

USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 1-NR

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From Your Flotilla Commander, Jim Maxner

Greetings!

It's been a busy summer so far. Our **Operations Program** has really done a terrific job. Every weekend, and on Wednesdays, our boats are out there helping to keep the public safe and informed. We have had a number of cases this year and our training shows! Our **Vessel Examiners, Instructors, Marine Visitors** and **ATON** folks are doing a great job as well. They are out there spreading the word on boating safety and making sure recreational boaters have all the right equipment on board. We also have members standing gate duty, working hand in hand with the MSO, standing duty at the Station, taking part in Member Training and other flotilla activities. *Keep up the good work!*

Our Annual Awards Dinner is slated for Monday 11 August 2003 and will start at 1800.

The uniform of the day will be Tropical Blue Long. This uniform has been chosen to accommodate any hot weather.

This dinner is designed to reward you for all your efforts during the past year. Our flotilla has much to be proud of and both VFC Booth and I would like to thank each of you for a job well done. *Please make it a point to attend the Awards Dinner!* This year's dinner will be held at the Yankee Grill in South Portland.

Attached to this newsletter **on page 2** is your reservation form. Please have your reservation form in to FSO-FN Ron Boes ASAP. Thanks! ☞

Special points of interest:

- Division Meeting is cancelled this month and next month.

Annual Awards Dinner— Monday, 11 Aug 2003

Where: Yankee Grill—South Portland

Time: 1800

Please join your fellow F-21 members to recognize their accomplishments and efforts in 2002. Look forward to meeting you there!

Uniform of the Day: Tropical Blue Long

Dinner Buffet featuring Baked Chicken, Yankee Pot Roast, Seafood Newburgh, Salad, Potato, Rice, Assorted Vegetables, Rolls/Butter, Beverages, and Strawberry Shortcake!

Cost: \$15 per person to FSO-FN Ron Boes ronbarboes@netscape.net, **no later than 5 Aug 2003.** ☞

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The Eagle is Coming! The Eagle Is Coming!

Labor Day weekend will be a busy one for the flotilla. The *USCG Eagle* will be arriving for a port visit and we will be playing a large role during her stay. Final arrangements are still in process and more details will come your way when we get them. In any event, mark off that weekend if you want to be involved! ☞

FSO-MS—OIL SPILL!

A few weeks ago, during a Safety Patrol, the crew on-board USCGAUX OPFAC 815 spotted an oil sheen in Portland Harbor. They had been smelling oil for awhile and came across the sheen near the State Pier. They investigated and could see that the sheen covered a wide area. The Station was notified and the 815 was tasked with trying to locate the source of the oil. 815 contacted the Harbor Master's boat which was across the harbor and the

two boats were able to determine the width of the sheen and the direction it was coming from. 815 followed the sheen up Destroyer Channel until they were at a point about 1/4 NM southwest of Cow Island Ledge. At this location they were in the middle of a very thick patch of oil or fuel. 815 put over a DATUM marker at the center of the oil, took a GPS position, and then conducted a *Victor Searra* search pattern to determine

the scope of the surface coverage. They were able to measure the slick as being almost 1/2 NM in diameter. This was reported to Station and MSO was contacted. The other facility on patrol picked up MSO personnel and brought them out to the location. The oil could be seen rising up to the surface from the bottom. MSO declared the oil to be from a "mysterious source" and estimated the spill to be around 50 gallons.

Good work 815! ☞

FSO-MT & MSO-PS—New Members

The next New Member interview will be taking place on July 31st being held at the Rusty Scupper. The New member Class will be taking place on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

For MT- The next Auxop Courses will be Auxmin starting on September 15th and Auxnav starting on September 9th. Please contact Keith Fosler FSO-MT for details and to sign up. ☞

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■ Please return this form, with payment, no later than 5 August 2003 ■
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USCGAUX Awards Dinner 2003

To: FSO-FN Ron Boes
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Number of Meals _____

Name (s)

FSO-MS—Mission: Casco BayLines

Since the first week in June, Auxiliarists from Division 2 have been riding the Casco Bay Line (CBL) ferries for free! Actually, these rides are official and per the request of MSO Portland to “show the colors” and be yet, another aspect of **Operation Patriot Readiness**. Please contact any of the individuals listed below if you would like to go out on a “training ride” and they will fill you in on the details. You must first go out with a member who is already trained. After your “training ride” you will be able to “train” another trainee or just go out with other auxiliarists who have also been trained.

We have been asked to go out on any of the scheduled ferry rides (no charters), whenever possible. You must go out with other auxiliarists with a maximum of three at any time to keep from overwhelming the CBL trip. Wayne Hutchins is coordinating the overall mission. Once trained, you let him know of a day and the ferry that you would like to go out on and the name of fellow auxiliarists. Wayne will then check with CBL and get back to you with the “OK”.

I have been on several trips (Peaks, The Diamond Run and the Mail Run) and they have been fun, informative for me, and a great PR for the Auxiliary! I have met people from all over the United States and Norway! *It has been a great way to learn about*

Casco Bay, reinforce my understanding of our “AOR” and to talk about the USCGAUX!

We have not had as many members respond to his mission as I had hoped. It is an enjoyable mission and another way to get out on the water and show the colors! I hope that more people we get involved in the mission this year. Contact Janis Childs, Wayne Hutchins or any of the Auxiliarists below.

Aux CBL Trainers: J. Childs, J. Davidson, D. May, F. Rice, W. Hutchins, J. Dempsey, N. Magoon, M. Martin, M. Smith, B. Michaud, P. Smith-Valley, B. Gelles, R. Schaefer, V. Thompson, B. Weeks and R. Weeman. ☞

FSO-MA—Reaching Out To The Young

Dottie Larkin with assistant Michelle Kasny visit the school children of the Casco Bay islands year round . To learn more about this mission, contact Dottie Larkin. The following are a few words of thanks:

◆ *Dear Dottie, We all enjoyed and learned quite a bit from your presentation. Hope you will be available in 2004. A*

Teacher

◆ *I will miss you next year, Love Lynn [from a young admirer who is moving out of the program.]*

◆ *Dear Mrs. Larkin, Thank you for coming to our classroom and teaching us about boat safety. You taught us to have three flares. We liked it when you taught us we should have the right size life jacket to wear or it could float off. Thank you for coming*

to our school. From, Ms. Weinstein's class.

◆ *Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable health and safety tips. Over 260 students and numerous staff participated. Your enthusiasm and generosity made our “Second Annual Safety Fair” a huge success. We look forward to our “Third” and your participation next year. Thank you very much! Tom Griffin & Denise Lockman.☞*



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Four Cornerstones Event

When: Wednesday, 20 August 2003

Where: Diamond's Edge Restaurant

Contact: Susan Thompson or Vin DeMarco

This is an annual event that provides us with a great opportunity to have a relaxed summer outing together. Hope you can make it.

Please make your reservations as early as you can but no later than Monday, 18 August 2003.

You have your choice from their luncheon menu including Soups, Salads, Appetizers, Entrée and Sandwiches, and Desserts. ☞