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FROM YOUR FLOTILLA COMMANDER



Shipmates,

This month I had the honor to attend the change of command at Sector Jacksonville. Captain Allen is heading to DC to take on a new role, while Captain Dixon takes over Sector, he advises all standing orders will remain in place.

We look forward to working with the new command in support of the Coast Guard mission.

Whatley Law, FC 14-8 2015

FLOTILLA VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT



As the hurricane season is upon us, we are trying to get a workable recall list and "phone tree" in place. Please reference my email on this subject of June 9, and respond with the confirming information at your earliest convenience. Once we have sufficient responses, we will test the phone tree for use in a hurricane or other emergency. As the hurricane season progresses, please keep a "weather eye" on the tropical storm outlook from NOAA, even if you are out of town.

On June 13, several Auxiliary members of the Division 14 Color Guard participated in the Battle of Midway Memorial Dinner held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort in St. Augustine, sponsored by the U.S. Navy League. The Combined Color Guard also included active duty members of the Coast Guard as well as active duty and retired members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. A Marine Corps rifle detail also participated in the ceremony. Besides the Posting of the Colors, Auxiliary members participated in the Missing Man Tribute and the Marine Corps "Old Glory" Flag Detail. The guest speaker was Gen. John F. Kelly, U.S.M.C., Commander, U. S. Southern Command.

Charles Trippe, VFC 14-8 2015

IMMEDIATE PAST FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S REPORT



New Member Survey.

Our National Commodore, Mark Simoni and the National Executive Committee have asked that members who joined the Auxiliary last year be surveyed to assess their experiences. When you receive this survey, please respond. Your true feelings and personal opinions will make a difference and help solve problems within the Coast Guard Auxiliary by communicating with the man at the top.

Your opinions, both good and bad will make a difference.

Your Flotilla Needs Your Help!

Our flotilla has only a handful of members holding all of our staff officer positions, and it is limiting our ability to do the necessary work of the flotilla. Some members are holding up to 4 staff offices, spreading their efforts and valuable volunteer time too thin. This affects the moral of those who depend on those staff officers to do their jobs and it leads to burnout from those members trying to do too much.

We desperately need help in Human Resources. This is a job which requires somebody handle without the distraction of other duties.

Having somebody new take over the Vessel Examiner and Operations billets would relieve our Flotilla Commander of valuable time that he needs to handle the administrative tasks of the flotilla.

We currently do not have anybody in the Program Visitor position or Marine Safety.

It is past the half way point of the year and we need to start preparations for 2016. If you are not currently holding a staff officer position, please consider lending a helping hand, especially if you have experience. If you don't have the experience, but you want to help, let your flotilla commander know and Whatley, Charles, and I will help you do the job that you desire.

Auxiliary Mandated Training AUXMT

Located after the Officer Reports in this newsletter is a comprehensive view of the requirements of the AUXMT program. As well you will find details on the consequences for not completing these courses on time.

To reiterate, these courses are required of all members and employees of the Coast Guard, and all branches of the Coast Guard's workforce including civilians and volunteers.

For members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the consequences for not completing the training on time will include; losing qualification status in all of the members certifications, losing the ability to hold certain offices, earn awards. Those not completing the training on time will be put into REYR status as a member.

All current members of Flotilla 14-8 have until December 31st, 2016 to complete these courses. Believe me it will be far easier to complete the 8 simple courses. The time investment is minimal, and the information gained in the training will be valuable.

Fellowship Dinner will be Thursday, July 23rd at Woody's BBQ at the corner of Phillips Hwy and Baymeadows Rd. 6:30pm

Paul Burns, IPFC 14-8 2015

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMUNICATION SERVICES – PAUL BURNS



Safe Computer Security Tips To Minimize Identity Theft

I know that you are aware that on June 4, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced a cybersecurity incident affecting its systems and data that may have exposed the personal information of more than three million Federal personnel. As more information is unearthed about the cause and culprit behind this attack, Auxiliarists may be wondering what can be done to mitigate the risk of identity theft. As unfortunate cyber security incidents like this are becoming more and more prevalent, it is becoming increasingly imperative for businesses and consumers to take every necessary precaution to protect personal information. In an effort to stay ahead of cyber criminals, the Auxiliary has created a list of precautions consumers should take to protect their identity:

Practice safe password habits. Do not reuse your password across multiple sites. Develop a password system that helps you remember the unique passwords you develop for each digital account you own. Passwords should be long, **should not include any words found in a dictionary** and should vary in character type (include special characters, capitalization and punctuation as password systems allow). Be sure to change passwords every six months and use two-factor authentication whenever possible.

