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June 2008

Flotilla Monthly Meeting

Monday, 9 June 2008

Time: 1900

Location: The Rusty Scupper Club
Coast Guard Station
South Portland, Maine

Uniform: TBL, or appropriate civilian attire

*Presentation:
2008 Mandatory Annual
Sexual Harassment Workshop*

Refreshments will be served

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From our commander.....

With several Vessel Safety weekends now under our belt it is safe to say our 2008 Summer Operations season is underway. Whether you are qualified or becoming qualified as a Vessel Examiner, Boat Crew, Coxswain, etc.. it is important to not only get involved, but to stay involved. We are proud to say we have one of the largest flotillas in our division so let us all do what we can to make this another successful year!

As always your Flotilla Staff and I am here to answer any questions you may have about various opportunities for becoming involved. Don't be surprised if you might receive a call.

David Drake, FC 21



What: **Destroyer Escort Sailors Association**
Where: CGSTA South Portland
When: 21 June 2008
Contact: L. Bradford Thompson

Flotilla members are needed to welcome the Association members to the CGSTA and to guide them around the base.

Notice of Annual Dues of \$33.00 for the up-coming Calendar Year are due by July 1, 2008. The notices have been mailed so prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. Please send the remittance part of the notice along with your check or money order to Gus LeBlanc, FSO-FN. Please contact Gus if you have not received your notice by the first full week of June.



Staff Reports

Finance [G. Leblanc]—Processed registrations for the flotilla awards dinner (38 attendees) including CG personnel. Received payment from SMCC for spring BSandS course. Received and processed registration fees from CBYC BSandS course. Member dues requests for 2009 were mailed the end of May.

Materials [L. Lemieux]—Most of the AUX materials that I had in my stock room has been issued to Flotilla Staff Officers for distribution to the Public at summer boating activities. Order supplies well in advance of needs. Supply consignments take from four to six weeks.

Membership Training [K. Cyll]—Fourteen members signed up for the eight-hour TCT training held May 24 at the South Portland Station. Seven members from Flotilla 21 and the balance from Flotillas 24 and 25.

Operations [B. Thompson]—02MAY- Represented Operations Department at Flotilla Awards Committee Meeting. 03MAY- Arranged for OPFAC to assist CG Reserve with "Boat College" training. Cancelled last minute due to unavailability of MSD 900s for crew. 08MAY- Attended Saco Bay Flotilla Meeting and borrowed MSD 900s for patrol the following Saturday. Conducted BCQP Crewmember Swim Task at South Portland Municipal Pool. 10MAY- OPFAC OLD SPORT conducted our first patrol of the season (New Meadows River). 12MAY- Attended Casco Bay Flotilla Meeting.

Public Affairs [J. Hume]—I have prepared and released a press release and handbill style poster to publicize the ABS Safe Boating Course that the flotilla is organizing in Naples. The press release went to four Lakes Region publications. The press release has been well received and is helping us to establish some media relationships in the Lakes Region. I will be releasing additional press releases to publicize Vessel Safety Check Days at the Long Lake Marina in Naples and in the Greater Portland Area.

The Flotilla was represented at the National Safe Boating Week event at the Portland Yacht Services. We will also have a Boating Safety and Vessel Safety Check Exhibit at the L.L. Bean Employee Safety Fair on June 18th.

Personnel Services [G. Sturgess]—Prospective New Members Class has started. Attendees are presently quite enthusiastic.

Recreational Boater Safety Visitation (B. Greenlaw)—There are now 18 Primary "Partners" contacts and 50 subprime RBSPV contacts. Four marina operators have requested additional pamphlets and booklets. To date 800 pamphlets and booklets have been mailed to 68 RBSPV clients. 18 Maine Regs page 8 error posters have been sent to the 18 prime "Partner" clients. The FSO-PV activities are part of the VE operations, I have taken and passed the VSC exam, and currently working with the FSO-VE to conduct five supervised VSC's. I have also passed the qualifying PV exam and the AUXOP Seamanship exam. One marina holding open house requested and has been set up with a multi compartment display and provided with 112 safety pamphlets and booklets. Brian Spivey deserves some credit for the opportunity. Thanks. It has been a very busy month and very soon official visits will start.

Vessel Examiner [S. Polans]—The VE Class has finished and students are now taking the on-line exam. We have thirteen VSC Days scheduled at marinas on the coast and in the lakes district. I participated in the National Safe Boating Week "kick off" at Portland Yacht Services on May 17th. I will be teaching the ABS course at Long Lake Marina in Naples on July 13 and July 20.



FSO-PA—Auxiliary Watchstanders Needed June 18th

What: 2008 L.L. Bean Safety and Wellness Fair **Contact:** John Hume, FSO-PA
Where: L.L. Bean Desert Road Facility, Freeport
Time: Begins at 0800 and ends at 1430
 Set-up should be complete before 07:30 and takedown should be complete by 1500.

