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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

Upcoming Events:

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday August 10**

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday September 14**

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Spring in Maine was just a passing fancy; July is here and it is hot as the 'dickens'. Our spring boating safety classes have concluded. Our operations sorties and crew training are in full swing. Vessel examinations and recreational boating safety visitation programs are being conducted on a weekly basis.

The month started with one of the best-attended flotilla picnics in a long time. Hamburgers and 'dawgs' were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Ken Caprio, the maître d' and Catherine Cory, the chef, and Lorelle and "Izzy" were excellent helpers! A highlight of the month was a visit to Portland by the USCG Cutter Eagle. I hope you got down to the city docks to visit all the Tall Ships as they paraded into the harbor with cannons blasting.

Please be sure to attend our next flotilla meeting on August 10. A quorum is needed in order to vote on a purchase of new survival/retrieval equipment needed by our Operations Division. A large number of achievement certificates and awards will also be handed out.

Those of you who wish to remain in the Auxiliary (we need more active members), please get your 2016 dues in to FSO-FN Debra Bilodeau immediately. For those of us who are not very active in the flotilla, find yourself a niche by contacting the flotilla staff officer in the area of your interest; we are all available for guidance.

I wish every member and your families a very safe and enjoyable boating season.

Paul Standridge, FC-21



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-NS Navigation System - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

Participated in several patrols: 1. boat crew training and aids verification/photographing 2. safety patrol for Portland's 4th of July firework 3. safety patrol for Peaks-to-Portland swim 4. safety patrol for Portland's parade of tall ships w/USCG Eagle; security patrol for Eagle at mooring Watchstanding for Eagle screening visitors and controlling admissions Conducted vessel safety inspections Assisted with flare shoot for USN Sea Cadets at S.PtId station.

Problems

Upper administrative demands resulted in delays getting patrols started for the season setting back both boat crew training and PATON verification. Will be coordinating with Operations to play catchup.

FSO-IS Information System - Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Did two training Patrols for Boat Crew. One UPV Exam at Sunset Marina. Attended the Annual Flotilla Picnic. Always working on member's time and always here to help.

Programs of Note

You VE's out there please do not forget to turn in your VE's this year so that you do not find yourself REYR and wonder why. Thanks.

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

The balance in the checking account is \$10,392.72 and the balance in the certificate of deposit is \$7,962.02 for a total of \$18,354.74. On-going collection of dues and payment of bills.

Problems

I have approximately 30 members that have not yet paid their 2016 flotilla dues. As of 01 July, these are now past due and \$49 is now the payment for these late dues.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

July OPS Report >> 01 JUL, Conducted swim Task BCM-02-08-AUX for four BCQP Trainees at the South Portland Municipal Pool. ~ 04 JUL, Provided two OPFACs for the Portland Fireworks display. ~ 07 JUL, Early evening, Conducted 2-boat exercises. ~ 08 JUL, Conducted PPE Inspection at the STA South Portland class room. ~ 09 JUL Inspected Ron Kugell's OPFAC MOUSE ISLAND at Spring Point Marina. ~ 11 JUL, Conducted 2-boat evolutions for BCQP Trainees. ~ 12 JUL, Provided one OPFAC for training. ~ 18 JUL, Provided four OPFACs for the Peaks to Portland Swim and the arrival of the CGC EAGLE and Parade of Sail. ~ 19 JUL, Provided two OPFACs to run a screening patrol for the CGC EAGLE. ~ 20 JUL, Provided two OPFACs for CGC EAGLE screening patrol. ~ 22 JUL, Everett Henry and I conducted a Basic Knot Tying program at the Maine Historical Society. ~ 24 JUL, Steve Shane, Bill Thornton, and I assisted Susan Polans, PFC with a flare shoot for the Naval Sea Cadets at the CG Base. ~ 27 JUL, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting.

Programs of Note

08 AUG, Parade of Lights. ~ 16 AUG, Multiple Sclerosis Harborfest Tug Boat Muster and Lobster Boat Races.

FSO-VE Vessel Examiner - Francis W. Connelly

Accomplishments of Note

Just about finish with VSE Days . We have one at Maine Yacht on Saturday Aug.1st

Programs of Note

Peter Poulin did a VSE day at Dolphin Marina on his own haven't had a chance to speak to him but from what I hear it was a bust. This isn't the first time this has happened to us.

Concerns

Lately it seems that the marinas want us there longer and or multiple visits with no return for us. As an example, Sunset had us there twice and on the second visit, I don't think we did more than 5 ve's

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-HR Human Resources - John Byrne

Accomplishments of Note

Participated in tall ships and peaks to Portland with a full day of 8 hours. Continue to adopt plans for "October 10th member day" at station south Portland.

