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SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



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Ithaca Flotilla

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COMMUNICATIONS

SERVICES

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From the Helm
By FC Ben Gardiner

Well, here we go, Spring has sprung and the Hard Water Season is coming to an end.

We just received an invitation to participate in the Ithaca Canoe Festival. The event will occur Sunday, 07 May 2023, from 10 AM to 4 PM at Cass Park. It will consist of water activities (open paddling session and time trials) and land activities (canoe gifting session, canvas canoe demonstration, etc.). The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be stationed in a sizeable area near the docks close to where people will access the canoes at Cass Park.

This is an outstanding opportunity for us to interact with the paddling community. We need personnel to man our display, hand out literature, conduct demonstrations, and interact with the public. We will be teaching a Boat America class on the same day so some of those who would usually participate will be teaching that class and we will need other Members to assist us at the Canoe Festival. The Canoe Festival website is located at this link <https://thehistorycenter.net/canoe-fest> .

You will note that John Frieman and I taught Flotilla 22's first in-person boating safety class since 2019 at the Odessa, NY Fire Department on 22 April 2023. Bruce Ressler and I just completed the Instructor Development Course and will reinforce our current Instructor Force which includes Tom Every, John Frieman, Walt Robinson, and Kim Walsh. As indicated our first in person boating safety course at our Base Headquarters since 2019 will take place on 06-07 May 2023.

We also received an invitation to the Treman Marina Day on Saturday, 17 June 2023. This will be another excellent opportunity to spread the message of boating safety to the boating public. This will include conducting Vessel Safety Checks.

Naturally, our concentration on Boat Crew and Operations continues. At the same time, we need to intensify our efforts to educate the public on recreational boating safety and that includes having more trained examiners to conduct Vessel Safety Checks and vendor visits.

Training as Vessel Examiners and Program (Vendor) Visitors offers all members, including new members, some great opportunities to get involved in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's primary mission of boating safety education.

In closing I would like to thank Kim and Kevin Walsh for making some time during their brief visit to Central New York on 23 April 2023 and inviting the entire Flotilla to a reception at the Central New York Living History Center in Cortland. A number of our members were in attendance and it was great to see Kim and Kevin. You are missed!



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 12 April 2023 (Virtual) @1900 Hours.

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: ODU or appropriate civilian attire.

MEETING AGENDA:

- Called to Order by Ben Gardiner at 1904 Hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions:
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) February 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve minutes by Pat Natale, Second Dale Campbell. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report Attached. Motion to approve tabled pending follow-up by FSO-FN Aaron Abb.

Members Present at Meeting: Aaron Abb, Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Patrick Natale, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, John Sims, Kim Walsh.

Division 2 Update

- Division 2 has not yet scheduled the Division-wide Operations Meeting but we expect it to be scheduled in the near future. All Operations Personnel are invited to attend.
- Division Commander distributed an outline of "Boat Crew Boat Camp" prepared by BM1 Andrew Yeckley of Station Oswego. This training will be offered to all Operations Personnel in the Division. A copy of the outline was shared with the Flotilla Leadership.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Sincerest thanks to John Frieman and the membership for covering for me during my February 2023 illness. Your dedication and talents ensured that the mission of Flotilla 22 would continue in a professional and positive manner during my absence. Thank you all.
- All members should have received an invitation from Kim and Kevin Walsh for a social function at our Base Headquarters on 24 April 2023: *[Note: later changed to 4/23 in Cortland]*
"After much longer than we ever foresaw, Kevin & I will finally be making a trip to Central New York. We're visiting in late April so we can celebrate Kevin's Mom's 90th birthday with her family and friends. While we're "in the neighborhood", we'd like to catch up with our friends in Flotilla 2-2 and meet some of the newer members. .. If you're available, please come by for some or all of this social opportunity. Hope to see you! Kim & Kevin"

- We received an invitation from the Power Squadron to participate in the Treman Marina Safety Day on 17 June 2023. This now on our schedule and is a great opportunity for us to get the word out on Boating Safety, perform Vessel Safety Checks, and meet with the boating public.

