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SKILL + ACTION = SAVED LIVES



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Ithaca Flotilla

FLOTILLA OFFICERS

COMMANDER
Ben Gardiner II FC
 VICE COMMANDER
John Frieman VFC
 IMMEDIATE PAST
 COMMANDER
Kevin Walsh IPFC

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Dale Campbell
 PADDLECRRAFT SAFETY
Tom Every FSO-PAD
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Tom Every FSO-CM
 COMMUNICATIONS
 SERVICES
Kim Walsh FSO-CS
 DIVERSITY
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Dale Campbell FSO-HR
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Kim Walsh FSO-PE
 PARTNER VISITATION
VACANT
 SECRETARY
Laura Gardiner FSO-SR
 VESSEL EXAMINATION
John Frieman FSO-VE

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 Richard C. Evans
 District Chief of Staff
 Steven Botsford
 Human Resources
 George R. Taylor
 District Captain Logistics
 Carmella Laurer
 District Captain Prevention
 Paul J. Markovic
 District Captain Response
 Robert S. Brody
 Immediate Past District
 Commodore
 Clark Godshall
 Operations
 Robert Laurer

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 Vice Commander
 Robert Shanahan
 Immediate Past Commander
 Robert Shanahan
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 2nd Wednesday
 1900 Hrs. 7:00 pm

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 newsletter of the U.S. Coast
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 membership apprised of the
 activities of the Auxiliary. All
 articles and photographs
 submitted must be consistent
 with the policies of the Coast
 Guard and the Auxiliary and
 may not be returned.



ITHACA FLOTILLA

Flotilla Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, 13 September 2023 In Person at Flotilla Base Headquarters, Ithaca, NY.

Flotilla Commander: Ben Gardiner

Flotilla Vice Commander: John Frieman

Flotilla Immediate Past Commander: Kevin Walsh

Uniform: ODU with Black safety boots or appropriate civilian attire

MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order (Ben Gardiner) at 1920 hours.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence (Ben Gardiner)
- Guest Introductions / New Members: No guess present.
- Personnel Update (Ben Gardiner): Our Members currently in sick bay.
- Secretary's Report: FSO-SR (Laura Gardiner) August 2023 minutes sent via email. Motion to approve minutes by David Cornelius, seconded by Patrick Natale. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: FSO-FN (Aaron Abb).attached to agenda, Motion to approve report made by David Cornelius and seconded by Bruce Ressler. Motion is carried.
- 2024 Dues (Aaron Abb). FSO-FN Abb advised that members will be receiving their annual dues notice shortly via email or US Mail. Dues for 2024 will \$50 per member.
- Awards Presentation (Ben Gardiner): Bruce Ressler received his Instructor Certificate, medal and ribbon, and a congratulatory letter from COMO Godshall, District Member Training Officer. Alejandro Santana received his certificate for the success completion of Basically Qualified (BQ) certification. Flotilla 0920202 Ithaca a certificate from National Commodore Formato commemorating 80 years of service from 15 May 1942 through 15 May 2022 plus an 80th anniversary battle streamer for the Unit's flag. Congratulations to the recipients of these awards and to Flotilla 22 for 80 plus years of faithful service.

Members Present: Dale Campbell, David Cornelius, Thomas Every, Ben Gardiner, Patrick Natale, Bruce Ressler, Walter Robinson, Donald Royce-Roll, Alejandro Santana, John Sims. Excused: John Frieman, Laura Gardiner, Diana Robinson.

Division 2 Update

- 07 September 2023 Division Meeting was sparsely attended FC's (from 02-01, 02-02, and 02-06), DCDR, VDCDR, and SO-IT. (FC 02-04 excused, FC 02-14 absent).
- ✓ Lengthy discussion on Operations Programs status, many personnel in REYR's check rides are way behind schedule. Also, a number of new trainees.
- ✓ Personnel need underway time to make up hours and train for check rides.
- ✓ Intent is to develop and execute a Division wide training program to get personnel out of REYR and pass check rides to reestablish certifications.
- ✓ First step will be to identify status of all Operations personnel in the Division.
- ✓ Several options will be offered. John Conroy (02-06) has developed a preliminary outline which is attached. **[See page 7]**

Flotilla Commanders Update:

- **Flotilla Elections on 08 November 2023** as part of the Flotilla Meeting.
 - ✓ We currently have two (2) candidate letters of intent, Aaron Abb for Flotilla Commander, and Alejandro Santana for Vice Flotilla Commander. Thank you for stepping up, Gentlemen.
 - ✓ You will note that the Standing Rules allow us to accept nominations from the floor on Election Night. We encourage any other qualified candidates to run for these offices.

- **EVENT 16 September 2023: Emergency Preparedness & Safety Fair** on Saturday, September 16th from 11am to 2pm (1100-1400 hours).
 - ✓ Tompkins County Emergency Response and Whole Health are partnering with the Shops at Ithaca Mall.
 - ✓ Flotilla 22 has a table indoors provided by Thompkins County.
 - ✓ Uniform is ODU with black safety boots.
 - ✓ We need personnel to man our table. Please advise if you are available.

