

CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG AUXILIARY CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 2-1

MARCH 2020



Commander's Corner:

The days are getting longer and a few brave crocuses are breaking ground already and boat shows are happening. Spring Fever will set in and give us relief from winter. In the meantime, please stay highly vigilant and protect yourself from the possibility of the Coronavirus. Follow the guidelines and stay home if you have the flu or a cold. Leadership will carefully evaluate events and missions based on the current status of the virus.

I am very excited about our leadership team this year as they are already highly engaged. It's a challenge to keep up with everything that is going on. Please be sure to watch for several training events that are coming up and consider signing up. The April S-Train event will be announced soon and there will be many opportunities to enhance your skills. Requests for help for the Maine Boatbuilders Show are coming so please consider staffing our booth. Be sure to read the officer reports in the Meeting Notice to get up to date on all that is happening.

At our last meeting we awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation to all eligible members who were present. The Citation is included in this Meeting Notice for you to read. All Auxiliarists who have served at least one day during the period June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 are awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation which consists of a Ribbon or star if you already have the ribbon. Please be sure to attend the flotilla meeting to pick up your Award. Beginning in March, we are changing the way awards will be given out at Flotilla Meetings. With over 100 Auxiliarists, it is becoming difficult to manage all the awards and accomplishments. We will let you know via email invitation when you are eligible to receive an award and will ask that you respond on whether you will attend the meeting. This will allow us to prepare the awards ahead of time and present them in a more orderly fashion. It will also permit us to give greater recognition to higher achievement awards. We hope you will see this as a better use of time at our meetings.

I'm pleased to report that we have 9 new members joining the Auxiliary this month. Several will likely be at the meeting. Please make them feel welcome.

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March Guest Speaker:

Auxiliarist Stuart Gelder will discuss the New Life Jacket Labeling standards.

Congratulations to All Auxiliarists!!



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

MAY 16 2019

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION to:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard. Whether supporting response operations for national disasters or local mishaps, the Auxiliary always answered the call enhancing Coast Guard mission performance. In 2017, exceptional Auxiliary talents were brought to bear in response to Hurricanes HARVEY, IRMA, and MARIA. Auxiliarists filled essential incident command post watch positions, augmented active duty units, and provided over 19,000 hours of vital support to the Seventh and Eighth Coast Guard Districts. In 2018, the Auxiliary provided the initial on-scene response to the tragic "Duck Boat" sinking in Branson, Missouri. Auxiliary assets maintained safety zones for over 100 hours, and were instrumental to the preservation of the accident site security. The Auxiliary also forged new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard, including establishment of programs that assisted Coast Guard chaplains and financial educators, and the creation of a revolutionary partnership with the "Sea Scouts," providing a new generation of America's youth with an attractive path to becoming part of the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary's unflagging compassion and generosity were invaluable to the sustainment of Coast Guard workforce readiness during the unprecedented 35 day partial federal government shutdown in January 2019. Demonstrating unheralded professionalism and extraordinary commitment, the Auxiliary conducted over 977,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 133,000 hours of boating safety instruction, logged nearly 17 million hours of support, saved over 700 lives, assisted over 19,700 boaters in distress, prevented the loss of more than \$101 million in property, and cast an indelible image of superb service to our Nation's maritime public. As the Auxiliary marks its 80th anniversary, the professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

/s/

Karl L. Schultz
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

Staff Officer Reports

Officer Name: James Malcolm Maxner
Email: jimboats1@yahoo.com
Staff Office : Polans - Marine Safety
Report Month : February
Major Accomplishment And Events : * Work continues on the UPV program and setting up training. * HARPAT schedule has been released for March. * Cutter Program in the works.
Programs of Note : Concentration has been on areas of immediate concern.
Update Of Major Programs : Casco Bay Ferry Rider program on hold. The program is being re-evaluated.
Concerns : * Risk Management still a major hurdle. * Members need to take Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection course to be eligible to take part in Maine Safety missions.
Good Of The Auxiliary : No Report

