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face-to-face gatherings
still require prior approval
until further notice***

EDUCATION + TRAINING = SKILL

SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



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Ithaca Flotilla

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FC Ben Gardiner

The Coast Guard Auxiliary usually serves our citizens in quiet ways. That service has not gone unnoticed, however!

Without much local fanfare, in January 2021 the US Department of Homeland Security announced a Coast-Guard-wide award in recognition of its many contributions. If you check your record, most of you will find that as of Feb 7 2022 you received the DHS Outstanding Unit Award (OUA).

The award was given for outstanding service during multiple hurricanes, the national response at the Southwest Border, and the COVID 19 global pandemic for the period of Aug. 25, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2020. According to the description published [here](#), the citation also praised the “*exceptional resilience of the Coast Guard during the fiscal year 2019 35-day partial government lapse in appropriation and the courage, resourcefulness, and professionalism of our people.*”

The award was given to both Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary members. All but four of Flotilla 2-2’s members (our newest members) received this award.

This is an important recognition of the Coast Guard’s work, and your part in it. We all serve where and when we can. Remember that we have two members who are in both the CG and CGAux. We also have a qualified interpreter and a FEMA disaster recovery specialist. All may have been posted to disaster areas, or exposed to increased Covid risk during this period. One of our newest members did not qualify for this award, but has volunteered for Culinary Assistance duty at the Southwest border.

Here at home, we all did the best we could to carry on our mission in the face of pandemic restrictions and the uncertainty of the government “shutdown”. Our members overcame many obstacles to continue meeting, training, teaching, patrolling, expanding their qualifications and maintaining readiness and fellowship.

Bravo Zulu, shipmates!



DHS OUA ribbon (Expected to be available after June 2022)

ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 11 May 2022 (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:

- 1900 Call to Order (Ben Gardiner)
- Pledge of Allegiance (John Frieman)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions:
 - Rick Kunz Division Vice Commander
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner)

Meeting Attendance

- Walt and Diana Robinson
 - Dave Cornelius
 - John Frieman
 - Kevin and Kim Walsh
 - Tom Every
 - Anthony Scaglione
 - Brian Scheurch
 - Aaron Abb
 - Emily Mocyk
 - Jen Watson
 - Bruce Ressner
 - Joe Kurtz
 - Ben and Laura Gardiner
 - Tom Every
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) April 2022 Minutes sent via Newsletter. Motion by Kim Walsh seconded by Diana Robinson Unanimously approved
 - Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Motion by Dave Cornelius Seconded by Jen Watson Unanimously Approved

Division 2 Update.

- Division Operations Meeting soon at Brewerton FD
- **Flotilla 02-06 Sylvan Beach:** Flotilla Commander Mark Kimber is gravely ill and John Conroy is filling in for him. Keep Mark in your thoughts and prayers.
- **National Safe Boating Week 21-27 May 2022.** Division would like Flotillas to develop an event for that week.
- **SWOT Analysis.** STRENGTH-WEAKNESS-OPPORTUNITIES-THREAT Analysis. Division wants to conduct one at next Division Meetings. Would like Flotillas to get one done prior to the next Division Meeting.
- **QE's:** Paul Phelps discussed QE's:
- ✓ Large number of recheck QE's must be done in 2022. Just about every crew member.

- ✓ All QE requests will be coordinated by COMO Scofield, the District QE. Flotilla requests are to be submitted through Rick Kunz as the SO-OP.
- ✓ Paul indicated 02-14 intends to operate on Cayuga Lake this summer. More on that to follow.
- **OIC Station Oswego**, BMCS Brad Wilcox and AUXLO Station Oswego, BM1 Andrew Yeckley attended the meeting.
- ✓ They are anxious to get around and meet everyone. When Flotillas have next in person meeting, they would like to attend.
- ✓ BM1 Yeckley will be handling PPE at Station. I provided them with the names of our Rescue and Survival Systems Officers (RS&S), Walt Robinson and Tom Every. BM1 Yeckley plans to visit all locations in the near future to meet us about PPE.
- **District Member Store** (i.e., Auxiliary Exchange Store) needs someone to take it over and run it. Anyone interested should contact Chief of Staff Rich Evans.
- **Memorial Ceremony**: Division would like to have a Memorial Ceremony for Members who have passed away. Likely take place in the Fall. We are asked to contact them with Members we would wish to have Memorialized.
- **Fall D-Train**, Dunkirk, September Weekend of the 16th and 17th
- **AUX Data II**, Learn it!

