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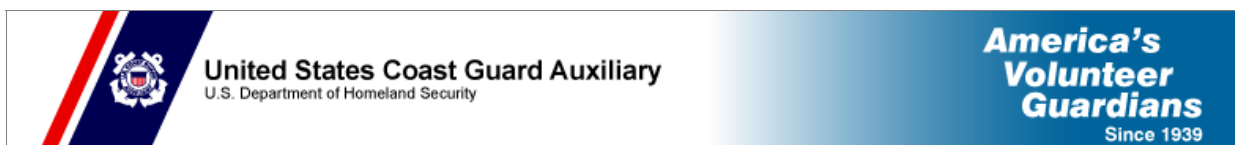
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## Our New Flotilla Commander, Whit Vick on Patrol



Whit Vick, Flotilla Commander(e) onboard his facility *Carlie* on a training patrol December 11

*Photo provided by Whit Vick FSO-OP & FC(e) 14-8*



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## FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER(elect)



I am honored to have been elected Flotilla Commander for 2011 and will do my best to live up to this responsibility. This is uncharted water for me, and I welcome any advice or suggestions you might have.

With Mike Morgan as Flotilla Vice Commander and the Flotilla Staff Officers in place, I think we have a strong team for 2011. Those of you doing this job for the first time, as I am, will be learning as you go. My advice is to study your job description and do not hesitate to call on others in the flotilla who may have done the job before.

Here are some goals and thoughts for 2011. Some of these came from our members:

1. Recruitment: Charlie Smith suggests we try and get 11 new members in 2011--he calls this "11 in 11". Carolyn Strong suggests trying to recruit more women, and when recruiting, explain the benefits of having spouses join together.
2. Retain members. A personal lesson here: when I joined the Auxiliary, for several years I did not really get to know anyone--partly my fault as work took up a lot of my time. But, there seemed to be a clique who ran the flotilla and did not seem to be interested getting to know or encourage new members. As a result, I went to fewer and fewer meetings. A few years later, a new bridge took over the flotilla. These new folks learned my name, found out I was interested in boating. I made friends and got more engaged, eventually getting crew and then coxswain qualified with the help of my new friends. The point here is to be proactive in getting to know our members, find out their interests, give them a job to do or let them tag along with you. Give people an opportunity to get involved.
3. Have more social or fellowship activities--this should impact retention of members. This idea is from Carolyn and Bob Strong. Bob wrote that he believes fellowship is the glue that holds the flotilla together.
4. FSO mentoring: FSOs should try to mentor or have an understudy learning their job and who can take over in the future. I encourage each FSO to identify this person or persons.
5. Chain of leadership: The idea is for members to report to FSOs, FSOs report to VFC, VFC reports to FC. This allows delegation of responsibility and one person is not burdened with all flotilla matters, trivial and important. As much as we can, we should follow this guideline. However, I would not want strict adherence to this to interfere with communications in our flotilla. Since we have a fairly small number of active members, I think we should encourage open communications amongst all in the flotilla. Many problems can be averted or remedied by proactive honest, open, and respectful communication. Mike or I should be available at most times by either e mail or cell. On that note, check e mails--as in the past, this is how we will continue to do much of the flotilla's communication.
6. Operations: We have four members currently interested in operations and have been on patrols as trainees. I would like to see all complete this crew training process and become qualified as crew this year. Cris Vonderheide has been on quite a few QE missions and is an excellent source of information on what the QE's are like.
7. Have more speakers at meetings (idea from Carolyn Strong). In the same vein, try and have some type of training at most meetings.
8. FSOs individually set goals. Since I have mainly been in operations and am not very familiar with many of the other areas, think about what you would like to accomplish in your area.
9. Treat all with respect and integrity. We are all volunteers. There are no bosses or underlings. Along this same line, respect the time of others--someone else's time is as valuable as yours.
10. Have fun. Remember, this is your ride (as the message on the spinner at the YMCA tells me).

