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ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, 12 October 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:

- Called to Order at 1905 hours (Ben Gardiner)
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: None.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Retirements this year: Leon Phelps (01 July 1992) and Allan (Andy) Anderson (02 May 2007). Jacob Foil-Charles has been disenrolled at his request.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) September 2022 Minutes sent via Newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb). Report was approved by Membership and is attached.
- All 2023 Dues have been received. Special thanks to Aaron Abb and Kim Walsh for completing this task in a timely manner. Kim volunteered to assist Aaron with collection follow-ups.

Members Present: Aaron Abb, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Alejandro Santana, Anthony Scaglione.

Division 2 Update

- Bob Shanahan advised that we could not do Vessel Examinations after 30 September 2022. Said we had to wait for the 2023 stickers to arrive. Believed it was related to the Fiscal Year lapsing on that date.
- Operations Update – Rick Kunz:
 - Station Oswego would like to have qualified Auxiliarists to help man Small Station Sodus during the summer season either as Crew Members on Coast Guard Vessels or on Auxiliary Facilities if available.
 - Rick attended D-Train in Dunkirk, NY. Spent time with Captain Mark Kuperman, the Sector Buffalo Commander. Said the Captain was concerned about ensuring Oneida and Cayuga Lakes had adequate coverage.
- Rick would like the Flotillas to report to him challenges we anticipate in getting our people crew qualified so that the Division can develop a strategy to address those challenges.
- Old Business: Rick mentioned issues with Members not following the Chain of Leadership and Management were continuing.
- Awards:
 - Bob Shanahan distributed various Awards to Flotilla Commanders present for distribution to Membership. Bob also distributed each Flotilla's supply of DHS Outstanding Unit Awards. This is a Unit award issued to all Members of the Coast Guard Workforce, including the Auxiliary, who were

members in good standing on or before 30 Nov 2020. It is in recognition of the Coast Guard's efforts during the COVID pandemic.

- The order is described at this link: (This was not provided at the meeting, but I researched it later for our use. <https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/2926137/the-cg-received-the-dhs-outstanding-unit-award-heres-who-is-eligible-and-when-y/>)
- There are no individual citations but we will issue each recipient a copy of the General Citation issued by the Secretary of DHS.

Presentation of Awards: Service Awards and DHS Outstanding Unit Awards presented to Members Present.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Flotilla Elections for Commander and Vice Commander will be held on 16 November 2022.
- Nominations will be accepted from the floor on election night, but nominator must ensure that the nominee is qualified to run and will serve if elected.
- We need candidate(s) for Vice Flotilla Commander and additional candidates for Flotilla Commander would be appreciated.

Operations Update

- Docks were removed and stored for the Winter at Cornell's Boathouse. A hardy group of Flotilla Members plus our Friend Cliff Murphey did a fine job executing this mission safely and in a timely manner. Our Team: Amedeo Cimini, David Cornelius, Tom Every, Laura Gardiner, Ben Gardiner, Bodge Hyatt, Cliff Murphey, Bruce Ressler, Walt Robinson, Diana Robinson, Alejandro Santana, Rob Schleelein. Rezz Ressler prepared a nice BBQ lunch for us. Tom Every and Bodge Hyatt also returned later and installed the vertical stand-offs on the docks to prevent it climbing the retaining wall during high water. Thank you all for jobs well done!
- Walt and Diana Robinson, Tom Every, and Bodge Hyatt removed the Base Boat from the water and moved her back to our Base on 09 October 2022. Thank you, Shipmates!
- Diana reported that the Base Boat motor would not start so Tom pressed Liquid Therapy into service to move her to the boat launch. The Base Boat needs some work and the Corporation will be addressing this.
- 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.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	POC / OIC	Notes
16 November 2022 / 1900	Flotilla Elections Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Dale Campbell Ben Gardiner	
Saturday, 17 December 2022 Proposed Date	Flotilla Christmas / Holiday Party at Lake Watch Inn	Dave Cornelius Coordinating	

Flotilla Staff Officer Updates:

- **FSO-MT (Member Training):** I asked Kim about a New Member Orientation Program via Zoom Call. She has worked up an excellent outline and we will be looking to developing and delivering this in the near future.
- Old Business / Follow-ups:

Flotilla Christmas / Holiday Party: Membership agreed on date of Saturday, 17 December 2022 at Lake Watch Inn. Dave Cornelius will coordinate with the Inn and have more information shortly.

○ Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 1900 hours. In Person Meeting. This is also Flotilla Election Night. Adjournment of Flotilla meeting at 1950 Hours.

Minutes submitted by: Ben Gardiner with assistance of Laura Gardiner.



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FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

TO: JOHN FRIEMAN VFC 02-02

FROM: AARON ABB FSO-FN 02-02

COPIES: DONALD CAMPBELL SO-FN
BEN GARDINER FC 02-02

SUBJECT: MONTHLY FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE: 12 OCT 2022

The Income Statement for September is attached. Checking balance as of 30 Sep was \$2100.39 and as of this report \$2582.08. \$350 in checks for member dues are pending deposit.

All member dues were received for 2023; these total \$1700 for 34 members. One retirement was previously approved effective 20 September. Two 7035 forms will be mailed with this letter to Don Campbell, SO-FN; one was for retirement and the other a disenrollment. Notice was given through AuxData II that they were approved on 7 October electronically. Attached is a District report form for our membership dues status. The Division and District/National checks will be sent to FN-SO Donald Campbell.

