

**ABS Class**

Saturday – Sunday, August 3-4

**Cayuga Triathlon**

Sunday, August 4

**Women Swimmin’**

Saturday, August 10

**Flotilla Picnic**

Wednesday, August 14

**NYS Fair**

Aug 21 – Sep 2

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Kevin and Kim Walsh, Hunter Liming, John Buttgen, Cayuga Lake Orientation Patrol 6/25/19



## Ithaca Flotilla

### FLOTILLA OFFICERS

COMMANDER  
**Dale Campbell FC**  
VICE COMMANDER  
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SECRETARY  
**Anthony Scaglione FSO-SR**  
VESSEL EXAMINATION  
**Joe Kurtz FSO-VE**



Ithaca Flotilla  
N 42 26.75'  
W 076 30.77'

Photo courtesy of Tommy Lacey and Mark Lewis

At the southern end of  
Cayuga Lake

508 Taughannock Blvd.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Monthly Meetings:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
7:00 pm

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EDUCATION + TRAINING = SKILL

SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



# Flotilla News

## Calen

<i>All events at Flotilla 22 Base, unless specified otherwise</i>			
Date	Event	POC	Notes
Jul 26-28	Harborfest	Div 2	Oswego
Sat/Sun, Aug 3/4	ABS	Kim	0900-1400—each day
Sun, Aug 4	Cayuga Lake Triathlon	Kim	
Fri, Aug 9	FC/VFC Letters of Intent Due	Kim	
Sat, Aug 10	<b>Women Swimmin'</b>	Kim	
Wed, Aug 14	Flotilla Meeting/PICNIC	Dale/Tony	
Aug 21 – Sep 2	NYS State Fair	Div 2	Contact Gene Little
Wed, Sep 11	Flotilla Meeting	Dale	
Fri, Sep 20	Tompkins County Watchfire	Tony	
Wed, Oct 9	Flotilla Mtg / Elections	Dale	

Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events	Safety Patrols
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## Member Recognition



Bodge Hyatt receiving his Telecommunications Officer certificate from FC Dale Campbell



Peg Phelps receiving her Auxiliary Food Service certificate from FC Dale Campbell

At our July 17 flotilla meeting we had the honor of bestowing completion certificates to two of our members.

First was Bodge Hyatt who completed his TCO PQS recently with mentoring and help from Tom Every and Walt Robinson. As a flotilla we are working to increase the number of TCO's in order to be more supportive of our patrol activities.

Second was Peg Phelps who complete the Auxiliary Food Service requirements. The Auxiliary Food Service (AUXFS) program enhances Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary mission readiness, effectiveness, and execution by providing food services support to Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary units by: Promoting and maintaining food service in floating and land-based facilities.

## Welcome Transfer Member Gary Zdan

A hearty welcome to our newest addition to the team, Gary Zdan, who recently moved from the New Jersey area to a home on Skaneateles Lake. Gary has transferred his membership to our flotilla and successfully requalified as a crew member.



Don Campbell, Dale Campbell, Gary Zdan

## Comstock Adventure Center

*By Kim Walsh FSO-PE*

20 June 2019 - Camp Comstock – Girl Scouts

Tom Every, Mark Erway & I (Kim Walsh) had a productive couple of hours at the Girl Scout Camp just north of Crowbar Point late this afternoon. I think our collective count was: 8 Stand up Paddleboards, 13 Canoes, 9 Kayaks and 7 small sailboats. We also checked out their life jackets and paddles and gave them “If Found” stickers, paddle reflectors and whistles. They weren’t concerned about getting VSC stickers— just happy to have us double check the quality of their gear. In general, it was all in good condition. They were just missing plugs on 2 of their SUPs and 2 kayaks.

