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SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



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Ithaca Flotilla

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 activities of the Auxiliary. All
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FC Ben Gardiner

Flotilla 22's operational tempo has ramped up considerably over the last few weeks as we returned to underway operations on Cayuga Lake. Certainly, good to get our sea legs back!

Our current focus has been training in advance of requalification check rides for our Coxswain and four of our Crew Members. COVID has cut down on our underway time these last couple of years but we are coming back strong with much interest among our established crew members and three new boat crew trainees who are anxious to get underway themselves. We are also in the process of bringing four new prospective members on board.

We had a good summer from a Public Education standpoint. Kim Walsh and our Instructor cadre successfully completed five sessions of virtual Boat America training, the final one in early August. Kim is already working on a new training project and we are looking forward to launching this in the coming weeks.

We have had some good opportunities for interfacing with the public with the Finger Lakes Boat Show, the Camp Barton program for the Cub Scouts, and Marina Safety Day at Alan Treman State Park. We will also be participating in the Tompkins County Emergency Response Fair on 10 September 2022.

This summer we have also had more interaction with our active-duty counterparts at Station Oswego thanks to Division 2. We are working on joint training opportunities with Station Oswego and we anticipate them continuing into the "hard water" months.

Once again, the outstanding Membership of Flotilla 22 continues to get the job done as leaders in promotion and training of boating safety. Veteran and new members, skilled mariners and trainees: one team, always getting it done. Thank you all for your efforts and dedication.

Semper Paratus!



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 11 August 2022. In Person at the Ithaca Base HQ.

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: Appropriate Civilian Attire.

MEETING AGENDA:

- Fellowship 1800-1900. Prior to the business meeting, Members enjoyed some much-needed fellowship along with pizza and other snacks. This was the first in-person Flotilla Meeting since 11 March 2020.
- Call to Order (Ben Gardiner). Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours and adjourned at 1930 hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: Alejandro Santana whose application for enrollment is in process was welcomed aboard by the Membership. We also welcomed Angela Zanga-Theofanaki who expressed a strong interest to join Flotilla 22.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner). Flotilla Member Bruce Ressler, also a Red Cross Volunteer deployed to Kentucky in support of Flood relief in that State. We have not received an update from him but we are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) July 2022 Minutes sent via Newsletter. Motion to accept: Jamie Cornell, John Frieman Second. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Motion to accept: Jamie Cornell, John Frieman Second. Motion carried.

Members Present: Anastasia Blozen, Amedeo Cimini, David Cornelius, Jamie Cornell, Tom Every, John Frieman, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Diana Robinson, Walt Robinson, Angela Zanga-Theofanaki, Alejandro Santana.

Division 2 Update.

- Division 2 verified that COVID 19 guidance and restrictions from 04 June 22 advisory remain in effect. In particular unvaccinated Auxiliarists may participate in person duty but must produce a negative COVID test with 72 hours prior to the mission, must wear masks, and exercise social distancing. Please see Flotilla leadership for more information.
- Division 2 held a very productive meeting with Flotilla Operations Personnel at Oswego on 01 August 2022. Division will be working with Active-Duty personnel to develop regular training opportunities for joint training.

- Station Oswego needs to complete RSS Training with Flotilla RSS designees Station will gladly host RSS personnel at their convenience at Station Oswego. These needs to happen ASAP as Sector has made this a priority.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Our Personnel continue to be busy actively engaging in the cornerstones Missions with great dedication and skill.
- Public Education completed the final scheduled Boat America Course on 06-07 August 2022. Kim is already working with another group to develop some in person training for possible presentation this summer.
- FSO-HR Human Resources: Currently four potential new members in the pipeline.
- Vessel Examination / RBS: We had a citizen inquiry as to what to do if they broke down on the Lake. They took a Boating Safety Course at another venue by other than the Auxiliary and were told “we just flag a boat going by and ask for help!!!” VFC / FSO-VE John Freeman set up an appointment to do a VE and present some more appropriate information to them. This is all started with an email to our general Flotilla email address. FSO-MT is assisting.
- Thanks to or very talented and dedicated Membership for all you do.