The Casco Bay Flotilla is once again participating in the on June 18th. The fair serves approximately 1,300 L.L. Bean employees in one morning and one afternoon session. We are planning to introduce the Casco Bay Flotilla VE Demonstration Boat at this event.

Lunch will be provided for Watchstanders. We will need to let the organizers know lunch choices as soon as possible. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this event and please also select a boxed lunch preference of either: turkey, chicken, or vegetarian.

Last year's Fair was a very enjoyable day for the Auxiliarists who participated and this event would be a very good opportunity for Auxiliarists who have never participated in a Public Affairs Mission to learn the ropes.

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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.



Special Presentation at the 12 May 2008 Spring Awards Dinner Meeting



David Drake, Flotilla Commander,
presented a plaque to George Chambers:

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*In appreciation of
50 years of dedicated service to
the USCG Auxiliary*



**George A. Chambers
27 March 2008**

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Congratulations George!

Members in attendance of the Spring Awards Dinner Flotilla Meeting held on Monday, 12 May 2008, at The Rusty Scupper enjoyed a delicious dinner as well as the fellowship. Congratulations to the following members presented awards for contributions made in 2007 as recommended by the Awards Committee.

Major Awards:

- Past Commander's Cup — L. Bradford Thompson
- Payne Memorial Award — Frank G. Leavitt
- John E. "Pete" Gaskill Award — Susan J. Polans
- Benson-Wright Operations Award — Robyn Fink
- Flotilla Commander's Award — Richard A. Robichaud
- Flotilla Vice-Commander's Award — John M. Stedman
- Allen J. Bingham Seamanship Award — Ronald M. Powell, Jr.
- L. Bradford Thompson New Member Award — James F. Thompson
- Team Coast Guard Award — Judith A. Davidson
- Flotilla Gold Award — Lt JG Kevin Miller
- Coxswain's Award — Janice C. Childs
- Boat Crew Trainee of the Year Award — Geoffrey J. Sturgess
- Flotilla Recognition Award for Public Education — Arn M. Heggors
- Flotilla Recognition Award for Member Training — Robyn Fink
- Flotilla Recognition Award for Public Service — John W. Hume
- Flotilla Recognition Award for Sector NNE Support — Robert N Gelles

Fun Awards:

- Dunker's Cup — Frank W. Orr IV

→ → → [The above awards should be entered into your directory, pages 4 through 8] ← ← ←

Awards presented at the 2007 District Awards Luncheon in Nashua, New Hampshire 26 April 2008:

- Program Visitor Award — Second Place with 201 visits, Joel A. Glass
- Marine Safety Performance Award — First Place with 703 hours, Joel A. Glass
- Public Affairs Award — **Stephen J. Sadowski Plaque** presented to Joel A. Glass with 1,027 hours
- Public Affairs Award — Presented to Flotilla 2 1 for 1,301 hours

Certificates of Accomplishment:

- 50 or more hours in conducting VSC's — Susan J. Polans
- 50 or more hours as Coxswain—L. Bradford Thompson, John M. Stedman, Daniel H. Abbott
- 50 or more hours as Boat Crew — Robyn J. Fink, Bryan K. Spivey, Kenneth M. Cyll, Janix C. Childs, David G. Bilodeau, Frank W. Orr IV, James E. Lawler
- 50 or more hours of Public Affairs Activity—Lani York
- 50 or more hours of Marine Safety Activity—Robert Gelles

Congratulations! Thank you for your dedication, commitment and participation in CG Auxiliary programs, missions and activities.



What: Operational Workshop
When: 11 June 2008
Contact: L. Bradford Thompson, FSO-OP
Uniform: ODU's

Where: The Rusty Scupper
 CGSTA
Time: 1900

Workshop attendance is for Auxiliary members participating in surface operations and marine safety programs.

What: FL 2 1 Annual Flotilla Picnic
When: July 18, 2008
Time: 1600—dusk
Where: Fort Williams State Park Picnic Shelter, 1000 Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth

All Hands:

Summer is quickly approaching and summer activities will be overwhelming, I wanted extend an invitation to Flotilla 2 1's annual Flotilla Picnic. After considerable thought, the date was changed to a Friday afternoon time frame to allow those of you who work to come out and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members without worrying about going to work the next day!

All food and beverages will be provided, but if anyone is so motivated, side dishes and desserts [goodies of all sizes and shapes] are welcome. *Don't forget the brownies for Brad, he gets grumpy when he goes "unfed"!!!*

Don't forget to put this on your calendar today, and also, don't forget to bring along your family members, with a Frisbee or two to share.

I ask that you get in touch with me and give me a yes, no, or maybe, so I can have enough food and goodies for everyone.

