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## Upcoming Events:

Flotilla Picnic  
Monday July 13

Flotilla Meeting  
Monday August 10

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## A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

June/July, 2015

June finally came along with a breath of spring! The very first day of the month treated us with our annual awards presentation, and a well-attended banquet with all the trimmings. Several Coast Guard Officers and Auxiliary Division Officers were guests of the flotilla. Proper respect was paid to our Award recipients. Special homage was paid to Captain Brian Gilda, USCG, who was preparing for a new assignment on the West Coast.

The first weekend in June was devoted to the annual Paddle sports event at LL Beans in Freeport. The flotilla manned an information booth promoting boating safety and distributed hundreds of "If Found" stickers to new kayak and canoe owners. Our Spring Boating Safety classes were completed by mid-June with a total of 36 students earning Boating Safety Certificates.

Monday, July 13 will mark our annual Flotilla Picnic at Fort Williams Park. Please sign up to attend. The Flotilla treasury is hosting this event. Call Ken Caprio or Lorelle Courtois with the number in your party. There will be ample fellowship at this event.

July 18,19,20, & 21 will be the arrival and open house for visits of The Tall Sailing Ships, including the USCG Cutter Eagle, in Portland Harbor. The Parade of Ships into the harbor will be the 18<sup>th</sup>.

By now we all should have heard of the "COASTIE" training facility in the possession of our flotilla. It is a great training aid for promoting boating safety to adults and children alike! Contact FSO-PA Dennis Morelli if you are interested in completing a short training course as an operator.

Have a pleasant and safe boating season.

Paul Standridge, FC-21

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Flotilla 21 hosted the NAV Roadshow (aids verification workshop) conducted by DSO-NS Frank Larkin which included attendees from FL 24, 25, & 28. There were 15, as well as two from the ANT team SPtld Station. Comments from the "gold side" noted a very good presentation. Comments from the "silver side" noted that the new excel worksheets provided for PATON verification were a great improvement in making the AV process much more user friendly. Appreciation is certainly extended to SPtld ANT for providing the space for this. Two non-patrol "boat trips" were conducted for AV purposes (authorized patrols had been delayed due to various "logistical" matters). On 9 June, Richard Robichaud and I did "Mill Creek" (South Port Marina--one of the worst PATON systems in our area), SPort sewage outfall, bridges and ATONS in the Fore River). On 19 June, Catherine Corey, Jim Boselli, Richard, and I "did" 11 PATONS at Cousins Island (none of which were there!), but are now listed as "not deployed" in Local Notice to Mariners; we did find a few other things to report on as well while out (Ptld Yacht Club and 2 different "mussel farms"). Took part in PPE (personal protective equipment) inspection required for patrol authorization. As part of Operations, took part in PIW (person in water) retrieval training poolside using the "recovery loops" (Dan Abbott was a very well-mannered victim always saying please and thank you as we went about retrieving him and hoisting over the pool edge). Conducted similar training on patrol in the harbor this last weekend from a boat w/3-ft. freeboard (we used a rescue dummy, not Dan). These recovery loops (used in USCG ice rescues) are effective in getting an unresponsive PIV on board...it just requires more than one person.

### **Problems**

Data from another FSO indicates there are still inconsistencies showing up in AuxDir(Data) as to who is AV qualified (both current and past) in the Casco Bay flotilla. There have been some emails attempting to correct this. However, I am told this is not an uncommon problem, as different components of AuxDir do not always "talk" well with one another.

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Attended the Awards dinner at the base. Went to Rings Marina twice to do paddle boat checks. Worked the base open house. Did two non ATON patrols, Portland Harbor and Cousins Island. Did two safety and training Patrols and one public affairs patrol. Did some training with the new Life Slings both at a pool and on the water.

### **Programs of Note**

For all of you putting in your time on a monthly basis great job for the reporting has increased. HooRah to you all. For you all who do not report please start for it helps you and more important it helps the Coast Guard. I am always here to help you, except after 9 at night to 7 in the morning.

### **Good of the Auxiliary**

Let's work together not apart.

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# ***Staff Officer Reports***

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## ***FSO-DV Diversity - Catherin M. Corey***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Ken Caprio and myself had a very successful day at Scarborough Middle School on May 21st. We talked with the students about the importance of wearing a life vest at all times when on a boat or dock, hypothermia, and how to properly use the VHF radio in case of an emergency. The students were very engaged in the presentation with lots of input of sharing their knowledge and questions with us! The outreach programs like these with students have a huge impact on our boating safety message. We consider these students our ambassadors to spreading the message of the importance of wearing your life vest while on a boat, it will help save your life just like getting in a car you "buckle up" on a boat you "zip up & snap up"! We will be at Pleasant Hill elementary school on June 9th for k-2 students if anyone is interested in taking part that would be awesome!

### **Programs of Note**

Will be working on a presentation of "woman serving in the Coast Guard" for a fall flotilla meeting. If anyone has any info, or input they would like to share that would be great, thank you.

