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FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



Shipmates, With the summer in our rearview mirror we still have plenty of opportunities to provide vessel examinations, public affairs events and boater education. Our goals to educate the boating public are one of the most important things we do for the Coast Guard. I hope everyone is working towards these goals in your time spent in support of the Coast Guard Mission.

I also want to mention that we all need to make sure we are working through the mandated training modules. These are not optional and must be completed by the end of 2016 for many of us and for some of us by the end of your first year in the Auxiliary. Please pay attention and complete the mandated training.

Please make sure you are reporting your hours each month as it appears we are behind in reporting. Reporting is a component to funding for the coast Guard and is mission critical.

We have Flotilla elections coming up for the Flotilla and staffing assignments for 2016, please consider what role you may want to participate as a staff officer for the Flotilla, now is the time to become qualified for 2016.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Flotilla meeting and the next social.

Whatley Law, FC 14-8 2015

Flotilla Elections will be held at our regular flotilla meeting on December 8th.

The election committee has vetted FC Candidate, Whatley Law, and VFC Candidate Paul Thomas as being qualified to run for these offices. Nominations for these offices will take place at the October 13th flotilla meeting. Any others who desire to run for these offices may contact election committee chairman, Dan Hess at flame68dah@aol.com.

The candidate's membership status must be BQ or higher, has past the Administrative Procedures Course, or the Flotilla Leadership Course and must be Qualified in at least one of the following areas : Instructor, Vessel Examiner, Boat Crew.

FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



Several opportunities to provide direct support to active duty Coast Guard facilities are becoming available.

Sector Jacksonville will be moving to Blount Island in 2016. Station Mayport will remain in its current location on the St Johns River in Mayport. However, there will be less administrative support for Station Mayport once Sector departs. Area Unit Coordinator Bill Sekeres sent out an email on this subject which was forwarded to the membership on September 23.

Mr. Sekeres reports that he expects a strong demand for Auxiliary watchstanders and food service personnel to assist Station Mayport personnel. There will be a three-day food service training class held on October 20-22 at Station Mayport. This is an intensive 22-hour program that teaches basic food safety and sanitation, galley operations, and meal preparation and serving. Graduates of the program who complete all requirements for the AUXFS designation are eligible to assist active duty Food Service personnel at stations, aboard cutters, and for special events, such as Change of Command ceremonies. If you are interested in further information about this class, please contact me.

Charles Trippe, VFC 14-8 2015

IMMEDIATE PAST FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT



ATTN: VESSEL EXAMINERS, PROGRAM VISITORS, INSTRUCTORS, BOAT CREWMEN AND COXSWAINS. The end of the year will approach quickly and it is critical that you have your required hours reported before the first of December to avoid having your certification suspended or "REYR".

It is a huge amount of unnecessary and additional work to both document and undo REYR status, so please make a push this month to get your missions finished for the year.

Vessel Examiners need 5 VEs each calendar year. New VEs need additional 5 VEs after the qualifying exams

Program Visitors need to perform at least 4 dealer visits per year to maintain qualification.

Instructors Need 2 instructor hours or 4 hours as an aid or assistant. New instructors need 2 additional instructor hours or 4 more hours as an aid.

Boat Crew and Coxswains Need 12 hours underway each calendar year, and attend the TCT Refresher by years end.

Further down in this newsletter I have the complete guide to maintaining your certification, what happens if you fail to meet your requirements and how to become recertified.

The bottom line is, you worked hard to achieve your certifications, do your required tasks now.

Paul Burns, IPFC 14-8 2015

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER'S REPORTS

PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG



August is usually a slow month for Public Education and this year was no exception. Only Nine out of the sixteen students preregistered for our August 15 course attended.

Cris Vonderheide, Paul Burns and I taught this course. Juan Stewart, David Howells and our newest member Flora Randolph assisted. I especially want to thank Flora for pitching right-in by preparing the Graduation Certificates for me.

Our next About Boating Safely course will be held on November 21, 2015. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to participate in this course either by teaching, training, or assisting.



Bob Strong Presents membership applicant, Zach Kelly with his ABS Class Certificate at the August Class

Photo by Paul Burns

Bob Strong, FSO-PE 2015

PUBLICATIONS – PAUL BURNS



We really did not have enough material to publish a newsletter in September. So I have combined reports for this October newsletter. This month's newsletter contains over 5100 words, and I left a few out!. Any contributions that you can make by articles, or pictures of auxiliary activities is greatly appreciated and valuable to our flotilla.

