

2007 Flotilla 21 Holiday Party

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 1800

**Place: Home of Steve & Brenda Babirak
5 Stonebrooke Road in Scarborough
885-1516**

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 now what you would like to bring and share. **Call or email Brenda Babirak at 885-1516**, to confirm what you are bringing, or to get a suggestion for what dish to bring. Appetizers, main dishes, and desserts are all welcome.

Suggested main dish size should serve six to eight people. Don't forget to bring an appropriate serving dish, plate, bowl, and serving utensils. Please provide a small card labeling the dish and its contents. The Flotilla will provide paper goods, soda, punch, and coffee. BYOB if you desire.

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**AUXDATA Reminder ~
Your hours need to be submitted on Form 7029 or 7030 for 2007 by 12/12/07**

From Our Commander...

Congratulations to David Drake FC(elect) and Ken Caprio VFC(elect).

David and Ken are outstanding choices. We all should feel very comfortable in knowing that these two members are looking out for our best interest, and the best interest of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. I believe with their leadership we will continue to maintain and grow our strong, vibrant organization, and best serve the boating public in our communities.

On behalf of all of us in the Casco Bay Flotilla, thank you David and Ken for stepping up and agreeing to take the helm, helping us navigate through 2008.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Flotilla Commander. The Casco Bay Flotilla sets the standard in so many ways, it was a terrific experience. My experience was greatly enhanced by the incredible hard work and dedication of all the flotilla staff officers that I served with over the past couple of years. I could not have done it with out them.

Wishing everyone a warm and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Babirak's home for our holiday party.

David Bilodeau
Flotilla Commander 21 1NR





Staff Reports *[Refer to the Nov 2007 minutes on page 3 for more staff reports]*

Finance [G. Leblanc]—Ten textbooks for Boating Skills and Seamanship instructors ordered; along with sixty additional textbooks ordered. Seventy instructional packets/books for Advanced Coastal Navigation ordered. Payment forwarded to flotilla supplying us with BS & S textbooks. processed late dues payments for two members forwarded payments to DSO. Invoiced SMCC for fall courses. Preparation of budget allocations for next fiscal year.

Membership Training [D. Melendez]—The **AUXPAT** class is currently under way with 13 students. Tests were ordered for the scheduled exam on Dec. 18th. We are currently looking at offering the **AUXSEA** class in early spring. We are also considering offering a one evening prep course for the **AUXNAV test**. Members would refresh the material by sitting in the current ACN

class and then attend the prep course just before the test. Members are requested to contact me if they are interested in either class by **December 23**.

Public Affairs [J. Hume]—I am preparing for the coming winter **Boat Shows**; we have contracts in hand for two of the three Portland Shows. I am also preparing materials and programs for a **Flotilla Outreach Team**. We have had several inquiries for the Flotilla Outreach Team for next year. I will be recruiting staff for the boat shows after the holidays. I will be recruiting staff for the Flotilla Outreach Team after the holidays.

The flotilla will be hosting the seamanship competition at the **MS Tugboat Muster** in August 2008.



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 Road. Go 1.7 miles and take a right onto Stonebrooke Road. #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 Road. Go for 1.7 miles and take a right onto Stonebrooke Road. #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.

From: Kevin J. Cady, Division Chief - Ports & Facilities Activities, Marine Safety (Prevention) Department



All Hands — At long last the **Marine Safety Training Ribbon** is available. This ribbon is issued upon completion of all four of the pre-requisite Trident training courses - Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP), Initial Indoctrination to Marine Safety (IIMS), Good Mate and ICS 100. A 5/16" gold star is added for each PQS completion. Upon obtaining Trident device (even a conditional award), the ribbon is no longer worn. The ribbon may not be issued without the completion of all four courses, even if the member has completed several PQSs.

It is the responsibility of the member to submit an application for the ribbon, via their DSO-MS through the chain of leadership. This application is posted on the M Department website under the Trident Program page. Once you receive the application and appropriate documentation of course completions, it is your responsibility to forward that application with your recommendation to your DIRAUX for issuance of the ribbon. Contact me at kevin.j.cady@uscg.mil if anyone has a question about this.

For more information regarding Marine Safety (Prevention) check out their website at <http://www.auxmdept.org/index.htm>.

