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From the Bridge David Cecil, FC

At the October 4th business meeting, *The Last Mysteries of the Titanic* will be presented by Mike Arbuthnot, Underwater Archaeologist and Principal Investigator on Discovery Channel's biggest project in history, becoming the only archaeologist to have conducted a systematic survey of the Titanic's interior bow structure. You can experience firsthand Mike's personal photographs and images which were captured from ROV systems to give us history's best look yet at the ship's interior, including areas not seen since the lone voyage in 1912. Mike and his group attempted to uncover clues and solve some of the Titanic's most haunting mysteries.

We expect guests from other flotillas in Division 14 as well as our Division Captain to attend. Again, many thanks to Joe McCoy for arranging this presentation.

Welcome back to Bob Lehman from his extended trip to Michigan and other of those frontier states above the Mason-Dixon Line. I hope you got some rest while you were gone Bob because we have lots of work for you now that you're back!

I hope to swear in two of our newest members at the October meeting.

Gerry Yoest and George Schultz have completed the security screening and are ready to begin work. Congratulations men!

September has now come and gone without even a near miss from a hurricane. If we are fortunate, we will get through this year without activating the calling tree!

It's that time of year again when the annual inventory of Coast Guard owned equipment must be completed. I will be contacting those who have PPE for their inventory and their signatures in early October.

Reminder:

The elections for FC and VFC will be held at the November flotilla meeting. If you wish to run for these positions, please get in touch with Klaus Baumann or Ann Ping now!

Aids to Navigation
Chuck Peterson, FSO-AN

Ops ran ICW Night ATON missions in October. Several discrepancies reported were promptly corrected by ANT-JAX.

Communications
John Roderick, FSO-CM

AUXMON:

Joe Colee completed his typical missions and several special extras to support upgrade engineering installations. He provides quality analysis of the broadcasts relied upon by ships at sea for weather and critical navigational notices.

USCG AUX HF Net:

Joe Colee was network control of District Seven HF Network as scheduled twice this month. He runs this stand alone communication system independent of public systems to include power. Two new Mobile HF Facilities added in high risk areas: FL Keys and Brevard County. One can imagine what an asset this capability is during emergencies--national, regional, and local.

Flotilla 7-14-7 Radio Facilitie(s) and Watch Stander(s):

Bob Bond provided radio guard for Coxswain Boyle and crew aboard the Phoenix for two patrols in September. This is significant as it relieves Station Mayport from the duty and moreover, Bob has local knowledge providing a more knowledgeable resource. His first time included a SAR case he postured by alert monitoring. Bob heard a call from Station Ponce, over 50 nautical miles south, and alerted Station Mayport it was in 14-7's AOR and we had a facility on patrol. The station gave him a case number and Coxswain Boyle and crew successfully completed the mission. A mission reflecting excellent credibility for our Radio Operations Capabilities.

Member Training
Bob Lehman, FSO-MT

We are also almost done with an AUXSEA class that we've been holding on Wednesday evenings. We have one chapter left to cover and then we'll need to schedule the review and test. The chapter that remains to be covered is one we expect to complete on the water.

Three members, Ken Beccard, Harvey Bradt, and Bob Lehman qualified as "Aids Verifiers" (AV) by attending and participating in a Division 14 training session on Friday, 9/22 lead by the ADSO-AN.

Crew Trainees continue to meet on Monday night with the FSO-OP, Boyle, and demonstrate the necessary proficiencies for sign-offs in their qualification manuals.

Operations
David Boyle, FSO-OP

Due to budget limitations, our activities will be somewhat reduced for 2008 in St. Augustine. Details to follow....

Personnel Services
Steve Craven, FSO-PS

Our newest member, Chris Meritzis, is a retired banker with extensive experience in the Middle East and is fluent in Arabic. Please introduce yourself to him at the next meeting and help welcome him into the Flotilla.



Please mark your calendars. The USCG Band will hold a concert in St. Augustine on Jan 27, 2008. They will perform at the Anastasia Baptist Church on Anastasia Island and the event is being hosted by the local chapter of the Navy League.

Due to personal reasons, I will not be able to continue as the FSO-PS next year and will have to

limit my activities for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in talking to and meeting perspective applicants and assisting them with the membership process, please let Dave Cecil or Ken Beccard know.

