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# News and Views

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***Due to COVID-19  
some face-to-face gatherings  
may require prior approval***



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SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



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## Ithaca Flotilla

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**Kevin Walsh IPFC**

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COMMUNICATIONS

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
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**News and Views** is the official newsletter of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Ithaca Flotilla and is intended to keep the membership apprised of the activities of the Auxiliary. All articles and photographs submitted must be consistent with the policies of the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary and may not be returned.

### Ninth Eastern District

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### Division Two

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Richard Kunz

Immediate Past Commander

Kim Walsh

Operations

Richard Kunz

## From the Helm

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FC Ben Gardiner

Greetings Shipmates, Family, and Friends!

July is typically a busy month with most families trying to take advantage the weather for some rest and recreation. Looking back this month, however, I am amazed at just how busy Flotilla 22 members found themselves with Auxiliary business!

- 01 July 2022 the Flotilla had a visit at our Ithaca Headquarters from BMSC Brad Wilcox, Station Oswego Officer-in-Charge, BM1 Andrew Yeckley, the Station Oswego Auxiliary Liaison, and Rick Kunz, Auxiliary Division 2 Vice Commander. Much good discussion on mutual training, operations, and other issues of mutual concern. This is the first visit to Ithaca we have had from Station Oswego in quite a few years and BMSC Wilcox and BM1 Yeckley are very interested and proactive in conducting training and operations with our Flotilla. We anticipate even some two boat operations on Cayuga Lake with our Base Boat and Station Oswego before the summer is out.
- Led by Kim Walsh and Instructors Tom Every and John Frieman, our Public Education effort continues successfully with our final scheduled virtual program in early August. However, no rest for PE! Kim is in process of developing some new training opportunities and we look forward to some in-person events as the summer continues. Thank you to our PE personnel for your fine efforts.
- Member Bruce (“The Rezz”) Ressler who is active in the Auxiliary’s Culinary Assistance Program recently returned from a one-week deployment to Louisiana in support of Department of Homeland Security Operations. Hard work and long hours with no time for R&R. Feeding the troops is never easy but is certainly one of the most important missions that must be performed properly virtually around the clock. Rezz is also active as a Red Cross Volunteer and has travelled extensively across the Country on deployments following natural disasters and other emergencies. Well done, Rezz, you truly understand the concept of service and volunteerism. You make us proud.
- John Frieman and Tom Every are getting Vessel Safety Checks done in their “spare time.” Both of these Shipmates wear multiple hats in our Flotilla. John just added another one and has assumed the duties of the Vessel Examiner Officer (FSO-VE). Thanks for stepping up, John.
- Dale Campbell, Human Resources Officer reports that we currently have four prospective new members in process. Hope to have some announcements of new members in the near future.
- Our Operations program is gaining some serious momentum! Jamie Cornell has returned as Flotilla Operations Officer following a break to handle some civilian employment workload. Jamie is a former Coast Guard small boat coxswain and continues through his civilian employment to be involved in maritime training and operations. Our Operations group conducted a final Zoom Call recently and our return to the underway operations is IMMINENT. Stay tuned.

- In July we were notified that Flotilla 22 received its THIRD CONSECUTIVE National Commodore's (NACO) Diversity Award for Calendar Year 2021. This is a tremendous achievement particularly when you consider the serious restrictions COVID put on our activities! This honor is primarily thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Diversity Officer Jennifer ("Jen") Watson whose hard work and professionalism made this possible. I should add, Jen would be the first one to remind me that this also would also not have been possible were it not for the cohesiveness and inclusiveness of the Membership of Flotilla 22. Thank you, Jen, thank you, Shipmates.

- Thanks all, for a great month of July! The above probably barely scratches the surface and no one sees the behind-the-scenes dedication and mission accomplishment that happens day after day with no fanfare. The lawn gets mowed, safety and security checks are made, and the mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary advances on a continuous basis. Bravo Zulu, Flotilla 22.

Semper Paratus!



## **ITHACA FLOTILLA**

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### **Flotilla Meeting Agenda for 14 July 2022 (Virtual)**

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: ODU or appropriate civilian attire.

### **MEETING AGENDA:**

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- **1900 Hours:** Call to Order (Ben Gardiner).
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: Welcome New Member in process, Alejandro Santana from Ithaca.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner)

Members Present:

Aaron Abb, Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Jamie Cornell, Thomas Every, Ben and Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Bruce Ressler, Diana and Walt Robinson, Kevin and Kim Walsh.

