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Tribute To A Lady



By Charles Maltbie, FSO-PR 13-6

LCDR Edward Boulanger, USCG; CO, USCGC Sassafras accepts an oil painting of his ship from the artist Bill Tyre, Flot. 13-6, Morrestown, N.J. Tyre, impressed with the reception extended

the Auxiliary at the 1971 Cape May Rendezvous, created the painting over the past winter. The painting presented at this year's Rendezvous is to become a permanent fixture in the Ward Room of the ship that is well known to boaters in the South Jersey and Delaware areas.

Out of the Sea Chest

By Bill Garry, PNAVCO



Old timers will be saddened by the news that CDR Spencer F. Hewins, USCG (Ret.) third from left, passed away on 8 September 1972. He was tops in the books of all who had the pleasure of serving under him. Others included in the picture from left to right, are LT Hen Heinle, Commander Flot. 41, James McCloskey, Division Captain and the Commanding Officer of the Lewes Lifeboat Station, BOS'N Hall, USCG.

CG Station Dedicated At Barnegat

By Claire Zuczek, SO-PR, Div. VII

The new Coast Guard Station at Barnegat Light, NJ was dedicated on 25 October 72 with VADM Benjamin F. Engel, Commander, Third Coast Guard District presiding. Following the Admiral's address to the officers and guests, the keys of the new building were presented to the Commanding Officer of the station, LT Freddie R. Lewis by CAPT Leslie J. Williamson, Chief, Engineering Division, Third Coast Guard District.

Other officers of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary in attendance for the affair were LCDR H. G. Pinter, DIRAUX, 3rd (SA); DCP Albert Uhl, Div. VII; Claire D. Zuczek, SO-PR, Div. VII and Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders from Division VII.

The old Barnegat Coast Guard Station was erected in 1939 at a cost of \$73,000 while in comparison the new station erected in '72 cost \$73,000.

The new building is part of the first phase in modernizing and consolidating of the facilities of the Barnegat CG Station. Phase two of this project will provide for a 50 x 60 foot boat maintenance building and the final stage will see the placement of a 13 family housing unit united across from the station. The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be approximately \$1.3 million dollars.

ON THE COVER

Prior to getting underway on his annual "Operation Ho-Ho-Ho", Santa Clause (PDCP Russell Higgins) slid down NACO-elect Haney's chimney and presented him with a pair of new shoulder boards with the NACO insignia. Commodore Haney took a brief break from answering phone calls and going over his mail to exchange greetings with the gentleman from the North Pole prior to Santa's departure for the Delaware Bay where he makes his annual rounds to the various Light House Stations with gifts and cheer for CG personnel.



District
Commodore

Victor F. Baumeister

It's The Doers Who Count!

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory."

I only wish the above quotation was my creation. It belongs to Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. Since I have this quotation framed on my wall I have occasion to review it once in awhile.

Many times we ask ourselves — "Why do we give so much to the Auxiliary?" I like to think the answer lies in the above quotation.

Dedicated Auxiliarists are in the arena — they are spending their energies in a worthy cause. The name of the game is Safe Boating and the end product is SAVING LIVES.

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In preparing new people for membership we occasionally fail to stress certain points about our organization. In closing let me stress the following excerpted from our CG-412 Manual:

"... while you as individuals are volunteers, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary as an organization, although it is non-military and civilian in character, is not a volunteer organization. It was created by an Act of Congress to assist the Coast Guard in certain civil functions. It is governed by the policies laid down by the Commandant, National Board, District Board, Division and Flotilla Standing Rules, in that order. Thus when you volunteered, you agreed to abide by these regulations and policies. We cannot comply with which we agree and not those with which you disagree; otherwise, you would not be an organization."

I wish the Third Southern District Auxiliary continued growth; continued production and continued inner reward for their labors in the years ahead.



District
Vice
Commodore

Joseph L. Krager

When your Flotilla is running smoothly, you can feel it right away and I know you aren't going to have any real hang-ups. But if the opposite is true, I know you will encounter trouble. This I have experienced during the past years.

