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From FC Keith Fosler

As we come to the end of the first month of the year, I would like to take a moment and say thanks to all of you for your support and your guidance in helping me in the early days of my tenure as FC. The learning curve right now is steep but with your continued help my confidence with, and knowledge in, my new role grows. As we have been hearing and reading recently, "change" is the catchword for the Auxiliary in the year to come. Perhaps the most visible form of that change currently is the Security check process we have begun over the last few weeks and are

going to be dealing with over the next several months and years. A process such as this can seem a bit overwhelming unless the channels of communication are wide open and people are being kept up to date. With that in mind I encourage all of you to please attend the Flotilla Meeting in February, where we plan to take an in depth look at this process and our gameplan in facilitating it. At the February meeting we intend to set aside the second portion of the Flotilla Meeting to relay the following: what information we know to date about the security checks; what the next step

or steps may be in the process; to review what will happen if a member does not participate in some level of these checks; to discuss our strategy on fingerprinting; and to try and answer your questions. We certainly won't have all the answers but I think this will be a good start on trying to address them. We will also have a power point presentation on these security checks and the rationale behind them. Information is one of the most valuable commodities we have, please come to the February meeting and let's share what we know. Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21



From VFC Jim Maxner

- When entering or leaving the gate at Group Portland, when there is no gate guard on duty, you are obliged to wait until the gate closes behind you *before* proceeding. This is to help insure that unauthorized persons do not gain access to the property. This is per order of the command.

- SF 86-When you fill out the SF 86 form it is very important that you *do not date it*. Hold onto the form until asked for it. Do not send the form to anyone until requested. There will be important information regarding this form and fingerprinting process at February's Flotilla Meeting. Please plan on attending.

Monthly Flotilla Meeting—9 February 2004

When: 9 February 2004

Where: Rusty Scupper, South Portland

Time: 1900

Agenda:

- Flotilla Business & Staff Reports

- Detailed Look at the Security Check Process

Uniform of the Day:

Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian attire



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Special points of interest:

- **33rd Annual Maine Boat Show**, Cumberland County Civic Center, March 12-14, 2004

- **Maine Boatbuilders Show**, Portland Yacht Services, March 19-21, 2004

[Contact John Mottalini to sign-up for watch standing duty at the shows]

- **First Aid & CPR**, March 27, 2004, Place and Time TBD



Make a Difference — Get Involved!

HARBOR PATROLS

Many of you have received emails asking for your help with Harpats. The question was raised recently to me, *what are Harpats?* The word Harpats stands for Harbor patrols and they are usually performed by MSO (Marine Safety Office). The harpats we have been involved with recently have actually been land based, in which a member of the Auxiliary is paired up with active duty personnel from MSO and they proceed to do a land based patrol, often through the tank farms located in South Portland, and along the waterfront on both sides of the harbor. These patrols are an excellent way to get involved, and to support the efforts of MSO. It also gives us a chance to interact with MSO personnel which we typically don't get much of an opportunity to do. There is also a request for members of the Auxiliary to continue


riding on the Casco Bay Ferry runs. If you have any interest in getting involved in either of these situations please contact Wayne Hutchins at 207-934 9349 or at whuctchi1@maine.rr.com. Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

CASCO BAY LINES MISSIONS

This is to let you know that District 1 is still conducting missions with CBL and looking for more auxiliariats to get involved!!! This mission began the first of June. The details are: Per the request of MSO Portland & CBL, two or a max of three AUX members can go on any of the CBL trips (except charters) to "show the flag" and be another arm of "Operation Readiness" To be eligible all you must do is take a training trip with any member who has been trained. The list of those folks is below. Once trained you may go out with any member who has been trained or train another person! We must go out in

pairs or a max of three people at a time. The uniform is tropical blue long with the ball cap. All scheduling of the rides first must go through Wayne Hutchins.

VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

Mark your calendar for 24 April 2004 to attend **the Flotilla VE workshop** at Rusty Scupper, 0900—1230. This will be followed by **VE course training** at the Station S. Portland Classroom on Wednesdays beginning 28 April 2004, 1900. On Saturdays during the month of June will be Flotilla VE Blitz at selected local marinas. Contact FSO-VE Vincent DeMarco for more info. 

ATTENTION! EQUIPMENT MISSING

HORIZON OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

All hands: Missing one Horizon overhead projector, new, very little use. Description: off white in color. Top removes to access head. Small grip on edge to carry. This equipment is out there somewhere. Please check basements, trunks of cars, storage bins, etc. Any information regarding this unit is appreciated. No jail time, only thanks for returning.

Please contact Dottie Larkin FSO-MA at 781-5625. Thanks you, Keith Fosler FC-21



AUXILIARY IS MONTHLY TIPS

If you are standing WATCH at OPCEN – GRUPOINT, please use Mission Code 07A. The OPCEN should be 01-36212, and in the remarks section, please put "OPCEN SECURITY WATCH, OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS".

Please stay tune to this box each month for a new tip in completing forms and/or accessing data in AUXINFO.

2004 DIRECTORY


Review current directory. Submit Form ANSC 7028 to change outdated information.

FSO-IS Judith Davidson

FSO-OP—Winter Patrols Begin

Boat crew qualified members participated in Winter Safety Stand Down on Jan 7. Ten members of Flotilla 21 and about five from Flotilla 24 were briefed

on Risk Management and the MSD-900 exposure suit, then donned suits and jumped into Portland Harbor. The hope for polypro underwear and insulated

boots did not materialize; members will have to provide their own. 



