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Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

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From our Commander....

First off I would like to thank the members of 21 for a wonderful 2004 and for entrusting me again with the mantle of leadership for 2005. It is a duty I have taken and will continue to take very seriously and I continue to be humbled by the trust you have placed in me. I also want to say congratulations to my new VFC David Bilodeau. It has been a pleasure over the past couple of years getting to know him and he will be an

excellent addition to the leadership team. As to my former VFC, and now VCP-elect, I can't say enough. He has been a great mentor and a huge help over this last year. I am proud and pleased to count him as a close friend and want to say thank you for all you've done for me, for the Flotilla, and for the Auxiliary. Lastly in the "Thank you" column, I would like to thank the staff officers of 2004. You have done a tremendous job in a time

of significant change. Without your hard work and dedication, many of our triumphs in 2004 would not have been possible. As we go into the Holiday season I want remind everyone to please attend our Holiday Party at Brenda Babiraks home on the 17th and spend some time during the Season in fellowship. Enjoy the Holidays, and let's all look forward to a productive and successful 2005. Thank you,

Keith Fosler FC-21



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Special points of interest:

- James Maxner is the VCP-elect for Div 2! **Congratulations!**
- **10 Dec 2004, Group Portland Holiday Party, Kelley Hall, adj to VFW, So Portland, Cost/\$20 1800 social/ 1900 Dinner 2000 Bob Marley, Comedian Dress appropriately, no jeans**
- **1st District Northern Region Conference, Jan. 6-8, 2005 Hotel/Meal reservations closing date is 17 Dec 2004**

ONCE YOU READ THIS PLEASE TAKE THE THIS TIME TO CALL SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING!! PLEASE DO NOT DELAY. THANKS!



2004 Holiday Party Notice



Date: Friday, December 17

Time: 1800 (6:00 PM for landlubbers)

Place: Home of Brenda & Steve Babirak, 5 Stonebrooke Road, Scarborough Phone 885-1516; e-mail bbabirak@hotmail.com

Please come—It will be a great time for fellowship, to meet new members, eat lots of good food and kick off the Holiday Season.

The party will be Pot Luck, so please consider what you would like to bring, and call Susan Thompson 883-6426

or Jody Bingham 883-1059 to name what you are bringing, or get a suggestion as to an appropriate dish.

Either an appetizer or main dish are welcome. Suggested main dish size serves 6 to 8 people. Don't forget to bring appropriate serving dish, plate, bowl, and serving utensils. Please provide a small card telling what's in the dish.

The Flotilla will provide plates, utensils, soda, punch and coffee. [Directions on page 2]





FSO-MT—Upcoming TCT Training

All Hands, There will be a TCT Training class held on December 11, 2004 in the South Portland Station classroom. 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 and the instructor will be

Thomas Larkin. If you are currently in the Boat crew program, thinking about it, or are already in operations and have not had TCT training in the past five years you will need to complete TCT Training to stay active in operations.

** For those members who required the full two day TCT

training class this will be held December 6th & 7th. **

Please notify me ASAP if you would like to attend either class or have any questions, so I can make sure we have enough training materials.

Thank you,

David Drake FSO-MT



Boat Crew Seamanship Classes Begin in January

Why sign up for Boat Crew Seamanship Classes? How do you want to make yourself available to the Casco Bay Flotilla? This is a volunteer organization which wouldn't exist without citizens like yourself who took the oath and now you want to become involved. In attending BCS classes, you will meet fellow Auxiliarists and *with instruction*, learn valuable information that earns you opportunities to *work along side fellow members and the Coast Guard on Casco Bay, and the numerous rivers in the area*. There is a process of training, qualifying, and certifying Auxiliarists as crewmembers to operate Auxiliary vessel facilities under Coast Guard orders with professional-

ism and proficiency. Your **COMMITMENT** to the program pays off in many ways. Once you have worked diligently to learn the material, earn the qualification, and take imitative to work with members who have qualified as crewmembers and coxswains, you will be part of a great team. As a crewmember, you:

- Support the Coast Guard in performing its assigned multi-mission tasks.
- Support the states by performing missions on waters under state jurisdiction.
- Protect the safety of life and property on the water.
- There is no age limitation- you will need to also

complete a boating safety course.

- Participate in marine events on Casco Bay.

So, take time to evaluate how you can put yourself into action and become an important part of Casco Bay Flotilla 21. Signing up for BCM class is a great way to start. You can make a difference,

Attended BCS in the past , and still working on your tasks? By signing up for a second year can help you to refresh your knowledge and complete the tasks. A new season begins and it's time to get qualified. **Take the imitative AND MAKE THE COMMITMENT!!**



Directions to Babirak's Home:

From the North—Exit 2 off 295. Head south on Route 1 and cross the marsh in Scarborough. At the second light after the marsh (Dunstan Corner), take a right onto Broadturn Road. Go for 1.7 miles and take a right onto Stonebrooke Road. #5 is the second house on the right, a white colonial.

From the South—Exit 36 off the Maine Turnpike. Head north on Route 1. At Dunstan Corner, take a left onto Broadturn Road. Go for 1.7 miles and take a right onto Stonebrooke Road. #5 is the second house on the right, a white colonial.

