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National Safe Boating Week

May 20-26, 2023

EDUCATION + TRAINING = SKILL

SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



Photo courtesy of Tommy Lacey and Mark Lewis

Ithaca Flotilla

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John Frieman VFC
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From the Helm
By FC Ben Gardiner

By the time this issue of Flotilla 22 News and Views hits the presses Memorial Day weekend will be upon us and beautiful Cayuga Lake will be a busy place indeed . Time to get back on the water.

The Corporation has scheduled docks-in day for Saturday, 10 June 2023. Cornell Crew will be holding an alumni event in the morning so we will have to wait until noon or so to get on the water. Deploying the docks is always a big job so we need the maximum number of personnel to help with this project. Seems like a little cookout to close out the day might be a good idea too!

At this writing, National Safe Boating Week is underway and this week as with every week it is important for us to carry the message to the boating public of SAFE RECREATIONAL BOATING.

We have Boat America Classes scheduled at our Base for 03-04 June 2023 which gives us another opportunity to reach the Boating Public and on 17 June 2023 we will be participating in the Treman Marina Safety Day. At Treman we will work with the Power Squadron, NYS Park Police, Ithaca Fire Department, and other groups to provide information to the public, conduct vessel safety checks, and demonstrations.

Thanks to Tom Every for organizing our participation at the recent Ithaca Canoe Festival and thanks to John Frieman, Diana Robinson, and Alejandro Santana for actively participating in this event with Me. We had a lot of traffic past our location and had an opportunity to interact with a large number of boating enthusiasts (and future boating enthusiasts). It was a beautiful day and time very well spent.

Regarding Member Training I again thank Tom Every, John Frieman, and Walt Robinson with support from Kim Walsh for developing and executing Boat Crew Training for our Boat Crew Trainees. Without the actions of this group of Members, we likely would not have delivered this important training to our Trainees. The dedication and talent of our Membership continues to be a matter of great pride and satisfaction for this Flotilla and I am honored to call you all “Shipmates.”



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 10 May 2023, IN PERSON at Base HQ.

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

MEETING AGENDA:

- Meeting Called to Order at 1909 Hours (Ben Gardiner)
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: No Guests.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) April 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve by David Cornelius, Second by Bruce Ressler. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report Attached. Motion to approve by Thomas Every, second by Bruce Ressler.

Members Present: David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bruce Ressler, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, John Sims.

Division 2 Update

- Division 2 held a combined Division Business and Operations Meeting in Brewerton on 04 May 2023. Attendees included the following members of Flotilla 22: Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, and John Sims.
- DCDR Rick Kunz advised that the Division needs a Secretary of Records (SO-SR) and a Member Training Officer (SO-MT). These are critical positions and any interested Flotilla Members are encouraged to step up and fill these slots.
- The Sector Buffalo Commander, Captain Kuperman continues to put a high priority on the Auxiliary maximizing the number of Vessel Safety Checks that are performed. As a result, VSC stickers are becoming in short supply. Division 2 indicated they are getting difficult to replace when exhausted. COS Steven Botsford is looking into the matter.
- DCDR Kunz advised that the Division will again be holding in person monthly business meetings with the option for Zoom meetings during months of inclement weather.
- Rick reminds Flotillas that PA Missions are critical during Safe Boating Week which is 20-26 May 2023.
- Senior Chief Wilcox indicated that he has made minor modifications to the Station Oswego Policies and Procedures. All Operations personnel should review it and Coxswains must review it and notify Chief Wilcox that they have reviewed it.
- See the minutes of the 04 May 2023 Meeting which will be published shortly for more information from Senior Chief Wilcox.

