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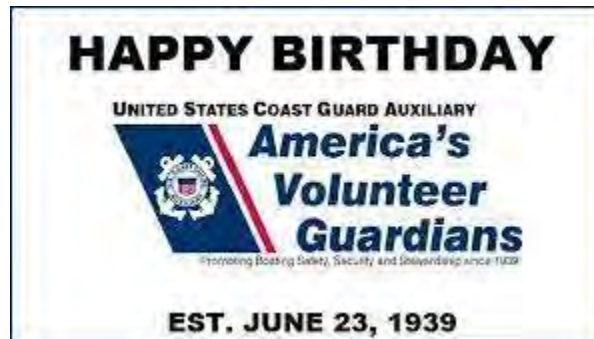
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From the Helm

By FC Ben Gardiner

Busy month of June indeed!

We showed the Flag at Treman Marina on 17 June 2023 for Marina Safety Day. Our efforts included a Boating Safety Display where we had the opportunity to interface with many interested parties, the Boating Public, and future boaters. Along with our colleagues from the Power Squadron we also conducted vessel safety checks. It was a good day; the weather was much more pleasant than last year when we had late fall weather in June!

We did briefly pair up some of our newer Members with our Vessel Examiners and we would like to continue this practice. The Auxiliary has such a wide and diverse mission and there are so many fascinating components of that mission for our Members to participate in. We need everything from vessel examiners to program visitors to instructors, boat crew, coxswains just to name a few.

Did you know that the Auxiliary has foreign language translators? These folks support Coast Guard and other operations with their language skills, clearly an important mission. Our Shipmates Vincent Mbera and Bruce Ressler are certified translators.

Saturday, 27 June 2023 was Docks-in Day for 2023. We had a good turnout of Members and the deployment of our 200 feet of dock was smooth and efficient. (One of the smoothest deployments in recent memory.) Thanks to our Members who made this happen plus friends of the Flotilla Cliff Murphy and Sea Scout Ship 25 member Ben Ashbaugh. Great work, Shipmates.

We anticipate the return of the Base Boat shortly. Time to get underway...

In closing, soon we will be celebrating our Independence Day on the 4th of July. This is a significant event and it reminds us why we serve, in the Auxiliary, in our other volunteer efforts, and how we treat our neighbors as we live our lives each day. Freedom is not Free.

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like me, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” -- Thomas Paine.

Happy Independence Day, Shipmates!
Semper Paratus.



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 14 June 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 (Ben Gardiner) at 1904 Hours by Ben Gardiner
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner) Guest Introductions:
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) May 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve by Aaron Abb, Second by David Cornelius. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report Attached. Motion to approve by Pat Natale, second by Bruce Ressler. Motion Carried.

Members Present: Aaron Abb, Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Patrick Natale, Bruce Ressler, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, John Sims, Kevin Walsh, Kim Walsh.

Division 2 Update

- Rick Kunz advises that his facility will be on the water shortly and would offer the opportunity for Members to get underway hours. If a Coxswain is available the hours will count as underway hours and if not, it will be training on our time. The latter offers us the opportunity for valuable training that might not be otherwise unavailable to us. Rick said any day is available except Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Rick for more info and please keep your Flotilla Leadership in the loop on this.
- For personnel needing sign-offs training on our own time is still a good opportunity to achieve the training needed for sign-offs even in the absence of a certified coxswain. Members should keep in mind if we train on our own time, the Coast Guard does not cover fuel or other expense. There is also no Coast Guard liability coverage when we are on our own time.
- Paul Phelps has offered the opportunity for Flotilla 22 personnel to earn underway hours by participating in 2-14 patrols. We are working out the details with 2-14 at this writing.

- Upcoming Events where underway hours might be available.

- ✓ Brewerton Boat Parade and Fireworks, 03 July 2023.
- ✓ Paddlefest, Oswego, 15 July 2023.
- ✓ Harborfest, Oswego, 28-30 July 2023.

- 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.
- **Per Walt Robinson:** 24 June 2023 – Docks In Day: BRING YOUR PPE GEAR BAGS TO THIS EVENT AND IT WILL BE INSPECTED AT THAT TIME.

Flotilla Commanders Update:



- Today is the 248 Birthday of the US Army.
- Saturday 17 June 2023 Treman Marina Safety Day, 1000-1500 hours (10AM-3PM) setup time is 0900.
 - ✓ We hope to have Vessel Examiners performing Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's) with Members who wish to become Vessel Examiners assisting our VE's. Good OJT! S
 - ✓ Uniform is ODU with black boots. Vessel Examiners may wear their authorized alternate uniform with appropriate headgear. Anyone cannot wear the ODU for legitimate physical reasons are asked to contact me directly so a reasonable accommodation can be made.
 - ✓ Please bear in mind, we are representing the Coast Guard. Proper wear of the specified uniform is a must.
 - ✓ I will provide a canopy of us to use for our display tables. We will need to bring tables and chairs from base for our display.