## Marina Day

*By Jen Watson FSO-PA*

22 June 2019 – Fourth Annual Marina Day at Allan H. Treman State Marine Park.

Marina Patrons enjoyed the open hospitality and welcomed the vessel safety checks (VSCs). Food was provided by the Park, and prepared by Tony

Scaglione, and again helped to provide a platform for engagement. New this year, Tom Every, Kim Walsh and Sea Scout Ethan Laverack, set up a table at the 8 bay launch ramp so Tom & Kim could do VSCs on that side of the Park. They found many launch ramp users were not nearly as well prepared for boating as Marina residents. However, these visitors were at least open to a discussion regarding requirements and accepted literature, paddle craft stickers, etc.

Diana Robinson and Dale Campbell set up at the original display area by the marina basin to attend to slip holders and transient boaters as before. Joe Kurtz and Gene Little provided VSCs in the basin and Gene conducted two Suddenly in Command sessions. Other agencies participated as well; always a favorite was the Live Fire Extinguisher Demonstration, facilitated by the Ithaca Fire Department. The Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron joined in providing information and VSCs. The Teal provided tours for a second year. Jennifer from Paddle N’ More did an afternoon paddle safety presentation. The day flew by!

I enjoyed helping to set up and especially reaching out to folks as they arrived to explain and offer our service. This event has settled into what it was always intended to be--an opportunity for boat owners and their guests to review safety, in a relaxed, enjoyable setting.

## Reporting Your Hours

*Diana Robinson – FSO-IS*

01D MISSION CODE

The 2018 boating season seems so long ago. Let’s go over how patrol hours are reported. Coxswains report your underway time AND what’s known as “standby time” at dockside. The current policy was instituted to better guard against crew fatigue. Crew members should take care not put any time on a 7029 which may already have been credited by the coxswain.

01D is the designation for “dockside” time spent doing equipment checks, boat prep, GAR plus

“standby” time when you break for lunch or take on fuel. After you end the mission by calling Oswego, it will account for the time spent putting the boat back in order.

Whoever is keeping the patrol log should begin with time you started prepping for the mission. Then note when you called the patrol into Oswego and subsequent communications, any changes in patrol status, when you ended the patrol at dock, and when the post-operations activities concluded.

- If you are a coxswain, kindly give your crew a rough idea of how much actual patrol time they earned for the mission. We all like to know when we hit the magic 12 hours!
- If you are crew, feel free to ask your coxswain or me if unsure about your time on a specific patrol.
- For all, be aware that “standby” affects underway time. Coxswains are being told to report dockside breaks for rest room use, meals, fuel etc. That time will NOT count as underway time.

## Patrol Updates

### QE Patrol Success

7/22/19 - Our first QE session this year went well!

***Congratulations to the following:***

**Jen Watson and Pamela Wik-Grimm** are our two **new crew members**. Paul has been working with them and they both did outstandingly.

**Mark Lewis** is a **new coxswain!** Lots of work involved in that, so well done.

**Tom Lacey, Gary Zdan and I** all did our **3-year re-quals**.

Again, congratulations!

Dale (Campbell, FC)

**BRAVO ZULU!!**

**HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH!!!**

**WOO HOO!!**

## Orientation Patrol

*By your editor*

25 June 2019 - Following up on a request made by BM1 Miron, Kim and Kevin Walsh made their facility, “Summer Place” available for an orientation patrol. The idea is for gold team from Oswego to come aboard and see the actual areas that our flotilla regularly patrol, thus increasing their situational awareness of our area.

On a rare sunny, summer day we received Hunter Liming and John Buttgen, from Station Oswego, as our guests on board, went through orientation, GAR and plans for the patrol. With Kevin Walsh at the helm we headed for the flotilla base building on the inlet in Ithaca. All during our travels, Kim used a chart of Cayuga Lake to point out landmarks, various ATONS and talked about the wide range of depths to be encountered. At the inlet, debris from recent heavy rains cause us to cancel that part of our plans. We turned north past Crowbar Point and Taughannock Park, then eastward toward Milliken Station before heading south and back to Myers Point again, covering roughly 20 miles overall.