Arbitrating differences among the officers and crew members can make the difference between success and failure.

Many Auxiliarists may disagree with the administration of the Flotilla, or who would make a better officer or Commander. If not settled, these disputes can go on and on, and eventually split the Flotilla into two factions.

Many of the human problems that effect the crew members interest in the activities and programs, may become the problem of the Flotilla Commander. The greater the frictions within a crew, the more energy is drained off in non-productive ways.

Inadequate communicates shades into this problem area, and separates the crew from the officers.

Instructions should be given so as not only allow for questions but actually encourage them, particularly questions from your inexperienced crew members.

It is most important that the crew members thoroughly understand what you expect. Part of your job as a Flotilla Commander involves the upgrading of subordinates. Your new BQ members should be learning more about the Auxiliary's Aims and Objectives, and their individual duties and responsibilities all the time.

Treat your men as equals when discussing problems. They will be more cooperative if the atmosphere is informal.

The impatient Flotilla Commander can be disliked and have serious communication hang-ups. When friction prevails, it is difficult to have a calm, comfortable exchange of ideas — and that is what communications is all about.

If the crew members sense the Flotilla Commander wants to be liked by everyone, however, some Auxiliarist will take advantage of him. Your tolerance of the officers and crew members must be mixed with firmness.

Your entire crew must understand your tolerance depends upon good faith and both sides and that they cannot abuse yours for their benefit.

Flot. 7-12 First On DIRAUX Honor Roll

By Gregory Hewlett, VFC 7-12

After listening to progress reports of elected and staff officers at the October meeting of Flotilla 7-12, Division VII, Third District (SA), the Assistant Director of Auxiliary, ENS. Alan Kegerise, had a comment:

"Rather than merely reporting your achievements, why don't you tell TOPSIDE how you do it? That way, you'll be helping all the other flotillas in the Third Southern. There must be a secret to it that you're willing to pass along."

Ensign Kegerise spoke up, incidentally, after FC John T. Elsroad had quoted the DIRAUX as saying at an earlier Division VII meeting that 7-12 had met all requirements for the Director's Honor Roll for the second year in its two-year history, and was the first flotilla to have wrapped up that honor this year.

He had heard, too, that 7-12's ten CEs had so far conducted 918 CMEs (317 passing, 601 failing) as compared with its quota of 180; that its members had put in nearly 600 support missions, most of them COM watches at Coast Guard Stations Barnegat and Beach Haven, and 7-12 probably would be No. 1 in the country in supports this year, as it was last; that 30 SAR and 20 Safety patrols had been carried out, and 30 Assists received; that 145 persons had enrolled in the flotilla's eight, seven (sail), one and three-lesson PE courses; that one member was nearing AUXOP and others were taking specialty courses; etc. etc. And he saw two new BQ'd members being sworn in, raising the roster to two women and 23 men.

Yes, there was a secret, the Assistant Director was told — a big long bull whip in the hands of the Commander!

Not quite . . . but figuratively true. By pushing, pulling and prodding, by suggesting, needling and following up, by guiding and leading and setting the pace for both staff officers and the troops, FC Elsroad keeps 7-12 on its Auxiliary mission 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Those who came aboard at the flotilla's beginning in March, 1971, were made well aware of the intention to make 7-12 a hard-working operational unit . . .

and those who've been accepted as members along the way are well-grounded in what is expected of them. That's another reason for the group's achievements.

And it helps, too, that a half dozen in the group are retired or semi-so; they've got the time, interest and know-how to make it all work.

Winter Conference Moves To King of Prussia

The forth-coming Winter Conference that will be held on Saturday 3 February 73 has been relocated from the Defense Support Personnel Center in South Philadelphia to the George Washington Motor Lodge located in King of Prussia as announced by VCO-elect Lloyd Ferber.