Make sure that your computer is secured with an up to date Anti-Virus program. This step cannot be understated. Free anti-virus programs by Avast, AVG, and Avira, have proven not only effective to remove virus's from your computer, but they will often prevent you from accessing websites that will infect your computer. Be aware of your computer running unusually slow, or programs other than your normal anti-virus program giving you odd messages about virus infections. Handle suspected malicious infections on your computer immediately, before they render your computer unusable, or unable to recover your personal files.

Be on the lookout for phishing attempts via email, phone and social media. Be wary of unsolicited phone calls and email messages from individuals asking about personal information. If an unknown individual claims to be from a legitimate organization, verify his or her identity directly with the company. Never click on a link in an email requesting you to update your personal information. Quite often that link will send you to a phony website designed to steal your identity. Instead, open a new browser window and go directly to the websites address and seek information there to update your information profile. Or you could call the organization and ask if they sent you a request for information. You will probably find that it is their policy not to solicit personal information through email.

Keep your devices secure. Do not use public Wi-Fi to connect to the Internet. (This includes hotel Wi-Fi and public libraries.) Make sure to keep all devices up-to-date with anti-virus software. If you must use a public internet connection NEVER access, your banking or credit card websites. Wait until you get home to do so over a secure connection.

- **Do not share personal information over email.** Do not email sensitive information like your home address, social security number or bank account information.
- **Pay attention to the URL of a website.** Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (example: .com versus .net).
- **Monitor financial account statements.** Immediately report any suspicious or unusual activity to financial institutions.
- **Request a free credit report and review for errors and misuse.** Consumers are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus: TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax.
- **Place a fraud alert on your credit file.** Let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name.

OPM has partnered with a company called **CSID** to provide identity protection coverage to affected individuals. If you believe you may have been affected by this incident, please visit www.csid.com/opm for more information. As mentioned in the examples above, should you be contacted by CSID, by email or by phone, do not respond directly, do not click on any links in the email, and do not give any information to a caller, unless you were specifically expecting the communication in response to a previous email or call.

If you are contacted by CSID, it would be a smart move to check with a fellow auxiliariest, your FC or feel free to contact me for advice before responding to the contact.

Good computer security is a little extra work, but it is not as much work as trying to recover from a stolen identity.

Paul Burns, FSO-CS 2015

MEMBER TRAINING – Cris Vonderheide



Boat Crew Training continues .

Please support the Mandated Auxiliary Training which is easily accessed from our flotilla website. One hour a month with these programs will have your requirements fulfilled by the end of the year!

Please look over the information later on in this newsletter concerning the Auxiliary Mandated Training. This information includes the course names, links to information about the courses and details about what happens if you do not complete this training. We want to make sure that we don't wait until the last minute to complete these required courses.

PUBLIC EDUCATION – BOB STRONG



We ended up canceling both of our May PE courses due to not being able to use the Florida Tackle and Gun Club. Our last ABS course was held on June 20 at the club. We made up for canceling two courses in May by having 34 students attend this course.

Kevin Koehl, Paul Burns and I taught this course. Cris Vonderheide, Juan Steward and the three instructors arrived at the club before 0715 to set up. Students began coming through the front door by 0720 and didn't stop until we had 34 students in our classroom. All 34 students passed the end of course examination and six scored 100%. Kevin Koehl taught two lessons and

completed his qualification to become an Auxiliary Instructor.

The date for our next course has been changed, at the club's request, from July 18 to July 11. As well, our August course will be on August 15th. If you will be free on these dates and would like to help, please call our boating number 904-721-1346 and let me know ahead of time.



Kevin Koehl has joined the PE team as an instructor, teaching his qualification classes at our June PE class.

Bob Strong, FSO-PE 2015

PUBLICATIONS – PAUL BURNS



Check Out The New "D7 Connection"

The Summer Edition of the 7th District "Connection" newsletter is available online at this address: <http://www.uscga-district-7.org/d7connection.html> This publication is from the District Human Resources Department.

I found this issue hitting home on several subjects, including the Auxiliary Mandated Training and the frustrations of passing new members through the Personal Security Process. Take a few minutes and give it a read.

Staff Officer reports and submissions for the *Eight Bells* are due no later than the last Sunday of the month. Earlier, of course is better. Please submit all material for next month's newsletter no later than July 26th.

