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## VC —From The Flotilla Commander:

In the Oct/Nov issue of *Professional Mariner* there is an interesting article that points how some marine accidents could have been prevented. One incident involves the capsizing of the TAKI-TOOO, which occurred while crossing a bar in Oregon. The accident resulted in the deaths of eleven passengers. These deaths might have been prevented had the passengers been required to don PFDs during the dangerous transit of the bar. Another involves the passenger liner **Monarch of the Seas**, which grounded on a reef near the island of St. Maarten. The accident was the result of failure to update charts and reliance on a single buoy to fix the vessel's position. The report also indicated that there were "team coordination issues" on the bridge of the vessel. The magazine also has an op-ed piece by an experienced master that cautions junior officers that while technology is great you still need to look out the window!

**Fall Conference:** VFC Booth, FSO-OP Quinn, Past Division Captain Brad Thompson and I attended the Fall Train-

ing Conference in Plymouth, MA on November 1. This was designed for new members and featured some very informative presentations and workshops. I would advise all members to consider attending any conference that the District puts on as you will be exposed to new ideas, have questions answered and will grow as a member. A new video has been produced that covers uniforms. This will be a valuable tool for members. We hope to be able to offer the video in a CD form. More to come on this.

**November Flotilla Meeting:** Our Flotilla Elections will be held on **November 10 at the Rusty Scupper Club at the Coast Guard Base in South Portland.**

This will be a dinner meeting, which will feature the elections, a guest speaker, awards, announcements, and flotilla business. Our guests will include Capt. Patrick Trapp: Commander Group Portland, District Commodore Robert Johnson: First District Northern Region USCGAUX and William Buckley: Division Captain Division 2.

**Please plan on attending this important and interesting meeting.**

**Drysuits:** Funds have been appropriated for the purchase of a limited number of drysuits for Flotilla 21. The drysuits are required to be worn by boat crews when the either air or water temperature goes below 50 degrees. These suits will allow operations to continue throughout the colder months of the year.

**Security:** In an effort to increase security throughout the Coast Guard all members of the Auxiliary will be fingerprinted. This will be a mandatory procedure for all current and in-coming members. In addition background investigations will be conducted on some members who are working with active duty units. This will also be a mandatory procedure. At present a start date has not been announced.

**Change of Watch:** The Flotilla 21 Change of Watch will be held on January 12, 2004. This will be a dinner meeting at a location TBA. More to come.

The Division Change of Watch will also be in January.

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## 10 NOVEMBER — FLOTILLA DINNER MEETING

*YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR RESERVATION YET? You still have time* — Just pick up the phone and call Jim Maxner [829-3332] or email Jim at [jmaxner1@maine.rr.com](mailto:jmaxner1@maine.rr.com)

### Rusty Scupper Club—1800

We will be electing our Flotilla Officers for 2004. Current nominations are:

FC: Keith Fosler

VFC: Jim Maxner

Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Standing Rules state "a quo-

*rum of 25% of the eligible voting membership of the Flotilla is required*" to vote on [your] elected officers.

**Call Jim Maxner with your Meal Choice:**

Roasted Pork Loin  
Chicken Cordon Blue  
(w/ Sherry Cheese Sauce)

Served with choice of potato or rice, vegetables, dinner rolls, tossed salad & dessert and coffee.

**Cost: \$11.00 per meal—**

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## VC —From The Flotilla Commander: [Continued from Front Page]

**Crew, Coxswains, OPFACS (boats):** The Flotilla Operations Program will begin crew and coxswain training in January. If you are interested in becoming qualified as a crewman or coxswains you are urged to contact Phil Quinn-FSO Operations ASAP. We would also like to hear from you if you are a boat owner and would like to offer your boat as an Auxiliary

Operational Facility (OPFAC). We need more boats for the operations program. During the past few years we have taken on more responsibility and we need to be prepared to take on more. We can only do this if we have the assets needed. Please offer your boat if you are not currently doing so. Ask FSO-OP Quinn for details.

