



CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG Auxiliary Casco Bay Flotilla

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Commander's Message:

It's been a long cold winter, but spring is finally here and along with that is renewed activity for USCG Auxiliary. I can't emphasize enough the importance of each service contribution you make. Never underestimate the value of your time and commitment to the USCG Auxiliary.

The USCG Auxiliary is a Professional Volunteer organization. This means that we are committing to Team Coast Guard to be the best trained volunteers available as we fulfill our mission of service. Now is a good time to check to make sure that your qualifications are up to date and that you are signed up for any refresher courses in your area of responsibility.

I would also encourage you to revisit my.cgaux.org. Many of us find it difficult to navigate all the various Auxiliary web-sites. [My.cgaux.org](http://my.cgaux.org) has come a long way in bringing relevant information together in a well laid out approach and through an effective dashboard. Please take the time to revisit this tool and make it part of your regular web-site visits. You will discover more useful information each time you visit.

The dashboard on My.cgaux.org contains a Training Compendium. This is a great tool that provides one comprehensive source of information for all training options. Review this information and consider the possibility of taking a new course.

ICS Courses are often a critical requirement in order to participate in many of the missions with the USCG. Use the compendium on My.cgaux.org to review the various ICS courses available and increase your value and readiness by expanding your ICS credentials.

As we head to warmer weather and on the water missions, please remember "Semper Paratus!"

***NOTE-** Don't forget the monthly flotilla meeting will be at the Rusty Scupper, Monday the **8th** at **1900**. Agenda and program will be sent out this weekend. Hope to see you all there!

Staff Officer Reports

Officer Name: Kathleen Caryl War_eagle
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Staff Office: : Diversity
Report Month: :
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Attended the ADSO meeting online will be at the boat show for 3 days this month
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: William George Muir
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Staff Office: : Recreational Boating Safety Vistation
Report Month: : March
Major Accomplishment And Events: : We attended the Portland Boat Builders show on Friday 22nd and introduced myself to about 25 of the vendors attending. This was a great opportunity to meet a large group of industry professionals and talk to them about our PV program. I had an overwhelming positive response from all the vendors and all were willing to help us with promoting AUX programs. The vendors also suggested new ways that they may be able to help the AUX. I will be discussing some of these idea with leadership and with any luck, we will be able to take advantage of these ideas. Additionally, We added one new Program Visitor to the team
Programs of Note: : looking for 4 active program visitors and as of now we have 3 We made a good start on visitations by attending the Boat show and using that platform to visit potential partners
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
Concerns: : Still need more active program visitors to meet goals. Working on recruiting, via email and word of mouth. Flotilla Commander has offered to help recruit as well and I am happy for the help.
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Billy G. Thornton
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Staff Office: : Navigation Systems
 Report Month: : March
 Major Accomplishment And Events: : Have met with my active-duty paton counterpart at ANT S.Ptld. to discuss upcoming season and the need to deal with some chronic discrepancies (e.g., numbers, reflective tape, missing, etc). Runsheets for both Casco Bay and Saco Bay patons lat/lon have been reviewed/confirmed and just awaiting boats in the water to begin verification process. Intent is complete initial paton verification as early in season as possible in order to report on discrepancies sooner than later for advising boaters as to current situation and getting discrepancies corrected in timely manner.
 Programs of Note: : No Report or N/A
 Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A
 Concerns: : TCT being replaced with Risk Mgt. While Risk Mgt video is easy enough to complete, the subsequent 4-hour Risk Mgt ?refresher? is essentially NOT available at this time; yet, both are required for both AV and boat crew qualifications. Personally, I recently had opportunity to take part in the new ?refresher? at Base Boston, but this is not something readily available to all the CGAux who need it?particularly, AV and Boat Crew from my perspective.
 Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Kenneth A. Caprio
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 Staff Office: : Materials
 Report Month: : March
 Major Accomplishment And Events: : assisted new FSO-PV;VE & PA with initial prep for their new positions, and, helped famialize them with ALL materials & supplies available to them !!
 Programs of Note: : 2019 goals are being met !
 Update Of Major Programs: : N/A
 Concerns: : No Report
 Good Of The Auxiliary: : Staff Officers are aware of upcoming events and are being proavtive in ordering supplies/materials. Flotilla has been made aware of CLYNK and has been urged to 'drink more' (soft drinks & juices !) & Donate Cans & Bottles.

