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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

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Upcoming Events:

January 12, 2015
Change of Watch

Boat Crew Training
Starts
January 6, 2015

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November began with the Commander and Vice Commander attending the three day Team Leader Facilitator Course at the Cape Cod Air Station. At the November flotilla meeting the commander and vice commander were re-elected to their posts. IPDCDR Alex Lachiatto officiated.

We have seven new flotilla members that have completed the New Member Class and have received their member ID numbers.

Our winter BS&S Class continues with 16 students and the Advanced Coastal Navigation Class continues with 11 students.

The Operations Dept. has scheduled the 2015 Boat Crew Qualification Program to begin on 06 January 2015 in the Station So. Portland classroom. Any member interested in operations is encouraged to attend. Please contact FSO-OPS, Brad Thompson.

The highlight of December, thus far, was the annual Christmas Holidays party held at the Scupper on December 8th. It was a treat to have the new members in attendance. The food, conversation, and door prizes created an evening of complete enjoyment for all.

Although winter formally begins on December 21, remember each day will be a bit shorter as we race toward our Spring and Summer operations.

I wish a happy, healthy, and safe Holiday Season to each member of Flotilla 21 along with your families and friends.

Our next flotilla meeting is 12 Jan. 2015 at the Scupper. Usual time of 1900; uniform is Winter Dress Blue, Tropical Blue, or appropriate civilian dress. During the course of the meeting will be our 2015 CHANGE OF WATCH.

In as much as John Hume and I have been re-elected, we feel it is appropriate, and our desire, not to impose an additional meal cost and full dress affair on the flotilla at this time.

We have a tentative commitment from Division leadership to do the swearing in ceremony. We will also swear in our incoming Staff Officers. I will send out a more definitive agenda prior to our meeting.

I am asking each member to try and attend this important function. The leadership and new and returning Staff Officers will certainly appreciate your attendance.

There will be refreshments, coffee, etc. served for your enjoyment.

Paul Standridge, FC

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-IS Information System – Richard Robichaud

Plans

Members! You all have until January 15, 2015 to turn in your time. Please do so as soon as you can to avoid the rush for we do not want to see you in REYR status. Don't wait until the last week to do so. Thanks for a good year. Your FSO-IS Richard Robichaud.

FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments

NOVEMBER OPS REPORT >> 10 NOV, Attended Flotilla 21 meeting (elections). ~ 18 NOV, Represented the Operations Department at the Flotilla Awards Committee meeting to re-work our awards criteria. ~ 24 NOV, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting. ~ 27 NOV, Sent initial notice of the 2015 Boat Crew Qualification Program, which will commence on TUE 06 JAN at the Sta. South Portland class room at 1830. Ordered materials for candidates.

Plans

Distribute BCQP Syllabus and acquire some new instructors for the course. Schedule Team Coordination Training Course and TCT Refresher.

Problems

The ever-present reluctance of some leaders to report their time for some activities is a concern because it affects our flotilla's performance image.

Recommendations

Concentrate on encouraging members to report their time, both on Form 7029 and 7030.

Miscellaneous

Winter's coming soon!

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments

Prepared Holiday Party Invitation and sent to flotilla members. Submitted disenrollment listing to National and District financial staff officer for reimbursement of dues. Reconciled bank statements and prepared monthly financial report. Paid bills and made deposits. Balance in the checking account is \$6933.48 and the cd is \$7956.75 for a total of \$14890.23

Plans

On-going accounting..

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-HR Human Resources - John R. Byrne

Accomplishments:

Completion of latest new member training class has yielded 7 new members who have received their EMPLIDS. Total new members added this year 11

Plans:

Several new prospects are on the horizon

Problems:

I am in need of several mentors to help the latest addition of new members become more familiar with our flotilla and help them in their career path.

Miscellaneous

Thank you to all who help me in the recruitment and retention of new members. your time is appreciated.

FSO-MS Marine Safety- ROBERT GELLES

Significant obstacles

There were no scheduled "MSHP" performed by coast guard which precluded auxiliary participating in the marine safety program

The flotilla does not have any radio facilities that would allow auxiliirists to perform patrols in their own vehicle.

