

THE SIGNAL BRIDGE



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FROM THE PILOT HOUSE

Chris Machenberg and Bill Sekeres are honored to have Phil Tallon conduct the swearing in ceremony for flotilla elected officers. Phil first joined the Auxiliary in January 1956 and for many of those years held Vessel Examiner officer positions (which is his passion) on the flotilla, division and district level.



Derek Lloyd

As announced at our January meeting, Derek passed away this past December. Last week I spoke with Derek's daughter, Robin, who lives in Virginia.

As of this writing all I know about Derek's memorial service is that it will be held on April 6th. I should hear by our February meeting where the ceremony will be held.

Staff Officer Reports

AUXSCOUT To be reviewed at February flotilla meeting

Finance

No January distributions or income except for end of month Interest Income.

Marine Safety

1. Federal Registers

- A. Thursday Dec 21 NOAA- Right Whale Slow Speed Zone- any vessel that needs to deviate from the 10 knot speed zone must log it in the ships logbook with the reasons why they had to exceed the speed limit. NOAA is requesting renewal of this requirement.
- B. Thursday Dec 21 Federal Maritime Agency- A meeting will be held on Jan. 16th 2024 aboard the Nuclear Ship Savannah to determine its fate.
- C. Friday Jan 19th - Proposed Rule- The USCG wants to establish shipping routes along the East Coast of the U.S. for shipping traffic. The route would be free of Obstructions such as offshore platforms. Also Port Access routes would also be established. These would Not be Mandatory, just helpful.

2. Florida Senate Bill 30 Boating Safety

The Law takes effect 1 July 2024 but certain parts will not be enforced until later to give boaters time to become familiar with it.

- Effective Oct 1st 2025- 1. Require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a New or Replacement Drivers License with a Symbol that the owner has a lifetime Boating Safety Card. This would eliminate the Safety Card as the info would be on the Drivers License.
2. Require a boating operator who was convicted of boating under the influence to maintain an insurance policy against loss for liability from bodily injury, death or property damage. Such insurance must contain not less than \$100,000 for bodily injury or death and \$50,000 for property damage.

3. Effective July 1st 2026-

- A. A person operating a vessel 10HP or greater must have in his possession a state issued Boating Safety Card Or Drivers License with the Safety Symbol, a Card from Another State, an International Certificate of Competency, a Temporary Certificate, or a Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card. The
- Fl. Boating Safety Course must include the following subjects: Awareness of Diving Vessels and Divers in the Water, Dangers of a Passenger riding on a Seat Back, Gunwale, Bow, Transom or Motor Cover. A passenger falling overboard, operating a vessel with a person in the water, starting a motor in gear, and leaving the vessel running while a passenger is boarding or disembarking, and HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS.
- B. A person convicted of a noncriminal infraction must do All of the following:
Enroll and Attend a boating course containing the laws of the State, causes and prevention of boating accidents, wearing life jackets, common sense and courtesy while operating a vessel and operating a vessel defensively and pay fine of \$500.00
- C. Effective Oct 1st 2025- Liveries- a Livery may Not lease or rent a vessel to a person who is required to comply with the law unless the person presents documentation required by the law.

3. Boat “truisms”

Every job takes at least 3 times longer than you thought it would.

Every job requires a tool that you do not have.

Every job, you will drop a tool, nut or bolt and it will seek the least accessible spot in the bilge.

Nothing that needs to be fixed is ever in an easy location.

Sacrificial Anodes or Zincs- these keep the boat gremlins fed so they do not go on your boat and cause things to break.

4. Definitions

Head Boat- A vessel that individuals go on, or sold by the person.

Charter Boat- Scheduled for a group of people and are paid a single rate for the group.

5. Move Over Law

Effective Jan 1st 2024 This is Not a boating law, but can affect drivers going to a boating event.

The Move Over Law requires drivers to slow down to or move to the opposite lane when passing a stopped private vehicle with the hazard lights flashing, or with people at the location outside the vehicle. This adds to the law about law enforcement vehicles, tow trucks etc.

Points on the drivers license and fines can happen if you do not abide by this law.

6. New Products:

A. Scrubzz is a sponge bath with suds. The cloth lets you suds up with a simple wipe and then you wipe it off without water. - scrubzz.com

B. The shade wagon is a 4 wheel wagon that contains a base and awning. Instead of a 4 pole popup, this wagon can be set up and taken down by 1 person. - theshadewagon.com

On The Lighter Side-Gunwale- a species of Whale that has weapons

Latitude- Horizontal lines on a chart, according to experts, you have to change them to get a better attitude

Net tonnage- weight of nets on a fishing boat

Oceanography- the study of ocean currents, which involves watching a toilet bowl while flushing it to see if there really is an opposite rotation in the southern hemisphere

Tide- knowing the importance of this prevents disfigurement of the keel.

