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July 2006



Monthly Flotilla Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2006

Annual Flotilla Picnic
at

**Fort Williams State Park
Picnic Shelter**

1000 Shore Rd, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

*Your Flotilla will provide the burgers, hot dogs and rolls /
condiments. Members are encouraged to bring their
favorite salad, side dish or dessert to share.*

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Rendezvous 2006!

USCG Auxiliary Presented 6
with National Award

**Auxiliary annual dues notice
was mailed in mid May 2006
and payment of \$33 is due
by July 1, 2006.**

From Our Commander...

Hi all — The summer patrol season is now in full swing. The PE and new member classes have concluded and were very successful. Welcome to all of our new members, we look forward to your participation!

Although we are having some issues with POMS and it is impacting the number of patrols, the situation is being looked at for rectification. For those in the Operations Program, please be patient. Above all, keep up the great work you do for us.

Deb and I look forward to seeing all of you at Fort Williams State Park on July 10th for the Flotilla Annual Picnic.

Happy Independence Day! Dave Bilodeau F21



A Special Event to honor Vietnam Veterans

Known as *The Dignity Memorial@ Vietnam Wall™*, this faux-granite replica is dedicated to all Americans who served in Vietnam and honors all servicemen and women of the United States military forces. Each year the replica crisscrosses the country, allowing millions of visitors to see & touch its black, mirror-like surface inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. **The Wall will be set up at SMCC August 11th—13th, open to the public for three days 24 hours.** Friday 11 Aug, at 1:00 PM opening ceremonies include a fly-over. Saturday 12 August, the public can participate in a candlelight service at 6:30 pm. The Wall is arriving Tuesday, 8 August, escorted by motorcycles. Motorcyclists meet at the York Weigh Station at 8:00 a.m. A barbeque at the SMCC campus will be provided for those who participated in the escort. Volunteers can also help by contacting the local Dignity Memorial offices in South Portland.



Staff Reports

Membership Training [D. Drake]—All classes are complete. No additional classes scheduled at this time.

Operations [J. Maxner]—The Boat Crew Program is a commitment. Your staff are dedicated to training members to qualify for boat crew. They have organized a patrol schedule to provide members with hands-on training and experience on the water. Be prompt about reviewing the patrol schedule.—*communicate* to the proper channels if there is a conflict with your personal time well in advance of the patrol. F21 is a professional organization of members and appreciate boat crew members that commit their time and are responsible in communicating.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]—7 new recruits have completed the new member class; 2 additional recruits are taking test this week. *29 June 06 Career Day has been set up to show the new members a direction within F21. * Setting up fall '06 new member class * Planning a ships tour of in station USGC boats for new members and maybe present members also.

Program Visitor [N. Magoon]—RBS visits to date total 80. Weather has raised havoc with both RBS visits & VSCs. We look forward to July's improving weather to bolster our efforts. Visits to date continue to show an increasing interest & awareness of our programs. We have not been able to concentrate any efforts in the lake region due to the lack of personnel.

Vessel Examination [S. Polans]— Vessel Safety Days are scheduled through the second Saturday in July. Vessel Safety Days were scheduled each weekend beginning with May 26 at DiMillos. June 3 we were at Centerboard, June 10 at Spring Point, and June 17 at Sunset. Weather has been an issue.

Highlights of 12 June Monthly Meeting:

Thank you **Judy Davidson, FSO-IS**
For the presentation on

How to do AUXDATA/eDirectory and ANSC Forms

Check It Out....

Boating Skills & Seamanship starts
September 13th and
Advanced Coastal Navigation starts
September 12th.
Classes are posted on the F21 Website
Calendar.

Local Auxiliarist Recently in the Persian Gulf

U.S. Coast Guard | April 28, 2006

Chris Demarest is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, **F26** in Portsmouth, NH. As an Auxiliarist he conducts speaking engagements at schools around the country. *"I tell the kids, yes, its neat I get to do these things, but so can you, said Demarest."* For ten days in May Demarest joined the Coast Guard at their facility in Bahrain, a tiny island nation only 3.5 times the size of Washington, DC, and located in the Persian Gulf to crew on a patrol boat providing support to the oil rigs and refineries as he documents life in the Coast Guard around the Persian Gulf. Demarest met and lived with the men & women of the Coast Guard who are on active duty in the Persian Gulf, as he documented their everyday lives through his artwork.

