

Flotilla 2-2 News & Views – January 2016

Feature Article – Flotilla 2-2 History (cont) by Arnold Jacob Albrecht (edited by Kim Walsh)

We pick up our story in our bicentennial year—**1976**. Jim Freeman, a dedicated member, died on January 25th. His parents honored his commitment to Flotilla 2-2 by funding a major renovation of the Base office, which was dedicated to him upon completion in 1977. In further facility news, a new roof covering was put in place in 1976 and new heating system installed in 1977. On the operational side,



Henry Stabel and Arnold Albrecht had the honor of escorting the Bicentennial “Barge” from the Mud Lock on its way to Ithaca. Members Cecil Cage offers Cayuga Lake excursions on the Tiger Lady and Dick Haviland also has a charter boat license.

Flotilla & members earned three plaques in 1976: First in Courtesy Marine Examinations (CMEs); 100% of National Goal, Public Affairs; and Arnold Albrecht – most CMEs.

In **1977**, the Flotilla earned: the 9ER Commodore’s Cup for SAR; a Plaque for First place in CMEs; and a Plaque for Third place Publications. We installed a new heating system and classroom renovations, begun in 1977, were completed in 1978. In **1978**, we earned a Certificate of Achievement for CMEs and L.W. Van Duzer was awarded a Plaque for Member Training. We continued to have a relatively active flotilla, both socially and operationally. We held a New Year’s Party at the Base and members prepared meeting meals. Paul Sandefur was the **1979** 2-2 Historian and earned Plaques for both the best Division and Flotilla Publications. I (Albrecht) was honored with a Plaque as “Dedicated Auxiliarist”.

In **1980**, Base improvements continued with two bays of the garage being remodeled for a Classroom. Chuck Holmes taught 400 kids the “Water ‘N Kids’ Course at Endwell. I was awarded a Plaque as the “Outstanding Auxiliarist.” In **1981**, Russ Mott was the Flotilla Commander. He appointed Henry Stabel as the Historian. We are saddened by the loss of Paul Sandefur and honored him with a memorial by our entryway. Once again, we held a New Year’s Party at the Base. Our numbers grew with the addition of the whole Hall family—Joy & Ed plus children, Ed & Cheryl. We were awarded Plaques for both the First & Second place Division Publication and First Place Member Training.

There was a major revision to the Auxiliary Manual, effective Jan 6, **1982**. We began collaborating with the USPS, by allowing them to hold a meeting at the Base. We earned First place Plaques for both Member Training and Public Education. In **1983**, we instituted a couple of Public Education initiatives—Peter De Graff started giving “Old Boater Tricks” in PE classes. Also, station WICB-FM broadcast Flotilla 2-2 Safe Boating hints, provided by John Keshishoglou. We were awarded the First place Plaque for Member Training. We didn’t earn any awards in **1984**, but Ed Marmol, DIRAUX attended our meetings. Cora Bangs took over Publications.

We began Boat Crew, Operator and Coxswain Training in **1985**. Once again, we earned the First place Plaque for Member Training. In **1986**, Flotilla had a booth at Pyramid Mall. Also, more boats have VHF Transceivers. L.W. Van Duzer was awarded a Plaque for Member Training. **1987** was a banner year for the Flotilla—we earned First place Plaques for Operations and Flotilla Publication plus Outstanding Flotilla!

We continued strong in **1988**! We taught 28 sailors and 34 power boaters in our PE classes and completed 328 CMEs! We earned a Unit Award for Public Education plus four Plaques: First place, CMEs; First place Operations; 100% National Goal, Member Resources; and Outstanding Flotilla. We celebrated the Auxiliary’s 50th Anniversary in **1989**, with many dignitaries visiting our Flotilla. David Maycumber gave fire demonstrations. We were awarded a Unit Award Plaque for Public Education. In **1990**, we earned the First Place Plaque for Operations. For enjoyment, Chuck Holmes arranged a “Touch of Brass” Concert. The Change of Watch (COW) was at the Lehigh House and we went back to the Base after the Dinner. John Pitts was a QE in **1991**. The COW was at the Holiday Inn and 2-2 was awarded a Plaque for Outstanding Flotilla. May 2, **1992** was Flotilla 2-2’s 50th Anniversary and we held a big celebration at the Base June 6, 1992.