Kevin and Kim Walsh, and Coastie's Hunter Liming, and John Buttgen

Both guests remarked that it was VERY educational for them and observed that lake patrols on Cayuga are quite different from what they are used to. We also spoke of the challenges using cell phones for comms. They now have a much greater appreciation for our patrol situations and were very grateful, not only for the orientation, but more so to have met some of the members who crew the patrol boats.



## Communications Patrol

By Tom Every FSO-CM

15 July 2019

Patrol Team: Coxswain Tom Every. Crew Bodge Hyatt, Ben Gardiner and Mark Erway

**Subject:** Non-Federal VHF National Interoperability Channel Testing Results

Thank you once again to Brian and Jack (Tompkins County Emergency Services) for the cooperation and support you provided in allowing Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22 to do VHF Interoperability Channel testing with the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response. It was a beautiful day on the lake on Monday and testing went as planned. Additional explanation of the testing results is provided below.



Ben Gardiner and Tom Every



Bodge Hyatt

We used three different radios during the testing as follows:

- Kenwood TK-2160 land mobile radio - We had two identical units. These were old hand me down portable units that put out 5 watts. After testing at five locations it seemed to us that the #2 unit was performing better than the #1 unit and we just tested with the #2 unit at the rest of the locations.
- ICOM mobile radio with good external antenna - This radio put out 10 watts but it could not be programmed in 2.5 khz. increments so we could not set it up to the exact VCALL frequency. The closest we could come was 2.5 khz. off center which resulted in less than optimal

performance. We stopped testing with it after test Location 5.

We were able to establish contact at every location but results varied significantly. To keep things simple in the results log we assigned communications quality on a 1 - 5 scale with 1 being poor and barely understood. The first results column indicated what Tompkins dispatch told us they were hearing. The second column indicates what we were hearing from Tompkins.

I was a bit surprised by which locations did best and worst. A simple summary of that is:

- Poor locations - Locations 1, 2, 3, and 9. These were at our base in the Inlet, the South end of the lake, and the West side of the lake near Crowbar Pt./Girl Scout Camp. I was hoping we could hit the Danby tower from there well but apparently that did not happen.
- Acceptable locations - Locations 4, 5, and 8. Those were further up the lake on the West side and on the East side at Myers Point. We were told by Dispatch that Location 5 was going through the Enfield tower. We could at least understand each other.
- Best locations - Locations 6 and 7. This was surprising to me because they were further up the lake on the East side. Dispatch told us we were being heard through the Enfield tower. Apparently being on the East side of



the lake away from the West hills provided a more direct path to the Enfield tower.

- We did one extra test at the end of the tour just to repeat testing at our base location in the Inlet. Same poor results.

Below are some basic observations, suggestions, and recommendations on how we might improve Interop communications going forward:

- Better radios - Coast Guard Auxiliary District 1 has an extensive network of communication systems and support personnel. They operate on the Interop channels with New York City and surrounding counties. They have tested and recommend ICOM F1000S Portable and ICOM F5021 Mobile radios for CG Aux. operation on Interop channels. That might improve our communications capability and we would consider purchasing portable units if Tompkins is moving forward with Interop support.



Ben Gardiner at the helm

- Even with better radios, due to the challenge of engine and other noise, Interop communications will not be as good as direct P25 radio communications. District 1 reports that the conventional analog radios cannot hear the trunking system's tones (don't pass through). We will have no tone verification that we are actually transmitting into the trunking system.
- Enabling Interop comms on a tower in Lansing, such as Brown Road, should provide pretty good lake coverage into the current weak areas.

Hope this helps you folks out. We look forward to enhancing comms with you using the Interop channels.

## Boating at night

*By Kevin Walsh FSO-PE*

Taking our boat out at night is not my favorite thing. I have found in the past when acting as crew on other facilities that I have difficulty keeping an accurate picture of where I am in relation to the shore. The evening we went out for the Taughannock Park fireworks was no different.

