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## From the Flotilla Commander

There is an old saying that you are remembered for what you do, not for what you didn't do. As many of you know, during the last month I lost my mother, and for those who have experienced the loss of a parent it is a trying and rough experience. During the weeks that have followed her passing I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of sympathy, concern and caring for myself and my family by members of the Auxiliary. I have heard it said that the Auxiliary is like a family, I saw that put into practice over the last month. Since her memorial service and the

strong Auxiliary presence in attendance, I have been approached by several people remarking at how impressed they were at the turnout by members and the level of support. Hearing these comments from people gave me a great deal of pride in the Auxiliary and caused me to reflect on what a wonderful group of individuals make up this organization. It is nice to know that as much as we do for community and country, that we still make time to give to one another. From myself and my family, thank you.

Keith Fosler FC-21



## Have you checked out this website?

Information resources available on this website include:

- Safety
- Federal Requirements
- MetLife Safety Tips
- Consumer Advisories
- Boating Safety Courses
- U.S. Aids to Navigation
- Boating Under the Influence
- GMDSS Communications
- Regulations
- Recalls
- Safety
- Defects
- News
- Statistics

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## Special points of interest:

- Cruise Planning Committee meets at Brad Thompson's home on **Friday, June 4, 1900** All are welcome to join and bring ideas for day and/or overnight excursions.
- Kevin Cady will be taking **fingerprints** at the June's Flotilla meeting in conjunction with **requirements for completing SF-86**

## Monthly Flotilla Meeting — June 14, 2004

**When:** June 14, 2004

**Where:** Rusty Scupper, S. Portland Base

**Time:** 1900

**Uniform:** Tropical Blue Long

**Special segments:** Sexual Awareness Training, and a communications segment by Everett Henry FSO-CS. We will also have FC, VFC, and staff comments.

Following the meeting, See Kevin Cady to complete your requirements for blueprinting



## FSO-OP—Special Operations Training: HAZWOPER

On 12 June, Flotilla 21's Special Operations Training Program will present HAZWOPER training. This will provide First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level qualification for HAZardous Waste OPERations. This will train participants how to act in a defensive manner when encountering hazardous materials (including WMD), protecting both the scene and the people involved, as well as crowd control until the arrival of people trained in actual operational response. These could be MSO personnel, State or Federal personnel

or even the Strike Team. To go beyond FRA Level would require equipment that Auxiliary OPFACs would not normally be carrying onboard and training that would require more than one day.

The session will be held at the Cape Elizabeth Fire Station from 0800 to approximately 1600. Please respond if you wish to attend; directions will be provided along with a confirmation.

Phil Quinn FSO-OP 

**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.

Vin DeMarco FSO-VE 

**Congratulations to Dave Barnard** for correctly knowing that **Sebascodegan** is the largest island in Casco Bay. Thanks to those of you who participated and sent in a response. Please exercise your nautical knowledge by submitting your answer to this month's question:

***THE FANTOM PHIREMAN ASKS.....***

**When and where did America's deadliest maritime disaster take place?**

Please communicate your answer to the FSO-PB at [york2@adelphia.net](mailto:york2@adelphia.net) and look for the correct answer in next month's *Calendar Island Chronicle*.

## FSO-PS—New Member Course is Underway

On 13 May 2004, 18 participants attended the New Member Interview Night. On 20 May 2004, 10 people returned and it is anticipated that 8-12 people will complete the new member training. This is a high quality group of people with skills ranging from professional mariners to teachers.

A special thanks to Brad Thompson, Frank Leavitt, and Kevin Cady for their participation at the new


member interview. Each of them spoke with great pride, enthusiasm, and professionalism. I was proud to be on that team, and you as members should be proud of the outstanding first impression they made, on behalf of our Flotilla.

The remaining dates for the New Member course are Thursday's on May 27, June 3 and the exam on June 10.

David Bilodeau FSO-PS 

## AUXILIARY IS MONTHLY TIP

FROM THE DSO-IS

**OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS** information (personal availability, emergency contact info, etc.) is an important part **AUXDATA**. Your IS officer can enter this information for you. Use the **PATRIOT READINESS INPUT FORM** (found on the 1st District website) to provide this information to your SO-IS via **Judith Davidson FSO-IS** 



## Minutes of May 10, 2004 Flotilla 21 Dinner Awards Meeting

Master of Ceremonies - L. Bradford Thompson

Welcome and introduction of Guests; Captain Tripp, VCP Paul Smith-0Valley & the Reverend Judy Smith-Valley, Senior Chief Kelleher & Captain Jeffrey Monroe-Director of Ports and Transportation for Portland, Maine. Approximately 55 members and guests.

VFC Maxner welcomed the Flotilla members and guests and relayed remarks from FC Fosler.

Remarks from VFC Smith-Valley. Congratulations to Flotilla 21 for recognition and awards received at the District Conference.

Outstanding PE- Tom Larkin

Most member training hours- Flotilla 21  
3rd place for most coxswain hours-L Bradford Thompson

Following the invocation by the Reverend Judy Smith a buffet dinner was served.

**Speaker-** Captain Jeffrey Monroe-  
"State of the Port"

### **2003 Awards Ceremony**

Allen J. Bingham Award – Winslow Pillsbury

L. Brad Thompson Award – Darlene York

Team Coast Guard (Gold Side) – Lt. J.G. Kellenbach

Team Coast Guard - (Silver) Jim Maxner

Coxswain Award – Brian Spivey  
Boat Crew Member of the Year – Robin Fink

Most Senior Person Active in the Boat Crew Program – Al Bingham  
Group Support – Bob Gelles  
Public Service – Dottie Larkin  
Member Training – L. Bradford Thompson

Public Education – Basil Brown  
Benson Wright Operations Award – Phil Quinn

John E "Pete" Gaskell Award – Bill Weeks

John Payne Memorial Award – Frank Leavitt

Past Commander's Cup – Everett Henry

Flotilla Commander Award – Judy Davidson

Vice Flotilla Commander Award – TBA

### **Additional remarks from:**

#### **Captain Trapp**

Congratulated the Flotilla on out involvement and activities.

