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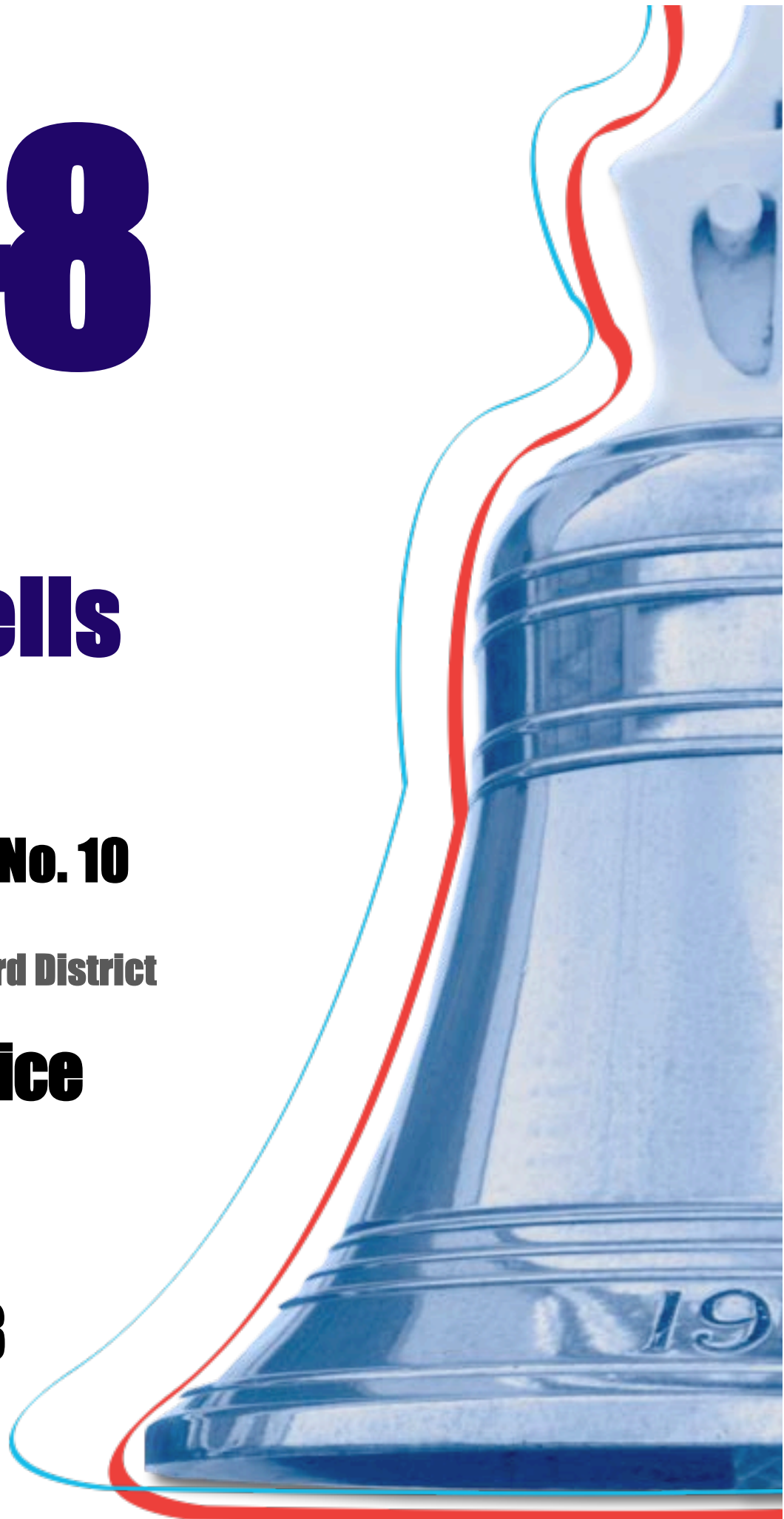
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Paul Burns, FC

Flotilla Commander

New member activity continues to flourish in the flotilla. I've sent another new member application off for approval and a member number. Welcome Jim Billberry. We have the good fortune of a new transfer member in process, Santiago Castrodad, from Puerto Rico. You will notice that Santiago has already become quite active in flotilla activities and is interested in a Staff Officer position when his transfer is complete.