There are several experienced boaters near our slip at the Marina and I had had a discussion about going out at night with them. The two that I talked to were as reluctant to venture out past the marina entrance as I was.....that was re-assuring in some ways (that my instincts were correct) and disconcerting in other ways (because I WAS going out).

We left our slip that evening with a very experienced crew (but my first night patrol at the helm), but we DID have a navigation plan which actually helped greatly as the night progressed. We departed Finger Lakes at about 2000 and headed north and west up to Taughannock Park. The fireworks had been postponed from Saturday night, so the boating crowd was fairly small. The Tompkins County Sheriff's boats were out and stayed in closer to shore, we stayed out to the east. There were very few violations or problems that evening, and we got to watch a very nice fireworks show. The biggest problem during the actual operation was that we had not thought to review the steps on how to dim the darn GPS before we started!! We hadn't been out at night before and keeping our night vision was almost impossible if we used the GPS. The show ended and we began to make our way back south towards Finger Lakes after the vast majority of the boats (to include the Sheriff) had already departed.

It was quite dark, and we kept to the west side of the lake, our plan was to continue south until we got abreast of the salt mine (which is VERY well lit at night) and then take a 90 degree East turn. The plan was a good one, EXCEPT I was looking right at the salt mine but not realizing I was looking right at the salt mine. Kim said "We are right across from the salt mine" but it looked different at night all lit up.

She was right, it was the salt mine. But it took me a minute to get my senses and my eyesight and my brain all on the same frequency. Once I recognized (WITH THE ABLE DIRECTION OF THE COXSWAIN) where I was, we turned East and started looking for the flashing light of the Yacht Club buoy which is south of Finger Lakes Marina. Our plan was to turn East after coming abreast of the salt mine and then look for the buoy (it has a REALLY GREAT Light on top of it). Once we got to the buoy, I knew that if we headed 360, we were heading directly into the entrance to Finger Lakes. The Finger Lakes entrance is marked with a green light on the East entrance shore and a red light on the West entrance shore.

We found the buoy (with that GREAT LIGHT) and turned to 360 as we went by. Being able to follow our navigation plan gave me a little more confidence than I probably would have had if we hadn't discussed it beforehand. Trouble is even after we turned toward the Marina entrance it was very difficult to pick out the red and green lights marking the entrance. Finger Lakes has also put up two bright white lights on each side which was also a help. We slowed down even more than we had been and attempted to pick out the red and green lights. It wasn't easy, but I did get a visual sight WITH THE HELP OF THE CREW. We were inching along and trying to make sure we were square with the entrance, but the tail lights of cars made picking out the red and green lights we NEEDED very difficult. Again, with the help of the coxswain and crew and going very slow I was able to pick out the entrance and get into the Marina. There was virtually no wind which was very helpful. We are docked next to an extremely large and expensive boat, just getting safely moored

without touching it is always a stressor, but at night..... WITH THE HELP OF THE CREW we were able to very slowly make our way into the slip without contact with our neighbor (another HUGE reason for this was the lack of any wind)!! So, what did I learn from that experience???

1. Have a sound navigation plan which you put together in daylight and have gone over several times in your mind.
2. KNOW HOW TO DIM ALL DASHBOARD equipment. GPS, radio, engine meters, etc.
3. Go out with experienced crew for a night familiarization ride at the beginning of each season, before you plan a more complicated patrol or get called out on a SAR mission. Get a feel for what specific landmarks look like at night and have a standard way of lining up your boat for the entrance to where you want to go (and, of course, a backup plan).
4. Have a small flashlight handy (Tom Every's is perfect), in order to provide just the right amount of light in just the right place.
5. USE YOUR CREW. We had an excellent crew who were invaluable helping to get our situational awareness where it needed to be.
6. You cannot go too slow at night. By going slow, you give yourself the opportunity to get situational awareness and not overtake something when you are trying to get situational awareness.



