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A Message From Our Commander

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Upcoming Events:

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday October 12**

**Flotilla Meeting
November 9**

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Even though the outdoor operations of the Flotilla are phasing down, our public education continues to be active. Our boating safety class consists of 21 public and 2 flotilla members, and our advanced navigation course is filled with 11 public students and 2 flotilla members. We are training 4 new members with hopes they will become active members within a couple more weeks.

We have talked about “Coastie” the electronic training boat to be used at boat shows and other boating safety events. Coastie is in our flotilla inventory, and is in need of more trained operators. If you are interested, please contact FSO-PA Dennis Morelli.

Portland Head Light Open House day event was a great success, due to some capable volunteers from the flotilla. The Member Training Day that was in the planning stage for this October, has been rescheduled for an April date due to a current conflict.

A reminder to all; please complete your Mandated Training items in a timely manner. FSO-IS Richard Robichaud can advise you which topics you have yet to complete. Please try to attend this October 12 flotilla meeting, to congratulate Mr. Roy Tassinari for his 50 years of membership in the Auxiliary. There will be many other awards and certificates on the agenda. Please make a note that on November 1, 2015 the ODU uniform will be sleeves down for the winter months.

Paul Standridge, FC-21



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-NS Navigation System - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

1. Personally, completed AV qualification and granted access to PATON reporting system. 2. Verification (and photographing) of PATONs designated for this year in Casco Bay where completed earlier this month. In addition, several other PATON discrepancies, as well as some non-permitted PATONs, were identified for reporting. 3. PATON reporting is nearing completion. 4. Have been following up with "missing" light permitted for the Maine State Pier in Portland. It is "on their to-do list." Will be following up on that situation.

FSO-IS Information System - Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Attended 3 BS&S classes as a helper and 2 New Member classes as a helper and did some training on the 7029 forms that we use. Attended our Monthly Staff Meeting.

Problems

Our members who wait until the end of the year to turn in there 7029 forms. This adds complexity to my job and I have to add each form up before I put it into their time into the system also uses more ink and paper.

FSO-DV Diversity - Catherine Corey

Accomplishments of Note

In our Flotilla Staff officers meetings we have incorporated in each session to discuss different types of dialogue about diversity, our roles as leaders, what we have in common, what we bring to the auxiliary as individuals. We will continue at our staff meetings on ongoing collaborative discussions on how we can bring more members to be actively engaged in the flotilla at various levels.

Programs of Note

Presentation on The History of Women in USCG on October 12th at the Rusty Scupper.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-MS Marine Safety - Robert Gelles

Accomplishments of Note

Marine Safety is still alive as a result of member G. Moore participating in a three hour patrol on the Falmouth Police Boat. This is a new type of mission precipitated by the new Coast Guard members assigned to response. A new standard operating procedure is planned and will be followed up with Area changes. Also added for October are afternoon MSHP

Programs of Note

In October there is an Area Maritime Security Exercise and a Boom Deployment. Specifics will be forthcoming.

Problems

Lack of Flotilla Members volunteering for MSHP Patrols.

FSO-HR Human Resources - John Byrne

Accomplishments of Note

Current new member class coming to a close with 4 prospective new members coming into our flotilla.

Programs of Note

The scheduled October 10th member day to be held at station South Portland has been postponed until the spring of 2016. This delay will allow more time for planning the event

FSO-PE Public Education - Everett L. Henry II

Accomplishments of Note

Boating Skills and Seamanship started 9 September 2015 with 21 Public Students and 2 flotilla members taking the course for BQ Status. BCN/ACN course started 15 September 2015 with 11 Public Students and 2 flotilla member taking the course for AUXACN.

Programs of Note

Continuing to work with AUXplusPE staff person on problems being encountered with the software and suggestion on things that could be improved or would like to see in the software. The current version 6.43 added a number of new items to the software and new dashboard titles. A new revision will be out shortly to correct bugs and put BCN/ACN back as a choice for classes being held.

