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It's Picnic Time
Saturday Sept. 6, 1 PM
Braddock Bay Marina

9 ER Fall Conference
Batavia, N.Y.
Sept. 25, 26, 27

Don't forget your dues!

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The Commander

Sarah Jo Fischpera

For those of you who were not at the July meeting, we had the pleasure of having the new Sr. Chief William Hollandsworth, BM3 Jarrod Jagodzinski join our meeting. I hope everyone gets an opportunity to meet the new Sr. Chief soon. It is always a pleasure to have BM# 3 Jagodzinski join us.

As you all know the September picnic meeting is upon us and with that Dues are do. The FSO-FN has sent out a lot of emails on this, so I am asking that everyone please respond to the FSO-FN on when you will be paying your dues, or have it for him at the picnic which is 6th Sept at Braddock Bay. Plenty of emails have gone out on the picnic I hope everyone will attend just make sure you respond either way to the picnic committee this is a catered event and they need a head count ASAP.

Division elections will be held 16 October if anyone is qualified and is interested please get your letter in to the Chairman James Bement. Along with that this means Flotilla Elections are upon us shortly, George Moore has accepted chairing this committee, he has sent emails out. If you have taken the APC and the ICS 100 and 700 please think about running we will need a Commander and Vice Commander this year. If no one runs then the Captain will have to appoint someone and that does not mean it has to be within our flotilla. There are members that would be capable of holding either position, please get your letter in if you are interested.

Patrols are running slowly with few crew and boats. If you can help out on a patrol please answer the call for help. There is only a little while left for patrols lets make the best of the weather while we can.

The Division Meeting will also be held at the Willows Yacht Club 18 Sept with a picnic before hand all are welcome just let me know if you are going to attend. IT will start at 1800. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on attending. This would be a good way to get to talk with the Captain and Vice Captain and the Division Staff.

I hope to see everyone at the September picnic meeting.

Thank you again to all the members that make up the "CAN DO FLOTILLA" THANK YOU AGAIN EVERYONE

Next issue deadline September 10

Articles needed

The Vice Commander

Robert R. Drost

It's the end of August and already it feels like things are starting to wind down. Boating classes have finished until Fall and most of our other events were successfully completed.

Station Rochester is now under new management. Chief Hollandsworth has taken over command from Chief Engle. My first impression is that he's a down to earth type guy and I've had a few conversations with him. He seems very interested in working with the Auxiliary and I hope we can develop a good working relationship with him.

Len Carpenter has presented the TCT Refresher Course to 4 flotilla members. If anyone still needs this, please contact Len and get up to date.

Our Operations program is proceeding but has been very limited this year. We only have two facilities and several times orders have been cancelled due to lack of qualified crew. I know that we have several crew that need hours so please try to get out on the water when possible. I can't believe that so many have other plans every weekend! This month we were on patrol for the Hobie Cat Races at Hamlin. Unfortunately, after sitting offshore for 1/2 hr we were notified that the races were cancelled due to rough sea conditions. I was surprised ... we only had 3-4 ft waves that day! On Aug. 9 we spent most of the morning doing checkrides to re-qualify two of our members.

Flotilla elections are rapidly approaching. Sarah's term as Commander ends this year so I'd like each of us to give some thought to running for one of the elected positions. We have many qualified people in the flotilla and it would be nice to get some fresh faces and ideas on the Bridge.

Don't forget our annual picnic on Sept. 6 at Braddock Bay Park (the area just before entering the marina). Contact either Gordy or Eileen soon if you plan to attend and also let them know what you will bring.

**SEE YOU
AT
THE PICNIC!**

Finance

George H. Moore, FSO-FN

Dues for 2009, by our Standing Rules, are due and payable in the month of September. The dues payment of \$36.00 is broken down as follows:

National & District dues	\$19.00
Division 4 dues:	\$5.50
Flotilla 45 dues:	\$11.50
Total	\$36.00

To put it to you from the FSO-FN's prospective - *it is difficult* to get the dues from the member, *in a timely manner*. If you plan to remain a member of Flotilla 45 in 2009, write your check now, give it to me at the September meeting. If you are unable to be at the meeting, please mail it to me.

If you plan not to remain a member of Flotilla 45 in 2009, you have two courses:

1. Send a letter of resignation from the Auxiliary to the FC. By doing so you are eligible to request your return to the Auxiliary at a later time.
2. Do not pay your dues and be disenrolled for cause, i.e. "non-payment of dues".

Please make your \$36.00 check payable to "USCG Aux Flotilla 45". I will be at the meeting 3 September 2008.

Personnel Services

Gordon S. Aman, FSO-PS

Don't worry about the grass burning this summer! Is everybody happy your lawn is still green? Do you worry about the price of gas for your lawnmower more than your car? Well if you are, You're not alone, but here's an idea that may help. Buy your wife a REEL MOWER and show her how to push-start it! Then you can relax aboard Bob's boat as crew. Now isn't that a smart solution to at least some of your problems (My wife said it is the start of Bigger ones) I don't understand her sometimes ☺.

One thing for sure please, don't miss our annual fall AUXPIC on Saturday 06 Sept. 1300 hrs. This year it was decided to once again have it catered so all can have more time with friends and family. Eileen and I have made arrangements with "Charbroil Catering" to do it. A flyer is attached to this Signal Bridge, if you haven't already RSVP'd to one of us please do so, we need to tell the cater how many will be attending. I sent an email to all mentioning the menu and also

some ideas if you would like to bring a dish to pass as always your contribution is appreciated. I look forward to a GREAT time and with Joyce in charge of the weather it will be "HUGE" ROCHESTER! Thanks,

Public Affairs

Bryan T. Williams, FSO-PA

Although the summer is beginning to "slow down" for the season, it is my hope that the fall will be warm enough to allow more boating. As the summer ends, those of us with children (and returning to school ourselves) will find our days getting hectic again. School buses, lunch boxes, sports practice, home work will again take over our lives. I hope we can all look back on the summer of 2008 and remember with a smile those slow warm summer days. I hope everyone had a great summer.

On a business note, I will not be submitting my FSO-PA work for award consideration this year. Personally, I felt that if time permitted I could have done more to better promote our flotilla and the CGAUX. We were able to get some media coverage for our boating classes and I was able to get on the radio twice to help promote boating safety. Overall, I do not have much (if any) to submit for consideration this year. Maybe I will be able to submit an entry in 2009. I will not be able to attend the September picnic as I will be out of town.

On a Personal Note

Joyce S. Verstreet

Our September Birthdays

04, SHIRLEY CAREY
07, SUE FORSYTH
06, JOHN STILLMAN
08, ELAINE AMAN
12, GORDY AMAN

Have a wonderful day everyone!

Air Operations

F. Robert Bialkowski, FSO-AV

During the month of July Bill Bach and I flew six patrols for a total of 19.0 flying hours

On the 16th while on a routine patrol I was diverted to a SAR case. While in the search area on Lake Erie, we observed the luxury yacht Grand Finale. I had seen this vessel on the Genesee River two weeks previous and decided to photograph it for all our members to see.

