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## From our Commander...

As we go into the final days of summer, we see our plate starting to get filled with PE classes, member training, the last of our patrols, a District conference, and elections. On this last point I would like to introduce to you the **nominating committee** for 2004. It will be chaired by our outgoing VFC, Jim Maxner. The members include Judy Davidson, Kevin Cady, Jack Horne and Ken Caprio. I am confident that they will do an excellent job and am excited to have them all involved in the process. My intention is to run again for the FC position and **the VFC position is open**. I encourage all of you who are thinking of running to make the nominating committee aware of your interest.

Also on the 11th of September we will be having our **annual Lobster Bake**.

Our location will again be at Brad and Susan Thompson's home in Scarborough and we thank them very much for the generous offer. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will attend and join us for this fellowship.

Lastly, on the first of October thru the third, the **District Conference** will be taking place in our own back yard at the Sheraton by the Mall. If you have never attended a District Conference, it doesn't get much closer than this. Again, I encourage all of you to please get out and attend a piece of this event. Being that is in our area it would be good to have a strong showing from 21.

Thanks to all of you for the hard work over the summer and let's keep the enthusiasm rolling right into the fall,  
Keith Fosler FC-21

## AUXSAR Course Begins Sept. 20th

**Where:** Base So  
Portland Classroom

**Time:** 1900

**Uniform:** TBL

**Contact:** David Drake  
This is a 7-week course.

Please let me know if you are interested in taking this course or if you need additional information.

David Drake FSO-MT

## Monthly Flotilla Meeting on-September 13, 2004

**Date:** Monday  
September 13

**Time:** 1900

**Place:** Rusty Scupper, Base So Portland

**Uniform:** Tropical Blue Long

The meeting will include reports from the FC, VFC, and the Staff. There will be a member training minute and Sexual Harassment Awareness.

## Maine Maritime Museum 25 Sept 2004

**Time & Location:** 1000

243 Washington Street  
Bath, ME 04530  
Meet Aux group at Rotunda

Bring bag lunch/refreshments

### DIRECTIONS FROM POINTS SOUTH:

Take 1-295 to Exit 28. Follow **Route 1 North** through Brunswick to Bath. Take **Historic Bath Exit** down hill to traffic light. Turn right on to **Washington Street**. Go **South** for 1.2 miles past **Bath Iron Works** complex to **Maine Maritime Museum**

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## Special points of interest:

- There are 25 tickets for the **Sept. 25th Maine Maritime Museum tour**. Contact Jim Maxner to join the Auxiliary group attending. You will need your ID. Uniform of the Day is casual. Meet at the Museum's Rotunda at 10:00 am. Consider carpooling.
- **Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist training** to start 16 September at 1830 hours @ MSO. The class will run Thursdays for 4-5 weeks.



**1st District NR Fall Training Conference in South Portland, Maine**

DATES: October 1—3, 2004

LOCATION: Sheraton South Portland Hotel, Maine Mall Rd

REFER TO THE SCHEDULE MAILED TO YOU

**Friday:** You are welcome to attend the Division 2 meeting at 1700, and the Board & Staff meeting at 1900 in the Lighthouse A Suite

**Saturday:** Opening Ceremony in Salon E starts 0845  
 "Chart Updating Training" - 0915 to 1145  
 Luncheon served as 1200 [by ticket only] in Lighthouse A Suite  
 Commodore's social [cash bar] at 1800  
 Buffet [Casual-Down East night-by ticket only]

Hospitality suite at 2200 in Room 909

**Sunday:** Opening at 0900 in Lighthouse B Suite

Luncheon (on your own)

Tour of Portland Head Light  
 [Meet in lobby 1300]

**Programs available on Saturday and Sunday:**

- >AUXINFO; >Chart Updating; >Situational Leadership;
- > 12 O'clock High; >Computer Skills; >Waterways Watch;
- > AUXAIR; >Adult Learning Made Fun; >Instructional Hardware; > MDV; > POMS Answers; > Boat Crew Mentor;
- > VE-Discrepancies

**CLOSING DATE FOR MEAL RESERVATION IS 20 SEPT**

**Contact Jim Maxner** if you do not have the schedule for more details on programs to participate in.

**CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 INR**

**2004 FALL AWARDS DINNER MEETING—OCTOBER 4, 2004**

Keith G. Fosler - Flotilla Commander / James M. Maxner - Vice Flotilla Commander

Rusty Scupper, So. Portland Station — Social 1600 followed by dinner

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 27TH DEADLINE.

