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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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Upcoming Events:

Flotilla Meeting
Monday November 9

Flotilla Holiday Party
Monday December 14

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Greetings to all in the Flotilla! I apologize for my lack of comments in this months newsletter. I wish to thank all who passed on well wishes during my recent stay in hospital with an irritating bug called Diverticulitis.

This Monday, November 09, is especially important! We will elect new leadership for 2016. We must have a quorum present and voting. Uniform of the Day will be Tropical Blue Long, ODU, or appropriate civilian attire.

There are still several awards and certificates of accomplishment to be handed out. There will be some munchies available. Come early to meet and greet DCDR BYRON Moe; and Guest of Honor Captain Michael A. Baroody, USCG, Commander. Sector Northern New England.

Paul Standridge, FC-21



Staff Officer Report

FSO-NS Navigation System - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments of Note

11. We completed required PATON verifications in our AOR (31 of 78, or 40%) along with a number of additional reportings of PATONs with discrepancies. 2. An additional "boat trip" has been planned for early November to photograph bridges in our AOR and observe/report on any discrepancies. 3. I am working on several chart corrections that need to be submitted with regard to PATONs that have not been in Portland Harbor for years (yet still appear on the charts). 4. Maine State Pier continues to advise me that their permitted/charted PATON will be up "in about 2 weeks or so." That has been the situation for a number of "2 weeks." Will continue to inquire as to the status there. 5. I have completed watchstanding qualification, and have done gate duty, at SNNE - South Portland. Sector/Station is understaffed and does appreciate our presence in what we do. And, its been very interesting with the opportunity to meet/talk with members of the "gold side."

Concerns

1. Competition for Operations' boat time having to provide training/maintaining qualification opportunities for boat crew and coxswains and having to facilitate NS activity. Some training (e.g., towing evolutions) are not conducive to PATON verifications. Other training activities are, or we just need to plan for more patrols, or better coordinate the ones we do (and that is me working with Operations). 2. PATON verifications not getting done, or reported, until late in the season when they are not as useful with regard to the updating of NLM and/or notifying the permitted party about discrepancies that may be rectified for the boating season.

FSO-IS Information System - Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments of Note

Worked with Anne Manning SOIS to get two of our members to complete our Mandated Training. Attended 4 BS&S classes as an aid. Attended our Flotilla and Staff meetings for the month Did my normal job as FSO-IS as far as members time and helping some of our members..

Problems

Our mandated training seems to give some of our people a hard time? Logging into the program is the main problem? Must make it easy or the people trying to do it will just through in the towel.

Good of the Auxiliary

Thank you Anne Manning for your assistance.

Staff Officer Report

FSO-VE Vessel Examiner- Francis W. Connelly

Accomplishments of Note

Another boating season has come to a end. We had another good season with some good days and some bad but overall it was another good season for all of the examiners. I would like to thank all of the examiners for their hard work and dedication to the VE program.

FSO-HR Human Resources - John Byrne

Accomplishments of Note

I received from COMO Belmore my 2nd SSA "sustained service award" which will be presented at Flotilla meeting. New member training is now complete. Application packages (5) were sent off to DIRAUX for approval. All new members have paid their dues. I just received final check from (Joyce Jones). With Noel March, John Horne, and one transfer in from Flotilla 14 to 21 our new member total through October 2015 is 8. Our next new member class will be in early in 2016. I will be continuing on as SO-HR for 2016.

Programs of Note

Member Training Day will be held at Station South Portland in April of 2016 details to follow. Mentors will be solicited for the 5 new members coming in to Flotilla21.

Good of the Auxiliary

2016 will be a year of growth for Flotilla 21. Plans are in the making for active qualified recruitment by Human Resources.

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments of Note

Researched and presented advertising options for Public Education Classes. Accepted an offer to hold an ADSO-PA position for 2016. Entered and accepted nomination for VFC.

Programs of Note

With the upcoming election, I will be stepping down as FSO-PA. It has been a wonderful way to learn about and promote all of the programs our flotilla participates in. Thank you to those who supported me in the position. I have already begun discussions with a potential replacement.

