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CHANGE-OF-WATCH CEREMONY

**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

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**Holiday Message from the Chief,  
Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety**

Dear U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary,

During the Holiday season our lives can get hectic as we become so busy finding and wrapping those perfect gifts, decorating our homes, writing and sending Holiday cards, singing in choirs, arranging last minute travel plans, preparing wonderful treats for our families, and, for some, shoveling snow. As Auxiliarists, you cheerfully undertake all of these Holiday related "taskers" to help keep your home fires burning. Of course, many of you also work or study full time - I don't know how you do it all. It continues to amaze me that you still find the time, the energy, the dedication, and the spirit of giving to your Coast Guard to help take care of the safety and the security of our Nation's waterways and those that use them. I applaud you!

As the old year comes to an end and we start anew, please find some time to reflect upon your accomplishments as individual Auxiliarists. What you have done individually and collectively for our country has been truly remarkable and deserving of immeasurable praise and thanks from all Americans. But perhaps more importantly, I urge you to take the time to reflect upon the value of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and shipmates - and be thankful to all of them for what they have done to help enrich your own life.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Auxiliary Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, please allow me to sincerely thank you for all that you have done this year in support of Coast Guard missions. I wish you and your loved ones the very best in the coming New Year!

Sincerely, Captain Barry P. Smith  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-542)





## Staff Reports

**Communication Services [E. Henry]**—The Flotilla Website has been updated for 2008. In an effort to cut down on the spam the flotilla is getting from the website email system and email addresses, all addresses have been changed. F21 officers and staff email addresses have been slightly changed. Please review the Directory of Officers for 2008 on F21's website to update your email address book.

**Finance [G. Leblanc]**—Books ordered and received for spring BSandS and ACN courses and instructors course. Paid for books transferred from other flotilla. SMCC payment received for fall BSandS and ACN courses. All membership dues checked and verified.

**Membership Training [Ken Cyll]**—Check out F21's calendar for membership training opportunities!

**Public Affairs [J. Hume]**—I am working on the 2008 Annual Public Affairs schedule for the Flotilla. Flotilla Staff Officers should contact me with dates of special events that the Flotilla needs publicized. Planning has begun on the **2008 MS Harborfest** and its Tugboat Muster. I will be attending the monthly Harborfest committee meetings to coordinate the flotilla's participation in the Tugboat Muster shore side activities. The **2008 boat show season** is fast approaching and I will be looking for volunteers from the membership to staff the boat show exhibits. I will also be looking for volunteers for the Flotilla Outreach Team.

**Public Education [E. Henry]**—An **Instructor's Course** is being planned to start in January. Member's wishing to be in the course should contact me [fsope.cs@verizon.net](mailto:fsope.cs@verizon.net) even if you have already talked to me or Frank Leavitt that you want to take the course. This will help us plan on how much material we need for the course and create a list of who wants to be in the course.

I am also thinking of somewhere down the road about putting on a **class for instructors and staff members on the basics of using a Scanner and how to work with digital images** if there is any interest. Please contact me if this is something you might be interested in.

**Publications [L. York]**—The 2008 Flotilla Directory will be distributed to members within the coming months.

**Vessel Examiner [S. Polans]**—I am planning on calling marinas to schedule VSC Days and sending out letters to them about VSC Days. Hopefully, they will include copies with the spring launch materials that they send out to their customers. have been going over information sent to me by Tom Raynor about my 2008 position as SO-VE. I will be contacting John Hume about the upcoming boat shows and will be volunteering to participate.



.As a reminder to all members.....please communicate your concerns and suggestions following the **Chain of Leadership and Management** [a system of communication and responsibility providing for an effective and efficient path for relaying information through all organizational levels [refer to the *Auxiliary Manual*]]—contact **Ken Caprio**, your Flotilla Vice Commander, or **David Drake**, your Flotilla Commander.

