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February 2008

**Monthly Flotilla Meeting and Instructor Workshop**

Monday, 11 February 2008

Time: 1900

Place: The Rusty Scupper Club  
South Portland, Maine

Uniform: Winter Dress Blue, TBL, or  
Appropriate civilian attire

**Instructors Workshop 2008**

Presentation by Public Education and Communication Services

*All members are encouraged to attend*

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**From our commander.....**

It seems like only the other day we were just welcoming in the New Year and attending the Change of Watch dinner now we are less than a week away from February. We have started out 2008 with lots of activity. Public education classes for both BS&S and ACN are underway as is Boat Crew and Instructor Training with AUXSEA starting next month.

As we move into February our focus will be on the Boat Shows. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with the Public and promote "Safe Boating". Whether you have lots of experience or very little this is a great step to getting involved. The upcoming schedule is listed below. Please contact John Hume for a time slot that works best for you.

2008 Boat Shows

Portland Boat Show	Portland Sports Complex	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Maine Boat Show	Cumberland County Civic Center	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>
Maine Boatbuilders Show	Portland Company Complex	Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>

Now that 2008 is underway I encourage each member to take advantage of the many opportunities that exist as Auxiliary members. No amount of hours is too little and with everyone's help we can make this another outstanding year. Semper Paratus!"

David Drake, FC 

The **2008 boat show season** is fast approaching and the events are posted on F21's website on the Flotilla Calendar. John Hume, FSO-PA, will be signing up volunteers from the membership to staff the boat show exhibits. John recently sent out the schedule. Your help is needed!

*Contact John to sign up, wear the uniform, and represent FL 21 proudly!*



Ken Cyll and Ken Caprio standing watch at 2007 booth.  
*Photo by Phil Quinn*



**Staff Reports**

**Communication Services [E. Henry]**—The Flotilla Website has been updated for 2008. I attended the District Conference morning and afternoon Communication Service classes. A number of things were learned at the conference. I have completed updating the PowerPoint for Boating Skill and Seamanship Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 for Public Education. This entailed comparing the new PowerPoint that came with the new material with what we were using and bring over any thing that was new including images. As usual our flotilla is ahead of the curve. That was one of the suggestions at the District Conference. What we had was much better than what we got. I will complete the updating of PowerPoint for Chapters 3, 9, 10 and 13. Chapter 3 once the instructor sends me what he used for the last class so he will not have to re-enter the material that he added. Updating of website is an ongoing project that I try to do at least weekly as well as updating the Flotilla Contact List—awaiting a new member roster from FSO/IS.

►► **Reminder to members:** Take a moment and visit **eDirectory** <http://www.auxedirectory.org/> to update your email address.

**Finance [G. Leblanc]**—All materials for spring and future BS and S and ACN classes have been received. Reimbursement for holiday party, new member name tags, and SO supplies. Reservations, cost, and all expenses for COW dinner processed.

►► **Need Budget Committee Members**

**Materials [L. Lemieux]**—I am requesting information for timely completion of the 2007 equipment inventory on location of flotilla-owned equipment and controlled supplies. Please include it's serial numbers, condition, and age of the items.

**Membership Training [Ken Cyll]**—Boat Crew training class started on 15 January at 1830 at the Base S. Portland classroom. AUXSEA will be offered this winter for six weeks starting on 28 February. We are also starting a study group for the AUXNAV tests. The study group will consist of members who have completed the ACN class but have not taken the AUXNAV test. Members will begin attending the current ACN class starting with Chapter 6 (Feb. 12) to refresh the materials. Additional meeting(s) will be held after the ACN class ends to focus on test topics or weak areas.

**Operations [B. Thompson]**—I have compiled list of attendees for the Boat Crew Qualification Program Course in Crewmember along with the syllabus for the course. Assembled texts, CDs, and other materials for students. Confirmed location. Classes started Tuesday 15 January at 1830 at the Station Classroom. I am planning Coxswain/boat owner meeting, Chart Updating Session, Operations Workshop, TCT Refresher for 2008, and possible SAR Day Ashore. I also plan to better fulfill our obligation to the CG. As soon as the Training Status Unit Report is out, inform crew & coxswains of its contents ASAP.

**Personnel Services [G. Sturgess]**—I will attend BSandS course at SMCC, starting 16 January to speak about FSO-PS duties.

