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From the Helm



Bennett Gardiner II, Flotilla Commander

Greetings, Shipmates!

I thought I might comment a bit on the wear of uniforms while representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and in the performance of our Auxiliary duty, the US Coast Guard itself.

The "uniform of the day," (UOD) is defined by most sources as the designated uniform all military personnel are required to wear on that particular day. It is often designated by the senior officer on the base. What that means is that everyone wears the same designated uniform while on duty. As an old military guy, I have always subscribed to the uniform of day concept, the proper uniform, worn properly, and the wearer is clean and squared away. I am reminded of the old pseudo acronym STRAC. STRAC = "Skilled Tough Ready Around the Clock." Needless to say, there are several variations of STRAC, most of them actually clean language, too, but they all basically mean the same thing.

So how does UOD apply to the Coast Guard Auxiliary? The Auxiliary is a uniformed non-military force and we wear a Uniform similar to the Coast Guard and as mentioned we represent them. Often the civilian world can't tell the difference so to them we ARE the Coast Guard. We are therefore expected to wear our uniform in a squared away manner whenever we are on duty.

Personally, I favor the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) for most of our (Non-Dress Uniform) duty. It is the Coast Guard Auxiliary's utility uniform, is sharp looking, comfortable, and rugged.

That said, there are some considerations with regard to Uniform of the Day and some flexibility must be allowed:

1. Some members because of physical reasons may not be able to wear the ODU. They should wear an alternate authorized uniform such as the Tropical Blue Uniform ("Trops").
2. Some mission-specific duties allow for an alternative uniform such as Vessel Examiners and Culinary Assistance Personnel.

Whatever uniform we wear, wear with pride and wear it properly. Refer to Chapter 10 and other sources for information on Auxiliary uniforms. Don't hesitate to ask senior members or the Flotilla leadership for tips on proper wear of the uniform.

I am proud to say that Members of this Flotilla understand the need to present a positive image of the Coast Guard when on duty. You all wear it well and wear it with pride.

Semper Paratus!



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 11 March 2022 (Virtual) @ 1900 Hours

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)
- 1903 Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- 1911 Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner) Meeting Attendees
 - Kevin and Kim Walsh
 - Ben and Laura Gardiner
 - John Frieman
 - Aaron Abb
 - Bodge Hyatt
 - Dale Campbell
 - Diana Robinson Walt Robinson
 - Jen Watson
 - Anthony Scaglione
 - Tom Every
 - Bruce Ressler
- Secretary’s Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) January Minutes sent via Newsletter. Motion to accept J. Frieman/Second A. Abb Motion carried
- 1915 Treasurer’s Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb)
 - Aaron mentioned that he and Ben will be submitting a budget soon. Also that dues for 2023 will continue to be \$50.
 - J. Watson brought up joining the Chamber of Commerce, will be brought up at the next meeting.
 - Motion to accept A. Scaglione/J. Watson Motion Carried

Division 2 Update.

FSO Reports. *Richard Kunz, VCDR, “As we move towards the end of the 1st quarter it is time for Staff Officer Reports and Flotilla Commanders Reports. As this is the first report of the year and we have new FC’s and FSO’s we thought we would go over the procedures for submitting reports.*

- *Flotilla Staff Officers Reports should be sent to the parallel Division Staff Officer along with the Flotilla Chief of Staff (VFC) The Division Staff officer is responsible for putting a report to the District Staff Officer. The Division Staff Officer will not be able to do their report unless the Flotilla Staff Officer does their staff report.*
- *Flotilla Commander’s Report should go to the Division Chief of Staff (VCDR) Cc: Division Commander (DCDR) so they can submit their report to the District.*

- You may do your reports in either a *Bullet Point* or a *Short narrative* form. Keep it brief and factual. If more information is needed, we will let you know. It is difficult for the district to make decisions without accurate information from the Division and Flotilla. This is how we communicate by doing reports quarterly. We only have four times per year to identify issues, identify best practices and share them with others.
- If there is a staff officer position not filled by Division, have you FSO Submit their reports to the VCDR with a copy to DCDR.”

