



Calendar Islands Chronicle



Volume 11

Happy Holidays!

November, 2005

Flotilla Monthly Meeting

November 14, 2005

1900

Rusty Scupper Club, So. Portland Station

Uniform: TBL or Winter Uniform

Elections will be held for FC and VFC

Standing Rules state "a quorum of 25% of the eligible voting membership of the Flotilla is required" to vote on your Flotilla's elected officers.

Refreshments to be served

Inside this issue:

Staff Officer Reports	2
Operation Life Ring	2
Holiday Party Notice	3
<u>Calling for Volunteers</u>	
National Chief of Staff	4
Oct Dinner Meeting	5
October Calendar	6
November Calendar	7
??What Does This Nautical Term Mean??	7

From our Commander.....

Sad to admit, but summer is gone. The boating season is behind us and winter is coming whether we want it to or not. As we move into fall and winter, even though the boats are put away, our work is far from done. Your ability to get involved is also far from done. Training opportunities are offered through the AUXOP courses and PE courses. The crew training program will be firing up in JAN 2006 as will BS&S and ACN. HARPAT and Casco Bay Line riders, as well as watch standers are still needed; remember that harbor security does not take the winter off. On 14 NOV one of the biggest ways to be involved is to exercise your right to vote. A new FC and VFC are going to be coming up, it's your Flotilla, so be a part of this process. Along with the change in administration, there will be opportunities with the staff. If you have interest in being a staff officer, this is the time of year to let the elected officers know. Finally, and no less important, there are times for fellowship. The Holiday party will be on 03 DEC at Brenda's beautiful home. The Change-of-Watch dinner as well as the District Conference in JAN 2006 are great opportunities to socialize and meet other members. Don't plan to take the winter off; *we have to much for you to do!*

Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21



Please Take Note:

John Mottalini took the last remaining male officer's jacket at the end of the September dinner meeting. I regret to report that it turned out to be a size 42L which is a bit narrower than my 46 or 48R. Therefore, it is respectfully recommended that every officer check his AUX jacket as to size label and/or fit...and if a tad too large ...perhaps we can exchange jackets at Nov. 14 election meeting, as I probably have your jacket!

All Hands, as you know the **ELECTIONS** for FC and VFC are coming up at our next Flotilla Meeting on 14 NOV. If you have any interest in running for either of these positions please get your name to Judy Davidson, the chair of the nominating committee. The committee will make their report at the November meeting and the elections will be held the same evening. Also, I encourage all of you to attend this meeting as this is your Flotilla and this is your chance to help elect the leadership you want. Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

FSO-CS / PE Everett Henry designed a new header for the newsletter. Thank you!!



Staff Officer Reports

Aids to Navigation

[V. Thompson]—PATONS are 75% complete. All who have not passed theirs in have been contacted by phone as of 24-Oct-2005.

Information Services

[J. Davidson]—A continued journey to get the history restored to those members that were 'dropped' from AuxData. Intend to push to have this history completed before the end of this year.

Marine Safety [K. Cady] — Current Trident Course: Pollution Response Specialist continued with 10 members in attendance. HARPAT's: 13 missions at 26 manhours. Marine Environmental Response Patrols: 4 missions at 12 manhours. Maritime Domane Awareness CBL Patrols: 10 missions at 30 manhours I continued to augment the Planning Dept. with the Area Maritime Security Plan for the Sector's Burling-

ton, VT AOR.

Membership Training[D. Drake]—

The AUXSEA course is currently underway. We have 12 members attending. We also have two new instructors completing their 1 hour requirement. They would be Frank Connolly and Susan Polans. There has been a request from the members to extend the class to include a night of marlinspike that focuses on splicing and additional hands on practicing of line handling. This class will be added onto the end of the schedule and the exam shifted to the next available week.

Frank Leavitt & I have discussed the possibility of holding another **Instructor's course** at the end of the year or beginning of the New Year depending on the interest. This course typically runs 5 weeks during which time you will learn the necessary skills to teach both our Public and member

courses.