Paul Burns, FSO-PB 2015

FINANCE – BOB STRONG



Well here it is July 1, 2015. I had a bit of a false start on June 1. Letters ready to be sent out but no envelopes to mail them it. Now, I have everything and letters requesting flotilla dues for 2016 will be mailed out the first week of July 2015 along with return envelopes for your convenience. Please send me you check this month for 2016 dues.

Even though National and the 7th District have raised our flotilla's financial obligation by \$12 per member, we have decided to leave our flotilla dues at \$40 for 2016. This only leaves the flotilla \$1.00 per member for expenses. Since we just raised our flotilla dues last year, we felt that having a another increase so soon would be detrimental to moral. Fortunately we feel that our budget can operate in the upcoming year without passing the increases to our membership, but it is likely to be a lean year for expenses.

Bob Strong, FSO-FN 2015

HUMAN RESOURCES – PAUL BURNS



Top Priority for New Member Joining in 2014. Don't Ignore This!

I sent all members who joined in 2014, a Consent to Release Information form which must be filled out and returned to me ASAP. If I don't have this form sent in on your behalf, by July 20th, your application cannot be processed for the Personal Security Investigation.

I know that it is dishartening, even insulting that it is taking so long to process these applications, however it is out of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's hands, and not having the updated form signed with an current date shuts down the process. Please fill out the form in BLACK ink, sign the form in BLUE ink and return it to me no later than our upcoming flotilla meeting on July 14th.

You may have noticed that Becky Habermas is no longer filling the FSO-HR position. Personal issues forced her to give up this position. It will be a noticable gap in our program. Becky has done such an outstanding job in Human Resources that she has garnered District-wide recognition for her efforts and almost half of our flotilla's current roster can trace their membership to Becky's recruiting efforts. She has set the standard pretty high.

We need to fill the HR position on perminant basis. My many duties in the flotilla don't allow for the time to devote proper attention to the job. We need somebody who is not already filling other Staff positions to step up to the plate and make sure that our HR efforts don't fall behind.

It is all about the future of our flotilla!

Paul Burns, Acting FSO-HR 2015

OPERATIONS – WHATLEY LAW



No new report for operations.

Whatley Law, FSO-OP 2015

VESSEL EXAMINATION – WHATLEY LAW



We are working on new plans to develop pre examination sign up sheets at several marinas to schedule VE multi boat blitzes.

Whatley Law, FSO-VE 2015

Sector Jacksonville Change of Command



Photos by Whatley Law

Change of Command at Sector Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The crew of Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville held a change of command ceremony, in Mayport, June 19, 2015

During the ceremony, Capt. Thomas Allan, Jr., transferred command to Capt. Jeffrey Dixon.

The change of command ceremony marks a transfer of total responsibility and authority from one individual to another. The ceremony is a time honored tradition, conducted before the assembled crew, as well as honored guests and dignitaries in order to formally demonstrate the continuity of the authority within a command.

Allen has served the Jacksonville area since June 2012 and has overseen numerous Coast Guard activities throughout the northeastern Florida region. Following the ceremony, Allan will assume the role as the chief of congressional affairs in Washington, D.C.

Dixon comes to Jacksonville from Coast Guard Sector New York, where he held the position of deputy sector commander.

For more information contact the Coast Guard 7th District Public Affairs Detachment Jacksonville at 305-318-1864.

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Capt. Thomas Allan Jr., left, the outgoing commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, Fla., transfers command to Capt. Jeffrey Dixon, right, during a change of command ceremony, June 19, 2015. At the ceremony, Allan transferred command to Dixon after serving the northeastern Florida region for three years. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony L. Soto)



Capt. Thomas Allan Jr., left, sits with his replacement, Capt. Jeffrey Dixon, during a change of command ceremony June 19, 2015, at Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, Fla. At the ceremony, Allan transferred command to Dixon, after serving the northeastern Florida region for three years. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony L. Soto)

Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT)

Overview: Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT) prepares United States Coast Guard Auxiliarists to effectively serve as members of a volunteer organization that is in frequent contact with the American public and which augments and supports the US Coast Guard. This training provides a basic understanding of critical human relations policies, personal safety and organizational security topics, and the National Incident Management System.