**Public Affairs [J. Hume]**—I will be concentrating on Boat Shows for February and March. Schedule and staffing solicitations will be emailed to membership on 14 Jan.

**Public Education [E. Henry]**—Public education classes will be held at 101 Hildreth Hall, SMCC. ACN start date was 15 JAN and BS&S started 16 JAN. An all-flotilla presentation of the Instructors Workshop 2008 will be held at the Flotilla meeting on 11 FEB; all members of the Flotilla are encouraged to participate.

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

**Vessel Examiner [S. Polans]**—I have already started contacting marinas to schedule Vessel Safety Check "VSC" Days. DiMillos and Great Island are sending out my "What is a VSC" letter with the scheduled VSC Day for their marina. The letters are going out with their slip renewal letters to customers. I will be helping with the Boat Shows and getting names of people who want VSCs.



**FSO-MS — HAZWOPER Class**

**A Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response** class will be held at The Rusty Scupper on Tuesday, 19 Feb 2008, at 1900, given by MST Janne and MST1 Grant Welden  
Contact Bob Gelles if you are interested in attending.

**FSO-MT — Upcoming Training**

What: **AUXSEA Specialty Course**  
When: Begins 28 February 2008  
Time: 1900—2100  
Where: South Portland Station Classroom

What: **AUXNAV Testing Study Group**  
When: Begins Tuesday, 12 February  
Time: 1900—2100  
Where: SMCC, Room 101, Hildreth Hall

28 Feb	Chapters 1, 2	Terminology, Steering Gear, Boat Maintenance
6 Mar	Chapters 3, 4	Engines & Marlinspike Seamanship
13 Mar	Chapters 5, 6, 7	Boat Handling, Heavy Weather, Distress Assistance
20 Mar	Chapter 8	Navigation Rules
27 Mar	Chapters 9, 10	Anchoring, Duties & Manners
3 Apr		Exam

12, 19 Feb	Chap 6, Piloting
19, 26 Feb	Chap 7, Current Sailing
4, 11 Mar	Tides and Tidal Currents
11, 18 Mar	Fuel and Voyage Planning
18 Mar	Navigator Reference Publications
25 Mar, 1 Apr	Radio Navigation
8 Apr	Exam

*Contact Ken Cyll, FSO-MT to learn more about these training classes and to register so materials can be ordered.*



## FLOTILLA 2 1 CHANGE OF WATCH MEETING

On 7 January, 2008 at Saltwater Grille, South Portland, Maine

Master of Ceremony: Keith Fosler, PFC

**Attitude Adjustment** began at 1800. The following guests attended: CDR Downey, LTjg Kevin Miller, CPO John Hart, RCO Sector NNE Peter DuPuy, DCP Joe Hogan, George Chambers, "*Most Tenured Member*", joined when the Auxiliary was the Reserves in World War II.

**Introduction:** David Bilodeau, the immediate past Flotilla Commander, thanked the membership for the opportunity he served as FC. David Drake, FC-Elect and Ken Caprio, VFC-Elect, also thanked the membership for the opportunity they were to undertake. David Drake then presented David Drake with the *Sword of Office*, "hand crafted" by Paul Smith-Valley.

**Invocation:** Given by Vin DeMarco.

Dinner was served at 1900, followed by the Oaths of Office. DuPuy and Hogan administered the Oaths of Office to the FC-Elect David Drake and VFC-Elect Ken Caprio; and the appointed Flotilla Staff Officers for 2008.

**Remarks:** CDR Downey thanked the members and their families for their presence at the ceremony. He lauded the spirit of volunteerism; the 12,000 hours of Flotilla 21 in 2007 represent 25% of the Division total! He praised the help during storms; this relieved pressure on the Gold Side. He appreciated the Vessel Safety Checks on Sebago Lake, which otherwise has no Coast Guard presence. The community at large has made its appreciation of the auxiliary efforts know to him as well.

LTjg Miller announced that he would be transferring in 2008; he had supported the Auxiliary as the liaison to the Gold Side. CDR Downey praised his outstanding service.

**Awards presented by Keith Fosler:** L. Bradford Thompson – Auxiliary Letter of Commendation with Operations Distinguishing Device; Ron Kugell, Ron Chalhault, and John Hume received Letters of Appreciation from the Captain for their participating in the *Boy Scouts Maine Jamboree* held 19-21 Oct 2007 in Oxford, Maine; Susan Polans – Letter of Appreciation from the Commander of the Coast Guard in recognition of her performing over 100 Vessel Safety Checks.

