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From the Helm



FC Ben Gardiner

How time flies! Here we are into the Month of October already. We have pulled the Flotilla docks and they have been secured for the winter. Next to come out of the Water is the Base Boat and all of a sudden summer is over.

It has been an eventful year as we moved rapidly away from COVID-19 restricted activities more toward those of the pre-2020 World. Suffice to say we have a lot of catching up to do. A large percentage of that catching up includes getting our Flotilla Surface Operations Program back to full operational status. Not an easy task considering the attrition we have seen over the last couple of years from retirements, members moving away, and transfers. This left us with the large requirement of achieving minimum underway hours, completing recertification check rides, and training new crew members and coxswains.

We are short of qualified personnel to complete the above taskings and the overall task just seemed too daunting.

But we have a nucleus of dedicated and talented veteran leaders in this Flotilla who stepped up and helped organize and execute the critical underway training needed to move toward completion of our Operations Program testing and underway requirements. Many of these folks are past Flotilla Commanders, past Vice Commanders, former Flotilla Staff Officers, and in many cases have served as Officers at the Division and District Levels. These are the people who continually step up to perform additional duties, to cover an informational table at a public event, and continually share their knowledge with newer Members.

Fall and the end of the Summer Season is also the time for Flotilla Elections. This year our election will be held at the Flotilla Meeting on 16 November 2022.

Thus far, we have not had much of a response in our call for candidates for Elected Flotilla Leadership. We need candidates for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander. We need Members willing to accept Flotilla Staff Officer positions in January 2023. We need to develop new leaders, at some point our current veteran leaders will want to retire or perhaps just need a break.

Please consider declaring as a candidate for one or both of those elected Flotilla leadership positions. At this point in the election process, any additional candidates must be nominated from the floor on 16 November 2022. There is also a vetting process for candidates and I refer you to Diana Robinson, FSO-IS for more information.

Semper Paratus.

ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for 14 September 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 (Ben Gardiner) at 1915 hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance (Ben Gardiner)
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions: New Member Applicant Patrick Natale from Binghamton, NY.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner)
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Kevin Walsh) August 2022 Minutes sent via Newsletter. Motion to accept by Diana Robinson, second Dave Cornelius, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb) Report included with Agenda distribution. Motion to accept by Tom Every, second by Dave Cornelius, motion carried.
- 2023 Dues are due by 30 September 2022. Call letter was distributed via email and included with agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Laura Gardiner, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, John Sims and applicants Alejandro Santana, and Patrick Natale.

Division 2 Update

- Division 2 Election for Division Commander and Vice Division Commander will be held on 03 November 2022. Letters of intent deadline for qualified candidates was on 09 September 2022.
- Rick Kunz asked that Flotillas advise him of Members planning to attend D-Train in Dunkirk on 16-18 September 2022. As of this writing Flotilla 22 does not have anyone scheduled to attend.
- As a reminder there is no Zoom link for virtual presentation of training sessions due to hotel lacking sufficient band width.
- Rick Kunz requested he be copied on any important emails sent to Div Commander Shanahan.
- Rick Kunz reminded everyone to work within the Chain of Leadership and Management.
- Rick Kunz advises that Division considers surface operations to be over for the year due to approaching end of Fiscal Year. Rick reminded Flotillas to complete all Patrol Orders ASAP.
- Rick Kunz anticipates the development of a new Divisional training policy for 2023.

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- Flotilla Elections for Commander and Vice Commander will be held on 16 November 2022. Letters of intent for qualified candidates are due NO LATER THAN 16 September 2022.

- Election Screening Committee consists of Kevin Walsh, Dale Campbell, and Diana Robinson. Letters of intent should be submitted to the current Flotilla Commander (Ben Gardiner) with a copy to the Screening Committee.
- 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.
- 10 October 2022: Flotilla Members Tom Every, David Cornelius, Aaron Abb, and new member Alejandro Santana actively participated in the Emergency Preparedness Resource Fair sponsored by Tompkins County at the Ithaca Mall. Our Members report it was a very productive effort both from the standpoint of interacting with Other Agency First Responders as well as the general public. A number of good contacts made and much literature distributed. Thanks to our participating Members for a fine professional effort on this event.
- Our Members felt this event was extremely worthwhile and the Flotilla should participate in future events like this one. Our table was set up near Dick's Sporting Goods which worked out well, as there was considerable traffic of paddle craft enthusiasts and our Members distributed a considerable amount of literature and had good discussions with paddlers. Dick's agreed to take some of our Paddle Craft literature and distribute it to customers. Our Members also had good contact with a variety of other first responders and made some excellent contacts.

