



Bob Bernier received his Certificate of Advancement from FC Robert White for obtaining his Food Service Specialist rating. (Rick Moore in foreground)  
(Photo by Ruth Ring, FSO-PB)



Eric Baruzzi received two Certificates of Appreciation from FC Robert White: One for obtaining the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of PATON/Bridge inspections (63) for 2019 (Division), and one from Station Burlington for verifying Private Aids to Navigation on Lake Champlain, helping to keep all mariners safe.  
(Photo by Ruth Ring, FSO-PB)

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### Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

**Flotilla Commander: Robert T. White**  
**Flotilla Vice Commander: Bob Bernier**  
**Flotilla Human Resources: Kenneth Watt**  
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/about.php?unit=014-15-02>  
<https://www.facebook.com/US-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-15-02-Burlington-VT-351235695499189/>



FC Robert White made a recent RBS visit to West Marine in S. Burlington, leaving them fully stocked with RBS info.  
(Photo by FC Robert White)

## EMBEDDED LINKS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### D-TRAIN 1SR

Mar 6-8 2020

Newport, Rhode Island

<https://www.d1dtrain.org/copy-of-schedule-of-events>

## Eye Splice Knot



<https://www.animatedknots.com/eye-splice-knot>

Official Vermont Boating Safety Course Online

<https://www.boat-ed.com/vermont/>

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Quiz and article on Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

[https://reference.medscape.com/viewarticle/924616?src=wnl\\_fastquiz\\_200208\\_mscpref&uac=39062PN&impID=2270904&faf=1](https://reference.medscape.com/viewarticle/924616?src=wnl_fastquiz_200208_mscpref&uac=39062PN&impID=2270904&faf=1)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/02/covid-vaccine/607000/>

**Flotilla 15-02:** U.S.C.G. Station Burlington  
**Meeting Location:** 1 Depot Street  
Burlington, VT 05401  
**Meeting Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.)

## Open Flotilla Positions

FSO-IS

Information Systems Officer

FSO-MS

Marine Safety & Environment Officer

FSO-PA

Public Affairs Officer

Please volunteer for one of the positions listed above. You will learn a lot, help the flotilla function more effectively, and receive help from other knowledgeable members when needed. To read the general job descriptions for these positions, check out this link: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130-05-02&category=staff-officers>

\*\*\* About Boating Safety Class - Instructors Needed \*\*\*  
17-19 Mar 2020, 1800-2100, at Milton High School Library.  
If interested in becoming an instructor, contact Robert White, Flotilla Commander.

**Have you submitted your 7029?**

Each member should submit one monthly.

## 4 Key Points to Discuss with Boaters:

1. Always Wear It
2. Take a Boating Safety Course
3. Get a Vessel Safety Check
4. Don't BUI



**Wear It! Inflatable Life Jacket Education video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFEDdkhZuAg&feature=email>

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Submit articles/photos NLT 2 weeks prior to the next meeting, or as directed.

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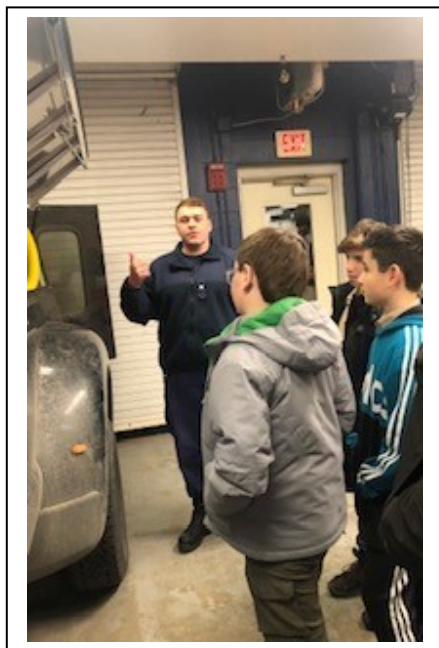
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## “Semper Paratus” and “Be Prepared”



