

CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

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Commander's Message

Greetings Shipmates,

August is over and September reminds us that the recreational boating season will soon be coming to an end. Boaters will soon be thinking about winterization and the upcoming winter. Our Flotilla held its award night on Monday 13 August. You can see the award winners (contained in this meeting notice) along with some pictures. We thank them for their service and contribution during the 2017 RBS. It was an absolute thrill for me when our own Dan Abbott came to the award night presentation. I had the honor of presenting Dan several awards going back to 2015. Dan Abbott was my coxswain when I did my first check off ride, and what a tremendous teacher he was for me.

The fellowship was outstanding and the food was just right. My sincere thanks go out to Lorelle and Maria for putting the food menu together.

Another new member class will be starting on 13 September, as will the RBS classes we offer at SMCC. There is still much to do before we finish out this great summer.

There are 2 new Auxiliary programs that are open to interested Auxiliarists. There is number one the AUX CHEF program and number two the AVEL program. Please contact me if you think that you might be interested in any of these.

Everett Henry has been working very hard to keep our Flotilla website updated and secure for our use. Please take a few minutes and go on to our website and explore and see what's new.

Once again, I thank each of our Flotilla Family members for helping to make the Casco Bay Flotilla a great place to be. Please call me if you need any assistance.

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Flotilla Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2018 - 1900

Guest Speaker: Seth Spiller. Seth is Assistant District Staff Officer Aviation and Flotilla Staff Officer Public Affairs for Flotilla 02-08. He will speak to us about USCG Augmentation programs with a particular emphasis on the USCG Cutter Augmentation Program.

Noteworthy Events

SEPTEMBER 11 WEEKEND NAVIGATOR–
SMCC

SEPTEMBER 12 -BOATING SKILLS AND
SEAMANSHIP-SMCC

Member Profile – Barry Stemm



1. Why did you join the Auxiliary?

I've always loved the ocean and boats of all types, and have wanted to spend more time learning and volunteering. I like the mission(s) of the Auxiliary and the opportunities, so for me the Auxiliary seems like a good fit.

2. What is your favorite activity when you are not working for the Auxiliary?

This is tough question to answer because I seem to have more activities than time these days! I enjoy working with my hands fixing or building things around the house, and I also enjoy a variety of sports including skiing, scuba diving and hockey, both as a participant and spectator. I also enjoy a good beer festival.

3. If you are employed currently, where are you employed and what is the nature of your job? If you are retired, what did you do before retirement?

I'm still employed but hoping to retire within a few years. Currently I'm the Engineering Manager at Sappi North America (formally SD Warren) in Westbrook where I've worked for almost 32 years. It's a challenging job that has allowed me to see a lot of interesting technologies and changes in the paper industry.

4. What do you aspire to or what do you like most about the Auxiliary?

Once I get the required qualifications I would like to help with hands-on activities that will eventually get me on the water or close to it. I'm amazed by the incredible dedication and commitment shown by so many of our flotilla members, which inspires me to want to do more

5. If you could have any boat you want, what would you choose and why?

That's a good question that I keep asking myself! I have a lake deck boat now but hope to get an ocean capable power boat small enough to be easily handled but large enough for my wife and I to do some overnights. I've been going to boat shows and will occasionally stop at marina to "window shop". Right now I'm leaning towards a picnic style that offers some protection from the elements, but not too big, maybe 24-26 foot.

6. Tell us something about yourself that we probably don't know.

I bought my first boat, a 17 foot wooden Lyman, together with a friend when we were 15 years old before we had cars or could drive, so our parents had to tow it for us down to the local lake where we would spend many hours tinkering with the motor and learning to water ski.

Coast Guard Station SoPo By John Hume DCDR

Many of us refer to the Coast Guard Base in South Portland as "the Station" Coast Guard Small Boat Stations are a traditional unit within the Coast Guard and Station South Portland is one of them, but the South Portland base is much more than a Coast Guard Station. The base was originally developed by a predecessor to the Coast Guard, the United States Light House Service.

After the Light House Service became a part of the Coast Guard the facilities at South Portland continued to serve the new organization. The base has been home to various commands including Group Portland, the Captain of the Port Headquarters, and in current times the Command Offices of Sector Northern New England.

Currently Coast Guard Base South Portland serves as the Headquarters of Sector Northern New England, the home of a number of subordinate commands, and two tenant commands. Subordinate commands are a part of the Sector and they report up the chain of command to the Sector Commander. Tenant commands are located on the base but they are part of other units and do not report directly to the Sector.

Sector Northern New England Command Staff supervises and oversees Coast Guard; Response, Prevention, and Logistics operations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and, Upstate New York. Sector units also include the Administrative Staff, Communications Center and the Planning and Readiness Department. The Communications Center provides communications and over watch services for air and surface units operating across the sector. The Communications Center also provides Command and Control for Search and Rescue as well as Homeland Security Operations within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) Sector Northern New England is the Active Duty sister unit to Auxiliary First District Northern Region Divisions 1 and 2. and First District Southern Region Division 15 in the Lake Champlain area.

