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From the Helm

By FC Ben Gardiner

Shipmates, as we continue to enjoy the balmy breezes of summer, we must remember that our Flotilla elections are just around the corner. Clearly ensuring that we have an orderly change of leadership and a smooth transition to that new elected leadership in Flotilla 22 is critical to the continued high-level performance of this organization.

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.

We will be appointing a Screening Committee no later than our 09 August 2023 Flotilla Meeting who review 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.

Following the end of the 2023 term, as Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC) the new Flotilla Commander may call upon me as an advisor to assist him/her in maintaining continuity into their new term.

Shipmates, please step up and accept the challenge of leading the outstanding and dedicated group of people that is Flotilla 22. We are good solid, cohesive team, needing solid leadership. Fortunately, we have a talented and highly qualified field of potential candidates.

Summarizing key dates:

- **09 August 2023:** Flotilla Commander (Gardiner) appoints Screening Committee in accordance with Standing rules. (D-91 days from Election Day).
- **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, 12 July 2023 IN PERSON

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order (Ben Gardiner) at 1905 Hrs.
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: Rick Kunz, DCDR / AUC Station Oswego and prospective member Don Roll.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) June 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to accept minutes by Diana Robinson, second by Aaron Abb. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) will be sent to Members directly.

Members Present: Aaron Abb, John Frieman, Ben Gardiner, Pat Natale, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana. Guests: Rick Kunz, Don Roll.

Division 2 Update

- Rick Kunz discussed plans for reviving Operations Program in the Division. He is enlisting the aid of Station Oswego who are happy to assist.
 - ✓ Rick is working on some innovative methods to get forces on the water and trained. He believes it may take 2 seasons to completely restore the program and it will be a high priority.
 - ✓ Flotillas need to communicate needs to Rick.
- Other information from Division 2:
 - Upcoming Events where underway hours might be available.
 - ✓ Paddlefest, Oswego, 15 July 2023.
 - ✓ Harborfest, Oswego, 28-30 July 2023.
 - One of the most important parts of the auxiliary is "Fellowship". On August 4th we were invited by Senior Chief Wilcox, to Coast Guard Station Oswego to help celebrate "Coast Guard Day"!
 - ✓ Rick will be getting more details however we will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers -- maybe we should bring a dish to pass. We will have some games but most of all we will have a chance to relax and meet our counterparts in the Active Duty. It will be a "Holiday Routine" Day which means civilian clothes and just a day to relax, kick back and enjoy the fellowship. Please put this date on your calendar and let's come up and spend the day with the crew at Coast Guard Station Oswego. Everyone is welcome.

✓ Please let me know so we have a count one week prior to the event so we can get a good count on attendees.

➤ Auxiliary Leadership & Management School: AUXLAMs

✓ This session will cover the AUXLAMs class in its entirety and will meet the requirements for members who want to run for leadership positions and earn their level 1 leadership competencies.

✓ The class is scheduled for three hours on Thursday and Sunday evenings from August 3rd to September 13th with a break for Labor Day weekend

✓ To enroll, please visit <https://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle> and do a search for AUXLAMs Virtual Q3 . When asked for an enrollment key, enter Q3LAMs Space is limited to the first 20 enrollees.

○ 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:

- Saturday 17 June 2023 Treman Marina Safety Day, Good turnout and participation by Flotilla Members. Considerable amount of traffic and interaction with boating public. Some vessel safety checks performed. Great work, Shipmates.
- Saturday, 24 June 2023 Docks-In Day. Docks-In was completed in record time and in a highly efficient manner with no injuries or mishaps. We had an excellent turnout of members and enjoyed a cookout following Docks in with Bruce Ressler on the grill. Bravo-Zulu, Shipmates. Thank you for your efforts.
- Base Boat: The Base Boat was returned to our Ithaca Base by Rick Kunz. Tom Every advises that there is some important maintenance work that needs to be completed on the vessel and then it will be seaworthy.

