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Photo courtesy of Tommy Lacey and Mark Lewis

Ithaca Flotilla

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COMMANDER
Ben Gardiner II FC
 VICE COMMANDER
John Frieman VFC
 IMMEDIATE PAST
 COMMANDER
Kevin Walsh IPFC

FLOTILLA STAFF OFFICERS

ACADEMY ADMISSIONS

Dale Campbell

PADDLERAFT SAFETY

Tom Every FSO-PAD

COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Every FSO-CM

COMMUNICATIONS

SERVICES

Kim Walsh FSO-CS

DIVERSITY

FC Ben Gardiner

FINANCE

Aaron Abb FSO-FN

HUMAN RESOURCES

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INFORMATION SERVICES

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MATERIALS

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MARINE SAFETY

John Frieman FSO-MS

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PUBLICATIONS

Diana Robinson FSO-PB

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Kim Walsh FSO-PE

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VACANT

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Carmella Laurer

District Captain Prevention

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District Captain Response

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Commodore

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Immediate Past Commander

Robert Shanahan

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2nd Wednesday
1900 Hrs. 7:00 pm

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From the Helm
By FC Ben Gardiner

Shipmates,

To date I have received NO letters of intent from Members wishing to run for the positions of Flotilla Commander or Flotilla Vice Commander. The deadline of letters on intent is 06 September 2023. Letters are to be sent to Me and email letters of intent are acceptable.

The standing rules allow us to accept nominations from the Floor on election night (08 November 2023) however, a letter of intent gives the Election Screening Committee more time to determine if the candidate is qualified to run for office.

I am term limited and cannot run for Flotilla Commander this year. We need interested candidates to step up and help the Flotilla move forward into 2024. Otherwise, the Division Commander is authorized to select a Flotilla Commander for us.

Better that we choose our own Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander.

Again, please consider running for these two critical positions. Letters of intent are due to me with copies to our Screening Committee (Diana Robinson, Dale Campbell, and Walt Robinson).

If you have questions about your eligibility to run, please contact Diana.

Summarizing key dates:

06 September 2023: Candidates for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander submit letters of intent to Ben Gardiner. Email notices will be accepted. (D-63 days)

08 November 2023: Flotilla Election at Flotilla Meeting.

Semper Paratus.

ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 09 August 2023 VIRTUAL.

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John

Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order at 1903 hours by Ben Gardiner.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: Donald Royce-Roll, new member applicant.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) July 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve by Dave Cornelius, Second by Tom Every. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb). Motion to approve by Pat Natale, Second by Dale Campbell. Motion carried.

Members Present for Meeting: Aaron Abb, Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Patrick Natale, Bruce Ressler, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, John Sims, Donald Royce-Roll.

Division 2 Update

- 04 August 2023: Coast Guard Day at Station Oswego, 233rd Birthday of the US Coast Guard. Attended by John Frieman, Pat Natale, and Tom Natale (Pat's Brother).
- 20 January 2024 Division 2 Change of Watch, at Holiday Inn and Suites" located at 400 7th North Street, Syracuse.
- Station Oswego also recommends we do inspections on our PPE as soon as possible. They are working on getting all requested PPE and PLB's on order and some equipment has arrived.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- In accordance with the Standing Rules of Flotilla 2-2 dated 10 October 2014, we will hold our Annual Election for the positions of Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander at our Monthly Flotilla Meeting on 08 November 2023. The terms of these positions are 01 January 2024 – 31 December 2024.
- Flotilla Members interested in running for these positions should submit their letters of intent to run to me by 06 September 2023.
- You will note that the Standing Rules allow us to accept nominations from the floor on Election Night.
- Diana Robinson, Dale Campbell, and Walter Robinson will serve on the Screening Committee reviewing candidates' qualifications to ensure compliance with Auxiliary Rules and Regulations.

- It has been my great honor to have served as Flotilla Commander for the last two years and I look forward serving through the end of my term on 31 December 2023. However, I am term limited and not able to run for a third consecutive term so we need qualified and motivated Members to step forward and run for these important positions.

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- **Base Boat:** On 05 August 2023 Tom Every, John Frieman, Alejandro Santana, and Aaron Abb led a work party to complete needed maintenance and repairs ensure that Base Boat will be seaworthy.
 - ✓ Update by Tom and the Team. Much of the work has been completed. John will complete electrical work over the coming week. Water separator filter has not been installed yet. It was suggested that we speak with new member applicant Don Coleman on this project as he is a former Coast Guard mechanical technician and likely might have some suggestions on that. Tom Every indicated he would contact Mr. Coleman.

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- **Base HQ Drainage Issues:** Diana Robinson and other Members conducted a work party to assess the condition of floor drains in the garage and classroom.

- ✓ The Team was able to clear the drains and they appear to be functional.
- ✓ The drainage situation is complicated by the fact that City storm drains appear to be plugged and allow considerable standing water to accumulate.
- ✓ Dave Cornelius placed a call to the City Drainage Engineer who responded to Dave that she checked catch basins in the parking lot and they all appeared to be clear. She suggested that the Boat Yard Grill had leased the parking lot adjacent to us and they were responsible for the catch basins.

*Photo taken 02 Aug 2023
By D Robinson*



- Some discussion of creating a berm as a barrier to water entering the garage but no action taken. Also discussed installing additional Quick Dam barriers in front of garage doors and classroom door.
- Tom Every mentioned red pickup truck parked in Boatyard Grill lot immediately adjacent to our entry driveway and blocking our garage when we move the Base Boat out. Tom noticed it had no plates and called Police. Police indicated it was a truck with surrendered plates and they would order it towed if it continues to be an obstacle to access to our garage. **UPDATE:** Diana Robinson, 21 Aug 23, truck has been removed.
- **Operations Update:**
 - ✓ Boat Crew training will continue. No dates yet scheduled due to personnel being busy with boat repairs and other issues. Zoom Call is scheduled for next week to organize training and signoffs.
 - ✓ Flotilla will work with Division and other Flotillas for Coxswain Support.
 - ✓ Priority is to get back on the water and train,
- **PPE Inspections:** Walt Robinson has completed a number of inspections. If anyone has not had their PPE inspection, please contact Walt ASAP.