Operations Update: Jamie Cornell, FSO-OP

- Division Meeting on 01August22 at USCG Station Oswego to discuss the need to get the entire Division operational after the COVID shutdowns.
- Many members with qualifications that need attention. The discussion centered around the need for inter-flotilla cooperation to meet training and qualification needs. Senior Chief Wilcox stated that the station personnel are always willing to work with the flotillas to meet training requirements – as their schedule allows – and that their availability increases greatly after Labor Day.
- The idea of having training Saturdays at the station during off-season was discussed as well. This would give us the opportunity to train for the upcoming season and be ready for operations as soon as able in the spring.
- Patrol orders were submitted for Every, Hyatt, Frieman, Campbell, Gardiner, Abb and others for 4 patrol dates in August. This will get Tom Every prepared for a check ride so that he can re-qualify as Coxswain. It will also allow for the other personnel listed getting their boat crew hours in as well, bringing everyone current. We will also need to get Jen Watson time on a patrol as well, as she is also in need of hours. One patrol was completed on 02 August 22 aboard Tom Every’s facility.
- Shore side signoffs for prospective boat crew need to be accomplished. Amadeo Cimini, Bruce Ressler, John Sims and myself all need to complete this task. I recommend either 16, 17 or 18 August (or some combination) as dates to complete. This can be done at the station and some could be done via zoom.
- We will be looking at setting up basic first aid/CPR/AED certification for boat crew/coxswain members in the off-season. It is critical that boat crews are certified in these tasks so that we are better prepared to deal with emergencies on the water.
- Requalification QE’s have been requested through the Area Qualifying Examiner for 27-28 August 2022. We anticipate requalifying 1 Coxswain and 4 Boat Crew.
- Congratulations to Tony Scaglione and Brian Schuerch who passed their Boat Crew Qualifying Check rides with Flotilla 02-14 and Dale Campbell who requalified through 02-14. Well done, Gentlemen.

Old Business / Follow-ups:

- **New Business/News:** Flotilla Members indicated a strong interest in holding Christmas / Holiday Party at the LakeWatch Inn with a similar format (featuring a turkey dinner). Dave Cornelius said he would look into it.
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at 1900 hours. In Person Meeting.
- **Adjournment of Flotilla meeting.** Motion to adjourn: Jamie Cornell. Second by David Cornelius. Motion was carried.

Minutes submitted by: Ben Gardiner with assistance of Laura Gardiner.

Flotilla Calendar *[past dates omitted from newsletter version]*

DATE	EVENT	POC/OIC Notes
1 August 2022 (Monday) 1000	Div 2 Operations Meeting at Sta Oswego	Div 2 – All Ops personnel invited
6-7 August 2022 (Sat-Sun) 0900-1300	Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh Virtual
11 August 2022 / 1900	Monthly Flotilla Meeting plus dinner SPECIAL DATE	Ben Gardner IN PERSON
8 Sept 2022 / 1900	Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Ben Gardner
10 Sept 2022	Tompkins County Emergency Preparedness Fair TBA	Ben Gardner IN PERSON, TBA

KEY	Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events
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Member Spotlight

Bruce Ressler, has completed his week-long Culinary Assistant deployment to New Orleans. Shortly thereafter, Bruce travelled to Kentucky to support flood relief efforts as a Red Cross volunteer. Thank you for your service, Bruce! We look forward to hearing about your experiences – and maybe some Louisiana creole dishes or Kentucky BBQ!

Congratulations to **Tony Scaglione** and **Brian Schuerch** on completing their crew training and passing their Boat Crew qualifying check rides with Flotilla 02-14, and to **Dale Campbell** who requalified through 02-14. Bravo Zulu, gentlemen!

Member Training Minute – Annual Requirements



Kim Walsh, FSO-MT

It may seem like the boating season just began; however, the end is quickly approaching! While COVID-related limitations have led to many blanket waivers for activities, that is much less likely this year. Thus, to maintain certain certifications, you may need to complete an annual workshop (generally May or June) and a minimum number of hours or "events". These include: Boat operations (12 hours plus currency QE every 3 years), Instructor (2 hours as lead, 4 hours as non-lead or a combination), Vessel Exams (5 VEs), Marine Dealer Visits (2 MDVs) and Culinary Services (12 hours annual for AUXCA-1, no annual minimum-hour currency maintenance requirement for AUXCA-2 Specialists).

It's always better to complete more than the minimum, both to successfully execute our Recreational Boating Safety mission and to keep our skills sharp. However, we all have a limited amount of time and can be pulled in many different directions. Thus, do the best you can and, if necessary, make up the difference the following year. If that happens, you need to start early, because you need to request to get your qualification reinstated, which is a manual process.

A handy (but unofficial) guide to most currency and recertification requirements is at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-12-04&category=currency-requirements> and the official currency aids for boat crew and coxswains may be found at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=R-DEPT&category=ops-currency-maint> .

Let me know if you have questions and thank you for all that you do!

Kim

Summer Reading & Viewing

https://www.oswegocountynewsnow.com/news/new-shield-dedicated-at-coast-guard-station-in-oswego-on-coast-guard-s-official-birthday/article_1cec53d8-143b-11ed-b81b-0f38cf132740.html

[Local news item dated August 4th on a new USCG shield at STA Oswego donated by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard veterans, with extensive quotes from VCDR Rick Kunz.]

http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/029_22_2021_AUXILIARIST_OF_THE_YEAR.pdf

[Congratulations to D9 ER's COMO Douglas Cream on being named Auxiliarist of the Year!]