The deadline for reports and articles for the November Newsletter is October 31st. That's Halloween AND Florida Georgia weekend. So plan ahead please.

Paul Burns, FSO-PB 2015

FINANCE – BOB STRONG



Flotilla dues for 2016 were due in June of this year. I thank about one-third of our membership for paying your dues at that time without having to be reminded by a letter. Now, I only need to collect from the remaining two-thirds of our members. Please mail your check for the sum of \$40.00 payable to "USCG AUXILIARY 14-8" to my home address ASAP. OR better yet bring it with you to the flotilla meeting, 1900 hours at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Paul tells me he can't print my address in this newsletter, so if you can't attend the flotilla meeting please look it up in the Auxiliary Directory.

A few hints: I live in Jacksonville, Florida and my ZIP code is 32211.



Tom Edwards offers a member training lecture on the Coast Guards Rescue and Command Center System for Search and Rescue at sea.
Photo by Paul Burns

INFORMATION SYSTEMS – MARION LINDA



Here we are in October and 2/3 of 2015 is behind us. With only 4 months left to the year, please try to catch up on all your reports. Combine hours into 1 report if necessary but don't let the year go by without submitting the hours. And most of all, if your reports includes hours for other members, please don't let those slip by. The members that put in those hours, and may need them to keep their certification, are depending on you.

Finally, as we come closer to the end of the year, keep in mind the minimum number of hours, or exams, or visits needed to keep you from becoming REYR or to get yourself out of REYR. Don't wait for the last minute! Last year there were a couple of members that were "right down to the wire" and it became complicated. At around midnight on 12/31 (or whatever date they gave us as a deadline for entering reports), Paul Burns and myself were working into the wee hours of the morning trying to "beat the clock". It should not have to be that difficult.

Marion Linda, FSO-IS 2015

OPERATIONS – WHATLEY LAW



Plans are in the making for a VE Blitz at Epping Forest Yacht Club for the month of August . there are also more opportunities for sign up sheets for various marinas and vessel examinations

Whatley Law, FSO-OP 2015

VESSEL EXAMINATION – WHATLEY LAW



We are working on updating the annual certifications the TOMCAT and WILDCAT our OPFAC's for 14-8 in order to get underway for the busy Jaguar football season and increased boating in AOR.

Whatley Law, FSO-VE 2015

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - DAVID HOWELS



Riverfest: Although a much smaller turn out than last year, probably due to the overcast skies and occasional misting rain, the 2015 Riverfest was a success. Flotilla 14-8 members Jolene Richardson, Christian McLaughlin, Eric Linda, and David Howells were on hand to work the event. The last two hours, the sun peeked through and cleared up the sky and it became a sunny day. Safety literature was handed out, specifically the federal marine regulations book. We met a lot of people including members of an antique boat restoration club who were giving out free rides in their

beautiful boats. We also met a member of the Coast Guard who currently works at HITRON enjoying the day with his family. He told us how much they appreciate the assistance the Auxiliary gives them.



Jolene Richardson, Chris McLaughlin, and David Howells at Riverfest.
Photos by David Howells



Eric Linda ready for some Vessel Exams.

Flags and Ceremonies:

Community Support: The 14-8 VE event at the Epping Forest Yacht Club has been postponed and WILL NOT be held August 15th. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

A PE class was held on Saturday August 15th from 7:30 to 5pm at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club. Teaching the course was the usual suspects Bob Strong, Paul Burns, and Cris Vonderheide along with Kevin Kalil who assisted until he had to leave for work. Juan Stewart and Flora Randolph were also in attendance training.

Local Media Involvement:

Monthly Article in the Mandarin News, by Ralph Little

Recommendations:

Of SPECIAL Interest: Our last flotilla social was August 18th at the San Marco Pizza Palace. A great time was had by all as the 14-8 joined forces with the 14-2 to fill the private dining room. Jessie Stevens (14-2) a retired member of the Auxiliary, but still a viable asset and source of information was awarded a beautifully engraved cutlass from the 14-2 for many years of dedicated service. Also, Chuck

Farmer (14-2) was awarded a genuine buoy light and half post to mount it on. The flotilla was allowed to pick from the Coast Guard's ATON reserve yard for a suitable award for a man who has given such exemplary service to the upkeep and maintenance of the ATONs in our area.