Pamela Wik-Grimm and  
Tony Scaglione



Pamela Wik-Grimm, Jen Watson, Peg Phelps





## ITHACA FLOTILLA

### Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 17 July 2019 / 1900

Location: Ithaca Flotilla Base - 508 Old Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca

Flotilla Commander: Dale Campbell

Flotilla Vice Commander: Vincent "Bo" Stevens

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kim Walsh

Uniform: ODU, Trops

Members attending: Dale Campbell, Don Campbell, Dave Cornelius, Mark Erway, Ben Gardner, Laura Gardner, Bodge Hyatt, Joe Kurtz, Peggy Phelps, Paul Phelps, Walt Robinson, Tony Scaglione, Kim Walsh, Jen Watson, Gary Zdan, Guests: Tom Sauers, Brian "Tinky" Schuerch,

### MEETING AGENDA:

- Call to Order (Dale Campbell)
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Invocation (Mark Erway)
- Introduction of Guests
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Tony Scaglione) Sent via Email. Motion to accept Kim Walsh , Seconded Dave Cornelius - Carried
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (David Cornelius) Sent Via Email Motion to accept Tony Scaglione Seconded Ben Gardner - Carried
- Member Recognition: FC (Dale Campbell) Bodge Hyatt Telecommunications course completed, Peg Phelps AUX Food Service course completed.

### DIV 2 UPDATE

Meeting held on 1 July 2019. BM1 Miron attended.

- Senior Chief is interested in having his people underway with us to understand our area, and Aux with AD.
- Aux Recruiting events all the time
- Mentoring – are people getting mentors
- OPS – can we (2-2) offer spots to people from other flotillas to get underway time?
- State Fair – 4 hr shifts through Gene Little
- All USCG Reunion at STA Oswego 14 Sept, includes some Aux
- Division Election Letters of Intent due by 8 Aug, elections in Oct meeting
- New and existing Staff Officers, excellent training videos available. I'll (FC Campbell) send a link to all
- Harborfest only 1 Aux boat needed and Flotilla Oswego has got it.
- Paddlefest, 5 zones will be set by STA Oswego, PWC's encouraged.
- Small and XXL PPE's available at STA Oswego.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Paddlefest?
- ABS Aug 3-4
- Cayuga Lake Triathlon Aug 4
- Division Aug 5
- Women Swimmin' Aug 10
- Flotilla Meeting Augs14

- State Fair Aug 21-Sep 2

## STAFF OFFICERS UPDATES

(Minimize verbals!!!! And everyone sent a copy to the Division SO, right?)

- FSO-CM Communications (Tom Every)
- FSO-AUXPAD (Tom Every)
- FSO-CS Communication Services (Ben Gardiner) Radio Communications between patrol boat and 911 center radios are being tested at various locations around Cayuga lake. Only one worked well. Routine operations.
- FSO-PA Marketing and Public Affairs (Jen Watson) Routine operations. Marina day went well. Launch area presence is needed. Lots of photos taken.
- FSO-HR Human Resources (Bo, Pam) 3 applications in. Allan Anderson awarded 40% disability for service injuries during overseas operations.
- FSO-DV Diversity (Dale Campbell) no report
- FSO-IS Information and Communication Services (Diana Robinson)
- FSO-MA Materials (Bodge Hyatt) materials in, please hand some out.
- FSO-MS Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (John Frieman) No Report
- FSO-PE Public Education (Kim Walsh)
- FSO-MT Member Training (Walter Robinson) no report
- FSO-OP Operations (Kim Walsh) Fireworks operations went well, continuing training on the water. Several events coming up.
- FSO-PB Publications (Mark Erway) another newsletter coming out soon.
- FSO-VE Vessel Examinations (Joe Kurtz) VE's are ongoing, several in the past weekend
- FSO-PV Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (Kevin Walsh)
- FSO-FN Finance (Dave Cornelius)
- FSO-SR Secretary/Records (Tony Scaglione)

## OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UPS

- QE's on Monday. Crew Training, re-quals in process

## NEW BUSINESS

Picnic on the date of the August meeting family and guests are invited.