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKKXgjGBFwPQrWpTTtDMHmhmXkxnfncKICjLDjmwfVhPSTXmkRNJbXZPkCNPVvtxMnwNb>

[US Life Saving Service Heritage Association "Lifelines" with info on USCG history and birthday, National Motor Lifeboat School and draft itinerary for the Association's Oct 2022 meeting in Ocean

City, NJ.. Full itinerary at <https://uslife-savingservice.org/2022-annual-conference/2022-annual-conference-program-information/>]

<https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/coast-guard-safety-inspections-illegal-charter-boats/>

“Coast Guard Stresses Importance of Following All Safety Precautions on the Water In Wake of Deadly Hudson River Boating Accident.” [Article & video dated 8/19/22 on the incident in which a 7-year-old child and 47-year-old woman were killed when their boat capsized in the choppy waters.]

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/finger-lakes/its-like-airbnb-but-for-boats-finger-lakes-boaters-increase-use-of-rental-service/>

“It’s Like Airbnb But for Boats’: Finger Lakes Boaters Increase Use of Rental Service.” [8/4/22 article with video clip on the GetMyBoat.com charter service]

Information Services Corner

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

If you have been issued a PLB, please begin keeping a personal log of monthly battery tests. My suggestion is to refer to this list before going out on patrol. Never go out with a weak PLB battery!

The backstory: As readers will know from my persistent nagging, the plan was for members to record their monthly PLB battery checks in AuxData. However, technical difficulties have made that impossible. This put an untenable workload on PPE managers.

District has decided that monthly PLB inspection dates won’t be tracked in AuxData until further notice. A new MPC (Maintenance Procedure Card) for PLBs will be released very soon stating that **members will be required to do their own monthly PLB tests and keep a personal record/log of it.**

The only dates that will continue to be tracked in AuxData will be the initial build-up/AuxData entry date, battery expiration date and NOAA registration expiration date. Every PLB will show “red” for the foreseeable future until AuxData allows every member to update their own monthly tests.





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *August 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Photos © by Jim Graney

Activities:

Since last month's newsletter, all members that attended the International Jamborette in Scotland have returned home. As a Ship we have continued summer trips and planning for Sea Base in December. Just recently, a group took a trip to New Hampshire to hike Mt. Lafayette and camp for four nights. We hiked on the second day when the weather was best allowing us to see an amazing and clear view of and past Mt. Washington :) The days that followed were just as awesome. We visited Ogunquit, Maine for a day of fun at the beach and then ventured around the rock pools. We also got the chance to play tourist and walk around town and take a train ride in North Conway, NH. The trip was finished off with a stop at the Lost River Gorge; where we crawled through and checked out rock features and caves. So much packed in!



Meetings:

This month there have been no in-person meetings due to most having been for trip preparation and scuba safety courses. Participants going to Sea Base have continued preparing for their activities and finishing paperwork. Meetings continue to be offered both in-person and via zoom.

Upcoming:

Meetings will continue on as usual, and Ship 25 will continue planning for Sea Base. Our boat the *Sensei* is undergoing some work; the exterior and woodwork are both being refurbished, the windows are being fixed so no leaks happen, and more is being done to fix it up!

Fundraising:

If you are ordering from Amazon you can use our Amazon Smile link! You can find the link at www.ithacaseascouts.org, by using it we will get a portion of your sale as a donation. You can also 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.

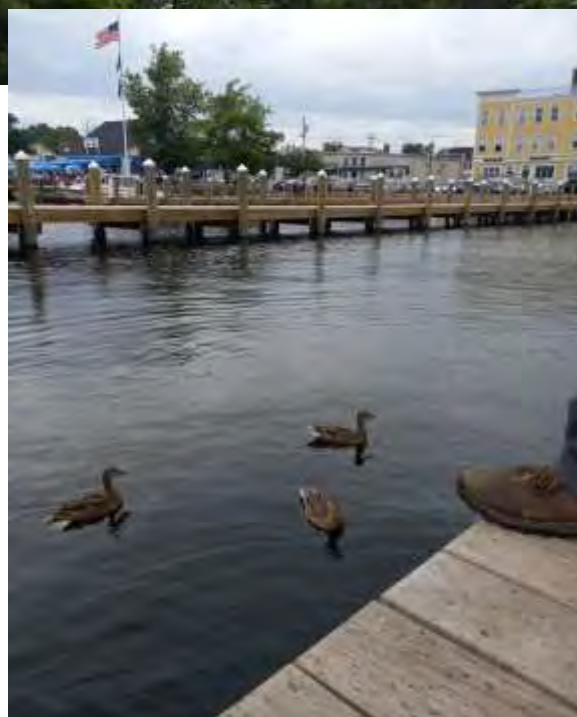
Contact:

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 contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at (607) 327-1226 (work / cell) or email jgraney@tweny.rr.com. Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's meeting and activity calendar are available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

Top left is at the Lost River exit



Top Right is the ocean seen from a scenic walk in Ogunquit, Maine



Bottom left is at the docks in Wolfboro, New Hampshire