

FSO Reports Aug '25	Names	Report
FSO-CM Communications	Scott Birdwell	No Flotilla radio facility watch standing for July 2025.
FSO-CS Communication Services	Gordon Thomas	The website is up and running and has been updated as needed.
FSO-FN Finance	Robin Ainsworth	sent separately
		<p>62 members 1 application submitted.</p> <p>Opportunities: Safe Boating classes and Flotilla websites have brought in some new prospects.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <p>Applications: When we send in a completed application, DIRAUX is now quoting 60 days for processing. This is grossly unfair to our applicants, and may very well lead some to abandon their application altogether to seek alternative opportunities.</p> <p>ID Cards: When we submit new ID card requests, the website states we will receive a response within 48 hrs. However, we have several cases where it took two weeks to acknowledge the ticket and another four weeks to process the request. Then it takes another month to receive through the distribution channel. It's not good that our new members have to wait 2-3 months to receive their ID cards after coming on board, taking the required courses and being excited to get started.</p> <p>Summary / Comments (Optional): Working to improve new member mentoring process to keep them interested and get assistance with getting access and help taking the core training.</p>
FSO-HR Human Resources	Kristi Mackey	
FSO-IS Information Services	Vacant	-
FSO-MA Materials	Eddie Townsend	Placed 3 orders for Boat America Course Books with Auxiliary Association. Ordering more FL boating law from FWC.
FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection	Geary Daves	I assisted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with their Community Scientists Monitoring for Red Tide (CSMRT) project. I collected 4 water samples. 2 on 15-Jul-2025   2 on 29-Jul-2025
FSO-NS Navigation Services	Doug Simpson	Nothing to report until Sector assigns an Aux SO. We are all up to date.
FSO-MT Member Training	Doug Simpson	Will provide an review on election quals at our meeting.
FSO-OP Operations	Keith Betzing	For the month of July flotilla 11-10 was scheduled for three missions. Two missions were two boat training missions with Station Sand Key that were completed. The third mission was a night training mission that was canceled due to weather. There were no aircraft support missions, due to the aircraft being assigned to other missions
FSO-PV Partner Visitor	Grady Altman	We had 24 this past month. No new Partners.
FSO-PA Public Affairs	Grady Altman	We had a presence at the Dunedin Purple Heart Ceremony. We are still a go for Fun Day in Safety Harbor, Friday, September 19th. Finally, we may be putting on a "Introduction to Photography Basics" sometime in mid October. We need to have people let us know if they are interested. It will be in our classroom. The time is very flexible at this point. Anyone interested, please send me an email.
FSO-PB Publications	Vacant	-
FSO-PE Public Education	Don Andersen	Reg. July classes canceled. We had a 1 hr Library presentation for 4 speakers and and 10 audiences. We did pass 31 safe boating certs with a homeowners assoc. Great success and participants.
FSO-SR Secretary	David Hutsell	sent separately
FSO-VE Vessel Examination	Eddie Townsend	We had a Blitz at the Causeway and we had 4 total VE.
FSO-RS Rescue & Survival	Gary Walkup	Nothing to Report.
FSO-AS Auxscout	Vacant	-
Aux Air	John Landon	<p>Actively participating in Operation Vigilant Sentry (OVS and Operation Suncoast Shield (OSS) CG Missions</p> <p>I flew with Grady (Buddy) Altman on his second auxair flight with Marc Miller in his Twin Engine Aztec in the NE Gulf and again in my facility on an OSS mission off of St. Petersburg.</p> <p>Marc previously took Buddy on his first training flight north of Cuba where they spotted 5 Cuban males who had been stranded 17 days on a remote island. Relayed info to Sector Key West who dispatched the Cutter Charles David to pick up the survivors.</p>