DIRECT DEPOSIT (DD) AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) REQUIREMENT FOR AUXILIARISTS

Effective January 1, 2008, **Direct Deposit [DD] will become mandatory for Auxiliarists to receive reimbursements** from the Coast Guard for expenses associated with patrols, official travel, or any other claims (e.g. - equipment damage). Establishing DD service is open to any and all Auxiliarists. DD can be most easily established by enrolling on the Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) web site at: www.fincen.uscg.mil/aux_info.htm (select the "EFT/ACH Enrollment Form" option, fill in the blanks, and electronically submit the form directly to FINCEN). An EFT enrollment form is also available in Appendix G of the Auxiliary Manual (page G-56) and in the Forms section of the Auxiliary web site at: <http://forms.cgaux.org/forms.html> (use form FMS-2231-CGAUX). In accordance with instructions on the electronic form, it can either be faxed to FINCEN (ATTN: T-16) at (757) 523-6769, or it can be mailed to FINCEN at: Commanding Officer (opc-5c), U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center, 1430A Kristina Way, Chesapeake, VA 23326-1000.

Posted 14 Nov 2007 <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>

Comments for the Good of the Auxiliary:

- RC Smith-Valley commended **Frank Leavitt, SO-PE for his decades of service in Public Education**.
- Smith-Valley extended his thanks for the Flotilla's prompt response to the **Severe Weather Condition Status Report Request for Storm Noel**; all had responded within one-half day, which was excellent.
- Admiral Allen was to continue changes, bringing the Coast Guard into the 21st Century. Preparedness for all missions appropriate to training to continue to be important. The focus on training is to continue into the future.
- The Task Force emphasis for 2008 is to be on recreational boating; making it safer on the water and to reduce fatalities.
- He noted the dissatisfaction expressed by the PE members with the course that is to replace ACN, and stated that this would be addressed.

**12 November 2007 FLOTILLA 21 MEETING held At The Rusty Scupper, Station South Portland**

The meeting was called to order at 1905 by the Flotilla Commander.

Welcome Members and Guests: The FC introduced Rear Commodore Paul Smith-Valley; Vice-Commodore-Elect and Division Vice-Captain-Elect Jack Dempsey.

Elections: It was determined that a quorum of members were present, so Bilodeau turned the proceedings over to RC Paul Smith-Valley. The Nominating Committee presented two candidates: David Drake II for FC and Ken Caprio for VFC. Smith-Valley opened the floor for additional nominations – candidates must be qualified for FC – none. Nominations closed.

A unanimous ballot declared for David Drake II for FC. Additional candidates for VFC – none. A unanimous ballot declared for Ken Caprio for VFC. Smith-Valley declared David Drake II the elected FC and Ken Caprio the elected VFC for 2008, and discharged the Nominating Committee.

Updates from FSOs:

FSO-MA—Lemieux reported success in getting materials from National. Members needing materials should contact him.

FSO-MT—Drake stated that Ken Cyll will be assuming this position, and thanked him for stepping in to fill this.

FSO-PB—York reported her task is distributing the newsletter each month and will continue to do so. Please inform her of any corrections to the Flotilla Directory. This will be updated and distributed in early 2008.

FSO-PE— Henry reported that four courses for BS&S and two for ACN have been completed. The next BS&S course will start on January 16, 2008, and the next ACN course is to start January 15, 2008. The BS&S course in Freeport will begin in April. He reported that the 13th edition of the BS&S course manual will be ready as of January 2008. This contains a new Chapter 8, which will require training another instructor. The questions in the Student Study Guide are now weighted heavily towards boating safety and equipment. He plans to order enough books to continue ACN into September of 2008. The Instructor Course is to start in January, with a workshop to be scheduled.

FSO-IS—Davidson requested members check their hours, and report any discrepancy by the cut-off date—12 December.

FSO-PS—Caprio reported that the last new member class meets this Thursday; five new members will be entering from this class who will be a good addition to the Auxiliary. Geoff Sturgess, FSO-SR, will be stepping in and taking on this position for 2008.

