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Upcoming Events:

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday February 3**

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday March 9**

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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

January came in peaceful enough, but went out like a good old Maine winter! The promise for February appears to me more of the same in and around our AOR. The New Year brought us a new Division leadership, while our own flotilla leadership and staff remained about the same.

January through March continue to be our heavy training months with emphasis on public boating safety classes and member training in Aids to Navigation and Advanced Coastal Navigation. It not too late to sign up for flotilla Boat Crew training, check with FSO-OPS, Brad Thompson, ASAP.

Contact FSO-PE Everett Henry to see if you qualify to be a classroom aid in any of the PE courses. Revised training for Gate Guard duty at Station South Portland will resume later in February, details will follow when Division sets the dates.

One of our goals is to prepare and present interesting programs at our monthly flotilla meetings. Monday evening 2-9-15 is no exception. FVC John Hume has put together a program on the unique training and experience in harbor tugboat docking of large ships in Portland harbor. Come learn something new! Light refreshments will be available.

Paul Standridge



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-HR John R. Byrne

Accomplishments of Note

I have assigned Mentor's for the newest 7 members who have just received their EMPLIDS. I attended the Divisional COW and was reappointed for another year as the SO-HR for division 2 I have been working with one individual who has now completed all of the new member requirements and who's application will be presented to FC for signature at staff meeting.

Programs of Note

I will be looking at another new members training class to be set up for May after the current Public Education class is finished...more to follow.

Problems

Minor Health issues have slowed me down physically but not affected my drive or determination. I will be going in for Back Surgery on February 5th and will not be in attendance at February's Flotilla meeting. I will be taking some time off from work and Church activities to fully recover.

Concerns

Mentors please call those assigned to you and offer any help you can. your help as a mentor is valuable to our new member program. It is not about me, but it is about US. Together we can help the 13 new members added in 2013 to establish and reach their goal in our Flotilla.

FSO-MS Robert N. Gelles

Accomplishments of Note

70m Ms observation 15.5 hours 70u Ms/Mp Training 3.5 "

Problems

MS missions performed by the same members each month There are a number of members who are qualified to perform "MSHP" missions, but are reluctant to volunteer.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-IS Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Attended three Boat Crew Classes as an Aid. Attended the Division Change of Watch. Attended the Flotilla and Staff meeting. I have sent out several emails to our Flotilla members about the importance of our time, forms and problem issues. I am trying to make putting in your time as easy as possible and if you have questions on your time or the forms to call me and if you have problems with submitting the forms to call Everett Henry.

Programs of Note

All people and computers are different so it is sometimes difficult in solving the problems with our forms. It could be your operating system, your Adobe format, or just you. Your time is important to you and more important to the Coast Guard.

Problems

People turning all their time in at the end of the year. People printing out the forms and hand writing everything in. People not knowing where to find the forms that they need. People not being able to open the form or to Submit it. People getting frustrated and giving up all together.

Concerns

People putting their time in all at once at the end of the year and finding out it went in late and find themselves REYR. People not putting in their time at all.

Good of the Auxiliary

I am here to help you and so is Everett. Please give us a call and we will do our best to get you through the process. Remember that when you join the Auxiliary that doing your time is part of the Job.

FSO-PV Paul A. Standridge

Accomplishments of Note

Mid January visited LL Bean; in Freeport, delivered "If Found" stickers. Visited Ship to Shore store in Harpswell, left boating safety & cold water survival brochures.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-NS Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

Having only recently (unofficially 14 January) transitioned into the NS position: 1. Have been in contact with NS counterparts at Division and District; getting/reading material for NS (and not experiencing undue anxiety yet). 2. Thanks to Richard Robichaud, 4 members are having their Aid Verifier qualification from 2014 processed by District. I do not know the status of that at this time. 3. Was able to do a group email to the flotilla on the first try (Thanks, Everett). And, possibly getting this 1st staff report out successfully will be another accomplishment.

