

Calendar Islands Chronicle

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From The Flotilla Commander

We have already had a patrol this season! This marks the first time in a very long while that we have had a facility underway before May. Coxswain Winn Pillsbury and crewmembers Vin DeMarco and Jim Maxner got underway on April 6 for a 3 hour patrol for Station South Portland. We did some underway training and patrolled through the islands. FSO-OP Phil Quinn is working on the patrol schedule and it looks like it will be a very busy season.

P.O. Lance Hanna is back! We are fortunate to have BM2 Lance Hanna back at Station South Portland! Lance is a terrific resource and has a long history with Flotilla 21 and 24. Be sure to stop by and say hi when you're on the base. Lance is with the Port Duty Section.

1st Northern District has over 3200 members spread through 12 Divisions and 65 Flotillas. Flotilla 21 received the Clark Clement Plaque for the Most Member Training Hours in the District at the District Awards Conference in April! Congratulations to all.

Our new District Commodore is Bob Johnson. Bob is from Flotilla 25 in Boothbay Harbor and is well known to many of you. Congratulations Bob!

If you have not filled out your "Consent To Dissemination of Personal Information" form please contact FSO-PS Keith Fosler. This document needs to be on file.

Semper Paratus

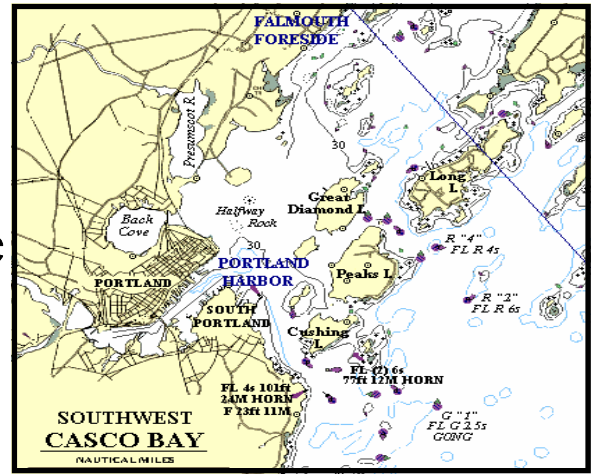
Jim Maxner, Flotilla Commander

Flotilla Meeting May 12

The May 12 Flotilla Meeting will be at the Rusty Scupper. The uniform for the meeting is Tropical Blue Long. Topics on the agenda will include Safe Boating Week activities, OPs, Staff reports, member training topics, announcements, up-coming events, awards and more. Please plan to attend.



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USCGC Wrangell

Flotilla 21 members who had the opportunity to take the cruise on the Wrangell or to meet some of the crew at a dinner meeting last year will be interested to know about what the cutter has been up to. Commanding Officer Lt. Chris Barrows, XO Tony Maffia, and the crew have been playing an important role in operations in the Persian Gulf. The ship has been boarding vessels in search of weapons or Iraqi military leaders trying to escape the country. The cutter provided support to a British minesweeper as it cleared a channel of mines and then the Wrangell led the way as she escorted the RFA Sir Galahad with first shipload of food, water and medical supplies for civilians in Umm Qasr. The crew has been doing a terrific job and I know we are all proud that a Flotilla 21 plaque is on board the Wrangell as she serves the country! Semper Paratus!

From FSO-PS/MT Keith Fosler

Personnel Services- I am happy to report that as of the end of March we graduated the first New Member Class of the Year. There are 13 new members in the class of which approx. 80% are already getting involved in Auxiliary classes or programs. These folks will be sworn in at the May Flotilla meeting. As always, please pass along the names of those interested in joining. Our next new member class will start in July. Also, New Member Day will be on May 17th, there will be details coming soon.

Member Training- We started AUXSEA on 4/21 with 8 students, and on 4/30 we will begin the VE course. Please refer to the Member Training page for the times and places on these events. If you have interest in either of these programs, please contact me. Also, special thanks to Tom Larkin who lead his first TCT class. All reports are it was an excellent job.

Keith

VE BLITZ SCHEDULE

Spring point Marina - May 17, June 7, June 21

Breakwater Marina - May 17, June 7, June 21

Sunset Marina - May 17, June 7, June 21

Centerboard Yacht Club - June 7, June 21

Southport Marina - June 21

Dimillo's Marina - May 17, June 14

Yankee Marina - May 17, June 14

Royal River Boat Yard - May 17, June 14

Brewer's Marina - May 17, June 14

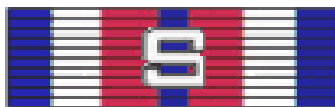
Richardson's Marina - June 28

Naples Marina - June 28

Panther Run Marina - June 28

Kettle Cove Marina - June 28

Contact Vin Demarco, FSO-VE if you would like to help out. You do not need to be a qualified Vessel Examiner to assist. 767-1795



Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award

SAR Day Ashore

Casco Bay Flotilla 21 & Saco Bay Flotilla 24
May 3, 2003

Purpose: Introduction & Refresher in SAR Knowledge & Skills

When: Saturday, May 3

Where: Station South Portland

Signup: Required! Email preferred

(fsoop21@maine.rr.com)

or phone Phil

Quinn, 774-0781



Flotilla Dinner Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT: FLOTILLA MEETING 14 APR

Dinner meeting at the YANKEE GRILL opened by James Maxner FC at 1855 with welcome to all and turned over to David Booth VFC. VFC called for a moment of silence in honor of Harold Cushing, recently deceased member of the Auxiliary and to our troops overseas in Iraq. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following guests and members were introduced: Guest speaker Joel Eastman; Jim Williams, Retired AUX; George Chambers, member; Lt. Carl Hinshaw, BM2 Lance Hanna and BM3 Jim Vining. FC congratulated Flotilla 21 for receipt of the CLARK CLEMENT PLAQUE for the most member training hours in District 1NR!. Joel Eastman gave an excellent, comprehensive presentation on 19th Century Fortifications protecting the Port of Portland. Awards presented to: Glenn Roberts, ATONS Verifier; Bob Lord, WatchStanding at Boston Light; Ron Kugell, Sustained Service Award; Gary Conover, TCT; Phil Quinn, Al Bingham, Ron Boes, and Brad Thompson for Outstanding Contribution in Operations; Al Bingham, Manning Chase, Brad Thompson, Tom Larkin and Frank Leavitt for outstanding contribution in Public Education; Al Bingham Ten Years Sustained Membership; George Chambers for 45 Years Sustained Membership; Jim Williams awarded a USCGAUX uniform for his many years of service and Keith Fosler was awarded a sword (plastic) for being upwardly mobile in the Auxiliary. Meeting adjourned approximately 2130.

Submitted,
Frank G. Leavitt



ADSO Keith Fosler awarded coveted Sword. FC Maxner reported to be watching his back. Pictured L-R: ADSO-MT Keith Fosler, FC-21 Jim Maxner, Lt. Carl Hinshaw, BM2 Lance Hanna, BM3 Jim Vining.



Member George Chambers is presented his 45 Year Certificate by FC Maxner and VFC Booth.

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Left: Bing and Dave share a “moment.”



Right: Past Division Captain Brad Thompson is presented his Annual Service Performance Award by VFC Booth.



Left: Past FC Jim Williams, USCGAUX Retired, receives a new cover.



Right: SO-PE Frank Leavitt receives his Annual Service Performance Award from FC Jim Maxner.