

CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 1N 21 MEETING NOTICE

Casco Bay Flotilla April Meeting

- Date: **Thursday, April 12, 2001**
- Time: 1800 – Hors d’oeuvres
1900 – Joint Flotilla Mtg. with Flotilla 24
- Place: Rusty Scupper, Station South Portland
- Uniform: Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian attire
- Program: Arn Hegggers from MSO
BMC Keleher from Station So. Portland
Jim Maxner VFC Flotilla 21
Fishing Vessel Incidents and Catastrophes of 2000

ATTENTION ALL HANDS!

A special program has been organized for the coming meeting of Flotillas 24 and 21 **at 1800 on Thursday, 12 APR 01, at the Rusty Scupper, Group Portland.**

BMC Dave Keleher, OinC StaSoPort, Jim Maxner, VFC-21, and Arn Hegggers, Coordinator of Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations for MSO Portland, will bring their experiences and observations about fishing vessel incidents in the Gulf of Maine during the past year.

All members and spouses/significant others are invited.

Uniform: Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian attire.

Schedule: 1800 - gather, attitude adjustment, and “heavy” hors d’oeuvres
1845 - cake and coffee
1900 - Pledge of Allegiance,
Awards
Introduction of guests
Program
2100 - or sooner - adjourn

Cost: \$8.50 per person

Send your reservations to SO/FSO-FN Wes Wilson, 21 Channel Cove, Biddeford Pool, ME 04005 so he can receive them no later than 8 APR 01. Wes may also be reached at 283-0617, or twwilson@gwi.net. **Reservations will be accepted with payment only.**

The March meeting was held on March 12, 2001. New members, Brenda Babirak, Ron Gryglas, John Stevenson, Jennifer Trombly, & Pam Trombly, were sworn in. Each new member gave a brief introduction of him or her self. Everett Henry was sworn in as FSO-PE and FSO-CS and George Shutts received a certificate for member training day. All members during OPSAIL received the USCG Special Operations Service ribbon. There was also a discussion on a proposal given by Gary Conover on purchasing a Digital Camera. The proposal is included in this newsletter. The new directories were passed out, thanks to Brad Thompson and Basil Brown. Contact either Brad or Basil if you still do not have one.

MESSAGE FROM FSO-OP

There will be an operational workshop on April 16 at the Rusty Scupper from 1900 to 2100 hrs. This is a **required** workshop. The Chart Updating on April 29, 2001 will be at Preble Hall, SMTC in Dan Abbot's drafting room. The time is **1000 to 1200 hrs**. Bring your Chart updating kit.

From the FC Dottie Larkin.....

One of our most important PA missions for 2001 has come and gone – the boat shows. It is a function that EVERY Flotilla member can participate in without specific training – just a proper uniform. It is a function where we can spread the word of WHO we are and WHAT is our purpose.

Gary Conover the Flotilla FSO-PA has spent many hours and much energy putting together times, setups, take downs, etc. for the past 3 boat shows. Gary, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** The results are not final but from comments I've heard there was a good amount of interest in our PE classes and possible enrollment. To those who participated in standing watch, set-ups and takedowns or other duties – **THANK YOU, THANK YOU** also. For those who didn't take part we hope you'll join us in 2002.

Please remember: What ever function you have committed to do or be at – VE function, Instructor of a class or proctor, boat crew, a class you have signed up for, etc please inform the respective party if you will not be able to fulfill your commitment. If the respective party is unattainable then call your FC or VFC. Dates, times and places are the individual responsibility also. Thank you for your cooperation.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

In 1997 the titles of the Auxiliary 4 cornerstones were changed. Do you know what they are and where to find them? The first person to CALL the FC will win a "prize". Deadline for calling is April 23rd

From the VFC Jim Maxner....

All crew qualified members are asked to please make it a point to inform FSO-OP John Stedman of your vacation plans for the summer. He is in the process of preparing the Patrol Schedule for 2001 and needs to know your availability.

