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From the Flotilla Commander

This month I just wanted to take a moment, ask you to reflect, and give each of you a word of praise. As we get into the boating season and our activity level in the classroom, on the water, in the air, at MSO, at group and elsewhere escalates, let us not forget the basic reason we exist as an organization and the country we serve. All too often in life we can't see the forest through the trees. Sometimes we can get so focused on the task directly in front of us we don't take time to

see how the task we preformed fits into the broader picture. Like it or not we are a nation at war and our country and the Coast Guard, needs us. The missions we perform and the duties we take on, whether in a PE class, standing watch at group, training at MSO, doing a VE exam, or being on board an OPFAC for a Patrol contribute to aiding our nation and the Coast Guard in these trying times. *Be proud* of who we are, *be proud* of the uniform and what it

represents, *be proud* of our traditions and history, and remember that every time you come to a meeting, class, patrol or any of our other functions or duties you are carrying on a tradition of excellence and service. Stand tall and take pride in the fact that you are a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. One of the greatest volunteer organizations in US History.

Thank you,
Keith Fosler FC-21

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ **Instructors Workshop [Mandatory]** required by 31 May for PE Instructors is scheduled for **Monday, 17 May, 1900** at the Rusty Scupper
- ◆ **Sexual Harrassment Awareness** will be discussed at the **June 7 Flotilla Meeting**.
- ◆ Those that are interested in attending **26 May VE Demo** should call Vin. DeMarco at 767-1795 as to where to meet.

Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting — May 10, 2004

Place: The Rusty Scupper, USCG Base, S. 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

Good Fellowship

Dress: Service Dress Blue BRAVO, Tropical Blue Long, or Appropriate Civilian Attire

The dinner Registration Form & payment is due May 3 to FSO-FN Deb Bilodeau.

Use the form on page 3 to mail in with you payment. Contact Deb to let her know you are attending and that your payment is on its way to her.



District Awards Presented at District Conference

Division 2 did quite well for the 2003 year thanks to all of the members' efforts. Congratulations to the following Flotillas and individual members.

Vessel Safety Checks: David Corum 26 won 2nd place with 142 and Flotilla 26 was the Flotilla with the most VSCs - 382 and was the most improved with an increase of 167 Public Education and Member Training: Paul Smith-Valley received the second place award with 130 PE hours and Irwin Woods took 3rd place in MT with 72 hours and to top it off Flotilla 21 took 1st place with 612 MT hours.

Operations: Bill Armstrong - 26 took 1st place with 1324 coxswain hours and Joe Hogan - 26 took 2nd place and Brad Thompson took 3rd place, a division 2 clean sweep! To add to the above, David corum - 26 and James Powers - 25 took 2nd and 3rd place for crew hours while Flotilla 21 top the District in the number of Patrols.

And Ed Miner - 24, was the winner of second place for Air Observer hours.

Publications' top award went to Flotilla 27's FLOTSAM&JETSAM, Eva Powers editor.

Paul Smith-Valley was awarded the Elizabeth and Captain Thomas D. Fisher Award for "All Around Auxiliaryist" having put in 9732 combined hours.

Finally Flotilla - 27 won the Division 2 Captains award for the greatest all-around performance.

Congratulations to all for a job well done and quite a challenge for 2004.

Bill Buckley, DCP 2N



FSO-MA—Product Catalog

The 2004 Uniform Price List is now available and should be referred to in placing an order. This catalog replaces all previous publications. Contact Dottie Larkin for a copy. The catalog is also on the District website.



AUXILIARY IS MONTHLY TIP

The [National eDirectory](#) celebrated it's first birthday Jan 04, which marks a year of incredible development! You can now find fellow member and all unit officer email addresses with just one easy click. It's secure, protected by the same technology that protects online credit card transactions. The eDirectory gives you a quick and easy method of checking important information in your AUXDATA record, and supports valuable Member services like *AUX eNews*. It also provides security for access to Auxiliary online testing services, future *online* "C" schools, and much more.

If you don't yet have your email address in AUXDATA (or the one you have listed in AUXDATA needs to be updated), request it today with [Change of Member Information Form #7028](#). You'll be glad you did!

Judith Davidson, FSO-IS



The Fantom Phireman Asks.....

Which is the largest island in Casco Bay?

