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## Upcoming Events:

Flotilla Meeting  
Monday April 13

Flotilla Meeting  
Monday May 11

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## A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

Believe it or not, Spring is upon us. Carl Israel, Catherine Corey, FSO-DV, and others are trickling back to Maine; and I saw a lone Robin just the other day, spring weather is sure to follow.

The flotilla continues to train the public in boating safety with a new BS&S class that started on April 2. Operations is busy training new crew members and current personnel in preparation for the boating season. Dennis Morelli, FSO-PA reports reports that both the Portland Boat Show and Maine Boat builder's Show were a great success. Thanks to all who participated. The next event is the Coast Guard Base Open House on May 16. The Coast Guard Cutter Eagle and other tall ships are coming to Portland on July 18. Plans are already underway to participate.

The major news is of our meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015. Our special guest will be Captain James Kirk, Commanding Officer of the USS Zumwalt, DDG 1000. He will present a program with video/slides. I am sure he will answer any of your questions about the Zumwalt and his career in the Navy. We will also welcome guests from our Division leadership, the Coast Guard "Gold Side", and some civilian guests. For those of you who cannot make our regular meetings, you will not want to miss this special event. I am sure we will all enjoy this program.

There will be fellowship from 1800 until 1900. Come meet and greet those from outside our Flotilla. There will be light refreshments. I hope to see you there.

The uniform will be Tropical Blue, ODU, or Civilian Attire.

Paul Standridge, FC-21



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# *Guest Speaker*

***Captain James A. Kirk***  
Commanding officer of DDG 1000 Zumwalt



Captain Kirk is a native of Bethesda, Maryland and raised in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1990, and has served in a variety of afloat and ashore billets as a Surface Warfare Officer.

***Please join us at the  
April 13<sup>th</sup> flotilla  
meeting to hear our  
guest speaker.  
Captain James A. Kirk,  
commanding officer of  
DDG 1000 Zumwalt.***

He has served afloat on destroyers, cruisers, frigates and staffs including USS Fife (DD 991), USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), USS Hué City (CG 66), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), and as a Gas Turbine Inspector on the staff of Commander, Pacific Fleet. His most recent sea duty includes command of USS De Wert (FFG 45) and Operations Officer for Carrier Strike Group Seven, Ronald Reagan Strike Group.

Ashore, Captain Kirk has served as Executive Assistant to the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs, Action Officer on the Joint Staff, and Executive Assistant to the Director of Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96). He has attended both the U.S. Naval War College and U. S. Army War College graduating with Masters Degrees in National Security Studies. He is currently serving as the commanding officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit Zumwalt (DDG 1000).

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

## ***FSO-NS Navigation System / Billy G. Thornton***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Four members of the flotilla who took part in Aid Verifier training in 2014 did not receive their AV qualification due to an "administrative oversight" despite having completed all the requisite tasks. Following a variety of communications, the DSO-NS requested the names of the four so that he could move forward on processing their AV qualification. That info was submitted 21 March; to date, there has been no update on the situation. 2. Conversations continue with Operations with regard to scheduling patrols for training and aid verification this season. Not only are we to "verify" 1/3 of the PATONs in our AOR, we also are expected to "check on" the other 2/3s.

### **Programs of Note**

DSO-NS (Frank Larkin) and SO-NS (Jerry Homer) have both indicated willingness to support AV for Casco Bay with regard to assisting with training and taking part in underway check off requirements. 2. Frank Larkin also has expressed the potential for a "road show" workshop for AV hosted at S.PtId (servicing several flotillas in ME/NH).

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## ***FSO-MA Materials / Ken Caprio***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Transitioning to the Materials position with no immediate problems. \*Orders are being sent to me by Staff Officers and are being filled as soon as they are sent to me; copies of PLACED orders are returned to the requesting FSOs, as an "FYI".

### **Concerns**

Only specific Concerns are consolidating & discarding 'OLD' Materials in our Storage Closet. At next Staff Meeting the FSOs will be asked for suggestions for discarding updated 'stuff' !

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## ***FSO-CS Communication Services / Everett L. Henry II***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Flotilla Website got a face lift this month to make it look more like the National website.

### **Programs of Note**

Introduced and reminded staff officers about the Advertising page form on the Flotilla Website.