Whether you are a new member looking for a way to help out or an existing member looking for a change, this is an excellent way to become involved with the public or your Flotilla and stay busy during those long winter months.

If this is something you would be interested in or have additional questions regarding this training opportunity, please feel free to contact me or Frank Leavitt.

Operations [J. Maxner] — Thanks to the **dedication and hard work** of the members of the 21 Operations Program we have had a very productive summer. On 12 Oct the final crewman check-ride of the season was held and when it was over we had qualified 2 more crew, Pam Twombly & Bruce Goodwin.

Staff Reports continued on Page 4

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LAUNCHES “**OPERATION LIFE RING**”

Humanitarian program aimed at assisting victims from Hurricane Katrina. In the wake of the suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina, the Coast Guard Auxiliary lunched Operation Life Ring (OLR), a humanitarian effort to mobilize its members to assist the citizens of the Gulf Coast region, and any others whose lives have been forever changed by this catastrophe.

Flotilla 21 mailed a check of \$1,500 to Operation Life Ring. The call for F21 members to match that donation was put out. Well, *we are awesome*, the member's combined donations totaled \$1,504.00. *Thank you to all!* And thanks to John Mottalini for rallying the members to dig deep into their pockets at the monthly meeting!

The humanitarian effort will be ongoing. If you are unable to give now, a gift tomorrow will help too. Auxiliary members, as well as flotillas, divisions, and districts, are urged to donate whatever they can afford to *OLR*, to assist their shipmates in the Gulf Coast region whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Donations can be accepted from non-Auxiliary members and corporations. Contact FSO-FN for information on how to contribute to this worthy cause.



Many hands make for light work...

So feel free to contact Brenda and ask how you can lend a hand to set up this holiday event.

2005 Holiday Party Notice

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Time: 1800

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

Plan now to come and mark your calendars—it will be a great time to fellowship, 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 to share. Call **Brenda Babirak at 885-1516 to confirm what you are bringing, or get a suggestion as to an appropriate dish to bring.** Appetizers, main dishes, and desserts are all welcome. Suggested main dish size should serve 6 to 8 people. Don't forget to bring an appropriate serving dish, plate, bowl, and serving utensils. Please provide a small card labeling the dish and what's in it.

The Flotilla will provide paper goods, soda, punch, and coffee.

Directions to the Babirak 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 Rd. Go 1.7 Mi. & take a right onto Stonebrooke Rd. #5 is the second house on the right, a white colonial.

From the South: Exit 36 (Saco) off the Maine Turnpike. Head north on Route 1. At Dunstan Corner, take a left onto Broadturn Rd. Go for 1.7 miles & take a right onto Stonebrooke Rd. #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.



Continued from Page 2

This brings the total number to 10 new crew [Dave Bilodeau, Deb Bilodeau, S. Birmingham, P. Doria, J. Davidson, D. Drake, J. Lawler, and S. Silverson] and 1 new coxswain [B. Babirak] for 2005! All oral boards and check-rides were done by Chief Lombard or BM2 Piazzi. The candidates all did a fine job and demonstrated that they had the basic knowledge and skills required to be a crewman in the Operation Program. *Congratulations to all.* Special thanks to Boat Crew Training Coordinator Robyn Fink for keeping everyone on track and for taking time to work one on one with many of the candidates.

Her hard work paid off! Thanks also to Chief Lombard for his willingness to do whatever he can to make the program work, to Aux Liaison BM2 Piazzi for all his help, to Brad Thompson and Manning Chase for providing facilities for check-rides, to the members who crewed for all the practice runs and to the candidates for showing determination, perseverance and adaptability! Semper Paratus!

Personnel Services [K. Caprio] — New member class has begun and will be held until November 17th; 1st class was well accepted by new members prospects; they will be contacted this week and hopefully most will return for the upcoming classes.

Program Visitor [J. Horne]— Will continue to supply marinas with literature upon request. Retirement / relocation plans call for passing the torch to successor. Materials on hand available for delivery.

Secretary [J. Childs]— Completed rough draft of **Flotilla Survey** and forwarded it to VFC Bilodeau.