If you have never attended a Division or District Meeting you should take the time to do so. The meetings are very interesting and will give you more insight into what is happening with the auxiliary in division 2 and in district 1. Remember that as a member you are welcome at all Auxiliary meetings.

All members are urged to contact the various FSO's with questions or concerns regarding their particular area of responsibility. If you have an interest in any of these areas, and wish to help out the FSO responsible, please contact that FSO. They will welcome your assistance.

Our up-coming joint Flotilla Meeting with Flotilla 24 on April 12 (Thursday) should be an interesting one. Please plan to attend. The more functions you attend as a member the more involved you will become.

Member Profiles



I was born in Westbrook, Maine and moved to Buxton at the age of 14. It was then that I meet Beth Libby and after 6 years of dating, married in 1971. We have 3 children. Christina has been married for 2 years and lives in Naples. She has a stepson who is 8 years old and is expecting in November. She works for Sabre Yacht. Angela has been married for 6 years and lives in Dayton, Maine. She has a daughter, Emily who is 4 and a son Cody who is 3. She and her husband have a Vegetable business, which they sell wholesale to Shop and Save stores in the area. They also make their own maple syrup and honey and work at her husband's family cross country ski center in Dayton. Richard has been married almost 1 year and works for Arundel Machine Shop and works with me doing carpenter work in his spare time. We have 2 dogs, Sawyer, a yellow lab and Micki, a bicon frise, and 2 cats, Mischief and Paws. Over the last 30+ years we have raised chickens, turkeys, goats, sheep, pheasants and beef animals.

After graduating from Bonny Eagle High School, I joined the National Guard and attended Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, which is now SMTC, in the Marine Science Program. I had been working for a Carpenter putting myself through college and continued working for him after graduation. Beth and I built a house in Standish, doing all the work ourselves and we are still living there. In 1974, I started working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and worked there until 1989. During this time I traveled to Dunoon, Scotland and Groton Connecticut to work on the submarines. I began working for the Maine Air National Guard as a mechanic and have been there for the past 10 years. I also teach a mechanic course at Portland Arts and Technology High School in the Adult Education Program.

Over the years I have collected and restored a number of antique cars. Some of which are, a 1951 Plymouth Business Coupe, 1963 Chevy Biscayne, 1954 Dodge Pickup, 1938 Chrysler Street Rod, and 1966 Ford Mustang. The Pickup and street rod I restored from the frame up through the painting. When I'm working on my cars, I spend my spare time doing carpenter work. I have built a number of houses, a lot of remodeling and a lot of roofing jobs. I built each of our children's home, 2 of which were built in the last 7 months.

My family has had a hunting camp in Topsfield, Maine since I was a child. Every year I look forward to spending time there in November to hunt and rest!

About 4 years ago I became interested in sailing. We bought a 23' MacGregor and sailed it in the New Meadows River in Harpswell. We decided to take a course in sailing as we new to this sport. Beth and I signed up for Sailing Fundamentals at SMTC and as a result joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary 2 years ago. After only 1 year with the MacGregor we decided that we wanted a larger sailboat. We then found a 26' Chrysler sailboat. We have had a slip in Portland at Merrill's but will be returning to the New Meadows River this year.



Donald Crozier FSO-AN

From the FSO-IS....

For the benefit of any members who may not have seen the message in last month's newsletter, please note the following: Only these nine reports are entered into AuxMis via your FSO-IS to our Division SO-IS: Activity Report-Mission; Vessel Examination; Public Education Course Report; Unit Monthly Public Affairs Activity; Workshop Attendance Report; Member Activity Report; Change of Member Information; Aids to Navigation Report; and Auxiliary SAR Incident Report. All other information is entered by other avenues. Members with questions are asked to contact the FSO-IS, **NOT** our Division SO-IS. Auxmis reports will be sent to our FC and/or VFC. They will distribute the reports to members as needed.

I welcome your contacts at any time, whether by phone, mail or email – frndshp@clinic.net.

Carl Richardson, FSO-IS 1NR-21

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From the FSO-PA.....