### **Concerns**

Not getting information or enough information for website calendar page. This should correct itself if those that are responsible for a activities use the Advertising page form on the website. Once complete it will be emailed from the website to the FSO/CS, FSO/PB, FSO/SR and will be adding FSO/PA so everyone that needs the information for advertising will get the same information.

### **Good of the Auxiliary**

Thinking about going down to D-train for workshop on WebEx training on 16 May

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Attended three WebEx training sessions on UPV's and two on Atons. Attended our Flotilla and Staff Meetings for the month. Attended a First Aid and CPR class. Attended 4 Boat Crew classes and taught one on Marlinspike Seamanship. Worked the Portland Boat Show. Got in contact with my SO- Mike Costa and am getting information from him on our 7029 forms and how other Flotillas handle there forms and how they go about getting more of these people to put in their time.

### **Programs of Note**

I sent out to all members three different 7029 forms that we have. With members having little to great computer skills I am trying to make it easier for members to put in their time on a 7029 because some people have trouble using the excel version and the online version. I will see what the other Flotillas are doing and right now I will leave things as is but I would like to get down to one 7029 that all members would use and like.

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Balance in the checking account as of 3/30 is \$6437.57 and in the CD \$7959.36 for a total of \$14396.

### **Programs of Note**

The 2015 budget was approved at the March flotilla meeting.

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## ***FSO-PA Public Affairs / Dennis Morelli***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Both the Portland Boat Show an Maine Boatbuilder's Show were a great success. Thank you to all who participated, especially those who volunteered for multiple shifts when others could not attend. The Open House is the next event and will take place on May 16.

### **Programs Of Note**

Sector NNE/Station SoPo Open House - May 16. LL Bean Paddlesmart event is usually in June. USCGC Eagle in Portland July 18-21.

### **Problems**

If my orders go through for AUXLAMs C-School, I will not be able to attend the Open House so I will be looking for a POC in my place.

### **Good Of The Auxiliary**

Our Facebook page is up to 458 followers. If there is any information or post suggestions, please let me know.

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

MARCH OPS REPORT >> 03 MAR, John Byrne taught "Firefighting" and Frank Egan taught "Communications" at the Boat Crew Qualifications Program Course. ~ 07 MAR, Attended Steve Shane's class in First Aid/CPR at the STA class room. ~ 09 MAR, Attended Flotilla 21's monthly meeting. ~ 10 MAR, Jim Maxner taught BCQP "Area of Responsibility" and "Person-In-The-Water Recovery". ~ 17 MAR, Win Pillsbury conducted the "Aids to Navigation" and "Navigation Rules" sections of the BCQP. ~ 24 MAR, Jim Maxner presented BCQP "Boat Crew Duties and Responsibilities". ~ Five Operational Facility Forms #7003 were mailed to the DIRAUX. ~ 30 MAR, Attended Flotilla Staff meeting. ~ 31 MAR, Proctored Dan Abbott's "Navigation I" at the BCQP class.

### **Programs of Note**

18 APR, Dan Abbott will conduct the Four Hour TCT Course at 0800 at the Ross Technical Center at SMCC. ~ 25 APR, the One Hour TCT Refresher and the Operations Workshop are scheduled for 0800 and 0900 respectively at the same location. The Coast Guard Cutter EAGLE is coming to Portland on 18 July. Plans are underway to participate. We are getting very close to having 100% of the Operations folks certified in First Aid/CPR. The importance of this was demonstrated at the Littlejohn Island incident in 2012 when our training in First Aid/CPR helped save a man's life.

### **Concerns**

Still a few people in the Boat Crew Program that aren't certified in First Aid/CPR. More Boat Crew people have shown up on the REYR list than expected. It happens every year.  
spring.

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## ***FSO-VE Vessel Examiner / Francis W. Connelly***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Have received supply from Ken and will be calling marinas soon to set up VE days

### **Programs of Note**

We will have a VE workshop on April 11th

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## ***FSO-MS Marine Safety / Robert Gelles***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

36.5 Hours in 70u Ms/Mep training - Container Inspection by Susan Polans

### **Programs of Note**

Container Class continues at Sector

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Current BS&S and SS&S courses attendance is holding with no one in danger of not being able to take the final test.