Programs of Note

Attempting to coordinate a new member training class, with first "introduction to auxiliary to commence on Thursday 8/20 at rusty scupper.

Problems

OVERWHELMED

Concerns

Would like to have some help in this staff office.

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

Organized Flotilla's participation in Eagle visit. Photographed Tall Ships parade of sail. Stood watch at Eagle on Sunday and Monday. Updated Flotilla Facebook page. Accepted position as the D1NR Coordinator for the "Coastie" program. Beginning to plan for Open Lighthouse Day and upcoming "Coastie" trainings.

Programs of Note

Watch for upcoming "Coastie" trainings in August to become a certified operator.

Good of the Auxiliary

A big thank you to all who participated in the Eagle Visit. The Gold Side went out of their way to thank the Auxiliary for our efforts over the weekend. They commended our professionalism and were impressed by our dedication and responsiveness.

FSO-MS Marine Safety - Robert Gelles

Accomplishments of Note

The only Flotilla mission was in Uninspected Passenger Vessels.

Problems

Lack of interest in marine Safety Program

Concerns

There were no volunteers in the Casco Bay Ridership Program. There were no volunteers in Marine Observation Missions

Calander of Events

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	NACON 2015	.	.	San Antonio, TX
27,28,29,30	NACON 2015	.	.	San Antonio, TX
31	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
September	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
3,10,17,24	New Member Course	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
9,16,23,30,	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room TBA
12	Maine Open Lighthouse Day 2015	1900	FSO/PA	.
14	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
15,22,29	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room TBA
19	PDCA - 2015 District Rendezvous (Rain Date 9/27/2015)	1900	FC/FVC	Station Portsmouth Harbor
28	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

Notice for August Flotilla Meeting

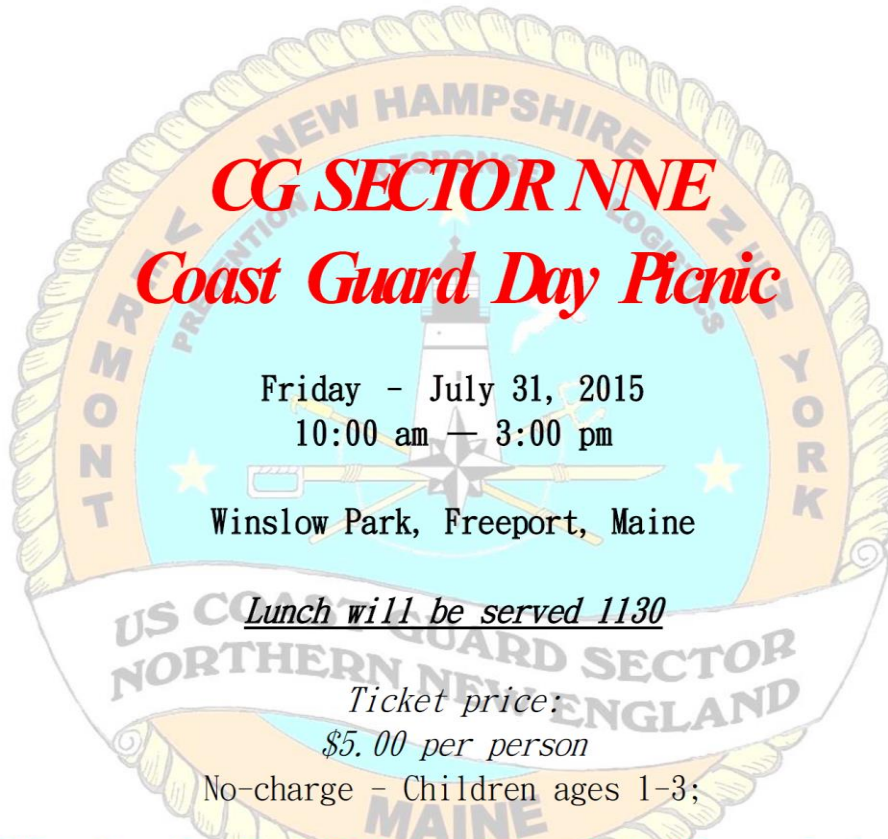
Flotilla Members,

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

CG Sector NNE Picnic



Activities: Horse Shoe Pits, Softball games, Swing set for the little ones, Beach Access to Casco Bay, Bay, Air Bounce House, Climbing Rock Wall, Frisbee field.

For tickets contact:
Front Office: Mr. Carlson
Logistics: YN3 O'Donnell, SK2 Turk
Engineering - DC1 Bolt
Prev: MST2 Nagel / MST2 Hoover
Resp: ME3 Snavelly
Command Operations Center: OS2 Giacobbi
Aux Liaison: LT Garnier

USCGC Eagle

Photos by Dennis Morelli, FSO-PR



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

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