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Happy holidays
and best wishes
for the new year!



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From the Helm

By FC Ben Gardiner

Shipmates, here we are in late December and 2022 is nearly history! Where did the time go? I guess time flies when you are having fun or at least are busy trying to.

2022 was truly a busy year. It started with the Coast Guard (including the Auxiliary) still operating under some strict COVID restrictions. Slowly these restrictions began to lift but still we had to learn to operate safely within this restrictive environment and re-engage with the Public with our message of recreational boating safety. There wasn't time to waste as our interaction with the Boating Public was seriously needed after nearly two years in drydock.

We hit the ground running and completed public events including the Finger Lakes Boat Show, Camp Barton with the Cub Scouts, Treman Marina Safety Day, and the Tompkins County Emergency Response Fair.

Our Public Education Team completed five (5) Virtual Boat America Course Sessions between April and August. Plans are progressing for us to return to in-person training in 2023. We completed Vessel Safety Checks and represented the US Coast Guard at the funeral of a retired USCG Admiral and at Woodlawn National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America.

2022 marked the Flotilla's return to the water for underway operations and training. It seemed the odds were against us and we were somewhat frustrated by the outcome when we came off the water in the fall. Nevertheless, our Operations Personnel made an extraordinary effort to fulfill our goals but we just came up a bit short. We do know what we need to do in 2023 to return our OPS program to a fully operational state and we have the team that can make it happen.

In 2022 we served under new Divisional Leadership who have enabled us to develop a closer working relationship with our Active-Duty counterparts at Station Oswego. This presents a number of very good opportunities for us to train with our Station Oswego counterparts.

All things considered; we had a successful year in fulfilling the missions of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. I am eternally grateful for the efforts, dedication, and support that I have received from these fine Members of Flotilla 22 as my first term as Flotilla Commander comes to an end. It seems THANK YOU isn't enough but I am truly blessed to serve with this fine group of Auxiliarists. The cohesiveness of our Flotilla was most evident at our recent Christmas / Holiday Party event held at LakeWatch Inn.

We are further blessed with two (2) fine new Members who joined us in 2022. While we welcome our new Members, we also keep several of our Veteran Members in our thoughts and prayers who have had to deal with serious medical issues in 2022. May they all have a speedy and complete recovery.

I thank our Members for voting a second term for me in 2023 and I can hardly wait to get going in 2023! I thank those listed below who will serve as Elected and Appointed Leaders in 2023.

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
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 & Envir. Protection Officer
Walsh, Kim M.	FSO-MT	Member Training Officer
Cornell, James M.	FSO-OP	Operations Officer
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
Gardiner, Laura L.	FSO-SR	Secretary – Records Officer
Frieman, John A.	FSO-VE	Vessel Examiner Officer

We encourage Members not currently serving as Flotilla Staff Officers to consider working with one of the current FSO's as an unofficial Assistant FSO to learn the details of that mission. This will provide you an excellent career development opportunity.

Semper Paratus.

Ben Gardiner
Flotilla Commander

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	POC/OIC Notes
11 Jan 2023 (Wednesday)/1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardner Virtual
8 Feb 2023 (Wednesday)/1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner Virtual
8 Mar 2023 (Wednesday)/1900	Monthly Flotilla meeting	Ben Gardiner Virtual?
18 Mar 2023 (Saturday)	Ithaca Fishing & Conservation Day	TBD

Key

Flotilla Meetings	Div 2 Events	Member Training	Public Education	Special Events
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ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 16 November 2022
@Flotilla Base, 508 Old Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850
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 by Ben Gardiner at 1905 Hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: Richard Kunz, Vice Division Commander, Division 092.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently recovery from surgery, procedures, and illnesses includes David Cornelius, Kevin Walsh, Dale Campbell, and John Frieman. All are recovering and seeing positive progress. Flotilla Members keep our Shipmates in our thoughts and prayers.

Members Present for Meeting: Aaron Abb, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bruce Ressler, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, and John Sims.

FLOTILLA ELECTIONS. Diana Robinson served as Election Administrator with oversight provided by Division Vice Commander Richard Kunz.

- Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner ran unopposed and was elected Flotilla Commander for 2023.
- Vice Flotilla Commander: No declared candidates were present so no vote occurred. John Frieman indicated he would accept a nomination from the floor; however, he was unable to attend the meeting due to medical issues. Rick Kunz indicated he would work with the Flotilla to ensure the Vice Commander slot was filled prior to 01 January 2023.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) September 2022 October minutes sent via Newsletter. Motion to accept by Diana Robinson, second by Bruce Ressler. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Reports Attached to meeting agenda. Motion to accept report by Bruce Ressler. seconded by Diana Robinson. Motion carried.

Division 2 Update

- Rick Kunz updated Flotilla on current Division 2 issues and initiatives. Division wide Operations Meeting will be scheduled in early 2023.
- Items that follow combine Rick Kunz's presentation and those from Flotilla 22 Commander's notes from last Division Meeting.
- Division 2 Elections were held on 03 November 2022.
- Unofficial Results: Division Commander Rick Kunz and Vice Division Commander Robert Shanahan. Congratulations to those elected.
- Thanksgiving Desserts and Treats for Station Oswego. Members of Flotillas are encouraged to provide some desserts or other treats to Station Oswego for Thanksgiving. Rick Kunz will be there cooking on Thanksgiving and he can arrange pick up of donated items. Ben and Laura Gardiner are planning to donate some items as well and may be making a trip up immediately before Thanksgiving.

Division 2 Update (Cont.)

- Flotilla 2-6 New Member Orientation – John Conroy developed and presented this on 09 November 2022. This was presented as a Zoom program and a number of Flotilla 22 personnel were in attendance. We will be receiving slides and will be able to present this excellent program on another date.
- Station Oswego Assistance on Facility (vessel) repairs. Rick advised that Station Oswego Machinery Technicians (MK's) will be assisting Flotilla 2-14 with repairs to one of their Facilities. Rick said for us to provide him with a list of issues and he will pass it on to Station Oswego to see if they can lend their expertise to us to accomplish needed repairs for next season.
- Uniforms. The Coast Guard Tropical Blue Uniform utilizes USAF short sleeve blue shirts, dark blue pants, and low quarter high gloss shoes. Rick Kunz has a source for these items. If you have any need or interest, please get us a list of sizes by item and we will forward that to Rick.
- Division 2 Change of Watch. Division Leadership would like to hold a Change of Watch Dinner in January 2023 and are currently researching venues. This would also include an option for lodging at the venue as well. These events are very enjoyable and Members are asked to advise us of their interest in this event.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Presentation of Awards: Service Awards and DHS Outstanding Unit Awards.
- New Flotilla Leadership assumes command in January 2023.
- Flotilla Staff Officers will be needed immediately at the beginning of the New Year. This is an excellent opportunity for veteran members to help lead the Flotilla into 2023. New Members should also consider volunteering as an Assist Staff Officer. No better way to learn details of various Flotilla functions missions.

Operations Update

- FSO-OP Jamie Cornell is developing a plan for winter OPS training. We have much work to do between now and spring as we continue to work on bringing back our Operations Program.
- Division Anticipates holding an Operations Meetings for all Flotillas early in 2023.

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates: [FSO-FN report appended]

Upcoming Events. In lieu of a Meeting in December: Flotilla 22's Christmas / Holiday Party will be held as follows: Saturday, 17 December 2022 from 1400-1600 Hours (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM) at The LakeWatch Inn, 1636 E Shore Dr, Ithaca, NY 14850.

From Jen Watson: "We have again made arrangements to provide a donation of gifts to Cops, Kids, and Toys. If you would like to contribute items, bring along your unwrapped contribution to our Christmas party. If you cannot make the party but would like to make a contribution, feel free to reach out to me to arrange a pick up. Please see the attached flyer *[omitted here – Ed.]* for details."

- Old Business / Follow-up. None.
- New Business/News:
 - Discussion concerning Winter Meetings particularly during inclement weather.
 - Membership agreed that Flotilla should hold VIRTUAL meetings in January, February, and March. In person meetings would start again in April. Possibly March depending on weather.