### **Programs of Note**

New BS&S course to start 2 April at SMCC and running for 9 weeks with 20 students registered for the course as of today. Instructors and Aids were contacted today to remind them of the start of the course this Thursday.

### **Concerns**

Need to do better at advertising of our course within house and not depend on SMCC advertising.

### **Good of the Auxiliary**

Because of advertising concerns our January course will not start until February in the future. This will give the give us a short break between courses and allow us to finish the fall course should we have to go into the new year because of weather closures to the fall classes.

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## ***FSO-HR Human Resources / John Byrne***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

I am now a certified finger Print Technician. I am now certified as a Aids Verifier. one new member added to Flotilla- Mr. Jim Shula in March. I am currently working with 2 additional prospects who have been mailed packets to study. I am still trying to gain several prospects for a new member class in May of this year. This is my 5 year anniversary with Flotilla 21

### **Programs of Note**

I have several prospects that have made inquiry about the auxiliary. prospects all came from the Boat Shows.

### **Good of the Auxiliary**

New member day being planned for October at Rusty Scupper. This to be sponsored by Division. I will take lead on this . All items of clothing and insignia will be accepted.



# Calander of Events

April	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
1,8,15,22,29	Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&2	1900	FSO/OP	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
1,8,15,22,29	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PA	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
2,9,16,23,30	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1	1900	FSO/PE	
4	First Aid/CPR Course	800	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
7,14,21,28	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Class Room Station S. Portland
13	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
27	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
May	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
6,13,20,27	<a href="#">Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&amp;2</a>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
6,13,20,27	<a href="#">Sailing Skills and Seamanship</a>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
7,14,21,28	<a href="#">Boating Skills and Seamanship 1</a>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
9	New Member Day - Boston	.	FSO/HR	USCG Base Boston
11	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
14	Intro To the Coast Guard Auxiliary	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Classroom
16	D-train (Spring) - Session Description	815	FSO/MT	Sheraton Wakefield, MA
16	USCG SNE Open House / Flair Shoot	.	FSO/PA	Sector Northern New England
18	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
21,28	New Member Training	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Classroom

## VE Workshop/Boot Camp

Susan Polans SO-VE, ADSO-VE

Shipmates,

On April 11, we will be having a VE Workshop in the Rusty Scupper for qualified VE examiners. Starting at 0900 we should be done by 1200.

This Workshop is open to all members who might have an interest in becoming qualified as a Vessel Examiner. You will be exposed to what we do when conducting an examination and qualified members will be there to answer any questions you may have.

I hope you will consider joining the VE team and hope to see you on April 11.

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# ***ASSIGNMENT TO DUTY***

John Hume VFC

As Auxiliarists many of us participate in more than one type of auxiliary activity or mission. Each of these missions has its own specific chain of leadership and communication and its own guidelines of how it should be performed. When we joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we learned that while we are performing Auxiliary duties we have certain legal and financial protections just as a federal employee does. We also learned that to be eligible for these benefits we must be "Assigned to Duty".

The concept of assignment to duty has been the cause of some confusion for some of our flotilla members. A simple way of looking at this issue is that as long as the appropriate person knows what you are doing and where you are doing it you are "assigned to duty" and as long as you are qualified to perform the mission and you follow the Coast Guard Auxiliary training and guidelines for performing the mission you are "acting within the scope of employment". If an Auxiliarist is on a schedule, duty roster or crew list, or they have been asked to perform a mission, verbally or in writing then the member is assigned to duty.

While it is important that we follow Coast Guard Auxiliary Policy there is no reason that this should be an obstacle to performing any auxiliary mission. A staff officer or elected officer is considered to be assigned to duty while performing the duties of their office. Members who wish to perform a mission, for example a Vessel Safety Check, that they have not already been assigned to simply need to contact the appropriate Staff Officer, in this case the Flotilla Staff Officer - Vessel Examination (FSO-VE) It is acceptable to leave a voice mail or email message for the staff officer. While it is not required that you wait for a response the ideal situation is one where you have a written or electronic record of your assignment to duty. Since Coast Guard Auxiliary officers do not issue orders do not think of this as asking permission, but rather think of this process as letting the appropriate person know what you are doing as well as when and where you are doing it.

