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A Message From Our Commander

Paul Standridge, FC

Upcoming Events:

Flotilla Holiday Party
Monday December 14

Change of Watch
Monday January 11

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Although unofficial until December 20th, old man Winter has provided us with some freezing nights and cold days in preparation of what's in store for us!

November proved to be a highlight month with Operations Dept. reporting 53 patrols for 236 hours completed during this boating season. John Hume was elected Flotilla Commander for 2016, and Dennis Morelli was elected Flotilla Vice Commander. They will take office at our Change of Watch ceremony in January. Our Navigation Systems Dept. reported an active month. The Aids Verifiers completed PATON verifications along with a survey/with photos of 8 bridges within FL-21's AOR.

FSO-NS, Billy Thornton has recently been offered, and accepted, the position of ADSO-NS for District 1NR, Division 2. Congratulations to Billy! He is certainly the right man for the job.

Our Public Education Dept. is still in the final days of completing a BS&S class of 20 students, and a class in Advanced Coastal Navigation of 12 students. Spring classes are scheduled for February.

Finally, a highlight of December will be the annual Christmas Holiday Party on December 14. Plan to join your friends, shipmates, and hopefully some of our new flotilla members!

I wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday Season,

Paul Standridge, FC-21



Staff Officer Reports

FSO-NS Navigation System - Billy G. Thornton

Accomplishments_Of_Note

1. We completed verification of required PATONs, and then some, for 2015. Updated PATON patrol worksheets (excel spreadsheets detailing PATON info) were submitted to DSO-NS. Have already received back updated worksheets for PATON verification & re-verification for next season. 2. Completed bridge survey/photos of 8 bridges in FL21's AOR and the 1st Northern's Bridge System data base has been updated. 3. For both 1& 2 above: In addition to the work of those AV-qualified people (i.e., Boselli, Byrne, Corey, Robichaud) who participated in this endeavor, I would like to specifically acknowledge the contribution of Dan Abbott in both time and resource in getting this accomplished. 4. Have continued to work on the Maine State Pier's PATON, and now the potential for the Ocean Gateway Terminal wanting to add a PATON to their cruise ship mooring (the old Bath Iron Works structure). 5. Have submitted several NOAA chart update reports for the removal of PATONs that are "charted" but have not been deployed for many years. 6. Met with ANT- SPTld (Sr. Chief Lehmann & PATON supervisor Strathem). Happy to report they are pleased with what we accomplished. Despite delays in reporting at the end of season, much of what we do (did) reduces what they have to do at this point. We discussed some discrepancies in the permitted vs, observed lat/lon that will be followed up on. 7. Had been offered, and accepted, the position of ADSO-NS for District 1NR Division 2. Whether that is an accomplishment or a problem/concern, we'll see. I do know I can expect more PATON patrol worksheets to deal with for next season for Flotilla 24, 25, 28.

Programs_Of_Note

With regard to Aid Verification, a new program for the coming year is that of "Harbormaster Rides." This is where AV-qualified people would go along with a harbormaster in his/her AOR and have opportunity to verify, re-check, or observe PATONs in that area. This has the potential to get reports done earlier in the season AND not conflict with scheduling of operational facilities for boat crew training and other missions. Some details are yet to be worked out (e.g., "being under orders") and will be forthcoming.

FSO-IS Information System - Richard Robichaud

Accomplishments_Of_Note

Helped get John Maxim get his Mandated Training inputted into AuxData. All the kudos goes to Anne Manning, thank you. Attended our Flotilla meeting. Marched in the Veterans Day parade with the Coast Guard. Served on a UPV oral board for Stuart Gelder. Taught the Knots class for BS&S and was an aid in two other BS&S classes. Attended our Staff meeting.

Problems

The Coast Guard says that we all have to complete the Mandatory Training but they still have some glitches in the program. Make it simple folks for all people have different levels of schooling and computer skills.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-MA Material – Ken Caprio

Programs_Of_Note

Still working on reorganization of Flotilla Storage Closet

Problems

Outdated equipment is to be; given away; thrown away; disposed of in any manner !

Good_Of_The_Auxiliary

Do not forget to send in reservations & meal choices for the Christmas Holiday party !

FSO-PV Program Visits - Paul A. Standridge

Accomplishments_Of_Note

All Program Visitors made a final call on Marinas that are closing for winter operations.

Programs_Of_Note

We will continue to make calls on marine related businesses other than marinas during the winter months as needed.

Good_Of_The_Auxiliary

Distributing marine safety brochures to marinas, boat yards , individual boat owners, etc. has been proven to prepare both new and long time boaters and crews in our AOR. Knowledge gleaned from the materials passed out by our PVs and classroom Safety Instructors does save lives!

