



# CALENDAR ISLAND CHRONICLE

Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla 21 1NR



Volume 10 Issue 1 October, 2014

## Upcoming Events:

**Flotilla Meeting**  
**Monday October 13**

**Elections**  
**Flotilla Meeting**  
**Monday November 10**

## What's Inside:

Staff Officer Reports	2,3
Calendar	4
Aid to the Gold Side	5
Guest Speaker	5
Maine Light House day	6
Tough Mudder	6
New Qualifications	7

## A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

The recreational boating season has now slowed to a crawl, and usually ends around Columbus Day.

A highlight of September is the beginning of the Public Education season. We have started well with a BS&S class with 16 students, followed by an Advanced Coastal Navigation class with 11 students, and a New Member class with 7 potential Flotilla members. We will continue in October with an AUXWEA class beginning on the 9 in the Base classroom. Please contact FSO-MT David Drake to sign up for this interesting course. Remember this is one of the three required classes for the AUXOP qualification.

Our participation in the Maine Open Lighthouse Day at Portland Head Lighthouse was well manned by five Auxiliary members and four Coast Guard personnel. We can always use more member participation at future events such as this.

Coming dates to remember:

10-13 – Flotilla Mtg., The presenter will be Ms. Pat Gallant-Charette who is an Open Ocean swimmer and an amazing woman. Please try to attend to hear her very interesting story.

Our annual election of Leadership Officers will be held at the November 10 Flotilla meeting. Please be there, as a quorum is needed. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Ken Caprio, Catherine Corey, or Frank Leavitt.

If you have any pictures or stories for the newsletter, please contact FSO-Publications, Mark Callahan.

Paul Standridge, FC

# ***Staff Officer Reports***

---

## ***FSO-IS Information System – Richard Robichaud***

**Accomplishments:** Sent out a notice about getting in your time this year so that you all can avoid becoming REYR. That means that you have not met the time qualifications for your respective field for this year. So it is important to get your time to me every month that is for your 7030 forms. Your other forms can wait until you have enough hours but please put in your time every quarter. Also please don't wait until the end of the year because it is hard on me and the Coast Guard does not like the last minute forms. Also your time is important to the people who help you

**Plans:** IS Workshop sometime this or next year. If anyone has any problems please let me know.

---

## ***FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli***

**Accomplishments** Maine Open Lighthouse Day was a success with thousands visiting Portland Head Light. Thank you to Ken Cyll, Ken Caprio, John Hume, Margo Mallar, Frank Leavitt, and Pirun Sen for participating in the event. The weather cooperated and it was a very popular day with both local visitors and tourists from around the world. We also had 5 enlisted members from the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) help throughout the day. I was interviewed on Channel 8 and appeared on the 11:00 news and their website. I also attended the New Member's Intro Class on September 16 to introduce the Public Affairs program. At the September Flotilla Meeting, I also presented a uniform program entitled "Reflections" regarding a history of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary uniforms.

**Plans** I have been contacted by Daren Lewis, DIR-C regarding assisting with updating graphic presentations for National, including uniform graphics presentation and member training materials.

**Miscellaneous** Beginning in January, there will be required qualification training for all Public Affairs Staff Officers on the Flotilla, Division, and District level. The qualification will be known as the "Public Affairs Apprentice" and will also require 16 hours of activity per year to maintain the qualification for as long as the position is held. PA Specialists and AUX-20 C-School graduates are exempt from the qualification, but not the yearly maintenance. Contact me for more info.

---

## ***FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau***

**Accomplishments:** Continue to collect dues, reconcile bank statement and prepare reports. As of 9/30/14 the balance in checking is \$7702.77 and in the CD \$7955.42 for a total of \$15658.19 Paid the National, District and Division dues for 2015. Cashed out the Clynk account on 10/3 and made deposit of \$137.11. Amount in the account was \$146.35 and purchased 50 bags at \$9.24 Ken Caprio will distribute bags at the October flotilla meeting. Clynk is the bottle and can redemption program at Hannaford

**Plans:** Continue on-going bookkeeping.

# *Staff Officer Reports*

---

## ***FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson***

**Accomplishments:** 04 SEP, Conducted Oral Board Exams for Annie Boissevain and Alessandra Turati at the STA class room. ~ 06 SEP, Provided one OPFAC to patrol the Lobsterman's Triathlon at Winslow Park in South Freeport. ~ 08 SEP, Attended Flotilla 21 meeting. ~ 12 SEP, Boat Crew qualification check-rides successfully completed by Annie Boissevain and Alessandra Turati. ~ 14 SEP, OPFAC SPIRIT visited the new Yarmouth Harbor Master. ~ 26 SEP, Inspected Bill Thornton's boat as an OPFAC. ~ Conducted Oral Board Exam for Jim Boselli. ~ 29 SEP, Ken Cyll certified as a Coxswain. ~ Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting. ~ All Crew Members (except one) attained their twelve hour minimum U/W requirement.

**Plans** Commence sixteen week Boat Crew Qualification Program in January. ~ Provide OPFAC to complete checking the flotilla's Private Aids to Navigation. ~ Schedule Team Coordination Training after the first of the year.

---

## ***FSO-MA Materials - Paul Standridge***

**Accomplishments** Processed one large order for materials used by VE & PV members. Spent several hours re-arranging materials in the storeroom on Base.