- BM1 Yeckley gave a briefing on his Boat Crew University Program which will likely be four (4) 2-hour evening classes. The first class is scheduled for Thursday, 18 May 2023 from 1800-2000 hours at the Brewerton Fire Department. This is an outstanding training opportunity and all Operational Personnel and Trainees are encouraged to attend. Please advise us if you are interested.
- 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:**
 - We need to come up with an appropriate activity for the annual Safe Boating Week which runs from 20-26 May 2023.
 - Thanks to Tom Every, John Frieman, Alejandro Santana, and Diana Robinson who joined me for the Ithaca Canoe Festival on 07 May 2023. This was a tremendous event with many exhibits and a large turnout by the public. This offered us a great opportunity to interact with the Public and spread the message of boating safety. See our next newsletter which will have additional coverage of this event.
 - Flotilla 22 has been invited to the Treman Marina Safety Day on Saturday, 17 June 2023. This is always a productive event. Would a member be interested in being of the event OIC for Flotilla 22?
 - The Flotilla is still looking for a Public Affairs Officer and Diversity Officer. Please advise if you are interested.
 - I would like to thank Kim and Kevin Walsh for hosting a reception at the Central NY Living History Center in Cortland on 23 April 2023. We appreciate them taking the time out of their rather busy schedule to host this event. It was great to see you!
- **Operations Update:**
 - Tom Every is organizing the next phase of Boat Crew Training. A session to finish the Navigation Exercise is scheduled on 13 May 2023 at the Flotilla Base Headquarters. Tom will be scheduling further training and additional instructors are needed for these classes.
 - Jen Watson will be working with individual trainees to help complete signoffs. If you are interested, please contact Jen and see what her schedule is on this.
 - There are recent developments with regard to the Base Boat and we will discuss them in the Corporation Meeting to follow this meeting. We continue to be assisted in this effort by Chief Black and Rick Kunz.

FLOTILLA 0920202 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS 2023		
Gardiner, Bennett C	FC	Flotilla Commander
Frieman, John A	VFC	Vice Flotilla Commander
Walsh, Kevin M.	IPFC	Immediate Past Flotilla Commander
Every, Thomas J	FSO-CM	Communications Officer
Every, Thomas J	FSO-AUXPAD	Paddle Craft Officer
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-CS	Communications Services Officer
VACANT	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
Cornell, James M.	FSO-OP	Operations Officer
VACANT	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
Gardiner, Laura L.	FSO-SR	Secretary – Records Officer
Frieman, John A.	FSO-VE	Vessel Examiner Officer

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates,

- **FSO-CM** Thomas Every: Scheduling virtual workshop for Telecommunication Operators and those interested in becoming TCO's next week. Tom will be in touch.
- Old Business / Follow-up.
- New Business/News:
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 1900, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.
- Adjournment of Flotilla Meeting. Motion to Adjourn by David Cornelius, Second by Bruce Ressler. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

Minutes prepared by FSO-SR Laura Gardiner with assistance of FC Ben Gardiner



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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: 30 APR 2023

The Monthly Income Statement and the income Statement for April is attached. Checking balance as of 30 April was \$955.50 and as of this report the same.

Payments for our Boat America course were received by checks totaling \$165.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

FLOTILLA 0920202

INCOME STATEMENT

AARON ABB FSO- FN

Sunday, April 30, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNT	DEPOSITS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
BALANCE ON HAND Saturday, April 1, 2023			\$ 790.50
DEPOSITS			
New Member Dues			
Reimbursement for ABS books sold to other Flotillas			
Annual Dues			
Sailing Class			
Donations for ABS card replacement			
ABS Class Fees	\$ 165.00		
SAMA & Fuel Reimbursement			
Total Deposits	\$ 165.00		
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 Sunday, April 30, 2023			\$ 855.50

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 Ressner makes the news again, this time achieving his PQS for the CG Aux International Language Corps. He is now an Interpreter and hoping to qualify as a German Language Examiner. “Rezz” is one of the only two currently qualified Interpreters in District. He writes that if anyone who has a second/third language ability and is interested in using it to support active USCG operations (ship inspections, immigration, etc.) he can help you get started on the application and qualification process with information about the process and the AUX point of contact. Ausgezeichnet, Rezz!

James Campbell has advanced to BM1. His next tour will be as a coxswain at a USCG station in California. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy and safe career, James!

Ithaca Canoe Festival

The inaugural “Ithaca Canoe Festival” made quite a splash! A large, enthusiastic crowd turned out May 7th to enjoy perfect weather, informative exhibits, dragonboat rides, good food and entertainment. Many stopped by the Auxiliary booth to ask questions, chat about paddlecraft safety, VEs, and general boating safety. FSO-PAD Tom Every did a great job planning our participation and preparing our booth, which was manned by himself, FC Ben, VFC John Frieman, Alejandro Santana and Diana Robinson. This was a great opportunity to meet local residents of all ages, backgrounds, interests and abilities. Well done!



L to R: FC Ben Gardiner, Alejandro Santana, FSO-PAD and event organizer Tom Every, and FSO-PB D Robinson representing USCG Aux at our information booth.



