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Celebrate Independence Day!

June, 2005

Monthly Flotilla Meeting — 13 June 2005 — 1900

Rusty Scupper Club, Base S. Portland

Uniform: TBL, appropriate civilian attire

From our Commander.....

Let me ask all of you a question, how does it feel to be part of the BEST FLOTILLA in the District? For me, it feels real good, but maybe for some of you, it doesn't feel like you are quite part of the program or in the game. I have a thought for you, GET INVOLVED! Not sure where to head or what's out there. Here are some possibilities. Almost weekly, Bob Gelles, is looking for members to do some watch standing at group. The calendar is never too full to put you in. Next, at least twice a month Wayne Hutchins, from Flotilla 24, puts out a request for riders on Casco Bay Lines. This is a great activity and a good way to get involved and show the public an Auxiliary presence. Are you involved in member training? Are you taking a course toward a qualification? Our Flotilla won an award for member training hours, being number 1 in the District.

At the District Conference in April, Flotilla 21 received the prestigious Meritorious Achievement Award. Provided here is the explanation of the Award:

Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award

The Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award is presented annually to one Flotilla in each region or district.

The winning Flotilla is subjectively judged by the District Commodore and the Director to have made the most significant contributions to the Auxiliary program that year.

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Watch the calendar, or call David Drake our FSO-MT to see what's coming up. Do you know anything about the marine industry or are you familiar with a local marine dealer, call Jack Horne FSO-PV and do some work as a program visitor to the local marinas. Also, do you have media contact or have a thought for a media or public affairs event, please call John Mottalini FSO-PA and bring him your idea. The point I am making is that there are a number of ways to be involved, including the more traditional ways such as surface operations, public education, or vessel exams. Whatever your taste, the Auxiliary has something for you. We need all of you off the sidelines and into the game. Let's have a great summer,

thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

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Plan to attend the **annual Flotilla Picnic** on Monday, July 11th at Fort Williams State Park, 1400-1800

Plan to bring a dish to share. The Flotilla provides burgers, hot dogs and the rolls / condiments.

*And.....you have the best seat in town to look at the **Light at Portland Head***



Staff Officer Reports

Aids to Nav [V. Thompson] — Retrieve bridge data base review and locate PATON assignments. PATON and bridge assignments will be working with qualified and those who attended workshop that need qualification.

Communications [G. Roberts] — Presented Red Cross 1st Aid/CPR to flotilla members and local SeaScouts at MSO. 15 in attendance. Working with Paul Smith-Valley to do a flotilla-by-flotilla rollout of antenna/radio check(s). These checks are preventative in nature and performance based. Goes back to my adage "*how do you know*"? For those who do not want this check or would rather do it themselves, I will provide a list of how-to's.

Marine Safety [K. Cady] — AUGMENTATION Harbor Safety patrols with active duty Petty Officers scheduled four times a week. Underway Marine Safety patrols weekly planned on the AUX - UTLT27. Marine Environmental Response patrols in government owned vehicle OMSEP screenings funded by Coast Guard Headquarters for Auxiliarists are planned to commence this summer after the Sector integration (for those involved in pollution investigation and other high risk activities). National M Dept announces Six Auxiliary Specific Personal Qualifications Standards Updated Announcing the release of six new and one revised Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection Auxiliary Specific Qualifications (PQS). The six new qualifications are: 1. Port State Control Boarding Team Assistant (AUX- AEI) 2. Assistant Contingency Preparedness Specialist (AUX-ACP) 3. Assistant License And Document Examiner (AUX-LDEX) 4. Assistant License and Document Evaluator (AUX-LDEV) 5. Port State Control Dispatcher (AUX-PSC) 6. Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner (AUX- UTV).

Materials (L. Lemieux)— Flotilla supplies from National Center still seem to be in short supply or 'not in stock (NIS)'. As Norman pointed out we did receive most of his necessary supplies for the VSC program. Thanks Ken, for pick-up and getting them to Norm.... (Norm I will continue to order additional supplies in smaller numbers over the next few months.. (Please keep me informed of you needs. Other NIS items will be automatically reordered on this month's order.

Membership Training

[D. Drake]—The First Aid / CPR class was held last Saturday May 21st @ MSO. Many thanks to Arn Hegggers and Glenn Roberts for all their help. A new APC class was setup and is now underway. The start date was May 10th. The class is small with approximately 3 or 4 members attending. The exam date is scheduled for June 14th, but may be held earlier if a class can be scheduled during the week of Memorial Day.

Operations [J. Maxner]— To date the Patrol Schedule, Version 3 has been distributed via e-mail. Contact Jim if you have not received an e-mail with the Patrol Schedule.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio] —First New Member Training Class (after intro class) was held 19 May 05; 14 out of 18 New members attended class; all with legitimate reasons.

