



CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla

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Commander's Message:

It is a time of peace and cheer as we enter the Holiday Season! It has been a great privilege for me to serve as Flotilla Commander this year. I am continuously inspired by the dedication and the level of commitment of our Professional Volunteers in the USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla. I wish you all the best that the Holiday Season has to offer and hope that you remain safe as you enjoy this time with family and friends.

Staff Officer Reports

Officer Name: Billy G. Thornton
Email: thornton@maine.edu
Staff Office: : Navigation Systems
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Billy G. Thornton
Email: thornton@maine.edu
Staff Office: : Operations
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Renewal "offer for use" forms being submitted to DIRAUX for acceptance as operational facility for next season. Have orientation meeting for new boat crew class scheduled for 03 DEC; have 6 people confirmed. Scheduling weekly boat crew classes to begin 21 JAN. Have 6 current boat crew trainees needing to schedule a QE oral board during the off-season.
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Fred Carl Richards
Email: adkfred@outlook.com
Staff Office: : Information Services
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Kathleen Caryl War_eagle
Email: jusanwareagle@yahoo.com
Staff Office: : Diversity
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : still in New Mexico and loving it!

Officer Name: Thomas Stephen Roche
Email: agentthomasroche@gmail.com
Staff Office: : Public Affairs
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : I met with Jeff Pierce, Portland Radio Group. I along with Peter Poulin, participated in a Half hour informational radio talk show, Maine Points. The Radio show will be aired on Dec 29th. This show focused on all aspects of the Coast Guard Aux. I also recorded a 1 min public service announcement which will be aired on several radio stations, focus was who we are, what we do, and how to join.
Programs of Note : Above expectations
Update Of Major Programs: : I have set up a Training event for St Josephs college on Jan 11, 2020. This training will utilize the fire extinguisher simulator. The training is for students who live on campus and most likely would be the first responders in the event of a Dorm fire.
Concerns: : None
Good Of The Auxiliary: : With thanksgiving approaching, please keep those military members who are away from their families and the less fortunate in your thoughts.

Officer Name: George Willard Van_syckel
Staff Office : Auxiliary Chaplain Support
Report Month : November
Major Accomplishment And Events : Rev Dr John Wentworth and Rev Dr Benjamin Schaumburg packages will be on Capt Walcott?s desk soon for December approvals into the USCG ACS.
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A
Update Of Major Programs : No Report or N/A
Concerns : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary : I was in Israel for the first two weeks of November. Please ask me about my trip.

Officer Name: Kenneth A. Caprio
Email: kacvette@gmail.com
Staff Office : Materials
Report Month : November
Major Accomplishment And Events : Continuing Support of demands of Flotilla Staff & Members
Programs of Note : N/A
Update Of Major Programs : No Report
Concerns : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary : I want to wish all the other Staff Officers and Flotilla members a Very Happy & Safe Thanksgiving with Family & Friends ! These ARE the most Important Gifts of the Holidaze !

Officer Name: John A. Cuozzo
Email: jcuozzo84@gmail.com
Staff Office : Vessel Examination
Report Month : November
Major Accomplishment And Events : No major new activity this month. Received updated count of 2019 VSCs.
Programs of Note : Our 2019 VE totals have been updated to 184 VSCs and 35 Paddle Craft, for a total of 219 safety checks. Also listed are 201 hours value for VSCs and an additional 6 hours value for Facility inspections. (I cannot find the record of the number of Facility inspections.) Brad Thompson indicates that Facility inspections count toward the annual VE minimum to maintain currency of 5 VSCs.
Update Of Major Programs : Tom Gallagher has agreed to serve in 2020 as Assistant FSO-VE.I will continue as FSO-VE.
Concerns : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary : Happy Thanksgiving to all! We've MUCH for which to be thankful.

Officer Name: John P. Esser
Email: jackesser05@gmail.com
Staff Office: : Communications
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Finish qualification sign-offs of the PQS for another member's completion of the TCO Course and submit up the chain for District approval.
Programs of Note : Completed instruction of TCO course for members. Instructed Communications Chapter for 2 BS&S courses during 2019. Inspected members' radio facilities.
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: William George Muir
Email: muirwgm@gmail.com
Staff Office: : Recreational Boating Safety Vistation
Report Month: : November
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Continue Program Visitor recruitment.
Programs of Note : Program Visitors are increasing with two onboard and 2 working on joining in.
Update Of Major Programs: : Program visits are still slow, but will increase as new members join in.
Concerns: : Having sufficient number of program visitors to meet future goals.
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Eric Cotton Dexter
Email: edexter@herbery.com
Staff Office: : Member Training
Report Month: :
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report
Programs of Note : Finished the year with a Member Training or Continuing Education element at all Flotilla meetings, as scheduled. Completed 1 of 2 targeted AUXOP courses. Did not complete training for instructor proficiency
Update Of Major Programs: : With the significant help of many, including instructors Billy Thornton, and Steve Shane, as well as Proctor Brad Thomson, several members completed AUXSEA course as an offering in a compressed period. Mixed reviews from instructors, but mostly favorable feedback from the students who were prepared for each session ahead of time. We may try AUXPAT in a similar structure, but hope to have AUXWEA for the Spring offering.
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Flotilla Calendar

9 Dec Monday	<i>HOLIDAY PARTY (replaces meeting)</i>	1800	FC/VFC	Italian Heritage Center
11 Dec. Wednesday	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health science Bldg. rm 106
18 Dec. Wednesday	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC Health science Bldg. rm 106
30 Dec. Monday	Flotilla Staff Meeting and Planning Session	1900	FC/VFC	Station Classroom

Veterans Day Parade

Many Thanks to Ken Caprio and John Hume for braving the elements and representing Flotilla 2-1







More photos of the South Portland Veterans Day Parade can be found at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/avwmf7CMhrn3JXeQ8>