Programs of Note

1. Emailed the flotilla on the opportunity to participate in on-line training for Aid Verifier (beginning in February). To date, I know of one member participating. 2. Have received from District the list of PATONS (28 of the 78) in Casco Bay to be verified this year. Need to develop sequencing plan for efficient use of time and resources. 3. Will be coordinating with B.Thompson/Operations to coordinate patrols for this year's aid verifications.

Problems

1. Inconsistencies in data (District tables in NS newsletter, AUXDIR, etc.) regarding who and/or how many members of the flotilla are AV qualified (or losing their qualification); and the one qualified person we have is not in the directory for this flotilla!? 2. Just found out that District places additional requirements for Aid Verifier qualification beyond those required generally (e.g., selected Boat Crew qualification tasks). 3. Check-offs for AV require that it be a "Verifying Officer" (not a "mentor" like in boat crew). This has to be scheduled and may take 3 hours to complete (per person).

Concerns

1. Getting up to speed on what I need/expected to do. 2. Getting current AV people on the water to do verifications that we are expected to do, and to maintain their qualification. 3. Getting new AV people thru the process timely and efficiently.

Good of the Auxiliary

At this point, to carry on and fulfill one area of responsibility expected of the auxiliary.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-PA Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

Designed and distributed the Flotilla Christmas card. Secured the flotilla's participation in the Maine Boatbuilder's Show. Will be submitting a STTR for AUXLAMs. Will be working with Susan Polans on a press release noting the Auxiliary's participation in the UPV program and the partnership with the Maine Guides.

Programs of Note

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Spring boat shows. They're only a few months away.

FSO-PE Everett L. Henry II

Accomplishments of Note

January PE course were rescheduled due to the fact that SMCC did not get their brochure out in time for our course start dates. ACN will now start on 3 February and BS&S and SS&S will start on 4 February. The April BS&S Course remains to start on 2 April.

Programs of Note

Continuing to work with National on AUXplusPE6 now at revision 6.26 with 6.27 just around the corner. It should be noted that the revision was at 6.1 when I first got involved with AUXplusPE6. Record keeping for all our PE Courses will be entered into this software from here on out. I am developing a program for collecting information needed to enter records into the software. PE Instructors and Classroom Chairpersons will no longer have to submit a 7030 for their time or their aids PE time. It will be take care of by the FSO/PE as part of AUXplusPE6.

Problems

There is still a need for Classroom Chairperson for the April Course.

Concerns

Not enough of the membership helps with our PE Courses

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

JANUARY OPS REPORT >> 06 JAN, Conducted the Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP) "Orientation" in STA South Portland class room. ~ 09 JAN, Attended Division 2 Change of Watch. ~ 12 JAN, Attended Flotilla 21 Meeting. ~ 13 JAN, Presented BCQP Chapter 2 in STA class room. ~ 20 JAN, Steve Birmingham presented BCQP Chapter 6 in the STA class room. ~ 27 JAN, BCQP class for Chapter 3 cancelled by snow.

Programs of Note

Schedule the Team Coordination Training Course, TCT Refresher, and the Operational Workshop. ~ Collect and collate OPFAC Forms #7003 and forward to the OTO in Boston. ~ Assure that Boat Crews & Coxswains are not in REYR.

FSO-FN Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

Received and deposited \$875 from SMCC for Fall classes. Balance in checking as of 1/26 is \$6822.42 and CD is \$7957.38 for a total of \$14779.80. Examination of the financial records has been completed and the 7025 has been prepared.

Programs of Note

Preparation of the 2015 budget is underway. Staff officers please let me know the budget amount you are estimating for your supplies expense for 2015 qualified to perform "MSHP" missions, but are reluctant to

Calander of Events

February				
3,10,17,24	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Class Room Station S. Portland
9	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
10,17,24	Advanced Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	
11,18,25	Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&2	1900	FSO/PE	
11,18,25	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	
23	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
March	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
3,10,17,24,31	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Class Room Station S. Portland
5,6,7,8	Portland Boat Show		FSO/PA	Portland Sports Complex
9	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
3,10,17,24,31	Advanced Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	
4,11,18,25	Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&2	1900	FSO/PE	
4,11,18,25	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	
30	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
28	Vessel Examiner Workshop	-	FSO/VE	FSO/VE
20,21,22	Maine Boat Builders Show	-	FSO/PA	Portland Company Complex

Budget Vote

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 March flotilla meeting we need your vote.

