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From our Commander....

The recent events surrounding the **Eagle** Visit were a clear example of just how potent good teamwork can be. We were informed of the visit about 3 1/2 weeks prior to the event by Group and asked to produce 6 OPFACS for the escort into the dock, 2 OPFACS for the escort out, and personnel for the shore-side activities. No small request, considering the time involved and the fact that we, as a Flotilla, have been short of OPFACS all summer. To top it off, the dates for the **Eagle** visit were the same as my wife's bone marrow donation sessions and we were going to be in Boston on those dates. Shortly after getting the word on the visit I got Phil Quinn FSO-OP involved, who attended a meeting the day after we were told of the plan, and quickly got his hands around what the needs were and what was being expected of us. Also, early on, I asked Dave Bilodeau FSO-PS to step in and

coordinate the shore-side activities. Dave had put together these activities last year and did a great job. As these two individuals moved forward it is important to understand the major challenge that events like the **Eagle** coming to town offer, they tend to be very fluid situations. It is common for details such as time of arrival, what level of shore-side activities?, what underway time on the OPFACS?, and other fundamental questions to not be answered until the 11th hour. For three weeks phone calls flew between myself, Dave, Phil, Jim Maxner, Brad Thompson, Group, and several other players. As close as 5 days before the event it still wasn't clear what, if any shore activities would take place or just where the **Eagle** would be located on the morning of the 19th. When the 19th arrived, I am proud to say that the event was a success and the Flotilla 21, not only rose to the occasion, but came

2004 FALL DINNER MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2004

Time: 1800-Social followed by dinner at 1900
Where: Rusty Scupper, So. Portland Station
Uniform of the Day: TBL or appropriate civilian attire



through with flying colors. This success is a testament to teamwork and coming together under pressure. The communication between members of the Flotilla was great and the flexibility demonstrated by Coxswains, crew and all those involved was impressive. My hat is off to all of you who were involved and helped to make this event a Flotilla 21 success story. Thank you,
Keith Fosler FC-21

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Special points of interest:

- **2005 Election of Officers.** Elections at November meeting. Contact VFC Maxner if you have an interest in running for office.
- Brenda Babirak will host this year's **Holiday Potluck Party** at her home on 17 Dec.





FSO-MT: CPR / First Aid Class — October 16, 2004

All Hands, the CPR / First Aid class will be held on October 16, 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.

you for one year in CPR and three years in First Aid. The price will be less than \$25.00 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.

sible if you are still interested in attending this class so materials can be ordered.

Thank you again for your patience.

David Drake FSO-MT



Completion of this class will certify Please let me know as soon as pos-

THE FANTOM PHIREMAN ASKS....

In July of 1972, the Norwegian tanker *Tamano* struck soldier Ledge in Hussey Sound creating a 100,000 gallon oil spill. Prior to that time, what other large vessel hit Soldier Ledge but did not make the news immediately?

Please communicate your answer to the FSO/PB at york2@adelphia.net and look for the names of those with the correct answer in next month's *Calendar Island Chronicle*.

Al Bingham and Frank Curran correctly answer the question posed last month. Due to the high specific gravity (spg) of salt water, a vessel floats higher (less wetted surface) and is therefore faster in salt water than fresh water.



AUXILIARY *IS* MONTHLY TIPS

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.

If you are completing the 7029 Activity Report, please make sure you have a minimum of 15 hours listed.

Harder to read your Computer screen?

As time goes on, we all might notice the computer screen gets a bit harder to read with each passing year. A new application called *Web Eyes* helps make those pages easier to read. The product is explained in detail as a helpful feature on the Social Security Administration webpage: <http://www.ssa.gov/textsizeinst.htm> It may be cheaper than buying a new monitor ☺



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13 Sept 2004 Minutes of Flotilla 21 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1900 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. FC Fosler welcomed approximately 40 members and guests.

Guests: Flotilla 24 –Wayne Hutchins & Jack Dempsey; prospective New Member Phoebe Chandler; Visitor John Gannett; New member Mike Reilly; visiting Auxiliarist Fesko from Florida. Mr. Fesko is returning to SW Florida (Bradenton/Sarasota) and invites any visiting auxiliaries to look him up when in the area. He would love to take visitors out in his boat in his AOR. A safe trip back to our Florida friend who attended 3 meetings this summer.

Welcome back Rob Foley from Iraq to and Lou Lemieux from Jordan!

Recognition of ill members or family:

Member Deborah Bilodeau broke her ankle. Welcome back Thomas Dunn following heart surgery.

FC Fosler Report. Two courses begin this week –BS&S begins this week with 34 signed up. ACN with 10 signed up at present. Next Flotilla meeting Oct 4, dinner meeting at the Rusty Scupper. The date was changed due to the Scupper's schedule. New Member course Oct 21. November meeting will be elections. District meeting is in S. Portland the weekend of Oct 1, 2, 3. The *Eagle* will be here Sept 19-21. See Phil or David B. to volunteer assistance. Maine Maritime Museum Sept 25-VFC Maxner has 25 tickets. Oct 9, Queen Mary in town. Our role unclear at this time. Election Committee Chair is Jim Maxner-let Jim know of interest in running. Qualification includes: IT, VE, BCQ and completed AUXMIN. SF 86 must have been sent in, not necessarily a completed process. Let Keith know if you are interested in a staff position or remaining on staff. 1 Nov thru March-the uniform is winter dress blue or tropical blue long. Holiday Party will be at Brenda Babirak's on 17 Dec. Special thanks to Brad and Susan Thompson for the use of their lovely home once again for the Lobster Bake. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks to Glen Roberts who assisted with SAR Day Afloat.