USCG Cutter James is commissioned in Boston August 8th, 2015. The Cutter James, named for Joshua James (1826-1902), an American sea captain and a U.S. Life-Saving Service station keeper credited with saving over 600 lives. The U.S. Life-Saving Service was a government body that formed part of the Coast Guard. She is the 5th of 8 planned national security cutters and at 418 feet in length, the largest class of cutter in the fleet. The James will be home-ported in Charleston, SC.

Coast Guard Vice Admiral Charles Michel was promoted to vice commandant of the Coast Guard. Michel will oversee Coast Guard operations, strategic development, organizational governance and management of the service's 58,000 employees and 30,000 volunteers.

Paratus 14:50 is an upcoming full-length documentary film telling the story of Hurricane Katrina that most Americans are unaware of. The greatest rescue mission in American history when Coast Guard personnel saved more than 33,500 Americans from the floodwaters over the course of 2 weeks. Check the trailer out on you tube! Paratus 14:50.

David Howells, Acting FSO-PA 2015



David Howells receives his Goodmate Exam Certificate



Kevin Koehl receives his 5 year service award Photos by Paul Burns



Fellowship Dinner with Flotilla 14-2 at Mudville Grill

Photos By Paul Burns

MEMBER TRAINING – Cris Vonderheide



I have turned over the mantle for boat crew training to the Division 14 Boat Crew Academy meeting weekly in Arlington and am reporting 3 flotilla members plus myself are enrolled. Also a reminder of the TCT training after the next flotilla meeting open to all.

Below is the training schedule

Date	Topic
Monday, September 14, 2015	Classroom - Survival Equipment; Lines; Knots; Distress Signals; VDS
Monday, September 21, 2015	Classroom - First Aid(Including Sun-related; Shock; Bleeding; Burns; Hypothermia
Monday, September 28, 2015	Classroom - Communications (Phonetics; Prowords; Urgency; Distress)
Monday, October 05, 2015	Classroom- Navigation; :Lights &Sounds; Survival Rules; Lookout; Compass Course
Monday, October 12, 2015	Classroom - Chartplotting
Monday, October 19, 2015	Classroom - Chartplotting
Monday, October 26, 2015	Classroom - Chartplotting
Monday, November 02, 2015	Classroom - Chartplotting
Monday, November 09, 2015	Classroom - Chartplotting
Monday, November 16, 2015	Classroom - Pre-Underway Checks; GAR; Rules-of-the-Road; Sector Jax/ Station Mayport Rules
Saturday, November 21, 2015	On-Water - Boat Handling; GAR; Checklists; GPS; Compass Headings; Comms; Area Familiarization
Monday, November 23, 2015	Classroom- Fires; Marine Definitions; Crew Safe Practices & Responsibilities; Use of PPE
Saturday, December 05, 2015	On Water - Area Fam; Towing; Anchoring; Situational Awareness; Comms.
Monday, December 07, 2015	Classroom - Line Handling; Knots; Use of Cleats; Direct / Indirect Pickup; Sound Signals
Saturday, December 12, 2015	On Water - Boat Handling; GAR; Checklists; GPS; Compass Headings; Comms; Towing
Monday, December 14, 2015	Swim Test
Monday, December 21, 2015	Classroom - Review and Tasks Sign Offs
Saturday, January 02, 2016	On Water - Skills review, Practice and Tasks Sign Off
Monday, January 04, 2016	Classroom - Review and Tasks Sign Offs
Saturday, January 09, 2016	On Water - Skills review, Practice and Tasks Sign Off
Monday, January 11, 2016	Classroom - Review and Tasks Sign Offs
Saturday, January 16, 2016	On Water - Skills review, Practice and Tasks Sign Off
Monday, January 18, 2016	Classroom - Review and Tasks Sign Offs
Saturday, January 23, 2016	On Water - Skills review, Practice and Tasks Sign Off
Saturday, January 30, 2016	QE Audit (If Candidates are Signed off and ready
Saturday, February 06, 2016	QE Audit (If Candidates are Signed off and ready
Saturday, February 13, 2016	Alternate Dates for QE if needed Due to Weather
Saturday, February 20, 2016	Alternate Dates for QE if needed Due to Weather

Cris Vonderheide FSO-MT 2015

More Opportunities to volunteer directly with the Coast Guard



Photo by Whatley Law

October 9th Whatley Law helped Vic Aquino DCDR , David Patrick VCDR and Bill Sekeres FC 14-2 grill hamburgers and hot dogs at Naval Station Mayport pavilion for about 70-100 coasties competing in a frisbee tournament. I think the prevention team won the championship around 1pm.