The lodge will be able to provide us with the necessary facilities to conduct the three scheduled seminars without any outside interference as experienced in the past. They have also set aside 100 rooms which will be available for those who desire to stay over. It has been expressed by the DCO and the DIRAUX that some of these should be utilized by Divisions and set up as Hospitality Rooms on a B.Y.O.B. basis.

Another important change will be in the uniform after 1800 on Saturday, and that being that black bow ties will be worn with your Service Dress Blues (if worn).

For the female gender who would rather put some time in shopping during the day, there couldn't be a better place with one of the largest malls in the country located within blocks which includes every leading department store from this area.

Extensive planning has been put towards making this year's Winter Conference a memorable one.

Tentative Schedule for Winter Conference	
1030 — 1200	Administrative Seminar
1200 — 1400	Lunch Break
1400 — 1530	CME Seminar
1530 — 1600	Break
1600 — 1700	PE Seminar
1700 — 1800	Free Time
1800 — 1900	Cocktail Hour <i>Dutch Treat</i>
1900 — 2100	Dinner — Awards
2100 — 0100	Dancing

What It's All About

By George Fender, SO-PR, Div. IV

Harry H. Bickel, DCP Div. IV, exemplifies the Auxiliary.

During the resultant floods of "Agnes", for a period 23 June through 8 July 72, Harry Bickel, President of Norco Fire Company, Pottstown, Pa., not only organized the Fire Company into a refugee shelter, clothing and food depot, but administered the feeding of 500 to 600 persons a day for two weeks.



H. BICKEL

At night he ran a gasoline truck to supply pumpers and emergency lighting units with fuel.

He coordinated volunteers with Red Cross in the clean up after the flood water receded and pitched in where needed.

For two weeks, Harry Bickel was lucky if he got two hours sleep each day.

Bickel doesn't make any fancy speeches but when the chips are down, he's there to help, which is what the Auxiliary is all about.

WOND Boosts Safe Boating On Air

By Claire Zuczek, SO-PR, Div. VII

On October 7th, Albert Uhl, DCP-VII, had the pleasure of presenting to Station WOND, Pleasantville, N.J., the National Award for the radio station cooperating the most with the Auxiliary on our Safe Boating programs.

Not only was Radio Station WOND the only radio station in the southern part of New Jersey to accept the record of safe boating messages provided by the District but they also taped additional messages from material provided them by our Public Relations Officer and impressed on the public the necessity of taking a Safe Boating course.

Daily broadcasts were made approximately five to six times per day, starting with the Memorial Day weekend through the month of September.

Station WOND was most appreciative of receiving recognition for their efforts and have pledged their support to USCGAUX efforts in the future.

Officer Training School For AUX Initiated in 3rd.(NA)

By John D. McIntosh, PDCO

LCDR Pinter, VCO Krager and I traveled to Governor's Island, on 30 September 72 to attend a session of the Third District (NA) Officer's Training School for the purpose of reviewing the program with the possibility of adapting it for the Third (SA).

The Northern Area has established a requirement for attendance at an Officer Training session as a pre-requisite for election as Flotilla Commander. Some four previous sessions had been held in various sections of their area, so with the session on 30 September and an additional session scheduled for 1 October (both conducted at Governor's Island) the program would be completed for this year.

The Base Auditorium was the scene of the class consisting of 160 in attendance which was under the direction of Robert Didio, Division Chief, Membership Training, Auxiliary National Department of Education.

The overall evaluation of the entire program was very good. Specially made transparencies for these sessions were utilized in conjunction with films and the hand-outs provided will be of great aid for anyone becoming involved in Auxiliary Administration.

The subject matter covered the Auxiliary organization, its line and staff relationships, general administrative policies, the use of general management tools such as brainstorming, and a review of problems.

The success of this program in the Northern Area should lead to a year of outstanding activity for them and undoubtedly the program will expand to other Auxiliary Districts. As a personal opinion, if such a program is introduced in the Third (SA), it should not be limited to Flotilla Commanders as most of the material presented would be of great help to Vice Commanders and Staff Officers as well.

