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**Casco Bay Flotilla 2 1 1NR
2006 Fall Awards Dinner Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2006**

TIME: *Social 1800 followed by dinner*

PLACE: *The Rusty Scupper Club
So. Portland, Maine*

UNIFORM: *Service Dress Blue BRAVO,
Tropical Blue Long,
or appropriate civilian attire*

Keynote Speaker: Kevin Cady

[Reservation Form on page 3]

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From Our Commander...

Our elections in November are an important time of year, we get to choose the leadership of our Flotilla. Your decisions chart the future course of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please contact Dan Tipton if you have an interest, he has agreed to chair the nominations committee.

The following is an excerpt taken from the On Course publication, written by our National Commodore. I thought it made a lot of sense, and highlights things we all should consider. The entire article can be found at this web address:
http://www.auxnaco.org/oncourse_issue6.htm

David Bilodeau FC 2 1

Why do our elections matter so much? By Commodore Gene Seibert, National Commodore

Electing our local leaders may not be as exciting as participating in the Auxiliary programs that you are passionate about but Auxiliary elections are one of the most critical duties you will perform as Auxiliary members. That's why we all need to continually think about who we want to lead us in the future.

Why do our elections matter so much? We need to choose our elected leaders very carefully. During their one or two-year watch, our leaders at all levels, can dramatically impact the morale, direction and accomplishments of their unit. Their impact on our course can linger long into future years.

Many of our members have not had the opportunity to explore how the Auxiliary election process works, from top to bottom. Most of us do understand how our own local units (flotillas and divisions) elect our leaders. When election time comes around, we vote for the people we think will do the best job. Or do we? Let's consider some examples:

Sometimes we simply vote for the person who is next in line. We feel we should reward them for having served in a subordinate position.

Possibly we vote for a person simply because we like the person better than another.

Unfortunately, there are times we vote for a person because no one else is willing to run for the job. I think we've all been there.

Consider the Importance of Your Vote! I'm asking you to stop and consider just how important it is that you choose wisely. I am asking you to consider voting for those who have real competencies of leadership and management; those who are both risk managers and risk takers, yet put people first in all they do. Our Auxiliary environment has changed dramatically since September 11, 2001. We are experiencing major cultural shifts in both the Coast Guard and in the Auxiliary. Now more than ever, we need the right leaders to help us chart our future course.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Paul Smith-Valley for his appointment as Rear Commodore-Northern New England for a one year term (2007). When you see Paul, please give him your heartfelt congratulations.



Staff Reports

Member Training [D. Drake]—AUXCOM class begins 2 Oct. This course will run every other Monday. We currently have seven F 2 1 members and one F 2 4 member signed up for the course. I am still trying to coordinate a date for First Aid/CPR.

Operations [J. Maxner]—We will be offering a **Navigation Rules course** starting in mid to late October. This course is designed to prepare members who need to take the Nav Rules exam to become Coxswain qualified but all are welcome. We would like to hold the class on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 or 7:00 at Station South Portland. If you would like to take this course please reply ASAP.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]—*Dates for New Member training have been set, 10/19 thru 11/30, except Turkey Day *New member requests are being answered as

they are received. *BIW Public Affairs Office is going to get back to me with possibilities of tour dates. *Gold side & Aux have been made aware of date for the showing of the new USCG movie. *Still checking dates for USCG vessel tours.

Public Affairs [D. Bilodeau]—Preparing to write an article for the Nor'easter regarding Kevin Cady's award as Auxiliariist of the year and his trip to Washington DC.

Vessel Examination [S. Polans]—AUXINFO reported F 2 1 as having done 161 Vessel Safety Examinations over the summer. I will be contacting all VEs with the number of examinations they have conducted in 2006. This will hopefully ease the "crush" we experienced this past Spring with people being inadvertently placed in REYR due to discrepancies with AUXINFO.



Division 2 New Members Day 14 October

Division 2 is sponsoring **New Member's Day 2006** on Saturday 14 October from 0900 -1600 at the Rusty Scupper Club. Lunch will be provided. The presentation is being held especially for members who joined our organization in the last two years, but anyone with a burning desire to learn about how the Auxiliary functions is welcome. The last time this was held it was a sellout. **Contact** Ken Caprio, FSO/PS or Brad Thompson, PDPC2 for more information.

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FACT: We're not the same Coast Guard Auxiliary we were even five years ago. Selecting visionary leaders has become a critical component of the Auxiliary's very survival.

Perhaps Albert Einstein was correct when he said, "*The significant problems we face today cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were in when we created them.*"

Dramatic Cultural Shift: It comes as no surprise that we are continuing to experience a dramatic cultural shift. A shift of this magnitude occurs when a series of dramatic events impact so heavily upon an organization that it cannot continue to operate in the same way and expect to achieve its goals.

In today's Auxiliary, there is simply no room for leader candidates who want to pursue business as usual. We should not elect someone to a leadership position just because it's their turn to serve. The leaders we elect today, must be ready, willing and able to dig deep and push hard. We cannot afford a leader who is only willing to operate as a figurehead.