FSO-OPS—Maxner reported that Coxswain Training was successful, with three new coxswains successfully completed training. Boat Crew Training classes are set to begin in January. He reported the following hours: 2021 total hours completed in Operations with 1916 hours in Safety Patrols alone. The new coxswains have worked extremely hard with 23.2 Regatta Patrol hours, 49.8 Training hours, and 32.6 SAR hours reported. Brad Thompson has been very helpful with TCT Training, and ensuring people needing this training have been accommodated. The Station has helped with this as well, providing essential cross-training.

FSO-VE—Polans: In her absence, Drake read her report. There were over 300 VSCs completed. The floating key-chains given to the members of the public whose boats passed the exams were a great hit. For 2008, a VE class is planned for March or April, with a VE workshop in the Spring; dates will be determined. Smith-Valley reported that Susan's suggestion that the VSC decals be partially reflective went up the Chain of Command in four days! This will probably not be undertaken in 2008, as these stickers are already in production.

FSO-SR—Sturgess: Geoff could not be present; his shadow – James Thomson – will step into the FSO-SR position in 2008.

Drake encouraged members to take advantage of the Shadow program, so that they could learn about the Staff Officer positions without having to make a commitment, and be exposed to areas of the organization that they might be interested in.

Awards: **Judy Davidson** – Sustained Service Award (3rd Award); **Ron Powell, Brian Spivey** – Certified Coxswains in the Boat Crew Program; **Richard Robichaud, Ken Caprio, Ron Chalout, Louis Lemieux** and **James Thomson** – ATON Verifiers; **Peter Doria, Joel Glass** – Radioactive Hazard and Training Level 1; **Joel Glass**– Annual Service Performance Award for VEs / Dealer Visitations; **Ron Powell, Ken Cyll, Brad Thompson, Brian Spivey, John Stedman** - Annual Service Performance Award for Operations; **Everett Henry** - Annual Service Performance Award for Public Education services; **David Bilodeau** – Sustained Service Award (2nd award); **Pam Twombly** – Good Mate in the CGAux; **Richard Robichaud** – Instructor; – Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist; **Ken Cyll** – AUXSAR; Joel Glass– Sustained Service Award (8th Award!) **Pam Twombly, Ron Chalout, Joel Glass, Manning Chase, John Stedman** – Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist; **Ron Powell** – Operations Policy Course and Navigation Rules; **Brian Spivey** – Annual Performance Service Award, Navigation Rules; Operations Policy Course, AUX Membership Service Award – 5 Years of Service, AUXCOM, 50 or More Hours as Crew Certificate of Accomplishment;

Other Business: Everett Henry proposed that the flotilla purchase a new wireless microphone and amplifier at a cost of approximately \$800 to \$1,000 so that both classes would have this essential equipment.

A motion to allow him to purchase the equipment was passed, voted on, and passed.

Bilodeau advised members that Station South Portland is checking for proof of auto insurance at the gate along with ID.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 2037.

Respectfully submitted, James F. Thomson (Shadow), and Geoffrey J. Sturgess, FSO-SR



CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 1NR



CHANGE-OF-WATCH CEREMONY RESERVATION FORM

David L. Drake, II, Flotilla Commander ♦ Kenneth A. Caprio, Flotilla Vice Commander

DATE: Monday, 7 January 2008

PLACE: Saltwater Grille [Sunset Marina]
231 Front Street, South Portland
1800 ~ Attitude adjustment time (Cash Bar)
1900 ~ 2100 ~ Dinner and Ceremony

PROGRAM: Dinner ♦ Ceremony ♦ Good Fellowship

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

Please mail this reservation form and your remittance before Monday, 31 Dec 07

The Saltwater Buffet

Cost per person \$29.00

Payable to: Flotilla 21 1NR USCGAUX

Name(s): _____

Mail to: Gus Leblanc, 975 Hotel Road, Auburn, Maine 04210-8955
Telephone: 786-8755

Anyone making a reservation and not attending will forfeit their payment.

*Sincere condolences to the family of Tony Lockwood
[013-06-07] after a valiant fight with melanoma.*

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.

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.