In any case, if the program becomes available in our area, plan to take part as you will find it to be considerable help in administering your Flotilla and Staff group.

HANEY ELECTED FOR TOP USCG AUX BILLET



NACO HAROLD B. HANEY

National Honors Ladies of Third(SA)

Flotilla 32's Training Aid display (under \$50 category) that won first place at the North East Rendezvous this past summer (Summer issue TOPSIDE) went on to the National Conference and came back with the Second Place Award for the Regular Class Training Aids. The award was presented by DCO Baumeister at the October District Board Meeting to Mrs. Robert Insinger, of the Westville, NJ Flotilla, who planned and assembled the display. DCO Baumeister stressed in his comments that this should be an incentive for other Flotillas to follow suit and that it was an honor to be able to bring this award home to the Third (SA).

Completing the award presentations, Certificates of Appreciation for valiant contributions of the many women in the Auxiliary who have devoted a great deal of time over a long period on the Flotilla, Division and District levels were presented by DCO Baumeister to, Lenore Roush, Louise Ruff and Barbara Hambleton.

Winning elections over the past few years has been common for Harold Haney, and the recent one held at the Fall National Conference in St. Petersburg, FL, was no exception when he was elected to fill the top billet, National Commodore of the Auxiliary.

NACO-elect Haney tallied a majority of votes on the first ballot over DCO Ed Nadler of the 3rd Northern Area. Greatly responsible for the outstanding campaigning leading to the election victory was PNAVCO Bill Garry and DCO Vic Baumeister.

Joining the Auxiliary in 1959 as a charter member of Flotilla 17, Commodore Haney rose through the ranks holding offices of VFC, FC, VCP, DSO-OPS and then DCP-Div. I Pursuant of these offices Haney was elected as RCO-(E), VCO and then as DCO in 1970. Before completing his term as DCO in 1971, NACO-elect Haney was elected to fill the vacated NARCO office at the Spring session of the National Conference held in Scottsdale, AR.

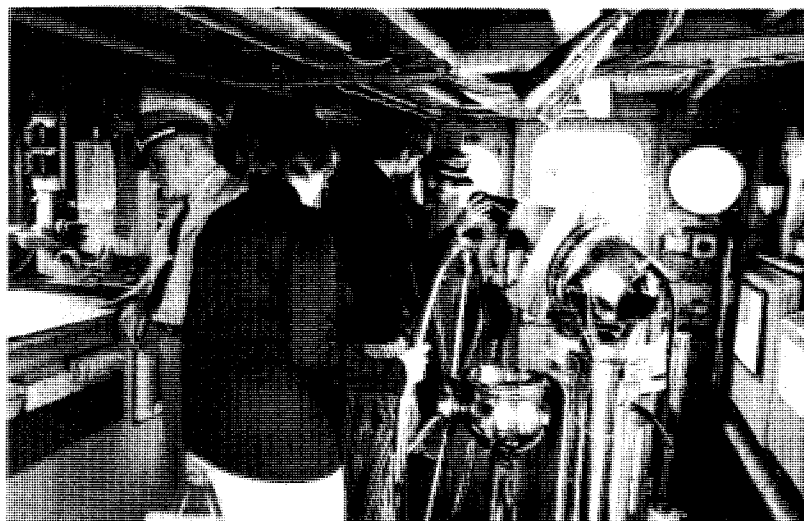
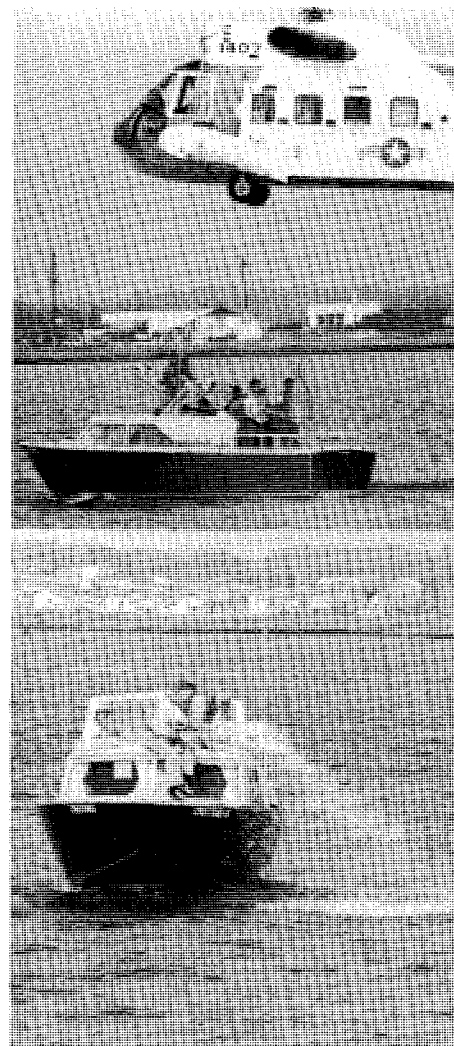
While serving the Auxiliary as NARCO, Commodore Haney also took on the task of Acting Chief, Department of Education and was largely responsible for the new 12-lesson Boating Safety and Seamanship text. For his outstanding endeavors in this field, NACO-elect was awarded the USCG Certificate of Administrative Merit and the Anheuser-Busch "Schooner" this past Spring.