Public Affairs
Joe McCoy, FSO-PA

Media Mini-Blitz

1. Article covering remaining ABC Classes through YE, VSC's and CCAUX recruiting/regular meetings
 2. Titanic presentation for October 4th regular meeting – Speaker – Mark Arbuthnot, underwater archeologist
- Article sent to:**
My St. John's Sun (Florida Times Union)
Compass and St. Augustine Record including St. Augustine Beach Watch
World Golf Village Community Journal Ponte Vedra Beach Recorder
Ponte Vedra Beaches Leader
The CreekLine
3. Thank you recognition to editors and Mark Arbuthnot
 4. SAILORS REMEMBRANCE DAY – Moved to a later date, TBD.

Information Booths/Exhibits (Pending)

1. Saturday, Sunday September 22nd and 23rd – Camachee Cove - Wrubel
2. Saturday, Sunday September 29th and 30th – Conch House - Wrubel

VSC Contest

Continues - Most reference cards received by Vic Aquino – recognition at Change of Watch
If no cards received, award given to most instructor hours?
Gay Marsh does not have the raffle basket – it is declared a loss

Public Education
Vic Aquino, FSO-PE

The America's Boating Course (ABC) was conducted at the St Johns River Community

College Library on Sept 8. A total of 7 students were present for the class. Instructors were Joe McCoy, Vic Aquino. The next ABC class will be held on October 6th at the same location. As in the past, if any member wishes to refresh their Boating Safety knowledge you are welcome to attend at no charge. Also, if you know of anyone who would benefit from this course, please have them call me at 460-0243. The last class for 2007 is scheduled for November 3rd. I am looking into the possibility of offering several other courses in addition to the ABC course for 2008.

Vessel Safety Checks
Phil Fernandes, FSO-VE

Hope to see all VEs and potential VEs at the Vilano Ramp on the second Sunday of October.
That's the 14th of October.



KUDOS from Lt.(j. g.) Smith at Sector Jax:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO AUX DAVE BOYLE AND AUX DAVE CECIL FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONALISM DURING THE POLLUTION INVESTIGATION IN ST. AUGUSTINE ON 21 SEPTEMBER. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING A REPORT OF A POSSIBLE POLLUTION INCIDENT, THE SECTOR COMMAND CENTER SENT TWO POLLUTION INVESTIGATORS DOWN TO ST. AUGUSTINE. IT WAS VITAL FOR THE POLLUTION INVESTIGATORS TO REACH THE SUBJECT VESSEL, BUT STATION MAYPORT WAS ENGAGED IN OTHER MISSIONS AND WAS UNABLE TO TAKE THEM.

WE CONTACTED DAVE BOYLE AND HE WAS UNDERWAY WITH DAVE CECIL IN 30 MINUTES TO PICK UP THE POLLUTION INVESTIGATORS AT ST. AUGUSTINE MUNICIPAL MARINA. THE AUX CREW TOOK THE POLLUTION INVESTIGATORS TO THE VESSEL IN QUESTION, AND ALSO TOOK THEM AROUND SO THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE PICTURES OF ALL VESSELS IN THE VICINITY THAT WERE AFFECTED BY THE STORM. DAVE BOYLE AND DAVE CECIL'S PARTICIPATION ENABLED THE INVESTIGATORS TO CONDUCT A PROPER INVESTIGATION AND ALLEVIATED MISSION CONFLICTS HERE AT THE SECTOR. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND QUICK RESPONSE.

BRAVO ZULU!

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AUXAIR Patrol, 8Sep07:

Briefed: Identify and communicate with a 14-3 vessel. PEIPRB procedures. WX forecast good. Mission: Contacted vessel 3711 with aid of 14-3 radio facility Palm Coast Radio One. Radio contact made and then Coxswain Charles Case signaled with a 500 candle power search light. Easily identified. Mission proceeded south with very light ocean traffic and excellent WX through Port Canaveral Crusie ships Disney and Carnival in port with gambling casino ship Surfside Princess just getting underway. No ships in port basin. Drege Barge and tug returning from dumping spoils out south well past channel buoys. Excellent cooperation with Cape Control and Space Coast Regional Tower. Manatee survey C-172 in Cape Canaveral Area during our transit time also communicating with Cape Control. WX deteriorated just before DAB class C airspace with rain showers. Daytona approach provided excellent advisories ref showers and enabled us to circumvent same to continue on to SGJ. Extended rain showers closed SGJ to VFR.