○ **Operations Update:** FSO-OP Jamie Cornell and others)

- Ben Gardiner: I would like to have an Operations Zoom call to insure we are all on the same page. Date TBD.
- Thanks to Tom Every for putting together a Boat Crew classroom training program and delivering it with the help of Walt Robinson. This is huge. This training is critical for completing shoreside signoffs and preparing to get trainees on the water. Doesn't hurt for veteran Boat Crew personnel to sit in on the training as well. Please be flexible with your schedule so that Tom can get some May dates training.
 - Thank you to Walt and Diana Robinson and Tom Every for transporting the Base Boat to Station Oswego for evaluation and repair by Chief Black and his Crew. I spoke with Chief Black on 10 April 2023 and he indicated that they were ready to work on the Base Boat and would keep us posted. The Chief suggested that the repairs may not be that expensive.
 - Have trainees and other Operations Personnel provided PPE sizes and PLB needs to Walt Robinson?

FLOTILLA 0920202 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2023		
Gardiner, Bennett C	FC	Flotilla Commander
Frieman, John A	VFC	Vice Flotilla Commander
Walsh, Kevin M.	IPFC	Immediate Past Flotilla Commander
Every, Thomas J	FSO-CM	Communications Officer
Every, Thomas J	FSO-AUXPAD	Paddle Craft Officer
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-CS	Communications Services Officer
VACANT	FSO-DV	Diversity Officer
Abb, Aaron D.	FSO-FN	Finance Officer
Campbell, Dale A	FSO-HR	Human Resources Officer
Robinson, Diana C	FSO-IS	Information Services Officer
Hyatt, Henry B (Bodge)	FSO-MA	Materials Officer
Frieman, John A	FSO-MS	Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Officer
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-MT	Member Training Officer
Cornell, James M.	FSO-OP	Operations Officer
VACANT	FSO-PA	Public Affairs Officer
Robinson, Diana C	FSO-PB	Publications Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-PE	Public Education Officer
Vacant	FSO-PV	Marine Dealer Visitor Program Officer
Gardiner, Laura L.	FSO-SR	Secretary – Records Officer
Frieman, John A.	FSO-VE	Vessel Examiner Officer

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates:

- Tom Every – FSO CM and AUXPAD
 - AUXPAD – I led our display effort at the Ithaca Fishing Days event on March 18th. I conversed with several paddlers about paddlecraft safety, cold water safety, and boating courses.
 - CM - I will schedule a Zoom Telecom Workshop in the near future for folks that need it.
 - AUXPAD –I will continue coordinating with the Dragon Boat folks on support for the May 7th event.
 - Tom recommended purchasing two (2) current Cayuga Lake Charts, one water resistant chart for the Base Boat and one standard chart for the Base Headquarters. Ben asked Aaron Abb to work with Tom to get the charts ordered.
- **Member Training.** Kim Walsh.
MT – In Process Actions
 - Encouraged members to complete required core training, annual workshops, etc.
 - Good completion rate for Annual Operations Workshop
 - Sent out reminders / questions to those who appear to need RM/TCT Workshop
 - Coordinating with John Conroy and Instructor trainees (Bruce Ressler and Ben Gardiner) to provide opportunities for trainees to “audit” a Boat America course to see the content and possibly teach a chapter during one of our upcoming in person courses.
- **Public Education:** Kim Walsh.
 - Established PE dates & entered them in the Auxiliary Course Finder. FSO-PA & members helped advertise dates.
 - In Process Actions:
 - ✓ Classes begin first weekend in April.
 - ✓ Accepting signups
 - ✓ Confirming Instructors and Instructor trainees
 - Support / Assistance needed: no additional help needed at this time
 - Issues and Concerns: slightly concerned about our limited number of in person Instructors, but the 2 Instructors in training should greatly alleviate this concern
- **Diversity Officer FSO-DV and Public Affairs FSO-PA are now vacant.** Jen Watson has retired from these slots due to family obligations. We are looking for Members interested in assuming one or both of these slots. In the meantime, a big Thank You to Jen for an outstanding job in these positions over the last several years.
- Old Business / Follow-up. None
- New Business/News: None
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 1900, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.
- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion to adjourn by Kim Walsh, Second by Diana Robinson. Meeting Adjourned at 1944 Hours.

Minutes prepared by FSO-SR Laura Gardiner with assistance of FC Ben Gardiner



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FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

TO: JOHN FRIEMAN VFC 02-02

FROM: AARON ABB FSO-FN 02-02

COPIES: SO-FN
BEN GARDINER FC 02-02

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT

DATE: 31 MAR 2022

The Monthly Income Statement and the Income Statement for March is attached. Checking balance as of 31 March was \$790.50 and as of this report the same.