Minutes of 12 January 2004 Change of Watch Dinner

In Attendance: FC Keith Fosler, VFC James Maxner, Approximately 66 Members and guests

Brad Thompson was MC started by welcoming special guests, amongst whom included: Sr. Chief Dave Kelleher, Station So Portland; DCP William Buckley; Vice Captain, Division 2, Paul Smith-Valley; Immediate Past Division Captain Wayne Hutchins; Jim Vining, BM2, liaison with Station S. Portland, George Chambers, Sr. Ret. Auxiliarist; Retired Coast Guard Pat Donahue – chiefly responsible for Auxiliarists to be a part of the Department of Homeland Security.

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by DCP Buckley & invocation led by Vincent DeMarco.

Great dinner was enjoyed by all at the Rusty Scupper.

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY:

DCP William Buckley initiated Oath of Office to FC K Fosler & VFC J Maxner.

FC Keith Fosler initiated the Oath of Office to Flotilla Staff Officers.

ADMINISTRATION OF PLEDGE TO NEW MEMBERS: Presented by FC Keith Fosler

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

DCP William Buckley presented first award to Winslow Pillsbury qualifying for AUXOP, along with a letter from Alexander.

Division VC Paul Smith-Valley presented the award to Flotilla 21 for: Operations Award for highest number of missions per qualified member. Certificates:

NAV RULES—L. Bradford Thompson
AUXWEA—David & Debra Bilodeau,
Lou Lemieux, David Drake,
Dan Tipton, Frank Connolly

AUXMIN—James Maxner
AUXNAV—Lani York
VSE, Outstanding volunteer—
William Weeks
8th Award for volunteering 750 hours—
James Maxner
Award for volunteering 750 hours—
Keith Fosler

VC Paul Smith-Valley praised and acknowledged all the volunteers for their MSO help and support.

DCP William Buckley praised Flotilla 21's support in the Division. Flotilla 21 is at least 1/3 of the entire Division. Also, Flotilla 21 has the largest support and participation in Division Staffing.

DC acknowledge Division awards for FL21 2nd place in Membership; and Keith Fosler was instrumental in bringing in 40 new members in the past year; PE for per member services award; Division in 2nd place for VSC.

DCP Buckley: Changes in Auxiliary based on changes in the Coast Guard:

- From Department of Transportation to Department of Homeland Security
- Security Checks will be effective starting 2004. Anyone in Operations will require a background check.
- More than 40 members still have not responded to security request form and those that do not respond by the deadline will be automatically disenrolled.
- Consolidation of Commands – sectors closer working structure of command i.e. safety and MSO
- Auxiliarists –Looking at stand alone objectives i.e. Eagle Visit – OP Facilities in all areas/Flotillas participating as well as members volunteering from all Flotillas. Look at Auxiliarists as overall multiplier in the CG area. There are approximately 38,000 active Coast Guard personnel, and just under 38,000 Auxiliarists.

New opportunities to be included:

- Div 2 will receive 2-27' Boston Whalers [not built to CG spec.], one for F-21 co-op one for F-24 useage.

Sr. Chief Kelleher, Station So Portland invoked a special thank you to the Auxiliarists for their local support. He will be retiring in September.

FC and VFC both expressed their thank you's to Auxiliarists and special Guests.

Closed with words of Samuel Adams:

“The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.”

Special Note: Manning Chase is interested in initiating boating trips this summer – please see Manning with any suggestions.

Watchstanding – Chief is looking for volunteers for Gate Watchstanding.

The meeting ended at approximately 2200.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Davidson for
Janis Childs, FSO-SR





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2004 Officers

Flotilla Commander—Keith Fosler
Flotilla Vice Commander—James M. Maxner
FSO-Aids to Navigation—Bernard Michaud
FSO-Career Counselor—Arn Heggens
FSO-Communications—Glenn Roberts
FSO-Communication Svcs—Everett Henry
FSO-Finance—Debra Bilodeau
FSO-Informational Services—Judy Davidson
FSO-Materials—Dorothy Larkin
FSO-Marine Safety—Timothy Farwell
FSO-Membership Training—David Drake
FSO Marine Dealer Visitor—Norm Magoon
FSO-Operations—Philip Quinn
FSO-Public Affairs—John Mottalini
FSO-Publications—Lani York
FSO-Public Education—Everett Henry
FSO-Personnel Services—David Bilodeau
FSO-Secretary—Janis Childs
FSO-Vessel Exam—Vincent DeMarco
Immediate Past FC—James Maxner

Semper Paratus



What's Happening in February

9—Flotilla Staff Meeting 1900,
Rusty Scupper

26—Division Board and Staff Meeting, 1930, TBD

29—Leap Day

AUXCOM, 1900, Classroom Base S. Portland, 2, 16 Feb; 1 Mar

AUXNAV, 1900, SMCC Hlth Science, Rm HSC-07, 3, 10, 24 Feb; 2 Mar

Boat Crew Training, 1900, Rusty Scupper, 3, 10, 17, 24 Feb; 2 Mar

BS&S & Let's Go Sailing, 1900, SMCC Hildreth Hall, Rm 101 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb; 3 Mar

Operation Nav Rules, 1900, Classroom Base S. Portland, 5, 19 Feb; 4 Mar

FIRST CLASS

TCT Candidates—Please be aware that TCT is an eight (8) hour requirement and that late arrival or early departure can cause disqualification for that day, which would require attendance on another day. This is a commitment for ALL parties concerned. Tom Larkin

AUXCOM will be offered at the upcoming District Conference

This course will be given over the period of one day plus testing (next day). Please give this the widest, earliest and repeated dissemination to your Staff, MT, CM and general membership. Students will need to sign up for the course in advance. Students wishing to sign up for the course should contact me at strikermarine@comcast.net or via phone at 508-509-8418.

