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February 2006

Monthly Flotilla Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2006
1900
The Rusty Scupper Club

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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 Breton Island trip. Trip duration—8 weeks and about 2,300 miles logged.

◆◆◆ *Added Bonus* — Presentation by the District Aviation Staff Officers ◆◆◆

With the upcoming boat shows in March comes the opportunity to watch stand the F21 booth. Contact FSO-PA Debra Bilodeau to volunteer.

From our Flotilla Commander.....

The 2006 staff officers were formally administered their oath of office on 16 January at Dimillo's. We had a terrific time, good food, and fellowship. There were over sixty-five Auxiliarists and active duty in attendance. A special thank you to L. Bradford Thompson for keeping everything running smoothly as the Master of Ceremonies. What a great way to kick off the year!

Flotilla 21 always has a lot going on, sometimes so much so, an individual can become overwhelmed. Pace yourselves, explore with an open mind what is being offered, and pick your spots. You can start with the flotilla website. Thanks to Everett Henry for this incredible site. You can quickly get an up-to-date calendar of events and information that enhances the experience of membership. If you have not visited it lately, check it out, make it a regular habit. A special thank you to Everett for job well done.

The Boat Shows are coming. March is just around the corner. Boat shows are something that everyone can participate in. At the boat shows we Auxiliarists represent Team Coast Guard. A boat show booth may be the first contact a recreational boater has with the Auxiliary. We need to present ourselves as professionals in proper uniform, well informed and enthusiastic. Watch standing at a boat show not only performs a valuable service for the recreational boater, but it's also fun! Don't let this opportunity pass by. It is not too early to sign up. Contact our SO-PA Debra Bilodeau if you have an interest so she can add you to the list.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream." Mark Twain (1835-1910)
 David Bilodeau, FC 21

Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance
Auxiliarists with boats that serve as Facilities — get that checklist out and have your vessel ready for the annual check-off so you'll be ready for Spring missions!



From the VFC-elect:

During the past year the U.S. Coast Guard has undergone, and continues to undergo, a transition from Marine Safety Office's & Groups to Sectors. The CG is converting to Sectors in order to become simply more efficient and better utilize its resources.

That being said, the Flotilla Commander is aligning our Staff Officers to better coordinate, become more efficient, and better utilize our extensive resources. The Flotilla is a large and multi-faceted organization that requires consistent oversight to remain effective and efficient. We are doing an outstanding job and we should always strive for improvement! The reason we won the **Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Medal** in 2005 is because of all the hard work and dedication of each member!

The Flotilla Commander has appointed assistants to the VFC: to include department Chiefs of **Prevention, Logistics, and Response**. In keeping with the AUXMAN, no special insignia is authorized for these new appointments. In doing this, Staff Officers coordinate their activity with a department head who in turn coordinates with the VFC. Staff Officers will fall under their respective departments of **Prevention, Logistics, and Response**.

To institute the assistants (Chiefs) to the VFC, we utilized a portion of the Auxiliary manual, specifically **Chapter 4G.6.b Flotilla Staff Positions and G.7 that quotes "Appointment of informal assistants [Division & Flotilla] is encouraged; however, wearing of insignia for such informal appointment[s] is not authorized"**.

The Flotilla Commander has also established a **Planning Department** that consists of the VFC, Department Chief's, and the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander. No organization can move forward, anticipate problems, or remain effective and efficient without constant planning. We remind the membership that planning is everyone's responsibility and we welcome input from all.

This new alignment of staff officers is consistent with Sector Northern New England's alignment and will allow the Flotilla leadership to better coordinate the extensive resources and missions of Flotilla 21.

Semper Paratus! Kevin Cady, VFC-21 elect

Command Staff:

Flotilla Commander – David Bilodeau VFC
 Chief of Planning – Kevin Cady
 Department Chiefs
 IPFC

Planning Department: F-CPL

VFC / IPFC / Department Chiefs

Logistics Department:

Chief / F-CL – Keith Fosler (IPFC)
 FSO Finance - James Lawler
 FSO Secretary – Sarah Silverson
 FSO Materials – Louis Lemieux
 FSO Information Services – Judy Davidson
 FSO Publications – Lani York
 FSO Communication Services / IT – Everett Henry
 FSO Personnel Services – Kenneth Caprio

Prevention Department:

Chief / F-CP – David Drake
 FSO Member Training – David Drake
 FSO Public Education – Everett Henry
 FSO Vessel Examination – Susan Polans
 FSO Marine Program Visitor – Norm Magoon
 FSO Public Affairs – Deb Bilodeau

Response Department:

Chief / F-CR – James Maxner
 FSO Operations – James Maxner
 FSO Marine Safety & Environmental Protection – Peter Doria
 FSO ATON – Glenn Roberts
 FSO Communications - Vacant

The 2006 Boat Shows are quickly approaching.