AUXAIR Patrol, 20Sep07:

First Briefing: Enroute and patrol to St Marys, GA for MSST VIII Fam Flights. Departing front a concern with min ceilings and high winds. Second Briefing for USCG PAX: Egress and crew responsibilities esp four man raft and # 2 to exit. Mission: Great visibility but turbulence over land areas. Quiet air and sea. Took LT CDR Paul Murphy, USCG, CO MSST VIII on northern area Fam flight--employee ID 1045511. Particular area of interest was Brunswick, GA airport and a myriad of marsh and river estuaries of tactical concern. After Fam flight we executed Safety Patrol of JAX Harbor and St Johns River to Palatka Big Bend. Only one boat sighted as strong winds easterly winds--15 knots plus. Excellent comms with Sector JAX and consistent, friendly cooperation from Mayport NAS, Craig Tower, and NAS Jacksonville. I mistakenly activated our PEIRPB. Good new is system works well. Bad news is my error. Resolved with confessions to District 7 PO Bannon in the Command Post and with Duty Officer AirSta--SVN.

AUXAIR Patrol, 23Sep07:

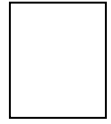
Briefed: Extra care with P-EIRPB testing. Egress refresher. Low ceilings. Mission: Large thunderstorms over TIX. Space control frequency--133.8-- unable. Reported to Shuttle Tower on 128.55. Next, we asked them for WX radar report. Based on large cells over our regular patrol route, we were cleared along the shoreline out 1/2 mile within R-2934 and both class D airspaces. WX over this route was CAVU so looped over port Canaveral area and then resumed route north. Shuttle tower provided outstanding help. Observed submarine at dock with sub pen gate closed. Three cruise ships in port. No cargo ships in port or at anchor. Both casino ships at dock. Very light small boat traffic. Ten plus shrimpers vicinity Port Jax entrance. Crooked River area uneventful. Port Jacksonville normal. Only one small vessel underway in St Johns River. Excellent help from Mayport, Craig, and NAS towers. St Augustine tower provided routing around isolated showers. Excellent Co-Pilot landings.

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DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION U.S. COAST GUARD CG-3615 (Rev. 6-81)		AUXILIARY-RECORD OF UNIT MEETING	
UNIT NO. 071407		UNIT NAME (As recorded in AUXMIS) St. Augustine, FL	Members Present BQ + AX
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DATE	MEETING TIME	MEETING LOCATION	TYPE OF MEETING
06 SEP 2007	1930	St. Augustine Yacht Club	X REGULAR BUS. SPECIAL BUS.
UNIT OFFICERS PRESENT (<i>List office abbr. and last name only</i>) FC Cecil, VFC Beccard, SR Baumann, VE Fernandes, PA McCoy, IS Ping, CM Roderick, FN Pieroni.			
GUESTS PRESENT			
CONDENSED VERSION OF REPORTS AND MOTIONS VOTED ON (LIST) Klaus Baumann and Ann Ping were appointed as the Nominating/Screening Committee for the election of FC and VFC on 01 NOV 2007. AT - There will be two ATON Missions in Oct. On 22 SEP 07 there will be an ATON Verifier class. CM- There will be a AOR familiarization flight. MA - We now have Crew Training Manuals available again. VE - Total VE Exams so far 168 OP - Ops and Division Board meeting is Saturday the 8th A Media Blitz for ABC Classes is on the way. August minutes of meeting were approved. Old Business standing rules will be revisited after elections			
UNIT TRAINING TOPICS PRESENTED September 8th we have an ABC class, Crew training class every Monday 7PM. VE exams on the 9th at Vilano Beach			
REMARKS (<i>Include special events, future plans, awards presented, etc.</i>) District Conference is on 27-30 SEP 07, two (2) Members will be funded from Flotilla 14-7 to attend. Moved and approved not to exceed \$600.00 or \$300.00 each. Annual Service Performance Award was received by Phil Fernandes, John Roderick and David Cecil. Ken Beccard completed his operations Policy Course. Victor Aquino has completed the Instructor Course. Thanks to Ann Ping for sitting in as FC last meeting. Next Hurricane test forthcoming. We will have a Guest Speaker Mr. Mike Arbuthnot Underwater Archaeologist and Principal investigator on Discovery Chanel's biggest project in history who will present the last Mysteries of the Titanic.			
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING (<i>Give Time, Date and Location</i>) 4 OCT 2007 at 1930 - St. Augustine Yacht Club			
DATE SUBMITTED 25 SEP 2007		SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT Brigitte Baumann, FSO-SR	

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Flotilla Meeting Tuesday, 3 February 2004 1930hrs St. Augustine Beach City Hall