

# CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG AUXILIARY CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 2-1

**FEBRUARY 2020**



## Commander's Corner:

The February Flotilla Meeting is an extremely important meeting. It's important because it is when all Staff Officers will be sworn in and when the annual Flotilla Budget is presented for approval. **A QUORUM is required** at this meeting so your presence is particularly important. In addition, we are making up for the lack of a meeting in January.

Even though it is winter, there is much organizational work happening to prepare for a very active USCG Auxiliary season. The Flotilla's Strategic Plan was released in the first few days of February and if you have not read it yet, I strongly encourage you to do so. Our theme this year is **"Seeking a Higher Level"**. By that we mean seeking a higher level of participation, training, mission support and recognition. It's a theme that should ring true regardless of the area you are involved with.

This year, probably more than ever, we need our members to contribute service to Team Coast Guard. There are new challenges we are asked to help with in the areas of standing watch for a cutter, all kinds of positions in the Sector Engagement Plan (included in the Strategic Plan), Food Service opportunities, re-energizing the Marine Safety Program, building the new "Paddlecraft Special Ops Team", expanding our Program Visitor team and increasing our ability to meet the expectations of the Captain's Severe Weather Plan, recruitment and many other missions. Flotilla 2-1 is a team of Professional Volunteers and your service is needed to help carry out the missions of Team Coast Guard. There is a service opportunity for everyone and I am ready to assist you in any way I can to align your interests with the needs. Please consider carefully what you can offer in 2020 and don't hesitate to call on me personally to discuss any questions or concerns.

I'm also proud to announce that we will appoint our first 4 Flotilla Staff Officer Assistants at the February meeting. Officer Assistants are needed to help build depth in our leadership team. Our flotilla membership exceeds 100 members so there is much to do and your officers need help. It is critically important that we have resilience in our team so that when needed, we can have someone ready and knowledgeable available to move into an officer position when a position opens. All Staff Officers are asked this year to actively recruit an assistant so if you have any interest, please let them know.

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Finally, I'm sure you will enjoy hearing from our Guest Speaker this month, Commander James McLay from the Response Team. Please join us at the Flotilla Meeting to learn more about the Response mission and to support your fellow Auxiliarists.

## NOTICES:

February Flotilla Meeting – February 10 – Rusty Scupper – 1900

**QUORUM NEEDED for Flotilla Budget Vote**

Guest Speaker:

**Commander James McLay, Department Head, Response**

## Congratulations to

**Rev. George Van Syckel, USCG ACS Chaplain SPPD CEPD**

Rev. George Van Syckel has been appointed Assistant to Rev Dr. Phillip Todd Poole, GC-C, Branch Chief ACS Chaplain Atlantic East (HH-E)

US Navy, LCDR, Ret. to oversee all chaplains in the Auxilliary Clergy Support program from New York to Maine. We are very proud that Rev. Van Syckel is a member of Flotilla 02-01.

## CPR Training is coming!

If you need to update your CPR certificate, sessions are being planned now with the help of the Cape Elizabeth Rescue Squad. Classes will likely be held on one or more Saturdays at the end of March. Please watch for further information.

## Staff Officer Reports

**Officer Name:** Thomas Stephen Roche  
**Email:** [agentthomasroche@gmail.com](mailto:agentthomasroche@gmail.com)  
**Staff Office :** Public Affairs  
**Report Month: :** January  
**Major Accomplishment And Events: :** On Jan 11th,2020 I along with Div. Cmdr. J. Byrne conducted Fire extinguisher simulator training for 30 college resident advisors at Saint Joseph's College in Standish Maine. I assisted in the New member orientation at the Maine military museum on Jan 22, 2020  
**Programs of Note :** Reestablishing new goals for 2020  
**Update Of Major Programs: :** Beginning stages of the Boat builders show as well as assisting in the up coming New member orientation.  
**Concerns: :** None  
**Good Of The Auxiliary: :** Attended the Change of Watch dinner and ceremony. Good attendance and I was very appreciative of receiving a Division Commanders award for "Outstanding Performance". Many awards handed out to very deserving Shipmates. Congratulations to all.

**Officer Name:** William George Muir  
**Email:** [muirwgm@gmail.com](mailto:muirwgm@gmail.com)  
**Staff Office: :** Recreational Boating Safety Vistation  
**Report Month: :** January  
**Major Accomplishment And Events: :** The PV team is now up to 4 active members with the addition of Richard Cobb and Mike Moloney. Working as a team, we have been able to make visits and start the 2020 season off with great progress. Big thanks to Betsy, Mike and Dick for all their time and dedication to this program.  
**Programs of Note :** One team member short of the goal of 5 members for 2020. We have been able to make 12% of our stated partner visits for 2020.  
**Update Of Major Programs: :** Working with our paddle sports special ops team on team messaging and dovetailing the two program in order to increase exposure. Will be looking to work with the VE team for ways to dovetail the programs as well.  
**Concerns: :** none at this point  
**Good Of The Auxiliary: :** The PV team is looking for opportunities to work with other programs in order to collaborate with and promote each others programs.

