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## FC—Change is Good

My comments this month revolve around the catchword for the Auxiliary in 2004, "change". It seems that in every piece we read in an Auxiliary publication, every speech or address we listen to, and every meeting or conference we attend we are hearing about change. We are currently seeing the manifestations of that change with things like POMS, AuxData, eDirectory, and the security check process. Yes it is fair to say that the Auxiliary is changing and our roles and missions will continue to evolve and change over the coming months and years. In light of these changes and the frustrations that typically come along as part of the process I thought it might be good to reflect on a couple of thoughts. **1)** We are all on the same team. These changes are effecting all of us. No one is oblivious to them. When we hit a roadblock caused by a new procedure, find comfort that you are not alone. We sometimes think that we are the only ones who are having a problem, let me assure you,

not true. **2)** Patience is a virtue. We are part of a volunteer organization that is part of a very large machine known as the Federal Government. I was raised a government brat and as many of you know who have dealt with or worked for the Federal Government, change comes slow, and at times it seems like you are turning a battleship around in a bathtub. Being patient will make the journey we are on now a bit more palatable. **3)** One thing that is typically consistent in the midst of change, are more changes. Things such as the security check process are definitely works in progress and will continue to be fined tuned and altered. Situations will develop that will render some changes useless and create needs for other ideas. Rest assure that what you see going in the pipe may look a bit different coming out the other end.

In the end, maybe the best advise is to relax, give it your best and know that we are all in the same boat! Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

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As of July 1, dues increased to \$29.00. Please send your check to Debra Bilodeau, FSO-FN. *Your Flotilla thanks you.*

## Casco Bay Flotilla Meeting and Annual Picnic

**Date**—Monday, July 12, 2004  
**Time**—1640  
**Place**—Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth  
**Uniform of the Day**—Casual  
 It's officially summer and time to party!  
 Join us for the annual

Flotilla Picnic at Fort Williams State Park. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, soda and all the traditional goodies. Barbecue grill and tables are under cover, so this is a "rain or shine" event. Bring your family,

friends and significant others (and your appetite!) - all are welcome. Hope to see you there!! We had a great assortment of salads, dishes and desserts to compliment the grilled foods. Bring your favorite dish to share with others.

### Special points of interest:

- District 1NR Fall Conference is 1-3 October 2004 in ~~South Portland~~
- **CHANGE OF ADD:** Ron Doucette, Anchor Engraving & Embroidery, has moved to: 2 Powder Horn Dr, Scarborough (207) ~~883-9083~~



## Summer 2004 Cruise Planning Meeting

### Brad & Sue Thompson Residence

June 4, 2004

Members attending: Brad, David Booth, Manning Chase, John Stedman, Robyn Fink, Steve Birmingham, Judy Davidson, Dan Tipton

Refreshments provided by Brad & Susan, Manning and a key lime pie by David (Sysco) Booth

The firmed-up schedule is as follows.

July 22--Day trip to Eagle Island or other point of interest in Casco Bay

August 2—The BIG one. A 4 to 6 day cruise. August 2-spend the night in Rockland. August 3-head for Southwest Harbor or nearby location and spend the night. Other ports of call to be determined.

Discussion was held on the possibility of family members (who are not aboard) driving to a destination to meet the cruisers

and spending the evening or night.

September ??—Overnight in Kennebunk, Portsmouth or some other point south.

2005 Martha's Vineyard.

Contact Dan Tipton for more information and to sign up to join any of these events.

## INSTRUCTORS PE WORKSHOP MAY 17, 2004

The PE Workshop 2004 was held at the USCG Station mess hall with 17 instructors attending. Dan Abbott gave an excellent comprehensive presentation on using the NEC PowerPoint projector, solving common problems and providing instructional handouts on how to deal with these issues. His PPT CD is in the projector case pocket so that it can be reviewed prior to giving a presentation. This was followed by a TQM proctored by Tom Larkin. Each instructor had to come up with the worst instructor quality. He had about twenty on the flip chart when finished...someone commented "am I really that bad!" One of our newer instructors, Janis Childs, who

has taken on a full load teaching "Your Highway Signs" in BS&S, filled us in with the challenges a professional instructor (she is a nursing teacher at USM) faces in the PE arena. A major difference is that the PE IT may be instructing a subject that is not altogether familiar to her/him. The preparation requires much more than reading the chapter and the Study Guide; they are just the beginning of the preparation. Frank reviewed the major topics from PE Workshop 2004 to satisfy the National requirement.

One of the benefits of the workshop was the first opportunity in several years for the instructors to meet and

have an open discussion about various areas of instruction. A lot of good ideas were brought up, among them a plan to have an additional "power-up" workshop just before the fall term begins 3 August. I would appreciate hearing, confirming, etc from the IT's relative to how this date fits with their summer schedules.

Frank Leavitt

### AUXILIARY IS MONTHLY TIP

#### TIMELINESS OF SUBMITTING REPORTS

All reports must be submitted with 25 days of occurrence to *FSO-IS Judith Davidson* in order to forward to SO-IS for entry into AuxData within the 30 day time frame.