Here's the clincher... I am a committee of one and I need two or three helpers to get this off the ground. Please step forward to assist me to make sure we have everything that is needed... please call me, email me, send carrier pigeons....I need your help!!!!

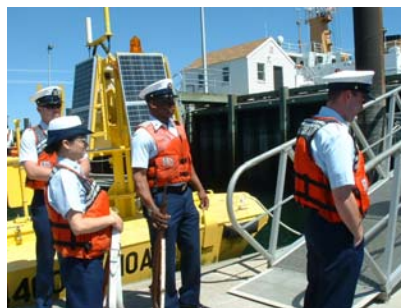
Thanks for your help on this event and get ready for a good time!

Ken Caprio, VFC



First safety patrol for 2008 season aboard **Old Sport** on New Meadows River, Bath 10 May 2008: Robichaud, Cyll, York, and Spivey, Coxswain.


The crew donned Mustangs to protect for the gusty winds and early May temperatures. Robichaud preparing to assist as **Old Sport** approached a dock, Cyll and the helm, and York conducting a bridge check on the Erwin Narrows Bridge, Spivey at the helm.



25 May 2008 Safety Patrol aboard Ron Powell's auxiliary facility was kept busy with Coast Guard missions back and forth to Peaks Island. While docked at the ANT Dock at CGSTA, Powell and trainee, Sen were amused by the floating NOAA station belayed alongside the dock. The Coast Guard unit deployed to "show the colors" at the Peaks Island Memorial Day parade aboard the auxiliary facility. Trainee, Pirun Sen reviews his boat crew qualification tasks yet to be signed off.



June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15 Happy Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 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
- 7-13, Sat—Fri Commence Operation "Frontier Sentinel" at STA Portsmouth Harbor.
- 18 Jun, Wed 0800 FL21 Safety Booth at the LLBean Safety and Wellness Fair, Dessert Road Facility, Freeport
- 20 Jun, Fri 1900 D1 Board and Staff Meeting, Marlboro, MA
- 21 Jun, Sat Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, CGSTA South Portland
- 30 Jun, Mon 1900 Six-Month Planning Staff Meeting, Station Classroom

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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- 4 Jul, Fri Independence Day
- 18 Jul, Fri Annual Picnic at Fort William S.P.
- 18 Jul, Fri D1 Board and Staff Meeting, Marlboro, MA
- 28 Jul, Mon — deadline to purchase tickets for the Division 3 Coast Guard Birthday Picnic and D1NR Past Captains Assn Rendezvous
- When: Saturday, 2 August 2008, 1200 — Dusk
- Where: Station Merrimack River
- Contact: Ron Booth, Rear Commodore CG Sector Boston
- Checks payable to Division 3 USCGAUX
- 28 Jul, Mon 1900 Flotilla Staff Officers Meeting, CGSTA

Answer to May's question: This is one of Maine's newest tourist attractions and is the first such innovation of its 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?

Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory [opened May 2007]—Located on the southern end of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge in the town of Prospect next to the historic Fort Knox near Bucksport, Maine on Route 1, a one minute ride will take you to the top of the tallest public bridge-observatory in the world with a 360-degree panoramic view from a bridge tower forty-two stories [420 feet] high. The others two bridges with observation towers are in Slovakia and Thailand. The main span is 2,120 feet long. The new bridge's Observation Tower is the first such innovation of its kind in the United States along with engineering innovations that helped the bridge appear in the December 2006 edition of Popular Science as one of the 100 best innovations of the year.

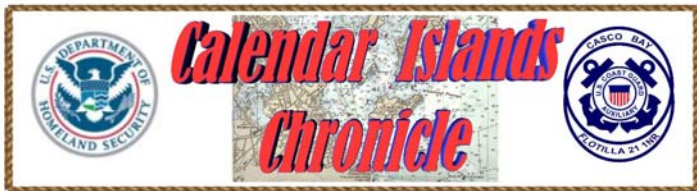
Thanks to Frank Connelly for responding correctly to the question.

Put Your Thinking Caps On.....

What is the date [M/D/Year] commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence?

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

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Memorial to Honor Maine Military Fallen



Morning Sentinel, April 27, 2008 — A memorial is being planned to honor sacrifices made by members of the Maine military who have lost their lives in The War on Terror. The memorial will honor all Maine members of the military killed in The War on Terror and will be placed in the Hall of Flags at the Statehouse. The memorial will be "*A Battlefield Cross Memorial*" that replicates the memorial services held by unit members overseas for fallen comrades.

Memorial Day, a time to pay tribute for the ultimate sacrifice.
Celebrate with your picnics, beach outings and reunions,
But teach your children about the sacrifices made,
Pride in the United States and the courage of the past.
Men and women, no matter how large or small the part,
Left their all behind, footprints of war imprinted in the annals of time.
Let us give them bitter-sweet honor of a hero-respect
...and a heartrending thanks.