In addition to Commodore Haney's accomplishments, he has offered his facility for use since 1960 and has qualified as a, Courtesy Motorboat Examiner Radio

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MEETING NOTICE

Commencing in January 1973, the monthly District Board Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2000 in the Wardroom of the Coast Guard Base Gloucester. The change from the heretofore first Thursday was to facilitate the base personnel conducting "field day" in preparation for their weekly Friday inspection.



650 Throng To Cape May For Rendezvous

The Cape May Rendezvous that was held this year at the USCG TraCen, Cape May, NJ, proved to be the top social event of the year for the Third Southern Area when it drew in excess of 650 Auxiliary Members and guests during the three day period 15-16-17 September.

Starting off the three-day festivities on Friday afternoon a tour of the center and a review of the Recruit Graduation Parade was held with DCO Baumeister officiating. Later in the day an informal Buffet Supper was served after which music for dancing was provided by the USCG Dance Combo for the 485 in attendance.

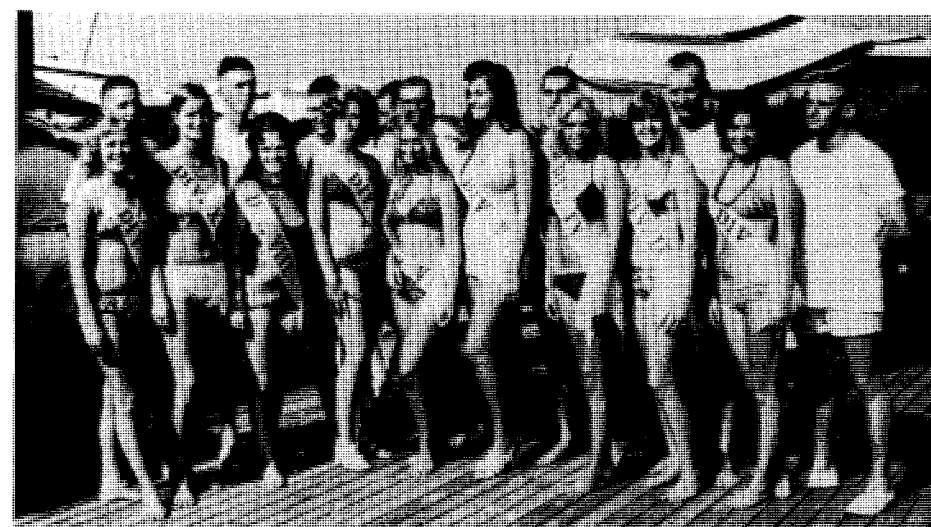
Saturday morning the USCGC SASSAFRAS got underway at 1000 with the first 125 passengers who crossed her bow and headed for sea to give the Auxiliarists a taste of "sea duty". For those who weren't quite fortunate enough to make the trip, an Air-Sea Demonstration was presented with members of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary participating. This demonstration gave an explicit example of how the two organizations work hand-in-hand in saving lives at sea in times of emergency.