Volunteers are needed to staff the display booth for the following dates and times:

Uniform of the Day: Winter Dress Blue preferred; Tropical Blue Long acceptable

The Portland Boat Show at the Portland Sports Center

Thursday, March 2, 3-9, Shifts 3-6, 6-9

Friday, March 3, 10-9, Shifts 10-2, 2-6, 6-9

Saturday, March 4, 10-8, Shifts 10-2, 2-5, 5-8

Sunday, March 5, 10-5, Shifts 10-2, 2-5

**Maine Boatbuilders Show
at Portland Yacht Services**

Friday, March 17, 10-6, Shifts 10-2 or 2-6
Saturday, March 18, 10-6, Shifts 10-2 or 2-6
Sunday, March 19, 10-4, Shifts 10-1 or 1-4

35th Maine Boat Show

at Cumberland County Civic Center

Thursday, March 23, 12-8, Shifts 12-4 or 4-8
Friday, March 24, 11-8, Shifts -11- 2 or 2-5 or 5-8
Saturday, March 25, 10-8, Shifts 10-1 or 1-5 or 5-8
Sunday, March 26, 10-5, Shifts 10-2 or 2-5



Staff Officer Reports

AToN [G. Roberts]—I met with ATON station personnel, namely Chief Rice & BM2 Grissom. Introduced myself as the F21 liaison. At this time it appears ATON training will happen at the end of March early April at the Station.

Finance [J. Lawler]—1. Reviewed Financial Statements as of 31 Dec 2005 provided from prior FSO-FN. 2. Set up spreadsheet for fiscal year 2006 activity and monthly reporting. 3. Acknowledged request to participate on the Audit Committee reviewing fiscal year 2005. 4. Develop staff officer budgets and Flotilla budget for 2006. 5. Set appointment with prior FSO-FN at bank to change signature cards & banking statements, etc.

Information Services [J. Davidson]—I have been working closely with the SO-IS in trying to clean up some issues with member records in AUXDATA. We would have been in another similar situation this crew season, so I've been trying head off the issues before the boating season. It's been a very trying journey, as you think you've got something fixed, when something else breaks. Plan to complete an AUX-INFO training session to help members monitor their records and bring to my attention sooner when something doesn't look right. I STRONGLY recommend all members monitor their records, qualifications, training, etc in AUXINFO.

Marine Safety [P. Doria]—MS Harbor Safety class 7 Feb starting back up of Maine Environmental Response patrols by aux.

Materials [L. Lemieux]—Completed supply inventory on hand; downloaded new NSC catalogues and 2006 forms. Completed property inventory for equipment currently on hand.... monthly order for supplies sent 01/17/06.

Membership Training [D. Drake]—The AUX-SEA course completed in December 05. The new AUXWEA began January 26th and will be held at the USCG Station So. Portland classroom. This is a brand new course and all materials are now being supplied via CD's. No paper copies of manuals are available at this time.

Frank Leavitt has reviewed all course materials and has been invaluable in helping to setup the course. Geoff Sturgess and I will be self studying for the Instructors course and will be taking the exam online. We will both be instructing during the AUXWEA course to gain our certification.

Operations [J. Maxner]—1. Operations training is being conducted every Tuesday evening at the Rusty Scupper. 2. The 2006 Operations Workshop is scheduled for Saturday April 8 from 0800-1600. 3. Chief Lombard has been in contact with me in regard to holding classroom and underway training sessions with the Station at least 3 times a year. This will be a good opportunity. 4. Air Observer David Booth has been flying missions on a regular basis this winter. He participated in the recent SAR case involving a missing boat near Port Clyde. 5. **All Operations personnel must complete Incident Command System [ICS] 100, 200, 700 & 800 before June 2006. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.** 6. There may be some changes in underway missions involving escorts.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]—Dates have been set for 1st New Member classes for '06 & classroom space has been reserved. There is the possibility one additional week will be added. As new member contacts come in and are forwarded to me, introductory letters are sent out for future members. I will be working with Deb Bilodeau to discuss manning of the booths at the upcoming boat shows.

Program Visitor [N. Magoon]—I will be meeting with FSO-VE to review plans and activities for coming season.

Public Affairs [D. Bilodeau]—In process of obtaining boat show contracts. The Portland Boat Show at the Portland Sports Center is Thur March 2—Sunday March 5. Maine Boat Builders Show at Portland Yacht Services is Friday March 17 - Sunday March 19th. The 35th Annual Maine Boat Show at the Civic Center is Thursday March 23rd - Sunday March 26th. In process of preparing schedule for times to staff boat show booths.





**Division 2 INR Change of Watch
13 January 2006**

Marriott Hotel, So. Portland

Master of Ceremonies ~ L. Bradford Thompson



The Program included the
Oath of Office for
Division Captain/Vice Captain
Flotilla Commanders/Vice Commanders
Division Staff



↑ **FC Bilodeau** accepted on behalf of F21: the 2005 Div Captain Award—Membership Growth and the Vice Captain Award—Operations
Congratulations Flotilla 21



↑ **VFC Cady, Brad Thompson, Robyn Fink and Jim Maxner** accepting the Auxiliary. Achievement Medal from **Capt. Stephen Garrity**, Commander, Sector Northern New England



Bob Gelles accepted the Marine Safety Trident Device for F21 as well as receiving the Commandant Letter of Commendation for having met the Operational Qualification Criteria of a designated Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Professional. **Bernard Reiner** [not present] rec'd the Commandant Letter of Commendation.

