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May 2008

Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting

Monday, 12 May 2008

Time: 1900

Place: The Rusty Scupper Club
South Portland, Maine

Uniform: TBL, or appropriate
civilian attire

**Menu and registration form inside this
newsletter. Your prompt attention in acknowl-
edging your attendance is appreciated.**

*Please consider a contribution of \$2.00 to the
Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fund —
a collection will be taken at the dinner.*

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*As Memorial Day approaches,
it is time to pause and consider
the true meaning of this
holiday. Memorial Day
represents one day of national
awareness and reverence,
honoring those Americans who
died while defending our
Nation and its values. While
we should honor those heroes
every day for the profound
contribution they have made to
securing our Nations freedom,
we should honor them especially
on Memory Day.*

Contact Dan Abbott to be in-
cluded in Instructor Workshop
2008 to be scheduled mid-May.

From our commander.....

I wanted to take a minute to talk about a recently announced exercise called **Frontier Sentinel** which is comprised of multiple agencies that will take place from June 9th - June 13th, 2008. As I understand it today, this will involve the U.S. Navy, the Royal Canadian Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, along with Federal, State, and local authorities. This is a joint exercise that will take place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on the Piscataqua River, and surrounding area.

You might say what does this mean for us as a flotilla?
We have been asked, along with other flotillas in our Division, to lend a hand. I have been informed they will need OpFacs, qualified boat crew members, and surface personnel are needed to assist with a number of tasks including safety patrols, observation, runners, etc. This is an excellent opportunity for any member to participate so let's do our part and lend a helping hand.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in participating for a day or two or even the week.

Semper Paratus!! David Drake, FC



Privately Owned Vehicle [POV] Registration Decals

To obtain your decals, visit the Marine Safety Office, 27 Pearl Street, in Portland.

- Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—11:00 and 1:00 p.m.—3 p.m.
- Bring the current vehicle registration and proof of insurance, your driver's license and military id card. Form CG3308A will be completed by CG personnel and you will be provided a copy to retain for your records. The form allows up to three vehicles to be included.
- There is no fee.
- You are issued a two-part sticker which you will affix to the top center of external windshield with the year to the immediate right of the USCG sticker.
- In the event the car is sold or disposed of, you must remove all Coast Guard vehicle registration media from the vehicle (s).

Remember when you enter / exit the Base, wait for the gate to close shut before driving away!



Staff Reports

Communication Services [E. Henry]—Updated website several time since last report. Started email "*Did You Know?*" to membership. Finished Chapter 8 BS&S PowerPoint as directed by instructor.

Finance [G. Leblanc]—Budget Presentation prepared for flotilla meeting on April 14. Completed ANSC 7025. Waiting on materials list verification. Set up online banking for flotilla account. Ordered and received new checks for flotilla. Met with SO to review and resolve any flotilla members still owing dues for 2007 or 2008. Scheduled to meet with IS to facilitate audit of flotilla accounts.

Information Services [J. Davidson]—All reporting has been submitted. I have been coaching some members independently on how to access their information in AUXINFO. Continue with Member training on accessing their own data in AUXINFO.

Materials [L. Lemieux]—I have completed the 2007 inventory. I consider the inventory of flotilla equipment this year as to be a resemblance of last year. As a Flotilla we have not sold or got rid of any inventory. I have ordered additional supplies for the upcoming summer (to be announced) season.

Membership Training [K. Cyll]—Eleven of the thirteen class members completed the AUXSEA course and took the exam this week. Six members have signed up to take the AUXNAV exam. Eight members have signed up to take the eight hour TCT training. The date for this training has not yet been established. The AUXWEA class is planned to be offered next fall.

Operations [B. Thompson]—17 March- Conducted Coxswain/OPFAC Owner's Meeting at STA S.P. Eight Coxswains and two OPFAC Owners attended, two absent. Proctored two BCQP Crew-member Classes and one AUXSEA Class. 24 March- Conducted 2008 TCT Refresher for eleven members. Monday 31 March- Attended Casco Bay Flotilla Staff Meeting. All staff present except one. Polled SAR Day Ashore interest. All flotilla OPFACs are installed in POMS for the 2008 Operational season. 5 May-2008 OPS Workshop. Location TBD (hopefully the Rusty Scupper). The 2008 Chart Update Session. Planning underway with Sector Northern New England regarding MOMs requirements. Possibility of combining Base Open House with SAR Day Ashore. Involved with plans for the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association event at Base South Portland on 21 June.