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn Kim W, seconded Dave Co. Meeting adjourned 1928 hrs.



Rob Schleelein and Paul Phelps – Training Patrol  
Photo courtesy of Jen Watson



Paul Phelps at the helm  
Photo courtesy of Jen Watson

## Sea Scout Ship 25

By Hayley Greene, Yeoman, Ship 25



### Underway

Ship 25's sailboat Sensei got underway for the season after a long wait for the weather!

Summer sunshine has finally made for numerous outings aboard. The boat allows scouts the chance to complete all the on-the-water requirements in the Sea Scout manual including sailing, motoring, and even provides overnight opportunities with a galley, head and multiple cabins aboard. Pictured here, two scouts head back to dock after a peaceful evening cruise.



### Getting Ready for High Adventure



Members of Ship 25 were joined by some family and friends for a climb up Mr. Monadnock in southwestern New Hampshire. The group is preparing for a trip in July to Scouting's high adventure base in Kandersteg Switzerland. Highlights will include hiking and whitewater rafting in the Alps, along with side trips to Italy, Liechtenstein, Austria and a few days stop in Iceland on the way home.

### Planning Ahead:

Ship 25 is sending a group to the CNY Regatta hosted by Ship 876 and the Onondaga Yacht Club in Liverpool, NY. The event in August typically draws Scouts from around upstate NY and the northeast to get racing instruction, practice and the chance to pair inexperienced Scouts with those who have more experience racing small boats. A cooking competition in the evening is always a favorite to show off their galley skills!

### Contact

Sea Scout Ship 25 meets at 6:30pm most Friday nights at the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Ithaca, NY. Summertime we plan more time on the water than in meetings so please contact us ahead of time to confirm if you plan to stop by a meeting. For more information and a copy of Ship 25's meeting and activity calendar, please visit [www.ithacaseascouts.org](http://www.ithacaseascouts.org) or contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at 607-327-1226 (work/cell) or email [jgraney@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:jgraney@twcnny.rr.com).

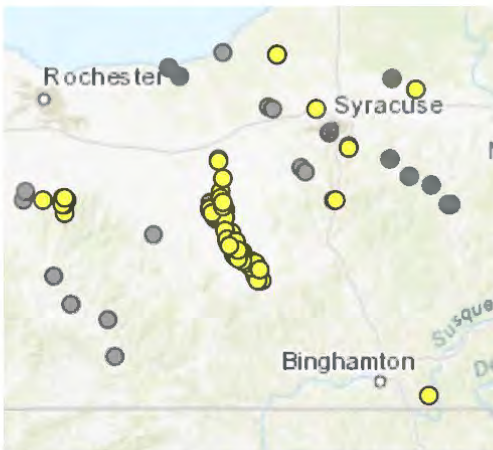




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## Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Notifications

Visit [NYHABS](#), DEC's harmful algal bloom notification map, to view locations of current freshwater HABs in New York State. Each yellow dot on the map represents a HAB reported in the past two weeks. Click on a dot for more information, including the date it was reported, the waterbody name, and pictures. Click on the arrow at the bottom of the screen to view a list of reported HABs.



### Know it. Avoid it. Report it.

If you see a HAB, please use the new [reporting form](#) to submit a report to NYHABS. Because waterbodies may have HABs that have not been reported to DEC, we recommend [avoiding contact](#) with floating mats, scums and discolored water.

If you, your family, or pet have been in contact with a HAB, please rinse with clean water and report any symptoms to your local health department.



Bravo Zulu to all of our flotilla members!!!

Photo courtesy of Jen Watson