With such a large percentage of members in the lengthy application process, it is a challenge to keep their interest up and constantly develop their Auxiliary skills. So, our focus for the next several months should be shifting toward Mentoring and Member Training. Our monthly flotilla meetings will be more dedicated to member training than in previous months. We will open the meeting with a brief training seminar on a subject useful to all members, then hold a short business meeting, followed by specialized training for Boat Crew development and possibly other subjects that are required.

Hats off to John Hadley and Whatley Law for launching a new Boat Crew class. I have noticed several people participating. This will pay off as we enter a new kick off to the boating season in the Spring.

Christian McLaughlin has shown an interest in the development of an Air Operations Program, "AuxAir". This is something that our flotilla has never had. If you are interested in participating, Chris will be the point man on this project.

Don't forget our special fellowship event with the North Florida Cruising Club at Epping Forest Yacht Club on October 16th. Instead of a restaurant, we will be treated to a lecture by Dr. Stanley Paris, who is about to embark on a trip around the world on his 63 foot sailing yacht. Simply tell the attendant at the Epping Forest entry gate that you are attending the lecture and he will direct you to the beautiful DuPont Mansion where the event will take place. Food and drinks will be available. Happy hour with cash bar starts at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30 p.m. No uniforms, business casual dress is fine.

John Hadley, VFC

Flotilla Vice Commander

Another Fast Month Racing By

No doubt about it, something is starting to happen. Have you noticed it?

We are already into the late part of 2014 boating season and we've got a big class of Boat Crew students. Becky Habermas' fine work in processing the high level of recent new members has given us a chance to make something good happen.

Because we have these additions to our flotilla, the time has come that we all ensure Christian McLaughlin, Juan Steward, Roger Davis, Santiago Castrodad, James Billbary, Darrell Kozee, James Small and Logan Small feel at home.

Yes, the future looks much brighter lately. Our Boat Crew class has all kinds of outside support. But, most of all, our new members need OUR support and encouragement. Let's be sure we do all we can to ensure our new guys keep our flotilla going strong!!



Semper Paratus, All!

Bob Strong, FSO-PE

Public Education

Our About Boating Safely (ABS) course on 13 September had fourteen students. Thanks to Bruce Ennis for helping Paul Burns and I teach this course. Also thanks to flotilla members Logan Small, Juan Steward and Crispin Vonderheide for helping set up and all the other things that must be done throughout the day during a Public Education Course.



Our next ABS course will be on 11 October at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Any new members who have not completed a Boating Safety Course in the two years before joining need to complete this course in order to be considered a "Basically Qualified" (BQ) member. Other members may sit through the course at anytime just to refresh one's knowledge of safe boating.

I believe this was the wettest summer in Jacksonville since I moved here in 1978. By wettest, I mean I have not had to use the public water supply (JEA) once to keep my swimming pool full of water. The rain did it for me. On the other hand, I had to drive my car many days with the headlights on, not because I couldn't see the other driver but because the law requires it while running windshield wipers. Don't you wish we had the same law for boats? Well it turns out we do. Running lights are required on boats while underway in reduced visibility to make sure the other boater can see you. The attitude that I can see and therefore I don't need lights on my car or on my boat is just wrong. If you are involved in an accident at a time when you should have had your lights on but didn't you could be the one charged with the accident. So run your boat or automobile lights whenever you're underway. Not to see, BUT TO BE SEEN!

John Hadley, FSO-MT

Member Training

We've got a lot to talk about in Member Training. Applications are coming in, and we have a lot of Member Training on tap.