*Thank you Brenda and Stephan Babirak  
for hosting the Flotilla Holiday Party  
at your lovely home in Scarborough.  
All who attended had a wonderful time.*

# THE PORTLAND BOAT SHOW

Coming February 28th - March 2nd, 2008

at the Portland Sports Center

Portland Maine

FL21 will be promoting boating safety at the boat show with a exhibit booth. Contact John Hume to volunteer at the booth. Share the message to practice safe boating and promote our boating education classes.

Thursday	February 28, 2008	3:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday	February 29, 2008	10:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday	March 1, 2008	10:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	March 2, 2008	10:00am – 5:00pm



**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**
  - 10, 17, 24, 31, Thurs Instructor Course, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 11 Jan, Fri Division 2 Change of Watch Ceremony
  - 15, 22, 29 Jan, Tues Advanced Coastal Navigation, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
  - 15, 22, 29 Jan, Tues Boat Crew Seamanship, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 16, 23, 30 Jan, Wed Boating Skills and Seamanship, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- ACN and BSS course schedules are posted on F21 website**
- 28 Jan, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting-Staff Training Session, Base S. Portland Classroom

**January 2008**

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**February 2008**

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- 11 Feb, Mon Flotilla Monthly Meeting**, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 7, 14, Thurs Instructor Course, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 5, 12, 26 Feb, Tues Advanced Coastal Navigation, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
  - 5, 12, 26 Feb, Tues Boat Crew Seamanship, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb, Wed Boating Skills and Seamanship, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- ACN and BSS course schedules are posted on F21 website**
- 25 Feb, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base S. Portland Classroom
  - 28, 29 Feb, Thurs Portland Sports Complex [Jokers]
  - 28 Feb, Thurs **AUXSEA** Specialty Course, Base S. Portland Classroom

\*\*\*\*The 2008 boat show season is fast approaching and the events are posted on F21's website on the Flotilla Calendar. John Hume will be looking for volunteers from the membership to staff the boat show exhibits. Contact John to find out what time slots are available for you \*\*\*\*

The New England Boat Show will be held on January 12-20, 2008,  
at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA.

The answer to December's question: **For centuries, sailing ships used this to provide a safe source of natural sunlight to illuminate areas below decks.**



Deck Prism [AKA Diamond in the Deck]

The attractive functional design installed into the ship's deck allows nature's light to be captured on the prism's flat upper surface then conducted down through the glass facets; distributing light below without danger of fire from lamps' .

*Thanks* to Bryan Spivey, Frank Curran, and Al Bingham for responding correctly to this month's question.

*Let's put our thinking caps on....*

**What Mainer had five (5)  
U.S. Navy ships named after him?**

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*New Year's Resolution..... Be a responsible boat operator / crew...  
Take a Boating Safety Course*

**Course:** *Southern Maine Community College* Course # BTE-S05

**Title:** **Boating Skills & Seamanship** [Classes held each Wednesday-begin 16 January 2008]

**Description:** This course, taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, teaches pleasure boaters safe boating practices, principles and legal responsibilities.

Covers: Which Boat Is For You, Equipment For Your Boat, Trailering Your Boat, Handling Your Boat, Your "Highway" Signs, The Rules You Must Follow, Boating Safety, Piloting Your Boat, Powering Your Boat, Lines and Knots For Your Boat, Weather And Boating, Your Boat's Radio. Students receive a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) certificate of completion at the end of the course.

Contact Information: Everett Henry, FSO-PE

Students who have successfully completed Boating Skills & Seamanship, can take:

**Course:** *Southern Maine Community College* Course # BTE-S04

**Title:** **Advanced Coastal Navigation** [Classes held each Tuesday-begin 15 January 2008]

**Description:** A two-part course taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary covers topics in Basic and Advanced Navigation. Part I teaches Basic Coastal Navigation for small vessels (marine magnetic compass, nautical charts, chart symbols, navigator's tools, dead reckoning, and piloting). Part II covers Advanced Coastal Navigation (current sailing, tides, tidal currents, GPS, LORAN, RADAR, reference publications, fuel and voyage planning).