FSO-PA Public Affairs – Dennis Morelli

Accomplishments_Of_Note

Successfully recruited Peter Poulin a replacement FSO-PA for 2016. He is eager to take the position and I am excited to have him join our staff; congratulations Peter! The Flotilla Facebook page is continuously being updated. As of today we have 704 people following our page. Met with John Hume and have been preparing to step into VFC position. Sent out invitation for Holiday Party and have been accepting RSVPs and checks.

Programs_Of_Note

2015 Holiday Party is December 14. Please RSVP no later than Sunday December 6.

Staff Officer Reports

FSO-OP Operations –Brad Thompson

Accomplishments_Of_Note

November OPS Report >> 09 NOV, Attended Flotilla 21 Monthly Meeting. ~ 30 NOV, Attended Flotilla 21 Staff Meeting. ~ Produced and distributed 2016 Boat Crew Qualification Program Syllabus. ~ We completed 53 patrols for 236 hours this season.

Programs_Of_Note

Six members are registered for the BCQP Course that will commence TUE 05 JAN 2016.

Concerns

Again this year the District mission Underway (U/W) totals and our flotilla numbers don't agree. Three Crew Members that were REYR last year are still shown in REYR. We thought we had made up the missing hours this past season. I'll revisit our patrol schedules in hopes of discovering what went wrong. Must come up with a time to hold the Coxswain Course. Most days are committed to other missions.

Calendar of Events

December	What's Happening	Time	Contact Person	Place
1	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
2	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 12	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
8	Basic/Advance Coastal Navigation	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
9	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Chapter 13	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
10	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Final Test	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
11	Boating Skills and Seamanship 1 & 2 Make Up Test	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health Science Center - Room G 17
14	Flotilla Holiday Party	TBA	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
28	Flotilla Staff Meeting - 6 Month Planning Session	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
Jan-16	What's Happening	Time	Contact Person	Place
5	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station S. Portland Class Room
11	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Rusty Scupper
12	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station S. Portland Class Room
19	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station S. Portland Class Room
25	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/FVC	Station S. Portland Class Room
26	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station S. Portland Class Room

Boat Crew Qualification classes

Flotilla Members,

Are you interested in becoming boat crew qualified, and assisting the Coast Guard with Auxiliary patrols?

Flotilla 2-1 will be holding a boat crew qualification course at the Coast Guard station South Portland classroom on Tuesday evenings at 1830 starting January 5, 2016. The course is 16 weeks of classroom work, followed by on the water training. If you are interested, please contact Brad Thompson FSO-OP lbt2@uscgauxsoportlandme.com.

Holiday Party



Casco Bay Flotilla 211 NR *Holiday Dinner*



Paul Standridge
Flotilla Commander

John Hume
Flotilla Vice Commander

You are cordially invited to join the Flotilla Commander and his Staff for the Holiday Dinner on Monday, 14 December 2015, in the Rusty Scupper at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Northern New England.

1800 Social Hour, Cash Bar
1900 Dinner
2000 After dinner raffle & prizes for flotilla members

Menu Options Served buffet style

Prime Rib
or
Baked Haddock
or
Vegan

Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls
Coffee/Decaf Coffee/Tea Bar
Apple Crisp a la mode

Business Casual Dress
No uniforms, but Holiday attire is always welcome

*** Please RSVP by Sunday, December 6, 2015 ***

Please Tear off the Reservation Form below

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Holiday Dinner – Monday December 14th, 2015

Make check payable to:
USCG AUX Flotilla 211 NR

_____ Prime Rib _____ Baked Stuffed Haddock _____ Vegan

And return with your reservation to:

FSO-PA
Dennis Morelli
400 North Shore Rd
Gray, ME 04039

Number in your party _____ at \$ 20 per person = \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Walt Disney Studios Presents

“The Finest Hours”

Submitted By Ken Caprio

In January 2016, Walt Disney Studios is releasing the film "The Finest Hours". The true life story of one of the most daring & successful rescues in USCG History.

In February, 1952, two oil tankers, the SS Fort Mercer & SS Pendleton, broke apart in a powerful winter storm off of Cape Cod. The crew of Motor Lifeboat CG 36500 and the crew of a surfboat from the USCG Cutter Yakutat, braved the treacherous storm and rescued almost the entire crew from both ships. The Motor Lifeboat was piloted by BM1 Bernard Webber, who, because of this heroic rescue, had one of the newest Coast Guard Security Cutters named after him.

This movie was filmed at the in Quincy Ship yard in Quincy, MA and several surrounding Massachusetts towns. The film is opening in theaters on January 29, and, will be at a theater near you.

[Click here to see the trailer for “The Finest Hours”](#)

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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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