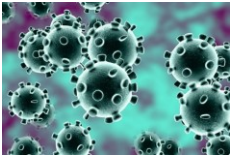
Earlier this month, several members of Station Burlington and Flotilla 15-02 hosted an educational presentation for Troop 624 of Essex Junction, Vermont. Scoutmaster Clint Kilpatrick and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Ethan Watt opened the event. The Scout Oath and Law were presented at the opening by Ethan Watt, and at the close of the meeting by Second Class Scout, Jonathan Paskevitch. Also in attendance were FC Robert White, Brendan Day (FSO-FS) – who is also an Eagle Scout – and his friend Elizabeth Biscoe, Kevin Lamb (BQ) and his daughter Shelby, and Kenneth Watt (FSO-HR). Scouts also in attendance were Ben Edwards, Reilly Kilpatrick, and Max Peliel, accompanied by parents and guardians.

Brendan Day presented information on the history, roles, and mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Active duty members spoke about the roles and responsibilities of Station Burlington personnel, and provided an in-depth tour of the station.



**BM3 Chase (Station Burlington) providing a tour to some Troop 624 boyscouts. (Photos by Kenneth Watt, FSO-HR)**

Troop 624, led by Scoutmaster Kilpatrick, has about 20 active youth members. They hold weekly Troop meetings, help their community in numerous ways, and participate in learning experiences that contribute to the development of leadership, outdoor survival, and life skills. Service and citizenship in the community, nation, and world are at the core of Scouts USA. (Submitted by Kenneth Watt, FSO-HR)



### **CORONAVIRUS 2019 nCoV** (Submitted by Karen Weber, BQ)

The coronavirus—named for the appearance of crown-like spikes on its surface—is causing a rapidly spreading respiratory illness originating in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, in China. Tens of thousands have been infected and millions quarantined. This strain of coronavirus is indeed the latest pandemic to affect our world. As of February 7, 337 people in 36 states are being monitored for possible infection. Documented cases have been found in Washington State, California, Nevada, Wisconsin, Illinois and Massachusetts.

Cases of the virus in the US are being imported by infected travelers; however, the CDC reports that there is currently no data to suggest that the virus is spreading in the community in the United States. Coronaviruses are not new. Many species of mammals and reptiles, i.e. cattle, pigs, birds, cats, dogs, rodents, bats and snakes are known to carry or be infected by some form of coronavirus. However, there are currently seven known types of coronaviruses which can cause human infection: SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) which started in **Guangdong Province, China** in November 2002; MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) stemming from Saudi Arabia in 2012; and now 2019 Novel Coronavirus from Wuhan China are just a few. They are transferrable not only from animal to human but also from human to human.

The mode of transmission is thought to be via inhalation of infected droplets. It is unclear as yet whether the virus can be transmitted by touching infected surfaces. It has been reported that the infection can be communicated by an asymptomatic host within an incubation period of 2 – 14 days. Transmission of the virus may occur from a seemingly healthy individual. Those most susceptible to severe illness are the very old, the very young, the immunocompromised or individuals having underlying disease.

Test kits for respiratory specimens have been made available by the CDC, but require complex laboratory equipment capable of conducting RNA analysis so data on confirmed positive testing is rolling in very slowly. Screening includes taking a travel history and a temperature. Those suspected of being infected may be subject to quarantine for up to 14 days.

Transmissibility continues to be studied and risk is low, but protect yourself from infection. Handwashing is still the best way to minimize the spread of disease.

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water
- Use hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth
- Boost your immune system with good health habits: healthy diet, regular exercise and plenty of rest
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces in your home
- Stay home if you suspect have been exposed or if you're not feeling well
- AVOID NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

If you have been in China within the past 2 weeks or have been in close contact with a person with 2019-nCoV, and develop a fever, cough or have difficulty breathing, contact your health care provider right away.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

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