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From our Commander.....

I would like to take a moment and share with all of you one of the proudest moments of my Auxiliary career. At the recent District Awards luncheon, we in Flotilla 21 were honored with two awards. The first award was for the **most member training sessions in the District (!)**. I would like to congratulate our FSO-MT Dave Drake and the entire instructor corp for a job well done, take a bow.

The next award was the prestigious **Meritorious Flotilla Achievement Award!** This award was given to us due to our always being on the job and our involvement in so many programs and missions.

In other words, *doing a lot of things and doing them well.* As I accepted this award on behalf of all the members of 21, I looked over at Brad Thompson and his face said it all, a big broad smile.

We are an exceptional Flotilla with so many talented and energetic members. They say that good leaders surround themselves with great people. As the current leader of 21, I can't help but be a good leader, because I am surrounded by all of you. To all the members of this Flotilla, thank you for providing me with a tremendous moment and take a bow, you've all earned it.

Thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21

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2005 SPRING AWARDS DINNER MEETING

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR \$\$??

Date: Monday, May 9, 2005

Place: The Rusty Scupper Club, USCG Base, South Portland

Time: 1800 - Attitude Adjustment
1900 - Dinner

Attendees: Members - Friends - Distinguished Guests

Program: Dinner
Awards
Speaker
Good Fellowship

Dress: Service Dress Blue
BRAVO, Tropical Blue Long, or
Appropriate Civilian Attire

Red Cross First Aid / CPR Course

All Hands, this course will held on May 21st at Station So. Portland. The cost will be around \$20.00 & will cover the expense of the training materials / training mannequins and will be collected the day of the class. The class will commence at 0800 & finish around 1630. Lunch will be on your own. The uniform of the day will be ODUs or Working Blues.

Glenn Roberts will be the instructor. Completion of this class will certify you for one year in CPR & three years in First Aid. Note: This is not a required course. This course is being offered from suggestions of the members as a supplement to the training already. Thank you, David Drake FSO-MT

Special points of interest:

- For those who have signed up for **GPS for Mariners** is scheduled for the for the **first two Tuesdays in May** at 6:00 PM at *Boater's World*, So. Portland.

For those who were not able to sign up for this class, it is our hopes that this course will be offered once a quarter. The next class will be posted in newsletter.



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David G. Bilodeau - Vice Flotilla Commander

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NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER **MAY 2ND** DEADLINE

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

Cost: \$13.00 per meal Number

Meal Choice: Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Grilled Rib Eye Steak _____

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

Name(s): _____

âPlease mail this reservation and remittance by **Monday, May 2, 2005** 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



Staff Officer Reports

Aids to Nav [V. Thompson] —

The April 23rd ATON workshop was successful with two dozen in attendance. Hosted by the ANT single point of contact J Grissom. Class given by Frank Larkin, DSO-AN, assisted by Tom Raynor, ADSO-ANT Portland and J Grissom. Now the work begins to put in motion what knowledge we have gained at the workshop. I was given 32 private aid verification assignments by J Grissom. I will be going over a plan for assigning these.

Communications [G. Roberts] —

I gave a Communications Class for BSC member training. Continuing Thursday night training at MSO. Will be instructing the GPS for Mariners at Boaters World. CPR/1st Aid is scheduled for May 21.

Info Services [J. Davidson] — All timely submitted reports have been reported for AUXDATA entry. There were several members submitting reports from Jan/Feb and '04, that were not entered into the system. Members still submitting outdated (out of the 30 day range) for reports. Flotilla losing hours.

Marine Safety [K. Cady] —

MSO recorded 18 land-based Harbor Patrols with CG Petty Officers and 5 Marine Environmental Response Patrols. The Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiners course continued this month. The AUX participated in the Heroes Day Parade. With the relocation of the UTLT27, the AUX plans to conduct at least one underway Marine Safety patrol with a Petty Officer per month. Kevin Cady attended the four-day Sea Partners workshop in Tampa, Florida. I am attending a 12 week academy for the fire service and will not be available for Auxiliary duty as often as usual.

Operations [J. Maxner] —

1. UTLT 279514 has been used for two patrols and for training at the dock. 2. Brad Thompson has completed UTLT crew certification. 3. UTLT patrol scheduled for 30 April. 4. OPS Workshop completed. 5. Chart up date workshop in the works. 6. Some members did not return the Ops Application sheet as required. This could result in being eliminated from the patrol schedule.

Looking forward to an active and productive patrol season.

Personnel Services

[K. Caprio] — 'Letters of Introduction' were mailed to 25 individuals who expressed an interest in becoming members of Flotilla 21. -These prospective members were gathered from the recent boat show sign-up lists and word of mouth intros. -Telephone follow-ups are progressing this week to answer any questions and to narrow the field to the individuals who are very serious about becoming members.