### **Concerns**

Would like to discuss with staff officers our role(s) in what they mean and how we impact each other and our members with our choice of words, our body language, how we handle certain issues. As a team and individuals, we offer many great things to our flotilla and one another!

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Found a semi-permanent home for 'Coastie, located in our Auxiliary storage room. Incoming orders from Staff Officers/members are being filled as they are received !

### **Problems**

An increasing number of items ordered from the ANSC catalog are not being filled, as Not In Stock & no b/o dates are given . ANSC personnel are unable to give a heads-up as to an answer to the problem. I'll continue to try to find a reasonable answer .

### **Good of the Auxiliary**

The Flotilla picnic is coming up on the 13th of July !

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Presently collecting dues for 2016. Due date is 6/30/15 for on-time dues in the amount of \$45. Balance in the checking account is \$6162.39 and in the certificate of deposit \$7959.36 for a total of \$14121.75

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

JUNE OPS REPORT >> 01 JUNE, Attended flotilla dinner meeting. ~ 18 JUN, Attended CAPT Gilda's Change of Command at Ocean Gateway. ~ 20 JUN, Inspected Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) of six boat crew members. ~ Tested yellow Life Saving Loops at The Woodlands Country Club Swimming Pool with a live victim (Dan Abbott). We learn more about technique each time we use them. ~ 23 JUN, Inspected the PPE of four boat crew members. We have inspected the PPE of eleven boat crew members so far with fourteen more to go. ~ 25 JUN, "Attended Parade of Sail" and marine event planning meeting. ~ 27 JUN, The first safety patrol of the season was run in Bill Thornton's OPFAC. More testing of the yellow Life Saving Loops was accomplished using the CG's rescue victim dummy. ~ 29 JUN, Attended Flotilla 21's Staff Meeting.

### **Programs of Note**

01 JUL, BCQP Swim Task Exam at the South Portland Municipal Pool for four members. ~ 18 JUL, The Parade of Sail led by the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE, America's Tall Ship. ~ Peaks to Portland Swim. ~ Tri For a Cure Swim at SMCC.

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Have set up VE days with marinas through July the dates should be on the web site.

### **Concerns**

Hoping we have enough examiners show up for the VE Days

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

TO be added to APRIL REPORT 3 hrs. 80c Upv OUTREACH R. ROBICHAUD PARTIAL MAY REPORT 32 hrs Ms/ Mep Admin Support 70k S. Polans 4 hrs Ms Observation 70m R. Robichaud 2 hrs Upv Outreach 80c S. Polans 2 hrs " " 80c R. Robichaud

### **Problems**

Month after month the same two individuals carry the MS burden.

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Processed the application of US Marshall Noel March a personal friend of Capt. Brian Gilda. Been actively involved with setting up "member day" to be held at station south Portland October 10th. Continue to follow leads provided for those interested in joining the auxiliary. Just received 4 additional names to follow. Possible new member class for august.

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## ***FSO-PV Program Visits - Paul A. Standridge***

### **Accomplishments of Note**

All three PV's are gearing up for the boating season. One new PV candidate has completed the required supervised calls; paperwork has been forwarded; and he has been instructed on the types and quantities of materials to order from FAO-MA.

### **Problems**

The flotilla could use several more PV candidates.

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

Attended AUXLAMs Part A in Pittsburgh. Prepared items for Open House and had John Hume resume as the POC. Secured flotilla's participation in LL Bean Paddlsports weekend. Will be attending Coastie operator training in the near future.

### **Problems**

Need more volunteers for LL Bean weekend. I only have 2 so far for 8 spots

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

### **Accomplishments of Note**

The Boating Skill and Seamanship Course that started on 11 February with 16 public students (1 under age 17) and 1 Auxiliariest completed on 5 May with 15 students (1 under age 17) earning their Boating Safety Certificate and 1 Auxiliariest earning his Boating Safety Certificate and completing his requirement for BQ status. The Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course that started on 11 February with 16 public students and 3 Auxiliariest completed on 3 June with 16 students earning their Boating Safety Certificate. The 3 Auxiliariest did not complete the course. The Boating Skills and Seamanship Course that started on 2 April with 25 public students (1 under age 17) completed on 3 June with 20 students earning their Boating Safety Certificate. The under 17 year old did not complete the course. Course completions for all three courses have been sent in and acknowledge by our FSO/IS. An Advance Coastal Navigation course that was schedule to start on 10 February was canceled because lack of students (10) for the course.

### **Programs of Note**

A Boating Skills and Seamanship course has been schedule to start 9 September at Southern Maine Community College, South Portland Campus. A Basic/Advanced Coastal Navigation Course has been scheduled to start 15 September at Southern Maine Community College, South Portland Campus. Two of our newer members have signed on to help with public education classes as aids. Both are going to work on becoming instructors with one well on the way in that direction. Continuing to work with National on AUXplusPE with suggestions on improvements to the software. A number of revision have been made to the software since last September that makes the software a bit more user friendly plus adding things that were needed and useful to PE officers. Almost everything that a PE Officer needs including a link to the National Course Finder for advertising course is now in AUXplusPE. AUXplusPE6 is now at revision 6.42 with a number of new enhancements.

