



# CALENDAR ISLAND CHRONICLE

Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 1NR



## Upcoming Events:

**Elections  
Flotilla Meeting  
Monday November 10**

**Holiday Party  
December 8**

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## Flotilla Meeting Guest Speaker

Thank you John Hume VFC for bringing Pat Gallant-Charette to the October Flotilla meeting and allowing us all to hear her amazing story.

For those of you that missed the October Flotilla meeting, Pat is a marathon swimmer and has completed many swims around the world including the English Channel the Straits of Gibraltar.

You can learn more about Pat by visiting her blog at <http://patgalant.blogspot.com/>

## Coming up at the November meeting

The guest speaker at the November Flotilla Meeting will be Jeff Sawyer from Sawyer and Whitten Marine Electronics.

Jeff is a Maine Native and a Navy Veteran and who grew up on Portland's Cliff Island.

Jeff's Father and Brother served in the Coast Guard and his father taught navigation at Maine Maritime Academy.

Sawyer and Whitten is a leading supplier of marine electrics sales and service in Northern New England.

# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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## ***FSO-IS Information System – Richard Robichaud***

### **Plans**

Members! You all have until January 15, 2015 to turn in your time. Please do so as soon as you can to avoid the rush for we do not want to see you in REYR status. Don't wait until the last week to do so. Thanks for a good year. Your FSO-IS Richard Robichaud.

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## ***FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson***

### **Accomplishments**

OCTOBER OPS REPORT >> 03 OCT, Nighttime harbor training conducted by CAPT John Hume VFC aboard the tug ALICE WINSLOW . ~ 05&09 OCT, PAtN Patrols aboard Steve Shane's OPFAC SPIRIT to complete our Private Aids to Navigation allotment. ~ 13 OCT, Shakedown demonstration of Bill Thornton's prospective OPFAC THE BOAT. ~ Attended Flotilla 21 meeting. ~ 18 OCT, Annie Boissevain and Alessandra Turati were certified as Crew Members. ~ 27 OCT, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting. ~ 30 OCT, CG inquiry regarding our assistance during the port visit of the CGC CAMPBELL.

### **Plans**

06 JAN, Commence sixteen week shore-side Boat Crew Qualification Program. ~ JAN or FEB, Schedule Team Coordination Training Course and TCT Refresher.

### **Miscellaneous**

The flotilla now has twenty certified Boat Crew Members and five certified Coxswains. ~ We completed 49 patrol missions this season, 53% more than 2013, and over 197 hours underway

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## ***FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau***

### **Accomplishments**

Balance in the checking account is \$7753.58 and in the CD is \$7956.07 for a total of \$15709.65. Continue collection of dues, paying bills and making deposits.

### **Plans**

Continue bookkeeping for the flotilla.

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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## ***FSO-PE Public Education - Everett L. Henry II***

### **Accomplishments**

BS&S Started 10 September 2014 with 17 registered students. Attendance has been holding well. ACN also started 16 September with 11 students Third night of BS&S started the move over to AUXplusPE for PE record keeping. It now has provision for making out 7030 with most information already there for each nights class with point and click for adding aids and most other information. I have been working with Herb Theisz BC-EAD pointing our errors in the program which in turn resulted in an update from Version 6.2 to 6.21 tagged by Herb as the Everett update. Also found that an item that was suppose to be there that had been removed. That item was to print out a class list for taking attendance. After a conversation with Herb with my concerns he said he would take a look at it again. I have just reviewed the attendance items and given feed back which will add an attendance work sheet and a printable attendance sheet for class and will have these items in it and will be coming out shortly. The printable class attendance sheet for taking attendance in class will allow you to impute back to the work sheet from printed copy which will in turn put the students attendance in their records. Herb has been exceptional in helping me understand the program and has provided may short cuts for using the program.

### **Plans**

1. Continue as requested or needed in feed back for AUXpluePE. 2. Will be shortly setting up dates for PE course for January/April. 3. Continue to complete update to my record keeping so it can be merged into AUXplusPE by sending it to them to be converted and added to AUXplusPE.

### **Problems**

1. PE Instructor not turning in 7030's in a timely manor prior to the move to AUXplusPE. AUXplusPE is so quick that it makes is possible to turn in 7030 as soon as class is over providing you have an internet connection. 2. MT instructors are also not turning in their time in a timely manor.

