



Champlain Eagle

FLOTILLA 15-8
PLATTSBURGH, NY
DISTRICT 1SR



June 2012

Commander's Comments

I can't believe that June is almost over and the boating fun has begun. We have had lots going on this month I'd like to share. We had five new Instructors certified this month: Don Craig, Frank Williams, Bob Shivokevich, Scot Zaremba-Woodward, and myself. That currently gives our flotilla eight counting Peggy Burgess, Margaret and Tom Malone. We have one more currently working on the sign offs and Soon Angelique Zaremba-Woodward will be qualified. Congratulations for a job well done.



Ted Alwine had his check ride on 16 June and passed. Thanks for all of your hard work Ted. We still need more certified crew members and I know that Scot Zaremba-Woodward and Stephanie Lago are currently working on that and expect to be qualified this summer.

We also had Surface Operations North training this month and had four boats in the water for training: *Cap Huff*, *Jaeger*, *DanDee*, and *Allie Mae*. We practiced towing and man overboard drills and got excellent water experience. I want to thank everyone from 15-2, 15-8, 15-10 for their help in making this a successful event.

It is apparent that our flotilla is a team of dedicated and experienced members. Thank you for all you do and lets keep the momentum going for the rest of the season.

Carl Duford, Flotilla Commander



Member News



Four new instructors received their certificates and ribbons at the June 14 meeting. From left to right, Frank Williams, Don Craig, Bob Shivokevich and Carl Duford. Peggy Burgess, center, is the Member Training officer who got them through the IT course. Scot Zarembo-Woodward, not present, also earned a certificate and ribbon.




Aline Pepe, FSO-MS, and Stephanie Lago, crew trainee, both received the Marine Safety Training Specialist certificate

and ribbon at the last meeting; Lago seems surprised. Marine Safety Training Specialists are involved in educating the public about clean boating practices, responsible environmental practices in marinas, and protection of waterways and ecosystems against pollution.

Our newest flotilla member happens to be Lago's mother, Mary Lago of Plattsburgh (Application Pending).

Sean C. Zerges of Port Kent is now Initially Qualified and was sworn in as a new member.



 John Meredith, FSO-PV, left, received an Examiner Program ribbon and certificate of advancement as Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor. As FSO-PV, Meredith supervises distribution of Auxiliary literature and information to marinas, boat dealers and other interested businesses.



QE Lynn Enny, left on the *DanDee*, discusses check ride issues with crew candidate Ted Alwine, right on the *Jaeger*.

Alwine passed his crew check ride with flying colors on June 16. Alwine also is FSO-VE.



Surface Operation Training Day North, 9 June: More than 20 members from Flotillas 15-2, 15-8 and 15-10 participated. We met first at the South Plattsburgh Fire Department classroom for some team training and problem solving. Then we moved to the Peru Boat Launch at Valcour for some on-water training for towing and man-over-board situations. Four facilities were deployed: *Cap Huff*, Tom and Margaret Malone, background; *Jaeger*, Ted Alwine, foreground; *DanDee*, Frank Williams and *Allie Mae*, Hugh Conners.

Favorite Website: Auxiliary History

From time to time we run across a free website on the internet that is just so good we have to share it. However, we will not list anything here that requires a digital download or payment of money.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrated its 73rd anniversary of service to America June 23, 2012. In the 1930's, rowing and yachting races were among the most popular spectator sports in America. With WWII on the horizon and more than 300,000 boats operating in U.S. waters, Congress passed legislation on June 23, 1939 forming the Coast Guard Reserve -- a civilian organization with the

primary purpose of providing boats and support to the Coast Guard during times of need. This was later renamed the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1942. Here's the history link:

http://www.uscg.mil/history/CG_Auxiliary_Index.asp



In the 1940's, Coast Guard Reserve (Auxiliary) flotillas augmented U.S. WWII coastal defenses helping protect the homeland from possible enemy attack. *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Photo (Collection #559), Special Collections Department, J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University.*



Refreshment Schedule For Monthly Meetings

July	Bill Rowe & Bob Shivokevich
August	Philip Shivokevich & Catherine Zatylny
September	Scot Woodward & Eric Trotman
October	Hank & Patricia Schwartz
November	Ted Alwine & Stephanie Lago
December	Change of Watch dinner meeting

Coming Events

3 July, Fireworks patrol, Station Burlington.

21 July, Saturday, Division meeting and picnic, Crown Point Historic Site near the new bridge.

5 August, Dragon Boat Race, Burlington Harbor.

18 August, Triathlon, Burlington Harbor.

25 August, YMCA Cross Lake Swim, North Hero, Vt.

8 September, Military Appreciation Day, Crete Civic Center, Plattsburgh.

12 September, Division meeting and election, Queensbury, NY.

22 September, ICS 210 class, Whitehall Central School.

18 November, Division Change Of Watch.

Flotilla 15-8 Staff Officers for 2012

Carl Duford, Flotilla Commander, Human Resources and Materials.

Charles Schenk III, Vice Flotilla Commander.

Frank Williams, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, Operations.

Ted Alwine, Vessel Exams.

Margaretpeggy Burgess, Member Training.

Hugh Conners, Finance and Communications.

Don Craig, Publications and Public Affairs.

Lois Duford, Secretary/Records.

Margaret Malone, Information Systems.

John Meredith, Program Visitor.

Aline Pepe, Marine Safety/Environmental Protection.

Mike Ratner, Computer Services.

Robert Shivokevich, Public Education.

Angelique Zaremba-Woodward, Diversity and Inclusion.

Scott Zaremba-Woodward, Navigation Systems.

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We welcome news articles and photographs relating to Flotilla 15-8 from all of our members.

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Bluff Point Lighthouse, Valcour Island