We enjoyed cooking for the Gold Side and recommend it for anyone wanting to help out next year.

For those of you who don't already know, sometime in 2016 Sector Jacksonville will be moving to a new facility on Blount Island. As you would suspect, most Sector personnel will be moving to Blount Island but not all. Conversely, Station Mayport personnel will be staying along with a limited number of Sector personnel.

With the reduced personnel remaining at Station there will be an enhanced opportunity (and need) for Auxiliarists to offer their talents in support of the mission of Station Mayport.

A few weeks ago the CO of Station Mayport, CWO Pavlic, asked the Commodore of D7, Bob Weskerna, to appoint Bill Sekeres as Area Unit Coordinator (AUC). With subsequent approval by CDR Seward, DIRAUX D7.

The AUXMAN describes the primary purpose of the AUC as facilitating the timely provision of high-quality administrative and operational support by the Auxiliary to the associated Coast Guard unit. The AUC shall work closely with the Coast Guard unit to develop and maintain the necessary relationships to deliver such service.

In meetings with Chief Allen, Deputy, Station Mayport, we have identified opportunities for Auxiliarists to lend their talent to the operation of the Base, in fact there is more opportunity than previously known. Very shortly Bill will provide detail for each of the needs of Station Mayport but for now here are the areas of service Auxiliarists can lend their talent (some we provide already but need to build the participation): Radio Watch Stander, Front Gate Watch Stander, AUX Food Service, Boat Crew and soon to be- construction and maintenance (in the fine tradition of Navy Seabees).

This position of AUC is not intended to replace or infringe upon the work already being done by Division members for Station Mayport or the duties of the Division Elected Bridge or Division Staff Officers. Rather, it is an efficient singular point of contact for the active duty to elicit our help in new areas of need, and, to promote growth of Auxiliary participation of current contributions. I'm pleased to note that the position of AUC has the support of the Division Commander.

Bill be utilizing the Chain of Leadership and parallel staffing to bring the needs of the Station to the Division membership. The chosen route will depend on the particular circumstance and urgency of the request from Station. The most commonly used routes will be via email, visits by me to flotilla meetings, personal contact and our publications; both Flotilla and Division.

The job will require filing monthly reports to the Elected Bridge on the progress of my effort. Mid-month, to keep all Division members informed of progress and changes in development of training schedules, standards, additional opportunities and requirements, Updates will be sent via emails forwarded through Flotilla Elected Leaders, newsletters and personal contact.

Article by Bill Sekeres, AUC

Currency & Certification Requirements

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Job Aid Kit contains an overview of the specific requirements for recertification in the various competencies below. However, for *more specific information*, including relevant *forms and procedures*, please browse to the relevant Job Aid Kit for the specific competency.

For example, to find forms and procedures for Crew recertification, visit the Surface Operations (Crew/COXN) [Job Aid Kit](#).

Crew Member and Coxswain

Currency Maintenance Cycle

The currency maintenance cycle for surface operations is conducted on a three-year cycle, with certain requirements every year during the cycle, and requires the services of a Qualification Examiner (QE). The currency cycle begins on 01 January of the year following initial certification. Currency requirements must be met by 31 December of each year. For example, if a member is certified as a coxswain on 15 July 2005, that member's first currency year begins on 01 January 2006, and the member must meet all annual currency requirements by the end of 2006 (31 December 2006). The third-year currency requirements must be met by 31 December 2008. Annual currency requirements must be met during the first full calendar year after certification; credit will not be given to hours or tasks completed in the partial year of initial certification. Failure to meet currency requirements in any year of the cycle will cause a member's certification to lapse.

