

News and Views

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EDUCATION + TRAINING = SKILL



Photo courtesy of Tommy Lacey and Mark Lewis

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Ithaca Flotilla

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ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, 08 February 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:

- Call to Order by Ben Gardiner at 1856 hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Ben Gardiner.
- Moment of Silence Ben Gardiner.
- Guest Introductions: None.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay are doing well and are gaining strength.

 Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) January 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve by Kim Walsh, seconded by Bruce Ressner. Motion carried.

• Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report Attached. Motion to approve by Jamie Cornell, second by Diana Robinson. Motion carried.

Members Present at Meeting: Aaron Abb, Amedeo Cimini, David Cornelius, Jamie Cornell, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Patrick Natale, Bruce Ressner, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, Kim Walsh, Kevin Walsh, Jennifer Watson.

Division 2 Update

 Flotilla 22 personnel attended Division 2 Change of Watch on 21 January 2023 at the Holiday Inn Express in Syracuse. Present were Alejandro Santana, Bruce Ressner (and Mrs. Ressner), Laura, and Ben Gardiner. Approximately 30 persons were in attendance. Guest speakers include Commander Murray Vice Commander of Sector Buffalo, District 9 Chaplain LCDR Jason Arant, and SCPO Brad Wilcox, Station Oswego OIC. Was a very nice event, good food, fine fellowship.

 Division 2 plans to hold a Division-wide Operations Meeting within the next couple of weeks and all Operational personnel will be invited. The new Boat Crew / Coxswain / Personal Watercraft qualification Standards will be on the Agenda. You will note that the District is calling these changes "the biggest thing to hit the Auxiliary in recent memory." No date is set yet for the meeting but we will advise as soon as we are notified.

- Upcoming Division Events:
 - 16-19 February 2023: Central New York Boat Show. Anyone interested in participating should contact DCDR Rick Kunz.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

• As previously discussed, we are working with Station Oswego with resolve engine operation problems on the Base Boat. We will be giving a detailed briefing on this at the Corporation Meeting which immediately follows the Flotilla Meeting.

 18 March 2023 is the Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day Event at BOYNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL in Ithaca, New York. The event runs from 0900 to 1600 (with set-up beginning at 0800). Tom Every recommended that our display focus on preparing for Cold Water Immersion.

- Flotilla 22 has a spot reserved for the event which includes 2 tables, chairs, and access to electricity.
- We need personnel to man the Display. Uniform is ODU with Black Boots.
- Kim recommended having handouts covering Public Education Schedule and other relevant subjects.
- Tom Every reports that the Ithaca Voice has a new article on the latest development proposals for Inlet Island. <u>The project, called "the Beacon," would be built on the west side of Inlet Island between the</u> <u>Waterfront Trail and Taughannock Boulevard</u>. The Beacon would be a five-story, 55-unit apartment project serving people making 30% to 100% of area median income (AMI), with most of the units set aside for households making 60% AMI or less. Our Building would be demolished under this plan. <u>https://ithacavoice.com/2023/02/inhs-hopes-a-beacon-shines-on-the-waterfront/</u>

ARTIST RENDERINGS OF LATEST PROPOSAL – FROM THE ITHACA VOICE



Operations Update: FSO-OP Jamie Cornell

• New Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Handbook & Qualification Handbook released 1/13/2023. References released 11/6/2022 are obsolete. DIV 2 to hold OPS meeting in the coming weeks to review and draft a plan. Per BMCM Park, those who have started sign offs on the old Qualification Standards dated January 2007 have until 31DEC23 to complete or they must start with the new qualification manual.

This applies primarily to our Trainees who completed some or all of their signoffs during 2022. New Trainees in 2023 will have to follow the new program.

• Mass printing of these new manuals is cost prohibitive. To print all needed copies through Staples would cost around \$1,000. Recommend members download and print on their own. Station Oswego has offered to help out with printing and we will be working with them on this issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OPS Zoom Meeting 15 February23 @ 1900hrs for qualified/break-in boat crew & coxswains to determine next steps in the qualification process and to set up trainers/training schedule to complete dockside signoffs for those who need it. I will email out a Zoom link.
- CNY Boat Show: 16-19 February23 in Syracuse.
- D-Train 17-19 March 23, Dunkirk, NY
- Ithaca Fishing Days 18 March 23 Ithaca

SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

• Need PPE issued for 3 crewmember trainees (Sims, Santana, Natale).