Please communicate your answer to the FSO-PB at york2@adelphia.net. The names of those with the correct answer will be published in next months issue

Newsworthy Mentions

The Current, April 2004 issue:

Debi Bilodeau donated bone marrow for an anonymous child. Debi added herself to the National Bone Marrow Registry as part of a bone marrow drive for a Scarborough teacher. Four years passed, and in the fall of 2003, received a call because she was a potential match for a 7-year old boy in another country who had a condition that made him more susceptible to disease.

In January Debi learned she was an ideal donor. Debi put herself in the shoes of the boy's mother. "if it was my child," she would want some to donate to help save a life. "Life is just so precious," Debi can send a message anonymously through the donation program, and can also get an update on how he is doing. Debi is glad her efforts are helping a boy stay alive. "I've done my best, I'm somebody's angel."





NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK IS MAY 1-8, 2004

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is the first and only national non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.

Visit www.safekids.org for additional safety tips.

Splash Into Safety — Water Safety Checklist for Kids

- ◆ Never run, push, or jump on others around water.
- ◆ Learn how to swim.
- ◆ Always wear a PFD when participating in water sports.
- ◆ Swim within designated safe areas of rivers, lakes & oceans
- ◆ Inflatable inner tubes and “water wings” are not safety devices.
- ◆ Never dive into a river, lake, or ocean.

CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 INR

2004 SPRING AWARDS DINNER MEETING

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

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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

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Flotilla Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Phil Quinn

1. PATROLS: First winter patrol was conducted March 7.
The patrol schedule is under development.
2. Training: Patrol orders can now be issued from the POMS system.
Boat Crew Seamanship classes continue with about 20-22 regularly attending.
3. Investigating NOAA's Adopt-A-Chart program. By participating in this program, the Flotilla would take responsibility for verifying the accuracy of navigation charts, i.e., Portland Harbor and/or Casco Bay.

Special Ops Training Program

8 May—SAR Day Ashore
12 June—HAZWOPERS
17 July—RDF Training
21 August—SAR Day Afloat
18 Sept—Damage Control

FSO-PS—David Bilodeau

New Member courses are scheduled for May and into June. Prospective members can participate in all non-operational Auxiliary activities and can attend all meetings and public education training sessions, but are not able to wear a uniform or obtain an ID until they have completed and approved the SF-86 security background and fingerprint check.

FSO-CM—Glenn Roberts

Working with PO Hanna to be trained on radio direction finding equipment use using an EPIRB. Plan to set up Flotilla training on dry land first, then on-the-water training. Also plan to schedule another Red Cross First Aid-CPR class in the fall. Had a good turn-out for the April training session.

Glen has offered to check members marine radios to be ready for the boating season.

2004 Cruise Planning Meeting

After wide ranging discussion and various sea stories, tentative day and/or overnight excursions are scheduled for:

19/20 June — Quohog Bay or The Basin

10/11 July — Boothbay Harbor

22/23 July — TBD

Contact Manning Chase or Brad Thompson if you have an idea for a day/overnight excursion that fellow members would enjoy participating in.



FSO-MS— Kevin Cady— Marine Safety Office [MSO]

Flotilla 21 has recently taken a more active role at the MSO Portland. The Coast Guard has been tasked by Congress to implement the Marine Transportation Security Act (2002), a massive undertaking. In essence, MTSA requires the Captain of The Port (COTP) to obtain and approve security plans from all waterfront facilities in the zone which is New Hampshire to the Canadian border. The Coast Guard then needs to inspect each facility in the COTP zone on 1July04 to measure for compliance. MTSA compliance inspections will be conducted at each facility annually. The security plans help make the port less vulnerable to sabotage from terrorist attack. What that means to the Auxiliary is that our expertise and manpower is extremely valuable to the Coast Guard. Currently, there are a number of ways Auxiliary members can assist in MTSA. MSO

Portland has begun a series of training sessions aimed at qualifying AUX members to augment regular Coast Guard billets. Members initially train as Assistant Harbor Safety Specialists. This is a formal training in harbor patrol indoctrination and can be completed in three to four two hour sessions or one eight hour session. To qualify, there are task sign-offs and an oral board.