Fortunately, AUXLMS is easy to access to take care of those first-time and yearly updates. Some of our six new members are getting into it, for which I am thankful. Also, we have a new Vessel Examiner, and in addition to Eric Linda our ability to get some of our PA and Blitz missions attended to. Congratulations Chris!



Because I can present the VE Workshops, it is easy to make sure that everyone hears the latest info.

We began our Boat Crew course (hardly an academy) on Tuesday 02 SEPT at our last Flotilla Meeting. So far, we have held almost every class on Tuesday evenings at the F T&G Club. If we can continue to keep those days we will be fortunate. However, on those days when we are unable to hold a class, I still make reading assignments. It's working! Thankfully Juan, Roger, George, Santiago, Nathaniel have stood-to, and we can say that we are 'getting there,' Whether or not we actually accomplish QE Audits for them this late-fall season, we will get them there.

There is no way I can begin to thank Cris Vonderheide our FSO-NS for his help, from assisting in teaching some of the ABS level materials, to making the Florida T&G Club space available, and extending an outstanding willingness to assist with class planning. Chuck Hayes our Division Member Training Officer has offered to teach. Jesse Stevens one of our four Division Fourteen TCT Facilitators has offered to teach the four-hour full class for our students. How good is that?

Because we have to work around the Club's schedule, planning and publishing a predictable teaching schedule remains at the mercy of others. We have a syllabus – getting teaching dates will remain a challenge. However, I do promise this: that if my students and allies remain willing to come to class, so will I.

Finally, D-TRAIN 2014 began Thursday. By the time you read this, the event will have been a memory, and I look forward to recounting, "what I saw." This is more than meetings, and buffet dinners. It is a prime chance to accomplish training not easily acquired because of various reasons. By the time you read this, I will have attended a pair of meetings and had a chance to meet one or more of our new District leadership. So – in many ways DTRAIN is an excellent opportunity for all sorts of learning.

This year, we were lucky that *both* the National Convention and DTRAIN were held in Orlando. It will be at least another five years or so before we see NACON again, but DTRAIN is held in Orlando every year. Make a date to see it, get to meet people, and reserve a class slot! I promise, for what you need to find out about – it can only help you.

2014 | Calendar Details

Flotilla 14-8 Meetings

October 7, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- 7:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- Nominations for new Flotilla Officers

November 4, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- 7:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- Election of Flotilla Officers

December 2, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Fellowship ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- 7:30 p.m. ▪ Flotilla 14-8 Regular Meeting ▪ Location: Florida Tackle and Gun Club

Events & Activities

October 11, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. ▪ ABS Course ▪ Florida Tackle & Gun Club

October 16, 2014

- 6:30 p.m. ▪ Fellowship Special Event ▪ Epping Forest Yacht Club
- Happy Hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and Presentation starts at 7:30 p.m.

October 18, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. ▪ Division 14 Meetings and Election of Division Officers Board Meeting
- Board Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and General Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

November 8, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. ▪ ABS Course ▪ Florida Tackle & Gun Club

Special Boating Dates

For details on the events including times, links, and locations, you can visit [Florida By Water](#).

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| Sea and Sky Spectacular (NAS JAX Airshow) | October 25th-26th |
| Florida Georgia Weekend | November 1st |
| Jacksonville Boat Parade | November 29th |

Flotilla 14-8 fellowship on September 18th

Article by Carolyn Strong,

Pictures by Marion Linda and Chris McLaughlin

There were eight of us for dinner at Trent's Seafood Restaurant, across Hwy 17 from NAS Jacksonville, where we enjoyed great food and conversation. After dinner, six of us went to the base for an exclusive tour, arranged by Chris McLaughlin. Chris is an active member of the US Navy and works as an electrician on the planes at NAS Jax. He took us to the hangar where he works, distributed protective ear gear for us to wear, then took us out on the flightline for a tour of one of the new P8s, which will eventually replace the P3s that we are used to seeing over Jacksonville. We then went back into the hangar for a closeup look at a P3.