Crew Member - To maintain currency, a certified crew member must log twelve (12) hours underway as a crew member on orders each calendar year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for this position must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Coxswain - To maintain currency, a certified coxswain must log twelve (12) hours underway as a crew member or coxswain on orders each calendar year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for this position must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

PWC Operator - To maintain currency, a certified PWC Operator must log twelve (12) hours underway as a PWC Operator each year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for this position must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Coxswain and PWC Operator - To maintain currency, a member certified both as a coxswain and a PWC Operator must log twelve (12) hours underway as a crew member or coxswain on orders each calendar year and at least six (6) hours underway as a PWC Operator each year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for these positions must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Crew member and PWC Operator - To maintain currency, a member certified both as a crew member and a PWC Operator must log twelve (12) hours underway as a PWC Operator on orders each calendar year and at least six (6) hours underway as a crew member each year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for these positions must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Additional Fifth (5th) Year Qualifications

Crew Members, Coxswains and PWC Operators must attend a TCT Class at least every five years, IAW Team Coordination Training, COMDTINST 1541.1 (series).

Coxswains and PWC operators must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination at least every five years [no later than the anniversary date of their previous exam] with a minimum score of 90 percent.

Members failing to complete the open book exam within the five year period are considered lapsed and must retake the exam and achieve a minimum score of 90 percent to regain certification and receive orders.

Note: AUXDATA shows the currency maintenance schedule for all boat Crew Members, Coxswains, and PWC Operators. This report should be reviewed regularly by the respective FSOs-OP to inform their flotilla members of their status.

Requalifying as a Crew member or Coxswain

A member who fails to meet annual currency requirements for the year shall make up the missing hours as a trainee, under the supervision of a certified coxswain the following year. (Example: If the member only completes four (4) hours the previous year they must complete eight (8) hours as a trainee to regain certification.) Once the missing hours are completed the member is no longer a trainee. The member must then complete twelve (12) additional hours to maintain certification. Members who fail to complete the triennial check ride must complete the check ride before being recertified. Members who fail to complete all of the required hours for one to four years must complete twelve (12) hours as a trainee to regain certification and twelve (12) additional hours as a fully qualified member to maintain certification. Members who do not have underway hours for a period of five (5) years or more must re-qualify by completing all required tasks for the desired position.

A member whose certification has lapsed may participate as a designated trainee on an ordered patrol. As a designated trainee, the member may accumulate the required patrol hours in order to be recertified.

Paperwork Submission

Documentation of the required under-way hours will be noted on the paperwork submitted for each patrol. Triennial check rides will be documented and submitted by the Qualification Examiner conducting the check.

Voluntary Downgrading Qualification from Coxswain to Crew

A member who is unable to or does not wish to maintain certification as a coxswain may downgrade to the crew member level by meeting the currency requirements for crew member. The member shall notify DIRAUX in writing, through their flotilla leadership of their desire to downgrade. The member may continue to wear the Auxiliary coxswain Insignia even though no longer certified at the coxswain level.

Instructors - Public Education or Member Training

To remain certified, and IT must teach two hours or serve as an assistant IT for four hours each year or by teaching one hour and assisting for two hours. ITs must also attend approved workshops when required.

Requalifying as an Auxiliary Instructor

Failure to satisfy annual requirements will require the Auxiliarist to recertify as an IT. When the hours for teaching/serving as an assistant IT have not been met, the IT must perform the annual certification task(s), as a trainee, under the supervision of a certified IT. The certified IT receives the training (PE or MT) credit for the 2 or 4 hours performed during this recertification process. The candidate must then complete the annual certification requirements to retain certification for the following year.

When any required IT workshop is not attended prior to 31 May (or later date established within the District), recertification will be accomplished by attending the required workshop prior to 30 September. Subsequent to that date, recertification will be required as outlined

Paperwork Submission

Paperwork documenting the completion of the required hours and/or workshop need to be clearly labeled as "requalification" and the member's name highlighted or noted in comments, and include a note requesting that the REYR or REWK status be removed. Additional IT hours should not be submitted until the REYR or REWK status is removed.

Program Visitor

To remain certified, PVs must conduct at least four recreation boating safety visits each year.