Officer Name: Billy G. Thornton
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 Staff Office: : Operations

Report Month: : March

Major Accomplishment And Events: : Boat Crew ? 7 trainees proceeding well through the course. Have mandatory Ops Workshop scheduled for 13 APR; will include annual PPE inspection and personal EPIRB testing. Have received from AUXLO our allocated hours for this year?s use. Will be working with OIC Station and AUXLO to deal with how this all works! Paperwork has been submitted for 5 OPFACs. Two reoffers were done in Feb (held until after govt shutdown was over end of Jan); the other three (2 reoffers; 1 initial) were subsequently done/submitted in Mar. At the present, have been informed by DCDR that only 1 OPFAC is in system and it will be expiring soon. Efficient processing of OPFAC paperwork apparently has been a chronic problem. Moreover, I have tried calling DIRAUX in Boston to no avail. Whether it be the AuxLiason, the YN, or the OTO, it all goes directly to voice mail AND messages never get returned!

Programs of Note: : No Report or N/A

Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A

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Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: Lorelle Terese Courtois

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Staff Office: : Human Resources

Report Month: : March

Major Accomplishment And Events: : I was in the parade in Mass I was at the Boat show in Maine

Programs of Note: : I am speaking to people to come to the Orientation Night In April

Update Of Major Programs: : I have !5 people interested in Joining

Concerns: : No Report

Good Of The Auxiliary: : I will continue to recruit

Officer Name: John A. Cuozzo

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Staff Office: : Vessel Examination

Report Month: : March

Major Accomplishment And Events: : 1. Obtained VE List & Distributed List of Marinas/Clubs to VE for planning

Accomplishment And Events: : purposes 2. Drafted preliminary signup sheet for VEs to use at planned VSC locations. 3. Attended 2019 Maine Boatbuilders Show, staffing booth and distributing VE contact cards to several builders/marina operators, discussing our VSC service, its importance, & requesting they promote it to their customers. All were very positive and appreciative. 4. Distributed to all VEs for review and comment on feasibility a preliminary plan for a pilot trial of a different approach to scheduling VSCs. The traditional approach has been for the SO-VE to schedule the VSCs at each location and publish a request for VEs to fulfill the schedule. The proposed approach would empower each VE to have more responsibility and control in setting his/her scheduled VSC dates and locations. 5. Proposed a VE Workshop at Susan Polans? request for late April or early May. (Will need to schedule a classroom.) 1. Obtained VE List & Distributed List of Marinas/Clubs to VE for planning purposes 2. Drafted preliminary signup sheet for VEs to use at planned VSC locations. 3. Attended 2019 Maine Boatbuilders Show, staffing booth and distributing VE contact cards to several builders/marina operators, discussing our VSC service, its importance, & requesting they promote it to their customers. All were very positive and appreciative. 4. Distributed to all VEs for review and comment on feasibility a preliminary plan for a pilot trial of a different approach to scheduling VSCs. The traditional approach has been for the SO-VE to schedule the VSCs at each location and publish a request for VEs to fulfill the schedule. The proposed approach would empower each VE to have more responsibility and control in setting his/her scheduled VSC dates and locations. 5. Proposed a VE Workshop at Susan Polans? request for late April or early May. (Will need to schedule a classroom.)

Programs of Note: : Making steady progress

Update Of Major Programs: : Planning a pilot trial of a new approach to scheduling VSCs. This approach is based on each VE taking responsibility to set his/her own VSC schedule in conjunction with the club(s)/marina(s) of his/her choice. This will require we work as a team to ensure close communication, cooperation, and coordination.

Concerns: : 1. Planning a pilot trial of a new approach to scheduling VSCs. This approach is based on each VE taking responsibility to set his/her own VSC schedule in conjunction with the club(s)/marina(s) of his/her choice. This will require we work as a team to ensure close communication, cooperation, and coordination. 2. Need to partner first-time VEs with qualified VEs to perform five (5) VSCs under supervision of the qualified VE. 3. John unavailable due to previous firm commitments, as follows: - March 31 ? April 7 - May 16 ? 18 - June 12 ? 19.