Vessel Examination

[N. Magoon] — No Report VSC decals and forms have been received. National Boating Safety week commenced last week and we completed our first VSC day on 21 May 05. The weather was cold, damp and windy. We visited Spring Point, Breakwater, South Port and DiMillo's. The preliminary report indicates at least 16 VSCs were performed. Tom Dunn did an outstanding job at DiMillo's with 9 VSCs. I met again with John Dalton, the Falmouth Harbormaster

and firmed up 25 Jun 05 as the blitz day for Falmouth. John is a staunch supporter of the VSC program and will aggressively advertise that day. I plan to have at least 4 or 5 VE's present. As previously scheduled the remaining blitz days are 4 JUN 05, 11 JUN 05, 18 JUN 05 and 25 JUN 05. Also being scheduled is a blitz day for Yarmouth on 2 JUL 05. We plan to have a workshop on 26 JUL for those VE's who could not attend either of the workshops at the MSO. A response have been requested and we will run the workshop for one VE and hopefully more.

Program Visitor [J. Horne]— Contacted my local marine dealer to obtain a master list of owners to augment our contact list for visits. Checked on order for display sets for dealers. Will obtain from Everett, posters of dates of B.S. & S. course dates for distribution. Plan an all out blitz of Marine dealers and Insurance agencies during the month of June.

Public Affairs [J. Mottalini]— 1.) Followed and made photos of the Heroes Parade in Portland, including a good number of close-ups of our new boat...which needs a name, by the way, in my humble opinion, if even informally, beyond its size/hull/USCG number. 2.) Also represented Flotilla 21 at the christening/maiden voyage of the new *Aucocisco III* on May 21, 2005 at Casco Bay Lines. (Photos at next meeting.) 3.) Finished up filing for the three boat shows, contracts, press releases, etc. On the whole, shows appeared successful, given new members recruited and information dispensed. Thanks again to all!



Minutes of the May 9, 2005 Flotilla 21 Dinner Meeting

Welcome by FC Fosler followed by the Pledge lead by VFC Bilodeau.

L. Bradford Thompson who served as the MC for the night introduced guests; Captain Trapp, Chief Lombard, LCDR Gregory Case—MSO Portland, Mike Glinski--Group Operations, Chief John Hart MSO Portland, BM3 Stefano Piazza, DCO Robert E. Johnson, DCP 2 Paul Smith-Valley. Special greeting to Jack Spiegel who not long ago was our "most senior" member of operations.

Dinner was served.

Awards- all awards Flotilla 21 received from the District Meeting were re-iterated. All individuals who were members of Flotilla 21 in 2004 were called forward to receive their Flotilla Meritorious Award ribbon.

2004 Flotilla 21 Awards

USCGAUX AUX OP Award- Lou Lemieux

Past Commander's Cup- L. Bradford Thompson; Payne Memorial Award – Everett Henry; John E. "Pete" Gaskell Award – Vincent DeMarco; Benson - Wright Operations Award – Dan Abbott; Flotilla Commander's Award – Allen J. Bingham; Flotilla Vice-Commander's Award – David Booth; Allen J. Bingham Seamanship Award- James Maxner; L. Bradford Thompson's New Member Award – Jim Lawler; Team Coast Guard Award – Kevin Cady; Flotilla Gold Award – Chief John Hart, MSO; Coxswain's Award – Bryan Spivey; Flotilla Recognition Awards for: Public Education – David Olney; Public Service- Steve Birmingham; Member Training- Robyn Fink; Group support- Roland K. Weeman; MSO Award- Kevin L. Cady; Boat Crew Trainee of the Year- Peter Doria

Additional Awards/designations

Following were recognized at the 2004 1NR District Convention Awards Luncheon for 50 hours of service for: Vessel Safety Checks- William Weeks; Member Training- Tom Larkin; Administrative Support- Bernie Riener; Public Affairs- Lani York, L. Bradford Thompson; Coxswain – L. Bradford Thompson, James Maxner; Boat Crew – David Booth, Robyn Fink, Bryan Spivey,

Fifteen Years of service to USCGAUX – Bob Golder; Outstanding Volunteer for PE- Al Bingham; Member Service Award – David Olney; Public Education Service Award – James Maxner; Assistant Harbor Safety Officer – Norm Magoon & Kevin Cady; Assistant Facilities Inspector – Kevin Cady; Assistant Maritime Facilities Inspector- Kevin Cady; Assistant Pollution Investigator – Kevin Cady; Sustained Service Award – Kevin Cady; Vessel Examiner- Frank Connelly; Introduction to Maritime Safety & Environmental Protection – Judy Davidson, Norm Magoon; Aids to Navigation Verifier- Manning Chase, Janis Childs, Judy Davidson; TCT – Steve Birmingham, Kevin Cady, Peter Doria, Al Bingham, Charles Mack, Frank Connelly, Bob Golder, Sarah Silverson, Manning Chase, Lou Lemieux.

Meritorious Team Awards for Watch standing and Group were given to; Brenda Babirak, Kevin Cady, Frank Curran, Judy Davidson, Robert Gelles, John Hume, Norm Magoon, Bob Mayberry, John Mottallini, Meredith Smith, Anne Pokras, Roland Weeman.

DCO Johnson and DCP Paul Smith Valley presented the Auxiliary Achievement Award for 1 Mar 1990 to 14 Jan 2002 to Dottie Larkin; and, the Meritorious Service Award to Bernie Riener.