Payments for our Boat America course were received by checks totaling \$165.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

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INCOME STATEMENT

AARON ABB FSO- FN

Friday, March 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNT		DEPOSITS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
BALANCE ON HAND	Wednesday, March 1, 2023			\$ 750.50
DEPOSITS				
New Member Dues				
Reimbursement for ABS books sold to other Flotillas				
Annual Dues				
Sailing Class				
Donations for ABS card replacement				
ABS Class Fees				
SAMA & Fuel Reimbursement				
Total Deposits		\$.		
DISBURSEMENTS				
Ninth Dist Aux Dues				
Division 2 Dues				
Flotilla 2-2 Inc New Member Dues				
Flotilla 2-2 Inc. Custodial Fees				
ABS Book Purchases				
Educational Supplies				
Corp for Utilities				
Total Disbursements			\$.	
BALANCE ON HAND	Friday, March 31, 2023			\$ 750.50

Outline for “Boat Crew University” (BM1 Yeckley)

Purpose

- Provide proper and professional training for Auxiliarists to improve their competency and possibly new active-duty members with little or no experience. Instruction will be done with both Active Duty and Experienced Auxiliarists.

Classroom Training (In Person)

- Policies and Procedures to insure we are prepared to safely and professionally, implement missions in the same manner as active duty. Also, to reduce any risks that may be associated with the mission. We will also cover Communications, (Radio & Cell Phone) SAR Incident reporting. This will put everyone on a consistent footing from the Facility Owner, Coxswain, Crew, OD, and the Radio Watchstander. (Two Hours In Person)
- Basic navigation and charting skills. As we are lucky to have one of the best instructors, Peter Wiles, that has ever taught “Advanced Coastal Navigation”. Peter is a 40-year member of the Auxiliary and has taught this subject matter for many years. Peter has offered to teach basic Charting and Navigation that is most relevant to our AOR. (Two Hours In Person)
- Skills and maintenance to help ensure our facilities are “Safe and Dependable” (Two Hours in Person)

On the Water Training (Hands On)

- Trailing, Practical training in backing, inspecting, spotting, maintaining, and safety while trailing, launching, and retrieving facilities.
- Boat handling, characteristics how the facilities handle. Different styles of boats handle in different ways.
- Under way training, Towing, approaching casting off from vessels. Safety procedures and policies using both Auxiliary Facilities and active-duty boats. Great experience for both.
- Safely getting underway and safe mooring safely.

Auxiliary Facilities and Assets available.

- 19' Outboard Auxiliary Facility
- 28' Twin I/O Auxiliary Facility
- 29' Single I/O Auxiliary Facility
- 20' Single I/O Auxiliary Facility
- 17' Outboard Auxiliary Facility

I will be looking for a couple more instructors for teaching the basic skills for safe and efficient operations for the 2023 Boating Season. We don't want people to be taught to a test, we are looking to teach and give them practical experience.

FLOTILLA CALENDAR – as of 24 April 2023

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Thurs 04 May 2023 1600-?	Division Operations Meeting	Gardiner	Brewerton FD
Sun 07 May 2023 0930-1600	Ithaca Canoe Fest https://www.thehistorycenter.net/canoe-fest	Tom Every	Cass Park, Ithaca
Sat-Sun, 06-07 May 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
Wed 10 May 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
20-26 May 2023	NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK		
Sat-Sun, 03-04 June 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
Wed 14 June 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
Sat 17 June 2023, time TBA, bad weather date 6/24	Treman Marina Day	Gardiner	Treman Marina, Ithaca
Wed 12 July 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
Sat-Sun, 15-16 July 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd
Sat-Sun, 05-06 Aug 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Virtual Classroom
Wed 09 Aug 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd

KEY:

Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events	Safety Patrols
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TENTATIVE ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

22 June 2023 Finger Lakes Dragon Boat Festival, Cayuga Lake.

06 August 2023 Cayuga Triathlon, Ithaca.

12 August 2023 Women Swimmin' for Hospicare, Cayuga Lake.

Member Spotlight

Bruce Ressner recently achieved AUXOP qualification. Congratulations, Bruce – well done!



Paddlesports Safety Course, Free and Online

Paddlesports are increasing popular on Cayuga Lake. In your interactions with paddlers, you will find that many don't want to take the 8-hour "Boat America" course. As an alternative, you might suggest an online training program has been made available to the public through a partnership between the ACA and the U.S. Coast Guard. It was developed to meet the ACA standards for paddlesports safety education. This course is mobile-friendly from start to finish and is designed to work on your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer.