**Officer Name:** Billy G. Thornton  
Email: [thornton@maine.edu](mailto:thornton@maine.edu)  
Staff Office: : Navigation Systems  
Report Month: : January  
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](mailto:thornton@maine.edu)  
Staff Office: : Operations  
Report Month: : January  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Boat crew training class has begun with 5 trainees. We have received approval for 4 operational facilities for the coming season.  
Programs of Note : No Report or N/A  
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A  
Concerns: : Major concern is the lack of Risk Mgt 4-hour Refresher classes. At this point, many boat crew and trainees from last year are now REYR. The remaining crew members and coxswains are quickly approaching REYR.  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

**Officer Name:** Fred Carl Richards  
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Staff Office: : Information Services  
Report Month: : January  
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:** William George Muir  
Email: [muirwgm@gmail.com](mailto:muirwgm@gmail.com)  
Staff Office: : Recreational Boating Safety Vistation  
Report Month: : January  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : The PV program now has 4 active team PV member! Additionally, we have have made great progress towards our 2020 goals on visitations.  
Programs of Note : 4 out of 5 PV members on the team We are at 12 % of our visitation goals for the year, to date.  
Update Of Major Programs: : Great progress on building the PV team. Equal progress on partner visitations. Working with paddle craft team to dovetail our programs together and will be reaching out to the VE program FSO to discuss how we can dovetail our programs as well.  
Concerns: : No Report  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : The PV program is being well received with our program partners. Thanks to our team Betsy, Dick and Mike! Thank you for all your dedication and time to this program.

**Officer Name:** George Willard Van Syckel  
Email: [georgevansyckel@gmail.com](mailto:georgevansyckel@gmail.com)  
Staff Office: : Auxiliary Chaplain Support  
Report Month: : January  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Waiting on Captain Walcott to approve John Wentworth and Benjamin Shambaugh as USCG ACS CHAPLAINS.  
Programs of Note : 2 new chaplains  
Update Of Major Programs: : Seeking 1 new Rabbi  
Concerns: : No Report  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : Please reach out to Ken Caprio during his health battle.

**Officer Name:** John A. Cuzzo  
Email: [jcuzzo84@gmail.com](mailto:jcuzzo84@gmail.com)  
Staff Office: : Vessel Examination  
Report Month: : January  
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: : 2020 provides a good opportunity to determine feasibility to coordinate/combine VE & PV activities.

**Officer Name:** Richard Arthur Cobb  
Email: [racnredart@gmail.com](mailto:racnredart@gmail.com)  
Staff Office : Member Training  
Report Month: : January  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Reviewed status of training for all members over the past 10 years (Jan 2010-Jan 2020) using AuxInfo, AuxData and the Dec 2019 and Jan 2020 Training Reports. Purpose: to get a picture of who has taken which courses, and where the gaps/priorities might be for training in 2020.  
Goals for the next 3 months: (1) With Eric, complete the 2020 MT game plan, (2) Work with new members in completing ICS-100 and 700 as soon as they have submitted their application and paid their dues, (3) Encourage existing members to complete on-line Core Courses, BQII and Intro Risk Management, (4) Assure that CPR and First Aid Providers get a class to update their bi-annual revalidation. Over half of the members in each category need revalidation, (5) Help focus on resolving the apparent grid-lock in getting 4 hr RM/TCT facilitators. We have at least 13 members who are active in key Response and Prevention activities that need this class to retain currency, (6) Schedule an AuxOps class for members who are interested in getting AuxOps qualified. There are 37 members who have credits toward AuxOps. 12 of these members have 3 to 4 credits ? a total of 7 are needed for the qualification.  
Programs of Note :  
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report  
Concerns: : Assume the issue re RM/TCT is on the radar of our flotilla leadership in talks with Division (and District). Options might be to: (1) get Div or District to issue waiver for 12-18 months for members facing REYR, (2) Expedite the process of getting AuxFacilitators qualified to teach the class. I have researched this question. There doesn't seem to be a clear answer on how to get qualified. The only option for members in the short term is to make the 3.5 hour drive to Rhode Island for the March 6-8 DTrain.  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

**Officer Name:** Rebecca Losh  
Email: [rlosh22@gmail.com](mailto:rlosh22@gmail.com)  
Staff Office : Publications  
Report Month: : January  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report  
Programs of Note : I am working on getting more content for the meeting notice. I will have a template soon for a "who's who" corner to be emailed out to members.  
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A  
Concerns: : Biggest concern is the lack of content submitted by members.  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

# *Flotilla Calendar*

4 February (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
4 February (Tuesday)	<b>Boat Crew Training</b>	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
5 February (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
5 February (Wednesday)	<b>Sailing Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
6 February (Thursday)	<b>New Member Course Chapters 3,6, and 9</b>	1830	FC	Station Class Room
10 February (Monday)	<b>Flotilla Meeting Quorum Needed!!</b>	1900	FC/VFC	Rusty Scupper
11 February (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
11 February (Tuesday)	<b>Boat Crew Training</b>	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
12 February (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
12 February (Wednesday)	<b>Sailing Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
13 February (Thursday)	<b>New Member Course Chapters 5, 7, and 8</b>	1830	FC	Station Class Room
18 February (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
18 February (Tuesday)	<b>Boat Crew Training</b>	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
19 February (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
19 February (Wednesday)	<b>Sailing Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
20 February (Thursday)	<b>New Member Course Chapters 10 and 11</b>	1830	FC	Station Class Room
24 February (Monday)	<b>Flotilla Staff Meeting</b>	1900	FC/VFC	Station Class Room
25 February (Tuesday)	<b>Weekend Navigator</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD

25 February (Tuesday)	<b>Boat Crew Training</b>	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
26 February (Wednesday)	<b>Boating Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
26 February (Wednesday)	<b>Sailing Skills and Seamanship</b>	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room TBD
27 February (Thursday)	<b>New Member Course Final Exam</b>	1830	FC	Station Class Room



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