**Changes in Reporting Certain Activities to AUXDATA:** Please check with Judy Davidson-FSO-IS for the latest procedures related to reporting hours for certain activities. There have been changes that need to be followed. Jim

**See you at the meeting on November 10.**

## FSO-PS, FSO-MT—Membership Training & Division Notes

**PS**—All new members who are still trying to put uniform pieces together, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. **Also, all new members are strongly encouraged to attend Flotilla Meetings to observe and be involved in the workings of the Flotilla.** There will be no further New Member programs for 2003, but don't hesitate to pass along the names of those people who are interested in joining. They will be contacted.

**MT**—The AUXWEA Course is under way with 15 Students. Much thanks to Winn Pillsbury and Manning Chase for teaching the first two nights. Also, many thanks to Frank Leavitt for assisting me in putting together the instructors for this program. The final for AUXWEA will be on Dec. 15th at 1900, in the Station Classroom. Also, TCT training will be offered on Dec 13th with Tom Larkin instructing. Time and place will be announced.

Please let me know sooner than later on your desire in attending this TCT course. If you are in Crew and haven't had TCT in 5 years or you are starting into the Crew program in Jan. 2004, this course is a must. Please get back to me with your interest and any questions.

Thanks, Keith Fosler

## FSO-SR—Minutes of 13 October 2003 Flotilla Monthly Meeting

**In Attendance:** FC James Maxner, VFC David Booth, Guest Auxiliarist John Gannet from Florida, approximately 45 present

The meeting began at 1905. VFC Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following new members were administered the Oath of Membership and sworn in by FC Maxner: Richard Alexander, Charles Baird, Kenneth Caprio, Richard Carpenter, Francis Connelly, Thomas Dunn, John Horne, Robert Mayberry, Shirley Mayberry, John Mottalini, Susan Polans, and David Body.

### **Opening Remarks From the FC:**

- Arn Hegggers will be making a list of

CG related programs to be aired on television including: 1) Oct 18 at 8:00pm on the Nat'l Geographic channel, SAR activity at Station Miami Beach will be featured. 2) October 25, no specific details 3) October 28 at 8:00pm on the History channel, MLB's will be featured.

- Heads up for Operations personnel: POMS is the new computer generated program that will provide patrol orders. More information to come.

Fall River, MA trip was a great success. Thirteen people attended.

### **Staff Reports:**

Secretary/Records, B. Babirak—The Secretary's Report was read. A motion made and seconded to accept the report as presented. The report was accepted.

Finance, R. Boes—All monies have been reimbursed from the Fall River, MA trip. Current balance for 9/30 is \$10,607.39. 10 members are dropping out due to nonpayment of dues.

VE, V. Demarco—The season ended with a total of 281 VSC's conducted by 13 VE's. Vinnie met with J. Davidson to figure out why Auxdata is only showing 187 VSC's. They're working on the discrepancy.

IS, J. Davidson—Judy reminded us all to record our time! Don't forget to include meetings and travel time.

MT, K. Fosler—AUXWEA starts Monday, October 20, 2003.

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## FSO-SR—13 October 2003 Flotilla Minutes [*Continued from Pg 2*]

### Staff Reports [continued from page 2]:

PS, K. Fosler—Keith thanked F. Leavitt for suggesting the FSOs meet with the New Member class to discuss roles and responsibilities. It was a great success. Keith has put a hold on New Member classes for the rest of 2003.

PE, E. Henry—Everett praised J. Childs for the excellent job she did teaching at the BS&S class. ACN is being held in the new technology center at SMCC.

ATN, B. Michaud—6 of 18 ATON Verifiers have submitted their three verifications for currency maintenance.

MDV, N. Magoon—Norm is anxious to build up the MDV program. He greatly enjoyed speaking with the New Member class and strongly encourages new members to get involved with MDV.

MS, J. Childs—The program with Casco Bay Lines continues and Janis encourages members to get involved. Janis announced that Bob Gelles is going for the Trident (“M”) device in MS. This is a 3-year course and requires 96 hours annually. Good luck Bob!

MA, D. Larkin—Dottie has order forms for new members and reminded them that she can only place one order a month. She is currently out of envelopes.

PA, D. Bilodeau—Dave reported that the officers on the Eagle had great things to say about the Auxiliary!

OPS, P. Quinn—There were 109 patrols this season! 1 boat remains in the water.

### **Election Committee Report:**

Chairman D. Abbott gave the Election Committee Report. The committee met on 30 Sept 2003. Nominees who have met the qualifications for elected office are: K. Fosler, nominee for FC, and J. Maxner, nominee for VFC. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the 10 Nov 2003 Flotilla Dinner Meeting.