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- **Kim Walsh awarded Certificate as Past Division Commander and for RBC Hours achieved. Kevin Walsh awarded Certificate as Past Flotilla Commander.**
- **COVID**: No changes in the current COVID guidance from the USCG and Auxiliary as yet. Vaccine mandate remains in place.
- Presented RBS Message to over 100 Cub Scouts at Camp Barton. Very interested and active group, excellent exchange. Covered basic water safety, survival equipment, and cold-water survival by Tom Every. Thanks to Tom Every and Laura Gardiner who participated in this event with me.

Operations Update:

- **Virtual Boat Crew Training**. Has been completed by our five (5) trainees.
- **Sign Offs**. Flotilla 22 needs to jump start our signoff process and we will be looking for assistance from the Flotilla Membership to make this happen.
- **Operations on Cayuga Lake by Flotilla 02-14.**
- ✓ Paul Phelps advises that 02-14 (Lewis Facility) will be operating on Cayuga Lake beginning over Memorial Day.
- ✓ For our Situational Awareness I have asked them to provide us with a couple of days' notice (D-2) with Facility, Crew, and Mission Information. The intent is not to interfere with their operation but to have the information necessary to assist or support them should an incident occur or they otherwise require our assistance. We will provide them with an emergency contact short list of personnel who can respond if needed. Hopefully we will be kept in the loop.

Upcoming RBS Events:

- **18 June 2022: Treman Marina Safety Day**. Great opportunity for RBS: RBS Information, Vessel Safety Checks, demonstrations, etc. Have a few volunteers so far, need a good turnout.
- **Lansing Harbor Marina** has requested us to conduct Vessel Safety Checks on their three brand new pontoon boats. John Frieman is coordinating this with Lansing Harbor.

FLOTILLA 092-02-02 Flotilla Staff Officers		
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
Frieman, John A	FSO-MS	Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Officer
Walsh, Kim M	FSO-MT	Member Training Officer
Gardiner, Ben	FSO-OP	Operations Officer (Acting)
Watson, Jennifer M	FSO-PA	Public Affairs Officer
Robinson, Diana C	FSO-PB	Publications Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Walsh, Kim M	FSO-PE	Public Education Officer
Vacant	FSO-PV	Marine Dealer Visitor Program Officer
Walsh, Kevin M	FSO-SR	Secretary – Records Officer
Kurtz, Joseph E	FSO-VE	Vessel Examiner Officer
Vacant		Sea Scout Liaison Officer

- Old Business / Follow-ups:
- New Business/News:
 - ✓ Docks-In Date is 04 June 2022. More information at Corporation Meeting.
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 08 June 2022, virtually at 1900 hours.
- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting
1950 Motion to adjourn Diana Robinson, Second David Cornelius

Flotilla Calendar (past events omitted)

Date	Event	POC / OIC	Notes
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	Docks In	Corporation	Tentative
8 June 2022 1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner	Virtual

18 June 2022	Treman Marina Day	Jen Watson?	TBA
9-10 July 2022 Sat-Sun, 0900-1300	2022 Boat America Safety Class	Kim Walsh	Virtual
26 July 2022 Tues 1300-1400.	Club of Ithaca – 45 minutes VIRTUAL PRESENTATION	Ben Gardiner	NEW EVENT
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
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ODU Notes

Ben Gardiner, FC, FSO-Ops



The ODU is the basic working uniform. ODU's are worn during operational missions, such as on-the-water activities or vessel safety checks. For a complete description of the ODU, see Chapter 10, Section H.4 of the AUXMAN.

ODU Wear Notes (Based on common mistakes):

- The Ballcap **MUST** be worn. No exceptions.
- The t-shirt **MUST** be coast guard blue.
- All tapes (i.e. nametape) **MUST** extend completely across the width of the pockets.
- **Boots MUST be bloused.**
- Sleeves may be rolled up, but it **MUST** be done only during proper times of the year, and **MUST** be done using the "official" sleeve-rolling method.

Boat shoes may be worn, but only when underway on an Auxiliary Facility.

Member Training Minute – Maintaining Qualifications

Kim Walsh, FSO-MT/FSO-PE

Training is extremely important in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As discussed in the annual Team Coordinated Training workshop, activities within the Coast Guard, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, are often dynamic and complex, and occasionally dangerous. Thus it's important to complete at least the required minimum training to maintain your knowledge of continuing and new requirements and safety factors.