Operations Update (Jamie Cornell / Ben Gardiner):

- ✓ We managed to get underway training time, but as everyone is aware, the plug was pulled on that. We will need to come up with a plan of attack for spring to complete qualifications for coxswains/crewmembers
- ✓ Jen Watson and Walt Robinson assisted in signing off shoreside quals for Amedeo and myself. All of my shoreside quals, and quite a few of Amedeo's are completed. We will need to schedule a time to complete Bruce Ressler's quals, and schedule classroom training for new members to review the quals prior to demonstration and sign off.
- ✓ 24 September has been suggested for pulling the docks.

Respectfully Submitted;

James T. Cornell

James T. Cornell, FSO-OPS

Flotilla Commander:

- ✓ My Sincerest Thanks to all the Members of our Operations Program for your dedicated efforts and hard work in helping to move our program from inactive back to active status.
- ✓ Special thanks to Walt Robinson, Dale Currier, and Tom Every for the tremendous leadership you showed in overcoming a seemingly never-ending stream of obstacles that appeared in our path as we attempted to move forward.
- ✓ Sadly, we did not accomplish all of the goals we set for ourselves this year but we got on the water and safely executed the training missions that we undertook. We have nothing to be ashamed of.
- ✓ Now we can move forward this winter with our numbers bolstered by new trainees and new members and make our plans and train to return to the water in the spring.
- ✓ It will not be an easy path to achieve full operational status in 2023, but if there is a group who can get it done, it is the Members of Flotilla 22.

Semper Paratus, Ben Gardiner

✓ Corporation will meet concerning Docks out project. Suggested Date is 24 SEPTEMBER 2022.

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12 October 2022 at 1900 hours. In Person Meeting.

Date	Event	POC / OIC	Notes
14 September 2022 / 1900	Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Ben Gardiner	IN PERSON
16 September 2022	Letters of Intent for Flotilla Elections Due to FC and Screening Committee		
12 October 2022 / 1900	Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Ben Gardiner	IN PERSON
16 November 2022 / 1900	Flotilla Elections Monthly Flotilla Meeting	Dale Campbell Ben Gardiner	IN PERSON
TBA, probably 03 December 2022 Saturday	Flotilla Christmas / Holiday Party at LakeWatch Inn, 1636 E Shore Dr, Ithaca, NY 14850.	Dave Cornelius is coordinating with LakeWatch	

- Adjournment of Flotilla meeting. Motion for Adjournment made by Diana Robinson, seconded by David Cornelius, Meeting adjourned at 1950 hours.

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



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FLOTILLA FINANCIAL REPORT

TO: JOHN FREEMAN 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: 14 SEP 2022

The Income Statement for August is attached. Checking balance as of 31 Aug is \$1025.45. No financial transactions took place. We have sent the attached letter to our membership to collect dues earlier this year.

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

END OF REPORT

FLOTILLA ANNUAL DUES

TO: FLOTILLA 02-02 MEMBER

FROM: AARON ABB FSO-FN 02-02

COPIES: DONALD CAMPBELL SO-FN
BEN GARDNER FC 02-02
JOHN FRIEMAN VFC 02-02

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FLOTILLA MEMBERSHIP DUES

DATE: 05 SEP 2022

It is the time of year to collect annual dues for 2023 flotilla membership. The district has asked that we collect dues within the month of September – we are sorry and realize this is late notice. This is a month earlier than typical. If this becomes a problem, let Ben and I know.

- Flotilla dues are \$50 per person by September 30.
- For your records, the Federal Employer Identification Number for the Flotilla and Auxiliary is 52-1500576.
- If possible, we ask that you bring your check or cash with you to the in-person Flotilla meeting next week 14 September 2022.
- Checks or Bill Pay should be made to USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 2-2 and mailed to the following address.

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 2-2
C/O Aaron Abb
252 Enfield Main Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
- Another option for paying is by bank account transfer, especially if you bank with Tompkins Community Bank where we are based.

Account Number: 231057494
Routing Number: 021302648
- We have a credit card option through PayPal, for which the transaction fee is \$2.32. If you desire the credit card option, I can send you an invoice.

Respectfully,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

PHONE: 607-351-0781

Member Spotlight

Allan (“Andy”) Anderson has transferred to retired status after many years of service to Ithaca, Towanda, PA and Oswego flotillas as a TCO and FS-CM. Andy is also a USAF Tech Sgt (Ret).who served in the Persian Gulf War conflicts.

We thank him for his many years of service and offer congratulations on his retirement. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Andy!

Member Training Minute – Mentors Needed!

Kim Walsh, FSO-MT



For the 7 years I've been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the leadership of Flotilla 2-2 has been talking about the importance of mentors. However, we've never managed to get enough volunteers to really assign a mentor for each new member. When I've asked members to become a mentor, the most frequent answer I hear is that they don't think they know enough to be qualified.

