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FLOTILLA 22**

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## Ithaca Flotilla

### FLOTILLA OFFICERS

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## From the Helm

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Bennett Gardiner II, Flotilla Commander

Shipmates, as my term as Flotilla Commander begins let me again thank you for your support and confidence in electing me to this position. I will always give you 100% effort in guiding and supporting the Flotilla.

I would also like to thank Kevin Walsh for his support and guidance, it was a pleasure serving under you as your XO and I think our great Flotilla team of members accomplished a great deal despite the restrictions and obstructions caused by COVID-19. I am so proud to be a member of Flotilla 22.

The year 2021 ended with some frustration and turmoil but these are issues that we can move through as a team with a plan.

Regarding priorities and goals for 2022, I feel that we should develop them together, but here are my starting points:

- Transparency. I want to ensure that there is good communication among the membership and leadership such that there will be no mysteries and everyone is aware of important information and understand the reasons why a particular leadership decision was made.
- We will get out and engage the boating public in a positive and professional manner. Our job is to teach and promote recreational boating safety, conduct marine search and rescue as authorized, assist with marine safety and environmental matters, and related missions. Our job is not to chase down and hassle boaters.
- We will embrace and enhance the Auxiliary's Four Cornerstones: Primary Missions of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

- ✓ **Member Services**
- ✓ **Recreational Boating Safety**
- ✓ **Operations and Marine Safety**
- ✓ **Fellowship**

There is a great deal of work ahead this year but these are exciting times and together we can make this another great year for Flotilla 22.

Semper Paratus!

Ben Gardiner  
Flotilla Commander, Ithaca Flotilla 2-2

## Flotilla News & Calendar:



### ITHACA FLOTILLA

#### Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 12 January 2022 (Virtual)

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Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: Casual

#### **MEETING AGENDA:**

- 1900 Call to Order (Ben Gardiner)
- 1905 Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- 1907 Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Member Roll Call
  - Ben Gardiner, John Frieman, Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Laura Gardiner, Henry Hyatt, Joseph Kurtz, Bruce Ressler, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Anthony Scaglione, Kevin Walsh, Kim Walsh, Jennifer Watson,
- 1910 Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh)
  - November Minutes sent via email to the Membership on 04 December 2021. November Meeting was last one of 2021.
  - Motion to accept by John Frieman/Second Dave Cornelius
- 1915 Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb)
  - Turnover between Gary Zdan and Aaron
  - \$1000 transfer from Flotilla to Corporation
  - Filed financial report and inventory with District
  - Motion to accept the report Diana Robinson/Tom Every Motion Carried
- Flotilla Commanders Update: Ben Gardiner
  - COVID-19: All Members are asked to thoroughly review Auxiliary COVID-19 Reconstitution Guidance – Version 3. There is some very significant information in that document.
  - The Coast Guard now requires full COVID-19 vaccination for Coast Guard Auxiliarists when assigned to duty that involves in-person interaction with Coast Guard personnel (including other Auxiliarists), other government personnel (federal, state, and local), or members of the public.
  - "Unvaccinated Auxiliarists (including partially vaccinated) remain able to volunteer for any assignments or activities that do not involve in-person interaction with members of the public, other government personnel, or Coast Guard personnel."
  - Individuals are considered vaccinated two (2) weeks after their second shot of a 2-dose vaccine or two (2) weeks after receiving the dose of a one-shot vaccine.
  - Auxiliarists should consult their personnel physician if they have a question about whether they should be vaccinated or not
  - Further, the Coast Guard and Auxiliary is still working on the process for determining medical and religious exemptions from vaccination

- Pretty much count on masks and social distancing whenever indoors. The Guidance Document provides a listing of other protective measures for missions depending upon the level of Covid cases in a particular area
  - Coast Guard Station Leadership and appropriate elected and appointed Auxiliary Leaders are now empowered to ask Auxiliarists if they have been vaccinated or not if that knowledge would have an impact on the safety of the personnel assigned to duty.
  - Certification of Vaccination Form. The form is available through the links in the document and is apparently intended to document whether an Auxiliarist has been vaccinated or not. It is mentioned specifically as required to enter Coast Guard and other Federal Buildings. Personnel are expected to fill it out and have it on their person if they intend to enter a Coast Guard building.
  - It appears the Coast Guard wants missions, including those involving contact with the public to proceed this year because they are aware of the negative impact on the Boating Public by our absence over the last two years. We can expect close scrutiny by USCG OIA's to determine the Gain v Risk for our missions.
  - No decision has been made yet whether currency requirements in terms of hours or other considerations will be waived this year.
  - Division Financial Officer Don Campbell and Division Secretary is Tony Scaglione
  - In process of putting together an accurate inventory of PME for Division, especially unassigned equipment.
  - Future Division meetings will be done via Zoom for the foreseeable future.
  - Division Meetings are open to all Auxiliarists
  - Division Reports due around 15<sup>th</sup> of Month
  - Flotilla FSO meeting in two weeks.
- Operations Update. Ben Gardiner
    - Jamie Cornell has been appointed to the Flotilla Operations Officer Position (FSO-OP). Jamie was a small boat coxswain in the US Coast Guard and is active in a Marine Services consulting firm.
    - As you know we lost a total of 3 operations personnel to transfers to Flotilla 2-14 (Lewis, Wik-Grimm, and Zdan). This leaves us short of coxswains in particular. But we will address this and anticipate Flotilla 22 will be back on the water before the end of the 2022 season. It will take considerable effort but believe it is doable.
    - Boat Crew Training. Kim will be canvassing the Flotilla to determine if we have members interested in Boat Crew Qualification. This a large commitment in time and effort and if you believe you are interested, please advise Kim Walsh, FSO-MT.
- 2022 Missions. In addition to our return to Operations and Marine Safety Missions we will look to engage the Boating Public with our Recreational Boating Safety Missions.
    - We should look to increase our effort in Public Affairs, Public Education (PE), Vessel Examinations (VE), distribution of RBS literature and information to the boating public, and commercial and governmental organizations through the RBS Visitation Program (RBSVP).
    - This offers many training and mission possibilities for our Membership.
    - Discussions around the Flotilla starting a Personal Watercraft Class and Paddle Craft qualifications.
    - Fellowship: Christmas Party was a tremendous success.