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Issue of Updated SOP on reporting of Navigation Issues on Cayuga Lake to the Canal Corporation. Note change: afterhours contact number listed has been Changed to the Thruway authority dispatcher number. Copy of SOP was issued to Membership.
 - J. Frieman discussed condition of docks
 - D. Robinson mentioned logging into Aux Data 2 monthly
- Awards.
 - Ian Adkins 20 years, Dale Campbell 10 years/1500 hours, David Campbell 10 years, Diana Robinson 10 years, Anthony Scaglione 10 years, Carlton Cole 5 years, Kim Walsh 3000 hours , Tommy Lacey 750 hours, Ben Gardiner 2500 hours

Operations Update. (Ben / Kim). Virtual Boat Crew Training Continues. Mentors will be meeting with Trainees to begin the signoff process.

- John F. discussed Ops Workshop discussion regarding changes to Auxiliary definitions of who can provide what aid. John said that he took the American Red Cross online course, took less than half an hour, cost \$20.95. If you take this course please submit certifications to Diana Robinson.

Upcoming Events.

- Finger Lakes Boat Show in Ithaca, 3/24-27 + 31 & April 1-3.
 - Tom Every discussed setting up table, need to get a Covid assessment for approval, Jen Watson is fine with Tom reaching out to organizers. This is the first time this event has been held. Tom will reach out to organizers.
- Treman Marina Safety Day: 18 June 2022.
 - Outdoor event, Jen Watson said we have the appropriate materials.
 - Discussion of manning during event, VE's will be available, will work on getting approval
- Tom Every proposed Virtual Flotilla Communications training workshop
 - 23rd March 1900 approx one hour

[FSO list and old calendar omitted for brevity – Ed.]

- Old Business / Follow-ups:
- New Business/News:
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 April 2022, virtually at 1900 hours. Discussion
- regarding resuming in person meetings.
- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting Motion to adjourn Kim Walsh/Second Jen

Flotilla Calendar

Date	Event	POC / OIC	Notes
Mar 23, 1900-2000	Telecommunications Operator Workshop	Tom Every	Virtual
Mar 24-27, Mar 31, April 1-3	Finger Lakes Boat Show, Ithaca	Gardiner, Frieman, Every, Ressler	In-person, approved
2-3 April 2022 Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
13 April 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
30 April – 1 May Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat American Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
11 May 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
20-21 May 2022 Tentative	Possible boater education event Oswego – details TBA	Jen Watson?	TBA
21-27 May 2022	National Boating Safety Week https://safeboatingcampaign.com		
4-5 June 2022 Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
4 June 2022 Tentative	Docks In	Corporation	TBA
8 June 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
18 June 2022 1900 Tentative	Treman Marina Day	Jen Watson	TBA
9-10 July 2022 Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
13 July 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual
6-7 August 2022 Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
10 August 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual

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

Member Training Minute – Marine Dealer Visitor

Jennifer Watson, FSO-PA/FSO-DV and Kim Walsh, FSO-MT/FSO-PE



This month we're focusing on a second pillar of Recreational Boating Safety – Marine Dealer Visitor. Auxiliarists attempt to get our Boating Safety message to the public in many ways, including:

- Direct interaction with boaters through:
 - Boating Safety Classes (featured in February)
 - One on one discussions during Vessel Examinations (see April's article)
 - Information tables at events such as Treman Safety Day, Ithaca Fishing and Conservation Day, CNY Winter Boat Show, and the New York State Fair.
- Indirect interaction through:
 - Boating safety literature displays at marinas and other venues frequented by boaters
 - Outreach through news stories and social media, such as Facebook



As you may guess, Marine Dealer Visitors (MDVs) duties are focused on sharing our boating safety message through marinas and businesses that sell or rent boats and associated gear (e.g., fishing tackle & bait, life jackets, etc). In central New York, the prime season is typically April – September, since most of these businesses are closed or focused on other activities the rest of the year.

The certification requirements are:

- Complete the open book test (no proctor required) with a score of 90% or greater
- Participate in 2 Marina Dealer Visits with a certified Marine Dealer Visitor

The test is a little tricky, but can be re-taken if necessary. The actual duties are straight forward and very flexible as to timing and frequency. BTW, Program Visitor (PV) is just another name for a Marine Dealer Visitor.

Please contact Kim, Jen or one of our current MDVs to learn more. It's a fairly simple, but rewarding qualification, and an extremely important component of our Recreational Boating Safety mission.