However, the advantages to assigning individual mentors (as opposed to relying on a few experts) is not only to spread the workload, but also to increase interaction between members and build camaraderie. Even if you just joined in 2021, if you've completed all your core training (6 mandatory courses + 7 BQC II modules), you can guide a new member through that process.

You can be a mentor, while also having one, or more, mentors assisting you in gaining new qualifications or preparing to become a Flotilla Staff Officer or Elected Official. This is a great way to build respect for each other's strengths, skills and knowledge, gained from experiences outside the Auxiliary, as well as in Auxiliary competencies and qualifications.

Thus I'm asking, one more time, will you please volunteer to become a mentor? Thank you for carefully considering this request.

Kim

CG Base NOLA CA Duty and Kentucky Flooding Disaster Relief

Bruce Ressler, AUXCA-1

[Last month we noted our comrade Bruce Ressler had received orders for Culinary Assistance at New Orleans. Here is his after-action report, and a summary of his subsequent work for American Red Cross responding to the Kentucky flooding – DR]

CG Base NOLA:

The base is a headquarters for Sector New Orleans sharing real estate with other Federal agencies. The main agency is NASA which uses the base as a barge loadout for rocket loadouts to Cape Kennedy. Getting there is part of the adventure. I taxied from the NOLA airport (\$66 fare, reimbursed). The taxi driver was searching for the base for about twenty minutes; it's out there in the boonies. Getting back to the NOLA airport required the CPO doing a search for taxi companies. I was fortunate that a civilian worker offered to drive me for the taxi fee back to the airport on Saturday.



About 60 Coasties are stationed at CGBNOLA with about a like number of DHS civilians. Anyone with access to the base may use the CG galley which usually feeds 30-60 for breakfast and 60-80 / 120 max for lunch. The CG Galley has a CPO, CS1, and two CS3 with 5 civilians doing meal prep, clean up and scullery. They were down 1 CS3 while I worked there from Monday to Friday.

I had my own barracks double bed room with private shower/toilet for no charge. My orders provided airfare, reimbursed commercial travel and airport POC parking with mileage to and from Syracuse as well as per diem. It was a well paid vacation.

I started my day at 0600 wake up and show at 0630 to start some breakfast and then lunch prep. Walking in, I fired up the frier, flat griddle, convection oven, warmer cabinet, and food service steam tray. After 0730 breakfast end, I primarily made soup for each lunch meal with my choice of recipe for the designated soup. I was head chef for the lunch meal on Thursday cooking a Korean meal of beef bulgogi, rice, cucumber kimchi, and sour cabbage soup.

Off duty started at about 1400. The weather was rainy, hot and humid. I had access to the full gym in the barracks. I was a good 1 mile to the CG Base Exchange. If you need CG uniform items, the base exchange has them, plus Auxiliary specific items. Coasties heading off base by the Exchange gate gas station offered me rides either way the 2 times I went to the Exchange. Did I mention it was hot and humid?

I mainly worked for the CS1 assisting his lunch food prep and primarily being the soup guy. The soups well received, especially by the galley CPO who offered me to stay another week. The CS3 cooked the breakfast short order after prepping the breakfast fried selections for the meal from frozen items. I got to crack a case of eggs on Monday and whisk them since the civilian kitchen assistants were not permitted to prep the eggs on Friday; too long in refrigeration, unsafe. The CS1 allowed me to wear a uniform of choice; ODU or USCGAux Polo and khaki trousers with deck shoes. Even though recipe books were available, most menu items are scratch made by the designated cook either from on-line recipes or by memory. I'm a memory style cook. If the galley did not have recipe items I wanted, the CS1 took me to the local Asian food markets to procure them. He was eager to learn more about Asian ingredients as I sought to soak in how to make LA gumbo.

American Red Cross support

I spent the first two weeks of August down by the Virginia Border in Kentucky. Disaster work is not for delicate flowers. This was my third flood response in 4 years with ARC. Heavy rains over 24 hours in steeply sided mountain creek areas results in flash flooding. The Southern Tier had a snow melt flood in 2011: longer build up & longer to subside. Both type floods result in lots of homes flooded up to and into their first floors or washed away completely.