Requalifying as a Program Visitor

In order to regain certification the PV must perform two practice visits as a trainee under the supervision of a certified PV. Only the certified PV receives credit for the two recertification visits. The Recertified PV must then perform an additional four (4) visits in the year to retain qualification. If more than five (5) years have elapsed since loss of certification the PV must prequalify as a new Program Visitor.

Paperwork Submission

Complete the 7046 Program Visitor Activity form, filling in all required information, listing the REYR PV's name on Trainee line. In Section III -REMARKS (write in) "Above trainee(s) has completed the two supervised PVs to retain certification status."

Vessel Examiner

To remain certified, VE's must complete at least five (5) VSC's each calendar year. Newly qualified VE's meet the five VSC with the five VSC's they performed under supervision in the calendar year of their initial qualification.

If a VE fails to perform the annual certification procedures for five (5) consecutive years that member will have to meet the full initial qualification criteria to regain qualification.

Requalifying as a Vessel Examiner

If any qualified VE fails to perform the annual required number of Vessel Safety Checks and complete the VE workshop (in the years when one is required), that Examiner must complete two satisfactory VSCs under the supervision of a certified VE in order to regain their certification. The certifying VE receives the credit for the two recertification VSCs. The Candidate then must perform the regular number of required VSCs, five (5), to retain their VE certification.

Paperwork Submission

Complete the 7038 Activity Vessel Examination form, filling in all required information, listing the REYR VE's name on Trainee line. In Section III -REMARKS (write in) "Above trainee(s) has completed the two supervised VSC's to retain certification status."

For VE Workshop – Complete the 7039 Workshop Mission form. In the Remarks Section write "Above trainee(s) have completed the VE mandatory work shop to retain VE certification status".



Fellowship Dinner with Flotilla 14-2 at The Pizza Palace in San Marco

Photo by Paul Burns



Mandarin News
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update
Markers Show the Way
By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8

The topic of waterway markers is best covered in references since there is a lot to explain and it is very picture-oriented. There are some points we can cover in this space that may add to your appreciation of them. Markers are also too important to not cover their safety role.

Markers is the nautical term for signs and objects used to portray information to boaters. As with road signs, there are markers provided for different purposes, to include safety, aids to navigation (ATONS), restrictions, and information. In local waters, various signs are maintained by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC), local government, Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and private parties. Many can be seen from bridges or shore locations. At Goodby's Creek on San Jose Blvd. you can see private pole markers, USCG fixed posts showing the channel and FWC information signs on manatee protection. Across the river, NAS has warning markers of a military protection zone and Mulberry Cove has ACE-approved white with blue band mooring buoys – the only buoy you can legally tie up to.

The key ATONS are either lateral or non-lateral markers. Lateral aids are buoys, daybeacons or posts that indicate the port (left) and starboard sides of a navigable channel as the boater heads upstream or from the open sea. They will be red or green, have numbers and may have a light or bell. Non-lateral markers are usually white and orange buoys that depict information, control speed or show exclusion zones or dangers. Such a “can” buoy with a diamond may signal shoals or rocks. Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) markers are somewhat different, adding yellow squares for port and triangles for starboard when traveling from New Jersey to Texas. That is done because in some areas the ICW may be opposite to that of a parallel non-ICW route.

Visual depiction of U.S. aids to navigation can be found in USCG, FWC and boating publications. Most online references will lead you to <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/ATON%20Plates.pdf>, a pictorial guide to the most common navigation markers. Each Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla has a staff position for a Navigation Services officer who helps monitor issues with local signage of importance to the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary presents the Boating Safety Course held by the Jacksonville Flotilla on the third Saturday of each month through November 2015 in Mandarin. That course includes how to interpret navigation markers. Visit our web site <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> for more information.



Chris McLaughlin and Jolene Richardson at Riverfest

Photo by David Howells

Don't Forget our Meeting Tuesday, October 13th Fellowship - 7:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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| OCT 13 | Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club |
| OCT 17 | Division Meeting, Amelia Island Light House, in Fernandina |
| OCT 22 | Flotilla Dinner Social - |
| OCT 31 | Eight Bells Deadline for Staff Reports, Pictures, and Articles |
| NOV10 | Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club |
| NOV 21 | About Boating Safely Public Education Class 7:30am |
| NOV 27 | Eight Bells Deadline for Staff Reports, Pictures, and Articles |
| DEC 8 | Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
Flotilla Officer Elections for FC and VFC |

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