Docks-In Day. Docks-In was rescheduled for Saturday, 24 June 2023 due to delay in return of the Base Boat. We anticipate it will be back in our hands and ready to go. We need maximum assistance from our Membership. How about a cook-out?

Base Boat remains in Brewerton, tank is being trained and they are installing our new water separator filter. Pat Natale volunteered to retrieve the boat when it is ready. Hopefully it will be ready the week of 19 June 2023. Tom Every advises the boat requires some work when it returns before it will be seaworthy. Tom has secured the necessary parts (Thanks, Tom!).

Congratulations to Bruce Ressner on passing his instructor qualification course. We appreciate your efforts and your interest in training.

Job Well Done: Pat Natale represented the Coast Guard and Auxiliary recently in an informational session at the Broome BOCES Criminal Justice Class. Pat is a retired Police Officer. Pat indicated that this was a very enjoyable event and he has been invited back as an instructor in the future.

○ Operations Update:

From Tom Every: We kind of got sidetracked for a while with continuing boat crew training sessions. I previously proposed doing a Zoom session to do Class #7 which consists of the following: **DATE FOR VIRTUAL PROGRAM: 22 June 2023 at 1900 hours.**

- Class 7 - Coast Guard Standard Policies/Procedures for:** TBD
- VHF-FM Radiotelephone Procedures / Tasks BCM-05-01 thru 03
 - Firefighting / Tasks BCM-07-08 thru 11
 - Anchoring procedures / Task BCM-04-03 & 04

- Towing procedures - Long tow and side tow classroom

13 June 2023: District Training on Navigation Workshop Part 1: That is tomorrow night starting at 1900. I would encourage you to attend this at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83110734787?pwd=Vjcwd3I2d1Z5ejZaMDdhUldNM2Ixdz09>

14 June 2023 Wednesday evening: Flotilla Meeting Virtual.

17 June 2023: Saturday: Treman Marina Day

Trainees and instructors - Please let me know what will work for you. The District previously gave towing training virtually. A Navigation Workshop Part 2 is scheduled for June 27th. That's the latest...

PPE Inspections: As indicated, Walt will be conducting PPE inspections at our Base on Docks-in Day which is 24 June 2023 starting at 1000 (10AM). All OPS personnel are recommended to bring their gear in for inspection.

Other Flotilla Staff Officer Updates,

- **Kim Walsh, FSO-MT:** Any Operational Personnel who have not completed this year's Operations Workshop must do so by 30 June 2023.
- **Diversity:** Unfortunately, Flotilla 22 did not qualify for the NACO award this past year. Hopefully we can work to regaining our award-winning status.
- **Diana Robinson, FSO-IS:** The self-attestation form is no longer accepted as proof of completion of Core Training subjects. These must be taken through the online classroom. Questions, please contact Diana or Kim.

Old Business / Follow-up.

- Alejandro Santana had five sets of Boat Crew Training manuals commercially printed and bound for his fellow trainees.
- Bruce Ressler recommended that Alejandro be reimbursed as the printing / binding process is quite pricey. After discussion, Tom Every made a motion to reimburse Alejandro seconded by Bruce Ressler. Motion was carried.

New Business/News:

- The outdoor literature box outside the Base HQ Building needs repair.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at 1900, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.

Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion for adjournment by Dave Cornelius, second by Diana Robinson. Meeting adjourned at 1956 hours.

Minutes prepared by Laura Gardiner with assistance from Ben Gardiner

FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT



TO: JOHN FRIEMAN VFC 02-02
FROM: AARON ABB FSO-FN 02-02

COPIES: SO-FN
 BEN GARDINER FC 02-02

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT
DATE: 31 MAY 2023

The Monthly Income Statement and the Income Statement for May is attached. Checking balance as of the 31 May was \$955.50 and as of this report the same.