• **PPE and PLB's**: All Crew Members / Coxswains needing any replacement PPE contact Walt Robinson and Jamie Cornell. Need to compile this info and get it to Rick Kunz ASAP. Walt Robinson reminded us that typically PPE is not ordered until shoreside training completed. Ben indicated that Division Commander Kunz wants PPE/PLB orders send to him ASAP. Flotilla 22 Members should submit requests through Walt Robinson.

• Jamie will be on the water and unavailable from 25FEB23 through approximately 10MAR23, as he will be making a vessel delivery.

[FLOTILLA CALENDAR & OFFICER LIST omitted from newsletter, see March calendar on p.9 and p.2 for staff list]

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates:

- Member Training. Kim Walsh.
 - Required Workshops. Risk Management / TCT required every 15 months,
- **Public Education:** Kim Walsh.
 - Proposed Boat America Class Schedule both virtual and in person.
- Public Affairs: Jen Watson,

• Once the anticipated participation and projected RBS Message is established for Ithaca Fishing Day, I will create a post/ press release to promote the flotilla activity. I'll look over the materials and have assemble them at the base for the event.

• Once our RBS schedule is determined I will create publicity materials/ press releases and distribute them. Directorates for RBS are visual distress signals this month. It's a great time for boaters to look over safety equipment before the start of the season.

- o Old Business / Follow-up.
- New Business/News:
 - Kim and Kevin Walsh will be in New York in April 2023. They would like to host a get together on Monday 24 April 2023 at the Flotilla Base for the Membership.
- Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, 08 March 2023 at 1900 hours.

• Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion: Diana Robinson, second Aaron Abb. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1950 hours.

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

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Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: ODU or appropriate civilian attire.

MEETING AGENDA: [Meeting notes by D. Robinson, in red]

- Call to Order by John Frieman at 1900 hours
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (John Frieman)
- o Guest Introductions: prospective new member Demetrius Gehring
- Members in Attendance: John Frieman, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Alejandro Santana, John Sims, Bruce Ressner, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Kevin Walsh, Kim Walsh
- Personnel Update (John Frieman): Several Members are currently in sickbay, incl. Ben Gardiner
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) February 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve by T. Every, 2nd by B. Ressner. Motion passed.

• Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report attached. *Members questioned a discrepancy between Jan to Feb balances. As Treasurer was absent, report approval was tabled until next meeting.*

Division 2 Update

 Division 2 plans to hold a Division-wide Operations Meeting within the next few weeks and all Operational personnel should plan to attend. The new Boat Crew / Coxswain / Personal Watercraft qualification Standards will be on the Agenda. You will note that the District is calling these changes "the biggest thing to hit the Auxiliary in recent memory."

• Upcoming Division Events: 11 March 2023, Saturday, Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade.

From Division Commander Rick Kunz: Syracuse New York has one of the biggest Saint Patrick's Day Parades in the nation. Coast Guard Station Oswego will be participating with one of the 29' RBS Assets and will be waving the flag for the US Coast Guard. If you want to be part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary contingent the Point of Contact is Mike Allen, (315)396-3668 <u>uscgauxallen@aol.com</u>.. Please contact Mike directly.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

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• **18 March 2023 is the Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day Event** at BOYNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL in Ithaca, New York. The event runs from 0900 to 1600 (with set-up beginning at 0800).

 \checkmark We are set with the organizers as having a spot with tables, chairs, and access to electricity.

• We need to work out the details at our 08 March 2023 Meeting to include personnel participating and theme and plan for presentations and display.

• There are a number of you who have participated in this show in the past and you will be a huge help to our effort.

- Tom Every recommended that our display focus on preparing for Cold Water Immersion.
- We need personnel to man the display. The uniform is ODU with black boots.
- Tom Every raised the question about who was planning on attending. Of those present, Every, Cornelius, Santana and D Robinson indicated they intend to help staff our table.

• Tom Every reports information from the <u>Ithaca Voice</u> related to dredging and the proposed development on Inlet Island (Our neighborhood).

