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From the Flotilla Commander

As I write this piece we are in the middle of the boat show season. With that in mind I would like to take a moment and thank all of those who have and will be standing a watch at these events, you are doing your Flotilla proud. Also, I would like to thank our FSO-PA John Mottalini who in his first year with this position has done an excellent job with a cumbersome task. Along with John, I would like to thank Brad Thompson for acting as John's assistant during this process, and thanks to Frank Leavitt, who was instrumental at getting us into the boatbuilders show. To all of you, job well done. At this point, I would also like to take a moment and thank all of

you for the great attendance at the last few Flotilla Meetings. It has allowed us to be able to disseminate a great deal of information and to get some business done. I would continue to ask all of you to please keep up that effort and continue to help make these productive meetings. As we move from Winter to spring with thoughts of being on the water looming large, let's keep up the great effort we have put forth so far this year and put to work all of the training and preparation we have been involved in. I look forward to seeing all of you on the water and at our next Flotilla Meeting on the 12th of April. Thank you, Keith Fosler, FC

All Hands, over the past two weeks Flotilla 21 was responsible for setting up and staffing "3" boat shows. Not only did we get it done, we got it done well! I would like to take a moment and thank the duo of Mottalini & Thompson for their hard work in preparing and breaking down these shows. I would also like to thank all of you who stood watch duty (in some cases more than one time). The booths looked great and all of you who stood watch did your Flotilla and the Auxiliary proud. Thanks to all of you, Keith Fosler,

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ Spring Conference & Annual District Awards Presentations, April 16, 17 & 18, 2004 at Marriott Hotel, Burlington, Massachusetts
- ◆ Complete and return reservation form and payment for the **May Awards Dinner Meeting, Due by May3rd**

Monthly Flotilla Meeting — April 12, 2004

DATE—Monday, April 12, 2004

TIME—1900

LOCATION— Rusty Scupper

Uniform of the Day—Tropical Blue Long or appropriate Civilian attire

This will not be dinner meeting, we will be doing that at the May Meeting.

We have tabled business from the prior meeting that we plan to address, so be prepared to vote.

The tabled item is the capital expenditure

request to either upgrade the existing laptops or to purchase one or two new ones.

We will also have **reports** from the FC, VFC, staff, and the **member minute training session.**

Thank you, Keith Fosler, FC



FSO-VE—VE WORKSHOP ON APRIL 24, 2004

"The **VE Workshop** will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Rusty Scupper, from 0900 to 1300. Uniform is Tropical Blue Long. All VEs are expected to attend.

The USCG Auxiliary has just started a new initiative called "VSC Megaweeks" [see page 6] which will be an annual event starting on the first Saturday of National Safe Boating Week and ending on the Fourth of July each year. This year that will be a six-week period that begins on May 22nd and ends on July 4th. As part of our contribution to this effort, our Flotilla will be **conducting Vessel Safety Checks on the first Saturday of National Safe Boating Week**, which will be on May 22.

There will be a **Vessel Examiner Candidates course** at the South Portland Station on Wednesdays: 04/28/04 to 5/19/04, in the classroom, from 7 to 9 PM. Uniform is Tropical Blue Long. If you are interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner, please call me at 767-1795 to confirm your intention to attend (if you have not already done so).

Members of other flotillas are invited to attend and participate in any of the above events.

What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

A Vessel Safety Check is a free, courtesy examination of recreational boats to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations.

Flotilla Vessel Examiners (VE) are trained specialists that also pass on certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues with boaters.

A VSC is not a boarding or a law enforcement effort. The boater is given a copy of the VSC checkoff evaluation and, if the boat passes the examination, is given a VSC decal to display on the boat. This decal does not exempt the boat from any future law enforcement boarding, but it would make the boater prepared to make this a positive encounter.

Some of the items checked are:

- **Proper display of numbers**
- **Registration/Documentation**
- **PFDs; Life Jackets**
- **Visual Distress Signals**
- **Fire extinguishers**
- **Ventilation**
- **Backfire flame control**
- **Sound producing devices**
- **Navigation lights**
- **State requirements**
- **Overall vessel condition**

Vincent R. DeMarco, FSO-VE" 

Members are encouraged to have their boats examined by our Vessel Examiners

Members are encouraged to have their boats examined by our Vessel Examiners as either:

- a recreational boat that is not an Auxiliary facility
- a non-operational facility, or
- an operational facility.

Those members that have had their boats successfully inspected as either a non-operational facility or an operational facility **are permitted and encouraged to fly the Auxiliary (blue) ensign on their boats**. When members fly their Auxiliary ensigns on their boats they make the public aware of our presence and our efforts to promote boating safety on the waters.