Roland Weeman was awarded the CG Auxiliary Commendation Medal for Outstanding Achievement.

Arn Heggers [not present] also received the CG Auxiliary Commendation Medal



← **J. Childs, J. Davidson, D. Bilodeau & V. Thompson** accepted Letters of Appreciation from **Capt. S. Garrity**

Meritorious Team Awards were presented to F21, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

F21 members receiving this award in 2005 are:

- David Bilodeau, A. Bingham, D. Booth, K. Cady, K. Caprio,
- F. Connelly, F. Curran, J. Davidson, V. DeMarco, P. Doria,
- D. Drake, K. Fosler, R. Gelles, A. Heggers, E. Henry, J. Hume,
- F. Leavitt, L. Lemieux, N. Magoon, J. Maxner, D. McClelland,
- J. Mottalini, D. Olney, S. Polans, M. SS Smith, B. Thompson,
- V. Thompson, D. Villacci, Wm. Weeks, R. Weeman

Congratulations!





L. Bradford takes great pleasure in introducing
Ens. Kevin L. Miller
as our new liaison at Sector
Northern New England.

Ens. Miller's email address is:
KMiller@gruportme.uscg.mil



IMPORTANT INFO – PROMPT ATTENTION REQUIRED
PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION [PSI] FORMS

The identified three-year implementation period [2004-2006] by the end of which all Auxiliarists are required to have submitted a PSI package is in its final year. It is your responsibility to complete this package and submit well in advance of December 2006, so that your package will be received to secure your place in the USCG Auxiliary. Getting it submitted is your mission! Act promptly. At this time all Auxiliarists, who have not submitted their PSI Package AKA SF-86 as of yet, are being notified to submit their SF 86 forms. No longer will someone call you to submit your package—all outstanding packages must be submitted now. To obtain all the information you need to complete this task are at the following links:

http://forms.cgaux.org/security_forms.html
http://www.cgaux.info/g_ocx/administration/security/

To submit the SF 86 form, you need to review the information you may have prepared in advance to make sure it is still current and within the guidelines of the SF 86 form requirements as to time periods. Take the time to be accurate up front and reading the instructions in advance will aid in proper results.

ALCOAST--Revised Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) [Relaxed] Wear Policy #1

The Commandant recently approved a revised standard for ODU wear that will enhance our services overall uniform appearance and expand the authority for wearing the complete ODU in informal public settings under certain conditions.

This policy will be incorporated into the next change to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations.
Internet release authorized.

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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February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Science <u>Equipment for Your Boat</u>	2 1900 AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland	3	4 Crew Trainee Mentor Sessions	
5	6	7 1830 Boat Crew/COX Training Rusty Scupper 1830 MS Harbor Safety Course, MSO Pearl St 1900 ACN — SMCC Hildreth Science	8 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Science <u>Trailerimg Your Boat</u>	9 1900 AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland	10	11	
12	13 1900 Flotilla Meeting Rusty Scupper	 14 1830 Boat Crew/COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1830 MS Harbor Safety Course, MSO Pearl St 1900 ACN SMCC Hildreth Science	15 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Science <u>Your "Highway" Signs</u>	16 1900 AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland	17	18	
19	20	21 1830 Boat Crew/COX Training Rusty Scupper 1830 MS Harbor Safety Course, MSO Pearl St 1900 ACN SMCC Hildreth Science	22 1900 BS&S, SMCC, Hildreth Science <u>Handling Your Boat</u>	23 1900 AUXWEA Classrm Sta S. Portland 1930 Division Board/Staff Mtg, Rusty Scupper	24	25 Crew Trainee Mentor Sessions	
26	27 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting	28 1830 Boat Crew/COX Training Rusty Scupper 1830 MS Harbor Safety Course, MSO Pearl St 1900 ACN — SMCC Hildreth Science	There has been a change of date for the OPS Workshop / SAR Day Ashore. It will be now held on Saturday, April 8 from 0800 until 1600. Please reserve this date on your calendars.				



March 2006

The Spring Awards District Conference is the W/E of 22 April, Nashua, N.H.

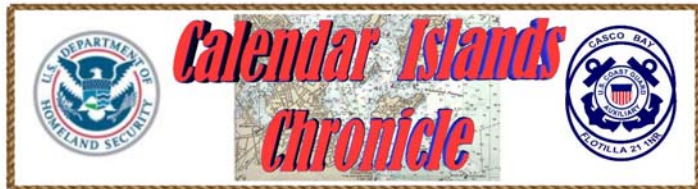
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A moment of silence in remembrance of...

Charles Mack was a member of Casco Bay Flotilla since May 1989.

Charles Harris Mack, 77, of Longwood Drive, Portland died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

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Maine Boatbuilders Show

Portland Yacht Services

17—19 March 2006

Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

35th Maine Boat Show

Cumberland County Civic Center

23—26 March 2006

Th 12-8, Fri 11-8, Sat 10-8, Sun 10-5

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