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Upcoming Events:

Flotilla Meeting
Monday March 9

Flotilla Meeting
Monday April 13

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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

February//March

Comments are short and sweet this month due to a severe case of "cabin fever" on my part. Like most of you, I am just beginning to see the outline of my yard and driveway popping up through the snow. The highlights of the month were one blizzard after another. The major operation in the Flotilla has been the Public Education department faithfully teaching Boating Safety, Seamanship and Coastal Navigation classes at SMCC.

The flotilla is again in need of new Vessel Examiners, Recreational Boating Safety Visitors, Aids to Navigation Verifiers, Instructors and classroom aids, Boat Crewmen, part time Gate Guards at the Base, and Watch Standers at our Boat Shows and CG Base Open House. As you can see there are plenty of opportunities to become and stay active in the Flotilla. Contact me or the FVC with your special interest. The Coast Guard needs your time and commitment in order to help bear some of their burden of preparedness to the Country. In that regard, I'll put in a plug for Dick Robichaud, FSO-IS, to please report your Auxiliary activity in a timely manner on a 7029 or 7030 form. Please try to attend our March 9 flotilla meeting; FVC John Hume is planning a useful training period, and there will be light refreshments! This Sunday, 3-8-15, Daylight Savings Time begins; surely Spring is soon to follow!

Paul Standridge, FC



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-PE Public Education Everett L. Henry II

Accomplishments of Note

ACN Course at SMCC was canceled because of lack of students. BS&S Started on 11 January with 15 registered students plus one flotilla member taking it towards his BQ status. SS&S Started on 11 January with 15 registered students plus three flotilla members taking it towards their BQ status.

Programs of Note

Continuing to work with Herb Theisz BC-EAS of the AUXplusPE6 team with ideas on how to improve the software and reporting on what does and does not work.

FSO-PV Program Visits Paul A. Standridge

Accomplishments of Note

Visited LL Bean, delivered "If Found" stickers. Called on "Ship to Shore" store, delivered Cold Water Boating brochure. Checked on PV brochures at Androscoggin Bank display.

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

The Portland Boat Show has all time periods full with at least one watchstander. A schedule for the Maine Boatbuilder's Show will be coming out soon. I redesigned and printed new boat show display graphics. I also had one pull-up retractable banner repaired. I have begun gathering information for a new flotilla pop-up tent to replace one of our aging tents

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-IS Information System - Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Attended Boat Crew classes Chapters 3,4 and Taught Chapter 5 Marlinspike Seamanship. Attended the Flotilla and Staff meetings. Attended two WebEx training for UPV Examiner. A lot more time has come in from our members and that all has gone into AuxData

Programs of Note

Members please give me your time on a Monthly basis.

FSO-MS Marine Safety - Robert Gelles

Accomplishments of Note

32 hours were generated in 70u ms/mep training By one member partaking in Aux Asst. Container Inspector AUX-CI

Problems

There will be a few "MSHP" Scheduled in the month of March by Coast Guard. All is predicated on Congress passing a Budget.

FSO-VE Vessel Examination - Francis W. Connelly

Accomplishments of Note

Received 280 decals from Paul. Have started ordering materials for upcoming season.

Concerns

It might be a slow season due to dock damage at marinas. I don't know how many marinas pull there docks but at South Port I would say that at least 25% of the marina has been damage due to ice buildup.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

FEBRUARY OPS REPORT >> 03 FEB, Steve Shane presented Boat Crew Qualification Program Chapter 3 to six trainees at the STA class room. ~ 09 FEB, Attended Flotilla 21's Meeting. ~ 10 FEB, Steve Shane presented BCQP Chapter 5 at the STA class room. ~ 17 FEB, Dick Robichaud presented BCQP Chapter 7 at the STA class room. ~ 23 FEB, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting. ~ 24 FEB, Reviewed BCQP Chapter 7 and "Pre-Underway Check-off".

Programs of Note

Schedule the Four Hour Team Coordination Training Course, TCT Refresher, and the Operations Workshop. ~ Collect and collate OPFAC Offer of Use Forms and send to the Operations Training Officer (OTO) in Boston. ~ Continue working to correct the REYR list for Boat Crew. ~ Coast Guard has requested OPFACs and "Bad Guys" for their Marine Law Enforcement Training day in the spring.

FSO-NS Navigation Systems - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

1. Have plotted locations of PATONs to be verified this season in order to determine efficient use of an operational patrol. 2. Have responded to District (& Division) request regarding current status of Aid Verifiers at this point in time for the flotilla.