Topics included:

- Shopping for paddling equipment
- Securing a boat to your vehicle
- Trip Planning
- Filing a Float Plan
- On-water Group Management
- Waterway Hazard Identification
- Challenging Weather
- Temperature Regulation & Self Care
- Rescue Priorities & Protocol
- And more!



You may complete the course at your own pace. The course can be completed in one sitting or you may save your progress and return at a later date. Most students finish the course in about 20 minutes. There is no minimum age requirement to take this online course. To register or see more information, see <https://americancanoe.org/education/resource-library/paddlesports-online-course/>

Book Review: CG 41332. Surfmen, the Cape Disappointment Motor Lifeboat School, and the Forgotten Tragedy That Transformed U.S. Coast Guard Operations

"John Kopp has written the definitive history of this tragic event—the capsizing and sinking of a 41-foot Coast Guard utility boat in the notorious Columbia River bar and the loss of three young Coast Guardsmen. The details he provides are not only accurate but also incredibly in depth. I should know—I was the Coast Guard Medical Officer on the safety investigation for this event But this book is so much more than just a recounting of the accident. It is actually three books in one: a history of Coast Guard small-boat operations and the origins of the National Motor Lifeboat School; the CG-41322 capsizing; and the history of how the title,



'Coast Guard Surfman' came to be as coveted a title as Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in Coast Guard history, and especially for those who have served in small-boat operations along the Pacific Northwest coast—the notorious 'Graveyard of the Pacific.' —Rear Admiral Alan Steinman, MD, USPHS/USCG (Retired) | former Chief Medical Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard

CG 41332 by John Kopp was published by Remis Velisque (2023, paperback, 613 pages, ISBN 979-8218096410) is available for sale from Amazon and other vendors, or for interlibrary loan through your local library.

Walsh “Reunion” Lunch

Kim and Kevin Walsh arranged for a get-together April 23rd during their recent trip back to Central NY. Several Flotilla members were on hand, along with many of their old friends and neighbors. A buffet lunch was laid on by the CNY Living History Museum, where Kim and Kevin had been Board members.

Kim and Kevin promise more (and longer!) visits. It was wonderful to see them again, and thank them for all they still do for the Auxiliary.



[Standing, L to R: Laura Gardiner, Ben Gardiner, Walt Robinson, Seated: John Frieman, Kim Walsh, Kevin Walsh, Diana Robinson]



In honor of his birthday, Kevin received a birthday cupcake and digital “candle” to blow out. Wishing you good health and many joyful birthdays in the future, Kevin!



SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 April 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion



Activities:

Since the last newsletter came out Ship 25 has been fairly busy. We attended the 2023 Sea Scout Ball and Fellowship, visited the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, and participated in the NESAs Stem Jamboree at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Pictured below right is a view taken from aboard one of their vessels during disaster preparedness training. Straight below is the group gathered before activities at the Naval Academy. To the right is outside the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. We held a Bridge of Honor at the end of March, and not too long after we also held one of Ship 25's annual chicken barbecue fundraisers. We had a good turn-out so thank you to everyone who came out to see us.

Recognition:

While in New Jersey for the Sea Scout Ball and Fellowship, Ship 25's Boatswain, Madison, was awarded Sea Scout of the Year!! Not only that, Skipper Ed Plesnar was awarded the Outstanding Nautical Program Award!!! Congratulations to Skipper Ed Plesnar and Madison Deljoo :)



Meetings:

Our weekly meetings have gone on as usual. We have mainly been covering information for the summer trip to Switzerland, but also requirements for advancement and merit badges. There are also bi-weekly merit badge meetings for scouts, both in and out of our ship, to earn merit badges. We previously worked on animation and have moved on to painting merit badge.

Upcoming:

Soon our scouts will be heading up to Ontario, Canada to participate in the RSVP Camporee. After that is the Order of the Arrow's Spring Induction weekend. This time we are sending

our Boatswain Madison and Emily Mocyk for their trial. We have service projects coming up: flag placements and highway cleanup. Then soon after are the District Recognition Event / Ice Cream Social and Memorial Day Parade.

Fundraising:

Please bring your cans and bottles to the K&H Redemption Center at 900 West State Street in Ithaca and say they are for Sea Scout Ship 25.

Contact:

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. Sea Scout Ship 25 meets at 6:30 pm most Friday nights at the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Ithaca, NY and also offers a Zoom link for those who can't attend in person. For more details and a full calendar of upcoming events contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at (607) 327-1226 (work / cell) or email jgraney@twcnny.org. Additional information is available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

