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Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 211NR

March 2008

Monthly Flotilla Meeting

Monday, 10 March 2008

Time: 1900

Place: The Rusty Scupper Club
South Portland, Maine

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

~ Refreshments will be served ~

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March 1, 2008, marks the date five years ago that the majority of organizations comprising the Department of Homeland Security began operations.

From our commander.....

Even though it does not seem like it outside March is on our doorstep and with that brings the Boat shows. In fact when you receive this newsletter we will already have one boat show under our belt. With the Cumberland County Civic Center and Portland Company boat shows right around the corner let us make a great showing. The more we can get the message out on "safe boating practices" and "**Waterway Watch**" the easier we make it for our counterparts on the Gold side.

Let's also remember through out the year to log how many folks you talk to about Waterway Watch as this also helps our liaison officer on the Gold side report accurate numbers to his superiors.

Semper Paratus! David Drake, FC 

The **2008 boat show** events are posted on F21's website on the Flotilla Calendar. John Hume, FSO-PA, is signing up volunteers from the membership to staff the boat show exhibits.

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]—Website updated with new information for members. Did a short presentation on AUXplusPE as part of Instructor Workshop at February's flotilla meeting. At same meeting did a Training Session on how to navigate the members side of the flotilla website. Also gave the membership a tip on how to set up email addresses in Notepad and save them as a file to be used to copy and past to emailable forms for a quick entry. Flotilla 21 is currently at 85% of it's membership with verified email addresses in eDirectory. Continue with updating Website and upgrading PowerPoint for PE. Start a monthly email to membership mainly about the Flotilla Website called "Did You Know?" FSO-IS to send out a monthly Member Roster to FSO/CS and FSO-PB so that the Flotilla Contact List kept by FSO/CS can be updated monthly and FSO-PB gets the same information for the Flotilla Directroy.
 ▶▶ *Reminder to members:* Take a moment and visit **eDirectory** <http://www.auxedirectory.org/> to update your email address.

Materials [L. Lemieux]—I have furnished all material necessary for the up coming Aux classes. Ordered additional 'hand-outs for VE visits. I worked with VFC Caprio to prepare the boat show booth and materials for upcoming boat shows. I am requesting that all Staff Officers and Instructors (who reported in 06' as having possession of inventoried equipment) verify the location and serial numbers (if any) of equipment as being under their control/ location. (Please also report if there has been a change to either control or location) This information will be required for the 2007 inventory and recording of the equipment serial numbers with the FSO-CS.

Membership Training [Ken Cyll]—The AUXSEA class will start on February 28. Currently 11 members have enrolled. The AUXNAV study group is sitting in the current ACN class to refresh the material in preparation for the AUXNAV exam in April.

Operations [B. Thompson]—Twelve members successfully completed the AUXPAT Course. Completed fifth week of BCQP "Crewmember" Course (fourteen in class). Included new **America's Waterway Watch** CD in presentation to Portland Waterfront Alliance, aided by LTJG Miller. Coxswain/OPFAC Owner Meeting. Message out to determine a mutually agreeable date. Start processing Forms #7003. Support AUXSEA Course

FSO-MT — Upcoming Training

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

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

starting 28 FEB. Using recently released Training Management Report, determine who needs three-Year Checkride, NavRules, and eight-Hour TCT this year. I expect support of flotilla OPS folks to complete TCT Refresher, OPS Workshop, Chart Updating Session, and OPFAC Inspections.

Public Affairs [J. Hume]—I am preparing for two Portland area boat shows. Staff schedules are filling in with a few vacancies remaining. I am working with VFC Caprio to pair encourage Auxiliarists to sign up for boat show watches and to Pair then for experienced Auxiliarists. FL2 1 has been invited to staff a boating safety exhibit at the Oxford Fair in September.

Public Education [E. Henry]—ACN and BS&S are in full swing. We are using Edition 13 of BOATING SKILLS and SEAMANSHIP which is considerably more comprehensive than previous additions and has many useful illustrations not present in previous additions. The required IT Workshop 2008, which included AUXplusPE, was presented at the February Flotilla meeting with a good turnout from instructors and members. Since the thrust of the workshop is that all members of the flotilla are in many ways instructors in dealing with the public, mentoring new members and helping other Auxiliarists, the Flotilla meeting was an appropriate venue. Spring classes are/will be arranged for the Freeport Area and at the Centerboard Yacht Club.

Publications [L. York]—The 2008 Flotilla Directory is available. With this newsletter I will be inserting a notice of updates I am made aware of so that members can keep their individual directories up to date throughout the year.

Newly appointed! **RBS Visitation [R. Greenlaw]**—Welcome aboard!