\*\*\* CASH BAR AVAILABLE \*\*\*

**Cost:** \$12.00 per meal

Number

Meal Choice: Pork Loin Roast

\_\_\_\_\_

Baked Stuffed Haddock

\_\_\_\_\_

Above is served with choice of potato or rice, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls, tossed salad, and dessert and coffee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this reservation and remittance by **Monday, September 27, 2004** to:

MAIL TO: **Debra A. Bilodeau, FSO-FN**

20 Coulthard Farms Road

Scarborough, ME 04074 [Tel # 883-5785]

Make check payable to: FLOTILLA 01N-21 USCGAUX

**ANYONE MAKING A RESERVATION AND NOT ATTENDING WILL FORFEIT HIS OR HER PAYMENT**

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**CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 LOBSTER BAKE**



DATE: SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2004  
 LOCATION: Brad and Susan Thompson's—1 Ocean Avenue  
 Higgins Beach, Scarborough  
 TIME: 1300 — 1700 (serving at about 1400)  
 ATTENDEES: Auxiliaries—Friends—Distinguished Guests  
 UNIFORM: Casual

- ⇒ Each person should bring their own eating utensils, lobster crackers and picks, folding chair, plus your own alcoholic beverage, if desired. Soda & coffee will be provided.
- ⇒ Please bring a salad, hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share with the group.
- ⇒ Lobsters and steaks must be ordered IN ADVANCE **by contacting Jim Maxner.** 🍷

Join in on the fun and have a great day at the beach! [Contact Brad by telephone if you need directions to their home.]

Cut along the dotted line and return with your payment

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Choice:</u>                                    | <u>Price:</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| _____           | 2 Lobsters, (clams if available), corn, beverages | \$11.00       |
| _____           | Steak, corn, beverages                            | \$11.00       |

Please mail this reservation and remittance [or call] by **Tuesday, September 7, 2004** to:  
**Debra A. Bilodeau, FSO-FN, 20 Coulthard Farms Road, Scarborough, ME 04074**

**THE FANTOM PHIREMAN  
 ASKS....**

If FC Keith Fosler's boat were run in Casco Bay instead of Sebago Lake, would it be faster or slower (all else being equal)?  
**Why?**

Please communicate your answer to the FSO/PB at [york2@adelphia.net](mailto:york2@adelphia.net) and look for the names of those with the correct answer in next month's *Calendar Island Chronicle*.

Lani York had the only response to last month's question. She said the 1830 census indicated that Long Island was the most heavily populated island in Casco Bay back then. Many of us can't remember that far back!



**The Flotilla's Newest Facility—Elsie Mae and her skipper, Brenda Babirak**

Elsie Mae is a 1987 Bayfield cutter rig sailboat, with a clipper bow, made in Clinton, Ontario. She is 29 feet long (32 feet over-all) with a 10'2" beam and a 3'6" draft.



# September 2004

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed                                      | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b><u>DISTRICT CONFERENCE F-Y-I</u></b>   |   |   |  |   |   |  |
| <b><u>Closing date for Meal reservations is 20 September</u></b>                      |   |   |  |   |   |  |
| Workshops require pre-registration by email or mail form in the agenda mailed to you. |   |   |  |   |   |  |
| 5   | 6<br>Labor Day  | 7 1900<br>Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom  | 8  | 9 1900<br>IT Exam, Base So. Portland Classroom  | 10  | 11<br>Lobster Bake, [Details on Page 3]                              |
| 12  | 13 1900<br>Flotilla Mtg, Rusty Scupper                              | 14 1900<br>Instructor Training, Base So. Portland Classroom 1900<br>ACN // AUXNAV<br>Jewett Hall SMCC | 15 1900<br>BS&S, Jewett Hall, SMCC       | 16 1830<br>Trident Training for Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist @ MSO, Portland [Runs each Thurs for next 4-5 weeks] | 17  | 18   |
| 19  | 20 1900<br>AUXSAR<br>Base So Portland Classroom [Details to follow] | 21 1900<br>ACN // AUXNAV<br>Jewett Hall SMCC  | 22 1900<br>BS&S, Jewett Hall, SMCC       | 23 1900<br>New Member Interview, Base So. Portland Classroom  | 24  | 25 1000<br>Trip to Maine Maritime Museum, [Meet at Museum's Rotunda] |
| 26  | 27 1900<br>Staff Meeting, Base So. Portland Classroom               | 28 1900<br>ACN // AUXNAV<br>Jewett Hall SMCC  | 29 1900<br>BS&S, Jewett Auditorium, SMCC | 30 1900<br>New Member Course, Base So. Portland Classroom   | Flotilla 24 classes have scheduled BS&S starting 15 SEPT [Wednesdays] |  |