We hosted New York State Law Enforcement training on May 3, **1993** at the Base. NYS Parks and Recreation used the base classroom and docks for two weeks to conduct basic and advanced marine law enforcement schools. Auxiliaries acted out various illegal/suspicious activities on their facilities to which the law enforcement trainees had to react and figure out what to do. Doug Redfern (coxswain) and Tom Every were potentially drunken boaters. Ron Cooper (coxswain who "couldn't speak English") was "taken into custody" and physically removed off his boat to a police boat where he was frisked and handcuffed while on his knees. A Coast Guard Dolphin helicopter pulled a sheriff's deputy out of the lake as part of a recovery demonstration/exercise. They had stopped at the Cortland airport first so a crew member could briefly visit his family.

While doing a dockside interrogation of Doug and Tom in the base boat, a sheriff's deputy accidentally dropped our driver's licenses into Treman State marina at 3:00 on a Friday afternoon. They didn't float. After putting pressure on them, the Park Police called the County Clerk and got her to keep the DMV open late so we could get new driver's licenses around 4:30. She was not amused when we told her how the licenses were lost. But, she felt sorry for us and took care of it. Flotilla 2-2 carried the Olympic Torch across Cayuga Lake. *(Editor's note: this is listed in the chronology and vaguely remembered by one of our members, but the timing doesn't quite make sense. If any of our "senior members" have more information, please send it in so we can add more details or correct the records.)*

1994 was a big year for Base improvements and fundraisers to pay for them. The lake flood channel bank was built up with rip-rap and a pitched roof was added to the Base building. Administratively, franked mail ended and operationally, we had a search & rescue mission to find two boys lost on the lake. An intoxicated husband and wife started arguing while on their small boat South of Crowbar Point with their 11 yr. old son and a friend. The boys got scared and jumped into the water and started swimming away. The father passed out. The mother, who had little boat experience, panicked and drove the boat all the way back to Ithaca Boating Center where she told Pete DeGraff (Auxiliary - PE Officer) what happened. He ran to the base and found Coxswain Ron Cooper there. Ron and another crew member jumped in the base boat and went searching for the boys. State Police, Park Police, and Sheriff's Deputies converged on the base to listen to Ron's radio reports. The State Police started a shore search and found the two boys safely at a house on the West shore. Flood channel bank work continued, as did fundraisers in **1995**. The Flotilla held a Rendezvous at Taughannock. The National Bridge (Officers) changed in 1995 and Flotilla 2-2 was recognized with a Plaque as Outstanding Flotilla.

In **1996**, Don Rottman erected an entrance shelter on Base and installed mooring cleats on Coast Guard Point. We also had more administrative changes—Division numbers changed from Roman to Arabic and flotillas were advised to eliminate the hyphen in most cases, thus we're now to use "FL 22". Don Rottman continued Base improvements in **1997** by replacing the 2 galley windows with a single unit. Also, the overhead telephone wire across the flood channel was removed, much to the delight of members with sail boats! An individual from Waterloo offered a sailboat to the Flotilla for tax donation purposes; the flotilla accepted the sailboat and sold it as a fundraiser. FL22 participated in the NYS Law Enforcement School held in Ithaca. In member news, Don & Luann Rottman were married and Ann Cooper retired from Agway.

1998 was a rough year on many fronts. Edmund Hurd died on Jan 15th. The March Boating Skills & Seamanship and Sailing & Seamanship classes were small – 14 & 6, respectively. John Pitt had his right toe amputated. The City of Ithaca plan for "The Island" does not include the Auxiliary, which caused much consternation! Inlet Park Marine (Peter De Graff) was purchased by Marina Realty of Ithaca, LLC (Mark Campagnolo, Chris Purdy, Stephen B. Flash), hereafter referred to as "MRI". Their long-term plans included taking over the Auxiliary occupied property for a restaurant. Flotilla 22's NYS leases were still in effect as of Sep 1998. Three huge barges were tied up at the point during the winter. Also, the area of the Point (Marina) was dug up and soil examined for old oil spills.

With our permits still in effect, the city of Ithaca encouraged us to work out an arrangement with MRI in **1999**. MRI sought (and later received) tax breaks and loans from the city, but the restaurant project moved slowly due to money problems. Our Flotilla newsletter was renamed from "2-Scuttle-Butt-2" to "USCG Auxiliary Ithaca" in January. Member Bruce Murray died Sep 6, 1999. In **2000**, Ithaca Marina refused to haul our boats and put them on our property for winter storage, as had been our practice. Those who had their boats on trailers, took them home. The Holmes took theirs to Hibiscus and I took mine to Inlet Marine, MRI. Don Campbell has taken the Flotilla Lead on our property problem with the state and has spent much time on it.

