



P – Prevention Section

FSO-NS (Navigation Services): Domenic Ciolino

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: AV work has been slow but Flotilla 02-08 has been working hard to plan AV patrols for the most remote PATONS. Notably the U Maine Research Buoy NE of Boon Island.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Although slow going, FSO-NS Ciolino is still pursuing on making his vessel an OPFAC for AV use only. There are only a few items left to install/acquire so in all reality it will probably be available for the 2016 Operational Season.

CONCERNS: CONCERNS: The main concern as it has been all season for Flotilla 02-08 is the lack of OPFAC's that are operational. There have only been three OPFAC's operating reliably this patrol season.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Hope all are well and prepared for this season's work.

FSO-MS (Marine Safety): Wolf Dieter Dehne

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FSO-PE (Public Education): Eugene Grossi

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE:

- *About Boating Safely* was presented to a class of two students in Salem NH.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE:

PE has the following classes planned:

- *Boating Skills and Seamanship* will be offered as part of the York Adult Education Program beginning on September 15. Publicity for this course has begun with distribution of posters to libraries, town halls, marina and post offices in the York-Kittery area. Newspaper and Internet publicity will be completed in August.
- *How to Read a Nautical Chart* will be offered as a 5 hour, two-night course in the Wells Ogunquit Adult Education program in October. If the registration exceeds our maximum of 10 (space needed to spread out the charts) the course will be repeated in November.

CONCERNS:

- Our flotilla lacks a Paddlecraft safety education program. There is a lack of enthusiasm among active kayakers and instructors form a working group to develop an effective program. Perhaps working with established kayak clubs and dealers might be a more fruitful approach.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY:

- Our thanks to David Joyce for teaching the *About Boating Safely* class in Salem.

FSO-PV (Program Visitor): Mark W. Ladrie

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: I have been crewing on boats a lot last month and mentoring new crew.

FSO-VE (Vessel Examination): Harold Jamieson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE:

- Vessel examinations are still being reported.
- At the Tall Ship Event on July 24-25 & 26 I made contact with a lady that is involved with a kayak group. I sent her 25 IF FOUND stickers for their crafts. Hoping to stay in contact with her.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: We are going to set up a booth at the Albacore Submarine Museum on the 19th of Sept. (Location, Albacore Park, Portsmouth, N.H. 19 SEPT 2015 from 10-3 pm.) This is a first time at this one-day event. It is nice to set up in our homeport.

PROBLEMS: We still have the same people manning the booth when we set it up. It would be nice to have the new people attend even just once. It would make them feel involved and show them a little of what we do.

I belong to one organization that has a "ROOKIE PROGRAM" and I find it interesting because it gets new members involved and makes them feel part of the group right off.

CONCERNS: Always looking for better ways to expose the AUX to the public.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: I understand we are having 3 members retire in the next few months. There time spent and skills they shared have helped us all!

R - Response Section:

LO-Air (Liaison Officer, AuxAir): ()

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FSO-CM (Communications): Thomas McTaggart

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Total watch standing hours in August totaled (24) in the Watch Tower.

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: Continued our role standing watch during the new Gold Side schedule.



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Flotilla Staff Officer Report

AUGUST 2015

CONCERNS: Gold Side is in need of Auxiliary Watch standers, especially on weekends. Our assistance is extremely appreciated.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: All (3) Watch Standers will be back to normal watches beginning in September.

FSO-OP (Operations): William Armstrong

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Will talk about upcoming PPE inspections.

L – Logistics Section:

FSO-CS (Communications Services): Christopher McAndrew

NTR

FSO-MT (Member Training): Stephen Heath

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Time is short, concern that not all quals and requals will be completed this season.

FSO-IS (Information Systems): Anne Manning

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Entering data for flotilla shipmates

CONCERNS: Boat crew and REYR status – reminder to coxswains – patrols need to be closed out in order for them to be entered into AUXDATA (an automatic process). For shipmates in REYR status – this information is collected and sent to the OTO via an FC request to remove REYR, showing hours that have been made up. It potentially affects a shipmate's opportunity to get out of REYR if orders are not completed in a timely manner.

There is a monthly training management report sent at the beginning of every month by FSO-MT Steve Heath. This is an excellent report to make shipmates aware of their status in their programs of interest.

FSO-MA (Materials): Walter Hanson

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: Boat Crew Manuals have been received. PE Books have been ordered.

FSO-PA (Public Affairs): ()

NTR

FSO-PB (Publications Staff Officer) Marshall Hewitt

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: As announced at the July Flotilla meeting, I will be stepping down as FSO-PB and starting as AV-LO in September. At our last meeting we discussed how to move forward with the newsletter *Heading Zero Niner Zero* and the FSO-PB role. We currently have an excellent template for the newsletter, which has been well received and will be simple to replicate. With that as a foundation I am happy to remain a contributing writer and mentor to the next PB officer. Having said "simple," however, I don't want to give the impression that the newsletter is easy. It requires a significant investment of time and effort. Up to now I have conducted all the interviews, much of the photography, written, designed and laid out the entire publication myself. I was able to rely on 10+ years as a professional journalist to do all that, but I don't have the time to continue with my current workload. Whoever takes on this role needs to understand the time necessary to put out a quality publication, and with that in mind FC Costa and I have considered the advantages of forming an editorial board, reporting to an FSO-PB, with assigned beats to cover the various newsletter sections. DCDR Moe also made an excellent suggestion that every FSO be responsible to submit at least one article per year (the editors can actually write it, but the FSO needs to provide the information) concerning something significant in his/her program.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: I urge fellow members – let's not drop the ball on this important morale and public relations platform! A lot of work has gone into *Heading Zero Niner Zero's* creation. A number of readers above flotilla level have commented that it is deserving of an award. With coordination and cooperation it does not have to be a burdensome task on one individual, but instead an effort we can all be proud of, which showcases the many achievements of Flotilla 28. I strongly encourage members to step up to the plate as we seek a new FSO-PB and contributing editors. I will continue to help, but I can't do it on my own.

FSO-PS (Human Resources): Henry Marchi:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Continue fielding emails from potential new members and questions about finding missing PE Forms from past classes, how to get rid of outdated flares.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: Thanks to Anne Manning for following up with new member questions while I was away.

FSO-FN (Finance): Matthew Wirth

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Report submitted directly.

FSO-DV (Diversity): Paul Gaudet

PROGRAMS OF NOTE: UNH's Chase Ocean Engineering Lab tour to be held later this month. E-Mail will be



sent out with date and time.

FSO-SR (Secretary of Records): Gladys Benshimol

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE: The process of maintaining records continues to evolve.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY: The camaraderie and cooperation shown by staff and members in helping me complete SR responsibilities are greatly appreciated.

LO-Cutters (Liaison Officer - USCGC TAHOMA USCGC CAMPBELL): Seth Spiller

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LO-LR (Liaison Officer – Lakes Region): David Joyce

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LO-NH (State Liaison Officer- NH): Richard Many

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