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## Ithaca Flotilla

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### Ninth Eastern District

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Richard Kunz



## From the Helm By FC Ben Gardiner

### Welcome 2023

The new year stands before us, but we already see a multitude of challenges before us with many miles to go and hurdles to clear before we can get to where we want to be at the end of 2023. How do we get there? Quite simply we get there by being the cohesive Coast Guard Auxiliary team that Flotilla 22 has become legendary for. Some thoughts as we organize and move forward:

### **New Coast Guard Strategy and Ethos**

With a change in command of the United States Coast Guard there is a revision of the Coast Guard Ethos and a new strategy to deal with a changing world. What is “Ethos?” Ethos simply means “the distinguishing character, sentiment, moral nature, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution.” (Webster’s Definition).

#### The new Coast Guard Ethos:

In Service to our Nation

With Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty

We protect

We defend

We save

We are Semper Paratus

We are the United States Coast Guard

How well these link with The Coast Guard Auxiliary core values!

- **Honor** – Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our personal and organizational actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust.
- **Respect** – We value our diverse membership. We treat each other and those we serve with fairness, dignity, respect, and compassion. We encourage individual opportunity and growth. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team.
- **Devotion to Duty** – We are volunteers who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our organizational goals. We exist to serve. We serve with pride.

The New Strategy expands on the key lines of effort initially outlined in the Commandant’s Intent:

- We will transform our total workforce by modernizing how we recruit, hire, develop, train, and support our people and their families.
- We will sharpen our competitive edge by driving a culture of innovation to integrate new technology and provide our people with reliable assets, systems, and infrastructure.
- And we will advance our mission excellence by pioneering new operating concepts while enhancing our readiness.

Certainly, food for thought and discussion. But maybe, this is the way Flotilla 22 has always done business. Can’t wait to tackle 2023 with you all.

Semper Paratus.

Ben Gardiner  
Flotilla Commander

## **ITHACA FLOTILLA**

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### **Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 11 January 2023 (Virtual)**

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

### **MEETING AGENDA:**

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- Call to Order at 1905 hours by Flotilla Commander Ben Gardiner/
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: No guests in attendance. Paul Phelps had hoped to be in attendance but was unable to be there due to work schedule. Mr. Phelps did provide the Flotilla some good information in advance of the meeting on the new Boat Crew and Coxswain qualification standards.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay. Members are recovering well and making good progress.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) November 2022 minutes sent via Newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Reports Attached. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the Membership.
- Members Present at Meeting: Aaron Abb, Amedeo Cimini, Jamie Cornell, Thomas Every, John Frieman, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Pat Natale, Bruce Ressler, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, Anthony Scaglione, Brian Schuerch, John Sims, Kevin Walsh, Kim Walsh, Jennifer Watson.

### **Division 2 Update**

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- Flotilla 22 personnel attended Division 2 Planning Meeting in Syracuse on 07 January 2023. Attending were Ben Gardiner, Jamie Cornell (OP), Laura Gardiner (SR), and Alejandro Santana. Flotilla 22 Members have received copies of Ben Gardiner's notes from the meeting under separate cover.
- Division Commander Kunz advised that there would be no discussion of Operations or QE at the 07 January 2023 Meeting. There will be a Division level Operations Meeting scheduled in the near future to discuss those issues. Flotilla Leadership and All Flotilla Operations personnel will be invited.
- As you know, the Coast Guard presented revised publications and qualification for Coxswains, Boat Crew, and Personal Watercraft Operators in ALAUX 042/22, dated 08 November 2022. Based on our review there are some significant changes in the program and this will be discussed at the Division Operations Meeting.
  
