

# CALENDAR ISLANDS CHRONICLE

USCG AUXILIARY CASCO BAY FLOTILLA 2-1

**AUGUST 2020**

## Commander's Corner:

Pandemic, Sharks, Tropical Storm, Murder Hornets! It's difficult not to feel overwhelmed. This month's message is brief as I attempt to strike out on our annual vacation for a second time due to the storm.

My hope is that you are safe and able to enjoy this great summer while we continue to wait on the COVID situation to pass. Eric Dexter will be conducting the Flotilla Meeting on Monday, August 10 and has an interesting agenda planned. Please be sure to explore logging into AUXDATA-II and familiarizing yourself with this new platform. There are still issues to iron out, but it's important that you begin to learn this now. There will be training offered in the near future. Also, please be sure to submit your AUX COVID-19 certification form to John Hume and copy me as well. When completing the recommended courses, be sure to print out the screen that shows completion of the course and mail a copy to AUXTRAK21@gmail.com. This is a special email address that the FSO-MT is maintaining to keep track of all training certificates until we are guaranteed that credit is being properly recorded in the Auxiliary database.

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## STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

Officer Name: **Thomas Stephen Roche**  
Email: [agentthomasroche@gmail.com](mailto:agentthomasroche@gmail.com)  
Staff Office: : **Public Affairs**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Maintaining Facebook on weekly basis. Distributing safety information, weather alerts and our Paddle craft blog. I also add some posts from other Coast Guard flotillas.  
Programs of Note : Goals during stand down being maintained.  
Update Of Major Programs: : No major programs during stand down. I have been participating in on line training. Currently taking Marine Safety classes.  
Concerns: : No Report  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : Stay healthy and be prepared for start up

Officer Name: **William George Muir**  
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Staff Office: : **RBS Program Vistation**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Status quo , little change.  
Programs of Note : No report  
Update Of Major Programs: : Standing down until otherwise notified. Maintaining readiness. Work on severe weather / PV program in progress but little to report. Hope to make measurable progress by next report.  
Concerns: : No report  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : Working with gold side in helping with their PV efforts via providing program partner contact information

Officer Name: **Billy G. Thornton**  
Email: [thornton@maine.edu](mailto:thornton@maine.edu)  
Staff Office: : **Navigation Systems**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report - Stand down continues.  
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: **Richard Arthur Cobb**  
Email: [racnredart@gmail.com](mailto:racnredart@gmail.com)  
Staff Office: : **Member Training**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : - Twelve members completed the annual 4 hour TCT/RM class. - Twelve members participated in the voluntary one hour Telecommunication Operator (TCO) workshop led by FC 02-08.  
Goals for the next 3 months: - Develop training opportunities for flotilla members in coordination with other Flotilla Staff Officers. - Arrange 30-40 minute MT presentations for monthly flotilla meetings on topics related to the Flotilla's 2020 Strategic Plan and the CG/AUX Engagement Plan. - Support our new FSO-IS in organizing Zoom sessions for members on how to access and utilize AuxData II.  
Programs of Note :  
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A  
Concerns: : Regarding AuxDataII: - Back in February, flotilla leadership wisely set up a tracking file to assure required member training, certifications, etc, were not lost in the transition to AD2. Consequently, numerous member documents are now on file. At some point, these will need to be verified or entered into AD2. We will need a process to do that. - Suggest we set up a series of training programs to familiarize members with AD2, starting with: how to access it, how to check their own records re courses/quals completed, and how to enter their monthly 7029 data. - The Monthly Report Training has been a very useful ?at a glance? tool for members to easily and regularly check status of training needed, and completed. Distribution or access to this report should continue as part of AD2.  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: **Billy G. Thornton**  
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Staff Office: : **Operations**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report - Stand down continues.  
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: **Maroudia Byrne**  
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Staff Office: : **Finance**  
Report Month: : July  
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: :

Officer Name: **Jeffery Murray Pierce**  
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Staff Office: : **Information Services**  
Report Month: : July  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : Up to speed on time entry..  
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Programs of Note : Need to work with individual members to get them up to speed on time entry.  
Update Of Major Programs: : No Report or N/A  
Concerns: : No Report  
Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

Officer Name: **John Delano Wentworth**  
Email: [jwent16@hotmail.com](mailto:jwent16@hotmail.com)  
Staff Office: :  
Report Month: :  
Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report 7/6 PHONE CALL TO BEN SHAMBAUGH 1.0 hours 7/6 PHONE CALL TO GEORGE VAN SYCKEL1.0 hours 7/10 PHONE CALL TO G.VAN SYCKEL1.0 hrs. 7/14 PHONE CONTACT WITH GARY GRAY1.0 hrs 7/18 PHONE CONTACT WITH P.POULIN31.0 hrs 7/18 PHONE CONTACT D. MARTINELLI1.0 hrs 7/27 TEXT B. SHAMBAUGH 1.0 hrs 7/27 STAFF MEETING 2.0 hrs 7/28 FILL OUT REPORT1.0 hrs 7/28 CONVERSATION WITH G. VAN SYCKEL 1.0 hrs 7/20 PERFORMED KEN CAPRIO FUNERAL3.0 hrs  
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 Henry Thompson

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Staff Office: : Materials

Report Month: : July

Major Accomplishment And Events: : No Report

Programs of Note : One order for Bill Muir is outstanding due to a problem with the set-up of email within the Auxiliary systems that kept the order from being delivered to me. Everett Henry has addressed the problem. The order has been placed with the ANSC. Working with Peter Poulin to purchase major awards plaques for later this year.

Update Of Major Programs: : 20 If Found Stickers were requested during July. This is an improvement over June where we received two requests. Our efforts to create blasts of information on social media appear to have worked at least temporarily. I would like to suggest we ask members of the Auxiliary to go onto our Casco Bay Facebook page and share the If Found post that was put there by Tom Roche. Other attempts to promote the If Found Sticker program were the publishing of the information in a St. Josephs College IIA news letter and Mike Moloney got the Maine Island trails organization to publish on their very large Facebook page.

Concerns: : Need help with time keeping.

Good Of The Auxiliary: : No Report

## Trivia Question!

In What year was the USCG Auxiliary officially created?

See last page for answer

## Flotilla Calendar

August				
10 August (Monday)	Flotilla Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Zoom Online See Your Email For Details
31 August (Monday)	Flotilla Staff Meeting	1900	FC/VFC	Zoom Online See Your Email For Details

# Memories

**A look back at last year's July Flotilla picnic with a tribute to Ken Caprio. You will be missed.**



**From Left: Dick Robichaud, Brad Thompson and Ken Caprio**

**\* Answer: The Auxiliary was originally a volunteer reserve created in 1939 to promote boat safety and assist the Coast Guard. In 1941 when a military reserve was formed, the volunteer reserve became the Auxiliary we know.**