Member Spotlight

Congratulations to:

➤ Ben Gardiner for qualifying as AuxOp (Auxiliary Operations)

➤ Bruce Ressler for passing AuxComm

➤ If you haven't already seen it, check out the great article about John Frieman's Motor Lifeboat CG 40300. Congratulations to John on all the work he did to get her added to the National Register



of Historic Places. <https://news.jrn.msu.edu/2021/12/pioneering-coast-guard-boat-sails-onto-national-register-of-historic-places/>. A link to the article is also posted on our Flotilla Facebook Page.

➤ The following members received awards recognizing their service: Ian Adkins 20 years; Dale Campbell 10 years/1500 hours; David Campbell 10 years; Diana Robinson 10 years; Anthony Scaglione 10 years; Carlton Cole 5 years; Kim Walsh 3000 hours; Tommy Lacey 750 hours; Ben Gardiner 2500 hours.

Well done!

CPR and First Aid Online Training Update

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

Part of the D-Train class discussions this month included the Auxiliary's policy on CPR and First Aid. I wanted to share the general consensus as some of our members expressed an interest in recertification through online training.



The following summary reflects my personal understanding of the current situation. *I am NOT a lawyer, policy expert OR doctor!*

- First, there have been no recent updates to the official policy which states that training must be hands-on. (2006 ALAUX Subj: CPR and Use of AEDs - Jan 9 2006 <https://help.cgaux.org/index.php?Knowledgebase/Article/View/147/1/cpr-and-use-of-aeds> states in part that training must be in-person. "The next change to the Ops Policy Manual will more clearly address this subject and will prohibit the use of online training for certification in CPR and AED use. Training must be hands on.")
- Both American Red Cross and American Heart Assn offer hybrid training which lets you complete the first part online, then follow up within a specified period (90 days for ARC) with an in-person "skills session." This is acceptable to the Auxiliary. ARC is at <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/adult-first-aid%2Fcpr%2Faed-online/a6R3o000001vqDD.html> and AHA at <https://cpr.heart.org/en/> .
- Please use due diligence when dealing with competitors selling online-only CPR courses which claim to be ARC or AHA "compatible" or "nationally recognized" or "OSHA-compliant." Online CPR / First Aid classes are worthless unless you receive a certificate which is recognized.
- Once you have completed the skills session and have your certificate, please send me a photocopy or scan so it can be added to your AuxData record.

Feel free to reach out if you have questions. Thank you!

Surface Ops Readiness Training Tip

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

Both crew trainees and currently certified crew would benefit from the information and training aids posted at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=092&category=ops-training-sabot>

This page has District 9ER SABOT documents plus slides on topics ranging from ATONs to uniforms. They are useful for initial training and as refreshers. Check them out!





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *March 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Photos © by Jim Graney

Activities:

This month hasn't been too busy, We had a fun time skiing at Greek Peak. Several people had never gone before and enjoyed lessons. The conditions were actually really good that day with some fresh snowfall from the day and night before. Meanwhile, some scouts attended the University of Scouting courses and gained some valuable skills including first aid and CPR. Others have continued working on merit badges and advancement.

Meetings:

Recently, a lot of time has been dedicated to trip planning for the next year and a half to places such as: Scotland, Florida Sea Base, Kandersteg Switzerland, Yellowstone, and New Hampshire. If any of these sound interesting, please make sure to let Jim Graney know you would like more information.

Awards:

Ship 25 was recognized this month at the National Virtual Sea Scout Bridge of Honor with two awards. We were named to the National Service fleet for our community service, and to the National Keel Sailing fleet for our adventures on the water in a keel boat.

Upcoming:

Ship 25 has a Bridge of Honor and party Sunday the 27th at 2pm.

All applications for US Coast Guard Barque Eagle 2022 are due March 31st and the Sea Scout SEAL leadership training applications are due April 15th. There are many events happening in the coming month like the Sea Scout Fellowship and Ball April 2nd and the SUNY Maritime training May 7th.

Fundraising:

A chicken barbeque is being held April 10th at 11:30 - 1pm, download a flier with the information or order online at <https://ithacaseascouts.org/>. The 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. If you order from Amazon, please use the Amazon Smile link at 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 13-20. 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 contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at 607-327-1226 (work/cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's meeting and activity calendar are available at www.ithacaseascouts.org.