Capt . Trapp presented the Outstanding Federal Volunteer Award to DCO Robert Johnson.

Recognition of Ill Members- Dan Villacci has a bone spur.

Announcements – MSO or Group will no longer have their current titles. They will be given "sector" identification.

Chief Labrie was thanked for a superb meal. Debbie Bilodeau and Lani York were thanked for their behind-the-scenes work.

All guests were thanked for their attendance, especially the Gold sidel

The Flotilla 21 May Dinner Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted, Janis C. Childs FSO-SR



2005 Operations Workshop





1NR 2004 Awards Luncheon held during the District Conference



DCO Robert Johnson presents FC Keith Fosler with two awards: The **Earle Clement Plague** {Flotilla conducting the most Member training sessions] and the **Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award**. DCO R. Johnson presents L. Bradford Thompson with the 3rd Place Plagues recognizing the Auxiliarist performing the most Member Training Instructor hours in 2004.

DCP 2 Paul Smith-Valley Presents Auxiliarist Dorothy G. Larkin with Special Citation at the May Flotilla Dinner Meeting

Dottie Larkin was pleasantly surprised and honored to receive this citation during the awards ceremony on May 9th. The following is the citation as read by DCP 2 Paul Smith-Valley:

Auxiliarist Dorothy G. Larkin is cited for sustained professional achievement for her support with the First Coast Guard District Auxiliary, Northern Region, Division 2, for the period 1 March 1990 to 14 January 2002. Mrs. Larkin is an outstanding leader, crewmember, and educator. She has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1987. During the past two years, Mrs. Larkin has been extremely active in many facets of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mrs. Larkin was an original member of the Coast Guard "Partnership in Education" Team that adopted the Portland School Department schools of Cliff, Long, and Peaks Island.

For the past six to seven years, Mrs. Larkin has provided "Boats 'N Kids" and "Water 'n Kids" programs for local schools in southern Maine and neighboring islands. She also served as Vice Flotilla Command, Secretary, Vessel Examiner, Marine Dealer Visitor, Materials Officer, and Information Services Officer.

Reaching out to the community as a Vessel Examiner, Mrs. Larkin annually completed between 30-50 Vessel Safety Checks. Also supporting the Flotilla's Public Affairs goals, Mrs. Larkin conducted over 70 missions, accumulating 310 hours over the past five years. She continues to be an active instructor in Public Education and Member Training programs.

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June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1830 MSO 3 Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course		4 VSC Blitz
5	6	7 1800 8 APC Course, So. Portland Sta.		9 1830 MSO 10 Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course		11 VSC Blitz
12	13 1900 Flotilla Monthly Meeting, Rusty Scupper	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course	17 1900 District Staff & Board Meeting, Assabet Valley HS	18 VSC Blitz
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20	21	22	23 1830 MSO 24 Trident Training, MSO Portland		25 VSC Blitz
26	27 Flotilla Staff Planning Session, Classroom Base S. Portland	28	29	30 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1930 Division Board & Staff Meeting		

During the past five years, she has conducted 53 Instructor Missions and supported 11 Member Training Missions, totaling over 130 hours. Her outstanding coordination and can-do attitude were most remarkable.

Mrs. Larkin's diligence, perseverance, and commitment to service are heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Congratulations Dottie!!


Remember, any time there is a change to your Name, Address, Phone Numbers, Fax Number, Cell Phone Number, Emergency Contact Information or Email Address you need to fill out and submit ANSC form 7028 and send it to FSO/IS Judy Davidson, fsois@uscgauxsoportlandme.com, for the correction to go on your records. You can get her USPS address from the flotilla directory.

This URL <http://www.uscgaux.org/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> will get you the form.

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July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3		5	6	7	1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland	8
10	11 1400-1800 Flotilla Picnic, Fort Williams, Cape Elizabeth	12	13	14	1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland	15
17	18	19	20	21	1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland	22
24	25 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classroom Base S. Portland	26	27	28	1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland	29
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Flotilla 21 was chosen as the recipient of this year's award for its strong commitment to all Auxiliary missions. Flotilla 21 has made significant contributions to Group Portland, MSO Portland and to Station South Portland. Flotilla 21 members have demonstrated the same commitment to traditional Auxiliary missions.

Flotilla 21 members are very active in Operations, Public Education, Member Training, Vessel Examinations, Marine Dealer Visitations, Aids to Navigation, Personnel Services and Public Affairs.

Flotilla 21 played a key role in the successful visits of Queen Mary 2 and USCGC Eagle and provided crews and facilities for numerous marine events during the year. In support of underway operations for these events members were assigned duty at command centers and filled many crucial positions.

Flotilla 21 members were very active in the Casco Bay Lines rider program providing a Coast Guard presence aboard Casco Bay Lines ferries. Flotilla members stand duty at Station South Portland, Group Portland, the Ops Center and at MSO. These duties require specialized training and qualification to meet Coast Guard standards.

The members of Flotilla 21 have shown dedication to duty that is above and beyond and are to be commended for their service to the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and to their country.

Semper Paratus!

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