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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FSO-OP — Yesterday was an historic day for the Flotilla 21 Operations Program.

Flotilla 21 OPFAC 291888 ("Elsie Mae") got underway with the first all female crew in Flotilla history! OPFAC Owner/Coxswain Brenda Babirak, Janis Childs, and Robyn Fink were tasked with acting as a "victim" on a SAR exercise for Coast Guard Station South Portland. The conditions on Wednesday required them to do fog and low visibility navigation to get to their assigned location. They did a terrific job in getting the OPFAC on scene and into position. The crew also conducted person overboard drills using the Station's OSCAR. 291888's crew used a number of methods to bring OSCAR back on board including using the main halyard and winch to haul in the PIW. Congratulations to a great crew on a very successful patrol!
Jim Maxner FSO-OP 21





July 2006 *Have a safe, fun summer on the water and ashore!*

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9	10 Fort Williams State Park	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 1900 Staff Mtg					

August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>USCG Eagle</i> Visits Portsmouth, NH	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall™ @ SMCC 24/3 thru Sun	12
13	14 1900 Flotilla Monthly Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28 1900 Staff Meeting	29	30	31		

**First District New Auxiliarist of the Year (NAUXOY)****Congratulations Kevin!!**

Along with commodore Pendergast, D1 Northern Region (D1NR) I am pleased to announce the d1nr NAUXOY, Kevin Cady, of Flotilla 2-01, (Casco Bay, ME).

Auxiliarist Kevin Cady is currently the Vice Flotilla Commander for 2-01 and is a branch chief on the Department of Marine Safety & Environmental Protection, Auxiliary National Staff where he has developed nationally standardized PQS for the marine safety program. He has effectively leveraged over 20 years of civilian employment in law enforcement and fire fighting to become an integral and valued member to sector northern New England. His accomplishments over the past year include identifying and bringing together 35 governmental, industrial, & citizen groups to form an area maritime security committee for the Burlington, VT area. He also updated the hazardous materials section of the Maine & New Hampshire contingency plan, coordinating with over 40 local, sufficient response capabilities were in place to respond to hazardous spills incidents in SNNE's AOR.

Competition for this award was intense, making selections exceptionally challenging, as all the nominees were superb & deserving candidates. This is the inaugural year for this new award which was announced in ALCOAST 085/06. This award mirrors the CG's enlisted person of the year and civilian employee of the year awards.

Bravo Zulu to Mr. Cady and all the Auxiliarists of D1. *Semper Paratus!* RDML Pekoske

May 2006

The 67th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

On 23 June 2006, we observed the 67th birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There were four purposes of the Coast Guard Reserve Act first passed in 1939, (1) safety of life upon navigable waters, (2) promotion of efficiency in the operation of pleasure craft, (3) improved knowledge of and compliance with applicable laws, and (4) support to the Coast Guard. The threat of war led to other operational missions, ultimately including anti-submarine patrols by the "Putt-Putt Navy" or "Splinter Fleet."

Much has changed in the years since the Auxiliary came into being, new Auxiliary uniforms, more modern and sophisticated training programs, and greater professionalism. Terrorism has replaced world war as a threat to our nation's survival.

But much has remained the same. Then as now, the Coast Guard faced budget and personnel shortfalls, and the Auxiliary provided a key force multiplier. Then as now, men and women volunteered their services in support of the Coast Guard. Then as now, we rallied to such words as "Duty, Honor, Country." Then as now, we were a key component of the Coast Guard and in many of the inland areas, we are "the Coast Guard." Admiral Allen said the following about the Auxiliary:

"As the finest all-volunteer organization in our Nation, I consider each of you an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without your selfless devotion to duty, as was so vividly demonstrated most recently in the coast Guard's extraordinary response to the many hurricanes we responded to last year."

When the Coast was recently awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Auxiliary, specifically named in the citation, was seen a vital part of the team and shared the honor.

On this, the occasion of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 67th birthday, let us celebrate our past but focus on the future. There is much to do, few to do it, and many challenges ahead. But we have the talent, commitment, and direction to go forward with confidence.

Thank you for your dedicated service and for your future efforts.

Semper Paratus!
Gene M. Seibert
National Commodore





PAST CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION

Proudly Presents

Rendevous 1006!