Members Excused: John Frieman, Emily Mocyk.

- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) June 2022 Minutes sent via Newsletter.
- Motion to Approve: David Cornelius, Second Dale Campbell. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb). Report attached.
- Motion to approve: Jamie Cornell, Second David Cornelius. Motion carried.

## Division 2 Update.

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- Letters of intent for District Captain are due by 15 July 2022. Election will be held at D-Train which will be held on 16-17 September 2022.
- District reports a need for Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) Inspectors for vessels less than 65 feet OAL. Walter Robinson of Flotilla 22 is a qualified UPV only one of eight in all of District 9ER.
- D-Train will be held at Dunkirk, NY on 16-17 September 2022. Program will be a hybrid with training sessions being offered virtually and in person. Meetings will strictly be in person. Full schedule not yet issued.
- Major Division 2 events coming up: 16 July 2022 Oswego Paddlefest, 16 July 2022 Safety Demonstrations at Brennan Beach RV Resort (Pulaski), and Oswego Harborfest on 28-31 July 2022. Assistance is needed for these events including Culinary and Operations (Boat Crew).
- Bob Shanahan indicated that all Citizenship Verification for new members must now be done in person through him as he is the only Fingerprint Technician (who are permitted to do Citizenship Verification) currently in the Division.
- Fingerprinting new applicants was mostly dropped in mid-2018. However, there are some Auxiliary Activities which require clearances (and fingerprints) and applicants identified as interested in those activities should be fingerprinted as part of the application process.
- A meeting for all Division Operations Personnel is scheduled for Saturday, 23 July 2022 starting at 1000 hours. All OPS personnel in the Division are requested to attend. **UPDATE 19 JULY 2022, MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO MONDAY, 01 AUGUST 2022 PER RICK KUNZ.**
- Rick advised that our Active-Duty Counterparts at Station Oswego have a high regard for the support the Auxiliary provides and proper wear of the Uniform including foot gear and PPE is absolutely critical.
- Flotillas with Radio Stations are asked to develop a radio watch standing program in support of the Station. This highly is desired by the Station.
- Ben and Diana notified Canal Corporation and other Local Authorities of a citizen concern left on the Flotilla voicemail. Diana followed up with a phone call to him and Ben prepared a notification for Canal Corporation and Others and sent it to them. The Citizen related moving a sailboat with a 57' tall mast from Finger Lakes Boating Center down Sixmile Creek toward the channel. Citizen claimed that mast cleared by merely 4" and recommend warning signs ahead of the powerline to alert mariners.

## Flotilla Commanders Update:

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- RBS: 18 June 2022 – Thanks to those Members who participated in Treman Marina Safety Day with Power Squadron, Park Police, and IFD. Interfaced with Boating Public, provided info, and performed VSC on 3 vessels. Cold, windy day kept crowd down.
- 01 July 2022 visit at Ithaca HQ by VDCR Kunz, Senior Chief Wilcox and BM1 Yeckley. met with Flotilla personnel and discussed PPE procedures. Issued PPE to trainees and removed unassigned, unused gear. Discussed training and operational issues. Members found this to be a very productive meeting.
- Thanks to Kim Walsh and Instructors John Frieman and Tom Every who continued virtual Public Education Classes on 9-10 July 2022. Final virtual Boat America Class scheduled for 6-7 August 2022.
- FSO-HR Dale Campbell reports a total of 3 new Members in the pipeline: Alejandro Santana, Mike Kelly and Pat Natale. Cindy Moyer who recently complete the Boat America Training with Flotilla 22 is in process of submitting new Member paperwork.

