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Upcoming Events:

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday September 14**

**Flotilla Meeting
Monday October 12**

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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

The month of August was taken up largely with the Auxiliary National Convention (NACON 2015) in San Antonio, TX. However, locally a prospective New Member Class was begun with an introduction to the Auxiliary. A call went out for payment of delinquent 2016 dues; unfortunately a few disenrollments had to be sent out, but we were fortunate to pick up three new members to help fill the void. Our Vessel Examination Days at marinas in our AOR were completed during the month. Our Public Education department is cranking up for our Fall BS&S and ACN classes. So far a total of 19 students have signed up.

Our FSO-PA, Dennis Morelli, was selected to attend the commissioning of the new USCGC James in Boston, where he served as an usher for the event. Dennis has also accepted the position of D1NR Coordinator for the "Coastie" electronic training vessel. He is interested in training flotilla members to operate this important PR device. Contact him if you are interested!

The Flotilla Operations Dept. carried much of our work load during the month of August. The coxswains and crews weathered the hottest days of the summer season by providing Operational Facilities (OFPACs) for several Boat Crew Qualification training missions. Several Marine Safety and Navigation Systems patrols were undertaken. Also, several Safety Patrols were provided for Charity

events such as a Lobster Boat Race and a Tug Boat Muster. Ops will also provide a boat and crew to perform mock boarding drills for Coast Guard Law Enforcement personnel in early September.

Remember the Open Lighthouse Day event on Saturday 9-12. Gate Guard volunteers are still being sought for duty at Station So. Portland. Volunteer, if you can. Check with Ken Caprio for details.

We look forward to your attendance at the Sept. 14 Regular Flotilla Meeting. Steve Shane will present Mandated Training in Ethics. We will also welcome our newest member "Coastie". Light refreshments will be served.

Paul Standridge, FC-21



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-NS Navigation System - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

1. General: Completed qualification as Operator/Director for Coastie, the Safety Boat. Have completed all check-offs for AV qualification except for 2 that must be done with a "Verifying Officer" (vs. mentor) with regard to PATON Reporting System; have arranged to meet with SO-NS when he's back in September to take care of this. And, as boat crew and operational facility, have been working on underway tasks required for Coxswain qualification. 2. NavSys: Of the 78 PATONS in Casco Bay, verification was required for 32 (41%). Over several patrols, including "non-patrol" trips, the 32 have been completed. FYI - Bug Light is 13' off-station (but within the 25' limit as a fixed aid). Still pending is the data entering required in the PATON reporting system. Currently trying to get AV crew together to accomplish this now. In addition to the required verifications, we also have done 19 verifications on PATONS that were "check only" this year (e.g., 11 at SoPort Marina, SoPo Pier, SoPo regulatory buoys, and Maine State Pier)..

Problems

Problems & Concerns: 1. PATON reporting system requires an individual to log in to enter data following the verification/checking on an aid. This is how the individual gets credit toward maintaining AV qualification. Potential problem is that a person will put it off ("do it tomorrow") and it does not get done in a timely fashion or at all. While the individual may lose his/her AV qualification, in the meantime, the PATON reporting system has not been updated. 2. Previously noted the late start for patrols this year due to upper-level administrative requirements placed on Operations for PPE and quarterly scheduling. That delay, along with the need for Operations to provide for boat crew training, trainee training, and QE patrols for a number of individuals, limited the ability to have specific PATON verification patrols, especially to the far reaches of Casco Bay. This problem was compounded by the number of Coxswains and operational facilities that were available this year. 3. Me as a problem (well, maybe just a concern) -- not being AV qualified as yet, I cannot go into the PATON reporting system and do any data entry. As the FSO-NS, I can see this role as similar to Coxswain...people serve on boat crew but the Coxswain puts in their crew time. Perhaps the FSO-NS can do the same with regard to PATON reporting...responsible for updating PATON reporting while the individuals involved in the data collection process get credit toward maintaining their AV qualification.

FSO-VE Vessel Examiner - Francis W. Connelly

Accomplishments of Note

Have finish with VE Days at the marinas

Programs of Note

Was a slow season at the marinas this year. It seems that there was a low turn out this year and we never had a great day at and of the marinas this year.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-DV Diversity - Catherin M. Corey

Accomplishments of Note

At our last meeting I asked all of the staff officers to fill out a little questionnaire about our roles in flotilla what we do well, where can we improve, favorite aspect of the flotilla, etc... Almost all answers were different to a certain degree... Go figure! However everyone came to the same conclusion about our roles as staff officer just different wording saying that each one of are dedicated to doing our jobs so that we can help our other members, the gold side and public. One area that we could be better at was communicating to our members the importance of attending the monthly meeting and our public events. So, we now need to have a round table discussion aka game plan on how we can make this happen as a team.