Public Affairs [J. Hume]—The Boat Portland Area Boat shows were a success. Flotilla Members fully staffed the Boating Safety Exhibits at the Portland Boat Show, the Maine Boat Show and the Maine Boatbuilders Show. The Flotilla has been invited to participate in the *LL Bean Employee Safety Fair* again this year.

Public Education [E. Henry]—Advanced Coastal Navigation at Southern Maine Community College is in it final week with make up test on Wednesday, 16 April. Boating Skills and Seamanship at Southern Maine Community College still has three weeks to go. Boating Skills and Seamanship at Freeport High School started 25 March with 44 Students in the course. Boating Skills and Seamanship at Centerboard Yacht Club started on 26 March with 20 students. Both courses were introduced to *Water Way Watch* on the first night of each course. I have been in contact with SO/PE concerning AUXplusPE in connection with questions asked by DSO/PE. Southern Maine Community College has contacted me about schedule for fall. ACN will start 9 September 2008 and Boating Skills and Seamanship will start on 3 September 2008 so that we can still have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off and still end before the December Holidays.

Personnel Services [G. Sturgess]—**Recreational Boater Safety Visitation (B. Greenlaw)**—In the month of March, RBSVP (Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program) was put into gear. A new database of RBSVP contacts was started, with particular emphasis on the potential "Partners" who will host the VSC (Vessel Safety Check) developed by FSO-VE Susan Polans. The current status of the RBS/VSC contact database is "ongoing", with about 15 prime candidates for "Partner" status, and 55 more marinas and yards that may have potential for "Partner". Mailings to every business that boaters come in contact with will be added to the database over time. Mailings to prime RBS/VSC contain 15+ pamphlets, including federal and state regulations, life jacket regulations and many more.

Secretary [J. Thomson]—March Staff Meeting minutes and April Monthly Flotilla Meeting submitted.

Vessel Examiner [S. Polans]—The VE class started and six members attended with two additional members taking the online course. A **VE Workshop** has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 1830-2100, in the Rusty Scupper. The **2008 Maine Boating Laws and Rules** booklet has an error on pg. 8. There is no spacing between the 8 and the T in the diagram of registration number placement. Inland Fisheries has corrected their web site but are unable to do anything about the booklets. Gus is printing posters with the correct number and letter placement which will be distributed to marinas and town halls.

Check it out....from FSO-CS

On the member's homepage <http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/mpages/mhome.htm> of the flotilla website there is now a link for "**Two Click Flotilla 21 AUXINFO Reports**". Instructions on how to use the report are included. The larger the reports are the longer it will take you to load them. Be patient.

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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, fsois21@uscgauxsoportlandme.com, for the correction to go on your records. Refer to the flotilla directory for Judy's USPS address.



FLOTILLA 21 MEETING on 14 April 2008
Rusty Scupper, CGSTA South Portland

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1900 by the Flotilla Commander.

Welcome Members and Guests. The FC welcomed: Helen Williams, FSO-SR, Juneau Flotilla 01 in the 17th District, Alaska, and her Guests Debbie and Randy Morse; Chief John Hart; DCP Joe Hogan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the VFC Ken Caprio.

Budget 2008: Gus LeBlanc, FSO-FN. There being a quorum of members present, Gus LeBlanc, FSO-FN, presented the 2008 budget and distributed End Of Year Reconciliation and the Upcoming Budget, with Profile of Previous Budgets, and list of items purchased in 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008 Budget as presented. By a show of hands appeared to be unanimous approval of the motion with no opposed.