Whit Vick, *FC(e)* 14-8

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## FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Well, here it is 2011! I look for great things for our flotilla this year. I see us getting stronger in Membership, Training, Operations and other aspects that will make this flotilla one of the best around. With your continued support and enthusiasm we can't be beat!

Semper Paratus - "Always Ready"

*Mike Morgan, VFC 14-8 2011*

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## FLOTILLA STAFF REPORTS

### MEMBER TRAINING – MIKE MORGAN

As your new Member Training Officer I am right in my element. I love to train and I love to teach and I look forward to helping Flotilla 14-8 in becoming some of the most well trained Auxiliarists in our area. I will be talking with everyone about what their goals are for training and at what level they would like to participate in the Auxiliary, whether it is to become Vessel Examiner qualified or becoming AuxOp qualified, I will be your source for resources and guidance. Please email any comments and suggestions you might have to me at [Bombdude1@att.net](mailto:Bombdude1@att.net)

*Mike Morgan, FSO-MT 2011*

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### INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MIKE MORGAN

Please continue to fill out your 7029's, so that you can get credit for all you do for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please send all AuxData information to the following email address: [bombdude1@att.net](mailto:bombdude1@att.net).

*Mike Morgan, FSO-IS 2011*

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### HUMAN RESOURCES – CHARLES SMITH



The beginning of the year is the time for reflection on the past year's accomplishments and to set new goals for the next twelve months. The following are the total recruiting efforts conducted in 2010.

**Number of personnel contacted who expressed interest in joining the CGAUX: 26**

**Number of personnel interviewed who accepted an enrollment application: 19**

**Number of applications submitted and membership numbers issued: 10**

**Number of applications presently outstanding awaiting submittal: 2**

Thanks to the participation of flotilla members in referring potential applicants to me. We met Jeff's goal of "10 in 10". I would suggest we set a new goal of "**11 in 11**". With the continued support of present members I'm confident this goal can be achieved.

Next month I will publish a list of potential recruiting targets for flotilla members to consider when referring personnel to me for initial interviews.

*Charlie Smith, FSO-HR 2011*

P.S. These figures were compiled from my own records and NOT FROM THE COMPUTER!!

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**PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG**



Happy New Year to all!

Now, let's get to work! Sounds like I took a short course from our Governor elect over the Holidays. Sorry, that didn't happen.

I did have to change two dates for our ABS courses. We have dropped the course scheduled for June 4 and the course scheduled for October 1 has been moved to October 15. The current dates for 2011 are: February 19, March 19, April 9, April 30, May 21, June 25, July 23, August 13, September 3, October 15 and November 5. Please mark your calendars accordingly and advise me of any conflicts ASAP.

The one day ABS course at the Florida Yacht Club scheduled for Thursday, December 30, 2010, was scuttled by the club for lack of interest. They had hoped those parents with teenaged children would direct them to our course. It didn't happen.

*Bob Strong, FSO-PE 2011*

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**OPERATIONS – WHIT VICK**



On 12/11/10, a patrol on *Carlie* was done with Cris Vonderheide, Kyle George, and myself. We practiced dead reckoning and ran a sector search pattern in the St Johns River south of Julington Creek. Kyle worked on his radio etiquette, and Cris gave him a lot of information on crew requirements. We do training on all patrols, and our current trainees, Kyle, John Hadley, Marlene and Kevin Koehl, are availing themselves of this opportunity. Book learning is required, but nothing takes the place of on the water training.

With the colder weather, Mustang suits have to be on board for all patrols and worn if indicated by Station Mayport. The rule is for a water temperature of 50-60 degrees F (as measured by station), Mustangs are worn. Below 50 degrees, no patrol unless waiver granted by station.

Welaka training will begin in January, 2011. All Welaka crew and coxswains will be required to have operations excellence certification.

Coxswain training by Mike Owsley and Bob Funk will resume in January.

