicated an interest. If you would like to attend this training, again, please let me know.

Claire Bailey, FSO-MT

OPERATIONS (OP):



The final operations class at Mayport took place 9/19 and as usual the room was full. There were excellent talks and discussion on man overboard recovery and radio communications.

I was able to participate on a patrol on 9/20 with a number of crew and coxwain candidates practicing towing evolutions, anchoring, man overboard, and radio communications.

Several in our flotilla continue to show interest in operations training which is encouraging. Operation's is a process of continual learning and challenges. For me, I have found it gives more than it takes (someone once said this about my beagles).

Whit Vick, FSO-OP

Jacksonville Sea & Sky Spectacular November 6-8, 2009 Jacksonville Beach Oceanfront Free Admission



Veterans Day Parade Wednesday, November 11, 2009 11:01 a.m. Downtown Jacksonville

Parade Route

The parade will begin at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, continue down Water Street, left on Newnan Street to Bay Street/Gator Bowl Boulevard and will end at the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium

Did you know Veterans Day was formerly known as Armstice Day?

On November 11, 1918 at 11 a.m., World War I officially ended. On the one year anniversary, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th "Armstice Day" in honor of the end of the war and to honor World War I veterans. This day was marked with public celebrations and a two minute halt to business at 11 a.m. In 1938, an act of Congress made Armstice Day a national holiday.

In 1954, the U.S. Congress and President Dwight Eisenhower changed the name of the holiday from Armstice Day to Veterans Day to honor veterans who have protected our freedoms in all wars.

For more information about Veterans Day, visit:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Veterans+Day+Parade.htm>

Flotilla 14-8 Photo Album

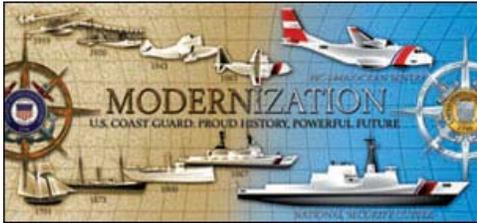
**Joe Walker is sworn in as a new
flotilla member by Jeff Blomgren, FC**



**Jeff Blomgren, FC presents Rusty Gardner
with the Program Visitors Certificate**

**Neill Thaggard receives his
new ID Card,
Operations Policy Certificate,
Administrative Procedure Certificate,
and
Instructors Certificate**





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Contact: Cindy Beckert

Coast Guard Rescues Two People From Sinking Fishing Boat Off Mayport



MAYPORT, Fla. - The crew of the 78-foot commercial fishing vessel Kingfish climb back aboard the vessel after it went aground on Atlantic Beach on Naval Station Mayport Thursday afternoon Sept. 24, 2009. Coast Guard Station Mayport rescued two men from the vessel before the vessel went aground. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/Petty Officer 1st Class Bobby Nash)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Coast Guard rescued two fishermen from the 78-foot fishing vessel King Fish, Thursday, at approximately 12:15 p.m., shortly before the vessel ran aground in Mayport.

Rescued were Lawrence Floyd and Armando Origan, both locals of Mayport.

The Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville operations center was notified of the maritime distress by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at approximately 11:30 a.m., after they received a 911 call via a cell phone. A 47-foot rescue boat crew from Station Mayport responded to the distress and rescued the two men.

The King Fish, homeported in Mayport, began taking on water approximately one-half mile south of the Mayport jetties. The two men aboard the King Fish reported a towing block had broken loose and punctured a hole in the ship's hull, which enabled water to flood the engine room. In addition, water damaged the vessel's battery equipment, and caused the boat to lose power.

The King Fish ran aground at Atlantic Beach onboard Naval Station Mayport near the jetties following the rescue. There is currently no report of pollution.

The Coast Guard reminds all mariners of the vital importance of having safety equipment in the event of an emergency. Professional mariners and recreational boaters are urged to have a working [VHF radio](#), [signaling devices](#) and an [emergency position-indicating radio beacon \(EPIRB\)](#).



FLOTILLA 14-8
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday October 3rd, 2009 at 1900
Reynolds Park Yacht Club
1063 Bulkhead Road
Green Cove Springs, FL. 32043

UPCOMING MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Oct	01	Detachment Meeting – 1900 – Green
	06	Flotilla Meeting – 1900 in Green Cove Springs - Detachment location
	10	Unofficial - First Coast Head Race @ Arlington River
	20	Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to FSO-PB
Nov	03	Tackle & Gun Club – 1830 Staff Officers Meeting – 1930 Flotilla Meeting
	6 – 8 th	Sea and Sky Spectacular Jacksonville Beach, FL
	11	Veterans Day Parade
	20	Eight Bells Deadline – Reports due to FSO-PB
	28	JAX Landing Lighted Boat Parade Fireworks

Correction in 14-8 September Newsletter - Marine Safety

The radar “should not” be mounted in front of the operator. According to the manufacturers like (Raymarine) It must be turned off whenever personnel are required to come close and mounted out of range "above" head height at least 1 meter.



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