A quick overview for the Operational Season; primarily activities in the water and vessel exams, with questions afterwards to help set up the workshops. **Vessel Examiner Workshop:** Susan Polans, FSO-VE/SO-VE: "Preventative Search and Rescue" means educating boaters to prevent them becoming Search and Rescue objects. Safe Equipment and Techniques; "Waterway Watch" Program: how to report odd and suspicious activities, important as boaters know the area best. Boaters near and on the water should wear a life jacket (no longer "PFD"), CO2 poisoning, cold water safety and environmental issues, as well as alcohol and its impact on boating. Review how we teach and discuss these issues with the public during Vessel Safety Checks [VSC]. Re-focus on educational discussion items – the non-required items. Also important is the CORRECT placement of numbers on registered boats; this had been overlooked before, and had been incorrectly displayed in the Maine State Boating Laws and Regulations 2008. The State had been notified about this, but could not reprint the pamphlets. The Workshop is open to all: non-Vessel Examiners are welcome! **Date for Workshop: Wednesday, May 21; 1830-2100.**

Safe Boating Week: Fred Rice, auxiliary member who is also Commander of the U.S. Power Squadron; Portland chapter, and PS Liaison Officer to the Auxiliary. The Open House is an opportunity to educate the public about the Auxiliary and the Power Squadron as organizations interested in boating safety. The Theme of the event: *Done right, fun! Done wrong, deadly.* **Date: May 17, 1000 -1600, with events and demonstrations taking place 1130-1230, at Portland Yacht Services.**

Operations: L. Bradford Thompson, FSO-OP: A Coxswains/Facilities Owners Meeting was held recently. AUXSEA course completed, 11 members completed the TCT refresher. Staff Officer Meetings are held once a month. All operational facilities in the Flotilla have been registered as required.

Operations Workshop scheduled for Monday, May 5th. **Chart Update:** Charts on operational facilities to must be correct! The date for this workshop is still to be determined. On Saturday, June 21st the CG Auxiliary will help host **Destroyer Escort Sailors Association** of WWII sailors who were in the Portland area during the war.

Chief Hart, Reserve Command Chief: Chief Hart thanked the Auxiliary for their help, and being a great force multiplier. There will be a graveside memorial service for Bill Munroe, a former Master Chief, on Chebeague Island on Saturday, May 3rd at 1pm. All are welcome with a reception following at the Parish House. A Coast Guard presence would be appreciated. USCG Sector NNE Change of Command. Captain MacPherson will relieve Captain Rendon as Commander of Coast Guard Sector NNE and will be arriving May 30th. CG Boat Crew Training for 12 to 15 Reservists 28 April through 9 May. Auxiliary members with an Operational Facility to offer to assist with these Reservists to obtain their qualification would be appreciated. The Military Museum and Learning Center in Mill Creek Park in South Portland is looking for memorabilia and uniform items; any donations would be appreciated by this organization. Contact Lee Humiston at 207-650-8651 or <http://mainemilitarymuseum.org/> to learn more.

Awards presented by the FC and VFC. Five-Year Membership Service Award presented to: Steve Birmingham, John Hume, Lani York, David Drake; Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Award presented to: Richard Robichaud, 1st award, and Bob Gelles, 3rd award. Bob Gelles was presented the AUX Certificate of Advancement in Initial Indoctrination into Marine Safety; and, the Assistant License and Documentation Evaluator. Dan Abbott was presented the AUX Certificate of Achievement – NAV Rules; and, the AUX Certificate of Achievement – Operations Policy Course; Fred Rice – Coast Guard Auxiliary Sustained Service Award.

General Comments/New Business: April is Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Month. The CGMA provides financial assistance to Coast Guard and Auxiliary members and families in times of need. A donation of \$2.00 per member is suggested. The donation from the Flotilla will be voted on in the May Flotilla Meeting. A collection will be sought at the May flotilla meeting. The FC asked anyone missing the ribbon for the Presidential Unit Citation (Hurricane Katrina) to please see the FC or VFC.

DCP Joe Hogan: "Paddle Smart" Program – pamphlets to be sent to each flotilla. Concentrating this year on paddle vessels, as this has the highest fatalities currently. This is tied to National Safe Boating Week.