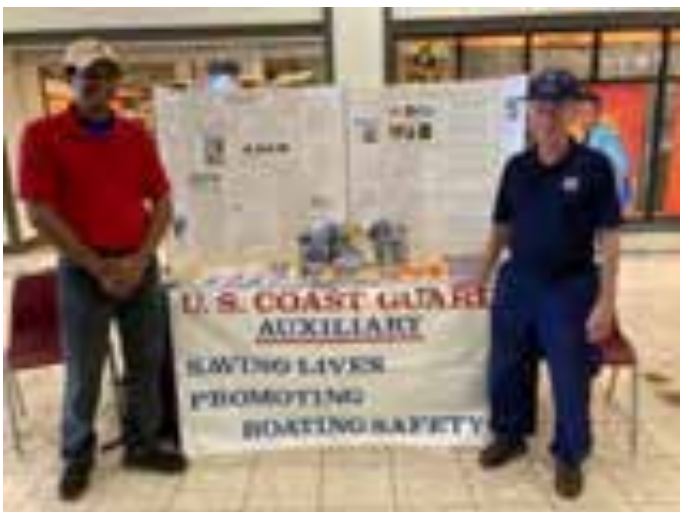
ARC provided air travel (but does not pay for airport parking), rental cars for pairs of responders, hotel single rooms during COVID times or dormitory cot sleeping in school gyms or churches. It's good for one's flexibility to not know ahead of time or change back and forth. Each responder gets a reloadable debit card starting with \$450 to cover car gas, meals, and incidentals.

If you desire more info on local or regional or national deploys or supporting the armed forces activities, get in touch.

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Emergency Response Fair

Several 22 members participated in the Emergency Response Fair held at Pyramid Mall on September 11th. We were well-represented by Aaron Abb, Dave Cornelius, Tom Every and applicant Alejandro Santana. Visitors to our booth got information on boating safety, with many asking about paddlecraft use on Cayuga. We also made good connections with the staff at nearby Dick's Sporting Goods, who appreciated being able to give our boating safety literature to their customers. It was a great opportunity to network with local first responders, including Ithaca FD and Tompkins County Sheriffs.



Alejandro Santana & Tom Every



Aaron Abb

Photos courtesy David Cornelius

Docks Out!

It doesn't seem possible, but Summer's over and our docks are back to their Winter storage area at Cornell. A small but determined group gathered Sept 24th for this annual task, which was accomplished safely and without any fuss.

Ben, Laura, Bodge, Tom, Dave, Amedeo, Bruce, Alejandro, Rob, Walt, Diana and our trusty machine operator, Cliff, were on hand. The weather was cool, dry and calm. At first the PY2 was stalling out, but she ran like a champ after Bodge made a quick repair. Finger Lakes Boating Center kindly lent us a forklift, but Cliff felt positioning it on the embankment was more trouble than it was worth. After the shore ties were removed, we simply flipped the gangway and pulled it up the bank using Dave's lawn tractor. Moving the docks to the Cornell shore went smoothly with Tom captaining *Liquid Therapy* and Bodge in charge of the PY2

After the move we got together for fellowship and a great lunch prepared by Bruce.

Before Oct 15th we'll need to trailer the PY2 Base boat from Treman, power wash the hull and put her into the garage for seasonal maintenance and storage. Some of the dock stand-offs installed by Jen and Greg will need repair and re-installation as well.

A big THANK YOU to all who pitched in. A special shout-out to the indispensable Cliff Murphy for his expertise, to Dave for also mowing the lawn, to Bruce for catering and to Ben and Tom for organizing.



Planning the shore-side action, L to R: Ben Gardiner, Bruce Ressler, Alejandro Santana, Cliff Murphy, Amedeo Cimini, Walt Robinson [Photo D Robinson]



Top left: Alejandro, Bodge & Amedeo releasing one of the shore ties
Top right: Dave pulls a shore tie with his lawn tractor with help from Cliff, Amedeo, Bruce, Walt
Lower left: Bodge & Amedeo take the South end of the docks up the inlet
Lower right: Securing to Cornell's bank
Photos courtesy Ben and Laura Gardiner



SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *September 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Photos © by Jim Graney

SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *September 2022*

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Allyson Marion

Activities:

I can't believe how fast the month has gone! It's been a busy month as many of us are returning to school and sports and others are training and studying for the scuba certification test.

Those taking scuba training completed the lessons on gear usage and practiced with the tanks and masks on. For them it has been especially hectic (scuba people, if you're reading this, good job). Ship 25 members have also participated in flag pickup and taking the *Sensei* out on the water for an overnight sail.



Meetings:

Recently there have been many meetings dedicated to info sharing and training. The *Sensei* was taken out on an overnight sail for advancement in place of a regular meeting. Meetings are still held in person at the Ithaca Coast Guard Auxiliary base and via zoom.

Upcoming:

In October there is much to look forward to!!! In mid October a US-Canadian Brotherhood Camporee will be held on Wellesley Island. Some Ship 25 members will also be taking a wilderness first aid course over a weekend later in October plus a lot more is coming as plans are finalized by the youth Quarterdeck members

and adult advisors. Big plans are also underway for November and December. Watch our website and calendar for more details.

Fundraising:

Our fall Popcorn sale is underway. Details are at www.ithacaseascouts.org and orders are due to jgraney@twcny.rr.com by October 11th. Meanwhile, 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 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



Left: Scuba class instruction on how to properly fit and use your mask

Right: Scuba class instruction on how to use your snorkel