Payments for our Boat America course on June 3 and 4 received by cash was \$140 and will be deposited in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02 END OF REPORT

FLOTILLA 0920202 INCOME STATEMENT

AARON ABB FSO- FN
 Wednesday, May 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNT	DEPOSITS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
Monday, May 1, 2023			
BALANCE ON HAND			\$ 955.50
DEPOSITS			
New Member Dues	\$ 56.00		
Reimbursement for ABS books sold to other Flotillas			
Annual Dues	\$ 56.00		
Sailing Class			
Donations for ABS card replacement			
ABS Class Fees			
SAMA & Fuel Reimbursement			
Total Deposits			

DISBURSEMENTS		\$ -	
Ninth Dist Aux Dues			
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	Wednesday, May 31, 2023		\$ 1,011.50

USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment

June 2023

Diversity of Pride

“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.” –Winston Churchill

Pride Month is a time of celebration and recognition for the LGBTQ+ community. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of diversity and inclusivity, recognizing the ongoing struggle for equality and acceptance.

The significance of Pride Month extends beyond this community and affects us all as members of society. We should be all able to celebrate the freedom to be who we are and to express ourselves without fear of discrimination or persecution.

The importance of inclusivity and diversity cannot be overstated—it truly is something that, as Americans, we all have in common. When we embrace and celebrate the differences that make us unique, we create a more accepting and tolerant society.

Pride Month is celebrated for different reasons: it is more than just a celebration of identity and the human spirit. It is a reminder that all individuals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their orientation or identity. By promoting Pride Month, we promote these values and help to create a more just and equitable world for all, employing the benefits of a diverse workforce to successfully carry out the various missions of the Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary.

C.C. Francis wrote: “A culture of true diversity begets prosperity — diversity of background, of identity, and of thought, without fear of repercussion. The best minds in society (from wherever they come) must be able to offer their authentic selves and viewpoints.” By recognizing the contributions of all, we honor their struggles and help to create a more equitable society. Let’s celebrate the human spirit and promote the values of dignity and respect for all individuals. We will all benefit from this approach.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)

CALENDAR

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Wed 10 May 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base 508 Old Taughannock Blvd Ithaca, NY 14850
Saturday, 13 May 2023	Boat Crew Training	Every	Flotilla 2-2 Base
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
Sat 10 June 2023	“Docks-In”	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base
Wed 14 June 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base
Saturday, 17 June 2023	Treman Marina Safety Day		NEW EVENT
Wed 12 July 2023 / 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base
Sat-Sun, 15-16 July 2023 0900–1330	Boat America Course	Kim Walsh	Flotilla 2-2 Base
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

KEY:

Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events
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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.

Member Spotlight

Bruce Ressler: As noted in the June Minutes, congratulations to Bruce on passing his Instructor qualification course and helping to teach the recent Boat America course. We appreciate your efforts and your interest in training. We always need good instructors!

Pat Natale: Also from the Minutes, Pat represented the Coast Guard and Auxiliary recently in an informational session at the Broome BOCES Criminal Justice Class. He shared his experiences as a police officer and as an Auxiliarist Thank you, Pat -- nicely done!

We currently have two Aux members who are also Sea Scouts. As reported in the Sea Scout's column at the end of this newsletter, **Emily Mocyk** was one of the Scouts given the Sea Scout Leadership Award, and has also been elected as Ships 25's new Boatswain for the coming year. Several Scouts and also leaders were recognized for their contributions. Well done!

Congratulations, All!

Treman Marina Day

Flotilla 22 returned to Treman State Marine Park to join the local chapter of America's Boating Club and Ahwaga Canoe and Kayak Club to share boating safety information with park patrons. Tom Every performed several Vessel Safety Exams, observed by Bruce Ressler and Alejandro Santana.



L to R: Dave Cornelius, FC Ben Gardiner, Alejandro Santana, Bruce Ressler, Tom Every
[Photos by Diana Robinson]

“Docks-In”

Our dock move went off without a hitch on June 24th. Two boat teams (John Frieman with Bodge Hyatt assisting and Tom Every with Diana Robinson assisting) made an early start in an effort to beat the thunderstorms forecast for the afternoon. Sea Scout Ship 23 member Ben Ashbaugh and Auxiliary Friend/Project Head Honcho Cliff Murphy lent their muscle and mechanical know-how to the usual shoreside team of David Cornelius, Ben and Laura Gardiner, Pat Natale, Bruce Ressler, Walt Robinson, Alejandro Santana, and John Sims. It all went smoothly and seemed faster than usual. We even managed to do some yard work and improve the approach to the ramp. Thanks to our boat handlers John and Tom, to Ben Gardiner for coordinating, to Dave for bringing his lawn tractor, to Walt for throwing in some gear inspections, to Rezz for cooking us all a nice picnic lunch, and to everyone who lent their energy and skills to a successful move. **Well done, team!**



Above: Tom Every at the helm of *Liquid Therapy*. Below: The dock looks a lot longer in the middle of the inlet! John Frieman is at the helm of the lead boat





Attaching the dock to shore. [Photos by D. Robinson]

2022 USCG Recreational Boating Accident Statistics

Every year during National Boating Safety Week the USCG releases boating incident statistics for the previous year. During calendar year 2022 there were 636 boating fatalities nationwide in 2022, a 3.3 percent decrease from the 658 deaths in 2021.

