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## FC—From our Commander....

I don't know about any of you, but it seems as if recently the challenges facing us in the Auxiliary are getting more complex and seem to be hitting us more often. This year we've been faced with SF-86 forms, fingerprinting, POMS AUXDATA, changes in crew policy, different new member processing and that's just the first six months. As these changes keep coming, it also seems harder to get the things done we've always done well and to try and keep growing in areas we have been trying to improve in. For me, it has always been helpful when things seem to be getting a bit overwhelming and bogged down to take a step back and see just what is working and focus, not just on what is not up to speed, but take a look at the whole picture. For starters PE has had a strong start in 2004, with a new class going in at CYC with great attendance. Thank you Everett Henry and Dave Olney for keeping it strong and consistent. Member training has done an AUXOP course, First Aid/CPR, TCT programs, and has more coming. Thank you

David Drake and Tom Larkin for your effort. VE brought in a new class and started their year off on schedule. Thank you Vin DeMarco for the solid job. PS has brought in its first class of the year facing new challenges from the Security Check process. In spite of it, we will soon have 9 new members. Thank you Dave Bilodeau for fighting the good fight. The budget process and presentation went smooth and we are on track with it. Thank you Deb Bilodeau for a very good first year in this roll. The newsletter is going out on time and continues to expand and evolve with each issue. Thank you Lani York for putting out a fine product. Our roles at MSO are growing like a weed and we have 12 members in training currently. Thank you Kevin Cady for your enthusiasm. Operations, where many of the changes have hit at the same time and where we are down on OPFACS, continues to press forward. Over 20 members are being trained in the program and the classroom segment of the training was very well thought out and put together. We are at the marine events as requested and through it

## Monthly Flotilla Meeting — August 9, 2004

**Date:** Monday August 9

**Time:** 1900

**Place:** Rusty Scupper, So Portland Base

**Uniform:** Tropical Blue Long

all, we are delivering. Thank you Phil Quinn and Robyn Fink for keeping the wheels on. These are not the only success stories for 2004 and these are but a few of the names that should be mentioned. People with last names like Maxner, Childs, Thompson, Brown, Roberts, Davidson, Abbott, Leavitt, Magoon and the list goes on, all deserve a round of applause for stepping up to the plate. Flotilla 21, even with the challenges we face, has been getting the job done and we have a lot to be proud of. The next time you are getting down or feel like things aren't going right, step back and look how much we have accomplished. Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

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### Special points of interest:

- **October 1-3**— District Conference, So. Portland Marriott
- Information Service workshop, 1830— **TBA-SMCC** Classrm
- Next District Board / Staff Meeting will be held Oct. 1, 1900, So Portland



## Keleher's Retirement/Change of Watch—Friday, August 13, 2004

On August 13 *Senior Chief Dave Keleher* will retire from service in the U.S. Coast Guard. BMCS Keleher has served his country with honor and has had an admirable career. He has asked that the Auxiliary be a part of his day which will include his retirement ceremony and the Change of Watch to welcome on board the new OINC at Station South Portland. Complete details will be forthcoming. In the mean time I am asking that members set aside that date to attend the festivities. After the ceremonies there will be a recep-

tion and a cook-out for all hands at the Station. The Station will be providing the main course and beverages and I am asking that members please bring salads, desserts and any other like dish to the cookout. Please let me know what you'll be bringing. *Lets all show Senior Chief how much we appreciate all that he has done for Flotilla 21 during his tour at Station South Portland!*

Thank you in advance for your willingness to pitch in.

Jim Maxner, VFC 21 

### IS MONTHLY TIP

#### TIMELINESS OF SUBMITTING REPORTS

All reports must be submitted within 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.

#### Save a Little Printer Ink!

Tired of printing a whole web page just to get one address or paragraph into hard copy? With PC's you can selectively print just the section of a website that you want to print.

Highlight the section or text you wish to print by dragging your cursor (mouse arrow) over the section with the left button depressed. Click on FILE at the upper left hand corner of the window and then select PRINT on the dropdown menu. On your Print Menu chose PRINT SELECTION. The highlighted area will print, nothing else.

That big eMail message from which you only wanted one `snail mail' address?? Same thing applies there, highlight just what you want to print and choose PRINT SELECTION.

## Instructor Training Program Begins Aug 3rd

All Hands, We are in the process of trying to determine if there is any interest in holding an instructors training program this fall. This is a great way to stay active within the auxiliary during the winter months and continue interaction with the flo-

tilla members and the public.

If you are interested attending or need additional information, please feel free to contact myself or Frank Leavitt.

Thank you,

David Drake FSO-MT 

## THE FANTOM PHIREMAN ASKS....

### According to the 1830 census, which was the most heavily populated island in Casco Bay?

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


Regarding last month's question, Janis Childs and Frank Curran knew that Halfway Rock is 9 miles from Cape Small and 9 miles from Cape Elizabeth.