Secretary [J. Thomson]—Assumed this position in January of this year; thanks to Geoff Sturgess for being my mentor!

Vessel Examiner [S. Polans]—I have scheduled four Vessel Safety Check Days so far. I am waiting for responses from other marinas. The marinas I have contacted are sending out the "What is a VSC" letter to their customers with the date of the VSC Day in the letter. **VEs classes begin on April 2. Also, a VE Workshop is scheduled for May 21.** This summer we will be making an effort to contact the Lake Region and conduct more VEs. Also, once the District comes out with the new Paddle Program we will be offering this to High Risk Vessels.

What: **AUXNAV Testing Study Group**
 Time: 1900—2100
 Where: SMCC, Room 101, Hildreth Hall

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.



**Highlights of the
11 February 2008
Flotilla Meeting and
Instructor Workshop**



FC Drake welcomed the members in attendance. Members listened intently as Everett Henry, FSO-CS and FSO-PE, and Frank Leavitt, Instructor, presented the IT Workshop.

FSO-PB — 2008 Directory Updates

The following corrections should be made to your directory:

- Page 2, Flotilla Staff Officers [RBS Visitation FSO-PV]: ADD Robert C. Greenlaw
- Page 6, Member Roster, Lemieux: AMEND cell number: 207-939-9884
- Page 6, Member Roster, Longhi: DELETE email address
- Page 8, Member Roster, Pillsbury: AMEND email address: wpillsbury@verizon.net



"...all members of the flotilla are in many ways instructors in dealing with the public, mentoring new members and helping other Auxiliarists.."

Photos by Lani York



The 2008 Instructor Workshop is mandatory for all Auxiliary Instructors by 31 May 2008 in order to retain their IT Qualification. The session also provided an opportunity to review the advantages of "AUXPLUSPE" for managing PE courses and creating professional course completion certificates.

- AUXCOM, AUXNAV and AUXSEA Specialty Courses will be updated and available 1 July 2008.
- **NEW**—AUX Search Coordination and Execution [AUXSCE] [replaces AUXSAR] was designed for the Auxiliary by the Coast Guard National SAR School at Yorktown. Expected to be available Q1 2008.
- The USCG Auxiliary Virtual Classroom [USCG Auxiliary E-Learning Portal] offers fourteen courses: Member Training(3), Marine Safety(2), Operations(2), Public Affairs(6), Vessel Examination Qualification. Visit the USCG Learning Portal <http://learning.uscg.mil> and with your first visit you need to establish an account with a username and password. Once you reply to the email generated, you become registered.
- The *America's Boating Course* [ABC] is now called "*About Boating Safely*" www.americasboatingcourse.com. The 6-8 hour short course is almost identical in content to ABC.

Effective Auxiliary Instructors are:
professional, enthusiastic, constantly practicing their craft.
Our members and students deserve it!

"LEARN ~ CONTRIBUTE ~ INSPIRE"



First District—Northern Annual Awards & Spring Training Conference

Friday, 25 April — Sunday 27 April 2008

Crowne Plaza Hotel ~ Nashua, New Hampshire

Complete details are available in the Spring issue [March 2008] of the Nor'easter

Member's Check off list.....

- Call Crowne Plaza [800-227-6963] to make reservation before deadline 11 April 2008 and ask for directions from Maine. The hotel's website can be very helpful!
- Prepare a check payable to USCGAUXD1NR for \$\$ for meal reservations and mail off to:
Karen Megerdichian, D/AAC, 235-2 Ash Street, Waltham, MA 02453 [Awards Luncheon-\$27.00 pp; Evening Banquet-\$33.00 pp will include entertainment by the Coast Guard Academy Cadet music Group *The Idlers*]
- Register for the training courses being offered over the weekend.
- Get my Tropical Blue Long uniform pressed for the meetings and training sessions. Do I want to attend the evening banquet??? Best decide on an appropriate civilian attire so I can mingle with those Dinner Dress White and Blue Jackets!
- Pack the bathing suit if you want to get your swim qualifications checked off....*or just to use the indoor pool and whirlpool!*

Itinerary once you arrive at 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, New Hampshire:

Stop by the **Registration Desk** in the lobby.

The **District Captain and Staff Officer Breakout Sessions** starts at 2000 on Friday.

The **District Materials Center** will be open on Friday 1700-2000, Saturday 0830-1700; and on Sunday 0900-1200

Is my auxiliary uniform ship shape?? Members can check out the **Uniform Information Desk** to ask questions about the proper wear of the various uniform and accessories.

Members can walk-in to the **Testing Center** for any qualification examinations they wish to take. Training room assignments available at registration desk.