**Operations Update:**

- Jamie Cornell has returned as Operations Officer.
- Need to complete Boat Crew Trainee signoffs.
- Base Boat Facility received shake down ride and is currently mission ready.
- We will shortly be doing underway joint training with Flotilla 2-1 (Syracuse) in Ithaca with our Facility. Flotilla 2-1 will provide Coxswain support and schedule is being worked out at this writing.
- Station Oswego has offered underway training to our personnel as well and we will be taking advantage of it.
- As mentioned, Division 2 has scheduled a Division-wide Operations Meeting at Station Oswego on Saturday 23 July 2022 beginning at 1000 hours. More information to follow on this. **UPDATE 19 JULY 2022, MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO MONDAY, 01 AUGUST 2022 PER RICK KUNZ.**

DATE	EVENT	POC/OIC Notes
14 July 2022 / 1900 <b>(Thurs ) Special Date</b>	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardner Virtual
16 July 2022 (Saturday)	Oswego Paddlefest	Division 2
16 July 2022 (Saturday)	Safety demonstrations – Brennan Beach RV Park	TBD
26 July 2022 /1300 (Tues)	CG Aux informational briefing to City Club of Ithaca	Ben Gardiner Virtual
28 July-31 July 2022 (Thurs-Sun)	Oswego Harborfest	Div 2
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 <b>plus dinner SPECIAL DATE</b>	Ben Gardner IN PERSON
8 Sept 2022 / 1900	Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Ben Gardner

KEY	Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events
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**Member Training “Minute” – Kim Walsh**

Kim presented an excellent Program on Recreational Boating Safety – Special Presentation.

*[See article in this issue – Ed.]*



## NACO DIVERSITY AWARDS REPORT

Unit	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	D&I Officer: N
1. Div 02		X	X			No
1. 02-01		X				No
1. 02-02			X	X	X	
1. 02-04			X	X		
1. 02-06		X	X	X		
1. 02-14		X	X			No

### District 092 Ninth Eastern

Total Units: 37/7 Divisions For Stat purposes due to one unit with no members: 36

2017 Awards: 10  
 2018 Awards: 25 68%  
 2019 Awards: 28 76%  
 2020 Awards: 22 59%  
 2021 Awards: 15 40.5%

Increase/Decrease from 2020 to 2021: 7

As of 2022—26 officers for 36 positions: 72%--Minus 20%

Flotilla 22 has qualified for National Commodore's Diversity Award for the last 3 years 2019-2021. No other Flotilla in Division 2 has matched that record.

Congratulations and Thank You to FSO-DV Jennifer Watson for her leadership and hard work in promoting awareness and raising the consciousness of the Membership of Flotilla 22 regarding Diversity and ensuring that the Flotilla's submission to the NACO was professional in every way.

- Old Business / Follow-ups:
- New Business/News:
  - ✓ August is traditionally the Month the Flotilla does a picnic associated with the Meeting. The Membership expressed interest in tying the August Meeting in with a picnic.
  - Joe Kurtz has asked to be relieved as FSO-VE. John Frieman has agreed to handle the FSO-VE slot for the remainder of 2022. Thanks to Joe for his hard work in support of the Flotilla. Thanks to John for adding FSO-VE to the many hats he is already wearing to support Flotilla 22.

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10 August 2022 at 1900 hours. In Person Meeting.
  - Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion to adjourn by Jamie Cornell, Seconded by David Cornelius. Motion Carried.
- Meeting Adjourned at 1958 Hours.

### 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: MONTHLY FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE: 14 JUL 2022

During the month of June, \$75 in boating safety course fees were collected and pending deposit. They will show up in the July statement. Checking balance as of 30 June is \$960.46. I will be billing 2022 new member prorated dues for 2022 and preparing the dues statements for 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Ben and Laura Gardiner.

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## Summer Reading & Viewing

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“NY Guard, Naval Militia combine boat drills and statewide communications exercise”  
[Seneca Lake, July 15-16 2022] <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/425832/ny-guard-naval-militia-combine-boat-drills-and-statewide-communications-exercise>

“Video Shows Lightning Strike Boat Carrying 7 in Florida”  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/video-shows-lightning-strike-boat-carrying-7-florida-rcna35453> [Demonstrates value of an e-PIRB, which worked when all other electronics were fried.]

Nautical mnemonics: <https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2022/april/navigation-mnemonics>

The US Coast Guard at Normandy: <https://www.history.uscg.mil/Browse-by-Topic/Conflicts/World-War-II/D-Day-June-6-1944-Normandy/>



## 2021 Recreational Boating Statistics

Last month the U.S. Coast Guard released its [2021 Recreational Boating Statistics Report](#), revealing that there were 658 boating fatalities nationwide in 2021, a 14.2 percent decrease from 2020. From 2020 to 2021, the total number of accidents decreased 15.7% percent (5,265 to 4,439), and the number of non-fatal injured victims decreased 17.2 percent (3,191 to 2,641). Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2021, accounting for over 100 deaths, or 16 percent of total fatalities.