In **2001**, FC Cora Bangs and VFC Don Campbell continued to meet with various people and committees regarding our occupation of the Base. The city “took away” half of the docks, but later returned them. They were put in storage on the east side of the inlet. The “Boatyard Grill” was finished and they continue to relish the idea of getting their hands on the Base for parking. The big news of **2002** was that we remain in the Base!

Editor note: This narrative is a continuation from the November 2015 newsletter and was taken from Arnold Albrecht’s notes, with additional assistance from Don Campbell, Chuck Holmes and Tom Every.

From the Helm, Gene Little, FC

December was a time for social activities, one of the CGAUX pillars, and in 2016 I will encourage more social events. Please note we have Pasta night at Glenora coming up on 3/31 and if you check with those that attended last year, the air temperature was cold, but social aspect was wonderful. December was also a time for reflection and honoring Veterans at Wreaths Across America. This took on new meaning for me with my Father’s passing and my subsequent efforts to establish a memorial at Sampson in his memory. I thank all for their kind words and thoughts. December also meant starting to plan for the 2016 boating season, with some of you already jumping into training by taking advantage of one of the TCT opportunities. Lastly, and I feel the most important aspect of December, was the Change of Watch where we had several members recognized for their individual contributions and accomplishments, along with Flotilla 2-2 being awarded the Flotilla of the Year. I hope you had an opportunity to spend additional time with family and friends and begin to recharge.



Mike Beeching at Wreaths Across America

Flotilla 2-2 Members at 2015 COW (photo courtesy Theresa LaVergne-Kunz)

We will begin to implement and work toward accomplishing our 2016 Goals from the very beginning of January. They are:

- Mentor/Succession Plan; Improvement ideas - build continuity binders
- Increase in Operations; Improvement ideas - do more routine safety patrols
- Public Education & Member Training; Improvement ideas - offer new advanced training such as “Weekend Navigator” or Suddenly in Command” courses in addition to “ABS” Course; certify more instructors; improve the skills of members; sell both basic and advanced courses and membership during vessel inspections
- Recruitment; Improvement ideas - increase public visibility--Patrols, PE, Training, Inspections

FC Squawk Box:

This month’s Deckplate Article is “Proactive”. Many of you already are Proactive—you are constantly working on new proficiencies; you mow the lawn or shovel the sidewalk because it needs it, not because you were asked; or you dedicate your time, money and skills to keep us a viable, fully functioning Flotilla. Are you one of these people? If not, please look around and see how you might be able to do just a little more. A little more may mean working on your skills and proficiencies, so that someday you will be capable of taking on a leadership role as a staff officer, or Flotilla Commander. There’s an old adage that “many hands make light work.” Not only is it true, but you might have ideas or skills (or can develop them) no one else has

that will significantly aid our mission/goal accomplishment. I truly believe, as I have often seen, the synergy and combined efforts of a team can take them to new and often unexpected heights of accomplishment.

In 2016 keep your focus and efforts directed toward one of the Missions the CGAUX is charged with – To Promote and Improve Recreational Boating Safety. Our Flotilla Goals are aligned to support this. Please be proactive and take positive personal action to insure we accomplish our goals.

Significant Accomplishments – December 2015:

12/5 – Division 2 Planning Meeting

12/6 – Holiday social

12/12 – Wreaths Across America at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery

12/13 – Division 2 Change of Watch

January 13 Flotilla Meeting Minutes: called to order at 1900 by FC Little. Roll Call: Dale Campbell, Carlton Cole, David Cornelius, Tom Every, John Frieman, Bodge Hyatt, Tom Lacey, Gene Little, Roland Neiss, Paul Phelps, Diana Robinson, Walter Robinson, Robert Schleelein, Vinton Stevens, Kevin Walsh, Kim Walsh

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bodge Hyatt; the Invocation was led by FC Little

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: E-mailed to members prior to meeting; reviewed by Paul Phelps and approved by members.

Awards: FC Little recognized the following people:

- Bodge Hyatt, Operations – Crew Qualified (earned last fall)
- Div 2 Operations Excellence Award to Tom Every
- Div 2 Flotilla of the Year Award to Flotilla 2-2
- Div 2 Auxiliariist of the Year Award to Gene Little
- Recognized new members to Div 2's Port Starboard Club: Diana Robinson, Dale Campbell and Dave Cornelius.

FC Little presented a power point briefing on the 2015 Goals and Objectives and how well these were achieved. He then went on to present the Goals and Objectives for 2016.

- Recruitment
- Mentor Succession
- Training
- Increased Operations
- Reinforce Bridges to other Agencies

Division Report: Separate Document already emailed to members.