Completion of AUXMT requirements places Auxiliarists on the same footing as other members of the Coast Guard workforce and allows seamless integration with their active duty, reserve and civilian employee counterparts. It also ensures that all members of the Coast Guard workforce stand ready to provide Service to Nation, fulfill our commitment to Duty to People, and reflects our Commitment to Excellence. To be considered ready to serve and in good standing with one of our nation's premiere volunteer organizations, members must conform to these training requirements. All Auxiliarists are strongly encouraged to embrace these training requirements and assist their Auxiliary shipmates to successfully complete them whenever needed.

Consequences: Mandated Training cannot be taken lightly. The following policy incentives and consequences related to AUXMT have been approved by Auxiliary national leadership and the Chief Director of Auxiliary, and shall be effective on January 1, 2016. Completion of Mandated Training and currency maintenance has the following general policies:

1. All Auxiliarists who have a Base Enrollment Date (BED) prior to 01 January 2016 must complete AUXMT by 31 December 2016 to qualify, re-certify, and avoid REYR status, as applicable, in any competency.
2. All Auxiliarists who have a BED after 31 December 2015 must complete AUXMT by the end of the first full calendar year after their BED to qualify in any competency.
3. For all Auxiliarists, events occurring after 01 January 2016 such as eligibility for certain awards, elections, Auxiliary ID cards, C-Schools, and augmenting the Coast Guard will require AUXMT to be completed prior to those events regardless of their BED.

The details of this policy are given in the following ALAUX – AUXILIARY MANDATED TRAINING (AUXMT) - NEW DELIVERY METHODS AND POLICY CHANGES 03 June 2015 at this link: [ALAUX AUXMT](#).

Courses: There are 10 mandated courses with 8 courses discussed here** as given in the table below with their course codes and numbers:

Course Code	Course Number	Course Name	Frequency
SP	502379	Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide	every 5 years
SETA	810030	Security Fundamentals	every 5 years
PAWAR	810015	Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information	every 5 years
POSH	810000	Sexual Harrassment Prevention	every 5 years
SAP	810045	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	every 5 years
CRA	502319	Civil Rights Awarness	every 5 years
ET	502306	Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts	1 time only
INF	502290	Influenza Training	1 time only

**Note that IS 100.b and IS 700.a are also AUXMT taken 1 time only on the FEMA website here: <http://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

Timing: There are specific dates established for the required completion of all 8 courses:

- **Existing Members:** All members who joined on or prior to December 31, 2015 must complete the courses by December 31, 2016.
- **New Members:** All new members must complete the courses by the end of the first full year after their BED e.g. if a new member joins any time in 2016, they must complete the courses by December 31, 2017.
- **5 year cycle:** As each of the first six courses listed above is completed, its own five-year cycle will start. Each cycle will extend to 31 December of the fifth year regardless of the date the course was completed during the year e.g. If the Civil Rights Awareness course was completed on 15 November 2015, then it will have to be completed again by 31 December 2020.

Methods of Completion: Because of the wide ranging capabilities of Auxiliarists, a variety of methods for taking the mandated training and establishing AUXDATA credit have been established as listed here:

- **Online using AUXLMS:** This is the fastest and most efficient way to complete the courses. Some Auxiliarists have completed all 8 courses in a single day while others have taken one course at a time when convenient to their schedule. Once completed, AUXDATA registration is automatic and no other members need be involved. Here is the link to AUXLMS: <https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/> . A special username and password is required. A detailed description of AUXLMS can be found here: <http://www.uscg.mil/auxiliary/training/auxlms.asp>
- **Classroom Training:** Many auxiliarists prefer the classroom environment with a certified Instructor leading the discussion. AUXDATA registration is done through the use of a 7039 form. Member name and ID number is put on the form and the form is sent to an IS staff officer for registration. There are two ways an instructor can present the class:
- **Internet Connection Available:** The instructor can log into AUXLMS with their own account and project the online course on a screen.
- **Power Point Slide Presentation:** The instructor downloads power point presentations for each course and then projects the slides to the class as with any other course. Here are the links to the power point presentations:

The tables below provide ALL links to AUXMT training:

Course Code	Course Number	File Type	Course Name & PPT, PDF, & VIDEO LINKS
SP	502379	name ppt pdf	Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Build_Res_Prev_Suicide.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Build_Res_Prev_Suicide_Ind_Learn.pdf
SETA	810030	name ppt pdf	Security Fundamentals http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Sec_Ed.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Sec_Ed_Ind_Learn.pdf
PAWAR	810015	name ppt pdf	Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Privacy_at_DHS.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Privacy_Ind_Learn.pdf

