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Be Safe and Enjoy the Summer!

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Plan to attend the **annual Flotilla Picnic** on Monday, July 11th at Fort Williams State Park, 1400-1800.

Plan to bring a dish to share. The Flotilla provides burgers, hot dogs and the rolls / condiments. Contact Keith Fosler to inquire what to bring.

Agenda: *Have Fun!!!!we can do that!*

From our Commander.....

Summer at last and my word to everyone is this, practice what we preach. Many in the Flotilla are boat owners and many more will be going out on boats during the course of the season. When you are out there, remember that whether in uniform or in a pair of shorts, we have a responsibility to act safely and in some cases professionally when we are on the water. Friends and family probably know that you are part of the Auxiliary, show them your skills and your training when out in a boat. We can and should be ambassadors for this organization all the time, not just when we are on a mission. Use your boating experience to also act as a recruiting tool for those who share the same interests we do. Discuss our classes and recommend to your boating friends who have not had any boating education that they consider a class. Lead by example, and never become a part of the problem. Be safe and enjoy the summer.

Thanks you, Keith Fosler FC-21



Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrates 66 years of service

Sixty-six years ago, on June 23, 1939, Congress established the Coast Guard Reserve. This volunteer force of men and women was created to assist the Coast Guard and the recreational boating public.

In this post 9/11 age, the Auxiliary has provided more resources to Maritime Domain Awareness. This over-arching concept is geared toward the security of our maritime environment, our ship yards, and our marinas.

Sixty-six years, and the America's Volunteer Lifesavers™ are still performing. So far this year, over 13 million hours have been donated, 164,000 of them in the air, over 2 million hours on the water, another 163,000 on land-patrol, and the remainder providing support, education, and service to the Coast Guard and the public.



*a friendly reminder.....*Notice of Annual Dues

Debra Bilodeau, FSO-FN, mailed out notices to all Auxiliary members as of 1 June, providing a remittance to submit your member annual dues of \$30 by 1 July for the up-coming Fiscal Year. The notice also advises all members that the dues are increased to \$35 after 15 July.

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Boating Skills & Seamanship

starts 14 September and

Advanced Coastal Navigation

starts 13 September

As you are around and about the Boating Public this summer please remember to promote this to those that you come in contact with. Southern Maine Community College has started taking registration, 6 June, for fall courses.





Staff Officer Reports

Aids to Nav [V. Thompson] — 32 PATONS plus 16 bridge assignments are all in the hands of ANT qualified members, plus work shop info for those who requested.

Communication Services

[E. Henry II] — The National Auxiliary is moving District, Division, and Flotilla Websites to a new server 18 July. All Websites, hosted by National will be off line from 18 July to at least the end of July or later into August. This affects those sites that have a URL of www.uscgaux.org/~xxxxxxx. When these sites come back on line the (~) will be replaced the letter ("a" for auxiliary) and what ever their website address was before.

This change will not affect the national website that has a URL of www.cgaux.org. That website should remain in working order.

Also it will not affect our flotilla website as we are not hosted on the national server. However it may affect some links on our website that point to items on the District Website.

Communications [G. Roberts] — Working with Dave Drake of MT to schedule a refresher CPR only class later in the season.

Informational Services

[J. Davidson] — All reports received to date have been reported. Still receiving reports over 30 days and they are not being entered into AuxData. All 7030's for patrols are being directly pulled from POMS for filing/entry into AuxData. You need to still submit a form to me for Flotilla records.

Marine Safety [K. Cady] — Flotilla members participated in CANUSLANT in Bar Harbor this month. CANUSLANT was a joint operation between the United States and Canada that tested our ability to deal with a major oil spill incident. HARPAT's land based continues to be conducted 4 times a week augmenting active-duty Coast Guard. Although not official, I have received a verbal opinion from Headquarters that

AUX personnel WILL be allowed to continue augmentation of HARPAT's with armed petty officers. An ALCOAST will be forthcoming down the pipe on this matter. Sector stand-up is nearly complete. The AUX has a work station in building 2 with Response on the base (second floor); a computer and telephone is scheduled to be set-up. The office is shared with MST1 Kevin Silva.

I have been appointed Branch Chief of Marine Safety Operations by COMO Siebert on the National Staff.

Fingerprinting new and current members continues to be conducted.

A reminder that citizenship verification needs to be completed with any background packages.

Materials (L. Lemieux) — We received very good response time to my letter (FAX) request for additional VSC materials (four days door to door) from National Supply Center. I received some 'Waterway Watch' material, but only is small amounts. At the 'Falmouth blitz' recently we handed out go 'good quantity' of different 'handouts' materials to both VSC boats and sailors walking by and their shipmate children.

Membership Training

[D. Drake] — APC Course has been completed. Only a couple of members ended up completing the course. I will be planning the next Instructors Course for the middle of August to run for 5 weeks. I am also starting the planning for the next scheduled AUXOP course "AUXSEA" to commence sometime in September.