### **Concerns**

The flotilla needs to take a more proactive role in promoting our Public Education Courses. In talking with the staff at Southern Maine Community College, their brochure that they send out is going to start coming out as a smaller quarterly publication with less information in it than previously included, pointing students to their website for more information. At this point it looks like the fall brochure will be out end of August beginning of September time frame.

# *Calander of Events*

July	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
13	Flotilla Picnic	TBA	FC/FVC	<a href="#">Fort Williams Park</a>
11	VSC Day	900	FSO/VE	Sunset Marina
18,19,20,21	U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle	.	FSO/PA	
27	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
August	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
10	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
20	Introduction To The Auxiliary	1900	FSO./HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
27	<a href="#">NACON 2015</a>	.	.	San Antonio, TX
27,28,29,30	<a href="#">NACON 2015</a>	.	.	San Antonio, TX
31	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

## *USCGC EAGLE*

Good afternoon shipmates and Happy Independence Day,

As you all know, the Tall Ships event will be July 19 and 20 and the USCGC EAGLE will be a part of the festivities. Our flotilla will be an integral partner in both land and sea events with the Coast Guard.

Regarding the land events, we are in need of assistance for visitor security, tours, and information on board the EAGLE while in port. We need to provide 6 people for each time slot to adequately cover our responsibilities. Because we are partners with the Coast Guard in this event, we need to adhere to their uniform standard, which is *ODU with sleeves up, boots only, and bloused trousers*.

We are still looking for volunteers. If interested the hours are 1000-1400 and 1400-1800. Please contact **Dennis Morelli, FSO-PA** for more information.

If you have any questions, please let me know. This is sure to be a fun and exciting event!

Respectfully, **Dennis Morelli**,  
**FSO-PA** Public Affairs Staff Officer

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# Flotilla Picnic

## ATTENTION TO ALL FLOTILLA 21 MEMBERS & FAMILY GUESTS :

**COME ONE - COME ALL TO OUR ANNUAL FLOTILLA 21 PICNIC --this is A great opportunity for everyone to catch up with all the goings on during the past year !! ( REMEMBER ALL THE SNOW & ICE !!!!!!!!!!! )**

I have to apologize to all, this message is a little late getting to you....with all this 'unique' Maine weather, the PICNIC date snuck up on me!!

This year, as in past years, it is being held at THE PAVILION ON THE HILL AT FORT WILLIAMS PARK, OPPOSITE PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT on Monday July 13th, starting at 430 PM with a social hour to chit chat with your fellow Flotilla members & Friends.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP ARE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY, SO DON'T FORGET TO MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS !!

The MENU CHOICE is VERY SIMPLE...HOT DAWGS, BURGAHS, & CHEESEBURGAHS- WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S !!!

And, for those of you with special dietary choices, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK...WE WILL TRY TO SATISFY !

(NO, BRAD>>>> [STEAK IS NOT A 'SPECIAL' CHOICE](#) !!!...DESSERT, YES, STEAK, NO !)

For those of you PLANNING TO ATTEND WITH [LAST NAMES 'A' to 'M'](#)----EMAIL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING & HOW MANY DAWGS & BURGAHS YOU WANT TO: KEN CAPRIO, [kacvette@gmail.com](mailto:kacvette@gmail.com)

For those of you PLANNING TO ATTEND WITH [LAST NAMES 'N' to 'Z'](#)----EMAIL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING & HOW MANY DAWGS & BURGAHS YOU WANT TO LORELLE COURTOIS, [kurlyq58@yahoo.com](mailto:kurlyq58@yahoo.com)

[PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR CHOICES TO LORELLE OR MYSELF---NO LATER THAN 5 pm, Wednesday JULY 8TH !!!](#)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE !!



# Membership ID Card

John R. Byrne SO-HR, FSO-HR

Greeting Shipmates

I hope that as we start another exciting boating season that you would remember that we need your help and commitment to do what the United States Coast Guard needs us to do.

Thank you for your time.

Please take a moment and examine your membership card to see when it will expire. If you need a new card, you will need a new photo.

I have the Camera and back-round always with me at Flotilla meetings. Come to a Flotilla meeting and seek me out. I am always ready to accommodate you.

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Thank you and be well and safe.

Respectfully  
John R. Byrne

## Notice for August Flotilla Meeting

Flotilla Members,

The Casco Bay Flotilla will hold a discussion and vote at our August Flotilla Meeting. The purpose of the vote will be a proposed expenditure of \$ 1500 (+ or -) to equip each of the Flotilla's operational facilities with a set of Rescue Loops. Steve Shane explained the Rescue Loops, their use, and some of their advantages to a Flotilla Meeting this past spring.

We will need a quorum at the meeting to authorize this expenditure.

Paul Standridge FC

**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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