*Whit Vick, FSO-OP 2011*



**Kyle George on crew training patrol 12/11**



**Cris Vonderheide on patrol on board *Carlie* 12/11**

*Photos by Whit Vick, FSO-OP*

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS – RALPH LITTLE**



Our article for the December edition of the Mandarin Newsline talks about Rusty Gardner, National Branch Chief of Video Services – Public Affairs and member of 14-8.

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## **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update For the Love of Boating**

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Public Affairs, Flotilla 14-8

To start 2011 I wish to show you how one person can promote boating safety. Our flotilla is honored to have significant impact at the National level, having two past National Commodores and a current member of the Auxiliary's National Staff. Rusty Gardner, is the National Branch Chief of Video Services for Public Affairs, a natural adjunct of his everyday position and his innovations in promoting boating safety. If you meet him, beware, since Rusty's enthusiasm for boating is contagious, even as his story defines the love of boating.

Rusty's day job is the Director of Digital Media Productions for Florida State College Jacksonville. He arrived there partially through a BA in Psychology and a Masters in Religious Education. His confluence with the Auxiliary led to his origination of an idea to promote boating safety with short videos usable on Podcasts and DVDs. To date, he has produced them on Marine radios and life vest use. He has also written emergency radio articles for the Coast Guard Search and Rescue Journal, maintains Facebook boating pages for Jacksonville and St. Augustine and has originated a boating web site. The National Water Safety Congress presented him a regional award for his outstanding contributions to water safety. In his National role, Rusty worked an exercise in March for agencies practicing response to an oil spill. The Gulf Oil Spill happened less than a month later.

In Rusty's own words, he always loved the water and dreamed of the day he would own a boat. While his parents sometimes had a boat as a hobby, it was not a lifestyle. While the timing for his own boat never seemed right, he would gaze at them from the Buckman bridge on his way to work and dream of the day. About 8 years ago he bought the 23' Yamaha jetboat that would become the Salt Shaker. The first thing he did was take the Auxiliary's Boating Safety Course. Being impressed with the instructor's dedication, he signed up and his quest for boating knowledge continued to grow. He became a Vessel Examiner, a Marine Dealer liaison, took seamanship classes and produced the safe boating videos that led to his National Staff position.

Not satisfied, he renewed his basic instinct to be on his boat with a few trips on the St. Johns River that fired his desire to see all of Florida and led to his establishment of Florida by Water.com, a free commercial site that provides a comprehensive directory of boating information about Florida and access to all the sites a boater could want. Each of thousands of locations on the site has to be "boater friendly" and accessible by boat and they are verified as active and pertinent. You can also access a float plan for your trip and other boating safety web sites. It is a friendly and attractive boating tool.

The Auxiliary's membership wishes to meet you and share our experience. Contact Charles Smith at 904-541-1660 and he will guide you through membership. All boat operators can take the Auxiliary Boating Safety Program and its fee is included in our minimal member dues. Call Bob (904-721-1346) for specifics on where and when courses are offered and to register or to indicate interest in the courses.

**\*\*\* FLOTILLA 14-8 PHOTO ALBUM \*\*\***

**FLOTILLA DINNER MEETING  
7 DECEMBER 2010 AT SANTIONI'S**

Our December dinner meeting at Santioni's Restaurant was well attended with 27 present, including most of our newest members and Carlene Candreia, a retired member.

We all had a good time and the food was very good.