Respectfully Submitted,
AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

END OF REPORT

Update on DHS Outstanding Unit Award

FC Ben Gardiner distributed DHS Outstanding Unit Award ribbons during the October meeting. Most of our members qualify for this award. (You qualify if you were a member in good standing between Aug. 25, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2020.) This award was described in the May 2022 newsletter's "From the Helm" column (page 3, archived at http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/092-02-02/Flotilla_22_Newsletter_May_2022.pdf). Make sure to see Ben if you missed the meeting.

As mentioned in the October minutes (page 4, above), further information may be found at <https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/2926137/the-cg-received-the-dhs-outstanding-unit-award-heres-who-is-eligible-and-when-y/>.

Some of us use online "rack builders" to make sure ribbons are worn in the correct order of precedence. (You need not use these sites to order ribbons.) An example is <https://ezrackbuilder.usamm.com/rack-builder/select-branch>

There is a good, basic primer to CG Aux ribbons and medals at https://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/H-DEPT/USCGA_Ribbons.pdf. It hasn't been revised in a while, so it doesn't include the DHS OUA, and the links at the end are dead. [DR]



Reminder on November Elections

Kindly make every effort to attend the November meeting on Wednesday, November 16th. Note that this is week after our usual date. This will be our first in-person election since the pandemic. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but it's greatly encouraged you check in advance with FSO-IS Diana Robinson that whoever you intend to nominate is eligible to serve as FC or VFC.

We must have a quorum, so your attendance is vital. Please be there!

Corporation elections will be held following the Flotilla meeting, so your presence carries double the weight! Again, we need a quorum and every member counts. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and every member can run. [DR]

Member Spotlight

Leon Phelps has transferred to retired status after thirty years of service to Ithaca. Leon had been our FSO-MA for nine years. Leon kept his Core Training current, and was formerly boat crew, a vessel examiner, and an instructor. He holds 4 Membership Service Awards, 5 CG Unit Commendations, the DHS Outstanding Unit Award, the DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, and a Presidential Unit Citation. We thank him for his many years of service and offer congratulations on his retirement. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Leon!

Jacob Foil-Charles has left us due to too many other commitments. We hope you will rejoin someday when life becomes less hectic Jacob...

Our newest member is **Patrick Natale**. Pat is looking forward to being a part of the Auxiliary, and hopefully doing something to further the mission of the Coast Guard. He spends much of the year in Myrtle Beach, and hopes to serve there as well at a small base in the city of Georgetown, SC; just a short drive from his house. Welcome aboard, Pat!

Did You Know???

Back in the late 1970's, our flotilla included an air asset. We had a member who lived near Elmira but kept his plane in Ithaca. We're not sure how many air patrols he logged, but in 1977 the minutes said he was looking forward to using his plane for both regular patrols and SAR missions.



Reporting Your Hours

Diana Robinson, FSO-IS

Your time is valuable, and we need to be able to show how much you do for the Auxiliary. As most of you know, I've been reporting the time you spent earlier this year in online monthly flotilla meetings. Please remember to submit your hours for in-person meetings and include your travel time and mileage. Any patrol time has been submitted, but other activities such as patrol prep and travel, study, work at the Base, etc should be reported. If you need an AuxData refresher or training just call me. Don't want to learn AuxData? Simply contact me and I'll put that time in the system for you. Thanks!

Just for Fun

We spotted a “Maine Float” on a recent trip to Manchester, ME. According to <https://www.centralmaine.com/2021/08/28/winthrop-mans-motorized-floating-picnic-tables-ready-for-launch/> , the Coast Guard has inspected at least one version. Their largest is 12’ long, and can be fitted with an outboard motor, retractable keel system, bench storage, emergency paddles, umbrella, solar-powered lights, ropes, cleats, fenders, paddles, and of course cup holders. At least one has been sold in New York, so get ready, Vessel Examiners! [DR]





SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *October 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Photos © by Jim Graney

Activities:

This month was kick started with a sail on the Sensei and a Bridge of Honor on the first and seventh. Several individuals were recognized for participation and achievements made in Ship 25 and Crew at the Bridge of Honor. The next day the Sensei was taken out for its last overnight sail of the season. The following weekend Ship 25 members traveled to Wellesley Island for a Brotherhood Camporee with US and Canadian scouts. There were many



activities to participate in: archery, ax throwing.



Another event was held in Ontario the following weekend called Rovent. Rovent is a themed weekend for scouts to participate in games and camping. Every year the background theme is medieval times and the main theme for this year was 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'.

Recognition:

This month we celebrated Anastasia Earle on earning her Quartermaster rank. We also celebrated Matthew DeTuri on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations on your achievements, we're very proud and happy for you.



(Oh! Allow me to embarrass you, our dear Boatswain Madison~ Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to Madisonnnnn, happy birthday toooouuuuu! And many moreeeee)

Upcoming:

Next weekend, scouts will be taking a Wilderness First Aid training course.

But the important event is... HALLOWEEN! Happy early Halloween everyone:) Make sure to get out there and enjoy the weekend.

Meetings:

There haven't been any formal meetings this month but members met up at the Bridge of Honor and have been communicating through email for updates. Without such a busy schedule, meetings are typically held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca, both in-person and via zoom.

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