**Plans** Continue ordering materials as needed

---

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
1,8,15,22,29	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
9,16,23,30	Member Training - AUXWEA	1900	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
7,14,21,28	Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/MT	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
7,14,21,28	New Member Training	1830	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
13	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
18	Member Training - AUXFS	1900	FSO/MT	Fairhaven, MA
27	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
November	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
5,12,19,26	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
6,13,20	Member Training - AUXWEA	1900	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
4,11,18	Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/MT	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
10	<b>Flotilla Meeting ELECTIONS</b>	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
10	<a href="#">District Board &amp; Staff Meeting</a>	1900		Stoddard Army Reserve Center, Worcester, Ma
22	America's Home Town Thanksgiving Parade	0800		Plymouth, MA
24	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

## November Elections

**Quorum:** *the smallest number of people who must be present at a meeting in order for decisions to be made*

*Flotilla 21 quorum is 25. Please come to the November flotilla meeting we need your vote.*

Remember that Flotilla Leadership elections will be held at the November 10 flotilla meeting.

Anyone interested in an elected position needs to contact the leadership appointment committee: Ken Caprio Chair, Frank Leavitt and Catherine Cory.

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.

## AUXWEA Class

AUXWEA classes to begin on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hrs. in the Station class room. The class is one of the required classes for the AUXOP. If you are interested in taking this class contact David Drake or Frank Levitt.

# ***Giving Aid to the Gold Side***

As member of the Auxiliary we are occasionally asked to perform tasks outside our standard mission. In late September Flotilla 21's own Carl Israel was on one such mission.

Carl, on orders from Captain Gilda, was asked to provide legal services for the gold side as a Legal Assistance Lawyer. Carl visited with gold side members in Jonesport and in Eastport and was able to catch a ride from Lubec to Eastport on board the Coast Guards newest 45' boat



## ***Flotilla Meeting Guest Speaker***

Please join us at the October Flotilla Meeting to help welcome guest speaker Pat Gallant-Charette. Pat is a marathon swimmer having attempted to swim the English Channel in 2008 coming just 1.7 miles from completing the swim. An impressive feat for anyone let alone a 63 year old who only took to marathon swimming at the age of 46.

Her first long distance swim was the 2.4-mile Peaks to Portland swim in honor of her late brother Robbie Gallant a 2-time Peak to Portland winner.

Pat continues to enter the Peaks to Portland every year with Robbie's son Christopher, cheering her on. That success encouraged her to seek other goals, including a double crossing of Maine's Big Sebago Lake (12 miles), the Great Chesapeake Bay swim (4.4 miles) and the Strait of Gibraltar swim (9 miles), where stroke by stroke Pat repeated her mantra, "You can, if you try". Then on June 16, 2010 Pat swam across the Strait of Gibraltar (Spain to Africa) in a time of 3 hours and 28 minutes. And much to her surprise, she placed 3rd fastest woman's time since 1928.

Come to the October Flotilla meeting to hear Pat's amazing story.

You can learn more about Pat by visiting her blog at <http://patgalant.blogspot.com/>

# Maine Open Lighthouse Day

The sixth annual Maine Open Lighthouse Day was a success. At this year's event an estimated 15,000 to as many as 18,000 visitors were able to get an up-close look at one of the twenty two lighthouses that opened their door to the public on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>

Below are some links to local news coverage of the event

[Portland Press Herald](#)

[American Lighthouse Foundation](#)

[WMTW News](#)



## Dick Robichaud "One Tough Mudder"

Flotilla 21's very own Dick Robichaud and his team participated in this year's "Tough Mudder" to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

---

**"I will look forward to seeing some of you there next year."**

***Dick Robichaud***



The Tough Mudder is an endurance event in which participants attempt a 10–12 mile long military-style obstacle course. The Tough Mudder series course was originally designed by British Special Forces to test mental as well as physical strength.

This year's "Great Northeast" event was held at the Sunset Ridge golf course in Westbrook and consisted of 20 obstacles over a 10.3 mile course. Dick said "My whole team finished the event. It is not a timed event but a team event and everybody helps all. I will look forward to seeing some of you there next year."

Since 2010 the Tough Mudder has held over 100 events on three continents and has helped by raising 6.5 million dollars for the wounded warrior project.

Here's a link to the [Tough Mudder](#) website for more information

# Two New Boat Crew Members

From Brad Thomson, Operations Officer FSO-OP

Greetings Shipmates,

I'm happy to announce that our newest certified Crew Members are Dave Stobo and Bill Thornton. **CONGRATULATIONS** to them!

We are always looking for potential Crew Members to crew our OPFACs (Operational Facilities). We try to have at least one boat on patrol each weekend day, holiday, marine event, occasions of peak boating activity, or whenever the Coast Guard needs us.

Brad

Flotilla 21 1NR  
Newsletter  
Editor  
Mark Callahan

E-MAIL:  
[Mfc19@earthlink.net](mailto:Mfc19@earthlink.net)

We're on the Web!

See us at:  
<http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/>

## New Qualifications for Flotilla 21

Here are some other new member qualifications.

Program Visitor - John Maxim

Coxswain - Ken Cyll

Congratulation and thank you for all you do for the Flotilla.



Coxswain - Ken Cyll

**CAPTAIN CLYNK:** The CLYNK bottle fund recently cashed out and deposited \$137.11 for the flotilla. Please continue to donate your bottles and cans. Give CAPTAIN CLYNK a call if you need CLYNK bags and labels.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE—PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 —The disclosure of the personal information contained in this newsletter is subject to the provisions contained in the Privacy Act of 1974. The subject Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits the disclosure, distribution, dissemination, or copying of any material containing the home address, home telephone numbers, spouse's names, and social security numbers, except for official business.