✓ Thought you might be interested in this. According to the newest Ithaca Voice article touching on the Inlet Dredging it looks like 2024 is the new target date. Apparently the NYS DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers are feuding over costs and who covers them. Take a look at the Public Works Flood Prevention Study article:

https://ithacavoice.org/2023/03/planning-board-recap-the-breeze-and-the-citizen-get-the-go-ahead/#

 \checkmark The Cliff Street Retreat project on West Hill is asking for redesign approval. You will note this was the scene of last Spring's Fingers Lake Boat Show that we participated in. Construction was supposed to start last Fall but I've noticed nothing has been happening there.

• **Operations Update:** FSO-OP Jamie Cornell

• [Please Note: FSO-OP Cornell is out of State at this time on personal business. If he has internet access, he plans to be present at our 08 March 2023 Flotilla Meeting. His daily work routine during this absence is grueling so I would not try to reach him directly via phone or text during the work day unless it is a genuine emergency. You can try email after hours or contact me if you need immediate action or information. – Ben Gardiner]

• Jamie has scheduled for following sessions for Boat Crew Training and Shoreside sign offs: Saturday, 11 March 2023, Sunday, 19 March 2023, and Saturday, 25 March 2023.

- ✓ Location: Flotilla 2-2 Base, 508 Old Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850.
- ✓ Start Time: 1000 Hours (10 AM).
- ✓ Uniform: Appropriate civilian attire.
- ✓ Bring all relevant manuals and signoff sheets to Boat Crew training and note taking materials.

✓ Duration: we expect that each session will last approximately 4 hours but we will know better after the first session.

• It is critical that all active boat crew trainees attend these sessions and complete the signoffs. The Flotilla has a huge challenge in clearing the backlog.

• [We request assistance from qualified Boat Crew Members / Coxswains to act as Mentors during these sessions to actually signoff on the shoreside training. I am sure Jamie has already addressed but just a reminder we do the need the help. Please advise of your availability. I expect to be able to help out if I feel up to it. Thanks. – Ben Gardiner.]

• Mass printing of these new manuals is cost prohibitive. We are hoping to work out something through Station Oswego to ease the burden on our member. However, you may have to print some of these items as needed. B Ressner offered to pick up materials in Oswego when there for CA duty. Kim Walsh will reach out to the station about the possibility.

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's).
- ✓ Need PPE issued for 3 crew member trainees (Sims, Santana, Natale).

✓ All Crew Members / Coxswains needing any replacement PPE contact Walt Robinson and Jamie Cornell. Need to compile this info and get it to Rick Kunz ASAP.

FLOTILLA CALENDAR – 08 March 2023

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Wed 08 March 2023 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gardiner	Virtual
Sat; 11, 25 March 2023 Sunday 19 March 2023 1000-1400 Hours	Boat Crew Training / Trainee Signoffs. <i>Note multiple dates</i> <i>listed here</i>	Cornell	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Saturday, 11 March 2023	Syracuse	Mike Allen	(315)396-3668 uscgauxallen@aol.com
Fr-Sun, 17-19 March 2023	D-Train Dunkirk, NY	District 9	
Saturday, 18 March 2023	Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day	TBD	Boynton Middle School, Ithaca, NY
Thurs, 23 March 2023 1900	Ops Workshop <i>(link next page)</i>	COMO Laurer	Virtual
Sat-Sun, 01-02 April 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Virtual Classroom
Wed 12 April 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting	Gardiner	Virtual
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 нгs	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
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.

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates:

 Member Training. Kim Walsh. Encouraging members to complete core training, workshops, TCT Refresher's etc. The next Ops Workshop opportunity is 3/23/23, @ 1900 hours, presented by COMO Laurer. Link is <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/86535547906?pwd=UFE4MlpwM0dRVzV6Wk1xWGM0eEdqdz09</u>

• Public Education: Kim Walsh.