FSO-FN Finance - Debra A. Bilodeau

Accomplishments of Note

Balance in the checking account is \$7,503.37 and balance in the certificate of deposit is \$7,964.03 for a total of \$15,467.40. Payment has been received from SMCC for fall classes in the amount of \$1,335.00.

Staff Officer Report

FSO-MA Material – Ken Caprio

Problems

The Storage Closet has been 'cleaned up' and rearranged; a New Shelf has been purchased and Installed and New Storage Bins have been bought to make ALL Storage bins the same & to save space. Additional Bins are being considered. *All this with THANKS to Mark Callahan for being the catalyst for getting this done !

Concerns

With reference to the cleaning out of the storage closet.....there is a multitude of outdated AV equipment, ie, movie projector, overhead & slide projectors, slides, transparencies, tapes, AV screens, etc, etc ., that need to be disposed of. BE PREPARED TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT TO DO WITH THESE ITEMS !!

Good of The Auxiliary

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR GATE WATCH DUTIES-please consider this!

FSO-PV Program Visits - Paul A. Standridge

Programs of Note

To all PV members; continue to call on any marine dealers, bank lobbies, libraries, etc. Look for new outlets and advise your fellow PVs if successful.

FSO-OP Operations – L. Bradford Thompson

Accomplishments of Note

October OPS Report >> 04 OCT, Conducted check rides for four in Dan Abbott's OPFAC "ANNA KATE" and Steve Shane's OPFAC "SPIRIT". ~ 12 OCT, Attended Flotilla 21 monthly meeting. ~ 26 OCT, Attended Flotilla 21 Staff Meeting. Margo Mallar and James Thomson successfully qualified as Crew Members.

Programs of Note

The Boat Crew Qualifications Program Course for 2016 will commence on TUE 05 JAN

Problems

We have a few crew members interested in studying for the Coxswain designation. We're planning a way to present the course during the winter months to coincide with the Crew Member Course.

Calendar

| Nov | What's Happening | Time | Contact | Place |
|------------|---|------|---------|--|
| 3,10,17,24 | Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation | 1900 | FSO/PE | SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17 |
| 4,11,18,25 | Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 9 | 1900 | FSO/PE | SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17 |
| 9 | Flotilla Meeting | 1900 | FC/FVC | Rusty Scupper |
| 30 | Flotilla Staff Meeting | 1900 | FC/FVC | Station S. Portland Class Room |
| DEC | What's Happening | Time | Contact | Place |
| 1,8,15 | Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation | 1900 | FSO/PE | SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17 |
| 2,9,16,23 | Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 12 | 1900 | FSO/PE | SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17 |
| 14 | Flotilla Holiday Party | TBA | FC/FVC | TBA |
| 28 | Flotilla Staff Meeting - 6 Month Planning Session | 1900 | FC/FVC | Station S. Portland Class Room |

November Elections

John Hume VFC

Flotilla Members,

The November Meeting of the Casco Bay Flotilla will be held on Monday November 9 at 1900 at the Rusty Scupper.

The Flotilla will hold our annual elections to choose a new Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander for 2016. Your attendance is important so that we have enough members present to have a quorum for the elections.

We will have the honor of having Captain Michael Baroody the Commanding Officer of Sector Northern New England to address the Flotilla. Captain Baroody has served on the Pacific, the Gulf and the Atlantic coasts in a number of different capacities in his nearly 30 years with the Coast Guard.

SNNE PA Assist Position

SNNE is looking for an Aux member to do regular/daily (?) online scans of news stories featuring CG SNNE. Basically do a morning Google search and compile any data referencing SNNE.

The goal is to monitor media coverage, track the distribution of SNNE press releases and generally keep an eye out for info, good or bad, about CG SNNE.

Essentially sit down in the morning with a cup of coffee, do a couple of searches and send what turns up along, I assume as a list of links but that hasn't been spelled out yet.

This can be done from anywhere with an internet connection and requires little or no travel. Could be an interesting job and one that will be helpful to the CG to track and respond to news or events in the sector.

Members interested should contact me for more information.

Thanks,

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