Friends,

Our holiday celebration and the coming winter solitude gives us time to reflect on the 2023 boating season and our best wishes for one another.

In our RBS efforts our members bring a plethora of their unique talents and interest to the Flotilla. Those talents and difference are what we value most about being a team. Some have excellent organizational skills, others a passion for being on the water or sharing their experience and knowledge through teaching. Without each member we are minus these sparks of vivacity that make us whole and successful. We are so much better together!

It is sad to see friends leave or pass on. And we've had much of that over the last two years. So let's renew our commitment to ourselves and our mission with a sense of the significance and value of each member.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy holiday and a healthy, prosperous New Year!



2-2 Holiday Party

On Saturday, Dec. 17th the Flotilla gathered at The Lakewatch Inn for our holiday celebration. FC Ben Gardiner presented awards and recognized Jennifer Watson's contributions in yet another winning NACO Diversity award submission. For the second year, Jen also arranged for us to contribute new toys for the Cops, Kids and Toys Drive of Tompkins County. A great time and a good cause! Many thanks to Dave Cornelius and the staff of The Lakewatch Inn for a memorable evening!

Page 8 & lower right – Flotilla members & guests at Lakewatch.
Top left – Officer Leach picking up toy drive donations.
Top right – VFC John Frieman was one of those receiving awards (see “Member Spotlight” for complete list.)
Lower left – Event organizers David and Donna Cornelius.
Photos courtesy Jennifer Watson



Remembering the Loss of Six Oswego Coastguardsmen, Dec. 4, 1942

Ceremonies were held in Oswego recently to honor six Coastguardsmen who perished 80 years ago. Participants included USCG and USCG Auxiliary, county officials and historians from the H Lee White Maritime Museum. According to the USCG Atlantic Area command:

“On December 4, 1942, after a brutal winter storm had pounded the area, the relief crew for the lighthouse were underway to the lighthouse. After swapping out the crews, the 30 foot picket boat struck the corner of the lighthouse break wall and stopped the engine. With winds gusting to 35+ knots, the harbor became a violent, confused area. The disabled boat drifted across the entrance and struck the corner of the east break wall causing all hands to be thrown into the frigid water. Two of the crewmen managed to swim to the detached break wall and clung to it. The station sent out another boat which failed in its attempt to evacuate the stranded men and left two more men on the wall. After successful evacuation of the four men, three were hospitalized at Fort Ontario and later released. A total of six men died. Of the six men, four bodies were recovered. Two were never recovered from the depths of Lake Ontario...”

For details and pictures, see:

https://www.oswegocounty.com/news_detail_T17_R2057.php **“Oswego County Recognizes Anniversary of U.S. Coast Guard Rescue in Oswego Harbor.”**

https://www.oswegocountynewsnow.com/news/maritime-museum-honors-6-fallen-coast-guardsmen-80-years-later/article_3c70d324-7515-11ed-adad-f71809b2bdbd.html
“Maritime Museum honors 6 fallen Coast Guardsmen 80 years later.”

https://www.oswegocountynewsnow.com/news/museum-to-remember-6-fallen-coast-guardsmen-at-80th-anniversary-ceremony/article_43170454-7115-11ed-a40b-8b96e4a1e598.html **“Museum to remember 6 fallen Coast Guardsmen at 80th anniversary ceremony.”**

Diversity Leadership Focal Point

Allen J Knish, USCG AUXILIARY, 9ER

We are now on-boarding new leadership across all units in our district. I would like to impart a bit of wisdom for each of the leadership, new and tenured, to take to heart.

Each one of us is emboldened to drive the support necessary to keep retention and successes of our units and our missions. Loss of retention does not necessarily mean one leaves the organization. It may however, result in the diminished desire to be engaged in other areas for mission support.

However, the most assured way to stifle retention is for any leader to condone bad behavior. Nothing will offend a member or group of members faster than watching you tolerating a bad one and then rewarding that behavior.

Trust is the foundation of leadership. If one does choose to condone bad behavior that trust and credibility of the leader will be lost forever.

There are some, who volunteer, and are self-motivated. However, volunteers for the most part need to be motivated. An individual's enthusiasm drives their motivation.