The afternoon brought about the annual picnic that is held at Electronic Beach on the base which, for the first time, featured the selection and crowning of the Miss Safe Boating Queen. The



(Counterclockwise from top) Auxiliarists inspect the equipment in the pilot house of the CGC SASSAFRAS prior to getting underway. (Upper left) While the lucky 125 Auxiliarists and friends were cruising on the SASSAFRAS, other members of the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard participated in an Air-Sea Rescue demonstration. The boat used in the exercise was owned and skippered by PDCP Bill Dischert with Henry Pretty and Russell Higgins acting as crew members. (Bottom) Back into port the passengers from the SASSAFRAS debark from the ship after cruising the briny deep.

(Photos by L. Brooks, SO-PUB, Div. IV & Al Campbell, Cape May County Gazette)



contestants representing various Divisions were, Patti Hudson, Div. I; Irene Malloy, Div. II; Debbie Haske, Div. IV; Debbie Hurst, Div. V; Mona Santo, Div. VI; Gayle Trommer, Div. VII; Cathy Florence, Div. VIII; Linda Shetzler, Div. XII and Cheryl Umin, Div. XIII. After much deliberation the judges (consisting of chosen enlisted personnel from the USCG TraCen) selected Linda Shetzler of Division XII to reign as the Safe Boating Queen for 1972-73.

Up to this point things were going along very smoothly as planned, but when the dinner hour came along the unpredicted crowd threw a curve to those who had made preparations for 125 less than what showed.

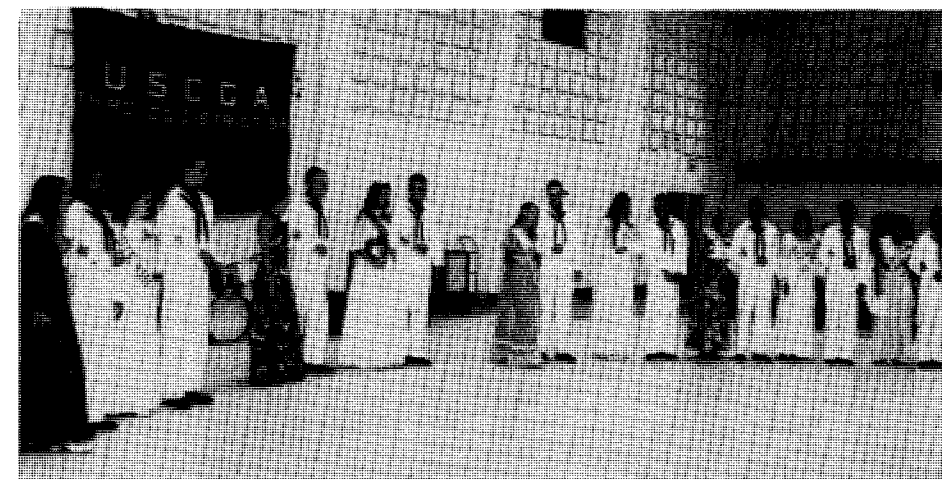
Several people were turned away at the door, but it was learned later that they could have been served had they been patient and waited. The committee agrees that it was unfortunate that this situation arose but also feel it was justified under the circumstances. Plans are already in the making to eliminate this problem in the future.

Following the "outstanding" meal, that was prepared by the CG Base personnel, several remarks were made by Coast Guard and Auxiliary officers and then the Safe Boating Queen and the other contestants, with their CG escorts, were formally introduced to the audience.

To conclude the gala affair music was provided for those who saw fit to "trip to the light fantastic."