Officer Name: Richard Arthur Cobb
Email: racnredart@gmail.com
Staff Office : Member Training
Report Month : February
Major Accomplishment And Events : ? Scheduled First Aid/CPR class for March 21. Hosted by Cape Elizabeth Fire and Rescue Squad. ? AuxPat class to be held on April 18, pending confirmation of classroom space at Station SoPortland. ? Members of neighboring flotillas invited to attend both First Aid/CPR and AuxPat classes. • Helped arrange short presentations at flotilla meetings – new life jacket program for March, and the AuxPaddle program for April. Presentations being made by Flotilla members. • Attended New Member and Boat Crew training sessions.
Programs of Note : • Assist new members as needed in completing ICS-100 and 700 and Core Courses. • Support FSO-HR and flotilla mentors, as needed, in assuring integration of new members into the flotilla – especially in identifying areas of interest and types of training needed. • Organize 30 minute MT presentations for May, June and July flotilla meetings – examples, uniforms and protocol, update on CG new emergency management program, spring and summer health issues on the water – hypothermia, carbon monoxide, and other concerns. • Support the Flotilla Special Ops Team Coordinator in initiating the new Aux Paddlecraft (AuxPad) program.
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: : February
Major Accomplishment And Events: : - continue with making partner visitations - qualified 1 new PV member to the team - scheduled meeting with satiation emergency preparedness team to discuss how the PV team can help.
Programs of Note : - PV team membership goal set to 5 active members. We are now at 100 % of this goal. - Partner visitations goal set to 100 visits. We are at 17% of the stated goal as of the date of this report.
Update Of Major Programs: : Meeting with Arn and Jim to discuss how the PV program can dovetail our efforts with emergency preparedness program efforts. Meeting set for March 7th.
Concerns: : Maintaining momentum with our partner visitations team. Will maintain efforts to work in groups in order to help create an feeling of camaraderie and fellowship within the team. Will continue efforts to enlarge the team via encouraging VE and Paddle Sports team to participate in PV.
Good Of The Auxiliary: : The PV team is off to a great start and I can not me more happy with the people that have joined the team.

Officer Name: John A. Cuozzo
Email: jcuozzo84@gmail.com
Staff Office : Vessel Examination
Report Month: : February
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Received two requests on Feb 23 for VSCs at Maine Boatbuilder Show in March. Need to contact owners to confirm details, feasibility, and appropriateness to do so. Contacted FSO-PV, Bill Muir, to plan to meet to discuss feasibility of cross-training some VEs and PVs. Will meet within next four to six weeks.
Programs of Note : Goals: Contact marinas and boat clubs between March - May to provide preliminary information for 2020 VE program. Plan for and train VEs for 2020 VSCs, with particular attention to new protocol for accountability and record-keeping, including: notifying FSO-VE of plans to do VSCs, coordinating with FSO-VE and other VEs during VSC sessions, and reporting results within 48 hours of VSCs performed. Provide VSCs and safe boating information and updates to boat owners. If determined feasible, cross-train some VEs and PVs and/or PAs to better serve FL missions.
Update Of Major Programs: : Plan to also determine feasibility of cross-training some VEs and PAs. Plan to send preliminary letter in March to marinas and boat clubs to review 2020 VSCs and provide information for boat owners.
Concerns: : No Report
Good Of The Auxiliary: : If determined feasible, establish plan and schedule in conjunction with FSO-PV and FSO-PA for cross-training some VEs, PVs and/or PAs to better serve FL missions.

Officer Name: Billy G. Thornton
Email: thornton@maine.edu
Staff Office: : Operations
Report Month: : February

Major Accomplishment And Events: : 1. Entering into the 6th week of boat crew training class with 6 trainees. Have oral boards scheduled for 2 trainees from last season; have 4 others looking to schedule dates. 2. Checking on dates for 8 seasonal marine events that we provide safety zone support for and coordinating with the CG station. 3. Will be working with both CG station and the ANT team to provide 2-boat training opportunities for both Aux and active duty crews. 4. Have scheduled our annual OPS Workshop along with PPE inspection for 28 MAR (have 22 confirmed attendees).

Programs of Note : No Report or N/A

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


Concerns: : Continuing concern is the required 4-hr Risk Mgt Refresher and the lack of classes. Two of our coxswains will be REYR on 09 MAR (the other 2 and many crew are due in MAY). Keep hearing that "people are working on it..."

Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: George Willard Van_syckel
Email: georgevansyckel@gmail.com

Staff Office: :
Report Month: :

Major Accomplishment And Events: : Rev Dr John Wentworth and Rev Dr. Benjamin Shambaugh we're appointed to the USCG ACS.

Programs of Note : 
Nailed it!

Update Of Major Programs: : No Report

Concerns: : No Report

Good Of The Auxiliary: : John is the new staff officer and Ben is his assistant. I am thrilled with their placement. I anticipate twice as much being accomplished in 2020. This is my last staff officer report as I will be serving the 9 Chaplains in District 1 working directly under Rev. Dr. Phillip Poole.