It is an imperative when building teams, successful teams, that the members be intensely enthusiastic and develop a passion for the success of all members. Enthusiasm and passion and trust, key ingredients.

Taking away ones enthusiasm and/or passion will surely result in a significant loss of motivation. Condoning bad behavior will result in loss of any trust and credibility. Lose lose, not win win!

If you want to know what kind of leader you are, look in the mirror and decide.

I enthusiastically wish you all great success.

Respectfully,
Allen J Knish
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Science News: NASA's SWOT Launched Dec 15 Diana Robinson, FSO-PB, FSO-IS

"NASA and CNES, along with Canadian and UK space agency partners, are developing a mission to make the first global survey of Earth's surface water. The SWOT (Surface Water and Ocean Topography) mission, with its wide swath altimetry technology, will be able to cover most of the world's ocean and freshwater bodies with repeated high-resolution elevation measurements, providing observations of fine details of the ocean's surface topography, and measuring how water bodies change over time..."

"NASA has selected Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) of Hawthorne, California, to provide launch services for SWOT. Launch is targeted for December 15, 2022 on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 4E at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. NASA's Launch Services Program at Kennedy Space Center in Florida will manage the SpaceX launch service."

SWOT has applications in hydrology (floods, drought, transboundary rivers, reservoirs, river commerce and insurance) and ocean applications (marine operations, coastal zone management, climate and fisheries). A few examples of users related to marine operations are marine transporters, commercial fishing vessels, oil companies with offshore production facilities, and recreational boaters. These and others will be able to use data from SWOT. The high-resolution information about ocean circulation and the finer scale resolution (estimated to be between 10 and 200 km over the ocean) can be highly beneficial to optimizing their operations in both coastal and open ocean environments.

For more information see <https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/>



SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *November –December 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Activities:

What a busy time! Ship 25 participated in multiple events throughout November. Wilderness First Aid & CPR training courses were attended near the beginning of the month. It was a very valuable experience. As one of the attendees, I found it very interesting and worthwhile. Ship 25's annual Halloween party was the following Friday; we also welcomed a new member to our Ship. Directly after the meeting, those who participated, left for Highland forest to participate in the Scout-O. The Scout-O was an orienteering event where participants were allocated an amount of time to find as many targets as possible. Ship 25 won first place and brought home a plaque and patches to show that we (are awesome) did really well ;) The next weekend was the long awaited Cape Cod trip. Those who attended got to visit the Nantucket Whaling Museum, Whydah Pirate Museum, and the hotel's pool plus lots more! The Cape Cod trip was an educational and leisurely time where we learned about the area's history and had a lot of fun.



Then in December, we had a big meeting to go over the final details before our trip to the BSA's Florida Sea Base in Islamorada. We leave just after Christmas and have two groups going. One will be doing some sailing and snorkeling off a 41' sailboat for a week. The other will also be out for a week on 2 dive boats going Scuba diving and snorkeling. It should be an amazing time!

Meetings:

Meetings are held both in-person at the Ithaca Coast Guard Auxiliary Base at 6:30pm on Friday evenings and via zoom. We will be focusing on boating related skills and providing further information for the upcoming trip to Florida Sea Base.

Fundraising:

If you order from Amazon and use our Amazon Smile link at www.ithacaseascouts.org, we will get a portion of your sale as a donation. You can also bring your cans and bottles to the K&H Redemption Center at 900 West State Street in Ithaca and say they are for Sea Scout Ship 25.

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@twcnv.rr.com. Additional information and a copy of Ship 25's full calendar are available at www.ithacaseascouts.org

Ally's Thoughts:

Recently, it was Thanksgiving, so, what are you thankful for?

I am thankful that I get to share our adventures with you and that I get to be with both my families – immediate and Ship – both mean the world to me.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and I hope you enjoy spending time with those important to you.



NEW unidentified species found in Cape Cod! A mysterious creature appeared at the surface on November 12th!

(Ben decided to do a polar plunge in the ocean; it was VERY cold.)

It was a little windy on the ferry hehehe

If possible, I recommend zooming in