- We don't have any confirmed sign-ups for the 5 scheduled classes, although it's still early.
- I've been working with Tom Every to teach a hybrid (virtual / in person split) for the Odessa Fire Dept.
 Kim will do the virtual portion, and John Frieman & Tom Every will handle the in-person. Other local FDs may possibly be invited to send their people.
 - I had a family of 6 reach out to me and I'm tentatively scheduled to teach a class specifically for them on April 17. Considering we've had scheduled classes with only 2 attendees, it didn't make sense to turn them down. [See ABS class list In the main calendar – DR]

• Tom Every – FSO CM and AUXPAD

AUXPAD – I was contacted on 2/28 by Amy of the Ithaca Dragon Boat team. On May 7th they will be hosting a canoe festival next to Cass Park. She asked if we can do a safety presentation to participants like I have done in the past for them. I said yes. They are also going to have a two-canoe fun race which the State Park Police said they will need a regatta permit. She asked if we could be listed as an inspector agency on the permit. I said no because we will not have a boat in the water yet to provide a safety patrol. Unfinished Business / In Process Actions:

• CM - I will schedule a Zoom Telecom Workshop in the near future for folks that need it.

• AUXPAD – I will work with the Public Affairs officer to plan for the 2023 Fishing Days event. I will continue coordinating with the Dragon Boat folks on support for the May 7th event.

o Old Business / Follow-up. None

• **New Business/News:** Kim Walsh has been in touch with the local Power Squadron about their previous (pre-Pandemic) request to hold their boating safety class at our Base. Complicated because they do an at-dock session, presenting an added liability and safety concern. Ithaca Yacht Club may be a better venue. Will talk to them again to see what can be worked out. *Post-meeting update: Power Squadron has since made arrangements with Ithaca Yacht Club.*

• Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 1900 hours.

• Adjournment of Flotilla meeting 1950 hours (motion to adjourn by D.Robinson, 2nd by D.Cornelius)



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FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

COPIES:

TO: JOHN FRIEMAN VFC 02-02

FROM: AARON ABB FSO-FN 02-02

DONALD CAMPBELL SO-FN BEN GARDINER FC 02-02

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT

DATE: 28 FEB 2022

The Annual Income Statement and the Income Statements for January & February are attached. Checking balance as of 28 February was \$790.50 and as of this report the same.

A check for 2023 District Dues for two members who joined in 2022 was cashed for \$62.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

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INCOME STATEMENT

AARON ABB FSO- FN

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNT	DEPOSITS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
BALANCE ON HAND Sunday, January 1, 2023			\$ 1,852.50
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			
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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 Tuesday, January 31, 202	3		\$ 1,852.50

CHECKING ACCOUNT	DEPOSITS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
BALANCE ON HAND Wednesday, February 1, 2023			\$ 852.50
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		\$ 62.00	
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		\$ 62.00	
BALANCE ON HAND Tuesday, February 28, 2023			\$ 790.50

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

NOAA Paper and Electronic Charts Information

Thomas Every, FSO-COM, FSO-PAD

There is a good article in the <u>Boat U.S.</u> November/December 2022 magazine on how often electronic charts (ENC) are updated. By 2025, NOAA will stop making print charts. The article notes problems for boaters with long delays in receiving chartplotter updates from manufacturers after the manufacturer gets new ENC cell data from NOAA. The displayed charts do not provide any traceability to the CG issued weekly Local Notice to Mariners (LNM). The NOAA Website for downloading full size paper charts says the last edition of Chart No. 14791, which is for Cayuga/Seneca Lakes, will be no longer be available on 5/31/23. I am recommending that the Flotilla try to order about six charts for our facilities and boat crew training purposes. See: https://charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml#mapTabs-1 If NOAA no longer provides full size paper charts and the chartplotter manufacturers are not updating the electronic charts on their products in a timely manner what should boaters, especially commercial mariners, do to assure navigation safety? There are a couple of options.

- 1. They can take their old paper charts and mark them up with LNM from the CG and/or the NYS Canal Corporation. That's why we should try to get the last issue of the 14791chart for us.
- 2. Push the chartplotter manufacturers to do a better job. That's what Boat U.S. is doing.
- Utilize tablet chartplotter apps which might get updates in place faster. Use PC based chartplotter software, such as Open CPN (opencpn.org), which can directly be updated with the newest NOAA ENCs. Open CPN is a sailor designed open-source program available for free.

