

# CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG AUXILIARY CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 2-1

**JULY 2020**



## Commander's Corner:

"These are unprecedented times!" How many times have you heard that statement in recent weeks? It's true but it certainly does not make things any easier. We are living through a major worldwide historic event that is testing us in all facets of our lives in ways we never dreamed of. "Semper Paratus" has never been as challenging as it is today. We all wonder when the time will come when we can serve

Team Coast Guard again in a meaningful way. Yet, the inability to know when that might happen invokes uneasiness within us. In our service as USCG Auxiliarists, we are not used to being unable to plan and establish a course of action. Our Sector Captain has applied risk assessment in determining that it is better for us to stand down than to risk potential harm to our members and the public we serve. It is a decision that is uncomfortable but one which we took an oath to follow. "Semper Paratus" challenges us to keep the faith and to be ready to serve when the time comes to re-engage as it most certainly will. But for now, no one can answer the "when" or the "how" questions. "Semper Paratus" means that we must not abandon our goals and aspirations while we struggle to cope with this pandemic. We must consider the importance of training to maintain our readiness and the need to reach out to support each other. I am very grateful to all the staff officers for staying engaged and for continuing to attend Staff Meetings and to look for openings. We will not have a flotilla meeting in July due to the cancellation of our picnic meeting and limited business to conduct. We may schedule a social check in later in the month just to check in on everyone. We will resume our flotilla meetings in August and already have an interesting program planned. You may have read that boat sales are going through the roof, so I am researching some options to pilot a different public education program online.

There will be more to come on that subject. I am also very pleased to report that Flotilla 02-01 was awarded the National Commodore's Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity for 2019. This proud accomplishment reflects on everyone's outstanding service and collaboration and for that I am extremely grateful. Please be careful to remain healthy. Protect your loved ones and please "wear a mask" when you should.

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## Reports

Officer Name: Richard Arthur Cobb

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Report Month: : June

Major Accomplishment And Events: :

- Six members completed self-study for AuxPat. Bill Thornton, FSO-OP, hosted two review sessions on Zoom. Test taking is contingent on lifting of stand-down and availability of proctor. - Mentoring one new member who received EMPLID and now working on BQII. - Working with FC 02-08 who is planning to lead a Zoom TCO Workshop in July. To date, 20 members within the Division have indicated interest in participating. - Annual TCT Refresher classes started last week. To date, of the 14 flotilla members who have registered, five will be in class starting this week (6/29). The remaining 9 will be receiving invitations shortly.

Programs of Note :

Goals for the next 3 months: - Planning 30-40 minute MT presentations for upcoming monthly flotilla meetings on topics related to the Flotilla's 2020 Strategic Plan and the CG/AUX Engagement Plan. - Considering alternatives ways to re-validate member First Aid credentials. CPR re-validation will have to wait until stand down orders lifted.

Update Of Major Programs: :

No Report

Concerns: :

No Report

Good Of The Auxiliary: :

No Report

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Report Month: : June

Major Accomplishment And Events: :

No Report

Programs of Note :

Status unchanged from last month. (Not meeting goals do to C-19 stand Down)

Update Of Major Programs: :

Existing PV Members in hold position. Two potential members in waiting. Working with Jim Maxner on PV program integration with the SNNS Severe weather plan project.

Concerns: :

Ongoing C-19 Stand Down, Not communicating our programs and boating safety info to the public via the PV program.

Good Of The Auxiliary: : No report

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Report Month: : June

Major Accomplishment And Events: : ACS chaplains Van Syckel, Wentworth and Shambaugh have continued to offer support and care to both the auxiliary and gold side. They have also been in regular communication with other ACS chaplains in District One, particularly with chaplains in the greater New York area, which has been significantly hit by Covid-19

Programs of Note : Though all of the trainings, changes of command and other ceremonies at which the ACS chaplains were scheduled have been cancelled, the communications and support of the other ACS chaplains in District One has been far beyond.

Update Of Major Programs: : Captain Walcott, Chief of Chaplains for the Coast Guard, will be visiting District One in September for a training of all District One ACS chaplains in Boston. As acting Branch Assistant, Ben Shambaugh will be organizing this visit. Note that ACS chaplains are exempt from the stand down orders and are allowed to travel for official business.

Concerns: : ACS chaplains have several required multi-day trainings, specifically ASIST (Suicide Prevention) and CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management). These had been scheduled then postponed. Significant travel may be required to accomplish this training.