**Remarks:** RCO Peter DuPuy thanked Judy Davidson, and Frank Leavitt, who has served almost ten years with the Division. He spoke about the direction of the Coast Guard, and praised everyone in the Auxiliary as being part of Protection, Response, or Planning and Logistics. It is serious work, but the members don't take themselves too seriously.

David Bilodeau, the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, congratulated the new FC, VFC and FSOs. He stated he was honored and privileged to have been able to serve two years as Flotilla Commander, a period of many changes. He praised everyone's teamwork.

Ken Caprio, VFC thanked all for their support in attending the ceremony. He praised the dedication of the membership, and declared that "*he is only a manager of people who do things, and an observer of their performance.*"

David Drake, FC thanked Keith Fosler for serving as MC and thanked all members and guests for their presence. He explained how had joined the auxiliary through an ACN course after having first heard of the Auxiliary through BS&S. His grandfather is retired Coast Guard. Regardless of the outcome of the pending Inland Fisheries proposed legislation on promoting boating safety, safe boating practices is the Auxiliary's top priority. He wants to encourage more members to become involved in flotilla activities. He thanked the FSOs for their commitment to serve. He thanked David Bilodeau for his leadership in difficult times, and presented him with a magnificent humidor as a gift. He also presented the Gold Side and guests present with Flotilla 21 coffee mugs; which he then also presented to the staff of the Saltwater Grille.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully submitted, James F. Thomson, FSO-SR, Flotilla 2 1 1NR



*In remembrance.....*

**Kevin J. Roy [1952—2008]**

*Kevin loved fishing and boating in Casco Bay.*

*Our deepest sympathy to the entire Roy family during this unexpectedly difficult time.*



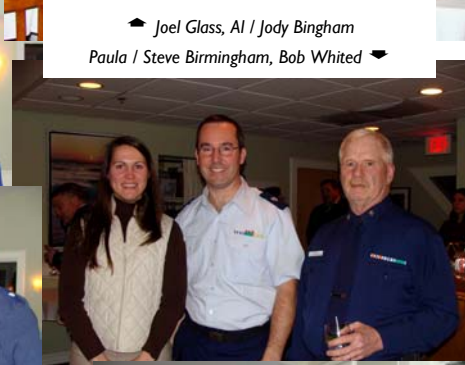
► Judy Davidson, Ken Caprio, Ken Cyll, David Barnard  
Joe Hogan, VCP, Peter dePuy, RCO, CPO John Hart



► George Chambers, Shirley / Bob Mayberry  
Elisa / David Drake, Sharon Caprio



► Joel Glass, Al / Jody Bingham  
Paula / Steve Birmingham, Bob Whited



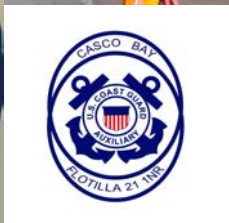
James / Laura Thomson, Bob Whited, Brook Lowry



► Keith Fosler, PFC / Emcee  
VCP Hogan administering the Oath of Office to the  
Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander



► CDR Downey, LTjg Kevin Miller  
♦ Staff Officers administered the Oath of Office  
LTjg Kevin Miller, Susan Polans, CDR Downey



**7 January 2008 FL 21 Change of Watch Ceremony  
Saltwater Grille, South Portland, Maine**



[L to R] FC presents David Biloiseau, IPFC with gift, CDR Downey honors LTjg for his support to the Auxiliary as the liaison to the Gold Side, newly-elected VFC and FC address the audience



February 2008

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11 Feb, Mon 1900, Flotilla Monthly Meeting and Instructor Workshop, The Rusty Scupper, Base So. Portland Classroom  
 7, 14, Thurs 1900, Instructor Course, Base So. Portland Classroom  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb, Tues 1900, Advanced Coastal Navigation Hildreth Science Center, SMCC  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb, Tues 1830, Boat Crew Training Base So. Portland Classroom  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb, Wed 1900, Boating Skills and Seamanship Hildreth Science Center, SMCC  
 19 Feb, Tues 1900 HAZWOPER Training, The Rusty Scupper  
 25 Feb, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base S. Portland Classroom  
 28, 29 Feb, Thurs, Fri Portland Boat Show—Portland Sports Complex  
 28 Feb, Thurs 1900, **AUXSEA** Specialty Course Base S. Portland Classroom