The emphasis this month has been on three boat show:

Maine Boat Show (Cumberland County civic Center) 3/15-3/18: 434 visitors to the booth; staffed by 23 watchstanders.

Pine State Boat Show(USM-Gorham) 3/23-3/25: 279 visitors to the booth; staffed by 23 watchstanders, including 3 from Flotilla 24.

Maine Boat Builders Show(Portland Yacht Services) 3/23-3/25; 279 visitors to the booth; staffed by 23 watchstanders, including 7 from Flotilla 24.

I will be performing database analysis on the visitor information sheets and cards, sorting for boating safety course, auxiliary membership, and CME information requests. I intend to have all of the data inputted, sorted, and reports generated by April 20.

Gary Conover FSO-PA

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From the FSO-PB.....

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, I am asking members to let me know if they would like to receive their newsletter via email rather than regular mail. I have heard from a few members at this time. You can let me know at the Flotilla meeting or by email of your preference. Your response will be appreciated.

Also, I am asking that any articles that need to go in the next newsletter be received no later than April 23rd. Thanks.

Beth Crozier FSO-PB
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For capital purchase

I propose that this flotilla acquire, for the use of FSO-PA and other FSO's, as needed, a digital still camera.

The expected life of the Kodak model DC5000 is at least five years and may be longer than this estimate with due diligence of care and use.



The maximum cost is \$1000. This is based on full retail pricing directly from Kodak. Other sources for the camera exist and would be researched for best pricing.

This camera would be used in all instances where we have used (or should have) chemical-based photography in the past and expanding the application of photography to several areas not previously considered. Specifically, creating image files for use by the flotilla in carrying out its mission of public awareness of boating safety through publicity and public education.

This proposal should be considered in view that the same photographic tasks, when done with traditional (chemical-based film) methods would cost nearly \$750 this year and probably nearly that much, if not more, each year hereafter. Then the images must be scanned and digitized for further use anyway. The only cost for consumables, with using a digital camera, will be for computer media, such as CD-ROM disks for permanent storage and, possibly an additional memory module. One or two disk will likely hold a year's worth of images and cost less than \$20. A 64-megabyte memory module, with an expected life of several years, will cost \$150 or less.

As this flotilla's Public Affairs Officer, I request this one-time expenditure because it provides one of the most efficient and useful tools available to carry out my duties. It is needed!

Gary J. Conover FSO-PA

REMINDER.....**AUXILIARY NIGHT AT THE POPS!****Sunday May 27, 2001****2000 HRS**

Deadline to purchase tickets is **April 15 2001**. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Contact Jennifer Fletcher to purchase tickets. She can be reached at 508 979-8779 or jldf877@aol.com. Checks should be made payable to U.S.C.G Aux. 1NR and mailed to: Jennifer Fletcher, 877 Tucker Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747. Tickets will be mailed to you the first week of May.



April 14, 1912

Text and Illustration by Jim Maxner

On the night of April 14, 1912 the White Star Line's new passenger liner, RMS TITANIC, was steaming just south of the Grand Banks. There was no moon that night and the only illumination came from distant stars and the deck lights of the massive ship. TITANIC, a marvel of modern technology, was on her maiden voyage. Even with a number of vacant cabins the number of passengers and crew on board far exceeded the capacity of the lifeboats that rocked gently in their davits on the Boat Deck.

Far below the Boat Deck the icy waters of the North Atlantic were pushed aside by the ship's bow as she rushed through the blackness. At 11:40 pm lookout Frederick Fleet stood shivering in the crow's nest high on TITANIC's foremast. As Fleet stared out into the darkness he caught sight of a vague shape looming ahead of TITANIC. When he realized the significance of the apparition he grabbed the telephone and called the bridge. Sixth Officer Moody answered and heard Fleet's frantic cry... "ICEBERG... RIGHT AHEAD!" The Officer looked toward the bow and saw a mountain of ice directly ahead of the ship. He ordered the helm put hard over and the TITANIC's bow began a slow swing to port. Moments later the pride of the White Star Line brushed by the towering iceberg and it slid down her starboard flank with a low rumbling sound. The Officers believed they had averted disaster. Captain E.J. Smith appeared on the bridge and ordered the watertight doors closed.