Field	Response
Officer Name:	William Henry Thompson
Email:	billht099@gmail.com
Staff Office: :	Materials
Report Month: :	February
Major Accomplishment And Events: :	<p>Peter Poulin and I have worked to establish an order processing procedure with the ANSC that will allow us to support this function while Ken Caprio is recovering. The AFSO-MA is not allowed to approve orders so I am preparing orders and having Peter approve before forwarding them to the ANSC. Flotilla members who place orders should continue to use the online order form or send emails with your order information and shipping address to Bill Thompson billht099@gmail.com.</p>
Programs of Note :	<p>All orders received to date have been processed. When you receive your shipments, please review them promptly to confirm you received everything you ordered. If your order was short any items, let me know. We have to reorder any shorted items because ANSC does not keep track of orders that were impacted by backordered items or any other reason. We looked at moving the fulfillment of mail requests for ?If Found? stickers to my home address in Gorham. For the time being, Ken Caprio has indicated he will continue to handle these requests. Thanks Ken.</p>
Update Of Major Programs: :	No Report
Concerns: :	<p>FYI. An order of ODU Name Tapes for several of our new members was botched by SHOPCGX.COM. Four members of our staff still do not have these Name Tapes and thus cannot complete their ODU. SHOPCGX is reprocessing these tapes at no cost. The members impacted are Chrissy Six, Jeff McDonald, Tim Welch and Jeff Pierce. Please be patient with them. It is not their fault. I expect to have these items to our members within two weeks.</p>
Good Of The Auxiliary: :	<p>I have contacted Chris Cutter at the Cape Elizabeth Community Services regarding our summer picnic. 7/13/2020 is available for 3:00 to close. There is free parking in the overflow lot. All other lots charge for parking. I believe the distance from overflow to the picnic shelter is approximately 200 yards. We should discuss this subject at the staff meeting.</p>

Officer Name:	Thomas Stephen Roche
Email:	agentthomasroche@gmail.com
Staff Office: :	Public Affairs
Report Month: :	February
Major Accomplishment And Events: :	*Setting up staffing for Maine boat builders show March 20,21,22 2020 *Set up radio show and commercial recording for paddle craft safety, April
Programs of Note :	*On par for goals set
Update Of Major Programs: :	*Will be looking for members to participate in the Maine boat builders March *will be meeting with Dennis Morelli and Jeff Pierce, to redevelop the flotilla facebook page.
Concerns: :	*Attempted to set up the flotilla for the Portland boat show in Feb however, similar to last year, A \$600.00 fee was required. Offer declined
Good Of The Auxiliary: :	*will continue with assisting the new member orientation and training class.

Flotilla Calendar

3 March (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
3 March (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
4 March (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
4 March (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
6 March (Friday)	DTRAIN 2020 Registration Schedule Of Events Event Pricing & Meals	----	-----	Gurney's Resort and Marina Goat Island, Newport RI Booking Page
7 March (Saturday)	DTRAIN 2020 Registration Schedule Of Events Event Pricing & Meals	----	-----	Gurney's Resort and Marina Goat Island, Newport RI Booking Page
8 March (Sunday)	Spring Ahead Daylight Savings Time Begins	0200	---	-----
8 March (Sunday)	DTRAIN 2020 Registration Schedule Of Events Event Pricing & Meals	----	-----	Gurney's Resort and Marina Goat Island, Newport RI Booking Page
9 March (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Rusty Scupper
10 March (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
10 March (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
11 March (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
11 March (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
17 March (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
17 March (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room

18 March (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
18 March (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
20 March (Friday)	Maine Boat Builders Show	1000	FSO/PA	Portland Sports Complex
21 March (Saturday)	Maine Boat Builders Show	1000	FSO/PA	Portland Sports Complex
21 March (Saturday)	CPR/First Aid Course	0900	FSO/MT	Cape Elizabeth Fire and Rescue Department
21 March (Saturday)	2020 Sector Boston RBS TEAM Qualification & Training Workshop	0845	DSO- PV	Sector Boston, US Coast Guard Integrated Service Command, Building One 2nd Deck Training 427 Commercial Street (North End), Boston
22 March (Sunday)	Maine Boat Builders Show	1000	FSO/PA	Portland Sports Complex
24 March (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
24 March (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
25 March (Wednesday)	Boating Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
24 March (Wednesday)	Sailing Skills and Seamanship	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 216
30 March (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Station Class Room
31 March (Tuesday)	Weekend Navigator	1900	FSO/PE	SMCC - Health Science Building Room 113
31 March (Tuesday)	Boat Crew Training	1830	FSO/OP	Station Class Room
31 March (Tuesday)	Winter Dress Blue Uniform Authorization Ends	2400	----	-----

**Photos from February Flotilla Meeting
Lots of awards & certificates to hand out!
Here are just a few!**