From 2021 to 2022, the total number of accidents decreased 9 percent (4,439 to 4,040), and the number of non-fatal injured victims decreased 15.9 percent (2,641 to 2,222).

Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2022, accounting for 88 deaths, or 16 percent of total fatalities.

The data also shows that in 2022:

- The fatality rate was 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.8 percent decrease from last year's fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. (In 1971, when the Safe Boating Act was first passed, the fatality rate was 20.6 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.)
- Property damage totaled \$63 million.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed, and machinery failure ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where the cause of death was known, 75 percent of fatal boating incident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

“Most incidents occur in benign conditions—calm waters, light wind, and good visibility—under which you may least expect to end up in the water, which is why it is critical to wear a life jacket and engine cut-off switch at all times as they are designed to save your life,” stated Captain Troy Glendye, Chief of the Coast Guard’s Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety. The Coast Guard reminds boaters to ensure life jackets are serviceable, properly sized, correctly fastened, and suitable for your activity.

Where boating instruction was known, 74 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. The Coast Guard encourages all boaters take a boating safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards before they go boating.

The most common vessel types involved in reported incidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (47 percent), kayaks (14 percent), and personal watercraft and pontoons (9 percent).

The data is based on incidents that resulted in at least one of the following criteria: death, disappearance, injury that required medical treatment beyond first aid, damages to the vessel(s) or other property that equaled or exceeded \$2,000, or a loss of vessel.

In addition to wearing a life jacket and taking a boating safety course, the Coast Guard recommends all boaters to attach the engine cut-off switch, get a free vessel safety check, and boat sober.

[The full report is available at <https://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2022.pdf> . Above summary excerpted from <https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/3398506/coast-guard-releases-summary-of-2022-recreational-boating-statistics/>.]





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25

June 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman,

Allyson Marion



Activities:

Since the last newsletter was published, it hasn't been too busy but some crazy stuff has happened. May 25th was the Taughanock District Award Dinner, at which several members of Ship 25 were recognized and awarded. Ed

Plesnar, Mike Stoll, and Ruth Keagle were recognized and awarded for their numerous years of service and dedication. Jim Graney was accepted into the District's Louis Agassiz Fuertes Patriot Patrol. Karyn Marion



completed the Scouters' Training Award while Ben Ashbaugh, Ruth Keagle and Tim Woods were presented the Sea Scouters' Training Award, and Chris Masotti received the Ship's Spark Plug Award. Then for our youth, I, Allyson Marion, was nominated and awarded the

Taughanock District Gorget Award for leadership. Madison Deljoo and Angelina Masotti were accepted into the Taughanock 76er's Club. We marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Dryden along Main Street.

Then about a week later at the Baden-Powell Council recognition dinner, we celebrated more of our members for receiving leadership awards. Emily Mocyk and Madison Deljoo received the Sea Scout Leadership Award. Then, Tim Woods and I received the Venturing Leadership Award.

That following weekend a few scouts boarded the Sensei for an overnight cruise to



work on advancement and complete some requirements before getting off and

walking in the Dryden Dairy Parade the next day. The last event of the month was color guard for the Elmira Pioneers baseball team at Dunn Field. A few scouts and adults attended and had a lot of fun at the game.

Meetings:

This month's meetings have been focused on activities and leadership training. With the summer trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland coming up, it is especially important to review how to lead effectively and how to work well with peers. Aside from this, there has also been a weekend on the boat and a Bridge of Honor in mid-



June. At the Bridge of Honor, we also held our annual elections. To which, I am sad to say I will not be the Yeoman in this upcoming term, but I am happy to welcome Emily Mocyk to the position. I am honored though to have been elected our Ship's Boatswain for the coming year.

Upcoming:

July will be a very exciting month for Ship 25. We will be celebrating Katie Quinn receiving the Quartermaster rank, Sea Scouting's highest honor. The Sensei will also be taken out for a cruise or two on the water before Ship 25 heads to Kandersteg, Switzerland to attend the Kandersteg International Scout Camp. We will be gone through July and will return to our normal activities early to mid-ish August.



Fundraising:

Our Bottle and Can fundraiser was previously held at the K&H Redemption Center but will now be 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 and 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 (work / cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information is available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