With reports coming in from down below, the awful truth was revealed. The TITANIC was taking on

Water! The ship's designer, Thomas Andrews, aboard for the maiden voyage, consulted with Smith and the officers as to the scope of the damage and the amount of water flowing into the hull. He then informed Captain Smith that TITANIC was doomed and that she would sink within 2 to 3 hours.

Smith gave the order to abandon ship with the terrible knowledge that the lifeboats would not hold the full complement of passengers and crew aboard TITANIC and that hundreds would face certain death in the cold North Atlantic waters. At 12:00 am April 15 he walked a few steps to the Wireless Room and ordered a CQD and the new SOS signal sent by the Marconi wireless. Smith also ordered rockets fired at intervals to attract a ship whose lights were believed seen on the horizon. At 12:25 am a reply came from the British liner CARPATHIA indicating that she was making full speed and would be at TITANIC's side in 3 or 4 hours.

The boats were swung out and women and children loaded first, then the men. Some boats left the ship partially filled, while others were dangerously overloaded. As TITANIC sank, by the bow, her stern rose higher and higher out of the water, causing a few boats to overturn on lowering. When all boats were away the collapsible boats, carried on the bridge roof, were unlashd and pushed into the water. It was 2:05 am. Those remaining on the ship were faced with jumping into the sea or going down with the TITANIC. Most chose to make for the stern. TITANIC rose to a perpendicular position, paused, and at 2:18 am, with a

terrible rendering sound, broke in half. The flooded bow began its dive to the bottom. The stern section fell back to a near level position. It rapidly flooded and once again rose to the perpendicular. It stood silhouetted against the dim starlight for a moment, rotated to port, and then, at 2:20 am, started a rapid plunge to the abyss. As the sea closed over her stern the cries of more than 1500 were heard. The desperate voices of those in the water were slowly stilled and silence fell on the ears of those in TITANIC's lifeboats.

At 4:10 am Cunard Line's SS CARPATHIA arrived on the scene and began taking the 705 survivors aboard. At 8:50 am she left the area bound for New York. The TITANIC had taken over 1500 souls with her to her grave.

As a result of the tragedy requirements for lifeboat capacity were amended, ship safety became a priority and the International Ice Patrol was started. Since then not one vessel has been sunk by an iceberg. The ice patrols continue today and are administered by, and are a mission of, the United States Coast Guard.

Today TITANIC rests peacefully 12,460 ft. below the surface of the North Atlantic. She sits upright with a bow wave of mud at her proud stem. Her bow and stern sections lie separated by 1970 ft. of debris field. A testament to an age past, she is slowly rusting away.

APRIL 2001

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	2 VE WORKSHOP Time: 1900 Place Base Classroom	3 ACN Course Exam Time: 1900 Place: SMTC AUXCOM Time:1900 Place:Base classroom	4 BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: SMTC	5 New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base classroom	6	7	
8 PASSOVER PALM SUNDAY	9	10 AUXCOM Time: 1900 Place: Base classroom	11 BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: SMTC Flotilla 24-GPS Class	12 <u>Flotilla Meeting</u> Combined Mtg. w/Flotilla 24 Time: 1800 Place: Rusty Scupper, Station So. Ptld New Member Course	13 GOOD FRIDAY	14	
15 EASTER	16 IT Workshop Time: 1900 Place: Base Classroom OPS Wksp Time: 1900-2100 Place: Rusty Scupper	17 AUXCOM Time: 1900 Place Base classroom	18 BS&S Course Make-up Time: 1900 Place: SMTC	19 New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base classroom	20	21	
22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25 New Member Interview Time: 1900 Place: Station So. Ptld	26 Division Mtg. Time: 1930 Place: Sta So. Ptld New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base classroom	27	28	
29 CHART UPDATE Time: 1000 - Noon Place: SMTC, Dan Abbott's Room	30 Staff Officers Mtg. Time: 1900 Place: Classroom, Sta. So. Ptld						