- **11 SEP 2023 ALAUX 032/23.** All Members should have received this via their email of record.
 - ✓ **PROMULGATION OF THE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS PROCESS GUIDES**
 - ✓ These are essentially Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) Manuals covering all facets of Auxiliary Operations. Internet link below to the files.
 - ✓ <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP&category=guides-and-handbooks>
 - ✓ This ALAUX announces the cancellation of reference (A), and the promulgation of REFs (B) through (E).
 - A. Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3E
 - B. Auxiliary Operations Process Guide, Volume I – General/Surface, 16798.31A
 - C. Auxiliary Operations Process Guide, Volume II – Air Operations, 16798.32A
 - D. Auxiliary Operations Process Guide, Volume III – Telecommunications, 16798.33A
 - E. Auxiliary Operations Process Guide, Volume IV – Marine Safety and Security, 16798.34A

Operations Update:

- **Base Boat:** Update on Base Boat Status by Tom Every. Boat turns over but will not fire, does not appear to be getting fuel. Tom will request assistance from other qualified parties.
- **Plan for underway training for remainder of 2023 season.** This will be developed as part of the Division 2 Operations Training initiative.
- **Docks Out Date.** The Flotilla recommends docks out on Saturday, 30 September 2023.
- **Shoreside Training Sign-offs.** Dates have not been identified but this will be a priority as part of Operational Training initiative.

FLOTILLA CALENDAR – 13 September 2023

Date / Time	Event	OIC / POC	NOTES
Saturday, 16 Sep 2023 1100-1400 (plus setup)	Tompkins County and Ithaca Mall Preparedness & Safety Fair	TBD	ITHACA MALL
Wed, 11 Oct 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base
Wed, 08 Nov 2023 1900 HRS	Flotilla Meeting – In Person Flotilla Elections	Gardiner	Flotilla 2-2 Base

Sunday, 10 December 2023	Flotilla Christmas / Holiday Party at the Lake Watch Inn		
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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
Gardiner, Bennett C	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

Other Flotilla Staff Officer Updates

- Public Education
- ✓ Potential Class at Vestal Fire Department.
- Old Business / Follow-up. Drainage Issues in the garage and classroom. No flooding in recent weeks.
- New Business/News:
 - ✓ **Flotilla 22 Christmas / Holiday Party at Lake Watch Inn** David Cornelius has been in touch with Lake Watch Inn and they will host our Party on **Sunday 10 December 2023** (Alternate Date is 03 December 2023 in case the 10th is not available.
 - ✓ **From the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association:**
 “Attention Flotilla Commanders, PAO’s...
For boat shows, public PA Events, Recruiting, Marina Events, Flotilla Fellowship events... get your Flotilla the new all-purpose 10-foot x 10 foot Official USCGAUX Canopy now with a grant from AuxA! A \$1,000 value for only \$200. AuxA covers the difference in a grant direct to your Flotilla!
 - ✓ **The Membership voted to apply for the grant and Ben Gardiner has applied for the grant which provides us with \$800 toward the Auxiliary Canopy. The Flotilla’s share is \$200.**
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 1900 hours, in person at Flotilla 22 Base Headquarters.
 - Motion to adjourn by David Cornelius, Seconded Bruce Ressler. Meeting adjourned 2015 hrs.



**U.S. Department of Homeland Security
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
Flotilla 092-02-02**



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: 31 AUG 2023

The Monthly Income Statement is attached. Checking balance as of the end of the month was \$990.26 and as of this report the same. There were transactions this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ABB FSO-FN 092-02-02

**Checking balance as of the
end of the month was \$990.26**

END OF REPORT

DEPOSITS				
New Member Dues				
Reimbursement for ABS books sold to other Flotillas				
Annual Dues				
Boating Class				
Donations for ABS card replacement				
ABS Class Fees				
SAMA & Fuel Reimbursement				
Total Deposits		\$		
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				\$ 990.26
			Thursday, August 31, 2023	

PROPOSAL for Initial Activities Required to Advance Operations Program in Division 2

- 1) **Develop baseline (through ADII Reports)** for each Operations Program qualified/REYR Auxiliaries