### Dunn Thank You Note

Dear Keith Fosler, FC-21: Upon my return home from my recent heart surgery, I received a beautiful floral arrangement from Flotilla 21.

I wish to thank you and the flotilla for this lovely gift, and the accompanying wishes for a speedy recovery.

I am regaining strength, and feeling better day by day, and with the well wishes and support of family and friends like you and my fellow flotilla members, recovery will be speedy and I will be back to normal activity by the first of August.

Thanks again, Tom Dunn  
[25 Jun 2004] 



## Flotilla Picnic—MANY Thanks!

The Flotilla picnic, held on July 12, at Fort Williams Park, saw a beautiful evening attended by members and their families. Also present were Retirees John Dexter and Jim Williams. Jim recently returned from Rome and had an audience with the Pope.

Following a cookout of hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, & corn on the cob, FC Fosler and VFC Maxner opened the meeting at 1810 thanking all for coming and for those who setup, and prepared the food.

### Member Recognition & Awards:

Robert Golder -Flotilla's VC David Booth's Award for Renewed Interest and Enthusiasm.

Bill Weeks—VSC Certificate.

Brad Thompson -TCT Certificate of Training; and, Service Performance Award.

Ann Pokras -TCT Certificate of Training.

Vin DeMarco-TCT Certificate of Training.

Meredith Smith-TCT Certificate of Training.

FC Fosler passed out pins for Auxiliaries for civilian wear.

One final award, "Dunkers Cup" was graciously awarded to John Stedman.

The meeting was adjourned at 1825.

Submitted by,  
Lani York-FSO-PB



Above: Brad Thompson with Ret. John Dexter

Below: Vin DeMarco & Meredith Smith



Brad, Jim & Keith waiting for some food!



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# August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Cruise to Rockland 1900— Staff Meeting, Base So Portland Classroom	<b>3</b> 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom	<b>4</b> 1100-1500 Celebration Day, Winslow Mem'l Park, So. Freeport. Pig Roast & all the fixings! Tickets: \$2/pp	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1900 Follow-Up Instructor Workshop	<b>13</b> Senior Chief's Retirement & COW, Base So Portland	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom	<b>18</b> Island Lunch Cruise [details to follow]	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> SAR Day Afloat, Base So Portland
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1900 Staff Meeting, Base So Portland Classroom	<b>31</b> 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom				



# September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUXOP TBA = SEPT 20 & 27			1	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day</b>	7 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom	8	9	10	11 Lobster Boil, details to follow
12	13 1900 Flotilla Mtg, Rusty Scupper	14 1900 Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom <u>1900-AUXNAV,</u> Jewett Aud., SMMC	15 1900 BS&S, Jewett Auditorium, SMMC	16	17	18 Damage Control
19	20	21 <u>1900-AUXNAV,</u> Jewett Auditorium, SMMC	22 1900 BS&S, Jewett Auditorium, SMMC	23 New Member Interview	24	25 Bath Marine Museum
26	27 1900 Staff Meeting, Base So Portland Classroom	28 <u>1900-AUXNAV,</u> Jewett Auditorium, SMMC	29 1900 BS&S, Jewett Auditorium, SMMC	30 New Member course	OCTOBER 1-3 DISTRICT CONFER, SO. PORTLAND MARRIOTT	

- **Advanced Level Training Specialty Course**—All Members wanting to take this course need to contact FSO/MT David L. Drake II so that Course Material will be available for you. AUXNAV is done in conjunction with our Advanced Coastal Navigation Course available to the public. It is not offered as a separate member only course. **[Fall 2004 schedules posted on website]**
- **AUXNAV Course (Auxiliary Navigation)**—9/14/04—12/7/04, 1900 @ SMCC Health Science Center, Room HSC-07
- **Boating Skills & Seamanship**—Starts Sept. 22, 1900 @ Jewett Auditorium, SMCC

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Welcome !!!  
RADM David P. Pekoske (center)  
Commander 1st Coast Guard District  
pictured with DCO Bob Johnson  
and VCO Penny Pendergast.



## Wayward beluga whale sighted off Maine coast

The Coast Guard and Marine Patrol are monitoring Poco's journey to make sure boaters do not cluster around the mammal or try to follow it.

The whale was first sighted last September in the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick. It then headed south, instead of swimming north toward its home waters.

Belugas typically are found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Russia, Greenland and North America, but are rarely seen along the East Coast. Poco is heading north, but appears to be in no hurry to reach the St. Lawrence Estuary.



A beluga whale swims off Kettle Cove in Cape Elizabeth in late June. The whale, nicknamed Poco, is 10 feet long and about 3 years old, and was last sighted off Rockland