Thanks to Brad for helping with OPS this summer and to Jim Maxner for his behind the scenes work on POMS, OPS, and at the Station.

VFC Maxner Report

Complete registration for District meeting ASAP. Let's have a good attendance from 21.

PPE order through Group has been placed. Let someone know ASAP of Currency Maintenance has not been completed this summer. FC Keith Fosler is the District's new FS Officer. Congratulations Keith!

Member Training Minute- VFC Maxner- "Cold Water Immersion"

Staff Reports

PE E. Henry-ACN and BS&S beginning this week and both will be held in Hildreth Hall at SMCC. Everett is still having some trouble getting pamphlets and materials for these courses. Website is fine. E-Directory-members must go online and verify their e-mails. District and National ant all members to do this ASAP!

AT B. Michaud-ATON verification is concluding. If you are interested n being the AT Officer see Bernie.

SR J. Childs-no report

PS David Bilodeau-New member course end of October. Also coordinating onshore activities for the Eagle visit.

FN Deborah Bilodeau-Checking \$5,900.00, CD- \$7,024 for a total of \$12,920. Get your rsyps and checks in for the 4 Oct Flotilla dinner.

IS J. Davidson-Reminder, do not submit 7029 with less than 15 hours or they will not be recorded. You don't need 99 hours but do need more than 15.

MT D. Larkin-Dottie's daughter is listening to their voice mails while Dottie and Tom are away, if you need anything g Dottie will get the message.

MS K. Cady-Harbor Specialist Class begins at MSO Thursdays at 1830.

Wayne Hutchins encouraged members to get involved with CBL patrols. May park at Hamilton Marine and leave a note in your car windshield indicating that you are on a USCG CBL Patrol. On Sundays you can park in front of MSO.

Chief John Hart indicates that there could be another Sea Partners class if there is interest. Let the Chief and/or Kevin know of your interest. MSO has invested \$23,000 to purchase items for HARPATS (PPE, PFD's, protective glasses etc)

MV N. Magoon-Slow summer due to loss of three Visitors. Several visits were made. See Norm if you are interested.

OP P. Quinn-POMS remains difficult, has been up and down all summer. Chief Lombard has said not to cancel any further patrols due to POMS. They will take care of it and make sure we get out there. Let Phil know if you can help out when the Eagle is here.

PA J. Mottalini-Attended Safety Day at Deering Oaks- handed out coloring books as well as info on the Eagle. Has articles from the *Downeast* if anyone interested in seeing the article on Flotilla 21.

VE V. DeMarco-7 of 8 VE's are now in AUXDATA.

Member Awards Brad Thompson- Public Education Service

Frank Leavitt – Public Education Service-
David Bilodeau –AUXOP Communications
Bob Gelles – Introduction to Marine Safety, Introduction to MS and Environmental Safety

Jack Horn – Vessel Examiner
Meredith Smith – Vessel Examiner

With no further business, adjourned 2045.

Janis Childs FSO SR





October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland	2 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland
3 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland	4 1800— Flotilla Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper 1900	5 1900 ACN // AUX-NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	6 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	7 1830 Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist Training, MSO Portland	8	9 Queen Mary 2 Visiting Portland
10	11 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	12 1900 ACN // AUX-NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	13 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	14 1900— AUXSAR Base So. Portland Classroom 1830—Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist Training, MSO Portland	15	16 0800-1630 First Aid & CPR Base S. Portland ATON Building
17	18 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	19 1900 ACN // AUX-NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	20 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	21 1900 New Member Course, Base S. Portland Classroom 1830 Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist Training, MSO Portland	22	23 Hull Life Saving Museum [Contact Brad Thompson if you wish to join the group]
24	25 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classroom Base S. Portland	26 1900 ACN // AUX-NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	27 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	28 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	29	30
31	Halloween					



November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	2 1900 ACN // AUX- NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	3 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	4	5	6
7	8 1900 Flotilla Meeting, Rusty Scupper	9 1900 ACN // AUX- NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	10 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	11 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	12	13
14	15 1900— AUXSAR Classroom Base S. Portland	16 1900 ACN // AUX- NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	17 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	18	19	20
21	22	23 1900 ACN // AUX- NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classroom S. Portland	30 1900 ACN // AUX- NAV Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC	Dec 1 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall 101 SMMC			

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FSO-OP—By Land and By Sea....

The Casco Bay Flotilla 21 demonstrated excellent teamwork with the USCG Group Portland with the arrival of the Eagle 19 September 2004.

*By land....*Dave Bilodeau and David Drake.

*By sea....*F21 OpFacs: **Golden Spirit** [Pillsbury, Cox], **Surprise** [Thompson, Cox], **D. Marie II** [Golder & Abbott, Cox], **Respite** [Stedman, Cox] **Ready-To-Go** [Maxner & Spivey, [Cox], **Chase-A-Way** [Manning]; F24: **Moxie** [Dempsey & Hutchins]