CRITICAL * THE DATA (ANAYSIS) WILL DETERMINE THE NEXT COURSE OF ACTION**

- a) We need to understand the status of each Member to include:
- Their last patrol date
 - Their last currency date (when they were qualified and had ALL of their hours in)
 - Their last Check-Ride
- b) Once this data is understood we need to determine what they (Members) need for Currency
- c) The information **must** be shared with **each** Member by the FSO-Ops/FC/FSO-IS or other source (a major problem currently, is that many Members do not understand their own status)
- d) If current, and no Check Ride due, the Member is ready for Operations
- e) If hours are sufficient, but need a Check -Ride, a Check -Ride needs to be scheduled for them
- f) If the hours are more than we have resources to offer to the Member, we need to discuss what they are willing to do to make-up hours
- g) If hours requirement is unrealistic (more than 12), the Member should be appraised of their requirement and advised that starting over **may** be the best course of action as their hour requirement would drop back to twelve (12) hours
- 2) Confirm that ALL Members are aware of their current status and what they need to do to move forward in the Program
- 3) Discuss individual plans (IP) with each person in need of a resource/training and offer support and assistance with some assurance of an interest in their successful completion
- 4) At the Division leadership level: develop a relevant program for training to include PQS review and completion (Reference Manuals consistent with each need), mentor assignment, and on water resources (to include Aux Facilities/partner agency units/Active-Duty resources)
- 5) Utilize SABOT criteria to ensure that proper tasks and skills are being observed and practiced in order to gain qualification and sustain currency requirements. Develop Division/Flotilla SABOT exercises while participating in operations/patrols

NOTES/Points of Discussion:

We expect resistance to any discussion of “starting over”. Since we have not been active for a couple of years in many instances, this is not an unreasonable expectation. Beginning from start may actually benefit the Member in two ways: 1) they will enhance and reinforce the skills required for the Program, and 2) the hours requirement for an “initial” Check-Ride is only 12, compared to having to make-up prior year deficits

Not all Ops Members will need this assistance, they may have retained their quals as required over the last few years. They will not be required to do anything except to participate in training activities as appropriate to sustain their skills.

If Members need less than 12 hours to make up prior deficits, they may just need additional attention to get underway orders

We need our BEST and most qualified Auxiliary Instructors/Coxswains to deliver the training, while working in conjunction with the Station(s)

Member Spotlight

- We are sad to learn of Jennifer Watson's transfer to Flotilla 2-14, Brewerton. Jen has been a valuable member of 2-2 since March of 2018. By 2019 Jen quickly became crew qualified and also took on the position of FSO-PA. She also accepted FSO-DV and SO-DV duties, and was instrumental in 2-2 successfully receiving NACO Three-Star Awards for several years. Jen (with her husband Greg) also went "above and beyond" many times, such as when they helped transport our new dock flotation systems, removed the problematic planting bed and installed hold-offs to keep our stored docks from being damaged during extreme lake flooding. Jennifer's local knowledge is invaluable, such as her contacts with Tremans Marine Park officials and the way she arranged for our Holiday Party donations to the Sheriff's "Cops, Kids and Toys" drive. We will miss your wise counsel, your insight, your infectious laugh and bright smile. We wish you all the best at 2-14 and look forward to seeing you again at joint missions!
- Bruce Ressler received his Instructor Certificate and Alejandro Santana received his BQ Certificate from FC Ben Gardiner at the September meeting. Congratulations, gentlemen!



- Our Flotilla received the National Commodore's Achievement Award for 80 years of service!

Images on this page courtesy Aaron Abb and Ben Gardiner



Tompkins County and Ithaca Mall Host 2nd Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair

Tom Every, FSO-COM, FSO-AUXPAD

Tom Every, Aaron Abb and Alejandro Santana represented Flotilla 22 at the Ithaca Mall on September 16th. As always it was a great opportunity to meet the public, do some recruiting and interact with members of other local first responder agencies. **According to the Tompkins County Emergency Response, “...The event is being held in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2023 theme is focused on the well-being of older adults. Older adults can face greater risks from extreme weather and other emergencies, especially if they live alone, are low income, have a disability, or live in rural areas,” said Geoff Dunn, Community Preparedness Coordinator. “We will have a number of agencies and organizations on hand, including representatives from local police and fire departments, emergency medical services, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the National Weather Service...”**



Photo courtesy Dave Cornelius

SEA SCOUT SHIP 25

SEPTEMBER 2023

By Ship 25 Yeoman, Emily Mocyk



ACTIVITIES

Ship 25 has had a busy month both on land and on water! Ship members had the opportunity to help out at “Badges for Barton,” a summer Helmsmanship program at Camp Barton. The group was able to persevere in stiff winds to have a nice day on Cayuga Lake both sailing and learning. A large group was also able to attend the annual Watchfire, held by Veterans at Myers Park in Lansing. The Watchfire was lit on National Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day in honor of those lost in battle and those who could not return. Although now Watchfires are symbolic gestures, in the past they were used after battles as a guiding light for soldiers to find their way back home. Even with all of the events occurring in the past month, ship members were still able to make it out on the water to finish some advancement requirements. See the picture left for proof!



FUNDRAISERS

Ship 25 is still collecting bottles and cans at IthaCAN and Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Rd., Rt. 13 South in Ithaca. Feel free to stop by and mention that your returns are for Ship 25, or reach out to a Ship member to arrange a dropoff/pickup!

Ship 25 is now selling popcorn!

Visit www.ithacaseascouts.org for more information, or reach out to a scout!

MEETINGS & CONTACT

Ship 25 resumed weekly meetings on most Fridays at 6:30pm in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom.

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. For more details and a full calendar, contact Jim Graney at (607)-327-1226 (work/cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information can be found at www.ithacaseascouts.org.