National Chief of Staff Announcement

COMO Carol Urgola has been selected as the National Chief of Staff. Carol's term of office will run 1 November 2005 - 31 October 2006.

Each of the final candidates demonstrated a remarkable commitment and dedication to serve the Coast Guard Auxiliary and each would have brought outstanding skills and passion to the position that they have shown throughout their careers.

The selection was made in consultation with the National Vice Commodore, weighing the immediate needs of the Auxiliary.

My selection was not based on one candidate necessarily being better than another, for they both were exceptional but rather taking into consideration, current conditions, factors, criteria and business needs.

I have every confidence in Carol's abilities as National Chief of Staff. I ask you to join me in welcoming her aboard and further ask that you provide her with the same support you have given to the NEXCOM, NADCOs and Staff this year.

Gene
COMO Gene M. Seibert
National Commodore
US Coast Guard Auxiliary





Flotilla Dinner Meeting
10 Oct 2005
US Coast Guard Station, South Portland
Rusty Scupper Club

FC Keith Fosler welcomed guests Division Captain Paul Smith-Valley, BM2 Stephano Piazza. Friend and Advocate Station Northern New England John Hart mf Captain of the Port Steven Garrity and his wife Barbara Garrity. After a prayer from member Vin DeMarco a delicious dinner was served.

FC Keith Fosler- since this was Keith's last dinner as FC he thanked everyone for a wonderful two years as FC. Keith offered a special thanks to his wife Lisa for her patience & support, VFC David Bilodeau, crew mentor and former FC and VFC Jim Maxner, all Staff members and Al Bingham for his mentorship, friendship and support. Keith also thanked Brad Thompson for his willingness to call him and offer suggestions. VFC David Bilodeau thanked Keith for his excellent service as FC.

Division Captain Paul Smith-Valley said a few words. He mentioned the outstanding response to Katrina and that over one dozen people have been called to support including member Bernie Reimer who was present. Bernie was one of the first deployed and first returned.

A letter was read from Commandant Thomas Collins thanking all members of Team Coast Guard for their dedicated and selfless service following Katrina.

Donation to **Operation Life Ring** to date. Flotilla donated \$1500 and Flotilla 21 members have personally donated another \$1230. Phil Quinn and Bill Lanelle are currently involved with Katrina/Rita relief.

Captain Garrity ("Sectah Directah") spoke and thanked the members for all of their service. He reported on all of the rescues (33,500 assists, 1100 storm related environmental issues, 1,000 ATON discrepancies, 1800 wrecked vessels) and work that has been accomplished by the US Coast Guard in response to the two hurricanes. Capt Garrity also announced that Station South Portland would be receiving the **Kimball Award**.

New Members

Six new members were sworn in.
Richard Kenney, Steve Maheu, James Rasmus, Geoffrey Sturgess, Sherry Estabrook, David Melendez

Awards

Ten Year Service Award- Bernie Reiner, Vin DeMarco, Roland Weeman
500 hours or more as Coxswain-Jim Maxner
50 hour or more as Crew-Bryan Spivey, Robyn Fink, Joey Menard
AUXOP Patrol-Judy Davidson, Bryan Spivey, Tom Dunn, Fred Rice, Sarah Silversen, Deborah Bilodeau
Operations Service-Jim Maxner, Joey Menard

Door Prizes were awarded to those who answered questions correctly.

Clock-Bernie Reimer (What was the date the modern day USCG formed?-1915)
Bell-Sarah Silversen (Who was Secretary of Treasury in 1790?- Alexander Hamilton)
Clock- Jeff Sturgis (What was the name of the vessel captained by Lord Byron Nelson in the Battle of Trafalgar?- HMS Victory).
Shell dish- John Mottalini (QM and Titanic both began maiden voyage from what British city?-Southampton).
USCG necklace- Al Bingham (City of Bivalve is on what river?- Delaware)

Comments for the Good of the Auxiliary

Bernie Reimer spoke of his involvement post Katrina.
John Mottalini challenged members to donate funds that would match the Flotillas donation (\$1500) to Operation Life Ring. He collected funds at the door!