**Whit & Serena Vick**



**Charlie & Charlotte Amonte**



**John & Beverly Hadley**



**Kyle George**



**Mike Morgan & Bob Funk**

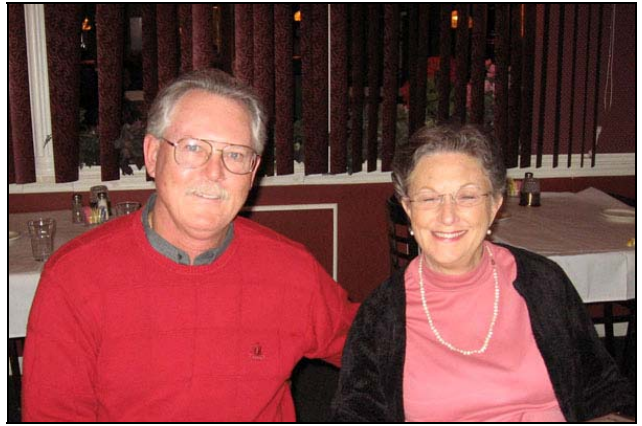


**Paul Burns & Dave Anderson**

*Photos by Bob Strong (not pictured)*



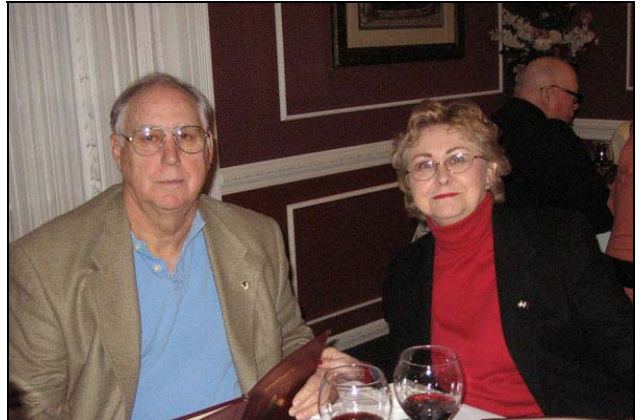
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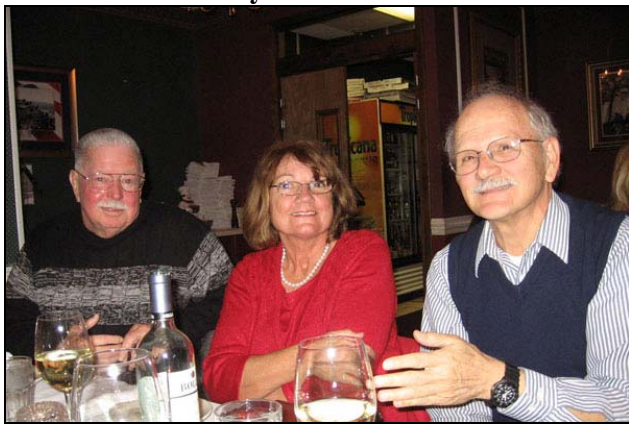
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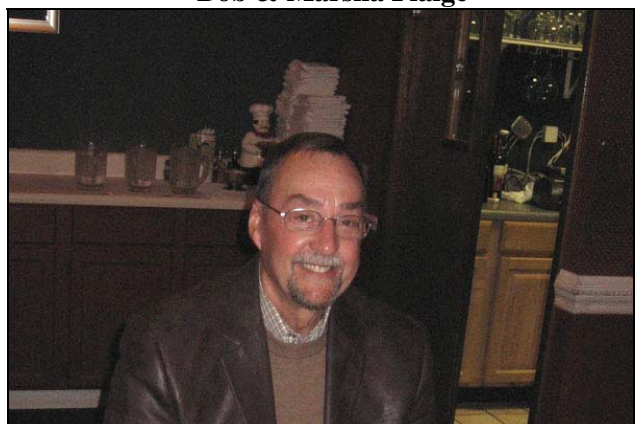
**Kathy & Jack Holler**



**Bob & Marsha Flaige**



**Charlie & Jackie Smith with Ralph Little**



**Jeff Blomgren**



**Carolyn Strong & Carlene Candreia**



**Marlene & Kevin Koehl**

## ICS 210 Training 4 December 2010

Five members of Jacksonville Flotilla 14-8 attended an ICS 210 training session conducted by Tom Hayden, Division Commander (elect). The ICS course was presented at the Stellar Building in Mandarin and was hosted by 14-8. A total of more than 15 Auxiliary members were involved in the training and our own Ralph Little scored the only 100% of the day. Great job everyone!



Students hard at work during the testing



In front is Dave Anderson from 14-8. Green Cove Springs Flotilla 14-5 had 6 members attending.