Programs of Note

Octobers monthly staff meeting I will be presenting on the history of women serving in the United States Coast Guard!

FSO-MA Materials – Ken Caprio

Accomplishments of Note

Received a quantity of teachings aids from Frank Leavitt and have to go thru material to see what is being kept and what is being discarded

Concerns

Auxiliary storage room is fast becoming overcrowded with, out dated and unused items.

Good of the Auxiliary

A SNNE watch standing program for the auxiliary has become available & is in presently being introduced to all flotillas in the division....volunteers from flotilla 21 are needed !

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

Balance in the checking account is \$8936.84 and the CD is \$7962.02 for a total of \$16898.86. Still trying to collect dues from some members. Received an invoice from National and District for 2016 dues in the amount of \$3168 due by 9/15. Paid invoice for \$1460.61 for the recovery loops

Problems

Collection of delinquent dues. Individually emailed everyone that have not submitted their dues/ snail mailed the 2 members that do not have email.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Operations - L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

August OPS Report >> 01 AUG, Provided two Operational Facilities (OPFACs) to practice Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP) Tasks with Trainees. ~ 02 AUG, Conducted BCQP Training Patrol. ~ 05 AUG, Provided two OPFACs to practice BCQP Tasks with Trainees. ~ 08 AUG, Two-boat OPS training. ~ 09 AUG, UW OPS Training. ~ 10 AUG, Attended Flotilla Meeting. ~ 12 AUG, Conducted Navigation Patrol to check our assigned Private Aids to Navigation (PATONs). ~ 16 AUG, Provided three OPFACs for Safety Patrol at the Multiple Sclerosis Harborfest Lobster Boat Races and Tug Boat Muster to benefit breast cancer. ~ 19 AUG, One OPFAC conducted a Navigation Patrol to check PATONs in our Area of Responsibility (AOR). ~ 23 AUG, Conducted Third Year Currency Maintenance Check Rides for four Crew Members and one Initial Crew Member Check Ride. ~ 25 AUG, Conducted Third Year Currency Maintenance Check Rides for three Crew Members. ~ 29 AUG, Conducted two-boat OPS Training. ~ 31 AUG, Attended Flotilla Staff Meeting. ~ Three members have successfully been removed from REYR and are now re-certified as Crew Members.

Programs of Note

09 SEP, Provide an OPFAC for mock boarding drills for CG Law Enforcement personnel. ~ 12 SEP Provide a Safety Patrol for the Lobsterman Triathlon at Winslow Park in South Freeport.

Concerns

We have two Crew Members who have not completed their Third Year Currency Maintenance Check Ride. They won't be available until the end of SEP. We'll have to concentrate on their check rides. The Qualification Examiner has been advised of the situation.

FSO-MS Marine Safety - Robert Gelles

Accomplishments of Note

Activity was confined to container observation and uninspected passenger vessels

Problems

Due to medical reasons of auxiliary members who usually perform MS missions, MS activity is at a minimum.

Concerns

Failure of qualified flotilla members to volunteer for MS missions.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-HR Human Resources - John Byrne

Accomplishments of Note

Received into Flotilla membership 2 new members, Noel March and John Horne. Application for Joyce Jones being forwarded to Director of Auxiliary for processing. "New Member class started on August 20th to run through October 1st. Class has 4 possible new members.

Good of the Auxiliary

Member Day Saturday October 10th at station South Portland.

FSO-IS Information System / Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Did a patrol on July 4th and July 11th. Attended the Flotilla Meeting on August 10th. and Staff meeting on August 31st. Attended a Webx for UPV on August 30th. Continue to do my job as FSO-IS.

Programs of Note

We all need shadow people to take over our position when we go down and can't perform our duties.

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

Attended the commissioning of the USCGC JAMES in Boston and served as an usher. Accepted position as D1NR Coastie Program Coordinator. Became certified Coastie operator. Sent out a press releases for New Member training class. Created and distributed flyers for upcoming boating safety classes. Organized flotilla's participation in Open Lighthouse Day.