Sweeping Changes: 11 Sept 2001, brought sweeping changes to our operational environment. These changes only reinforce the importance of enhanced interaction and coordination between operational Coast Guard commands, our interagency partners and our own Auxiliary units. Our new generation of leaders must bring new emphasis to the importance of the planning and the sustainment of our Auxiliary operational readiness balanced with Recreational Boating Safety missions

We need to fully recognize in a broad sense, that all of our operational activities need to be focused on prevention. We do this through Operation Patriot Readiness, Maritime Domain Awareness, Recreational Boating Safety and Community Outreach Programs. We also do this through our surge capabilities and capacity under MARSEC 2 or 3 conditions where we also must provide a capable response to mitigate the effects of an incident or if called upon, to perform search and rescue missions.

Transformation: Our Auxiliary organization must continue this transformation in view of what we know today. Our transformation cannot be postponed or ignored. The results of the dramatic events; the shift in Coast Guard missions, the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security; and the changing make-up of the recreational boater, all need to come into play as we move our organization forward.

More than ever, we need to provide our organization with a depth and breadth of operational, personal, team and strategic leadership that is critical to our sustained success in the immediate and the long term.



October 2006 NAVRULES CLASS MID-OCTOBER FMI CONTACT JIM MAXNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 1900 AUXCOM Station Classroom Yom Kippur	3 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	4 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	5 1900 Instructor's Class, Station Classroom	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Observed	10 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	11 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	12 Columbus Day	13	14 0900- 1600 Division 2 New Member Day Rusty Scupper Includes lunch Uniform TBL
15	16 1800 Flotilla Fall Awards Dinner Meeting Rusty Scupper	17 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	18 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	19 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom	20 1900 District Board/ Staff Mtg, Marlboro, MA	21
22	23 1900 AUXCOM Station Classroom	24 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	25 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	26 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom	27	28
29 0200 Daylight Saving Time Ends	30	31 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC				

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			1 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	2 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom	3	4
5	6 1900 AUXCOM Station Classroom	7 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	8 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	9 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13 1900 Flotilla Monthly Meeting Rusty Scupper	14 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	15 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	16 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom	17	18
19	20 1900 AUXCOM Station Classroom	21 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting So. Portland Classroom	28 1900 ACN Jewett Hall Rm 105 SMCC	29 1900 BS&S Hildreth SMCC	30 1900 New Members Class, Station Classroom		



F 2 I Member makes the local news with an important safety message....wear your lifejacket!

WCSH 6 Portland News Center, 14 September 2006—a part in a series of articles relating to the fishing vessel that sank off Cape Elizabeth with one loss of life due to high seas elevated by Tropical Storm Florence.

Marine Officials Renew Call For Boating Safety

Marine officials are urging everyone who heads out to sea to use caution. Tropical storms churning up the coast make this an especially dangerous time of year.



Longtime South Portland lobsterman **Bill Linnell** says he has a simple and sensible safety tip: wear a life jacket. Most fishermen do not use them. But Linnell says the safety vests have gotten lighter and less bulky over the years, making them easier to wear while you work. He says in twenty-six years at sea, he has not gone out without one. "I know if I wear a lifejacket, there's an excellent chance I'm coming home at the end of the day. The thing is, I'm assuming they didn't have life jackets on because most fishermen don't wear them, it's a real cheap insurance policy," said Linnell.

Marine safety officials say this time of year it is especially important for everyone who goes out to sea to check the weather forecast before you go.

Here's to knowing a little more about our fellow member

Bill Linnell grew up near the South Portland shore and rebuilt his first boat at the age of twelve. He fished recreationally since grade school, became a certified diver in high school, and a ocean lifeguard in college. He worked in various boatyards and obtained his first lobster license in 1980. Bill has been either fixing boats, lobstering, commercial fishing, including gill netting and longlining, diving for urchins, scallops, on and off, part-time and full-time, since then. He once assisted the Marine Patrol in searching (diving) for a body off Camden in 90 feet of water. For the last two seasons he also ran a towboat for BOATUS, heading out to find boaters in trouble at all hours. He obtained a six pack license in 1983, then a few years ago he got his masters (Captains) license. He has taught the 100-ton Captains license course for American Boat School. In addition, he moonlights for Friends of Casco Bay, running the pumpout boat.

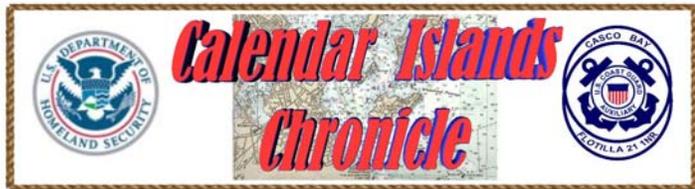
For several years, Bill fished off Cape Elizabeth out of a 19' outboard skiff, *Reebadeebus*, and has been fishing his own 36' Jonesport, the *Babydoll*, out of South Portland, for some five years. On the *Babydoll*, he also run charters and take people on "lobster cruises", showing them how a lobster is caught.

In the winter Bill substitute teaches at the Maine Youth Center, and recently took three residents from there on a lobster cruise. They were as good as gold. He spent last winter helping Katrina victims in Texas.

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.

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Great news from the Operations Division:

The following members qualified for boat crew this summer:

Ken Cyll
Sherry Estabrook
David Melendez
Mike Michaud
Frank Orr
Ron Powell



Another successful season!

Congratulations!