Cyber Spot of the Month—With the start of a brand new boating season for the northern areas, it's a very good time to check out a great online resource which is now available for all Boaters. Float Plan Central: <http://www.uscgaux.org/~floatplan/> gives everything you need to know about using this important new service, and a lot of recently added special support products! Judith Davidson, FSO-IS

## Operation Patriot Readiness Availability

The Captain of the Port has asked to identify AUX members willing to be available during up tempo periods such as increases in the MARSEC level, unusual incidents, etc. Kevin will email upon request a form that indicates availability and qualifications as appropriate.

Please feel free to send via email when completed or return at the next flotilla meeting. As always, individual members are welcome to conduct landbased HARPAT's and stand other duties daily. Thanks for your interested in serving! Kevin Cady, FSO-MS



**Schedule of Events**

- **July 12, 1640**—1630-1900—Flotilla picnic at Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth
- **July 17**, RDF Training & Exercises, Base S. Portland
- **July 18**, Portland Harbor Museum, 1300-1600, "Guided Walking tour of Fort Scammell" [**See Pg 4**]
- **July 22**—Day trip to Eagle Island or other point of interest in Casco Bay-Contact Dan Tipton
- **July 23**—USCG [MSO] Change of Command Ceremony, Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth
- July 26—Staff Meeting, 1900, So Portland Sta. Classroom

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- **August 2**—4-6 day cruise to Rockland and Southwest Harbor-Contact Dan Tipton
- **August 9**—Flotilla Monthly Meeting, 1900, Scupper
- August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Instructor Course, more info to follow
- **August 13**—USCG Change of Command / Retirement
- **August 18**—Luncheon Cruise more info to follow
- **August 21**—SAR Day Afloat, Base S. Portland
- **August 30**—1900, Staff Meeting

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### Discover Portland Urban Adventure Race, 12 June 2004

Bryan Spivey's "Ready To Go" has already been on the go a lot this season. The Flotilla was on hand at this marine event with about 50 canoes [3 people in each] participating on Saturday, June 12. Aboard is Brad Thompson as Coxswain and Brian. Not pictured is Bob Golder's boat "Golden Isles" who was also participating in the marine event that day and crewed by Jim Maxner [coxswain], David Booth and Bob.

### THE FANTOM PHIREMAN ASKS.....

#### Why does Halfway Rock [43° 39.359' N 070° 02.216' W] have that name?

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*.

*Regarding last month's question, Al Bingham believes America's deadliest maritime disaster was the Mississippi River Steamboat boiler explosion near Memphis on 27 April 1865 in which 1547 died. In his book **White Hurricane**, David G. Brown claims America's deadliest maritime disaster occurred between 7 Nov and 10 Nov 1913 on the Great Lakes. During that storm, "twelve ships sank, and thirty-one more were stranded on rocks and beaches. At least 248 sailors lost their lives, and the City of Cleveland faced the worst natural disaster in its history."*

#### Guided Walking tour of Fort Scammel

Join historian Joel Eastman and Captain Harold Cushing for a tour of Fort Scammell, located on privately owned House Island. This is a special opportunity to "get behind the walls" of an 1808 granite fort which was manned during three wars.

Wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking on uneven surfaces. Bring water and a flashlight for exploring the tunnels.

**Boat departs Portland's Long Wharf  
near Dimillo's at 1:00 pm**

**Arrives back in Portland 4:00 pm  
Members \$25.00**

**Non Members \$30.00**

Space is limited! Please make reservations early.  
Call Portland Harbor Museum at 207-799-6337.

#### FSO-MT — Report on POMS Training

POMS training was held at SMCC with hands on training in the computer lab. Peter Depuy was the instructor. Many thanks to Peter and Dan Abbott for their help in putting the training together.

Sexual Harassment training was not held in June due to receiving the tapes late. The tapes were mailed to my old address. We will have to reschedule the training to a later date. I have reviewed the materials and taken photo copies of the facilitator's guide so I now know how the training is to be presented.



## 14 June 2004 Minutes of Flotilla Monthly Meeting

### Welcome – FC Fosler

### The Pledge – VFC Maxner

Introduction of guests and guest comments

Civil Air Patrol members from Cumberland – Bob Haydn and Bob Baker

Bob Fesco is from the area (Sebago Lake) and is back from Florida for the summer.

Susan Drinkwater a sailor and racer was present as a guest.

New Members introduced

Ill or members in distress – none at this time.

John Motalini reminded us all that this is Flag Day!

### FC Fosler Remarks

FC Fosler thanked the Flotilla for all of the support offered to him recently.

It is important that we all participate as much as possible and that the Gold side needs us more than ever in, light of all of the activities this summer including the DNC in Boston.

Boston Whalers- no word.

FS 86 forms are going very slow. It is still 4-5 months before you can expect to hear anything. The process for swearing in new members is also slowed. May be 60-90 days before this happens.

October 18, 19 - District Conference will be held in South Portland at the Marriott. We should have a strong presence. Mark your calendars!