Vessel Examination

[N. Magoon] — The first scheduled VSC day will be 05 MAY. The June blitz is scheduled for 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 and 6/25. Requests for VFC days have been received from Falmouth and Yarmouth. DiMillo's is requiring that all boats moored at their marina have A VSC. T. Dunn has volunteered to help with this project as his boat is moored there.

IDNR 2004 Awards Luncheon, April 2005

In addition to F21 receiving the *Meritorious Flotilla Achievement Award* and the *Eagle Clement Plaque* as the Flotilla conducting the most Member Training Sessions, Division 2 did well for the 2004 year thanks to all of the members' efforts. *Congratulations!* to the following Flotillas and individual members: **F24**—Received the **Most Outstanding Flotilla in Each Division Award** for the greatest total performance as determined by the Division Captain.

F25—*Seal of Safety*. Flotilla with the greatest number of VSCs in the District during National Safe Boating Week.

Paul Smith-Valley, F24—3rd Place Plaque for Auxiliarist performing the most Public Education Instructor hours.

L. Bradford Thompson, F21—3rd Place Plaque for Auxiliarist performing the most Member Training Instructor hours.

William Armstrong, F26—3rd Place Plaque performing 177 [most] hours as Coxswain.

Dennis Ring, F25—An Aid to Navigation Plaque for contributing the most to the ATON Program.

MSO Portland—William Buckley, F26—Marine Safety Awards, First Place Plaque presented to Auxiliarists who have contributed the most to the MSO Program in each of the MSO areas. [Other first place plaques presented to MSO Boston & Providence]

William Buckley, F24—Special Award: Rear Commodore's—North Plaque; **Certificates of Accomplishment: 50 OR MORE VSCs**—CORUM, D. F26; WEEKS, William, F21; **50 OR MORE HOURS OF PE**—LONEY, R. & CONNELL Como Wm, F25 **50 OR MORE HOURS OF MT**—LARKIN JR, Thomas, F21; **50 OR MORE HOURS AS COXSWAIN**—MAXNER, James & THOMPSON, L. Bradford of F21; HUTCHINS, W. & KATZ, J. of F24; PEW, G., POTTER, M., & RING, D. of F25; ARMSTRONG, Wm, BUCKLEY, Wm, HOGAN, J. & RAYNOR, T. of F26; **50 OR MORE HOURS AS CREW**—BOOTH, David, FINK, Robyn, MENARD, Joey, SPIVEY, Bryan for F21; DEMPSEY, III, J., DESROCHERS, R., DORMANEN, B., MARION, R., SMITH-VALLEY, P. for F24; CRINK, R., EDWARDS, A., HALPIN, J., HAMRIN, C., LONEY, R., NASH, G., POWER, JR., D., & POWERS, J. of F25; BRADBURY, J., COFFEY, D., CORUM, D., DEHNE, W., MACISAAC, D., MCGOVERN, J., OMEARA, J., RAYNOR, T., & RIVIEZZO, V. of F26; BENSON, D., COOKSON, J., THEVE, R. OF F27. **50 OR MORE ATON VERIFICATIONS**—PEW G., RING, D. & POTTER, M OF F25; **50 OR MORE HOURS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**—REINER, Bernard of F21; JOHNSON, C., JOHNSON COMO R. OF F25; COFFEY, D., HAHN, D., HAHN S., HANSON, W., OF F26; FRENCH, H. OF F27; **50 OR MORE HOURS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITY**—THOMPSON, L. Bradford & YORK, Darlene of F21; **50 OR MORE HOURS OF COMMUNICATIONS WATCH STANDING**—DREWETTE, I., POWER, JR., D., & TARBOX, J., OF F25; MELANSON, I. OF F27.



***** NEW AuxAPC Course starting May 10th ***
Administration Procedures Course**

All Hands, There will be an AuxAPC course beginning on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. This is a 5-week course and is designed to help members better understand the contents of the **Auxiliary Manual** and the protocols and procedures of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The class will be held at the South Portland Station Classroom and will commence at 1900 and finish around 2100. The uniform of the day will be Tropical Blue Long. Tom Larkin will be the instructor.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending this class. Please feel free to contact myself or Tom Larkin If you have any questions.

Note: This course is highly recommended for any new members or members who have joined after 2002. If you plan on attending the course, Please read the first four chapters of your Auxiliary Manual before the first class May 10th.