The Casco Bay Flotilla has a tremendous history of service to the Coast Guard, please help continue this tradition into the coming years and lets all work together to follow the policies and guidelines of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

For more information on Assignment to Duty please refer to the Auxiliary Manual Chapter 5 Section J.



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# ***Forms. Which one do I use?***

Richard Robichaud FSO-IS

Good Day all Members and the March winds are with us.

I have had a few people ask me about the multitude of 7029 forms and which one to use. They were developed because our Tech. Department, years ago, took all our forms away from us to work on them and could not bring back our 7029 form like it was.

So now we have three to choose from.

We have the Excel form Developed by my SO and is found on our Website, under Members Section, and you scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the Excel 7029 form. Note it is not emailable and must be sent to me by going to File, send to, mail recipient and put in my email address and hit send. It can be saved to your desktop and filled in as you accumulate time.

Then we have, located in the same place the online version of the 7029 Form. It has instructions with it and you have to log on using your AuxDirectory number and password. You must save your work every 5 minutes or you will lose what you just put in.

Next is the 7029H, pdf form. This is found in the attachment above and is just like the online version except you can keep this on your desktop and fill it in all at once and then send it to me the same way you do the excel version. I do not think that you can fill out this form a little at a time but have to fill it out all at once every month. This form is only available from me. Now that if you like excel or the online or the Pdf. 7029h. Please pick one that meets your needs and is simple for you to use. If you have any questions please get in touch with me.

## ***Passing of a former Flotilla member***

Paul Standridge, FC

David I. Sterling (74) of Cape Elizabeth, ME, a former member of Flotilla 21, died unexpectedly on March 7, while enjoying the warm air and sunshine of Naples, Fla. The Flotilla is sending a card of condolence to the family. His obituary appeared in the March 11 Portland Press Herald.

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# ***Flotilla Website Reminder***

Everett L. Henry II FSO/CS 21

Did you miss the last Flotilla meeting and want to know what happen? Do you want to know what is happening at Flotilla Staff Meetings? Do you need help in changing your information in AuxDirectory? Can't find your copy of the Flotilla Meeting Notice/News Letter? Need to contact a flotilla officer but can't find their email address or phone numbers. Need a link to where to get AUXOP course material? Need directions on how to fill out a 7029 form? Answers to all of these questions can be found on our Flotilla Website's "Members Only" area.

Here is how to get to this information:

First, you will need your AuxDirectory User Name and password. If you do not have AuxDirectory login credentials or cannot remember, what they are here is how to get what you need. Go to AuxDirectory at this URL

[https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/activate/new\\_password.php](https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/activate/new_password.php) and follow direction on the page that comes up.

Now that you have AuxDirectory login credentials go to this URL

<http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/mpages/mhome.htm> It a direct link to the Flotilla's Members Home page. On the menu on the left side of the page, click on "Flotilla 21 Alternate Site". *At this point it should be noted that the following menu items, "About Flotilla 2-1 and Staff List(sub menu item)", Members Only) will appear differently according to whether or not you are login. The rest of the menu item either point back to our main website or to National or District websites.*

On the page that comes up on the left side in the menu where is says "Member Zone" use your AuxDirectory credentials to login. Once you login if you click on "About Flotilla 2-1" or it sub menu "Staff List" you will be able to see who your officer are and their contact information.

The Flotilla Meeting Notice/News Letter, Flotilla Meeting Minutes, Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting Notes, Tutorial on how to change your information is AuxDirectory, video directions on how to fill out a 7029 form, and link to AUXOP course materials can all be found on the "Members Only" menu link.

Flotilla Meeting Notice/News Letter, Flotilla Meeting Minutes, and Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting Notes are updated as I receive them.

If you have question or need help with any of this please feel free to contact me.

# USCG Academy Connection

David and Debi Bilodeau

Many of you have met our daughter Christina. Four years at the Academy has gone by so fast. Billet night was held last night at the Academy. This is a long-standing tradition for the senior class to get together and find out what their first assignment will be as new Ensigns, after graduation in May. Christina was very excited to find out she will be stationed in Port Angeles WA aboard CGC Active, a 210 cutter. This was one of her top choices.

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**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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