Good Of The Auxiliary: : According to the FSO-VE job description, we need at least one non-VE FL member to man each ramp at which we regularly perform exams. Please helping so we can fulfill our mission!

Officer Name: George Willard Van_syckel

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Staff Office: : Auxiliary Chaplain Support

Report Month: : March

Major Accomplishment And Events: : Mentoring John Wentworth and Benjamin Shambaugh through the process of information gathering in application for ACS program.

Programs of Note: : We will have 3 of the 4 Chaplains as established by National for South

Portland station by September.

Update Of Major Programs: :

I will be going to Nationals for a week of ACS training in Florida in August.

Concerns: :

I pray our proactive approach to the ACS Application for John and Ben will have them appointed by September.

Good Of The Auxiliary: :

I am grateful to the Auxiliary members for their warm reception to the ACS Position. They have understood it?s purpose and recognize it?s need. It is an honor to serve with and to be available for them and to those whom they recognize as being in need.

Officer Name:

Thomas Stephen Roche

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Staff Office: :

Public Affairs

Report Month: :

March

Major Accomplishment And Events: :

The Maine boat builders show went very well. There were a few bumps in the road for the first one for me, a bit of running around, however all tasks were completed. I had some hard working volunteers, Lorelle, KC War Eagle and Bill Muir. I had many other flotilla members volunteer as well. We had a lot of interest in joining the flotilla (15 inquires)folks wanting to attend the boat classes (8) and Vessel exams (9). We received an invite to speak at Rotary club and was asked to write a short article for a local publication. (Points East). All time slots (Fri,Sat,Sun 1000-1800 hrs. were covered by Flotilla Members. Our attendance at the May 17th Children's water festival at the University of Southern Maine has been confirmed. One member (myself) will attend from 9a-2p to assist with one of the children's functions. On March 28th, a meeting has been set for introductions to reporters at WGME ref, the Working Waterfront. (Roche, Atkins, March)

Programs of Note: :

All set goals are being met within the time limit set.

Update Of Major Programs: :

Recruiting, Public awareness, and Vessel Examinations are moving forward at a fast pace. I'm gathering information for the Southern Maine Community College Career Fair on Friday April 26th. I've begun the initial leg work for the Working Waterfront event in June.

Concerns: :

None

Good Of The Auxiliary: :

I have become a Member of the Incident Management Assistance Team, Through Cumberland County Emergency Management.

Officer Name:

Eric Cotton Dexter

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Staff Office: :

Member Training

Report Month: :

March

Major Accomplishment And Events: :

No Report

Programs of Note: :

Flotilla Meeting Training Calendar Draft Complete and ready for discussion with staff. Email into one of two meteorologists to garner whether he is

interested in potentially teaching membership. Follow up set for this weekend, until I learned of issue listed in 4. Concerns, below.

Update Of Major Programs: :

No Report or N/A

Concerns: :

Still working on setting AUXWE, even as the new class becomes available. Potential new hitch with email in to Ted Chatham regarding how one gets a National Proctor, in Maine, for the new test. Everett also may be able to shed some light.

Good Of The Auxiliary: :

No Report

Officer Name:

Rebecca Losh

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Staff Office: :

Publications

Report Month: :

March

Major Accomplishment And Events: :

No Report

Programs of Note: :

Trying to get more input into the meeting notice and make it more eye catching. Will continue toward this goal.

Update Of Major Programs: :

No Report or N/A

Concerns: :

No Report

Good Of The Auxiliary: :

No Report



PHOTOS AND STORIES NEEDED!!

SPRING is HERE!! Whether you are putting your personal boat in the water,

heading out on an auxiliary patrol, or something else you want to share with others- we need your photos and stories!



Kennebunkport ME

Flotilla Calendar

April 2019

2 April (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1800	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
2 April (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/PE	Station Classroom
3 April (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
3 April (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216

4 April (Thursday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 106
8 April (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Rusty Scupper
9 April (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1800	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
9 April (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Classroom
10 April (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
10 April (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
11 April (Thursday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 106
16 April (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Classroom
17 April (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
17 April (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 215
18 April (Thursday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 106
23 April (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Classroom
24 April (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 216
24 April (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 215
25 April (Thursday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC-Health Science Building Room 106
29 April (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Station Classroom
30 April (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Classroom