○ **Operations Update:**

- ✓ Boat Crew training will continue.
- ✓ 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

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Wed 12 July 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Saturday, 15 July 2023.	Paddlefest, Oswego	Rick Kunz	
Sat-Sun, 15-16 July 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Fri-Sun 28-30 July 2023	Harborfest, Oswego	Rick Kunz	
Friday, 04 August 2023	Coast Guard Day Fellowship Event – Station Oswego	Rick Kunz	
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 Ithaca, NY 14850

TENTATIVE ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

06 August 2023 Cayuga Triathlon, Ithaca.

12 August 2023 Women Swimmin' for Hospicare, Cayuga Lake.

Other Flotilla Staff Officer Updates: None

- Old Business / Follow-up. None.
- New Business/News: None.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 09 August 2023 at 1900, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.
- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting: Motion to Adjourn by Diana Robinson, Seconded by Pat Natale. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Ben Gardiner

IS Corner

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS

- Every group needs leaders, and ours is no exception. As Ben explained in “From the Helm,” we need volunteers to run for Flotilla Commander. If you are at all considering running, please read the section of the Minutes (page 5) about Auxiliary Leadership & Management School, commonly called AUXLAMs. This is *not* something you can complete at the last minute. This class is worth taking even if you don’t foresee running. Let Kim or me know if you have any questions.
- Having problems using AuxData or logging into the MemberZone? Just let me know and we can work on this either remotely or in-person.
- Remember that before going out on any patrols, your PLB’s AuxData record needs to show it has been inspected (a simple battery check) within the last 30 days. Call or email me if you need help.

Seen Elsewhere:

- The Coast Guard’s mission is expected to expand dramatically as the US seeks to reach agreements with 12 Pacific island nations. Some of the islands which have sought USCG assistance are Palau, Micronesia and Papua New Guinea. “The United States Coast Guard is in talks with Pacific Island countries to expand its maritime law enforcement role by allowing U.S. officers to board and search vessels suspected of illegal activity within their economic zones, officials said. The push to expand the role of U.S. Coast Guard across millions of kilometers of ocean could see U.S. officials board Chinese vessels and comes after an intensification of rivalry in the Pacific between the U.S. and China, which is also seeking to increase its security and fisheries roles...” <https://www.reuters.com/world/us-coast-guard-seeks-bigger-role-search-board-vessels-pacific-2023-07-26/>
- The impact of young Brianna Lieneck’s death may be felt nationally. (The Congressional bill would be quite different from NYS’s “Brianna’s Law.”) <https://liherald.com/wantagh/stories/rep-andrew-garbarino-introduces-bill-aimed-at-boating-safety,184265>
- Are cutoff switches important? This was taken from a CG vessel chasing a runaway boat: <https://www.mysuncoast.com/2023/07/31/watch-us-coast-guard-reminds-boaters-importance-kill-switches/>
- “What’s Old Is New Again,” by Commander Scott Austin, USCG. Published in US Naval Institute Proceedings, August 2023. “For the first time since the Cold War, U.S. competitors possess military capabilities in quantity and kind to hold the U.S. mainland at risk. As that threat looms closer, the Coast Guard should look to its missions and culture during World War II to prepare again to, quite literally, guard the coasts...” <https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2023/august/whats-old-new-again>



SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 July 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman,

Allyson Marion

Activities:

July was a busy month for Ship 25 as many have been abroad on the summer trip to Europe to visit the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. While abroad the group visited seven countries: Iceland, Switzerland, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, and Germany. We participated in several activities while at the Scout Centre; most were hikes but playing volleyball and doing laundry were the fan favorites from our group. Since our group was there for two weeks and hiking almost every day, having clean laundry was a celebrated thing. Besides attending KISC we went sightseeing in Thun, Bern, Zurich, Interlaken, Blausee, Kandersteg, Grindelwald, Iceland, Paris, Feldkirch, Strasbourg, Trier, Stressa and many other places too!



Meetings:

Meetings have not been held this month due to the trip to Switzerland and adult advisors being away. But on our normal schedule, meetings are held in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom.

Upcoming:

August will be a relatively chill month for activities. Ship activities will begin on the 5th.

Fundraising:

Our Bottle and Can fundraiser has moved to IthaCAN and Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Rd., Rt. 13 South in Ithaca. You can still contact your local Sea Scout or Jim Graney to arrange a donation location; or you can bring your donation there. Just be sure to say they are for us and mark the bag please.

Contact:

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. Sea Scout Ship 25 meets at 6:30pm 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 and a full calendar, contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at [\(607\)-327-1226](tel:607-327-1226) (work / cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information is available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