1, 2 Mar, Sat, Sun Portland Boat Show, Portland Sports Complex  
 10 Mar, Mon 1900, Flotilla Monthly Meeting, The Rusty Scupper, Base S. Portland  
 7, 14 Mar Thurs 1900, Instructor Course, Base S. Portland Classroom  
 9 Mar, Sun 2:00 A.M. Daylight Saving Time Begins  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar, Tues 1900, Advanced Coastal Navigation, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC  
 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar, Tues 1830, Boat Crew Seamanship, Base S. Portland Classroom  
 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar, Wed 1900, Boating Skills and Seamanship, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC  
 25 Mar, Tues 1900, Boating Skills / Seamanship, Freeport High School  
 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar, Thurs 1900, **AUXSEA** Specialty Course, Base So. Portland Classroom  
 13—16 Mar, Thur-Sun, Maine Boat Show, CC Civic Center  
 14—16 Mar, Fri-Sun, Maine Boat Builders Show, Portland Yacht Services  
 31 Mar, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base S. Portland Classroom

March 2008

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The answer to January’s question: **What Mainer had five(5) U.S. Navy ships named after him?**

**Captain Jeremiah O’Brien (1744-1818)** was born in Kittery, Maine and his resting place is in Machias, Maine. Five ships in the U.S. Navy have been named **USS O’Brien** in his honor.

To learn how Captain O’Brien made history in the Revolutionary War with the capture of the **HMS Margareta** and how it all began with a “Liberty Pole”, read more by checking out <http://www.wikipedia.org/> and search “Jeremiah O’Brien”.

*Thanks* to Dan Tipton for responding correctly to this month’s question.

*And thanks* to Frank Curran and John Hume, who responded with a different answer. After some further research through the aforementioned website, I add the following:

**Commodore Edward Preble (1761–1807)** was born and died in Portland, Maine.

**Six** ships in the U.S. Navy have been named **USS Preble** in his honor. In addition to naval ships, other locations that bear his name: Preble Hall at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; Fort Preble on House Island—Casco Bay; and Preble Street in Portland, Maine.

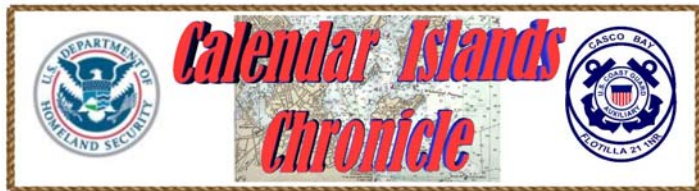
*Test your knowledge on life jackets....*

**What does 34 pounds of buoyancy for a Type I personal floatation device mean?**

**How does this help a 200-pound person?**

Send along your answer to Lani York at [fsopb21@uscgauxsoportlandme.com](mailto:fsopb21@uscgauxsoportlandme.com). The answer will appear in the March issue.

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FIRST CLASS

Flotilla 21 will be promoting boating safety with a exhibit booth at the boat shows.  
 Flotilla members should contact John Hume to volunteer at the booth.  
*Share the message to practice safe boating and promote our boating education classes.*

**THE PORTLAND BOAT SHOW**

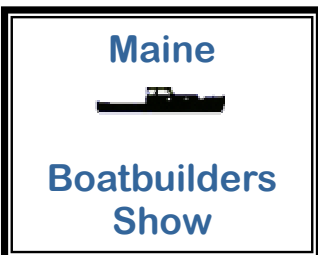
**at the Portland Sports Center  
 512 Warren Avenue, Portland**

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

**37th Annual  
 Maine Boat Show  
 at the Cumberland County Civic  
 Center, Free Street, Portland**

Thurs VIP DAY	March 13, 2008	Noon — 8:00pm
Friday	March 14, 2008	11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	March 15, 2008	10:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	March 16, 2008	10:00am – 5:00pm

**20th Annual**



Friday	March 14, 2008	11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	March 15, 2008	10:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	March 16, 2008	10:00am – 5:00pm

**at the Portland Company Marine Complex  
 58 Fore Street, Portland**