FLOTILLA CALENDAR – 09 August 2023

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Wed 09 Aug 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – VIRTUAL	Gardiner	
Wed 06 Sep 2023	Letter of intent for candidates for Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander due to Ben Gardiner	Gardiner	Email letters will be accepted.
Wed, 13 Sep 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Wed, 11 Oct 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Wed, 08 Nov 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person Flotilla Elections	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
December TBD	Flotilla Christmas / Holiday Party		

KEY: Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events	Safety Patrols
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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
Gardiner, Bennett C	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

Other Flotilla Staff Officer Updates

- Public Education: 05-06 August 2023 Class Cancelled due to no registrations.
- ✓ Potential Class at Vestal Fire Department.

- Old Business / Follow-up.

- New Business/News: We are exploring options for a 2023 Holiday/Christmas Party.

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 1900, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.
- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion Bruce Ressler, Second David Cornelius. Adjourned at 2050 hours.



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Flotilla 092-02-02



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 JUL 2023

The Monthly Income Statement is attached. Checking balance as of the end of the month was \$990.26 and as of this report the same. There were transactions in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

Minutes submitted by Laura Gardiner with assistance from Ben Gardiner.

Small Ship Cruising on the Columbia and Snake Rivers – CG Astoria Presence

Tom Every, FSO-COM, FSO-AUXPAD

On 7/17 I started a weeklong small ship cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Cruise Lines' **American Jazz**. This U.S. built ship accommodates 180 passengers and was commissioned in 2020. We started in Clarkston, WA and ended in Portland, OR after experiencing six ports of call, seven locks, and numerous shore excursions. I got to visit the bridge and found it was very well organized with redundant displays, radios, and controls. For much of the trip the bridge chartplotter display was fed to a TV channel in my cabin for real time viewing of our progress. I was able to simultaneously look at the display on the TV and see through my cabin balcony door the actual ATONS on the river. I saw ATON types I have never seen before. A bow camera image was on another TV channel.



In the early morning hours of 7/22 we docked at the Astoria, OR riverfront and I woke up to find the CG Cutter **Alert** (WMEC-630) and a twin sister cutter docked directly behind us. Astoria is the homeport for these and 2 smaller patrol craft were also at the dock (below). A local resident told me these ships do long patrols on the Pacific coast and the crews take a break in Astoria. The CG also has an ATON station and Air station nearby.



That day I took a shore excursion to Cape Disappointment State Park which overlooks the notoriously dangerous Columbia River bar. We drove past the road entrance but I did not get to see the CG station which hosts the National Motor Lifeboat School which is the only school for rough weather surf rescue operations in the country. It was a calm day and a Park Guide told me it was the best visibility he ever saw looking South down the Pacific coast which is usually hazy.

We left Astoria and finished the trip in Portland. It was a very nice cruise with good weather and A+ ship accommodations and services. I see more small ship cruising in my future.

Handy Information Sources for Auxiliarists

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

It sometimes seems we are bombarded by too much information about the CG Auxiliary. There are emails, publications, meetings...usually about things you are expected to do, like Core Training or maintaining your quals. Who can keep track of it all? And what about information on new areas you might be interested in as you transition through various stages of your Auxiliary career?

There is an excellent resource posted by the Human Resources Directorate at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=new-members>. Although its target is new members, it's valuable to veteran members as well. For example, those of us who may be getting out of Boat Crew may be looking to stay active by taking leadership training or becoming an Instructor, Vessel Examiner or Telecomm operator. This page has links to all sorts of positions you might consider, with links to details about goals, pre-requisites and work requirements.

If it's training you're looking for, check out the Training Directorate at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=aux-member-training>

Last but by no means least, there's our flotilla's own "WOW" page at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=092-02-02>.

Finally, remember you are not alone! Your mentor or any Flotilla Staff Officer will be happy to help.

Recreational Boating Safety



Response & Prevention



Coast Guard Support



Mission Support



Member Spotlight

Sharp-eyed readers will note that the Sea Scouts monthly column is now written by Emily Mocyk. Emily is the Ship 25 Yeoman and also a member of Ithaca Flotilla 2-2 since June of 2022. Thank you, Emily!

SEA SCOUT SHIP 25

August 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Emily Mocyk



ACTIVITIES:

Emily Mocyk held her Quartermaster Cruise the day after her fellow Ship members returned from abroad. Emily, Madison, Nick, Jim, and Regina enjoyed two nights sailing on the Sensei around Cayuga Lake.

During the second weekend in August, members of Ship 25 enjoyed a beautiful stay at Camp Barton for this year's Conclave. The picture to the left includes some of our Ship members with the other members of Otahnagon Lodge!

MEETINGS and CONTACT:

Ship 25 meetings are held most Fridays at 6:30pm in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom.

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. For more details and a full calendar, contact Jim Graney at (607)-327-1226 (work/cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com.

Additional information can be found at www.ithacaseascouts.org.

Ship 25 member Evan Graney left for the



FUNDRAISERS:

Ship 25 is still collecting bottles and cans at IthaCAN and Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Rd., Rt. 13 South in Ithaca. Feel free to stop by and mention that your returns are for Ship 25, or reach out to a Ship member to arrange a dropoff/pickup! We will also begin to sell popcorn soon, so watch out for that!www.ithacaseascouts.org.