Old Business/General Comments: The May Dinner Meeting (5/12/2008) will be at the Rusty Scupper. 1800: Social Hour; 1900: Dinner. Menu to be determined.

Chief Hart brought attention to the Vehicle Decal needed to bring a vehicle on base. Auxiliary members should go to the 27 Pearl Street Address in Portland to obtain this decal for each vehicle. A photo ID, vehicle registration and Proof of Insurance. As a reminder, the sticker is to go on the OUTSIDE of the vehicle.

Remembering Ill Members: Geoff Sturgess is ill with the flu. Wayne Hutchins' [FL24] wife passed away; the Flotilla will send a sympathy card. Frank Leavitt is reported to be recovering from his operation. Jim Lawler is in Maryland and recuperating.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 2104.

Respectfully submitted, James F. Thomson, FSO-SR

**FSO - PA...**

The Flotilla has the opportunity to host a Boating Safety Exhibit at the **National Safe Boating Week Kick-off** event sponsored by the U.S. Power Squadron. The event is Saturday May 17th at Portland Yacht Services. Auxiliarists will stand watch at the event from 1000 to 1400. Uniform of the Day will be Tropical Blue Long.

To sign-up please contact John Hume, FSO-PA.

FSO - MT...

We will be offering the eight hour **TCT Training** class on Saturday May 24 starting at 0900 in the station class room. Please let me know quickly if you be attending as I expect the class to fill up. This class is for members involved in operations that need the training this year.

To sign up please contact Ken Cyll, FSO-MT



U.S. Coast Guard Press Release

Date: April 7, 2008

Contact: Petty Officer Christopher Evanson,
Fifth District Public Affairs

**COAST GUARD'S NEWEST BOAT DEBUTS THIS MONTH
AT STATION LITTLE CREEK**

PORTSMOUTH, Va. - The Coast Guard's newest multi-mission asset, the 45-foot Response Boat-*Medium* (RB-M), makes its debut at Coast Guard Station Little Creek, VA today. Sector NNE's past Commander, Captain Patrick Trapp, is currently Commander of Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads.

The RB-M was delivered by Marinette Marine Corporation (MMC) and represents the first of a planned 180 RB-Ms scheduled for delivery over the next six years. The Coast Guard selected Station Little Creek to receive the first RB-M based on the wide range of missions performed by the station and the high operational tempo in the Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach area. Future RB-M deliveries will go to a variety of Coast Guard Stations based on their unique mission requirements that provide opportunities to evaluate the boats' performance across the full spectrum of Coast Guard small boat operations.

The RB-M is a multi-mission boat that will operate in coastal zones which include inshore and inland waterways and open ocean out to 50-nautical-miles. The RB-M is a self-righting, 45-foot all-aluminum boat with twin diesel engines and water jet propulsion. It is capable of speeds in excess of 46 miles per hour and provides significantly improved maneuverability when compared to boats it is replacing.

With a full cabin providing protection from the elements, a robust navigation system, heating and air conditioning, shock mitigating seats, and a communication system capable of communicating with other federal, state and local agencies, the RB-M provides greatly enhanced capability for Coast Guard small boat stations. Primary missions for the RB-M include Search and Rescue; Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security; Defense Readiness; and Marine Environmental Protection.

The RB-M will replace the aging 41' Utility Boats, which have been the workhorse of Coast Guard small boat stations for more than a quarter of a century.

USCG Operation Order Issued by Command P. C. Nourse, Director of Auxiliary (dpa), D1 NR


SUBJ: **OP PADDLESMART RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PULSE OPERATION**

This Recreation Boating Safety operation will focus on increasing awareness of safe boating practices specifically increased life jacket wear in the regional from 1 May to 30 June 2008, the commencement of boating season.