Concerns

Not hearing from up the chain on what is coming in the future like new editions coming out and when. No explanation on why things are changed or done away with. It seems to be a one way street from the staff at National Ed Department. We report to them but get nothing from them.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-MA Material – Ken Caprio

Problems

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

Good of The Auxiliary

Gate Watchstanding has begun very successfully....NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FROM FLOTILLA 21 FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS !!

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

Paid 2016 National and District dues in the amount of \$3,168. Paid for the rescue rings in the amount of \$1,460.61. Balance in the checking account is \$6,152.74 and the CD is \$7,963.38 for a total of \$14,116.12.

FSO-PV Program Visits - Paul A. Standridge

Accomplishments of Note

With 5 Program Visitors now on board, we are increasing coverage within our AOR.

Programs of Note

All Program Visitors will be stocking materials in preparation for Spring activities.

Problems

One of our major Program Visitors has gone South until Spring.

Concerns

Our Program Visitors will be available to work with FSO-PA, FSO-PE and other depts. by placing flyers and posters as needs arise during this winter.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

September OPS Report >> 01 SEP, Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP) training on OPFAC THE BOAT. ~ 05 SEP, BCQP training on OPFAC THE BOAT. ~ 07 SEP, Labor Day Safety Patrols & 2-boat BCQP training (anchoring) on ANNA KATE & THE BOAT. ~ 09 SEP, Provided OPFAC SPIRIT for CG Law Enforcement Boarding Exercises at CG Moorings. ~ 12 SEP, Provided OPFAC ANNA KATE as safety boat for the Lobsterman Triathlon at Winslow Park in Freeport. Performed some PATON inspections in the Royal River and engaged in 2-boat training evolutions with THE BOAT. ~ 14 SEP, Attended Flotilla 21 monthly meeting. ~ 19 SEP, 2-boat training with ANNA KATE & THE BOAT. ~ 20 SEP, At the request of the CG, Provided OPFAC ANNA KATE for towing drills with their boat. ~ 27 SEP, Practice BCQP Tasks for upcoming check-offs. Margo Mallar and James Thomson successfully completed their Oral Board Exams at the Sta S.P. classroom. ~ 28 SEP, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting.

Programs of Note

04 OCT, Scheduled two OPFACs for BCQP Check-offs for four. ~ Our three crew members who were in REYR have made up the required hours and should now be out of REYR.

Concerns

This season, there were more obstacles than usual to overcome in order to provide patrols for the CG. It's getting more difficult to obtain crew members for our OPFACs.

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

Organized and participated in Open Lighthouse Day. Distributed advertisement for public education classes to Program Visitors. Taught Chapters 10 and 11 for New Member Training class. Acted as the Coastie Operator at the Flotilla Meeting where Coastie was introduced and "sworn in" to the Flotilla. Researched and presented advertising options for public education classes.

Good of the Auxiliary

The national Auxiliary website cgaux.org has updated its design to be more user friendly and accessible.

Calender of Events

October	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
1	New Member Course	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
6,13,20,27	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
7,14,21,28	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 4	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
12	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
26	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
Nov	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
3,10,17,24	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
4,11,18,25	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 9	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
9	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
30	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

Election of Flotilla Officers

Flotilla Members,

The election of flotilla leadership officers will take place at our November 9, 2015 flotilla meeting. Any member seeking election to the office of FC or FVC, should submit a letter, or email, of your intent to be a candidate, to the flotilla commander on, or before October 5, 2015.

For detailed election eligibility criteria, refer to pages 629 & 630 of the auxiliary manual.

If you should have any questions call the commander @ 833-5438, or Ken Caprio, chair of the flotilla screening committee, @ 885-9147.

Thanks for your interest, Paul Standridge FC

2015 Photos



Captain J. Kirk USN



Tall Ships Portland Harbor



Awards Night



Sail Boat Assist Portland Harbor

November Elections

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

Anyone interested in an elected position needs to contact the leadership appointment committee: Ken Caprio Chair.

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.

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Rainbow over Coast Guard Station So. Portland
Photo Submitted by Susan Polans

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 if you need CLYNK bags and labels.

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