January 2008

1 Jan ~ Happy New Year!

4 Jan, Fri District Board/Staff Meeting, Quincy, MA

5, 6 Jan, D1 NR Training Conference, Boston Marriott Quincy

7 Jan, Mon FL2 1 Change of Watch Ceremony, Salt Water Grille

11 Jan, Fri Division 2 Change of Watch Ceremony

28 Jan, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Station Classroom

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8 Dec, Sat Flotilla Holiday Party, Home of Steve & Brenda Babirak, 5 Stonebrook Road, Scarborough

4, 11, 18 Dec, Tues Advanced Coastal Navigation
1900, Tech-203 — SMCC

4, 11, 18 Dec, Tues AXPAT, Station Classroom

5, 12, 19 Dec, Wed Boating Skills and Seamanship
1900, 101 Hildreth Hall — SMCC

7 Dec 1800 District Board/Staff Meeting/Dinner, Marlboro, MA

14 Dec 1800-2400 **SNNE Holiday Party**, South Portland VFW,
50 Peary Tr, SoPo Cost : \$20 at door
For tickets, see: BMC Freese, EMS Laboy

10 Dec 1900 Mon Flotilla Staff Planning Meeting, Station Classroom
All staff are encouraged to attend!

17 Dec Deadline for hotel and meal reservations for
Winter Conference and Commodore's Ball
Marriott Hotel, Quincy, MA

TCT Workshop requires pre-registration via e-mail.

Register tct@cox.net: Include: name, flotilla, and member number. Email registration 15 thru 31 Dec 07 only.

The answer to October's question: **The World Champs Boston Red Sox did it again!!! But, speaking of the opposing team, the Colorado Rockies. At Coors Field in Denver Colorado, why are the baseballs placed in a humidior before use?**

The low air pressure means the pitches "break" less severely and are therefore easier to hit. To combat this, the baseballs used in Coors Field games are actually placed in a humidior beforehand to increase their weight.

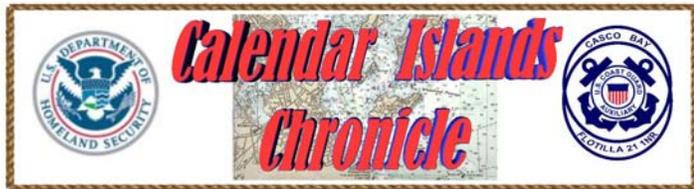
Thanks to Daniel Villacci and Sue Polans for responding correctly to this month's question.

What is it???

For centuries, sailing ships used this to provide a safe source of natural sunlight to illuminate areas below decks.

Send along your answer to Lani York at fsopb@uscgauxsoportlandme.com. The answer will appear in the January issue.

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All hands....Check it out and become involved....Below are the training opportunities available at the January 2008 Training Conference so that you can become involved in your own flotilla:

Team Coordination Training. Initial training for all Auxiliarists interested in participation in surface and communications operations as well as those participating with Active Duty and Reserve units as part of that unit's crew.

Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. Provide interested individuals with sufficient information concerning the MSEP program in order to prepare for the successful completion of the course exam.

Aids To Navigation Workshop.

Staff Officer Training. Each discipline is requested to make a presentation concerning the various responsibilities of each level of staff officer in that discipline, updating the staff officers on program changes and nuances as well as the particulars of how the DSO would like the program presented and reports made.

Information Services Workshop. Specific training on the use of the IS system and the reports than can be generated.

Communications Services Workshop. Internet and web training

IS/CS Joint Workshop. Internet training and assistance.

Incident Command System 100 and 700 Review. Provide interested individuals with sufficient information concerning the ICS 100 and 700 course contents in order to prepare for the successful completion of the course exams.

Legal Update for VCPs and DCPs. Issues which DSO-L believes directly impact the duties of the DCP and VCP.

FC/VFC Training: Preparing for and conducting the flotilla meeting and responsibilities of office holders.

Operations Policy Manual Review. Provide review of the OPS Policy Manual provisions in preparation of Coxswain candidates for the successful completion of the OPS Policy exam. Will also be an excellent review for certified Coxswains who think they know the policy requirements.

Maritime Search And Rescue Policy Review. Provide interested Coxswain candidates with sufficient information concerning the USCG's MSAR policy in order to successful respond to the questioning by any Boat Crew Qualification Program Qualification Examiner.

Communications Workshop. Update on the various communications programs.