For Vessel Examiners / Instructors, this usually means an annual Workshop and completing at least the minimum number of Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs), Marine Dealer Visits (MDV) or Instructional hours. Similarly, Culinary Assistants must complete an annual Sanitation Workshop and minimum hours.

Boat operations are more complex, requiring: an annual Operations Workshop, minimum underway hours, annual Team Coordinated Training and passing a Qualification Exam every 3 years. These requirements all have specific purposes, which drive the timing. Some activities, such as Instruction, are spread throughout the year. Many others, especially in northern areas like New York, are primarily summer activities. Thus, it makes sense for most of workshops to be updated during the winter and required to be taken in the spring. Minimum hours, VSCs, MDVs, etc are tracked on an annual basis, thus must be completed by December 31 to avoid temporarily losing your qualifications.

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

Member Spotlight

As noted in the May minutes, Kim Walsh awarded Certificate as Past Division Commander and for RBC Hours achieved. Kevin Walsh awarded Certificate as Past Flotilla Commander. FC Ben Gardiner also received his AUXOP certificate. As FC Gardiner explained in his "From the Helm" on page 3, all but our four newest members received the DHS Outstanding Unit Award. Congratulations, all!

Canal System Update

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

All sections of the NYS Canal System are expected to open May 20 and close to navigation October 12. The Canal Corporation urges all users to register to receive updates through the "Notice to Mariners" notification program at www.canals.ny.gov.

Penn Yan Boats

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS, FSO-PB

There's nothing like a boat show to make you realize what you DON'T know. In my case, that's a lot – including answers to simple questions about our “Base” boat, like its length or what year it is!

The “Penn Yan 1” (a 1965 I/O) was donated to the flotilla around 2002 and sold in 2018. Our current Base boat (often called the “Penn Yan 2”) is a 1996 I/O “Adventurer” model closed runabout. Its length is 20.5', beam 8'. We placed it into service as a facility in 2017.

2021 marked the 100-year anniversary of the original Penn Yan Boat Company. Founded in 1921, it failed in the 1930's, was sold off and succeeded by Penn Yan Boats, Inc. That company was sold to new owners in 1979. The last sale of the company occurred in 1987 and became Penn Yan Marine Manufacturing. It continued under that name until the company was closed for good in 2001. The old boatworks have fallen into ruin, and after remediation will probably be developed into residential properties. Lucky for us, parts are still available from pennyanboats.com.

Penn Yan was always an innovative and well-respected line. Products ranged from canoes, sailboats up to 24', “car-toppers,” runabouts, and cabin cruisers over 30'. One of their leading patents was the tunnel drive, which allowed for shallow draft operations and reputedly improved speed and stability. If you're interested in the early history of this local manufacturer, see <https://www.chronicle-express.com/story/news/2021/10/22/centennial-penn-yan-boat-company/6110390001/>



PY2 on patrol, Cayuga Lake



Rob Schleelein helps launch the PY1, 2015





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *May 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Photos © by Jim Graney

Activities:

During May, Ship 25 has been enjoying some leisure time. Some members of the Ship, both youths and adults, took the time to visit SUNY Maritime College in New York Harbor. Attendees learned about different aspects of attending a Maritime College and different Sea Scout traditions and history. At the same time, Camp Barton celebrated its 100th anniversary with activities and games held at Camp Barton. The following weekend was Order of the Arrow induction weekend, where we had our member Zoey Keagle inducted into Brotherhood. On upcoming Saturdays and/or Sundays, Matthew DeTuri is continuing his Eagle project at TC3 from 9-11am. If you plan on helping call Molly at 607-423-9010 if you have any questions and to confirm the date, time and location. Lastly, Ship 25 will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Dryden. Come march with us! We'll meet at the W. Main and Highland Ave. parking lot at 10am, and the parade will begin at 10:30am. Please check the calendar on <https://ithacaseascouts.org> for more details on the event.



Meetings:

Meetings are continuing as usual but not as many had been scheduled for this month due to activities planned on weekends. Scotland trip planning meetings were scheduled throughout the month to get the itinerary finished and activities paid for. In the last Friday meeting Ship 25 reviewed and went over the process of a landship for the upcoming Bridge of Honor.



Upcoming:

In the coming month of June many things are scheduled for the Ship. Starting with Scout Night at Rumble Ponies Baseball on the 3rd at 6-9pm. A canoe/kayak trip on the 11th through 12, and other events including a Bridge of Honor and Marina day at Treman Park.

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. 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. 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. Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's meeting and activity calendar are available at www.ithacaseascouts.org.