Available Training Sessions:

AUXAIR — Invited speakers from the *National Transportation Safety Board* and the *Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center* will make a presentations.

Team Coordination Training [TCT] pre-registration is requested and seating is limited.

Email Gail Fisher at: registertct@cox.net to register for the Saturday course.

A TCT "refresher" will be offered during the operations workshops on Saturday and Sunday.

Public Education Workshop — The 2008 Instructor Workshop is mandatory for all AUX Instructors by 31 May in order to retain IT qualifications. Class is offered Saturday and repeated Sunday.

Marine Safety — Presentations available are Marine Mammals, Commercial Fishing Vessels, and a discussion of the USCG maritime security effort "*America's Waterway Watch*".

Recreational Safe Boating District Program — The program will be presented and discussed on ways to target the boating public with messages of personal safety and proper operational safety.

How to Excel with Excel for Reports — The Information Services session will discuss the use of Excel to manipulate information from AUXDATA or AUXINFO and generate reports, etc.

What Every Auxiliarist Should Know About Their Computer — The Communication Services session will field questions so members can maintain their computer's hardware and software.

Also on the agenda:

Aids to Navigation;
New Radio Communications System;
Auxiliary Procedures Course;
Vessel Examiner National Workshop; and
Operations Workshop [includes TCT "Refresher"]

It is a fabulous hotel, so enjoy the facilities offered!

~ All members should also receive a brochure by mail in advance of the conference ~

[CHDIRAUX-L] Navigation Rules Requirement -031/07

Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, Chapter 5 A.6. Five Year Requirements: Coxswains and PWC operators must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination at least every five years with a minimum score of 90 percent. This change will took effect January 1, 2008. AUXDATA will be modified to track the date of exam via the default of 31DEC2007 and put a member in REYR if the test has lapsed.



- 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
- 26 Mar, Wed 1900, Boating Skills / Seamanship, Centerboard Yacht Club
- 26 Mar, Wed 1900, VE Class
- 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 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base S. Portland Classroom

March 2008

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April 2008

Deadline for INR Conference meal reservations and hotel room is 11 April

14 APR, Mon 1900, Flotilla Monthly Meeting & AUXDATA Training
The Rusty Scupper, Base S. Portland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 1, 8, 15 Apr, Tues 1900, Advanced Coastal Navigation,
Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr, Tues 1830, Boat Crew Seamanship,
Base S. Portland Classroom
- 2, 9, 16, 23 Apr, Wed 1900, Boating Skills and Seamanship,
Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- 1, 8, 15, 29 Apr, Tues 1900, Boating Skills / Seamanship, Freeport High School
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr, Wed 1900, Boating Skills/Seamanship, Centerboard Yacht Club
- 3, 13, 20, 27 Apr, Thurs 1900, **AUXSEA** Specialty Course,
Base So. Portland Classroom
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr, Wed 1900 Vessel Examiner Course, Base S. Portland Classroom
- 10 Apr, Thurs 1900 AUXNAV Test Prep, Base S. Portland Classroom
- 25—27 Apr District Spring Conference, Crowne Plaza, Nashua, NH
- 28 Apr, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base S. Portland Classroom

The answer to February's question: **What does "pounds of buoyancy" for a personal floatation device mean? How does this help a 200-pound person?**

[I amended the answer to reflect a Type III Life Jacket.] A buoyant apparatus is anything that can float and hold up weight. A Type III Life Jacket that is required to have 15.5 pounds of buoyancy, thus it would be capable of supporting 15.5 pounds of dense material such as lead, iron, gold, granite, etc. It will not allow the material to reach the bottom. Approximately 80% of the body is water. Water in the body has no weight in water. So now we are down to having to support only 40 pounds. [200 lbs. X 80% = 160 lbs. and 200 lbs. - 160 lbs. = 40 lbs] On average our bodies also have 15% fat and fat is lighter than water. [200 lbs. X 15% = 30 lbs. and 40 lbs. - 30 lbs. = 10 lbs] Now you can see that the average 200-pound person only weighs about 10 pounds in water. The 15.5 pounds of buoyancy in your life jacket is more than enough to keep a person afloat.

What Am I ??? She has traveled 5.5 million nautical miles -- the equivalent of traveling to the moon and back thirteen times -- undertaken 25 world cruises, crossed the Atlantic Ocean more than 800 times, and carried more than two million passengers.And yes, she was escorted by Auxiliary facilities into the Port of Portland too!

Send along your answer to Lani York at fsopb21@uscgauxsoportlandme.com. The answer will appear in the April 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.

**37th Annual
 Maine Boat Show
 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

**Maine
 Boatbuilders
 Show**

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



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