- Division Meeting Schedule. Rick Kunz:
  - Division 2 will meet monthly but will only hold four (4) business meetings annual.
  - The remaining meetings will be training sessions with the February Meeting being AUXDATA II and the March Meeting on Auxiliary finances.
  - Division will produce a calendar made available to all personnel. Division would like to include Flotilla Meetings and Events as well. Flotillas are asked to forward all upcoming events to Teri Kunz at [tlavergneaux@gmail.com](mailto:tlavergneaux@gmail.com)

- Upcoming Division Events:
  - 27-29 January 2023: The Great New York Sportsman's Expo at State Fairgrounds.
  - 16-19 February 2023: Central New York Boat Show at the State Fairgrounds.
  - **Division Change of Watch. Saturday, 21 January 2023** at Holiday Inn Express, 7<sup>th</sup> North Street, Syracuse. Lodging will be available at the Hotel for anyone who wants to stay over at a good rate. More information will be coming out on this early this week.
    - This will be an enjoyable event and Flotilla Members are encouraged to attend.

#### Flotilla Commanders Update:

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- Thanks to all who attended our December 2022 Christmas / Holiday Party. We had a wonderful meal at the great LakeWatch Inn venue and wonderful service from their outstanding staff. We enjoyed warm fellowship among our Flotilla 22 Family. Special thanks to Dave and Donna Cornelius for making this great event possible. Despite Dave's illness he had this event planned and coordinated brilliantly. Also a special thanks to Jen Watson who organized our participation in the **Tompkins County Cops, Kids, and Toys Drive**. Our Members contributed a number of really outstanding gifts and I am sure that brightened the Christmas Holiday of a number of local children who otherwise might not have received any gifts.
- We have scheduled a virtual Flotilla Staff Officer Meeting for Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 1900 hours. FSO's are asked to be in attendance and forward any agenda items they may have prior to the meeting.
- We reissued our Unit SOP *Reporting of Hazards to Navigation and ATON Deficiency on Cayuga Lake, NY*. Members are asked to review the procedure and utilize it any time you report these issues outside of the Flotilla. Date of the reissue is 01 January 2023.
- We submitted a written report on the current status of our Surface Operations Program to Division Leadership prior to the 07 January 2023 planning meeting. This was developed as a result of our Flotilla Zoom Call of 03 January 2023. We emphasized our need to get at least one Coxswain re-certified as soon as possible in the spring since we have several members who are in REYR due to a shortage of underway hours and not completing requalification check rides in 2022. Our biggest single need in 2023 is Coxswain support from outside the Flotilla. We will continue to work on this issue going into the planned Flotilla Operations Meeting.
- SCPO Wilcox, Station Oswego OIC, was present at the 07 January 2023 Planning Meeting. He asked our Flotilla to reach out to the Station and they would see if they could help us with Coxswain support and possibly underway hours. We will continue to work this issue.
- I also mentioned to SCPO Wilcox that I met Machinery Technician CPO Black at December Commemoration in Oswego and learned he was quite expert with marine carburetors and fuel systems and would be willing to provide us with technical advice to resolve the engine operational problems with our Base Boat Facility. Senior Chief Wilcox said he would support this. We will continue to work this issue.
- We also have noted that our costs for document reproduction and copying are increasing and this is mostly out of pocket by a few individuals. For example all the new handbooks for Surface Operations are distributed as download links, hence any hard copies needed have to be printed by the individual. SCPO Wilcox advised that the Station may be able to help with some of the printing and asked us to reach out to them. We will continue to work this issue.

#### Operations Update: FSO-OP Jamie Cornell

- Operations workshops must be completed this year by all Operational Personnel.
- Station Oswego Liaison BM1 Yeckley has a Boat Crew "Boot Camp" that he may be able to present to our Operations personnel.
- Vessel Examinations (VE) have a high priority for our Active-Duty counterparts and

they urge the Auxiliary to maximize the number of VE's performed in 2023. Mr. Cornell intends to become a certified Vessel Examiner this year.

- Flotilla 02-01 has an active Air Facility and Flotilla Commander Jim Dale is willing to train new Air Crew candidates. Contact Mr. Dale if interested.
- District is setting up Zoom accounts for each Flotilla and Flotilla Commanders will have full access.
- Station Oswego indicates they are in need of new Watch Standers to work at the Station. The Training and other requirements are considerable. Interested parties should work through the Chain of Leadership and Management to accomplish the process.