Kevin Koehl discusses the test with Tom Hayden

*Photos contributed by Jeff Blomgren, FC 14-8*



Marlene Koehl was pleased with her test score.



Ralph Little, Marlene and Kevin Koehl



Elaine Cornell, SO-CS checks John Hadley's test



Four happy people from Flotilla 14-8



## Coast Guard Auxiliary Video Training via Live Streaming

Dates: January 10-13, 2011

Time: 1-2 p.m. EST; 12—1 p.m. CST; 11a.m.-12p.m. MST; 10-11 a.m. PST

Streamed Live from Jacksonville, Florida

To view the training please go to <http://digitalmedia.fscj.edu/streaming.html> about 10 minutes before the scheduled time. You may send any questions or comments to Rusty Gardner at [ngardner@fscj.edu](mailto:ngardner@fscj.edu). Active duty and Auxiliary members are invited to participate. There is no limit to the number of people accessing the site.

### Schedule & Topics:

- ♦ Monday, Jan. 10: Preparing a Production. A round table discussion on the various ways that professionals prepare a production. We will compare the "run and gun" method and how it compares to a highly-produced production, and all points in between.
- ♦ Tuesday, Jan. 11: Using the JVC GY-HM100U camera. This session will cover the basic concepts, features and techniques for using the JVC camera. We will also be discussing lighting and sound techniques.
- ♦ Wednesday, Jan. 12: Introduction to Final Cut Pro. The session will take you through the steps for creating a project in either Final Cut Pro or Final Cut Express. Features will include video capture, file management, transitions, basic editing and basic titles.
- ♦ Thursday, Jan. 13: Delivery Methods. This session will cover compression standards and techniques, as well as free tools to enhance the delivery of content through Social Media and DVDs.

Thomas Nunes

Director - Public Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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### **New Flotilla 14-8 Staff Officers Appointed for 2011**

Here are the Flotilla Staff Officers (FSOs) picked so far for 2011. These were chosen by me with input from Mike Morgan as well as several senior members of the flotilla.

If you are not an FSO and have interest in being one or working with one, please let me or Mike Morgan know. I want all who are willing to be given an opportunity to participate, and current FSOs are encouraged to mentor someone else to be able to take over their position in the future. There are other FSO positions, such as Communications, which are unfilled.

MT and IS: Mike Morgan

NS (AN): Cris Vonderheide

MA: Bob Flaige

PV: Marlene Koehl

PA: Kevin Koehl

HR: Charles Smith

PB: Carolyn Strong

FN and PE: Bob Strong

OP: W Vick

CS and SR: Paul Burns

MS: Kyle George

VE: John Hadley

Thank you for your support.

Whit Vick, FC(e)

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# FLOTILLA 14-8 CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER MEETING

Commencing at 1830 - Tuesday 04 January 2011

Florida Tackle & Gun Club

9010 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville

**ALL FLOTILLA MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WELCOME**

Preferred Uniform: Tropical Blue or Appropriate Civilian attire

If you missed the deadline and have not made your reservation,  
Please contact Carolyn Strong at 721-7828 or by email: [cgstrong@comcast.net](mailto:cgstrong@comcast.net)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- JAN 01 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 04 Flotilla 14-8 Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony 1830 – FT&GC
- 08 Division 14 Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony 1800 – NS Mayport
- 20 Eight Bells Deadline: Reports due to VFC, FSO-PB and Division
- FEB 01 Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting – 1930 – Florida Tackle & Gun Club
- 04-06 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Jacksonville Boat Show at Prime Osborn Convention Center
- 19 First ABS Course of 2011 – 0730 – 1700– Stellar Building
- 20 Eight Bells Deadline: Reports due to VFC, FSO-PB and Division

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## DIVISION 14 CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER AND CEREMONY

Commencing at 1800 - Saturday 08 January 2011

OCEAN BREEZE at MAYPORT NAVAL STATION

Uniform: Dress Blue; Tropical Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire

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