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Happy New Year!

January 2006

Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 1NR

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**Change of Watch
Ceremony**

**16 January 2006
1800**

**Dimillo's Restaurant
Portland, Maine**

*Refer to page 3 for complete details.
Please complete the reservation form and
promptly return the form to Deb Bilodeau.*

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From our Flotilla Commander.....

Happy New Year everyone. [2005](#) was an incredibly exciting year for the Auxiliary, nationally and locally. The events are too numerous to list. You should all be proud of the work you do. The highlights included members from 2-1 volunteering for the hurricane relief efforts. Vessel examiners; braving the spring rain and the summer heat, to get the job done. Public Education; Instructors constantly improve their skills, always professional and setting the standard. Operations; qualifying new crew and coxswains, relentless patrols, including very successful missions like the **USS Iwo Jima** and the **QM2**. Countless member hours support Sector Northern New England, Marine Safety and Station So. Portland.

I am confident in 2006 we will once again have the opportunity to explore new challenges, make new friends, have some fun and make a difference in our community and our nation.

Stay involved. You make the difference.

The Change of Watch is already upon us I hope to see you all there.

David Bilodeau
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Directory of Officers for 2006

Flotilla Commander	<u>David G. Bilodeau</u>
Flotilla Vice Commander	<u>Kevin J. Cady</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Secretary	<u>Sarah K. Silverson</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Finance	<u>James E. Lawler</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Membership Training	<u>David L. Drake II</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - <u>Public Education</u>	<u>Everett L. Henry II</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - <u>Vessel Examination</u>	<u>Joel A. Glass</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Program Visitor	<u>Norman L. Magoon</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - <u>Operations</u>	<u>James M. Maxner</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Aids to Navigation	<u>Glenn L. Roberts</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Marine Safety	<u>Peter L. Doria</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - <u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Kenneth A. Caprio</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Materials	<u>Louis N. Lemieux</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Public Affairs	<u>Debra A. Bilodeau</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer- Information Services	<u>Judy A. Davidson</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - Publications	<u>Lani York</u>
Flotilla Staff Officer - <u>Communication Services</u>	<u>Everett L. Henry II</u>
Immediate Past Flotilla Commander	<u>Keith G. Fosler</u>

A 20-minute power point presentation about Tom Dunn's trip around the Down East Circle Route this past June/July will be presented at the **February Flotilla meeting**. Their trip took them down Long Island Sound, up the Hudson River, thru the Erie Canal, across Lake Ontario, down the St. Lawrence River, thru the St. Lawrence Seaway, and Gulf of St. Lawrence, around the Gaspé Peninsular to Shippagan NB, thru the Northumberland Strait and Canso Causeway, along the east shore of Nova Scotia and back across the Gulf of Maine to Portland, with a side trip to Bras d'Or Lake, Cape Briton Island trip. Trip duration—8 weeks and about 2,300 miles logged.

— — — — — Check it out — — — — —

New D1NR Boat Crew Website Launched

<http://www.d1nr-bcqp.us> is now up and running! There is too much to describe, so take a look and make suggestions as to what additional content would be helpful. This site is to help everybody involved in First District Northern Region Auxiliary surface operations to maintain and improve their skills. Go look, use the material, and register in the discussion forums.

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CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 1NR

CHANGE-OF-WATCH CEREMONY RESERVATION FORM



David G. Bilodeau, Flotilla Commander

Kevin G. Cady, Vice Flotilla Commander

DATE: Monday, 16 January 2006 **PLACE:** Dimillo's Restaurant, Portland

TIME: 1800 — 1900 ~ Attitude adjustment time (Cash Bar 1800-1900)
1900 — 2100 ~ dinner and speakers

PROGRAM: Dinner ♦ Awards ♦ Good Fellowship

DRESS: Dinner Dress Blue, Service Dress Blue, Winter Dress Blue, or civilian attire for a formal occasion

Please mail this reservation form and your remittance before Thursday, 12 Jan 06

The Buffet will include:

Haddock Casco Bay, Roast Sirloin, Italian Stuffed Shells, Herb Roasted Potatoes,
Garden Salad, Italian Bread,
Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea or Soda

Cost per person \$25.00

Payable to: Flotilla 21 1NR USCGAUX

Name(s): _____

Mail to: Debra A. Bilodeau, 20 Coulthard Farms Road, Scarborough, ME 04074
Telephone: 883-5785

**Anyone making a reservation and not attending will forfeit their payment.
Late reservations cannot be accepted.**



January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 1830 Boat Crew/ COX Train- ing , Rusty Scupper	4	5	6 District Conference Newport Marriott	7
8 District Conference Newport Marriott	9	10 1830 Boat Crew/ COX Train- ing , Rusty Scupper	11	12	13 1800 Division 2 C-O-W, Marriott S. Portland	14
15	16 Flotilla Change of Watch	17 1830 Boat Crew/ COX Train- ing , Rusty Scupper 1900 ACN, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	18 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	19	20 F24 C-O-W	21
22	23	24 1830 Boat Crew/ COX Train- ing , Rusty Scupper 1900 ACN, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	25 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	26 1900 AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland 11-wk course 1930 Division Board / Staff Mtg Rusty Scupper	27	28
29	30 1900 Staff Mtg, Classrm Sta S. Portland	31 1830 Boat Crew/COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1900 ACN,SMCC, Hildreth Hall				