PE CLASSES AND MEMBERSHIP TRAINING FOR APRIL

ACN COURSE

Marine Science Building

Class Chair: Basil Brown

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE	PROCTORS
April 3	Basil Brown Basil Brown Basil Brown	Review Previous Week Chapter 10 & 11 Review Things to know for Exam Cruise Exam Work Session	Basil Brown
April 5	Carl Laws	Practice Cruise Reviewed (if March 29 cancelled)	Basil Brown
April 10	All Instructors	Pass in Cruise Examinations	All Instructors Dottie Larkin
April 17	Basil Brown	Makeup Examination	

BS & S Course

Hildeth Hall

Class Chair: Everett Henry

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE	PROCTORS
April 4	Keith Morton	Chapter 11 Your Boat's Radio	Wes Wilson
April 11	Dottie Larkin	Test & Graduation	All Instructors & All Course Proctors
April 18	Everett Henry	Makeup Test	

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DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE
April 3	Gary Conover	Lesson 3 (Chap 5 & 8)
April 10	Tom Larkin	Lesson 4 & 5 (Chap 6, 7 & 9)
April 17	Tom Larkin	Exam

NEW MEMBER COURSE

Base Classroom, Station South Portland

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE
April 5	Frank Leavitt	Chapter #1, 2 & 4
April 12	Peter Leslie	Chapter #3, 6 & 9
April 19	Arthur Bowman	Chapter #5, 7 & 8
April 26	Jim Maxner	Chapter # 10, 11 & Exam

MAY 2001

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
			BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: Boaters World	New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base Classroom		
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting Time: 1800 Place: Rusty Scupper Station. So. Ptld	BS&S Course Time: Place: Boaters World AUXMIN Time: 1900 Place: Base Classroom	BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: Boaters World	New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base Classroom	DISTRICT CONFERENCE BASE TOUR ARMED FORCES DAY	DISTRICT CONFERENCE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DISTRICT CONFERENCE	Staff Officers Meeting Time 1900 Place Base Classroom	BS&S Course Time: Place: Boaters World	BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: Boaters World AUXMIN Time: 1900 Place: Base Classroom	New Member Course Time 1900 Place: Base Classroom		
27	28	29	30	31		
	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED	BS&S Course Time: Place: Boaters World	BS&S Course Time: 1900 Place: Boaters World			

PE CLASSES AND MEMBERSHIP TRAINING FOR MAY

BS&S Course

Boater's World

Class Chair Dave Olney

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE	PROCTORS
May 2	John Stedman	#1 Which Boat is For You?	Frank Leavitt
May 9	Frank Leavitt	#2 Equipment for your Boat	Brad Thompson
May 16	Brad Thompson	#3 Trailing Your Boat	Tom Larkin
May 23	Tom Larkin	#4 Handling Your Boat	Dave Whiting
May 30	Jim Maxner	#5 Your "Highway" signs	

BS&S Course

YMCA, Freeport

Class Chair: Tom & Dottie Larkin

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE	PROCTORS
May 8	John Stedman	#1 Which Boat is For You?	Frank Leavitt
May 15	Frank Leavitt	#2 Equipment for your Boat	Brad Thompson
May 22	Brad Thompson	#3 Trailing Your Boat	Tom Larkin
May 29	Tom Larkin	#4 Handling Your Boat	Dave Whiting

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Base Classroom, Station South Portland

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE
May 15	Tom Larkin	Lesson I
May 23	Tom Larkin	Lesson II

NEW MEMBER COURSE

Base Classroom, Station South Portland

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	CHAPTER/TITLE
May 3	Frank Leavitt	Chapter #1, 2, & 4
May 10	Peter Leslie	Chapter #3, 6, & 9
May 17	Arthur Bowman	Chapter #5, 7 & 8
May 24	Jim Maxner	Chapter #10, 11 & Exam