<b>FLOTILLA 0920202 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2023</b>		
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
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
		Marine Safety and Environmental Protection 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
Watson, Jennifer M.	FSO-PA	Public Affairs Officer
		Publications Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Robinson, Diana C	FSO-PB	Publications Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-PE	Public Education Officer
		Marine Dealer Visitor Program 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:**

- Member Training.
  - Division 2 does not have a Member Training Officer. We have not heard if the virtual Boat Crew Training that was offered last year will happen in 2023. Flotilla 22 may have to be in position to run our Boat Crew training as we have in the past.
- Public Education: Kim Walsh.
  - Flotilla needs new Instructors as well as assistance to members who want to obtain new certifications or become current / re-quality.
- Discussion on new Physical Requirements for Auxiliary Boat Crew. Concern about specific tests. We anticipate Division 2 will hold its Operations Meeting in the near future so that Member concerns can be addressed. FC Ben Gardiner sent copies of Physical Standards to Members following the meeting.
- Old Business / Follow-up. None.
- New Business/News: None.
- Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, 08 February 2023 at 1900 hours.

- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting at 1955 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: DONALD CAMPBELL SO-FN  
 BEN GARDINER FC 02-02

SUBJECT: END OF YEAR FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE: 31 DEC 2022

The Annual Income Statement and the Income Statements for November & December are attached. Checking balance as of 31 December was \$852.50 and as of this report the same. The Form ANSC 7025 Financial Report is attached for completion by the FSO-MN and FC.

Related District and Division Dues were sent to the SO-FN in October and the Division Dues check was withdrawn in November. \$1000 was paid to Ithaca Flotilla 2-2, Inc for Utilities for the year 2022. District and Division member dues checks are pending to the SO-FN for two new late-joining members.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

**FLOTILLA CALENDAR (past events excluded)**

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Fri-Sun 27-29 January 2023	The Great New York Sportsman's Expo	Kunz	State Fair Grounds
Tues 31 January 2023 1900 HRS	Dist. Ops Manual Update	Kellermeyer	Virtual
Tues & Thurs Feb 7&9 1800 HRS (both eves)	Risk Mngmt TCT Workshop, parts 1 & 2 (mandatory for some)	Scofield	Virtual
Wed 08 February 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting	Gardiner	Virtual
Th-Sun 16-19 Feb 2023	Central NY Boat Show	Kunz	State Fair Grounds
Tues 21 Feb 1900 HRS	OPS Workshop (mandatory for some)	Laurer	Virtual
Wed 15 March 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting	Gardiner	Virtual
Saturday, 18 March 2023	Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day	TBD	Boynton Middle School, Ithaca, NY

## Member Spotlight

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Best wishes to Anthony Scaglione and Brian Schuerch, who have transferred to Flotilla 2-14 (Brewerton). Thank you for your years of service. It's not really "goodbye," as we are sure to be seeing you around!

Congratulations to Anastasia Earle, who is now a Sea Scout Quartermaster. (See also the Sea Scout's newsletter at the end of this newsletter.) Well done, Anastasia!

## Member Training Minute: New and Recurring Training

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



Winter is a great time to complete new and recurring training. We try quickly "introduce" our newer members to the various initial training requirements, including "Core Training" and the Basic Qualification Course (BQC) Modules. While they may not be exciting, they provide a common baseline in expectations of behavior (e.g., Ethics, Civil Rights Awareness, Sexual Harassment Prevention, etc) and the structure, organization and mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. These fundamental courses are normally completed first since you can't earn or main other certifications without completing these courses.

5 of the 6 core training modules require re-completion every 5 years. Thus members that previously completed courses in 2017 will need to re-accomplish them in 2023 to remain current in your qualifications.

Similarly, qualifications such as "Instructor", "Vessel Examiner" and Culinary Assistants need to complete at least a minimum number of hours / VEs each year and an annual workshop. The Instructor, Vessel Examiner and Sanitation workshops can be completed individually by reviewing the briefings available on-line and completing a "self-attestation form." The self-attestation form needs to be sent to our FSO-IS, Diana Robinson, to get your completion updated in the system.

Other recurring workshops, including Team Coordinated Training, Operations and Telecommunications Operator, must be completed in an actual or virtual classroom setting. Please look for opportunities and sign up as early as possible.