Programs of Note

Open Lighthouse Day is Saturday September 12. Coastie will be "sworn in" to our Flotilla at the

Calander of Events

September	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
3,10,17,24	New Member Course	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
9,16,23,30	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 4	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center
12	Maine Open Lighthouse Day 2015	1900	FSO/PA	
14	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
15,22,29	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center
October	What's Happening	Time	Contact	Place
1	New Member Course	1900	FSO/HR	Station S. Portland Class Room
6,13,20,27	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room TBA
7,14,21,28	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 4	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
10	New Member Day Division		SO/HR	
12	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
26	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room

Auxiliarists Needed for Pubic Event

The Flotilla has been asked to set up a boating safety display at the Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association's 30th anniversary celebration on Saturday September 12 from 1400 to 1800 at the School Street Playground in South Portland. We will need two or three Auxiliarists to help staff the display, to answer questions and to pass out materials. (This is during the Open Lighthouse Event at Portland Head Light)

I apologize for the short notice on this event but the request came late to the Sector and they notified us as soon as they could.

Interested Auxiliarists should contact John Hume FVC at 207-329-5877 or jhume@maine.rr.com

Maine Light House Day

Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 12, 2015

This popular annual event, which is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism and the American Lighthouse Foundation, attracts between 15,000 to 18,000 visitors each year and offers the general public the rare opportunity to climb and learn about over two dozen historic Maine lights.

Portland Head Lighthouse



Location: Cape Elizabeth (land-based)

SPECIAL NOTE: Approximately 280 tickets will be made available for visitors on a first-come-first serve basis the day of the event, which are necessary for climbing the tower. You must be at least 48 inches tall and able to handle 85+ steps unassisted to climb the tower.

Historic Buildings Open: Light tower and keeper's house (Museum inside & adjacent gift shop)

How to Get There: Land based

Coordinates: 43°37' 24" N 70°12' 30" W

The lighthouse is an active Coast Guard aid to navigation. The light station's historic buildings are owned and managed by the Town of Cape Elizabeth. For more info on the Museum at Portland Head Light, visit: www.portlandheadlight.com

Help Wanted

Open Flotilla Staff Officer Positions

Flotilla 2-1 is looking for help.
We currently have openings for two Flotilla staff positions.

1. Communications

This officer is primarily concerned with Auxiliary fixed land and land mobile radio facilities. The duties include periodic inspection of these facilities and their proper operation. The FSO-CM works with the Member Training Staff Officer to have the Communication Specialty Course (AUXCOM) taught to those desiring to participate in Auxiliary communications.

2. Member Training

As the name implies, this officer is responsible for administering all training of flotilla members. This includes boat crew, instructor, and vessel examiner training. Conducting all required Operations, Instructor, and Vessel Examiner Workshops is another FSO-MT responsibility. For these, the FSO-MT must coordinate with the Operations, Public Education, and Vessel Examiner Staff Officers. This position is very important to a growing flotilla and requires a dedicated, imaginative, and industrious individual

If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to find out more about any of the Flotilla staff officer positions please contact Paul Standbridge FC or John Hume VFC to get more information

A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN are needed to stand GATE WATCH at USCG station So. Portland.

Are you looking for an opportunity that directly helps the Gold side? Please join us in standing watch at the main gate for USCG station So. Portland.

Presently, we have 9 people trained to stand watch at the main gate 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 0900 to 1500. We can always use more....as it stands now, your watch standing responsibilities are only 1 or 2 days a month.

If you think you would be interested in helping or want more information, PLEASE contact Ken Caprio at kacvette@gmail.com 207.885.9147 for more details.

Public Education Classes

Everett L. Henry II FSO-PE

The Fall Public Education courses start on 9 September for Boating Skills and Seamanship and 15 September for Basic/Advanced Coastal Navigation (AUXNAV Member Training). The schedules for both course were updated today on our flotilla website.

Please check to see if you are being asked to help with either of these courses. Direct link to each of these course are as follows:

BS&S <http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/ppages/pecourse/BS&Ssmcc2.htm>

BCS/ACN <http://www.uscgauxsoportlandme.com/ppages/pecourse/ACNsmcc2.htm>

If you name in not on either list and you would like to help please contact the chairperson for the class you would like to help with.

Everett Henry is the chairperson for BS&S
Brad Manter is the chairperson for BCN/CAN

Classroom numbers have not yet been assigned. I hope to have that information in the next day or two so check back later to see where the course are being held. We do need extra help for the Knot tying class on 25 November. If you can help with this class please let me know so I can let the instructor know who will be there to help.

A reminder to our members that are in AP or IQ status that if you have not completed a Boating Safety Course you need to do so to become a BQ member. Please contact me if you are planning on taking this course. You do not need to contact the college I will take care of getting you into the course.

Members wanting to take the BCN/ACN for AUXNAV should contact Brad Manter to let him know that you will be taking the course.

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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