At this time ODU's for the AUX will be 2006.

FC Fosler offered a thanks to: Dave Bilodeau for his job well done with the new member course; Everett Henry for his usual great job with the courses this year & Dave Olney for CYC BS&S course; Kevin Cady for all of his work with MSO locally and within the District; Phil Quinn and Robyn for Boat Crew Training this winter

Also thanks to those working with Group: Judy Davidson, Al Bingham, Roland Weeman, Bob Gelles, Meredyth Smith, Kevin Cady

New VEs – Dave Barnard, Ken Caprio, Frank Connelly, Tom Dunn, Susan Polans, Meredyth Smith

There are new associate and corporate memberships available for the USCGAUX.

### Member Recognition and Awards FC Fosler

Everett Henry – Past Commander's Cup

Brian Spivey – Coxswains Award

Frank Connelly – AUXOP Communications

Judy Davidson – AUXOP Communications & Weather

Steve Birmingham – AUXOP Communications & Seamanship

Dan Tipton – AUXOP Communications

Judy Davidson – AUXOP Weather

Flotilla wards from the last the last District meeting -# of surface patrols 434 hours & 1<sup>st</sup> place most member training hours - 612 hours.

### VFC Maxner Remarks

REMEMBER to make sure the front gate is closed before you leave.

Kevin Cady continues to do fingerprinting at meetings.

Operations meeting this Thursday at 1900 at SMCC for POMS training. All coxswains and facility owners must know this system. It is mandatory for persons to attend this meeting or orders and reimbursement will not occur. All coxswains must have their POMS Patrol and Float Plan. The Station must have it them in hand before going out or the patrol will cancelled.

Roland Weeman asked for interested party to help with watch standing with Group. They have lost two watch standers and are desperate for people to assist.

The time frame is 4 hours and weekends are the most important at this point.

### Staff Reports

**PE Everett Henry** – Quiet now, working with SMCC about fall dates. The check has not yet arrived from SMCC. Everett needs help with the ABC course. This can be done at home. Includes inventory, mailing out books and forwarding names and addresses to Frank for verification. See Everett if you are interested.

**ATN Bernie Michaud** – PATON verification sheets have been handed out to all verifiers

**FN Debbie Bilodeau** - \$2400-checking, 7000 CD for a total of \$9400. \$3200 is outstanding from SMCC. Dues renewal has been sent out. See Debbie if you have not received the form. After 1 July you will be considered delinquent and the fee will be increased.

**CM Glen Roberts** – 17 July RDF class. All coxswains need to see Glen if they are having any trouble with their radios on their OPFACS.

**IS Judy Davidson** – Reports have slacked off. Be sure to get forms in ASAP so hours can be logged.

**MT Dottie Larkin** – Orders are going in and out without problems. Let Dottie know of your needs, she needs a two-week time frame for orders.

**PV Norm Magoon** – new MDV's- Tom Dunn, Dan Tipton and Ken Caprio

**OP Phil Quinn** – HAZWOP class last weekend with 7 Flotilla members in attendance.

Schedule has been based on the fact that one trainee can replace a BC person if the coxswain and BC are present, this is no longer allowed. This has thrown the entire training schedule off. Trainees have been removed and BC's added.

**PS David Bilodeau** – see above

**FS Janis Childs**- no report

**VE Vinnie Demarco** – VE training completed and all 8 passed. 3 of 8 are qualified. Have had a request to do safety checks on Long Island. Yarmouth also requested VEs. We do not have enough VEs at this time to satisfy all requests.

**MS Kevin Cady** – MSO needs volunteers, let Kevin know if you are interested. Operation Patriot Readiness form was sent out for member's interest in helping out if the MARSEC level goes up. CBL patrols continue through Wayne Hutchins. Un-inspected passenger boarding is going on. MTSA (Marine Training Security Act) training this Wednesday at 0800 at 27 Pearl ST (MSO).

**PA John Motalini** – Suggestions from the PA- Due to the poor Memorial Day parade maybe we should think about getting involved somehow. Lets get lots of boats out on 4 July to "show the flag". Can we support the maintenance of the flag on Ft Gorges.

**Lani York**- please visit the Aux website. 2004 Directory is incorrect so be sure to use the updated address that Everett sends out on a monthly basis.

### Communication Services Presentation – FSO-CS Everett Henry II

Guest Presentation- Major Chris Hayden and Capt Bob Baker of the Civil Air Patrol

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourn at 2135

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### Noteworthy News



Look who I found as I thumbed through the 2003 Report to the Community, published by **The Friends of Casco Bay Baykeeper!** Frank and Emmy Leavitt are volunteers for Friends as *Citizen Stewards Water Quality Monitors*. They are highly regarded by *The Friends* staff. Since 1992, FOCB has been collecting scientifically-credible data [water temperature, water clarity, salinity, pH, & dissolved oxygen] on the water quality of Casco Bay. The data has been used to inform state regulatory actions, promote pollution reduction efforts, restore marine habitats, & identify sensitive areas in need of protection or further study. Keep up the good work!