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**216th birthday of the U.S.C.G.
4 August 1790**

**Monthly Flotilla Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2006**

TIME: 1900
PLACE: Rusty Scupper Club
So. Portland, Maine
UNIFORM: TBL or appropriate civilian attire

Special Guest Speaker: LT CMDR Malcolm Andrews
U S Navy Reserve

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From Our Commander...

"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur." Vince Lombardi, former coach of the Green Bay Packers

We have faced numerous challenges head on this year. We were asked to accelerate the PSI process, even when they changed the rules in the middle of the game, we rallied together developed a plan, and got it done.

ICS training, AUXDATA issues, POMS issues are example of some of the challenges we faced as individuals and as a Flotilla. We used the chain of leadership, we held people accountable, we rattled some cages, and some times, things got a little heated. The bottom line is that we have resolved a majority of these issues.


We adapted and overcame many hurdles. I would like to thank each of you for your patients and help in identifying, addressing, and resolving these challenges.

Meanwhile the summer is quickly flying by. The VE's have been hard at work with over eighty vessel safety checks logged in to AUXDATA. Operations has been training new crewmembers, fine tuning skills, responding to cases and even added a couple of new OPFAC's to our fleet. PS has nine new members eager to become involved. We are supporting the Marine Safety Office, OPCEN, and the Casco Bay Lines.

We had over fifty members attend the picnic at Fort Williams, we had a terrific time.

LT CMDR Malcolm Andrews U S Navy Reserve, will be our special guest at the August meeting Andrews is a Navy P3 pilot and will discuss the various missions of the P3 including SAR and surveillance capabilities.

I look forward to seeing every one at the August meeting.

David Bilodeau
Flotilla Commander F 21 



Staff Reports

Personnel Services [K. Caprio]—In the process of gathering all necessary paperwork to send to DIRAUX for the new members. Also checking available dates for fall '06 new member classes.

Program Visitor [N. Magoon]—Overall RBS visits to date total 100 with a special emphasis to be placed on dealers and marinas in the Falmouth-Yarmouth-Freeport areas. A special thanks to Joel Glass for his time and efforts.

Publications [L. York]—In the process of preparing Directory Addendum for distribution in August.

Vessel Examination [S. Polans]— Continue visiting marinas to conduct VEs at OBYC, Spring Point and Breakwater Marinas. Conducted a number of VEs on boats at Breakwater. Today four of us went to Richardson's Marina and Naples Marina on Sebago and Long Lake to conduct VEs. Rescued a 28 foot sailboat at South Port Marina when they lost their steering on the way out and were drifting into the rocks. Commandeered a small sailing dinghy, took their bow line, tied it off and rowed them back to their slip.

Highlights of 10 July Meeting/gathering at Fort Williams State Park:



Dan Abbott introduces his "skiff hook release device"



Photos courtesy of Allen Bingham

Flotilla 21 Inventor Extraordinaire — Dan Abbott

The release device is designed to remove a skiff hook from the trailer eye on a boat when we are doing towing or towing training. I believe that it is generally better to tow a boat from the trailer eye because:

1. It is near the waterline which lowers the tow line, making it easier to maintain the catenary necessary to keep the line in the water. As a result there is less shock load.
2. Being lower than the deck, the boat is being lifted at the bow slightly, which makes reduces yawing when towing the boat.
3. We can put the line on ourselves, reducing our dependence on the people on the boat in distress. One less thing to go wrong.

BUT...we don't train with the skiff hook very often because it is nearly impossible to remove it on the water on most boats. It is difficult to remove it from a float or a dock, and then only if someone has the arm length of an orangutan (like me). So I have wanted some means of removing the hook from a distance. To make it, I purchased a tree limb-lopper at a hardware store and ground two notches in the ends of the jaws, slightly offset so that when they close they line up with the round body of the hook and the bale. The mechanical advantage needed for that is easily applied by pulling the handle as if to prune a tree branch overhead.

It was a very easy modification, and essentially required that I walk around the hardware store until I saw something that could squeeze hard enough.

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. Refer to the flotilla directory for her USPS address. This URL <http://www.uscgaux.org/~forms/archive/a7028f.pdf> will get you the form.

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Chart Update—Chart 13292—Portland Harbor & Vicinity

LNM 21/06, 26 July 2006--The Coast Guard is making the following changes to Aids to Navigation to facilitate navigation in Portland Harbor on or about 7 August 06:

Add Portland Main Approach Lighted Buoy 11 (LLNR 7578), Green, Q G, 3 NM

Change Portland Main Approach Lighted Bell Buoy 12 (LLNR 7580), Red, FI R 4s, 4 NM to
Portland Main Approach Lighted Bell Buoy 12 (LLNR 7580), Red, Q R, 3 NM

Add Portland Main Approach Lighted Buoy 13 (LLNR 7585), Green, FI G 2.5s, 3 NM

Delete Portland Harbor Mid-Channel Lighted Gong Buoy PH (LLNR 7590)

To read further, refer to the aforementioned LNM available at the local marine stores, or by going online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d1/default.htm> [copy and paste into your WWW Address].

