

CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla

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Commander's Message

Greetings Shipmates,

Our upcoming Flotilla meeting is a very important meeting.

We will be voting on a new Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander.

We will require that a quorum of our membership be present in order to hold an election. It is extremely important that you make every effort to come out and participate in this. My tenure as Flotilla Commander ends on December 31st. It has been an honor to represent the Casco Bay Flotilla,

These past two years, and together with Peter Poulin our VFC and your support, we collectively implemented the platform and ideas which was our theme at the beginning of each year. Together with Peter Poulin we have worked hard, and worked together to make our Flotilla strong. 2019 will hold its share of challenges, but as in the past, the men and women of Flotilla 21 will rise up and meet those challenges head on.

Let me thank you for your continued commitment to the goals and missions of the USCG and the Casco Bay Flotilla.

Respectfully

John R. Byrne FC

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**Flotilla Meeting: Monday, November
12, 2018 – 1900**

!!Elections!! Your presence is needed

**NOTE: WE ARE RETURNING
TO THE “SCUPPER” FOR
THIS MEETING**

Noteworthy Events

SOUTH PORTLAND VETERANS DAY PARADE

The Sector Commander has extended an invitation to Auxiliary Personnel to join the rest of Sector Northern New England in the South Portland Veterans Day Parade.

The parade is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 12 with personnel and units starting to

muster at around 9:30AM and stepping off sharply at 10:00AM from the SMCC parking lot at the end of Broadway. The route will follow Broadway from the SMCC parking lot to the Military Service Members Monument located off Broadway in Mill Creek Park. The duration is expected to be approximately one (1) hour. Following the parade, there will be a brief Veteran’s recognition ceremony in the park area near the monument.

Uniform of the day will be ODU’s and CG Parka. Non-uniform items are **NOT** approved. Uniform presentation must be 100% compliant with standards.

Please send email to Byronmoe@comcast.net if you intend on joining before November 9, 2018 so that the number of participants may be known.

Casco Bay Flotilla – Unit Report

It’s important to recognize the hard work and support that the Casco Bay Flotilla provides to the Coast Guard on a regular basis. Please see the attached **Unit Summary Report** to appreciate all that you do! Your service is appreciated!

Member Profile – Eric Dexter



1. Why did you join the Auxiliary?

I Joined the Auxiliary as soon as I learned about it. I knew my grandfather had been involved, but did not understand that it was both volunteer and flexible. A co-worker's husband was active, at the time, and mentioned it to me. I remember asking about the commitment (weekends per month, weeks per year, etc.), thinking about the Reserves. Not that I didn't want to make a commitment, but with three young kids, I knew I needed flexibility. I jumped at the opportunity, when I learned about the missions we could perform and how it worked. I had never served and so the opportunity to help those that do, in a direct and meaningful way, really appealed to me. Also, as an avid boater, the opportunity to be both a better, and safer, boater also appealed to me.

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

That's tough. So tough, I'm going to give you a few. I love sailing, watching sports (professional hockey and football, but also anything my kids are playing), camping, hiking, and working outside.

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 lead a wealth management team in Portland that works only with individuals and families. The team focuses on building (planning), managing, protecting and transferring wealth. I create the investment thesis, and serve as the team's portfolio manager. I regularly meet with our clients to review their concerns, plans (and how their investments are positioned to support their plans), outlook (and how we are positioned based on outlook), net performance, and recommendations.

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

I enjoy the people I have an opportunity to work with. It's a pleasure to work with the gold side, and I am amazed at the competence and commitment of the many I get to work with in the Auxiliary. As an empty-nester starting next year, I look forward to being able to increase the amount of time I can commit to the Auxiliary, and in turn be more productive for the Auxiliary.

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

Cabo Rico Northeast 400. Because you can get it with a study that has a fireplace. How cool is that?

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

As a hobby, I produce movies and have cameo roles (very, very small cameo roles) in each movie I produce.

Staff Officer and Assistant Staff Officer Opportunities

Submitted by Peter Poulin

The Casco Bay Flotilla depends on a dedicated group of Staff Officers to carry out its important mission. The newly elected Flotilla Commander, Vice Commander and Chief of Staff must carefully make annual Staff Officer appointments in the coming weeks to best serve the needs of the Auxiliary. Fortunately, there are many staff officers that are highly committed and willing to continue to serve and we are very grateful for their service. However opportunity arises with every transition and some change is likely to occur.

Leadership is keenly interested in any interest you might have in serving as a Flotilla Staff officer. There are needs that require new volunteers. Please contact the Flotilla Commander or Chief of Staff with questions or inquiries about your interest in any Staff position regardless of how long you have been a member of the Auxiliary. In addition to Staff Officer positions, there are several Assistant Staff Officer

positions open. These require a lower level of commitment and are designed to build depth and continuity in our staff and provide relief on occasion to the Staff Officers. There are job descriptions available for any of the Assistant Staff Officer positions should you be interested.

It's not always possible to serve as boat crew or in many other roles that are available to us. However service is what we are all about and the leadership team offers an up close opportunity to get involved on a different schedule. We would love to hear from you if you have ever considered the possibility of serving the Casco Bay Flotilla in this manner. There is no obligation associated with exploring possibilities and we welcome new ideas. Please seriously consider this and reach out.

Fall 2018 New Members



Elizabeth Bernazzani is interested in:

Program Visitor, Open light House Day, Boat crew and is ready to fill any need



Carol Bernier is interested in:

Light House Duty Boston Harbor, Gate Watch base Security, Vessel Examiner, Container Inspector and Marine Safety



Andrew Brian is interested in:

Gate Watch Base Security, Radio Communications
and Finger Print Tech

Patrick Flynn is interested in:

Gate Watch Base Security and Radio Communications



Louis-Marie Rioux is interested in:

Boat Crew? Boat offered as a Facility, AUX-Teacher at SMCC, Program Visitor, Container Inspector, Navigation Aid and Marine Safety



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Thomas Roche is interested in:

Public Affairs / Staff Officer or Assistant, Boat Crew, Gate Watch Base Security, Fingerprint Tech and Search and Rescue



Susan Sawyer is interested in:

Radio Communications and Marine Safety

Fire Prevention with Casco Bay Flotilla



On Saturday October 27th John Byrne, Sue Wickson, and Bill Muir, had a booth at the USM Gymnasium To participate in "Fire Prevention" for the Portland community. The event was started by community Organizers after a devastating fire claimed the lives of 8 Portland children in one home.

There were many other vendors including the Portland fire Dept and Red Cross. Our Auxiliary unit had the fire demo unit on hand for all the parents and children to try out and practice with. Our fire suppression demo unit was a really big hit with all.

FLOTILLA CALENDAR

<h1>November</h1>				
6 November (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
7 November (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106
12 November (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC	At the "Scupper"
14 November (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106
21 November (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	----	FSO/PE	Holiday No Class
26 November (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	VFC	Station Class Room
28 November (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 106

