

# CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

Department of Homeland Security, USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla

OCTOBER 2018



## Commander's Message

The October Commanders Message will be submitted in a separate email.

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## Uniform Tip – ODU

October 31- ODU sleeves are to be rolled down. Winter Dress Blue is Authorized from November 1 through March 31.



**Flotilla Meeting: Monday,  
October 8, 2018 - 1900**

**South Portland America Legion**

*413 Broadway, South Portland*

**Guest Speaker: Our own Kevin Cady. Kevin will discuss Emergency planning and the AVEL program**

## Noteworthy Events

OCTOBER 9 WEEKEND NAVIGATOR– SMCC

OCTOBER 10 -BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP-SMCC

## Member Profile – Sue Wickson

### 1. Why did you join the Auxiliary?

Why did I join? Well my dad was in the Navy at Pearl Harbor the day it was bombed. Dad ran the house like a battleship barking orders and expecting respect. Dad was a sailor prior to and after the Navy so I was indoctrinated into sailing at a young age to helping him race his Star boat. My love for sailing continues today. I respect people who joined an armed force, something I never did. Education was our path and then life takes over.

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

My favorite activity is fly fishing and building bamboo fly rod and carbon rods.

I also train Labrador Retrievers. I have a new pup who is going to be a therapy dog.

### 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 am retired from Stephens Mem. Hospital (31 yrs.) as a Recovery room, Day Surgery, Pre-Admit RN. They have asked me to continue in a Per diem status Tues. and Weds. in the OR with the understanding that I'm able to take time off when I want it.

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

I enjoy meeting new people and making new friends.

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

My boat or how about boats. I grew up sailing turnabouts then friends had a 42-foot aux sloop that I would crew on. When we lived in Switzerland I would go to the lake in Zurich and rent a sailboat for the day. I'm all about power boats now for fishing Maines Lakes. I would like a 18-20-foot aluminum sport fishing boat with about a 100 HP Merc. and a smaller kicker for trolling.

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

I was lucky enough to grow up in Switzerland from about the age of 11 till after high school. Travel in Switzerland in the 60's was safe so my parents let me travel all over to ski. I would spend weekends high in the alps skiing off trail. My mother would never have let me go if she knew where I was in the Alps. Let's just say we didn't carry avalanche beacons. To this day the sound the Alp makes at the very being of the avalanche gets my heart racing. It's a sound that comes from under the snow like a wallop, once you hear it you will never forget it. Some days we would set them off on purpose.

Sue Fly fishing in Alaska



## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal

CAPT LeFevbre visited Auxiliarist Bob Gelles (FL21) at his home in Bridgton, Maine on September 25, 2018. Bob has dedicated his life since 1968 to the Coast Guard as a volunteer Auxiliary member. Bob at 93 years old is still, to this day, working on behalf of U.S. Coast Guard and Sector Northern New England. Mr. Gelles was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Medal at his home by Captain Brian LeFevbre, Sector Commander, Northern New England. Honoring Bob was Senior Chief Keith Naker, Chief Chris Porter, and Auxiliarist Kevin Cady.



## CITATATION

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL  
TO  
AUXILIARIST ROBERT GELLES  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

Auxiliarist GELLES is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as a Prevention professional at Coast Guard Sector Northern New England and Marine Safety Office Portland, Maine from May 2002 to July 2018. Demonstrating exceptional foresight, leadership, and management skills he directed Sector Northern New England's Auxiliary harbor safety patrols and marine observation missions. He demonstrated remarkable management skills and positive leadership coordinating the Auxiliary's augmentation of Coast Guard Prevention missions over the course of more than 16 years. With unwavering regularity he scheduled and oversaw the execution of the Auxiliary's recurring monthly participation in prevention operations. Additionally, he qualified and stood watch regularly as an Assistant Pollution Response Specialist, Assistant Harbor Safety Specialist, and Assistant Facilities Inspector. As such, he provided expert assistance augmenting both the Response and Prevention Departments in furthering vital Coast Guard mission capabilities while volunteering more than 3,093 hours in the process. Auxiliarist GELLES' diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized



### Uniform Tip – Outerwear



**Foul Weather Parka II (FWP)** (note: the fleece FWP liner is no longer authorized as standalone outerwear)

AWARD





11 SEP 2018  
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TO: ALAUX  
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SUBJ: COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND SEA SCOUTS

1. A highlight of the recent 2018 Auxiliary National Conference held in Orlando, FL was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will help establish a new relationship between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts. It was signed by three parties: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. as represented by Auxiliary National Commodore Rick Washburn, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Assistant Chief Scout Executive Mr. Patrick Sterrett, Sea Scout National Commodore Mr. Charles Wurster, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. President Mr. Vin Pica, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy Rear Admiral John Nadeau, and Chief Director of Auxiliary Captain Scott Johnson. The MOA is posted on the CG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Outreach web site ([B-Directorate Website](#)) under Youth Programs, Boy Scouts of America, Sea Scouts - CG Auxiliary MOA (2018)(PDF). Click [HERE](#) to view the MOA.

2. The most revolutionary aspects pursuant to terms of the MOA are the allowances for Sea Scouts as young as 14 years of age to join the Auxiliary and for Auxiliary flotillas to charter Sea Scout Ships. These allowances, along with others identified in the MOA, shall be implemented pursuant to Auxiliary and Coast Guard policies which are still under development. In order to properly validate the propriety and effectiveness of such policies, a pilot program exercising the MOA's purposes will be conducted among Auxiliary and Sea Scouts in the Fifth Coast Guard District (Auxiliary Southern Region) and in the Ninth Coast Guard District (Auxiliary Eastern Region). Until completion of this pilot program, Auxiliary units in other districts may continue to engage with Sea Scout Ships in accordance with existing policies, but shall not implement any aspects of the MOA. Auxiliary district leaders will be kept apprised of pilot program progress.

3. The MOA's primary purpose is to establish a cooperative relationship between the three parties in order to enhance their common goals of promoting recreational boating safety throughout our Nation. It will achieve this in conjunction with strengthening ties between the Auxiliary and the BSA, affording Sea Scouts and other BSA members a wide variety of training opportunities provided through the Auxiliary, integrating Sea Scout Ships (i.e. Sea Scout units) into Auxiliary programs, and creating a pathway for Sea Scouts and other BSA members who embrace recreational boating safety and assisting the U. S. Coast Guard to become members of the Auxiliary.

**FLOTILLA CALENDAR**

<h1>October</h1>				
2 October (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113</b>
3 October (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106</b>
8 October (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC	
9 October (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113</b>
10 October (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106</b>
16 October (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113</b>
17 September (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106</b>
23 October (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113</b>
24 October (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106</b>
29 October (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting - Planning Session	1900	VFC	Station Class Room
30 October (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113</b>
31 October (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	<b>SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106</b>