(Clockwise from above) This bevy of beauties gave the judges a hard time when it came time to pick the young lass who was to reign as Miss National Safe-Boating Queen. (Right) Of course there was one contestant who complained bitterly to the Program Chairman, Marie Semet. (Lower right) The Queen and her court, with their escorts from the CGTraSta, were presented following the dinner at the Cape May Rendezvous. This group, who were in attendance, seemed to approve of the judge's selection.

(Photos by L. Brooks, SO-PUB, Div. IV)



18 AUXOP Pins Awarded To DIV. V In '72

By Robert F. Lyter, SO-PR, Div. V

DCP Howard Turner proclaimed 1972 as "The Year of the AUXOP" in Division V after being sworn in as Division Captain early this year.

As in all things a beginning must be had to set off the spark in the members of the Flotillas of Division V and it all started back in April of 1971 when Ralph Curtis (SO-MGR at the time under IPDCP Ellwood Manahan) conducted a unique seminar at the State Capitol in Harrisburg with 65 members taking the Search and Rescue specialty course. With this as a start for most Auxiliarists, these courses soon became the order of the day.

Curtis then went on to complete his AUXOP program and was presented the coveted pin at a Division meeting soon after being elected Vice Captain.

This was an incentive to the membership and helped to inspire those that were still struggling with their text books. Many members spent the summer months studying and taking examinations which was followed with the required practical demonstrations.

At this point the classroom moved outdoors and our members performed their practical demonstrations on the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Through the year I reported constantly that the Flotillas in Division V were working diligently on their specialty courses and the net result showed that as of the November Division meeting 18 members were recipients of the AUXOP pin during the year 1972.



DCO Baumeister presented a letter and certificate to CDR Duncan (left) of Admiral Farragut Academy for the cooperation given the Coast Guard on the AIM program. Witnessing the ceremonies was Joseph Kolb, DSO-CC, (right).

Commandant Lauds Men At Farragut

By Claire Zuczek, SO-PR, Div. VII

The Admiral Farragut Academy, Toms River, NJ hosted Officers of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, 3rd (SA) on Sunday 29 October 72 at which time the cadets of the Academy marched in Dress Parade and Review.

During the ceremonies following the review, DCO Victor Baumeister presented a letter and certificate from the Commandant of the Coast Guard to CDR Duncan of Admiral Farragut Academy for the splendid cooperation given the Coast Guard on the AIM Program by CDR

Duncan and his staff at Farragut namely, CAPTs Klein and Dodge.

Taking part in the presentation on behalf of the Auxiliary were CAPT J. E. Johansen, CHDIRAUX and District Career Coordinator, Joseph E. Kolb.

Others participating were DCP Albert Uhl, Div. VII; Anthony Calabro, SO-AIM, Div. VII and Claire Zuczek, SO-PR, Div. VII.

Following the ceremonies the guests were taken on a tour of the Academy after which they were entertained at the home of CDR Duncan.



Pictured are the 18 members from Div. V that were presented with AUXOP Pin in '72. Seated l. to r., FC H. E. Crum, DCP H. J. Turner, VCP R. E. Curtis, IPDCP E. Manahan, and FC J. Fry. Standing l. to r. are H. B. Hess, E. N. Crum, FC R. Kressler, FC M. E. Sneider, FC F. G. Geiger, E. Snyder, SO E. C. Snyder, FSO E. M. Duborow, E. Witmer, FSO S. D. Shertzer, DSO J. E. Markle, VFC G. E. Ditty and SO R. G. Shelley.

STAFF OFFICERS

Reports

THREE "Gals" Honored At National Conference

By Lenore Roush, DWAC

Having attended the recent National Conference held in St. Petersburg, FL this past fall, I felt it my duty to give you a report on my trip and happenings.