The Activity Report-Mission, ANSC-7030 has been revised. The new form date is 1-06. The previous edition may be used until supplies are exhausted. This edition incorporates instructions for the new PE course mission codes & the fill-in form OPCON choices have been updated to reflect the new Sector designations. The **Activity Report-Vessel Examinations, ANSC-7038 has been revised.** The new form date is 1-06. Added to this release are two new reporting categories for VSCs: High Risk and First Time. The previous edition is obsolete and may not be used.

Also, make sure any references you have to the Forms Site no longer point to the old server- the **correct address** for the new Forms Site is: <http://forms.cgaux.org/index.html>

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.

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People of the Year: U.S. Coast Guard

Risking Their Lives to Save Thousands After Katrina The U.S. Coast Guard rescued or evacuated 33,000 people in the two weeks following Hurricane Katrina. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip, pool)

Dec. 28, 2005 — Many Americans were unaware of who they were or what they did until this year. But when Hurricane Katrina hit and the waters began to rise, U.S. Coast Guard members moved in by air and by sea, risking their lives to save thousands of others.

"When we flew into the storm the winds were still pretty high," said Petty Officer Joel Sayers, a Coast Guard rescue swimmer. "You're always expecting to see one or two people here or there that you could actually hoist and move out of harm's way, but it was true devastation. The water was already up over the roofs of some houses, and it was still rising. There were people everywhere, holding on to trees, people on top of their homes, people trying to climb on top of their homes." The CG rescue swimmers were some of the first on the scene in Louisiana and Mississippi, rescuing victims before the storm had even passed. Sayers says during that first 24 hours, the rescue teams were running on adrenaline.

"As many as you can get as fast as you could pick them up and as safely as you could do it," he said. **'Always Ready'** More than 5,000 Coast Guard personnel conducted rescue operations, using 62 aircraft and 131 cutters and small boats as they lived up to the motto *Semper Paratus*, or Always Ready. "I think the Coast Guard's efforts are always tremendous," Sayers said. "In this particular situation, I think they went way beyond what anybody expected any agency to do." It was a mission for which they had never trained. Normally, the Coast Guard saves an average of 5,500 people a year. Within two weeks of Katrina, it had rescued or evacuated more than 33,000 people under the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

"I found that it was one of the hardest situations and some of the hardest rescues ever," said Sayers. "You constantly think about everything around you — the power lines, the trees, the broken gas lines, the amount of things floating in the water, the roofs separating. There were so many different hazards out there it was hard to focus on one thing. You constantly had to keep your head on a swivel." And those images will be with them forever.

"You look at the crew members that are around you, your fellow Coasties, and you wonder if they're OK," Sayers said. "It's a lot to take in. It's a lot to carry with you. I will always remember Katrina. It will always be a part of my heart and will always be a part of my soul."

ABC News' Bob Woodruff filed this report for "World News Tonight."

Congratulations to the crew of Station South Portland and all support personnel. As a result of outstanding performance during the standardization assessment on 16-17 June 2005, Coast Guard Station South Portland was authorized the **Sumner I. Kimball Readiness Award**. The Award was established to recognize the achievement of high unit readiness. Coast Guard Station South Portland has displayed exemplary efforts in maintaining the material condition of unit resources and training level of unit boat crews. The Sumner I. Kimball Readiness Award is a significant accomplishment and reflects well upon the entire chain of command.

Congratulations Coast Guard Station South Portland!!



February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>1900</u> BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	2	3	4 Crew Trainee Mentor Sessions
5	6	7 <u>1830</u> Boat Crew/COX Training Rusty Scupper <u>1830</u> MS Harbor Safety Course, MSO Pearl St <u>1900</u> ACN — SMCC Hildreth Hall	8 <u>1900</u> BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	9 <u>1900</u> AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland	10	11
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USCG Auxiliary Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist (AUX-EK)

Upon successful completion of this personal qualification, a person will hold the minimum competencies to assist a qualified Harbor Safety Officer in conducting a wide variety of Port Safety and Security tasks. Auxiliarists should not participate in boardings where members of the boarding team are armed, or where the vessel's cargo presents an elevated health or safety concern (ex. Explosive loads, Liquefied Hazardous Gases, carcinogenic cargoes, etc).

For more information or to enroll in this course please contact Larry Melanson, SO-MT

Course starts 1830 on 7 February 2006 at MSO Pearl Street

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| Jan 18th — Orientation | Feb 8th — Trailing Your Boat |
| Jan 25th — Which Boat is Right For You? | Feb 15th — Your “Highway” Signs |
| Feb 1st — Equipment for Your Boat | Feb 22nd — Handling Your Boat |



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