This is a great time to complete your initial and annual training, so you're ready to participate in Recreational Boating Safety activities when spring returns to CNY. Please email, text or call me with specific questions. I'm happy to help you get started or troubleshoot problems with finding and completing training.

If you have any questions contact, your FSO-MT (Kim Walsh) or FSO-IS (Diana Robinson).



## Seen Elsewhere: a Roundup of Assorted News Items & Articles

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Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

- **Culinary Assistants needed!** Some of you may know that our very own Bruce Ressler has volunteered for Culinary Assistant activity in support of operations on the Southwest border. As FC Gardiner has written, we need more CAs for this important mission, humanitarian and disaster relief efforts, and routine support for Station Oswego. For a brief summary of the outstanding Auxiliary support to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency in 2022, see <https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/3180542/auxiliarists-deploy-to-the-southwest-border/#:~:text=In%20spring%202022%2C%20Customs%20and,a%20better%20life%20in%20America> .
- **The New York State Canal Corporation** announced that, conditions permitting, all portions of the NYS Canal system are scheduled to open Friday, May 19, 2023 for the 199<sup>th</sup> consecutive season of navigation. There are no tolls or fees for recreational use of the Canal system this year. The Canal system will close to navigation on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
- **NOAA funding and status** – One of the priorities of Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla), the new Chair of the House Science Committee is to support the work of NOAA. Lucas is a long-time advocate of weather research and improved warning technology. NOAA was created by executive order in 1970 and has never been established in law. It currently resides within the Department of Commerce. Lucas' proposed legislation would give NOAA formal statutory authority and authorize its critical mission. <https://science.house.gov/press-releases?id=DB5DEB69-F287-4C80-B97D-1D556B4F06E3#:~:text=Today%2C%20Science%2C%20Space%2C%20and,never%20been%20established%20in%20law> .
- **New York Harbor School.** <https://www.newyorkharborschool.org/> Most of us have never heard of this unique program, based at Governor's Island in NYC. It is a public high school which uses its location (538 miles of coastline) to relate curriculum topics to the marine environment. Beni Nedrick, charter boat captain and graduate of the Harbor School was recently honored with the Coast Guard's Meritorious Public Service Award for his August 2022 rescue of 7 people after their yacht caught fire in the Hudson River. <https://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-presents-meritorious-public-service-award/>
- **Coast Guard History and Chronology** <https://www.history.uscg.mil/research/chronology/>





## SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *January 2023*

*By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion*

### Activities:

We left for the BSA's Florida Sea Base on December 27th and.. IT WAS AWESOME!! We were split into groups based on who was going sailing and snorkeling, and who was going scuba diving. The scuba diving groups had a LOT of cool experiences. They saw different types of fish, dolphins, manatees, and definitely jellyfish. The snorkeling group had tons of fun and saw sharks, many kinds of fish, sea turtles, dolphins, and definitely jellyfish. After returning home, we held our Bridge of Honor and handed out several awards for participation and recognition. Anastasia's Quartermaster ceremony was held the same night, it was a very heartwarming scene and I speak for all of Ship 25 when I say that we are very proud of Anastasia. On January 7th, the Order of the Arrow's Winter Dinner was held and a then Okpik winter camping training began the next day. The following week we celebrated another individual in Ship 25.... Happy Birthday Mr. Graney!!



### Meetings:

This month's meetings have been fun-filled and food-filled :) But usually we meet in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca. We typically spend meetings learning various boating or outdoor skills, or event planning.

### Upcoming

The Winter Camporee at Camp Barton is on the 27-29th of January. There's a possible training event coming up along with Kandersteg Switzerland trip info meetings, please check the event calendar for more information.

### Fundraising:

If you order from Amazon and use our Amazon Smile link at [www.ithacaseascouts.org](http://www.ithacaseascouts.org), 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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jgraney@twcny.rr.com). Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's full calendar are available at [www.ithacaseascouts.org](http://www.ithacaseascouts.org)



## Florida Sea Base 2022

Some photos from Sea Base that were too good not to show off :)