## Flotilla Calendar

Date	Event	POC / OIC	Notes
19 Jan/ 1900	Corporation meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
26 Jan/1900	Flotilla Staff Officer meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
9 Feb/1900	Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
9 Mar/1900?	<i>Regularly scheduled Flotilla meeting - TBA due to conflict with OPS Workshop?</i>	<i>Ben Gardiner</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
Mar 9/1900	Spring D-Train OPS Workshop	Robert Laurer	Virtual
*See D-Train schedule when avail. for other training and registration info			

Key: Flotilla Meetings Div 2 Events Member Training Public Education Special Events

FLOTILLA 092-02-02 Flotilla Staff Officers		
Every, Thomas J	FSO-CM	Communications Officer
Every, Thomas J	FSO-AUXPAD	Paddle Craft Officer
Walsh, Kim M	FSO-CS	Communications Services Officer
Watson, Jennifer M	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 T.	FSO-OP	Operations Officer
Watson, Jennifer M	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
Walsh, Kevin M	FSO-SR	Secretary – Records Officer
Kurtz, Joseph E	FSO-VE	Vessel Examiner Officer
Vacant		Sea Scout Liaison Officer

- Old Business / Follow-ups:
- New Business/News:
  - Ben updating the SOP's for reporting NAVAIDS and Canal Corp.
- Transparency
  - Continue to make everyone aware of what is going on.

- Next Meeting: 09 February 2022, virtually at 1900 hours.
- 1942 Adjournment of Flotilla meeting
  - Motion to adjourn Jen Watson/Tony Scaglione
- **Addendum to minutes**

Division 2 Update: Meeting of 03 January 2022

  - Called to Order by DCDR Bob Shanahan and VCDR Rick Kunz.
  - Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC): Richard Kunz. He is the liaison with Station Oswego and at least for now all communications with the Station go through him.
    - Flotilla 2-2 Members on Division Staff: Division Finance Officer (SO-FN) Don Campbell and Division Secretary / Records Officer (SO-SR): Anthony Scaglione.
  - PPE Inventory (Operational Personnel): Rick Kunz is coordinating the PPE Inventory for now but expects to appoint Jim Middleton (7-4 Oswego) as the Division RSS Officer to oversee PPE and PLB's. PPE inventory is due to Rick by 31 January 2022.
    - ✓ Rick wants everything counted both assigned and unassigned equipment.
    - ✓ Unassigned PPE and PLB's are supposed to returned to Division for redistribution.
      - It is particularly important to identify PLB's whose batteries are expired or about to expire.
    - ✓ Rick wants a list of PPE Needs for each Flotilla.
    - ✓ Rick said he would be sending out an email with more specific instructions.
      - Flotilla 22 is currently working on this with RSS Officers Robinson and Every. We will meet deadline and hope PPE needs are met better than they have been the last couple of years.
  - COVID: Follow State and CDC guidelines but expect Station Oswego to have final word. Steve Botsford suggested that decisions on Public Events from Commodore level may require at least 1 month lead time.
    - More guidance was received on COVID on 06 January 2022 when Auxiliary COVID-19 Reconstitution Guidance – Version 3.
  - Future Division Meetings. Likely to be Virtual for the immediate future.
    - Meetings are open to all Auxiliary Members regardless of their position. We will make links available to our Membership.
  - Monthly reports to Division by 15<sup>th</sup> of Month. Our schedule from last year of FSO reports will work for this schedule.

## Tompkins County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit



The County Sheriff's patrol plays a vital role in boating safety on Cayuga Lake. A review of 2021 activity logs on their website shows they were active on the lake from May through October, with 19 calls reported. Entries include incidents described as: "boat overturned"; "property damage – boating accident"; "assist NYSP"; "trash in lake"; "assist stranded boater"; "harassment"; "assisted disabled vessel"; "boating accident"; "vessel in distress" and "dispatched to a dispute."

The Sheriff's most recent annual report (2019 & 2020) gives an excellent overview of their activities and capabilities.