Station South Portland is a Coast Guard Small Boat Station. Other Small Boat Stations in Sector Northern New England include; Station Portsmouth Harbor, Station Boothbay Harbor, Station Rockland, Station Southwest Harbor, Sector Field Office Jonesport, Station Eastport, and Station Burlington on Lake Champlain. The primary mission of the Small Boat Stations is Search and Rescue, but they also fill the role of law

enforcement, marine safety, environmental protection, and other duties as required. Station South Portland is the Active Duty sister unit to both the Casco Bay Flotilla and the Saco Bay Flotilla

The Sector Northern New England Command (SNNE) Response Department includes; Station South Portland, the Cutter Ocracoke, the Cutter Thunder Bay in Rockland, and the Cutter Amberjack, based in Southwest Harbor.

The SNNE Prevention Department includes; ANT Team South Portland, the 65-foot Ice Breaking Tugs, and other units across the Sector including those at Two Monument Square in Portland. The black hulled 65-foot Ice Breaking Tugs, Cutter Shackle in South Portland, Cutter Tackle in Rockland, and Cutter Bridle in Southwest Harbor are part of a small fleet of 65 foot Ice Breaking Tugs that are unique to the Northeast United States. The 65s are primarily tasked with keeping the AORs ports free of ice through the Winter to allow for the delivery of fuel oil.

The SNNE Logistics Department including Sector Engineering has responsibility for the assets of the Sector such as buildings, infrastructure and facilities.

Tenant Commands located at the South Portland Base are the Industrial Production Facility, and the Electronics Support Detachment. The Industrial Production Facility performs and manages a wide variety of engineering tasks and projects primarily in the Northeast. The Electronics Support Detachment performs a multitude of communications and security projects on vessels and ashore.

The cutter Marcus Hannah is based at South Portland Homeported in South Portland, Maine, USCGC MARCUS HANNA's area of responsibility spans from Boston, Massachusetts to St. John's Bay, Maine. USCGC MARCUS HANNA is responsible for a total of 376 aids to navigation. In addition to her primary mission of aids to navigation, USCGC MARCUS HANNA also conducts search and rescue, domestic icebreaking, and ports, waterways, and coastal security.

Changes in Life Jackets Standards are Coming Submitted by Peter Poulin

The US Coast Guard established "Type" standards for wearable life jackets and throwable floatation devices in the 1980's and we are all familiar with the Type I, II, III and IV terminology. However, in fall of 2014, the US Coast Guard announced that beginning in 2016, life jackets would no longer be categorized by type. This change was made to encourage new designs in life jackets and to bring consistency in a standard that is used in Europe and the rest of the world. Consistent worldwide labeling will make it easier for people to choose the right life jacket.

Newly introduced life jackets will be classified by level of buoyancy in a measurement unit called "Newtons". The four new universal Newton categories are 50, 100, 150 and 275. This is how they are applied in practice:

- 50 Newton – Foam Buoyancy Aid – Mainly used for active surface water activities such as Dinghy sailing, canoeing and kite surfing and only suitable for competent swimmers.
- 100 Newton – Foam Buoyancy Aid – Dinghy sailing, sports boat, powerboat including RIBS. For swimmers and non-swimmers in inshore and Coastal waters.
- 150 Newton – Inflatable/Air Foam Lifejacket – Yachting, sports boats, powerboats including RIBS. For Swimmers and non-swimmers for use in all but the most severe conditions.
- 275 Newton – Inflatable Lifejacket – Yachting, sports boats, powerboats. For swimmers and non-swimmers. A high-performance device for offshore and severe conditions, when maximum protection is required or where heavy waterproof clothing is worn.

Buoyancy of a human body is an interesting calculation. Approximately 80% of the human body is water and therefore has no weight in water. Fat is your friend in water because it is lighter than water. The converse is also true that more buoyancy is needed if you are physically fit. Other factors such as lung size and clothing come into play as well.

Here is a typical calculation for a 200 lb person:

200 lbs x 80% water = 160 lbs of water

200 lbs x 15% = 30lbs of fat

200 lbs minus 160 lbs of water minus 30lbs of fat leaves 10 lbs.

This means that a 200 lb person with some fat can float with 10lbs of buoyancy. A vest rated at a minimum of 15.5 lbs will keep this person afloat. On the other hand, a lean 200 lb person who works out regularly and has less fat may require buoyancy of 20 lbs.

Selecting the right life jacket may become more confusing during this transition. The US Coast Guard approved seal continues to be required in all vessel examinations but the Type I, II, III and IV terminology will begin to phase out as new products come on line. Life jackets should also be marked “legal for all recreational boats”.