The MSO plans a three-day training session aimed at AUX members to qualify as Assistant Facility Security Inspectors. The AFSI course was developed at the unit level to train regular, reserve, and auxiliary members to inspect waterfront facilities for compliance under MTSA. This is a very important qualification as the COTP plans to augment AUX members with active duty on a permanent basis.

TRIDENT: is a qualification that requires a minimum of seven courses and leads to the Trident "M-Pro" device. The first three are required, Intro. to Marine Safety (required), Good Mate (required), Incident Command 100 (required), any four of the following: Asst. harbor safety Specialist, Asst. Container Inspector, Asst. Facility Inspector, Asst. Pollution Investigator, Pollution Response Specialist, Marine Environmental Education Specialist, Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner, and Port State Boarding Team Assistant. MSO active duty and qualified Auxiliarists will facilitate and mentor these courses. Many of the opportunities are land-based and merely require a sharp eye and the knowledge from the training! Contact your FSO-MS if interested in the training.

Kevin Cady FSO-MS



12 April 2004 Flotilla 21 Meeting USCG Station South Portland

Welcome by FC Fosler @ 1900. The Pledge led by VFC Fosler

Members present approximately 40 members & guests.

Intro of Guests- Monica Wood (D. Abbott's wife) is a well-known author who is writing an article for *Downeaster* on the UCGAUX.

Joey Menard is transferring to our Flotilla from F24. Welcome Joey!

Division Captain Bill Buckley was introduced.

Commodore Bob Johnson was introduced. He shared a few comments, including that the USCG is now a part of racing! Justin Labonte is the driver of the car. Every armed forces division has a car as a part of their recruiting efforts. He read an open letter written to auxiliariats in District 5 which stated that the background check is not an invasion of privacy, but another hurdle to be a part of the USCG. In essence it is an important step to improve trust and faith from the public.

Auxiliary members are not authorized to wear ODU's until at least 2005-2006, unless you are working on the Coast Guard boats.

Members ill or in distress:

Member Rob Foley's is a SEAL and was a good friend of one of the individuals recently kidnapped and killed in Iraq. We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

FC Fosler Remarks-

Purchases made: TV/VCR, LCD and file cabinet.

Arn Heggars is working with Phil Quinn on the Damage Control packs.

FC Fosler thanked all who stood watch at the recent boat shows. John Mottalini did an excellent job, along with his right hand man, Brad Thompson. In addition AL Bingham and Frank Leavitt were of tremendous help.

Awards Committee has been established. The next Flotilla 21 meeting will be the Awards Banquet; please get in rsvp's ASAP.

Safe Boating Week is May 22-29.

Deadline for TCT is 31 May. If you are going to be in Operations you must have TCT. FC Fosler, Tom Larkin are working on getting one more session scheduled.

FC Fosler spoke to Rotary at S. Portland about the USCGAUX. If anyone else knows about this type of opportunity let Keith know.

In 2003 there were 4,700 new members in the USCGAUX, but lost 4,000. We all need to be recruiting new members.

20 May (Thursday) Piscataquis Oil Spill practice will occur, if you are interested let DCP Buckley know.

Error rate for the SF-86 is about 50%, answer all sections completely.

New members are once again being processed.

Home Depot in Biddeford is running a safety fair June 5, if interested let Keith know.

Safe Boating week stressing wearing PFDs.

Group Portland celebrated Earth Day, 22 April, by cleaning up East End Beach.

Member Recognition and Awards

VFC Maxner was highlighted in the recent *Noreaster*.

B. Gelles, N. Magoon, F. Curran, J. Davidson, M. Smith, R. Weeman, A. Pokras, and K. Cady have been contributing many hours for watch standing.

Commodore Johnson and DCP Buckley presented Phil Quinn with the AUXOP Award. Well done, Phil!

Additional Awards: G. Roberts - Boat Crew Qualified; P. Quinn, M. Chase -Instructor; R. Carpenter, J. Horn, - AUXWEA

VFC Maxner Comments and Notes

—As of 1 April we have switched to Tropical Blue Long

—Thanks to G. Roberts for instructing the April first aid course.

DO NOT FORGET TO WAIT FOR THE GATE TO CLOSE before you leave the Station! NEVER allow anyone to come in behind you whether entering or leaving unless you know the person!!

Staff Officers gave oral reports.