### **New Business:**

- A Capital Expenditure Committee has been formed. Members include Chairman V. Demarco, J. Childs, P. Leslie, R. Boes, F. Leavitt, D. Booth, and R. Fink.

- Mark your calendars for Sat., Dec 6 for the Flotilla’s Holiday potluck-style party at the home of B. Babirak.

- Everett Henry reported that the Flotilla’s VCR no longer works. The Flotilla needs to purchase a new one.

### **Awards:**

- P. Leslie—Sustained Srv Award for Superior Perform. of Duty, 3rd Award
- D. Larkin—Sustained Srv Award For Superior Perform. of Duty, 3rd Award. Also, 2002 Flotilla Recognition Award For Public Service
- L. Lemieux—AUXOP Administration, AUXOP Patrols
- J. Childs—Instructor, CG Auxiliary
- D. Tipton—Vessel Examiner, CG Auxiliary
- J. Maxner—Coxswain

**Presentation:** A short presentation of the 3 P’s (Properly, Proudly, Purposefully) of uniform attire was given.

The meeting ended at 2105 with a reminder to all to send their registration forms in to J. Maxner for the 10 Nov Flotilla Dinner Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Babirak

## The Day the Eagle Came to Portland—A First Timer’s Ruminations!

I felt compelled to write because it was one of the most wonderful days I have ever had on the water. Upon my arrival at Centerboard Yacht Club at 0540, I spotted the *Maud Lucie* tied up at the dock. Soon, D. Booth & B. Michaud arrived and with Bing at the helm off we went.

Our first task was to pick up 10 folks at near the Maine State pier to be ferried across the Bay to the Eagle. It was fun to talk with our “guests” about the Auxiliary and our involvement with the USCG.

The Eagle was a sight I shall never forget! The seas were calm and like glass. Many times that day I struggled with my

emotions. The Eagle was spectacular, the morning was picture perfect! I was thinking about how much I have loved being in the USCGAUX and how happy I am that D. Booth suggested I attend BS&S 2 1/2 years ago!

Soon, we (*Maud Lucie, Chase A Way, Surprise, Equinox, Elizabeth B and Adventurer*) escorted the Eagle for her “turnaround”. Three Auxiliary boats were on each side, providing a dignified and professional escort. The National Ensign unfurled proudly as the Eagle steamed through the Harbor.

Just as the Eagle prepared to turn around and head back to Portland the 270 foot USCG Cutter Seneca, passed the Eagle

with all hands “manning the rail”. All too soon, the Eagle was in Portland and the tug Victoria McAllister had secured her to the Maine State pier. We were still pretty excited about the morning and eager to remain on the water. So off we went to spend a little time in our AOR and to continue to enjoy the glow of a job well done and the spectacular adventure of being involved with bringing the Eagle to Portland.

Eventually, all good things come to an end and we made our way back to CYC. Another stellar day on the *Maud Lucie* and with the USCGAUX was over.

Janis Childs



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### Calendar—What's Happening in November and December

4 Nov — Election Day

**10 Nov — Flotilla Dinner Meeting [Elections]  
 1800 @ the Rusty Scupper Club**

11 Nov — Veteran's Day

20 Nov — Division Meeting — 1930

24 Nov — Flotilla Staff Meeting 1900 Station  
 S. Portland Classroom

27 Nov — *Happy Thanksgiving Day*

6 Dec — Holiday Party at B. Babirak's home

7 Dec — Pearl Harbor Day

13 Dec — TCT Training Time/place TBA

ACN [AUXNAV] 1900 SMCC Technology Cen-  
 ter Rm 203: 28 Oct; 4, 11, and 18 Nov; 2 Dec

BS&S 1900 SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101: 30 Oct;  
 5, 12, and 19 Nov; 3 Dec

Advanced Member Training AUXWEA 1900 Sta.  
 S. Portland Classroom: 3, 17, and 24, Nov; 1, 8, and  
 15 Dec

Boating Safety Courses Starting January 2004 at  
 SMCC: \*Advanced Coastal Navigation  
 \*Boating Skills & Seamanship  
 Registration begins 1 December 2003

Auxiliary Boat Crew Training begins January 2004

