



Champlain Eagle

FLOTILLA 15-8
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DISTRICT 1SR



September 2012

Commander's Comments

This year has certainly been a busy one for our flotilla. First I want to say congratulations to our newest Coxswain, Frank Williams. I know that you have put in a lot of time preparing for this moment and you certainly deserve this. Also, I would like to congratulate Nick Flora, 15-2, for becoming a Coxswain. Nick has been a supporter of our flotilla for a long time and we congratulate him on his achievement.



We were working on completing check rides for two new crew members, Scot Zarembo-Woodward and Stephanie Lago but patrol time on the water has run out this year to complete this. Your work will be completed early in 2013.

We are having another ABS class (About Boating Safely) scheduled for early October. Those members who have not completed ABS should contact Bob Shivokevich to get into that course.

Its time again for membership dues so please get them in as soon as possible.

Finally our Change of Watch is coming up in early December and I think we have a good program. You won't want to miss this.

Carl Duford, Flotilla Commander



Member News

New Coxswain



Our congratulations go out to Frank Williams who successfully completed his QE check ride for Coxswain on Sept. 17. His Qualifications Examiner was Commodore Thomas Venezia, CQEC (Chief Qualifications Examiner Coordinator). Williams' shipmates for the QE patrol were Ted Alwine, crew and facility owner of the *Jaeger*, and Don Craig, Coxswain.



Frank Williams at the helm of the *Jaeger*, the check ride vessel.

Williams maneuvers the *Jaeger* into position while Ted Alwine, right, snaps a skiff hook onto the bow eye of the *Blue Rose* for a stern tow. On board the *Blue Rose* are Coxswain Charlie Pound, left, and Nick Flora, right, facility owner.





The check ride crew, left to right: Charlie Pound, 15-10, SO-OP and Coxswain; Nick Flora, IPFC 15-2 and crew; Don Craig, 15-8, Coxswain; COMO Thomas Venezio, 15-9, CQEC; Frank Williams, the successful Coxswain candidate, IPFC and FSO-OP, 15-8; Ted Alwine, 15-8 FSO-VE, crew and facility owner. Carl Duford, FC 15-8, and Hugh Conners, FSO-CM/FN, were on hand for support.

One week later, Nick Flora successfully passed his QE check ride for Coxswain for Flotilla 15-2, Burlington. Congratulations to all.



New Members: Mary Lago and David Desjardins were sworn in and received their certificates of membership and ID cards at the Sept. 13 meeting. They are IQ, or Initially Qualified. Congratulations!

Election Notice:

Carl Duford, FC, Flotilla 15-8, has appointed an Election Committee to review and propose nominations for Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander for 2013. The committee members are Don Craig, chairman, Bob Shivokevich and Ted Alwine.

According to the Auxiliary Flotilla Procedures Manual: "Each year, after the Division elections and before Dec. 15, the flotilla elects the next Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander."

This is usually done at our November flotilla meeting. Election procedures will follow the flotilla's standing rules.

Anyone interested in either of these offices should send a letter of intent and a resume of qualifications to the election committee chairman (dcraig@westelcom.com). The list of required qualifications can be found in Appendix C. Election Eligibility, Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST 16790.1G:

http://documents.cgaux.org/temp/Auxiliary-Manual-CIM16790_1.pdf

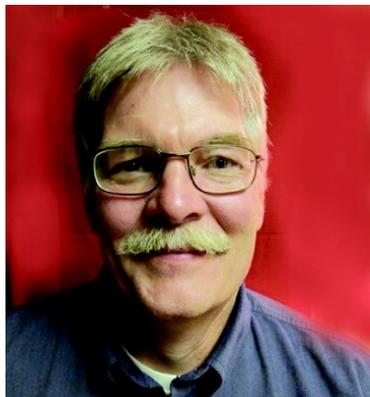


Dues Are Due

Our annual membership dues are due by November. They are \$30 per member. You may present them in person to our finance officer, Hugh Conners, FSO-FN, or mail him a check made out to CG-AUX 1508. His address is Hugh Conners, 857 Military Turnpike, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. If you have any questions, contact him by email at lonesail@charter.net.

New Members Who Just Signed Up:

Flotilla 15-8 is proud to welcome three new members who just signed up and are in AP (Application Pending) status:



From left to right, James Hubert Postlethwait, Nanette Wright Postlethwait and Mike Lee Abare.

Boat Electronics and Engine Maintenance

The Champlain Sail & Power Squadron, Plattsburgh, is offering two courses this fall and winter, one on boat electronics, the other on engine mechanics. Since there is a big membership cross-over between our local Auxiliary flotilla and Power Squadron, the CSPA is offering these courses to 15-8 members at the same fee. Here's the information from Bob Shivokevich, FSO-PE and Power Squadron member:

"The Champlain Sail and Power Squadron will be offering the USPS Marine Electronics course this fall. Starting hopefully by the end of September or early October, day and time to be determined. . The course is broken down into three modules: Boat Electrical Systems, Marine Radio Communications and Marine Electronics for Navigation. The instructor is Mike Stephenson, 15-2.

"The course cost for all three parts is \$45.00 (Just the cost of the book). If you only want to take the First two sections (Modules ME 101 and ME 102 the cost is \$30.00 Module ME 103 is \$30,00 so all three for \$45.00 is a bargain) I need to order the manuals so we can start on time. If you are in interested in taking the course please

reply to me via email (rshivokevich@yahoo.com) so I can get an accurate count.”

The Engine Maintenance course will be offered in late winter or early spring by instructor Frank Williams, FSO-OP 15-8 who also is a professional engine mechanic:

“The new Engine Maintenance course 2011 has been put into one ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. This new course is complete in one book with one exam.”

For more information, contact Bob Shivokevich, FSO-PE, at rshivokevich@yahoo.com.



Favorite Website: Put Your Baby To Bed

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.

It's fall, the boating season is over for most of us, but not all of us, yet. Nevertheless, we're looking at putting our boats away for the winter. The cold winds are turning the green water to white and blue. BoatUS, familiar to most of us, offers these suggestions:

<http://www.boatus.com/boattech/casey/winterizing-your-engine.asp>

When in doubt, consult your owners manual or your dealer.

Refreshment Schedule For Monthly Meetings

October	Don Craig
November	Ted Alwine & Stephanie Lago
December	Change of Watch dinner meeting

Coming Events

3,4 October, ABS course, 5:30-9:30 PM, South Plattsburgh Fire Department.

18 November, Division Change Of Watch.

13 December, Flotilla 15-8 Dinner meeting, Anthony's Restaurant, Plattsburgh.

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.

Margaret Peggy Burgess, Member Training and Information Systems.

Hugh Conners, Finance and Communications.

Don Craig, Publications and Public Affairs.

Lois Duford, Secretary/Records.

John Meredith, Program Visitor.

Aline Pepe, Marine Safety/Environmental Protection.

Mike Ratner, Computer Services.

Robert Shivokevich, Public Education.

Angelique Zarembo-Woodward, Diversity and Inclusion.

Scott Zarembo-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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