Member Refresher Training- VFC Maxner

"Points To Ponder"—Get your hours in!! These hours count for individuals, the Flotilla, the Aux and the Coast Guard! Class, travel, studying, meetings all count.

Be sure to use the proper form, fill it out properly & keep a copy!

FSO-MS Opportunities Presentation – Kevin Cady

Kevin is a Sgt with the Portland Police Department and works closely with MSO. He will be sharing some security topics with us.

MSO is undergoing great change to accommodate the new safety and security requirements.

Trident Program (seven courses) continues and MSO is willing to have any auxiliariats who is interested to sit in on any class at MSO.

Currently 5 people are involved with Harbor Safety Specialists. This is every Thursday at MSO. If anyone is interested in assisting in Facility Inspectors for port security are needed. Let Kevin know if interested.

HARPATS continue and Wayne Hutchins is still coordinating.

New Business/Old Business- FC Fosler

Software upgrade or the purchase of new laptops.

Motion to remove the issue from the table- passed unanimously

Discussion: D. Abbott addressed the issue of this upgrade.

Current donated laptops can only be used for simple Power Point presentations with the PP Viewer. They cannot handle video.

Dan recommends a new laptop with MS Office @ \$1500-1600.

Motion by V. Demarco to amend the proposal to buy one laptop that is fully capable with all software and at a maximum of \$1600. Passes with a majority vote in favor.

Motion to table this motion was made and defeated.

The motion was called. The motion passed to purchase the new laptop.

New Business-

We should start planning for field trips soon.

Adjourned at 2120. Submitted by Janis Childs





May 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 0900-1200 Ops Workshop Make-Up, S. Portland Station
2 May 1-8 is National Safe Kids Week	3	4 1900—Boat Crew Training, Rusty Scupper, Base S Portland 1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	5 1900—VE Training Course Base S Portland Classroom 1900—BS&S Cen- terboard Yacht Club	6	7	8 0800-1500 SAR DAY ASHORE S Portland Base
9	10 1800— Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper	11 1900— Boat Crew Train- ing, Rusty Scup- per, Base S Port- land 1900—BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	12 1900—VE Training Course Classroom Sta S. Portland 1900—BS&S Cen- terboard Yacht Club	13 1900— New Member Interview, Classroom Sta S. Portland	14	15
<i>Mother's Day</i>						
16	17 1900— Instructors Workshop, Rusty Scupper MANDATORY for PE Instructors	18 1900— BS&S Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport	19 1900—VE Training Course Classroom Sta S. Portland	20 1900— New Member Training, Base S Portland Class- room	21	22 NATIONAL BOAT SAFETY WEEK [May 22-28th] VE Blitz at So Portland Marinas, Boaters World & West Marine
23	24 1900— Flotilla Staff Meeting, Class- room Sta S. Portland	25	26 1800— 1930 VE demo on a OpFac [Contact Vin DeMarco for more info]	27 1900—New Member Training, Base S Portland Classroom 1930—Division Board & Staff Meeting	28	29
30	31					



June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 1900—New Member Training, Classroom S. Portland	4	5 VSC Stations @ S. Portland Marinas Home Depot [Biddeford] Safety Fair
6	7	8	9	10 1900—New Member Training, Classroom S. Portland	11	12 •VSC Stations @ Portland, Falmouth/Yarmouth marinas •HAZWOPERS, S. Portland Base •The Discover Portland Urban Adventure Race
13	14 1900—Flotilla Meeting, Rusty Scupper <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19 VSC Stations @ selected Sebago Lake marinas
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>	22	23	24 1930 — Division Board & Staff meeting	25	26 VSC Stations @ selected marinas (rain date)
27	28 Staff Planning Session	29	30			



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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)

For more information on boating safety, visit www.uscgboating.org, or call the U.S. Coast Guard's Infoline at 1-800-368-5647

Join Waterway Watch

The U.S. Coast Guard needs your help with Homeland Security in the marine environment. That's why **WATERWAY WATCH** was established and **1-877-24WATCH** is the number to call when you see something suspicious on our waterways (Call 911 directly in the event of immediate threat or danger!). In this post-attack atmosphere, we can no longer say, "*That could never happen.*" We don't know what can happen and what can't - even at a quiet marina or serene waterway.