From the West—Turn onto Broadturn Road off of Route 22 at South Buxton Corner. Follow Broadturn Road through the Holmes Road intersection (red blinking light). Go 1 mile past the intersection and turn left onto Stonebrooke Road. #5 is the second house on the right, a white colonial.





District Commander's 2004 Holiday Season Message

As we approach the start of the holiday season, my family and I wish to extend to each of you our best wishes, along with my personal thanks for all your hard work and dedicated service to the First District, the Coast Guard, and our Nation throughout the year.


Since arriving in the First District I have had the pleasure of visiting nearly all district units and have met with many of you. I have observed first-hand the commitment and pride with which you carry out the Coast Guard mission every day. I am very appreciative of what you accomplish, and how well you

accomplish it. I am proud to be your District Commander.

This is a time where some of us will be able to take some well-deserved time to be with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. As always, many will remain on watch, both at home and abroad, keeping our nation secure so all Americans may continue to enjoy the freedoms we hold dear. I ask that we take pause over the holidays to remember and give thanks to our fellow service members who are not at home to celebrate with family and friends. Where you can, extend your thanks

and support to them and their families.

Lastly, the holiday season is among the most perilous times of the year for travel. High traffic volume coupled with potentially severe winter weather in the northeast U.S. requires that we all plan ahead, give ourselves extra time to travel, exercise good judgment, and remain ever vigilant and safety-conscious. We need you back safe and sound when the holidays conclude.

Enjoy the holidays, and
Semper Paratus! 

The U.S. Coast Guard Featured on Film and Television

During the month of December 2004, the Coast Guard will be featured on several nationally televised entertainment programs (all times listed are eastern standard time).

- Dec 3, at 6 p.m., the weather channel will air "The Christmas Tree Ship" that features the crew of CGC Mackinaw and their efforts to bring Christmas trees to needy families of Chicago.

- Dec 4, at 11 a.m., the history channels deep sea detectives will air "ship of doom" that features the Coast Guard aviation survival technical training school, Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City and Station Elizabeth City, N.C. the program highlights the sinking of the ill-fated SS Marine Electric off New Jerseys coast in 1983 and includes information regarding the evolution of the

coast guards rescue swimmer program.

- Dec 28, at 9 p.m., and Dec 29, at 12 a.m., 5 a.m. 8 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m., the Discovery Wings Channel will air "Coast Guard: Helicopters To The Rescue" that features various Coast Guard crews battling the odds to rescue people.



Winter may be knocking on the door, but aren't we making preparation for the spring boating season. The Flotilla is always looking for more boats and their committed captains to add to the Auxiliary facilities so that when the Coast Guard calls upon us, we will be ready! So, seriously consider making your vessel Auxiliary ready!

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Here is the UTLT we have all been waiting for!

27' Boston Whaler, with Twin 150 out-board engines, with a required crew of 3.

The vessel is in Portsmouth for the winter, but not before spending some valuable time at the S. Portland Station getting some finishing touches. **A huge thanks to Chief Lombard and the Station for providing the necessary equipment to outfit the UTLT.**

Coxswain and crew will be required to be trained and qualified on the UTLT.





DECEMBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall, SMCC	2	3	4
5	6	7 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	8 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall, SMCC	9	10 GROUP PORTLAND HOLIDAY PARTY 10 DEC @ VFW, SO. PORTLAND INCL. BOB MARLEY, ME COMEDIAN, COST \$20	
12	13 Flotilla Staff Planning Session	14 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	15 1900 BS&S Hildreth Hall, SMCC	16	17 <i>Flotilla Holiday Party @ Babirak's 1800</i>	18 TCT Training 0800-1630 S Portland Station Classroom
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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JANUARY 2005

Boat Crew Seamanship Classes begin in January. Contact Robyn Fink so that manuals can be ordered in advance for the class.

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	First District Northern Region Conference, Sheraton Colonial Hotel, Wakefield, Mass.					
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THE FANTOM PHIREMAN ASKS..

What is the largest manmade body of water in this country?

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*.

Merrill's Marine Terminal is situated on Cassidy Point. The Portland end of the old Vaughn's Bridge was located there. Frank Curran, Frank Connelly, and Al "Bing" Bingham answered correctly last month.



CG Station Opens in Eastport

USCG officials and crew, ME Congressional delegation members and guests gathered 16 Oct 2004 to mark the formal dedication and open house of the expanded station. The station is located at 1 Admiral Hamlet Place, in honor of Eastport native Harry Hamlet, who wrote the USCG Creed ("I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman ..."). Hamlet died in 1938.

Last year, Station Eastport performed 29 search-and-rescue missions and 76 enforcement boardings relating to boating and fishing safety, drug trafficking and national security. Over the past four years, the station carried out 73 search and rescue cases and 265 boardings.

The \$2.3 million, 10,000 square foot facility on the waterfront contrasts sharply with the Coast Guard personnel's former quarters on the third floor of the Eastport post office.



Do you still have on hand the USCG Auxiliary Official Business Mailer? Are they the *old* version or the *new* version? The old version printed with the Dept of Transportation along with a Boston, Mass. address is obsolete. Contact the FSO-MT to request the valid USCG Auxiliary Official Business Mailer that are printed with the DHS return address!