The report also shows that in 2021:

- The fatality rate was 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 15.4% decrease from the 2020 fatality rate of 6.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Property damage totaled about \$67.5 million.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure, and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where cause of death was known, 81% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 83% were not wearing a life jacket.

## Member Training Minute – Recreational Boating Safety Special Events

Kim Walsh, FSO-MT; Jennifer Watson, FSO-PA/DV; Diana Robinson, FSO-IS/PB

This article is a little different from most of the previous ones in this series, which emphasized how to obtain and maintain various qualifications. With special events, members directly interact with the public and the training is acquired through other certifications or “on the job.” Flotilla 2-2 typically participates in several local events each year (e.g., Allan H. Treman Marine Safety Day and Ithaca Fishing & Safety Day) and partners with other Auxiliary units to support regional events like the NYS Fair and the Syracuse Winter Boat Show.



Members provide safety literature, promote our Boating Safety classes and answer questions on a range of topics, to include invasive species. Members also do vessel examinations at Treman Marine Safety Day and may give a seminar on a topic, such as Cold Water hazards, at the Ithaca Fishing & Safety Day. These are also a good opportunities to build community collaborations, promote boating safety classes and recruit new members.

At the State Fair and Winter Boat Show, we partner with other Flotillas, Coast Guard members from Station Oswego, and organizations such New York Sea Grant and America's Boating Club (formerly known as US Power Squadron).



These events are great opportunities to learn from experts and broaden your understanding of the topics from a wider perspective. Prepare by reviewing our literature on the various topics and volunteer to accompany another member you know.

Best practices include:

- Try to make eye contact with passersby, and smile – a lot! Standing at attention in your uniform may look dignified, but it's not very welcoming.
- Be positive! Emphasize good practices and training rather than negative comments about ignorant or rude boaters.
- Avoid guessing if you don't know the answer to questions. Make a quick phone call to a member who would know, check the Web, or ask if we can get back to them.
- Keep a notebook handy to record questions we promised to follow up on and contact information for potential new members.

Finally, please enter your hours in AUXDATA II. These events typically fall under Public Affairs and are usually 10J. For a small group with the same arrival / departure time, your

group leader may put in a log for all participants, but please enter your time for prep / travel / mileage yourself as 99B.

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

*[Photos: Information table display; 2019 Coastie training & demo, Oswego; 2019 Syracuse Boat Show ( PO3 Aaron Bouchard and Dale Campbell); Tom Every demonstrates "REACH, THROW, BUT DON'T GO" to Boy Scouts in April 2022]*

## Information Services Update

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Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

- If you were issued a PLB and haven't already contacted me with the date of your PLB's NOAA registration, kindly do so ASAP. And don't forget to record your monthly PLB tests in AuxData! (If you can't record it yourself in AuxData, just let me know.)
  - ALL boat crew members should now be able to go into AuxData, check your information (incl. PPE) and update your PLB test dates. If you can't, it's your responsibility to ask for help. Your ability to be assigned as crew may depend on it.
  - You should have all received an email regarding updated secure login procedures for AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer, National Training Center, Moodle Online Classroom AuxLMS and AAMS. Your old "MemberZone" credentials can still be used for WOW pages, certificates & awards, Web forms, and the Proctors' site. If you need to change your password for a CGAux site, just follow the directions. It's not difficult!
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## SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *July 2022*

*By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion*

*Photos © by Jim Graney*



### **Activities:**

Ship 25 has a total of 14 people in Scotland at the Blair Atholl International Jamboree. Here's some of them enjoying a boat ride on the Thames river in London, England. On the way, some enjoyed a stop over in Iceland!

### **Meetings:**

For schedule, activities, & meeting updates check our calendar at [www.ithacaseascouts.org](http://www.ithacaseascouts.org)

### **Fundraising:**

Bottle and can drive is still going. People can bring bags down to K&H Redemption Center at 900 West State Street in Ithaca and say they are for Sea Scout Ship 25. Also if you order from Amazon, please use the Amazon smile link at <https://ithacaseascouts.org> and we will get a portion of your sale as a donation.



### **Contact:**

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. 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@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:jgraney@twcnny.rr.com).