VFC John Frieman discussing boating safety class with an attendee. *[Photo by B Gardiner]*



Tom Every shares a happy reunion with a couple he and his crew pulled from the water some years ago after their boat capsized on Cayuga Lake. *[Photo by B Gardiner]*



Organizers at Cornell's Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management described the event as "a celebration of indigenous culture and an effort to introduce paddling sports to marginalized communities that have primarily been excluded from the outdoor recreation economy. Dyson School students, working in collaboration with the Haudenosaunee Canoe Journey, the Ithaca Dragon Boat Club, the Finger Lakes Boating Museum, and The History Center in Tompkins County are excited to celebrate the many traditional ways that human beings have enjoyed water recreation for time immemorial." *[Photos of Haudenosaunee singer and lion dancers with drummer by D Robinson]*



Fairgoers were invited to try their hands at dragonboat paddling. *[Photo by D Robinson]*

A Salute to Search & Rescue Beacons

Most of us carry beacons while out on patrol but will never activate them in an emergency situation. We generally think of them when we have to update our NOAA registrations or perform battery checks.

You may be surprised how many lives beacons saved:

- In just **January and February of 2023** they accounted for **21** people rescued at sea in 8 incidents and 1 person rescued in a terrestrial incident.
- Worldwide – **Over 50,000+** people rescued (since 1982)
- United States – **10,132** people rescued (since 1982)



NOAA's Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking (SARSAT) system is recognized by emergency responders and related governmental organizations every year on **April 6 because it tracks 406 MHz** distress signals from transmitters and beacons around the globe.

The first form of these beacons was the 121.5 MHz ELT, which was first used in the 1950s as an automatic locator beacon for crashed military aircraft. By the early 1970s they were used in commercial and general-aviation aircraft but the first satellite to support a detection network weren't launched until 1982. Even then, the satellites only provided detection, with location accuracy being roughly 20 km (12 mi). The technology was later expanded to cover use on vessels at sea (EPIRB),

individual persons (PLB), and starting in 2016, maritime survivor locating devices (MSLD). All have migrated from using 121.500 MHz as their primary frequency to using 406 MHz, which was designed for satellite detection and location.

Since the inception of Cospas-Sarsat in 1982, distress radio beacons have assisted in the rescue of over 50,000 people in more than 7,000 distress situations. In 2010 alone, the system provided information used to rescue 2,388 persons in 641 distress situations.

[Graphic and information from NOAA]

America's Boating Channel

Got a smart TV? As of April 2023 you can now access boating programming 24/7 free of charge. Topics range from general safety, paddlecraft use, racing, the boating lifestyle, defensive boating, navigation, cruising, movies, technology and more.

America's Boating Channel's new smart TV offerings officially launched at the 2023 International Boating & Water Safety

Summit (IBWSS). Sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard, America's Boating Channel is the boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons.

Subscribe now for free to the on-demand app on Roku or FireTV and tune-in to the continuously playing live channel on Sports.TV. To get the app on Roku, select Store using your Roku remote, select Channels and search for Americas Boating Channel, select Add Channel. On FireTV, go to Apps on your Fire TV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get to download the app. For the channel, add the Sports.TV app on Roku or FireTV, select Live Channels and scroll down to America's Boating Channel, click the program grid to watch now.

Not sure or don't have a smart TV? About 85 older video segments can be viewed on your desktop at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericasBoatingChannel/videos?app=desktop>

Go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg for a full description of the new channel. (Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/americasboatingchannel/>)





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *May 2023*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Activities:

Happy May everyone! It has been a good month for Ship 25 with lots of fun activities happening. The month started off with a trip to Camp Opemikon in Ontario, Canada for the RSVP Camporee. The weekend was filled with canoeing, high ropes courses, archery, ax throwing, and a big party. Then followed Order of the Arrow ordeal weekend; we sent Emily Mocyk, Madison Deljoo and Zoe Syzmanski for their ordeals which they all completed, earning their arrows. The Ship helped place flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day and cleaned up brush as well. Deegan completed his Quartermaster project building a new shooting bench and target among other things.



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Meetings:

Meetings are held in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom. During June we are hoping to hold some of the meetings outside. For an updated calendar, you can contact Jim Graney.



Upcoming:

In a few days the Taughannock District holds an event to recognize the hard work of adults and youth in scouting, many of whom step up beyond their local unit to help with things at the District and Council. Then soon after Ship 25 will be participating in a Memorial Day parade.

Shortly after June starts another busy schedule will begin... not just in scouts but for everyone going through Regents testing season (yay :) There will be a Bridge of Honor and opportunities to sail on the *Sensei* after June begins.



Fundraising:

Our Bottle and Can fundraiser is on hold as the K&H Redemption Center at 900 West State Street in Ithaca is moving, but you can still contact your local Sea Scout or Jim Graney to arrange a donation location.

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