Casco Bay Flotilla Awards



JOHN E. “PETE GASKILL” AWARD- BILLY J. THORNTON



BENSON WRIGHT OPERATIONS AWARD- BILLY J, THORNTON

FLOTILLA RECOGNITION AWARD NAVIGATION SYSTEMS- BILLY J. THORNTON



FLOTILLA HOMEPORT AWARD- SUSAN C. THOMPSON



JOHN HUME



TEAM COAST GUARD AWARD- KEN A. CAPRIO



Auxiliary Commandants Letter of Commendation with two Medals - LORELLE T. COURTOIS



FLOTILLA SUPPORT SERVICE AWARD- LORELLE T. COURTOIS



PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD- NOEL MARCH



MARINE SAFETY AWARD—RICHARD A. ROBICHAUD



ALLEN J. BINGHAM SEAMANSHIP AWARD- STUART R. GELDER



BENSON WRIGHT OPERATIONS- Dan Abbott



PROGRAM VISITOR AWARD – GERRY MOORE



BQ2 MODULES - Dennis Morelli



FLOTILLA COMMANDERS AWARD- PETER I. POULIN



ALLEN BRADFORD AWARD – JACOB LAWRENCE



BILLY J. THORNTON

Full list of Awards

PAYNE MEMORIAL AWARD- STEPHEN L. SHANE

TEAM COAST GUARD AWARD- KEN A. CAPRIO

FLOTILLA GOLD AWARD -MEINTE F. BRUCE

ALLEN J. BINGHAM SEAMANSHIP AWARD- STUART R. GELDER

BOAT CREW TRAINEE OF THE YEAR- ANGELA DEXTER

L. BRADFORD THOMPSON AWARD- JACOB LAWRENCE

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Solicitation for AVEL Members

The AVEL program has undergone a complete and thorough review by the Sector NNE Commander. As a result the AVEL SECTINST has been revised and reissued.

1. A solicitation for AVEL members willing to accept assignment and training with the requisite County and/ or State emergency operations center is **now open**.

2. **Any member interested in, or continuing, this assignment shall forward an Auxiliary resume or letter via email indicating interest by September 15, 2018 to the DSO-IM for consideration of appointment.**

3. Members will be issued USCG Non-Reimbursable orders for assignment to duty. All prior USCG Non-Reimbursable AVEL orders expire September, 2018.

4. **Personal Requirements**. For participating Auxiliarists this will be a significant commitment of time and energy on those individuals who volunteer for this program. It will also be a commitment on the part of the EMA Directors and EOC Managers. The following will be required of those Coast Guard Auxiliarist designated as AVELs:

(1) A minimum two year commitment beginning from time appointed.

(2) Recall availability for emergency events with a 2 hours response time.

(3) Availability to attend regular EOC/EMA meetings and drills.

(4) Maintain call-back info w/AUX, Sector NNE, and the assigned EOC:

(a) phone, E-mail address.

(5) Have access to a computer with internet capability.

(6) Have a valid e-mail address.

(7) Be willing and able to train yourself using FEMA/CG resources.

(8) Be willing and able to attend classroom training on NIMS/ICS.

Equipment Requirements.

(1) Home Phone.

(2) Cell Phone.

(3) E-mail address.

(4) Disk (CD) containing forms/job aids and the Sector NNE Severe Weather Plan SNNEINST 16601.1C (reference (e)) (SNNE to provide).

(5) Go Bag.

(6) Suggested: a laptop computer.

Training Requirements.

(1) Become an Auxiliary Mobile Radio Facility. The assigned AVEL may perform AVEL duties while working toward this qualification.

(2) Complete the following FEMA/EMI Independent Study Course Work:

(a) IS 100 Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS).

(b) IS 200 Basic ICS: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents.

- (c) IS 700 NIMS Introductory Course.
- (d) IS 775 EOC Management and Operations
- (e) IS 800 National Response Plan, An Introduction.
- (f) All Auxiliary Mandated Training Courses

Recommended Coursework.

- (1) ICS/EOC Interface Course, G-191.
- (2) Senior Officials Workshop.
- (3) ICS 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents – when offered.
- (4) ICS 400 – Advanced ICS Command and General Staff, Complex Incidents – when offered.
- (5) Other training as suggested by your respective EMA/EOC.
- (6) Complete the requirements for designation as an Auxiliary Assistant Contingency Planner (AUX-ACP).
- (7) Complete the requirements for designation as a CG-AREP.

****** If interested please forward appropriate correspondence indicating interest to:

DSO-IM Alexander Lachiatto alexgrb@roadrunner.com by **September 15, 2018.**

Upcoming Event Reminder:

10 September (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC	
11 September (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA
12 September (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA
18 September (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA
19 September (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA
24 September (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	VFC	Station Class Room
25 September (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA
26 September (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Room TBA



[LINK TO COMPLETE FLOTILLA SCHEDULE](#)