

Ithaca Flotilla Milestones

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1941: charter members hold organizational meetings.

1942: Ithaca Coast Guard Auxiliary chartered May 2 1942. With World War II beginning, Auxiliary units were brought in as a "Temporary Reserve" working under the control of the Navy. Our original designation was Flotilla 23, Ninth Naval District. In June our members began implementing an ID card security check system for anyone using the area from the barge canal terminal to the breakwater.

1943: We receive our current official designation as USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 2-2 (written 22 as of 1996).

1947 – 1951: Following WWII, the CG Auxiliary was significantly downsized and rules re-instituted that required members to be at least part-owners of a boat, plane or ham radio station. Flotilla 2-2 was without a Commander, and meetings were held at homes, restaurants, Ithaca College and what became Johnson's Boat Yard.

1957: Members begin search for a base.

1960: We receive a permit from NYS DEC to use the old Naval Reserve Center (529 Taughannock Blvd) as our base.

1967: Our permit for 529 Taughannock is revoked when the building is slated for demolition as part of a flood control project. We begin search for a new home.

1969: We receive a permit for activities at our current location, 508 Taughannock.

1972: Docks installed.

1973: Major remodeling of the base undertaken.

1973: First female member admitted.

1976: New roof installed with member labor.

1977: Following the 1976 death of member Jim Freeman, his parents fund a major renovation of the base office. Freeman Room is dedicated in his memory.

1978: New heating system and classroom improvements completed.

1985: Boat Crew, Operator and Coxswain Training begins.