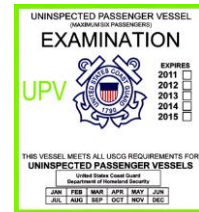
A notice to all Flotilla 21 members we will be voting on the 2015 annual budget at the March Flotilla meeting. We need a quorum to pass the budget.

WEBEX UPV Training Opportunity

To all **Vessel Examiners**,

and **UPV examiner wannabes**

and currently qualified **UPV Examiners**



Save the dates **8 February, 8 March, and 12 April 2015** all Sunday nights **8 PM**

We are going to start a **3 module training course** to cover the aspects of the

Federal Requirements for a charter boat aka 6 pack or Uninspected Passenger carrying Vessel.

All the regulations for UPVs are a not known by all charter boat operators. You could be the person that educates these vessel operators and provides them with the knowledge or at the least, shows them where to get the information they need to know! When vessel examiners are walking the docks and come across a boat operator with a captains license provides you will be able to fulfill this type of an educational opportunity. This person spent money to get their USCG license, and they would like to learn the regulations that could at the best save a life and at the least prevent them from having a huge fine.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND THIS CLASS PRE-REGISTER UP FOR EACH MODULE

MODULE 1 8 February 2015:

Introduction to the UPV program and the regulations / Vessel Registration & Documentation requirements/ USCG Licenses & what types are needed and applicable regulations / TWIC cards/ MMD & MMC / Lighting requirements/ Sound Signal requirements / Life Saving Equipment requirements /

MODULE 2 8 March 2015:

Fire Fighting equipment / VDS requirements / ABYC & NFPA standards for Cooking, Lighting and Heating / MSD requirements / Marpol requirements / Oil Pollution requirements / Communication requirements / Drug & Alcohol program requirements

MODULE 3 12 April 2015:

How to check for Drug & Alcohol program compliance / Marine Casualty compliance issues / Serious Marine Incident compliance / Safety Orientation requirements / Emergency Check off Sheet requirements / Passenger counts/ Chart and publication requirements to be aboard/ Additional items to check for / OSHA reporting requirements/ Sexual Harassment reporting

You can Pre-register by emailing Nick@Butziger.com and indicating which WEBEX module you want to attend.

We will reply with the necessary sign in data for the date(s) you choose.

Keith C. Morton

April 9, 1929
January 3, 2015

Link to Keith Morton Obituary [Dolby Funeral Chapel](#)

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Keith C. Morton, 85, died Saturday January 3, 2015, at Maine Medical Center. He was born April 9, 1929 in Gorham, a son of Frank and Aurilla (Saunders) Morton.

Keith grew up in Gorham and joined the US Army following high school. Following his military discharge he enjoyed an engineering career working for a variety of companies across the country. Keith participated in many organizations and was a proud member of, the S.B.E, A.O.P.A, American Legion Post #155 of Naples, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Quarter Century Wireless, the White Mountain Choral Society, Kora Shrine, Roman-Hatheway Lodge #223 F&AM of Rome, NY, and the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Gorham. He was also a registered professional engineer with the Commonwealth, a commercial pilot, and held a marine captains license.

In addition to his parents Keith was predeceased by a wife, Birdie Ruth Morton; and siblings, Angie Spring, Winnie Robichaud, Marie Taylor, and Donald Morton. Keith is survived by his wife Roberta (Pries) Morton; sons, David Morton and William Blood, both of Raymond; daughter, Beth Blood of Portland; sisters, Ethel Quattrucci and her husband John of South Portland, and Betty Dusty and her companion Dale of Massachusetts; grandchildren, Bradley and Heather Morton of Portland, and Torrie Warren of California; and former wife Marie Blood of Raymond.

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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