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

Balance in the checking account is \$6542.38 as of 2/27/15 and the cd is \$7958.08 for a total of \$14500.46

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-MS Material – Ken Caprio

Accomplishments of Note:

Gradually taking the reins from Paul & taking new Materials orders.

Problems:

Nothing overwhelming, but, Old Inventory items must be disposed of !

Concerns:

Re-arranging storage closet to get rid of outdated folders, paperwork, etc.

Calander of Events

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
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
April	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
1,8,15,22,29	Boat Skills and Seamanship 1&2	1900	FSO/OP	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
1,8,15,22,29	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PA	SMCC Health Science Center Room G17
2,9,16,23,30	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1	1900	FSO/PE	
4	First Aid/CPR Course	800	FSO/MT	Station S. Portland Class Room
7,14,21,28	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Class Room Station S. Portland
13	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
27	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

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.

Paperwork

John Hume VFC

We have all heard it before “The job is not over until the Paperwork is done” in our lives from our educational experience, to our jobs, home ownership, automobile ownership, civic organizations, interacting with government, and many many more, all involve some form of paperwork or reporting. Membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is no exception; in fact, we seem to be a little more demanding than other organizations in the paperwork department.

The Coast Guard and The Coast Guard Auxiliary are tasked with a multitude of responsibilities. As with any large organization each year someone has to answer the questions; what are we doing? are we doing it effectively? and how much does it cost? The way we measure our effectiveness is through members reporting their activities. All too often our members do not consistently report their activities. To be honest none of us joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary so that we could do more paperwork. Many members feel that the important thing is that they do the mission, they do it well, and they don't care who gets the credit.

So why do we have to report? The Coast Guard, The Department of Homeland Security, and the Congress assign a monetary value to each of the missions the auxiliary performs. While you may not care “who gets the credit” your Flotilla, Division, Sector Northern New England, and The First Coast Guard District, do care. Accurate accounting of Auxiliary reporting affects many things from budgeting, our credibility as members of Team Coast Guard, the number of Vessel Safety Check Decals to be printed, allocation of supplies, performance evaluations, and many more.

Timely and accurate reporting of Auxiliary activity affects a lot more than “who gets the credit” Reporting is not something that we need to do in addition to the mission, it is part of the mission. While we have all heard it before “The job is not over until the paperwork is done”. Another way to think of reporting is “The job didn't happen unless the paperwork is submitted”.

March Flotilla Meeting Program

At the March Flotilla Meeting, the Program will be Flotilla Member Steve Shane's presentation on Scrimshaw in the traditional whaling industry. Steve has samples of scrimshaw and the tools used in the creative process from his personal collection.

Maine Boatbuilder's Show

We are still looking for volunteers for the Maine Boatbuilder's Show from March 20-March 22.

Below is the current schedule for you to review. If you would like to help please email or call me with your date preferences, which will be given on a first-come first served basis.

For those who have never stood watch at a boat show, these events are a perfect opportunity to talk with the public about safe boating, our vessel safety check program, public education classes, and joining the Auxiliary. Immerse yourself in the boating community! I hope to hear from you all soon.

For more information specifically about the show, click below.

<http://www.portlandcompany.com/boatShow/>

Dennis Morelli, FSO-PA Public Affairs Staff Officer

Date	Watch	Time	Auxiliarist 1	Auxiliarist 2
Friday March 20	First Watch	1000 - 1400	Jack Maxim	
	Second Watch	1400 - 1800	Peter Poulin	
Saturday March 21	First Watch	1000 - 1400	Alan Atkins	
	Second Watch	1400 - 1800	Lorelle Courtois	
Sunday March 22	First Watch	1000 - 1400	Dave Olney	
	Second Watch	1400 - 1800	Lorelle Courtois	

USCGC Eagle

Members, the sailing schedule for the USCGC Eagle has been released and they are planning a visit to Portland from July 18-21. Let the planning begin...

Dennis Morelli, FSO-PA Public Affairs Staff Officer



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March Navigator Express Available Online

The March Edition of the Navigator Express is available on-line now!
Just click on the link below to read stories about:

How a MAYDAY Relay from a State Governor and a SAR response by a Coast Guard AIRSTA led to a vessel owner becoming an outstanding member of the Auxiliary;
Connecticut's Coast Guard Summer;
AUXAIR Support for NBC Nightly News; why duty at D11's Station Tahoe City [California] is hardly a vacation;
How an AUX Telecommunication Operator is augmenting Coast Guard Station Milford Haven;
and, DSO-PAs at the NTRAIN 2015 Public Affairs Workshop.

NAVIGATOR EXPRESS can be found at: <http://auxpa.org/NAVEX/NAVEXMAR2015.pdf>

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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