Adjourned 2100
Submitted
FSO-SR Janis C. Childs





November 2005

01 November marks the date for all Auxiliarists to be wearing the proper winter uniform for all Auxiliary events, meetings, training, and public education classes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
When Daylight Saving Time ends, the summer uniform ends and Auxiliarists don the winter uniform.		1 1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	2 1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC	3 1900 New Member Course, Class- room Sta. S.	4	5
6	7 1900 AUXSEA Classroom Sta. S. Portland	8 1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	9 1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC	10 1900 New Member Course, Classroom Sta. S. Portland	11	12
13	14 1900 Flotilla Meeting 👍 Elections 👍 Rusty Scupper	15 1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	16 1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC	17 1900 New Member Course, Classroom Sta. S. Portland Division Board & Staff Meeting	18	19
20	21 1900 AUXSEA Classroom Sta. S. Portland	22 1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	23	24	25	26
27	28 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classrm Sta. So. Portland	29 1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	30 1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC	Refresh your skills in “Lines & Knots”, or “Weather and Boating” being taught at BSS this month! BS&S schedule below		

Boating Skills and Seamanship @ SMCC, Hildreth Science ★ 1830
FMI contact: Everett L. Henry II Email: fsope@uscgauxsoportlandme.com

Date	Instructors	Chapter / Subject
2 Nov 2005	W. Pillsbury / P. Quinn / F. Leavitt	10. Powering Your Boat
9 Nov 2005	P. Quinn / F. Leavitt / B. Thompson	11. Lines & Knots For Your Boat
16 Nov 2005	F. Leavitt / K. Morton / B. Thompson	12. Weather And Boating
23 Nov 2005	No Class - Holiday	
30 Nov 2005	K. Morton / B. Morton	13. Your Boat's Radio

We are proud of our CG Auxiliary members who have swapped their uniform for a FEMA polo shirt to conduct community relations and act as FEMA Disaster Assistance employees to assist in the Hurricane Katrina response and recovery efforts.
 For hurricane KATRINA media - For news about hurricane KATRINA visit:
<http://www.uscgstormwatch.com/>



December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					1800 District Board & Staff Mtg, Assabet Valley H.S.	1800 <i>Holiday Party, Babirak Residence</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC Final Test			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	1900 Flotilla Staff Planning Session for next 6 months Classrm Sta S. Portland	1900 ACN AUXNAV Hildreth Hall, SMCC	1830 BS&S Hildreth Hall SMCC Make-up Test			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Division Board and Staff Meeting		

?? What does the nautical term ***Sailor's Prayer Book*** mean ??

Names of those members who provide the correct answer will be published in next month's ***Chronicle***

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. Refer to the flotilla directory for her USPS address. This URL <http://www.uscgaux.org/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> will get you the form.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE—PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 —The disclosure of the personal information contained in this newsletter is subject to the provisions contained in the Privacy Act of 1974. The subject Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits the disclosure, distribution, dissemination, or copying of any material containing the home address, home telephone numbers, spouse's names, and social security numbers, except for official business. Violations may result in disciplinary action by the Coast Guard and/or civilian criminal sanctions.

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Casco Bay Flotilla 21 INR
FSO-PB
189 Clearview Drive
Arundel, ME 04046



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

FIRST CLASS

Find us on the web: [http://
uscgauxsoportlandme.com](http://uscgauxsoportlandme.com)

USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 INR

Page 8



The Coast Guard Auxiliary Association is teaming with Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) to leverage the donated funds we have available with their funds and those provided by the Coast Guard Foundation. This will significantly increase the funds available to all our affected Coast Guard family members. We will work with CGMA to identify Auxiliarists and guide them and other Coast Guard family members to CGMA representatives in the Gulf Coast region.

In the wake of the suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is launching Operation Life Ring, a humanitarian effort to assist the citizens of the Gulf Coast region, and any others whose lives have been forever changed by this catastrophe.

<http://www.auxpa.org/blog/blog.pl>
www.operationlifering.org



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteer civilians who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.