Chris is interested in getting involved in an Auxiliary Aviation program and is looking for a group of people who would be actively interested in air operations. This can be anything from becoming observer qualified to maybe aircrew or pilot. You may email him at [Christian McLaughlin music.2010@yahoo.com](mailto:Christian.McLaughlin.music.2010@yahoo.com)

We had a delightful time examining the planes inside and out, and having Chris explain what he does and what everything is used for. We even peeked inside wheel wells and storage spaces. Those who didn't come missed an interesting, fun and exciting evening.



Navy P3 in its hangar.



George Law, Bob Strong, Marion Linda, Eric Linda & Carolyn Strong with the P3



New member Christian McLaughlin with the P3

Operation Riverfest

Article and photos provided by Chris Mclaughlin

Hey guys, today was great, while our main goal at performing vessel safety checks was a dude, like. Zero, our mission today i would say was a partial success. Our presence played a huge role and didnt go unnoticed.

We were approached by a various number of people today asking information about the auxiliary. One in particular, a navy hospital corpsman, was interested in memebership information (which is why i attached you too this becky) i didnt get any of his personal information but i have him both yours and my email.

On another not, in particular, just as we were leaving we had two ladies approach us as we started to pack up. One was interested in perhaps



having a representative or two speak with her sons boy scouts pack. I again gave her my email and told her any information she sends me will be forwarded to the correct people. And lastly someone had a safety question about life preservers for her young four year old son.

So all in all, i would call this day pretty successful. Everyone else got to know each other very well and there was a lot of fellowship and

fun. It was a shame that many people canceled but there is always next time.



September 2nd Flotilla Meeting



Whatley leads an introduction to crew training for (from left): Patricia Widell; Juan Steward; Roger Davis; Santiago Castrodad; Logan Small; Matt Bohan; George Law and Jim Bilberry (not in picture)

Photo taken by Carolyn Strong



John Hadley, VFC talks with new member Christian McLaughlin. In the background, Whatley leads crew training.

Photo taken by Carolyn Strong



Paul Burns, FC talks with Becky Habermas, FSO-HR

Photo taken by Carolyn Strong

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

That Time of Year

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8

As the water cools and attention to sports grows, boating activity declines. Not entirely so with the Auxiliary. True, one of our signature activities, public education takes a break for December and January, but that relates more to the preoccupations of big holidays. Autumn will see us engaged in many events – fellowship, training, elections and special events.

Fellowship. As a pillar of membership, monthly meetings include socializing time and refreshments and we often meet at a Mandarin restaurant, Suns game or picnic to relax together. Our December meeting is usually a special Holiday dinner.

Training. Our new members now attend a session at USCG Station, Mayport where Coast Guard personnel orient Auxiliary members to the Active Component. Begun in September, a new Boat Crew class will refresh our patrol crews. Other members continue learning through online and live classes for specialties like Vessel Examiner and Radio Watch, as well as basic requirements such as Boating Safety and Emergency Management.

Elections

October brings our annual election of new officers to guide us for the next year. We get to choose who leads and have opportunities to specialize or change functions as we wish. The ceremony marking the change of leadership is accompanied by a celebratory dinner.

Events. October 19th will find many of us at Epping Forest Yacht Club for an evening sponsored by the North Florida Cruising Club. We will hear insights on the pending globe-circling sail of Dr. Stanley Paris and his 63' Kiwi Spirit, to depart from St. Augustine. We'll have a booth and patrols assisting with security for the NAS Sea and Sky Air Show on October 25-26. Patrols will also work the Florida-Georgia Game on November 1st and the Jacksonville Boat Parade on November 29th.

Experienced boat operators teach our About Boating Safely course at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club at 9010 San Jose Blvd. Call Bob at 904-721-1346 to reserve a place in either the October 11th class or the final class of the year on November 8th. Check our website at <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> for safety issues, vessel exams, weather, float plans, and links to boating charts and sites. Meet us there in our great newsletter and see what we do.

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