Staff Officer Reports (negative reports omitted)

FSO-CS: Kim Walsh discussed how she would like to receive photos for our newsletter and Flotilla archives.

FSO-IS: Diana Robinson advised new members she would be happy to help them with any questions regarding activity entries.

FSO-OP (Tom Every): The CG turned down our request to aid in paying for damage to the Penn Yan. Crew training will begin soon. There are 4 people interested. Coxswain training can also be included in some of the crew training. Training may take place at the Tompkins County Office of Emergency Services. Tom is also looking for someone to mentor and be his assistant Operations Officer. He hopes to get someone that is interested in how to keep our boats and their equipment working properly.

FSO-PE (Walt Robinson): 5 ABS Classes have been scheduled and Walt is working on offering the Weekend Navigator course to the public.

FSO-MT (Walt Robinson): The AuxPatrol course will start on Wednesday 3/2/16 at 1800. Tom Lacey, Bo Stevens, Rob Schleelein, Carlton Cole, John Frieman, Bodge Hyatt, Kim and Kevin Walsh, Gene Little and Dave Cornelius showed interest & were provided Student Study Guides. Walt plans to cover 2 chapters per week.

FSO-PA: Gene Little briefed on 3 items:

- Upcoming movie "The Finest Hour" 1/29/16
- Central New York Boat Show 2/18 – 2/21/16
- Working on "Cold Water" Article

FSO-HR (Dale Campbell): E-mail Dale if you have an interest in finding a cheaper source for uniform items.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bo said he was looking into asking Regal Cinemas and Shops at Ithaca Mall if we could set up an informational table in the Mall hallway for viewers of the new movie "Finest Hour" which is about a daring Coast Guard rescue in 1952. Bo will be looking to schedule people to man the table from 1300 – 1930 on both Saturday 1/30 and Sunday 1/31/2016. Bo will provide an on-line sign-up sheet.

Kim suggested putting together a special patrol to show our colors and generate Esprit de corps.

VFC Walsh reminded everyone to please complete their mandatory on-line courses.

There will be a Staff Officer Meeting on Wednesday, Jan 27th at 1730; all Staff Officers are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Attachments:

Flotilla 2-2 Calendar as of Jan 17, 2016

Deck Plate Leadership Article: "Proactive"

Flotilla 2-2 Calendar

Date	Event	POC	Notes
Wed, Jan 20 / 1600	Meeting: Bill Foster re: lake samples	Bo	
Wed, Jan 27 / 1730	Staff Officer Meeting	Kevin	
Sat/Sun, Jan 30-31	Recruiting @ "The Finest Hours"	Bo	Tentative; Regal Ithaca Mall
Mon, Feb 1 / 1830	Div 2 Meeting	Gene	Needs Confirmation of Time
Wed, Feb 10 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Thurs, Feb 18 – Sun, Feb 21	CNY Boat Show		
Mon, Mar 7 / 1830	Div 2 Meeting	Gene	Needs Confirmation of Time
Wed, Mar 9 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Mar 18-20	D-Train		Dunkirk
Mar 31	Pasta Night Social		Veraisons Restaurant (Glenora) - Dundee
Sat/Sun, Apr 9-10 / 0900 -1400	PE - ABS	Walt	
Wed, Apr 13 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Wed, May 11 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Sat/Sun, May 14-15 / 0900 -1400	PE - ABS	Walt	
Sat-Sun, Jun 4-5	SABOT		USCG Station Oswego
Wed, Jun 8 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Sat/Sun, Jun 11-12 / 0900 -1400	PE - ABS	Walt	
Jul?	Fireworks Safety Patrol	Tom	
Wed, Jul 13 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Sat/Sun, Jul 16-17 / 0900 -1400	PE - ABS	Walt	
Jul 28-31	Harborfest	Gene	Oswego
Jul?	Skaneateles Antique Boat Show		
Sat, Aug 6	Oswego Paddlefest – "Rock the Locks"	Gene	
Sat/Sun, Aug 6-7 / 0900 -1400	PE - ABS	Walt	
Sun, 7 Aug	Cayuga Lake Triathlon	Tom	
Wed, Aug 10 / 1900	Flotilla Meeting	Gene	
Aug 11-13	Empire Farm Days		
Sat, Aug 13	Women Swimmin' for Hospice	Tom	
Aug 25 – Sep 5	NY State Fair		
Sep?	Can U Canoe Cayuga?	Tom	

All events at Flotilla 22 Base, unless specified otherwise; see color code below

Flotilla Meeting	Div or above	Member Training	Public Education	Special Event	Ops – Safety Patrol
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Calendar last updated: January 17, 2016