# October 2004

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <p><b>FYI—F24 will be offering AUXPAT beginning in late Oct, to conclude before Thanksgiving. Times and start date TBA.</b></p> |   |  | <p><i>By now you all should have received the Conference Schedule in the mail. <u>Contact Jim Maxner</u> if you do not have a schedule of events for the following 3 days.</i></p> |  | <p><b>1 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland</b></p> | <p><b>2 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 District Conference, 363 Maine Mall Road, Sheraton So. Portland</b></p>   | <p><b>4 1800 Flotilla Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper</b></p>   | <p><b>5 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Jewett Hall SMCC</b></p>  | <p><b>6 1900 BS&amp;S Jewett Hall, SMCC</b></p>  | <p><b>7 1900 New Member Course, Base So. Portland Classroom</b></p>  | <p><b>8</b></p>   | <p><b>9 Queen Mary 2 Visiting Portland</b></p>                                  |
| <p><b>10</b></p>  | <p><b>11</b></p>  | <p><b>12 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Jewett Hall SMCC</b></p> | <p><b>13 1900 BS&amp;S Jewett Hall, SMCC</b></p>   | <p><b>14 1900 New Member Course, Base So. Portland Classroom</b></p> | <p><b>15</b></p>  | <p><b>16 First Aid &amp; CPR [Details to follow]</b></p>                        |
| <p><b>17</b></p>  | <p><b>18</b></p>  | <p><b>19 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Jewett Hall SMCC</b></p> | <p><b>20 1900 BS&amp;S Jewett Hall, SMCC</b></p>   | <p><b>21 1900 New Member Course, Base So. Portland Classroom</b></p> | <p><b>22</b></p>  | <p><b>23 Hull Life Saving Museum</b></p>  |
| <p><b>24</b></p>  | <p><b>25 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Base So. Portland Classroom</b></p>   | <p><b>26 1900 ACN // AUXNAV Jewett Hall SMCC</b></p> | <p><b>27 1900 BS&amp;S Jewett Hall, SMCC</b></p>   | <p><b>28</b></p>   | <p><b>29</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b></p>  |
| <p><b>31</b></p>  | <p><b>Halloween</b> QM2 Facts—Cunard's RMS QUEEN MARY 2 To Call On Portland during its maiden voyage. At 1,132 feet long, 135 feet wide and 150,000 gross registered tons, QM2 will be the largest, longest and widest passenger vessel ever built. She will be just 117 feet shorter than the Empire State Building is tall, yet she will carry just 2,620 guests, served by nearly 1,300 crew. The ship will not be able to dock at the Portland Ocean Terminal due to her size and will go to anchor. Passengers will be ferried into the Maine State Pier on small tenders.</p> |  |  |  |   |   |

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### Newsorthy Mentions

The Celebration Issue of *Port City Life*, July / August 2004 Issue—page 32, How to Stay Safe in Your Boat

**Wayne Hutchins** [F24] is featured in this well written article describing the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the boating safety classes, as well as the Vessel Safety checks. The reader is informed on some of the legally required items examiners check for, and Hutchins highly recommended including communication such as a VHF radio tuned to Channel 16. That includes kayaks and canoes. He explained the pros/cons of cell phone vs. VHF.

Hutchins explained the importance of storing an anchor aboard; and, the *biggest problem*...many boaters do not wear life vests.

The article closed with a list of websites and recommended that the reader contact local marinas to obtain info about boating safety courses.

**Down East**, September 2004 Issue—page 74, *The Rescuers*

*"The 137 volunteers who comprise the Casco Bay Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary help lighten the load to post-9/11 Coast Guardsmen."* By Monica Wood [better half to Dan Abbott]

Monica presented a wonderful article on Casco Bay Flotilla. Photos included VFC **Jim Maxner & Bryan Spivey** aboard *"Ready to Go"*, with a caption *"Patrolling waters off Portland on routine watches, members of the Auxiliary free up busy Coast Guardsmen to handle more urgent tasks. Auxiliary volunteers also run a number of the Coast Guard's high regarded boating safety courses for the public."* FC **Keith Fosler, Janice Childs** and **Winslow Pillsbury** were also featured with the caption, *"Portland's auxiliarians come from a surprisingly broad range of backgrounds. FC Keith Fosler is an investment broker in his everyday life, while Janis Childs is a registered nurse. Of her Auxiliary work, she says, "It exercises a different part of my brain—and my being." Aside from submitting to a security check and completing a basic course, volunteers need only to be over the age of seventeen and have a genuine willingness to help out—which Win Pillsbury says describes him perfectly."*

Other Flotilla members were mentioned and the article is a great reflection of our Flotilla!