Course Code	Course Number	File Type	Course Name & PPT, PDF, & VIDEO LINKS
CRA	502319	name ppt pdf	Civil Rights Awareness http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Civil_Rights.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Civil_Rights_Ind_Learn.pdf
ET	502306	name ppt pdf	Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Ethics_PG.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Ethics_PG_Ind_Learn.pdf
INF	502290	name ppt pdf	Influenza Training http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/Influenza_Trng.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/Influenza_Ind_Learn.pdf
POSH	810000	name ppt pdf	Sexual Harassment Prevention http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/SH_Prev.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/SH_Prev_Ind_Learn.pdf
SAP	810045	name ppt pdf	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/SA_Prev_and_Resp.pptx http://tdept.cgaux.org/mt/pdf/SA_Prev_and_Resp_Ind_Learn.pdf

****Self-Certification:** There are two ways a member may self-certify by completing training and filling out a self-attestation form. The self-training can be done the following ways:

1. **Video:** The member can view the voice-over PowerPoint training videos (see above table) when these become available. After viewing the video(s), the member must complete the self-attestation form and mail it to their IS officer.
2. **Hard Copy:** The member can obtain and study a hard copy of the PDF version of annotated PowerPoint slides (listed above as “pdf”) from their leadership. This form of training is meant for the exceptional case where online access is not available to the member and classroom training is not readily available. Upon completion, the member must complete the self-attestation form and mail it to their IS officer.

To reiterate, at the completion of each course, the member must complete the self-attestation form affirming that they have read and understood the contents of the training course(s) and then send the form(s) to their designated flotilla IS officer for data entry. The IS officer should treat this form just like a 7039 form for an individual.



Mandarin News United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

BUI

By Contributing Writer Ralph Little, Flotilla 14-8

During this past legislative session Florida House Bill 289 proposed that a conviction for boating under the influence (BUI) would be recorded in a person's driving record and be considered a prior conviction for driving under the influence. In June, a national BUI Awareness and Enforcement Campaign known as Operation Dry Water was conducted to emphasize the deadly contribution of alcohol, chemical substances and drugs to boating accidents.

According to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission:

- It is a violation to operate a vessel while impaired by alcohol or other drugs. A vessel operator suspected of BUI must submit to sobriety tests and a physical or chemical test to determine blood- or breath-alcohol content.
- A vessel operator is presumed to be under the influence if their blood- or breath-alcohol level is at or above .08.
- Any person under 21 who is found to have a breath-alcohol level of .02 or higher and operates or is in actual physical control of a vessel is in violation.

In the case of BUI, Florida holds that by operating a vessel, all operators are deemed to have given their consent to submit to an approved chemical or physical test including, but not limited to, an infrared light test of their breath for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of their blood or breath if the person is lawfully arrested for any offense allegedly committed. The same applies to a urine test for the purpose of detecting the presence of chemical or controlled substances and there are penalties for not submitting.

Alcohol and drugs are common understood, but “chemical substances” includes any compound, liquid, or chemical containing toluol, hexane, trichloroethylene, acetone, toluene, ethyl acetate, methyl ethyl ketone, trichloroethane, isopropanol, methyl isobutyl ketone, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, cyclohexanone, nitrous oxide, diethyl ether, alkyl nitrites (butyl nitrite), or any similar substance.

Also note the term “vessel”. That is all-encompassing, so whether you are operating a yacht or a kayak, the law pertains.

Not to leave you hanging, Florida House Bill 289 did not pass this time. The Auxiliary has no enforcement role; however a court can direct those with two boating violations in a year to take our NASBLA-approved course. We can help equip you ahead of time with boating-specific safety and operation knowledge in that same Boating Safety Course held by the Jacksonville Flotilla each month through November 2015. Visit our web site <http://SafeBoatingJacksonville.com> for more information and to request an examination.

Don't Forget our Meeting Tuesday, July 14th Fellowship - 7:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- JULY 14** Regular Flotilla Meeting – 1900 – Florida Tackle and Gun Club
- JULY 11** About Boating Safely Public Education Class 7:30am
- JULY 18** Division 14 Quarterly Meeting, St Augustine Airport Conference Ctr
- JULY 23** Flotilla Dinner Social - Woody's BBQ 8206-25 Philips Hwy
Corner of Phillips Hwy and Baymeadows Rd.
6:30pm
- JULY 26** Eight Bells Deadline for Staff Reports, Pictures, and Articles



Whatley and the skippers of the 87' Cutters at the Change of Command

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