Good Of The Auxiliary: : George Van Syckel will be going abroad for a degree program. He leaves having helped forge this new program on a national level and has received the great thanks from ACS chaplains up and down the chain of command. We will dearly miss him in Flotilla 02-01. As of July 1, Ben Shambaugh will be acting Branch Assistant, with oversight of ACS chaplains of District One, reporting to Gary R. Gray, USCGAUX Auxiliary Clergy Support Chaplain - Sector Jacksonville Branch Chief ACS Atlantic East. This is a national level appointment that will be made official in October. The following George's good-bye letter to the ACS chaplains of District One: It comes with great joy that I will be turning over the servant leader position in District 1 to Ben Shambaugh effective 00:01 01/07/2020 or the 1st of July 2020. Ben will be in training for the month of June, so please make him feel welcome with texts, calls and emails. Although I will miss serving each of you, I am confident in Ben's servant heart, which is why, I chose Ben more than 6 months ago to serve you in my stead as I knew I would be completing a second Masters in Jewish Studies in residence at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. My goal when I took this position was to build a cohesive team of chaplains who loved and prayed for one another. I believe God has answered my prayers and accomplished the goal of caring unity in District 1. We are stronger together both lifting one another up before the Throne of Grace and comforting one another in a word of encouragement. I have heard, we are an example to the districts and chaplains in the rest of the country. You all know Ben already and now know that I have absolute confidence in him. Help him, help you, by having your reports to him no later than the 27th so he can have his done on the 28th and Chief Gary Gray can have his done on the 29th. Going forward any report not submitted on the 27th will be reported the following month and you will receive a NTR (nothing to report) for the current month. It is only fair to everyone. Please do not cause Ben to call you for your reports. Again thank you for the opportunity to serve a group of Chaplains who are all more credentialed, qualified and experienced more than myself. Mercy, Grace and Peace  
George Rev. George Van Syckel USCG ACS CHAPLAIN.



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## **Diversity Directorate Commodore**

David G. Porter

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## **Diversity Directorate Deputy Commodore**

Tracy Schultz, Ph.D.

Dear Shipmates,

Thank you for your submission for the National Commodore's Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity. Your application was reviewed and accepted. On behalf of the National Diversity Team—Congratulations!

Practicing Diversity and Inclusion will help make ready us a formidable volunteer force that gives voice to the varying skill sets and points of view that emphasize the edicts of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty which will ever make us Semper Paratus.

We are an organization that is a microcosm of the society we serve. It is ever important to embrace our collective differences and wide-ranging experiences in the idea and belief that as a whole, those differences, and experiences will improve us as an organization.

Your practice of Diversity Management will serve to recruit and retain members, as well as promote mission readiness as you explore the myriad of interests your members have that you, the leader, can steer them to.

We applaud your efforts and celebrate your accomplishments! Your award will be presented to your District Commodore at NACON in August. They will see to its distribution through your Division Commander.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local Area Division Chief who you can find by accessing our directorate website:  
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=d-dept>

Respectfully,

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SUBJ: 2020 WORLD MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION DAY

1. The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) is celebrating the second annual World Marine Aids to Navigation Day on July 1, 2020. This day was created to promote greater awareness to mariners and the public of the vital role of Marine Aids to Navigation in ensuring the safety and efficiency of navigation.
2. The United States is a maritime nation blessed with natural navigable waterways, deepwater ports, protected harbors, and access to the world's two largest oceans. Men and women of the Coast Guard continue to ensure the Nation's vibrant economy through their efforts in establishing and maintaining ATON in the U.S. Marine Transportation System (MTS). This dedication provides a gateway for economic growth, increases the capacity of the MTS, facilitates lawful trade, mitigates risk to critical infrastructure, and ensures the safety and resiliency of the system. More than 90% of U.S. imports and exports move by ship past 95,000 miles of shoreline, through 25,000 miles of navigable rivers and coastal waterways, and into 361 commercial ports. Today's MTS supports \$5.4 trillion in economic activity annually, and more than 23 million jobs.
3. Each year the 76 cutters and 64 ATON Teams that make up the Coast Guard's Black Hull fleet maintain more than 48,000 buoys, beacons, and electronic aids that mark the waterways of the MTS. From eATON in Samoa, to the "CR" buoy marking the infamous Columbia River Bar, to the candy-cane striped White Shoal Light in Lake Michigan, to the hundreds of "sticks" in the Gulf of Mexico, to our treasured Boston Light, our Black Hull fleet and sailors keep the MTS "winking 'n blinking" no matter the weather or time of day. Most remarkably, this fleet has persevered through the current global pandemic, facilitating the safety of marine traffic supplying the groceries, medical supplies and cleaning and sanitation supplies necessary for our Nation to recover and heal while the demand for these products nearly outpaced the supply chain.
4. We continue and value our partnership with IALA to ensure we, as America's premier multi-mission maritime service, maintain our storied legacy of light by working with our international partners to make waterways safer, more efficient, and more resilient.
5. I encourage all ATON professionals, and Black Hull sailors past and present, to celebrate this milestone day and recognize your roles in safeguarding the U.S. Marine Transportation System.
6. Mr. Michael D. Emerson, Director of Marine Transportation System Management, sends.
7. Internet release is authorized.

# *Flotilla Calendar*

*\*Subject to change*

July				
13 July (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Zoom Online See Your Email For Details
27 July (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Zoom Online See Your Email For Details