Member Training Minute: Dockside Conversations 2023

Kim Walsh, FSO-MT, FSO-CS, FSO-PE

We have a new opportunity to meet and educate people under the Recreational Boating Safety mission area. It's a series of multiple choice questions that help you learn more about a boater and enable you to offer applicable recommendations. The boaters aren't asked to provide their name, thus there's non-attribution if they



admit to something that may be potentially hazardous. Our goal is education and prevention, not law enforcement, This tool can be used with someone you meet at the Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day or walking around at a marina. There is no certification process required and the program provides you with suggestions based on the answers given to 22 multiple choice questions. Contact me if you're interested in learning more about this program or have any questions The link to view the "Conversation" and directions for installing it on your mobile phone or tablet can be found on the 9ER webpage: https://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=092&category=dockside-advising

Cold-Weather Use of PFDs

Diana Robinson, FSO-PB, FSO-IS

In 2009, New York became the first state to mandate use of PFDs by boaters during the cold-weather season. NYS Navigation Laws 40.1(e) states: "No owner or operator of a pleasure vessel less than twenty-one feet, including rowboats, canoes, and kayaks shall permit its operation, between November first and May first, unless each person on board such vessel is wearing a securely fastened United States Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device of an appropriate size when such vessel is underway..." Boaters are subject to the law while on any lakes, rivers, streams and waters within the state that are not privately owned. Violation of the law could result in a fine of \$25 to \$100. Note that commercial boats and racing crew shells of organized rowing teams are not subject to the law.

Not only are the risks of hypothermia much greater in the "off" season, but the absence of other boaters on the water at this time of year reduces the likelihood that others will come to the aid of a boater in distress. *"In addition to the new requirement, PFDs must be worn year-round by all children under 12 years of age on any boat less than 65 feet in length, unless within a fully enclosed cabin; by anyone towed, such as water-skiers or wake-boarders; and while on board a personal watercraft. Otherwise, a PFD must be available for every passenger on board every vessel, incl. no-motorized watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and rowboats." – NY Parks*

Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day

On March 11, Tom Every led David Cornelius, Alejandro Santana (picture below) and Diana Robinson answering questions from dedicated fans and those new to the sport and the lake. Our display featured information on cold water immersion, paddlecraft safety and other topics. *[Photos courtesy T. Every]*





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 February 2023 [See next page for March update]

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Activities:

Ship 25 participated in a training event held in New Jersey last weekend. They learned various skills including leadership and knottying. Lectures were also given on marlinspike, the inner workings on how engines and electricity work, and other advancement materials.



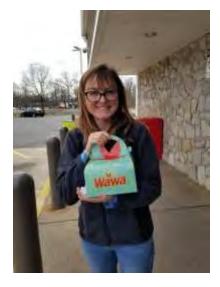
Meetings:

The weekly meetings are held both in-person and via zoom at the

Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca. Kandersteg information meetings are also done in person and over zoom for those who live far away. Please check the calendar for any additional info.

Upcoming:

Next month the Kandersteg group has a meeting March 10th, so please check the calendar for further info. There is also a training event held by the University of Scouting on the eighteenth and a highway clean-up scheduled for the nineteenth. The Sea Scout Ball Fellowship and Ball is coming up!! (If you don't come for the party, come for the WaWa :P) Then to end the month we'll be holding the second Bridge of Honor for 2023 where scouts



will be receiving various awards.

Fundraising:

[See next page for details]

Watch for upcoming info on our Spring Chicken BBQ.



Contact: [See next page]

Sea Scout Ship 25 March 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Activities

March has not been a very active month for Ship 25. We have held our regular meetings and attended a few events. Last weekend, University of Scouting hosted a training event at TC3 for a wide variety of topics.



Meetings:

Meetings are held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca; they are both in-person and via zoom. Recently, the Quarterdeck met to plan for the rest of their term and for the trips in the coming winter and summer. Kandersteg Switzerland planning meetings are still being held with lots of progress being made.

Upcoming:

At the end of March, Ship 25 will be attending the Sea Scout Ball & Fellowship in New Jersey! **On March 31st there will be a Bridge of Honor, dessert auction, and Order of the Arrow elections at the Coast Guard Base.** Ship 25 is attending the NESA Stem Jamboree at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

If you wanna read about the Sea Scout Ball & Fellowship, it is in April 2022's newsletter :)

Fundraising:

Please come out and support us during our Chicken BBQ on April 15th. Nut sale orders are due April 7th. 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; and watch for upcoming info on our Spring Chicken BBQ. More info will be posted on our website shortly.



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@twcny.rr.com. Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's full calendar are available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