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# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
5,12,19,26	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
6,13,20	Member Training - AUXWEA	1900	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
4,11,18	Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/MT	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
10	<b>Flotilla Meeting ELECTIONS</b>	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
10	<a href="#">District Board &amp; Staff Meeting</a>	1900		Stoddard Army Reserve Center, Worcester, Ma
22	America's Home Town Thanksgiving Parade	0800		Plymouth, MA
24	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
December	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
2,9,16	Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/MT	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
3,10,17	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
4,11,18	Member Training - AUXWEA	1900	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
8	Holiday Party	1900	FC/FVC	
29	Flotilla Staff Meeting - Planning Session	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

## November Elections

**Quorum:** *the smallest number of people who must be present at a meeting in order for decisions to be made*

*Flotilla 21 quorum is 25. Please come to the November flotilla meeting we need your vote.*

Remember that Flotilla Leadership elections will be held at the November 10 flotilla meeting.

Anyone interested in an elected position needs to contact the leadership appointment committee: Ken Caprio Chair, Frank Leavitt and Catherine Cory.

The November Flotilla meeting needs 25 or more member in attendance to make a quorum. All members who are able and available should be involved in electing the Flotilla Leadership.

## December Holiday Party

Remember that December Flotilla meeting will be the annual Holiday Party. Invitations will be e-mailed to all Flotilla members soon.

# Coast Guard rescues three after sailboat capsizes in Portland Harbor

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A Coast Guard crew rescued three people from the water Sunday afternoon about 10 minutes after their 17-foot sailboat capsized in Portland Harbor.

One of the three adults, a woman, was briefly caught beneath the capsized boat, but managed to work herself free and get to the surface, according to a member of the four-person Coast Guard crew that sped to their rescue.

U.S. Coast Guard rescues three people from a capsized sailboat in the Portland Harbor Sunday afternoon.

By the time the crew traveled from the Coast Guard's South Portland station, the woman and one man were on the hull of the upended sailboat and a second man was clinging to the boat's side, said one of their rescuers, Coast Guard Boatswain Mate 2nd Class Steve Santos.

"Luckily, it was pretty close to the shore. This time of year, the water is pretty cold. They were in the water for about 10 minutes," Santos said. "We didn't see any signs of hypothermia. I'm sure they were a little shocked more than anything."

Portland police took the initial 911 call from someone who saw the capsized boat at 1:52 p.m. The Coast Guard launched a 25-foot rescue boat in South Portland by 1:56 p.m. and pulled up alongside the flipped boat by 1:59 p.m., according to the Coast Guard.

"From the time we got the emergency call to the time we were on scene was under eight minutes," Chris Berry, a search and rescue coordinator at the Coast Guard's Sector Northern New England, said in a statement. "Our crews responded quickly and aside from being a little cold, everyone is OK."

South Portland Fire Lt. Robb Couture said his department and the Portland Fire Department each sent a boat to assist with the rescue. All three people were dropped off at the South Portland Boat Landing and refused medical treatment. He declined to release their identities.

Santos said the rescue crew didn't have much opportunity to talk to the three people from the sailboat to find out what happened, other than that they had been tacking when the wind picked up and they lost control.

Other members of the Coast Guard rescue crew were Boatswain Mate 2nd Class Samuel Turk, Boatswain Mate 3rd Class Michael Brassard and Seaman Jennifer Seaver.

Santos said this sort of Coast Guard rescue is "a pretty rare occurrence," because typically vessels capsize farther away from shore and private boaters are often the first to arrive.

"Actually pulling people out of the water, it happens, but not very often," Santos said. "Everything went really smoothly. We train for it all the time."

Sea Tow Portland called in an off-duty captain, Jim Buxton, who righted the capsized sailboat and used a fishing vessel to tow it to shore, where the owner met him at the South Portland Boat Landing to trailer it.

# Two New Boat Crew Members

Greetings Shipmates,

I am proud to inform you that Annie Boissevain and Alessandra Turati are now certified Crew Members in the Boat Crew Qualification Program.

Thanks to all who contributed to their success. We now have twenty Crew Members.

Brad Thompson FSO-OP

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## South Portland Veterans Day Parade

SNNE will be marching in the South Portland Veterans Day Parade and Auxiliarists are welcome to Participate.

Interested members should be at the SMCC parking lot at the end of Broadway by 0930 on Tuesday Nov 11. The uniform will be ODU with Foul Weather Parka.

## USCG Station Gate Protocol

Flotilla Members,

Since The Casco Bay Flotilla uses the Facilities of the South Portland Coast Guard Base we must remember that access to the base carries a measure of responsibility. When entering and exiting the base please remember and follow some simple guidelines.

- Have your Auxiliary ID out and ready to present while entering the base.
- If the gate is opened for you do not allow anyone else to enter while to gate is open without verifying their Coast Guard ID.
- Remain at the gate until it is fully closed.

John W. Hume Vice Flotilla Commander

**CAPTAIN CLYNK:** The CLYNK bottle fund recently cashed out and deposited \$137.11 for the flotilla. Please continue to donate your bottles and cans. Contact CAPTAIN CLYNK Ken Caprio [kacvette@gmail.com](mailto:kacvette@gmail.com) if you need CLYNK bags and labels.

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