FSO-MT — Specialty Course AUXCOM Offered to Auxiliary Members starting 18 September

Classes begin 18 September 2006 for **AUXCOM** to be held at the So. Portland Base Classroom at 7:00 p.m. The schedule of classes will be on Mondays—18 Sept, 2, 16 & 23 Oct, 6, 20 Nov.

Contact FSO-MT David Drake for more information and to register for the class.

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Sentry, July 14, 2006 edition excerpt: **Birmingham rising quickly**

Maine Bank & Trust is pleased to announce Cape Elizabeth resident **Steve Birmingham** has been promoted to Vice President & Trust Investment Officer. Birmingham, a graduate of Bates College, joined the Bank in May 1995 as a Float Teller.

Birmingham received the “2006 America’s Promise Volunteer Award” from the Maine Bankers Association for making a difference in the lives of kids in our community and was recognized for his volunteer work with the Pine Tree Boy Scouts.

Congratulations Steve!

Members of F 21 patrol our waterways in disguise.....

FSO-OP James Maxner serves as Deputy Harbor Master for the Port of Portland. There is a great deal of marine related info on the department’s website at <http://www.portlandharbor.org/Contact%20us.htm>.

VFC Kevin Cady and **Rick Frees, USCG**, both serve as Deputy Harbor Masters for the Town of Falmouth Police Dept, Harbor Division. They provide emergency services for Falmouth’s waterfront and four islands. They also serve as Municipal Shellfish Wardens enforcing the duties of a Maine State Marine Patrol Officer.

I checked out the department’s website at <http://www.town.falmouth.me.us/police/harbor.html> and under “Helpful Links”, the SNNE and USCG Auxiliary links are listed.

Phil Quinn can be found on a yellow boat with the words “**Sea Tow**” in large black letters on the hull serving as a licensed, **PRO**® fessional captain. They serve members in the Portland/Midcoast area and their working channel is Channel 10 on your VHF radio. If the USCG Auxiliary isn’t towing you, **Sea Tow Services** most likely will be at your service!



August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>USCG Eagle</i> Visits Portsmouth, NH	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall™ @ SMCC 24/7 thru Sun
13	14 1900 Flotilla Monthly Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 1900 Staff Meeting	29 <i>Have you signed up for ACN, BS&S or AUXCOM?</i>	30	31		

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 1900 Monthly Flotilla Meeting, Rusty Scupper	12 1900 ACN, Hildreth SMCC	13 1900 BS&S, Hildreth SMCC	14	15 1900 District Board/ Staff Mtg, Marlboro, MA	16
17	18 1900 AUXCOM, Classrm Station [next class 10/2]	19 1900 ACN, Hildreth SMCC	20 1900 BS&S, Hildreth SMCC	21	22 <i>Rosh Hashanah Begins</i>	23 <i>First day of Autumn</i>
24	25 1900 Flotilla Staff Meeting Classroom Station	26 1900 ACN, Hildreth SMCC	27 1900 BS&S, Hildreth SMCC	28	29	30 Past Captains Assn Rendezvous 2006 George's Is., Boston Harbor



Here are some photo's I thought I would share from my recent training in Pensacola Florida. Pensacola N.A.S. is the "Cradle of Naval Aviation" and the home of the "Blue ANGELS".

There were two segments of training, Special disorientation and CRM (Crew Resource Management). The Special D. was taught by the U.S. Navy and the CRM by the U.S.C.G. It was awesome!

— Submitted by David Booth, 18 July 2006



Booth F-14 E Seat



Arrival Pensacola N.A.S.



Sir, Ready to Spool up!

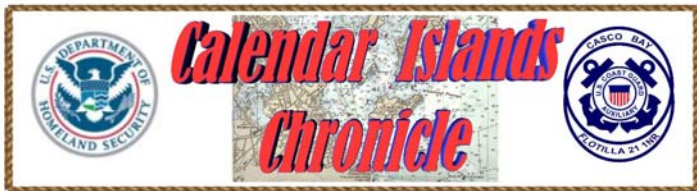


U.S.N. Survival Training School. Special D.



Sir! Flotilla 21 is in need of an aircraft

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Congratulations to new members to F 21:

**John P. Esser
Jacqueline M. Fitzpatrick
Frank W. Orr, IV
Richard A. Robichaud
Andrew D. Worcester
David E. Worthing**