Materials

1. January 21st 2024, the price of a 1st class postage stamp goes from 66 cents to 68 cents.

2. Faxed order to ANSC for the FC.

3. New ANSC Manual dated January 2024

Deleted items - USCG Recruiting and AIM program items

New Items

3004C Whistle Aux. Orange for Kayaks, Canoes Max order 15

3021 Card EPIRB Registration Max Order 50

4. Faxed order of VSC check sheets for boats and paddlecraft to ANSC.

Member Training

Some of our members will need to complete Risk Management / TCT refresher training this year. This email provides some available sessions to attend. Please contact the Instructor for the session to sign up for a session.

This is an approximately 4 HR session that can be done in person or via web. It must be completed annually, no later than the end of the 15th month following TCT/RM initial or subsequent TCT/RM Refresher training. These two sessions will be via web, students will need audio and video connections. Additional sessions will be scheduled as required.

From BSX Policy Letter 19-01 the following qualifications (in chart below) need to take this refresher.

In addition the recent ALAUX 003/24, explained that Aids To Navigation Verifier" will be transferred over to the qualification code "Aids To Navigation Verifier – with PQS." Members who need to take Introduction to Risk Management Course (100202) and/or TCT Refresher must complete them by 31 December 2024.

This means if you were an Aids To Navigation Verifier you are now an Aids To Navigation Verifier – with PQS and must complete TCT Training

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CLASS LISTING

Date	Time	Instructor	Virtual or In Person
17 FEB 2024 Saturday	0800-1200	Saunders	Virtual
18 MAR 2024 Monday	0800-1200	Saunders	Virtual

Boat Crew Coxswain	Boat Crew Crewmember
Personal Watercraft Operator	Personal Watercraft Operator (In Training)
AUXPAD Operator	AUXPAD Sit on Top Operator
Qualification Examiner	AUXPAD Qualification Examiner
Aid to Navigation Technician	Aid to Navigation Verifier
Telecommunications Operator	Aid to Navigation Verifier –PQS
Assistant Container Inspector	Watchstander
Assistant Life Raft Inspector	Assistant Facilities Inspector
Assistant Pollution Response Specialist	Assistant Pollution Investigator
Aux Assistant Barge Inspector	Assistant Port State Control Examiner
Aux Assistant Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiner	Aux Assistant Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner
Aux Assistant Machinery Inspector (Steam)	Aux Assistant Hull Inspector
Aux Assistant Maritime Enforcement Investigator	Aux Assistant Marine Casualty Investigator
Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner	Aux Assistant T-Boat Inspector
Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner	Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner

Contact

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End of Reports

Notes from the January Division Meeting
Emphasis for 2024

- Continue elevated RBS and media contacts
- Resource sharing: personnel, meetings at USCG Mayport, PPE,
Notes-
 1. Div 14 leads D7 Aux in CS> radios (HAM, etc).
 2. Division coordinates PPE w/ Station RSS Ops.
 3. Refer to latest edition of MP3 when ordering gear.

BOSN2 Brook Blount, OTO, D7

- Funding bases on Federal Continuing Resolution for additional PPE.
- Facility inspections with OIA is not a bad process.
- Paddle craft can be coordinated with USCG stations.
- Only DIRAUX staff positions filled are DIRAUX, OTO, YN, one civilian.
- How To guide updated recently.

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Flotilla Socials

In January we had a great time at Milano’s Italian Restaurant. Culhane’s Irish Pub and Restaurant, located at 967 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, will be on February 21st.

January Meeting Minutes- Two pages

Clear all Entries

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FORM 7000 (01-24)		U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary MEETING MINUTES <i>Meeting Minutes are to be retained for 10 years</i>		Page 1 of 6 Report for FLOTILLA DIVISION DISTRICT	
Unit Name Arlington		Meeting Date 01/17/24		Meeting Type Regular Bus. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Bus. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Unit Number 070 - 14 - 02				Total # persons in Attendance 8	
Meeting Location Ft Caroline Community Center		Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid		Time called to Order 1830	
Quorum Present YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>					
SECTION I Unit Officers Present (Check if Present)					
FC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-AS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-CS <input type="checkbox"/> FSO-HR <input type="checkbox"/> FSO-MS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-PE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-VE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-CA <input type="checkbox"/> FSO-DV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-MT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-PV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-CM <input type="checkbox"/> FSO-FN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-MA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-NS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-PB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSO-SR <input type="checkbox"/>					
SECTION II Additional Attendees Present (Auxiliarists, Guests, Active Duty)					
Barbara Tallon Ed Washburn					
SECTION III Minutes of last meeting (Mo/Yr) Motion Second Approved Not Approved					
Comments: N/A					
SECTION IV Financial Report (Mo/Yr) Discussed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly Balance Sheet Attached <input type="checkbox"/>					
Comments: Presented: 2023 checking account recap 2023 7025.					
SECTION V Old Business Continued on Page					
SECTION VI New Business Continued on Page					
* Elected and present staff officers sworn in * Announced the passing of Derel Lloyd with details of memorail to be announced when known. * FC relayed that the flotilla vision for 2024 will be recruiting by way of targeted and general effort by members through Recreational Boating Safety via individual and group efforts. * A Calling Tree will be sent to all members for preparations for hurricane season.					

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