Date: September 30, 2006

Where: Georges Island, Boston Harbor

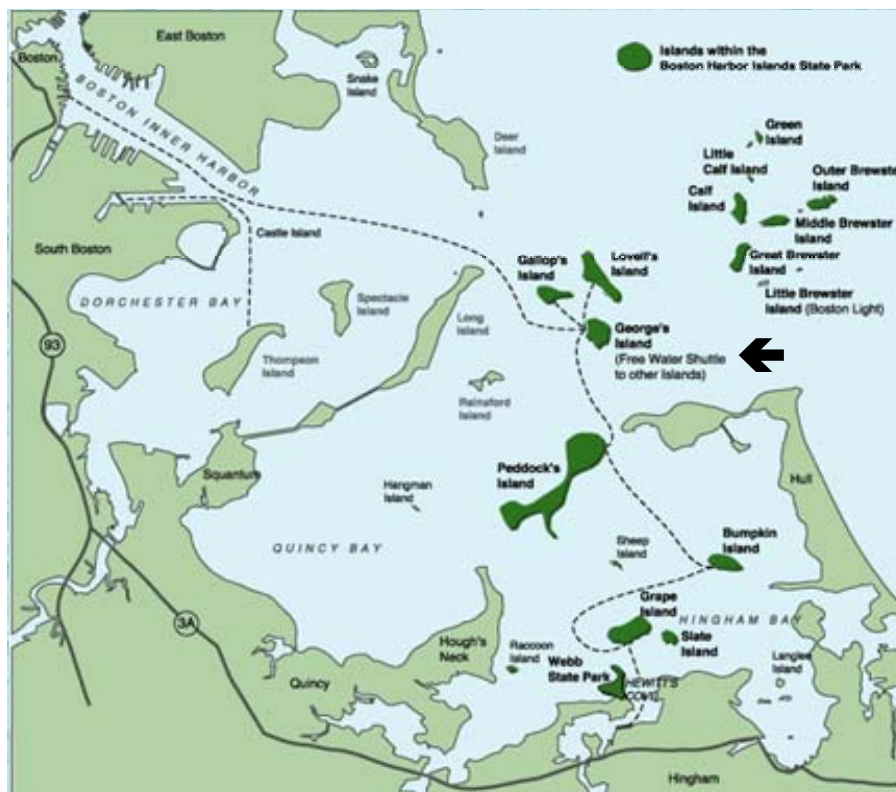
Time: 1000 to 1500

Have a picnic with us. Bring a Pot-Luck. Dessert or a specialty dish.
The Association will supply hot dogs and soda free.

How do I get there? Boat (your own or a friend's) or Ferry (*Harbor Express*)
Who Is Invited? Everyone in 1NR and their families.

Harbor Express locations are Boston Long Wharf or Quincy @ the 3A-Rotary.
There is parking available in Quincy for \$1 and in Boston (near by) for \$12.

Ferry prices are \$17.00 to the Island, children 5-11 are \$12, 5 and under are free.
You can transfer from island to island free. Call for scheduled times (617) 222-6999.
Tours will be available of Fort Warren & Boston Light.
There are other Islands in the park to see and visit.



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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY PRESENTED NATIONAL AWARD FOR BOATING AND WATER SAFETY

The 10th Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit was held in Palm Harbor, Florida the eve of May 3, 2006. Hundreds of boating and water safety professionals from across the world gathered to discuss current / future status of the boating industry, learn new techniques (in education, outreach/communication, law enforcement, & risk management), and receive awards and recognition for their achievements through the year.

The **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary** received the National Water Safety Congress' National Award for its role in promoting boating and water safety.

Only one such award is presented annually to an individual, organization, firm or agency that has made a significant contribution to water safety issues/programs on a national scale. This is the highest award given by the National Water Safety Congress.

According to Jeffrey Hoedt, Chief-Office of Boating Safety for the U.S. Coast Guard, *"It's quite an accomplishment for the Auxiliary to receive this prestigious recognition, and I'm glad to see it happen. Without a doubt, the Auxiliary does incredible work in making America's boating public safer."* *"The Coast Guard Auxiliary appreciates the recognition of our past and continuing efforts to keep both the recreational and commercial boater safe on the water,"* said National Commodore Gene Seibert.

Warren McAdams, National Directorate Commodore for Recreational Boating Safety accepted the award on behalf of the National Commodore at the upcoming International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS). Regarding the award, McAdams said *"We provide support to the US Coast Guard, and recreational boating safety is one of our primary missions. Our members will take great pride in the recognition and honor bestowed on them by the National Water Safety Congress!"*