Read the Operation Order in its entirety by selecting the link: **Operation Paddlesmart Resource Page** on the USCG Auxiliary District 1NR web page: <http://cgaux1n.org/>



May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Effective May 12th, a First-Class Mail postage stamp will be 42¢.				1	2	3
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	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 MEMORIAL DAY 	27	28	29	30	31	

- 12 May, Mon 1800, Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting — Rusty Scupper
- 7 May, Wed 1900, Boating Skills and Seamanship, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- 6, 13, 20, 27 May, Tues 1900, Boating Skills / Seamanship, Freeport HS
- 7, 14 May, Wed 1900, Boating Skills/Seamanship, Centerboard YC
- 7 May, Wed 1830, Vessel Examiner Course Review, Station Classroom
- 14 May, Wed 1900, Vessel Examiner Course Final Test?
- 21 May, Wed 1830—2100, VE Workshop, Rusty Scupper
- 15 May, Thurs 1900, New Member Interview, Rusty Scupper
- 22, 29 May, Thurs 1900, New Member Course, Station Classroom
- 16 May, Fri 1900, D1 Board and Staff Meeting, Marlboro, MA
- 17-23 May National Safe Boating Week Campaign 2008
- 17 May — Armed Forces Day — to honor Americans serving in the five services: the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
- 17 May Sat 1000—1600, Armed Forces Day Open House at the Portland Yacht Services, Safe Boating Events and Demonstrations, sponsored by the USPS, Portland Chapter.
FL21 will participate with an exhibit at this event (see page 4).
- 19 May, Mon 1900, Flotilla Staff Meeting, Station Classroom
- 24 May Sat 1900, Thirteenth Annual Auxiliary Night at the Pops, Boston, MA

REMINDER: 2008 Instructor Workshop must be completed by 31 MAY 2008. Contact Dan Abbott if you would be interested

June 2008

- 9 Jun, Mon 1900, Monthly Flotilla Meeting — Rusty Scupper
- 1, 8, 15 Jun, Tues 1900, Advanced Coastal Navigation, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jun, Tues 1830, Boat Crew Qualification Program, Station Classroom
- 2, 9, 16, 27 Jun, Wed 1900, Boating Skills and Seamanship, Hildreth Science Center, SMCC
- 5, 12, 19 Jun, Thurs 1900 New Member Course
- 16 Jun, Fri 1900 D1 Board and Staff Meeting, Marlboro, MA
- 21 Jun, Sat Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, CGSTA South Portland
- 24-27, Tues—Fri Frontier Sentinel, Kittery, ME / Portsmouth, NH
- 30 Jun, Mon 1900 Six-Month Planning Staff Meeting, Station Classroom

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15 Happy Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Answer to April's question: We all know about tides and before you prepare to go boating you check the tide tables...right?! Then there are those Spring and Neap Tides we hear about. Does the "Spring Tide" occur during the spring season?

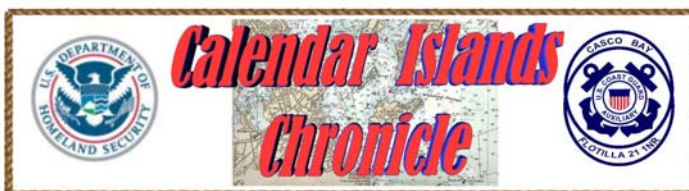
During the full Moon and new Moon phases, the Sun, Earth and Moon are lined up, producing the higher than normal tides (called spring tides, for the way they spring up).

Put Your Thinking Caps On.....This is one of Maine's newest tourist attractions and is the first such innovation of it's kind in the United States. The structure is 42 stories high, offers a panoramic 360-degree view of Maine's coast, and is accessible through historic Fort Knox. What is it?

**Send your answer to Lani at fsopb21@uscgauxsoportlandme.com
The answer will appear in the June issue.**

Flotilla 21 received an acknowledgement of the general donation made to the Exeter High School Booster Club in memory of Kevin Roy.

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Vessel Safety Check (VSC)

The U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters (including personal watercraft users) take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program every year.



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<http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/ppages/pvsc/vscreqfrm.htm>

Complete the simple form and you will be contacted.



National Safe Boating Week
May 17 - 23, 2008



2008 Maine Boating Laws and Rules
can be viewed on-line at:
http://www.state.me.us/ifw/laws_rules/boatlaws.htm