Available online at [https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/sheriff/TCSO%202019-2020%20Annual%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/sheriff/TCSO%202019-2020%20Annual%20Report_0.pdf) , the "Navigation" section (with photo at right) is reprinted below with their kind permission:

*The Marine Patrol unit focuses on boater safety and enforces navigation law. The Sheriff's boat is also used for search and rescue operations and investigating crimes. This unit is partially funded by New York State to help offset the cost to the Sheriff's Office.*

*A Marine Patrol Deputy is required to attend two 40 hour intensive Marine training courses. Currently, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office has 10 officers certified in Marine Patrol. These Deputies work as law enforcement Deputies year round, and are assigned to the boat less than 75% of the time.*

*Our Marine Patrol focuses on the southeastern part of Cayuga Lake (Tompkins County) to ensure a safe, fun, and enjoyable experience for everyone. You can find our 2004 Wellcraft Sheriff's boat on the water during weekends and holidays from Memorial Day into September.*

NAVIGATION LAW	CITATIONS/ ARRESTS	WARNINGS
<i>Insufficient throwable PFD</i>	2	4
<i>Visual distress signals</i>	0	7
<i>Navigation rules</i>	0	1
<i>Reckless operation/speed</i>	0	4
<i>Registration violations</i>	4	4

<i>Total hours of Marine Law Enforcement</i>	961
<i>Man hours aboard vessels</i>	384
<i>Man hours – non patrol</i>	361
<i>Search and rescues conducted</i>	4
<i># of vessel/person assists</i>	8
<i>Total vessel inspections</i>	16
<i>On water inspections</i>	15
<i>Launch sites/marina inspections</i>	1



## Fire Extinguisher Requirements Changing

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“The Coast Guard is amending portable fire extinguishing equipment requirements for recreational vessels that are propelled or controlled by propulsion machinery. We are relieving owners of these recreational vessels from certain inspection, maintenance, and recordkeeping requirements of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 10 (2010 edition). These requirements are more suited for commercial vessels. This rule does not alter standards for commercial vessels including vessels carrying passengers for hire, or have any effect on recreational vessels that do not use propulsion machinery.

This rule also moves fire extinguishing equipment rules for recreational vessels from subpart 25.30 (Fire Extinguishing Equipment) of subchapter C (Uninspected Vessels) of title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to part 175 of subchapter S (Boating Safety) of title 33, where other recreational vessel rules already exist...”

This rule is effective April 20, 2022. For more information, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-22578>. There is also a handy 4-page FAQ at [http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads/wowll/V-DEPT/Fire Extinguishers FAQ 2022.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads/wowll/V-DEPT/Fire%20Extinguishers%20FAQ%202022.pdf)

## ODU Uniform Changes on the Horizon

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Diana Robinson, FSI-IS, FSO-PB

As you may have already read in a Nov 2021 post by Ben Gardiner on our Facebook page, the USCG will be phasing in new ODUs. The instruction of the new style was delayed by supply chain issues, and is now expected to begin at the end of 2022 with the old style phased out by 2025. There hasn't been an announcement yet on when the Auxiliary will adopt the new ODUs.

The updated version appears much like our current ODUs, but sizing and some detail have changed. According to Military.com, *“The two-piece uniforms will be the same for both men and women, with blouses sized by chest measurement and shirt length, and trousers sized by waist and inseam. Unique features that aren't available on the current operational dress uniform include a Mandarin collar that allows for quick shifts to battle conditions; a rank tab that can be switched out after a promotion, rather than embroidery that needs to be tailored or requires a uniform replacement; an extra pocket; self-blousing trousers; and spaces for organizational patches.”* (<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2021/11/15/new-working-uniforms-coming-coasties-later-next-year.html>)



## SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *January 2022*

*By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion*

*Photos © by Jim Graney*

### Sea Scout Ship 25 *Recap of 2021*

#### Meetings:

Throughout 2021 we've done trivia nights, learned maritime history, held holiday parties, bridges of honor, rank advancement, and so many other activities during our meetings. During the summer we often set dates to go sailing and organized training events for advancement and certifications.



#### Activities:



During the months of October through January 2022, multiple events were planned and scheduled. Events such as Okpik Winter Camping training, Order of the Arrow ordeals, winter camping, and hiking Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. During warmer months some of our members took advantage of the good weather to work on Quartermaster and Venturing Summit awards. While others took our boat the Sensei out on the water.



#### Awards:

To congratulate once again on their hard work and achievement, our members Emily Lampman earned her Quartermaster, Anastasia Earle and Katie Quinn both completed their Quartermaster projects and are getting close to being finished. Ben Ashbaugh earned the Venturing Summit Award and Matthew DeTuri has been working towards earning his Eagle Award.

## Service projects:

From highway cleanups, to food drives, cemetery work and book drives for those in need, community education and helping our local Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Ship has been active on a number of service projects over the course of the year.

## Contact:

Sea Scout Ship 25 in Ithaca, NY offers more information at [ithacaseascouts.org](http://ithacaseascouts.org) or contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at 607-327-1226 (work/cell) or email [jgraney@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jgraney@twcny.rr.com)