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]

—The new member class, which ran for 4 weeks, was completed mid-June and 16 individuals took and passed the exam, and are now eligible to become members of Flotilla 21, pending approval of security checks.

Vessel Examination

[N. Magoon] — Our last VSC for the month of June was completed at Falmouth Town Landing on 25 JUN 05. On 2 JUL 05 a special blitz is scheduled at the Yarmouth Town Landing from 0700 to 1100 hrs. This is a special request from the town as they were very pleased with last years blitz. VSCs will also continue at other key locations. In spite of inclement weather plus extreme hot and humid days 82 VSCs have been performed. This does not include this weekends results.

There has been a noticeable increase in requests for individual VSCs this season. Several requests have been the result of our boat show activities. I plan to have a VE meeting at the end of the season to critique our activities and determine what improvements should be considered for next season. Create and timely post VSC posters at each scheduled location. The posters received from National this year showed the year 2000. I recommend we create our own posters next season.

Overall feedback from Towns and Marinas has been favorable. They have expressed their appreciation for our knowledge and professionalism.

Program Visitor [J. Horne] —

Distribution of materials has begun to marinas, particularly our new class posters prepared by Everett. The posters appear to be greatly accepted. Myself and staff are scheduling marina visits to pass the word on upcoming boating classes.





The **U-S-S Iwo Jima**,
an 844-foot amphibious assault ship, will visit Portland for the City's Fourth of July celebration.

The primary mission of LHD-7 is to embark, deploy, and land elements of a Marine landing force through amphibious assault operations by either helicopter, landing craft, amphibious vehicle or any combination of these methods. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle at Iwo Jima. More info on the history and current events can be found at www.iwo-jima.navy.mil/.



FOR SALE: 24' - 1987 Grady-White Offshore 240
Contact: Vincent R. DeMarco, 207-767-1795,
or vdemarc1@maine.rr.com —
 appreciate your passing the word about it
 to your friends.

Coast Guard Sector Northern New England

CAPT. Stephen Garrity, the Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Office Portland, will become the Sector Commander of Sector Northern New England during a decommissioning ceremony on 30 June 2005. During the ceremony **CAPT. Patrick Trapp**, Commanding Officer of Group Portland, assumes the duties of Deputy Sector Commander.

Coast Guard Sector Northern New England will merge Group and Marine Safety Office Portland, and will be the second sector in the Coast Guard's First District to adopt the Sector concept. Other sectors will follow throughout the Coast Guard.

The goal of sectors is to have one major command responsible for the safety and security of each port. The sector command structure which was successfully prototyped in the Northeast at Coast Guard Group / MSO Long Island Sound, Activities New York, and Group / MSO Boston will provide better service to our customers and improve our ability to cooperate with our federal, state, and local partners.

With the move to a Sector, Marine Safety Office Portland will be decommissioned and the operation will relocate to the former Group Portland quarters in South Portland. 27 Pearl Street, the former MSO Portland, will remain a Coast Guard administration facility.





Falmouth Blitz VSC Photos



David Drake, John Hume, Norm Magoon

Photos courtesy of Louis Lemieux



David Drake, John Hume, Norm Magoon, Lou Lemieux

How a lovely day can go sour in minutes.....



A MAYDAY distress call was broadcast over Ch16 on Saturday morning, June 25th, approx. 0930, that a sailboat had hit a rock and was taking on water rapidly in Seal Cove, off Richmond Is. The skipper broadcast their coordinates, and 4 POB.



The sailors abandoned ship onto their motored dingy. A fishing vessel was the first on scene to assist and brought the disabled vessel along in a side tow. Observing that the sailboat was sinking, the fisherman broke the tow.

Lives were saved — property was lost.

The sailboat was resting on the seabed within a half an hour.


The skipper was navigating by GPS.

We ask ourselves...did the skipper study current charts of the area in advance to take note of submerged obstructions??

Also on scene: the USCG 41', Auxiliary 27', & the WetTeam.
[photos courtesy of Bryan Spivey aboard the 27' crewed with Maxner & Fink]



July 2005

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3	4 	5	6	7 1830 MSO Trident Training, MSO Portland	8	9
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Addendum to the 2005 Flotilla Directory. Since the Directory was issued February 2005, Everett Henry, FSO-CS, periodically posts an email directed to the members, entitled "Flotilla Contact List" based on his review of AUXDATA. In your directory on page 15, a blank page is provided to insert new members that have been added into AUXDATA. Please add the following members to your directory:

Mary S. Build	Kenneth M. Cyll	Andrea M. Griffiths	Jonathan W. Goode
#1218379	#1218380	#1218381	1218757

Refer to the "Flotilla Contact List" for addresses/telephone nos/email to complete your directory.

Welcome aboard Mary, Ken, Andrea and Jonathan!

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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For more information, check out this website:

<http://www.americaswaterwaywatch.org/>



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