#### **Sr Chief Kelleher**

Invited all to his Change of Command in August

#### **VCP Smith-Valley**

16 June GPS course at UNE-let Robyn Fink know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

Thanked all members for their contribution to the Auxiliary especially the summer ahead that will include Democratic National convention and OP Sail Rhode Island, many regattas, HARPATs, Patrols and the Queen Mary on October 9.

Adjourned @ 2110

Submitted:  
Janis C Childs  
FSO-SR



**Brad Thompson and John Witkowski  
on Safety Patrol, 15 May 2004  
on Quahog Bay 2004, aboard  
"Ready to Go"**

**[Photo taken by Bryan Spivey,  
owner of OPFAC]**





# June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 1900—New Member Training, Classroom S. Portland	4 1900—Cruise Planning Committee, Brad Thompson's House	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 •0800-1600— HAZWOPER Training Cape Eliz. Fire Station
13	14 1900—Flotilla Meeting, Rusty Scupper <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16 1800-2100 GPS for Mariners at UNE-Biddeford, 204 Decary Hall—Contact Wes Wilson, 283-6017	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			

## What is America's Boating Course?

America's Boating Course (ABC) is an electronic, basic boating course produced through a partnership between the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons®.

It's available online at [www.AmericasBoatingCourse.com](http://www.AmericasBoatingCourse.com) and on CD-ROM. You can study at your own pace... on your own time... any place you have a computer to use.

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## GMDSS Communications

The Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) is an international system using advanced communications technology. Its main purpose is to enhance ship-to-shore communications by providing rapid, automated distress alerting, with positional information, if available.

For more information, visit

<http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/gdmss.htm>



## July 2004

### Schedule of Events

- **July 12**—Flotilla picnic at Fort Williams State Park
- **July 17**, RDF Training & Exercises, Base S. Portland
- **July 19, 1830**—AUXIINFO / IS Training, at TECH building, at SMCC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### Newsorthy Mentions

#### New Sea Scout group charter

A new Sea Scout troop has formed in southern Maine and already the organization has nearly a dozen members. Sea Scouts, similar to Boy Scouts, were officially charter during a ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard station in So. Portland in April 2004. The scouts learn leadership and confidence building skills on the sea. Sea Scout Skipper **Steve Birmingham [and F21 member]** has donated his 24-foot sailboat for the scouts to learn all about the sea and sailing. *"We are training young adults how to work a boat and teach them all about seamanship,"* Birmingham said.

The coed group of ten members is made up of young teens who want to learn about boating, sailing and the ocean. Members are from Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and Falmouth.

#### U. S. Coast Guard Partners With Labonte Motorsports / Justin Labonte for NASCAR Busch Series Program in 2004

The USCG announced that it is entering into a partnership with Labonte Motorsports aimed at enhancing the Coast Guard's recruiting and outreach missions. "This partnership offers a unique opportunity to showcase the Coast Guard and tell our story to an unprecedented audience of potential recruits and those that influence them," said Admiral Thomas Collins, commandant of the Coast Guard. We are delighted to welcome the Labontes to our Coast Guard Family."

Justine and Terry Labone are excited to be representing the men and women of the USCG. "I am committed to using the vast array of outreach venues NASCAR affords to do just that.

#### Ocean Data Acquisition System buoys deployed in Portland Channel, Hussey Sound, and Broad Sound

In the spring of 2004, the Physical Oceanography Group from the UME's School of Marine Sciences embarked on a year-long observational study in Casco Bay, funded by the Maine Oil Spill Advisory Committee and DEP. The main goal of the study is to observe and quantify the tidal and non-tidal (e.g. wind-driven) circulation and exchange processes in Casco Bay, with emphasis on the transport and exchange in the three main channels separating the interior and outer Bay.

The yellow buoys are labeled P, Q, and R, respectively. Instruments deployed on these buoys will measure a long-term, continuous time series of current, temperature & salinity at key areas of exchange in Casco Bay.

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## COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS WORKSHOP

Station Boothbay Harbor

5-6 June 2004

**When:** June 5, 2004, 0900-1530 (Classroom Training)

June 6, 2004, 0900-1530 (Practical as part of a Dockside Exam Blitz and F/V Safety Day in BBH.)

**Where:** Station Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay Harbor, ME

**Who:** CG Auxiliarists, Active Duty, and Reserves who are qualified CFV Safety examiners and need a refresher, and those who would like to get qualified as CFV Safety Examiners.

**What to Bring:** Bag Lunch, Working uniform, inspection gear if you have it (coveralls, safety shoes, gloves, scales)

**Car Pooling is encouraged, NO reimbursement of travel cost or per-diem has been authorized.**

**RSVP/Registration Required** in order to ensure we have sufficient materials on hand. Please call Arn Hegggers at 207-780-3256 or e-mail him at [ahegggers@msoportme.uscg.mil](mailto:ahegggers@msoportme.uscg.mil) no later than June 2, 2004.

This course will cover the pre-requisite knowledge and skills needed to conduct Voluntary Dockside Exams on State and Documented Commercial Fishing Vessels less than 65 ft long engaged in the Lobster Fishery in cold water. Examining Commercial Fishing Vessels can be physically demanding work as the examiners are sometimes required to crawl into tight, dark, smelly spaces to check equipment or onto cabin tops to examine lifesaving equipment installations.

Proper safety procedures will be covered in addition to proper inspection/examination procedures and required paperwork follow up.