Thank you,
David L. Drake II
FSO-MT Flotilla 21



Brad Thompson mentoring David Barnard and Jim Lawler at the April 23 ATON/Aids Verifier workshop held at the So. Portland Station



Maine Hero's Parade in Downtown Portland, April 8, 2005





May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 1900 AUXPAT Course, Classroom Base S Portland	3 1830 Crew / COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1900BS&S, McDonald's of Freeport 1800 GPS for Mariners Boater's World	4 1900 BS&S- Let's Go Sailing, SMCC, Hildreth Hall 1900 BS&S Centerboard YC	5 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland VSC Day	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	9 1800 Flotilla Awards Dinner Meeting, Rusty Scupper	10 1830 Crew / COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1900 BS&S, McDonald's of Freeport 1800 GPS for Mariners Boater's World 1800 APC Course So Portland Sta.	11 1900 BS&S- Let's Go Sailing, SMCC, Hildreth Hall 1900 BS&S Centerboard YC	12 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland New Member Interview, Time TBD	13	14 TCT Training, Plum Island HQ, F36, Newbury- port, Mass.
15	16	17 1830 Crew / COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1900 BS&S, McDonald's of Freeport 1800 APC Course So Portland Sta.	18 1900 BS&S- Let's Go Sailing, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	19 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course	20 1900 District Staff & Board Meeting, Assabet Valley HS	21 0800 First Aid / CPR Course
22	23 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting, Classroom Base S. Portland	24 1830 Crew / COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1800 APC Course So Portland Sta.	25 1900 BS&S- Let's Go Sailing, SMCC, Hildreth Hall	26 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course, 1930 Division Board & Staff Meeting	27	28 2000 Aux. Night at the Boston Pops, "Hooray for Hollywood"
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	31 1830 Crew / COX Training, Rusty Scupper 1800 APC Course So Portland Sta.				

Remember, any time there is a change to your Name, Address, Phone Numbers, Fax Number, Cell Phone Number, Emergency Contact Information or Email Address you need to fill out and submit ANSC form 7028 and send it to FSO/IS Judy Davidson, fsois@uscgauxsoportlandme.com, for the correction to go on your records. You can get her USPS address from the flotilla directory.

This URL <http://www.uscgaux.org/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> will get you the form.

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June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1830 MSO 3 Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course		4 VSC Blitz
5	6	7 1800 8 APC Course, So. Portland Sta.		9 1830 MSO 10 Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course		11 VSC Blitz
12	13 1900 Flotilla Monthly Meeting, Rusty Scupper	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1900 New Member Course	17 1900 District Staff & Board Meeting, Assabet Valley HS	18 VSC Blitz
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20	21	22	23 1830 MSO 24 Trident Training, MSO Portland		25 VSC Blitz
26	27 Flotilla Staff Planning Session	28	29	30 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland 1930 Division Board & Staff Meeting		

Coast Guard Auxiliary Member Dies in Iraq



All Hands, it appears that one of our brothers has paid the ultimate price in Iraq.
Please read, thank you, Keith Fosler FC-21.

[Wednesday 27 April 2005] YAQUINA BAY, Ore. - Services are pending for a young Army private who has become the first known Coast Guard Auxiliarist to be killed during the current military operations in Iraq.

Private First Class Kevin Scott Wessel, 20, of Newport, died last Tuesday in Baghdad when a car bomb detonated near him while he was on foot patrol.

Wessel was a member of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary FI69 in Yaquina Bay.

Wessel moved from Hawaii to Oregon after graduating from high school in 2003. He dreamed of becoming a Coast Guard surf man at Station Yaquina Bay and decided to join the flotilla in the meantime. After being deployed to Iraq, Wessel maintained contact via e-mail with his Flotilla members back in Oregon. "His messages were so descriptive, we could almost feel as though we were there with him".

Race Morningstar, a former Coast Guardsman and current Auxiliary member, says Wessel "was a hell of a kid. He would have turned into a hell of a man."

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In the News.....

In the May/June 2005 issue of ***Port City LIFE***, page 56, a *must-read* article, NAUTICAL MILE—PROTECTING OUR PORT CITY, about the duties carried out by Todd J. Bagertis, as federal law enforcement boarding officer for MSO Portland. Bagertis works with a five-person team that investigates every foreign commercial vessel over 300 gross tons arriving at Portland, In 2004, a total of 545 commercial ships came in the Port.

The Coast Guard's homeland security team regularly boats out to a foreign vessel, waiting at sea at the twelve-mile territorial limit, to do an on-board inspection.



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The intent of this event is to focus attention on the Vessel Safety Check Program through the participation of CG Auxiliary flotillas, USPS squadrons and various partnering organizations including marine retailers, marinas and yacht clubs. Beginning with **National Safe Boating Week**, this event ends after the busy 4th of July weekend. During this seven week (eight week-ends) time frame a focused and concentrated effort will be organized to perform VSCs at ramps, marinas, yacht clubs, and other locations throughout your community.