Future Plans or Events

There will be patrols scheduled in December.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December-14	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
2,8,16 (Tuesday)	Advance Coastal Navigation - AUXNAV	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
3,10,17 (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Hildreth Hall Room 101
4,11,18 (Thursday)	Member Training - AUXWEA	1900	FSO/MT	Station Class Room
8 (Monday)	Holiday Party	1900	FC/FVC	TBD
29 (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting - Planning Session	1900	FC/FVC	Station Class Room
January-15	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
2,3,4	1st District Northern Winter D-Train			Hyatt Regency Newport, RI
12 (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
13,20,27 (Tuesday)	Advanced Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	FSO/PE 21
14,21,28 (Wednesday)	Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&2	1900	FSO/PE	FSO/PE 21
14,21,28 (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	FSO/PE 21
26 (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station Class Room
30,31, FEB 1	N-Train 2015			St. Louis, Mo

Boat Crew Training

Boat Crew training will start in January 2015 as stated in the attached letter from FSO-OP Brad Thompson.

Greetings Shipmates,

The 2015 *Boat Crew Qualification Program* will begin on Tuesday 06 January 2015 at 1830 in the classroom at CG Station. South Portland.

The program runs on Tuesday evenings for sixteen weeks and covers the shore-side tasks required to become a boat crewmember. The underway training begins at the end of the classroom meetings in April, when the boats go in the water.

If you are interested in becoming a crewmember in the Operations Department of the Casco Bay Flotilla or to receive more information on the subject, please contact me ASAP.

The classes are open to current and former crewmembers and trainees who would benefit from a review.

I'll be sending in the order for materials very soon, so I need to know how many to plan on. Thanks!

Brad

Thank You to BM2 Steve Santos

On Monday morning, November 24th, one of our Coast Guard friends of 6 years, BM2 Steve Santos, left active duty with the USCG to return to his home and family in Plymouth, MA. Steve plans to remain with the USCG Reserve and work in his brother's electric business. As a thank you for all his work with the Coast Guard, and the Auxiliary, Flotilla 21 presented BM2 Santos with a few gift. Among the gifts given to Steve by his fellow Coasties, was one of our Flotilla Certificates of Appreciation. It was framed in silver with a Coast Guard blue mat and read; "CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION, presented to Steven M. Santos BM2 from the CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 21 for Your Service & Support of the USCG & USCG Auxiliary."

Along with this certificate, Steve was given a Flotilla 21 Tee Shirt, a Flotilla mug and Key Float. Brad Thompson & Ken Caprio did the informal presentation.

Steve was truly surprised and VERY appreciative of the thought and gifts. He will be truly missed by Brad Thompson, our Operations Staff Officer.

Station So. Portland Welcomes USCGC Ocracoke (WPB-1307)

USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND WPB 1340, an Island Class cutter has been replaced at Station So Portland by another Island Class cutter, C WPB 1307. The USCGC OCRACOKE has been berthed directly across the Fore River for a few weeks now. She had been in the Miami area for several years but will be slowly getting her New England Sea Legs. She is older than the JEFFERSON ISLAND, being commissioned in August, 1986, but, due to her deployment in warm waters of Miami, she is supposedly in 'better shape'. Only time and the New England weather will show her mettle. The USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND has been decommissioned and may be considered for sale to our allies.



USCGC Ocracoke, leaving Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, May 12, 2008.

Career (United States)	
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Name:	USCGC Ocracoke
Namesake:	Ocracoke Island
Status:	Active in service as of 2010

General characteristics

Class & type:	Island class patrol boat
Displacement:	168 tons
Length:	110 feet
Beam:	21 feet
Propulsion:	2 diesel engines
Speed:	28 knots
Complement:	2 officers, 15 enlisted
Armament:	25 mm Mk 38 machine gun, 2 .50 cal M2 machine guns

A Thank You from the Gold Side

A note from Ken Caprio: After the ceremony for BM-2 Steve Santos one of Steve's friends came up to Brad & Ken and sincerely thanked the members of Flotilla 21 for the Hannaford Thanksgiving Gift Certificate. He mentioned that it meant a lot to his family and he was very appreciative.

CDR Troy Vest, from the Response Dept. and Station Chief Hans Schultz, also mentioned how great it was for the Flotilla to acknowledge one of their own. "

As you can see, our FELLOWSHIP & GOOD WILL towards the GOLD side is not going unnoticed!

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CAPTAIN CLYNK: The CLYNK bottle fund recently cashed out and deposited \$137.11 for the flotilla. Please continue to donate your bottles and cans. Contact CAPTAIN CLYNK Ken Caprio kacvette@gmail.com if you need CLYNK bags and labels.

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