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FSO-MT—CPR / First Aid on April 10, 2004

All Hands, the CPR / First Aid class will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2004 at the USCG South Portland Station ATON building. The class will be an all day event starting at 0800 and completing around 1630. Lunch will be on your own. The uniform of the day will be Tropical Blue Long. Completion of this class will certify you for one year in CPR and three years in First Aid. The price is between \$16.00 - \$18.00 and will be collected the day of the class.

Note: This is not a required course. This course is being offered from suggestions of the members as a supplement to the training already provided.


Please let me know asap if you are still interested in attending so materials can be ordered.

Thank you for your patience.

David Drake, FSO-MT 

2004 OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

The 2004 Operations Workshop will be held at 1830 on Thursday, 15 April at SMCC, Health Science Center, Rm TECH203 (same room as last year). Please note that you must attend either this or the makeup session on Saturday, 1 May in order to participate in the Operations Program, including Safety Patrols. You do not need to sign up for this but attendance will be taken.

Phil Quinn, FSO-OP 



**CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 INR
2004 SPRING AWARDS DINNER MEETING**

Keith G. Fosler - Flotilla Commander
James M. Maxner - Vice Flotilla Commander

Date: Monday, May 10, 2004
 Place: The Rusty Scupper Club
 USCG Base, South Portland
 Time: 1800 - Attitude Adjustment
 1900 - Dinner
 Attendees: Members - Friends - Distinguished Guests
 Program: Dinner
 Awards
 Speaker: Captain Jeffrey W. Monroe, Director Portland , Dept. of Transportation & Waterfront (tentative)
 Good Fellowship
 Dress: Service Dress Blue BRAVO, Tropical Blue Long, or Appropriate Civilian Attire

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NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER May 3rd DEADLINE.

*** CASH BAR AVAILABLE ***

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>\$12.00 per meal</u>	<u>Number</u>
Meal Choice:	Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____
	Barbecued Ribeye's (12 to 14 oz)	_____
	Above is served with choice of potato or rice, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls, tossed salad, and dessert and coffee	

Name: _____

Please mail this reservation and remittance by **Monday, May 3, 2004** to:

MAIL TO: **Debra A. Bilodeau**, FSO-FN
 20 Coulthard Farms Road
 Scarborough, ME 04074 [Tel # 883-5785]

Make check payable to: FLOTILLA 0IN-21 USCGAUX

ANYONE MAKING A RESERVATION AND NOT ATTENDING WILL FORFEIT HIS OR HER PAYMENT



May 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
						1
						Operations Workshop Make-Up
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		1900—Boat Crew Training, Rusty Scupper, Base S Portland 1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	1900—VE Training Course Base S Portland Classroom 1900—BS&S Centerboard Yacht Club			Special Operations Training Classroom S Portland Base
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	1800—Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper	1900—Boat Crew Training, Rusty Scupper, Base S Portland 1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	1900—VE Training Course Classroom Sta S. Portland 1900—BS&S Centerboard Yacht Club	1900—New Member Interview, Classroom Sta S. Portland		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	1900—VE Training Course Classroom Sta S. Portland 1900—BS&S Centerboard Yacht Club	1900—New Member Training, Base S Portland Classroom		NATIONAL BOAT SAFETY WEEK [May 22-28th] VE Blitz at S Portland Marinas, Boaters World & West Marine
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	1900—Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classroom Sta S. Portland	1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	1800—1930 VE Course Training VSC demo on a OpFac	1900—New Member Training, Base S Portland Classroom 1930—Division Board & Staff Meeting		

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Vessel Safety Checks Schedule

Casco Bay Flotilla will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks on the following schedule:

1. VSC Blitzes (starts at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM):

05/22/04 Saturday: Flotilla VE Blitz at South Portland marinas and at Boating World (South Portland Mall); and at West Marine (Portland) stores [for National Safe Boating Week];

06/05/04 Sat: Flotilla VE Blitz at South Portland marinas;

06/12/04 Sat: Flotilla VE Blitz at Portland and Falmouth/Yarmouth marinas;

06/19/04 Sat: Flotilla VE Blitz at selected Lake Sebago marinas;

06/26/04 Sat: Flotilla VE Blitz at selected marinas (rain date)



AUXILIARY IS MONTHLY TIPS

FLOTILLA Directories [153 copies] have recently been distributed to members. Please review your personal data in this directory. If you note any errors on your personal information, please complete a FORM 7028, Change of Member Information, and turn into FSO-IS for update to AUXDATA. Just calling and/or telling someone about the change will NOT update your information in AUXDATA – completing FORM 7028 will!

Judith Davidson, FSO-IS