I left Friendship Airport on a Monday,

and being this was the first time I had ever flown, I must admit, I was a bit scared. When the pilot announced that the plane had reached an altitude of

36,000 feet I knew it was useless to think of bailing out so I decided to sit back and enjoy the flight. When I finally got up enough courage to peek out the window I found everything to be a beautiful pure white.

In less than two hours we set down at the Tampa Airport and then boarded a limousine bound for the Sandpiper Motel. You wouldn't believe it but this trip took exactly two and one-half hours (longer than the flight down).

I arrived at my spacious accommodations and after getting settled I contacted Melvin Horning and his wife (Flot. 53, Harrisburg) who had arrived earlier and together we became acquainted with our new surroundings.

Tuesday morning a seminar was conducted by Vaada Smith, NAWAC in her private quarters. This was my first meeting with our NAWAC and she is all I had heard, a very charming and dedicated individual.

Two bus loads of Auxiliarists were the guests of Anheuser-Busch on Wednesday which included a trip through the Busch Gardens and a luncheon served at the Swiss Chalet. I joined in with a group of ladies from Massachusetts but before the tour had ended two of these ladies and myself could go no further so we re-

treated to the Hospitality Room where we removed our shoes and waited for the return bus trip to the motel.

That very evening we get-acquainted night around the pool at the Port-O-Call. Here we had the opportunity to meet many people from the various Districts.

Thursday I attended a meeting and heard short speeches from the various National Officers. This was followed by the elections of the new officers for 1973 where NARCO Harold Haney was the victor for the NACO spot.

In the afternoon, following lunch, it was "ladies day" for us. Following a short but interesting talk by Vaada Smith three ladies from our District were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding efforts in promoting the aims, ideals and programs of the Auxiliary. It was indeed a proud moment for me when I stepped forward, escorted by our own DCO Baumeister, to the head table to receive these certificates from NACO Osbourne for Louise Ruff, DivWAC XII, Barbara Hambleton, DSO Secretary and myself.

We then adjourned to our meeting room and I was first on the agenda for the afternoon. My presentation was based on an article entitled "Crewing on SAR" written by Louis Busse, FC-14; whom I would like to extend my personal thanks for his help. The other talks that followed were on Membership Growth and Retention, and Uniforms.

We were late getting started with the Seminar so time seemed to be a great factor. I personally was a little disappointed that there was not more time devoted to a question and answer period. This is one way we could have learned more about what the other Districts are doing and their accomplishments. I also feel that more time could be devoted to the ladies at future Conferences.

Getting back to our own level I notice that reports are still not coming in from a few of the DivWACS, some from as far back as March. Surely something has taken place that you can report on so please get those reports in.

I am looking forward to a bigger and better year in '73 which means that you gals will have to get after your FlowWACS for those reports. As I have said before this is the only way of knowing what the ladies in the various Divisions are doing.

In closing may I take this opportunity to wish you all "Happy Holidays".

TOPSIDE Faces New Era In '73

By Oscar Guenthoer, Jr., DSO-PUB

This issue of TOPSIDE brings to a close my reign as editor of this publication, and I must say, it has been a memorable experience preparing the past six editions in order for you to become familiar with the happenings in the Third Southern.

Due to other activities biting into my spare time I felt it in the best interest of the Auxiliary to tender my resignation to DCO Baumeister. By no matter of means will my office be left unattended as Wayne Hambleton, my assistant, has stepped in to take over the helm in '73.

Prior to my resignation, it was resolved that commencing in 1973, TOPSIDE will be published six times per year in lieu of the present three. In order to keep within the budget allowed us, the format for next year will be changed to a six-page foldout.

Several features will be dropped to make room for the more current items of interest. It has been mentioned that notices published formerly by the DIR-AUX and DCO will now be published in TOPSIDE thus a saving on mailing and printing. The prime reason for this major change is to try to eliminate "stale" news which has been our major problem over the past years.

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O. GUENTHOER, JR.



CGC RED OAK Maintains

By Mary Clare Bowlus, SO-PUB, Div. I

How much thought does the average boater, or for that matter Auxiliarists, give to the maintenance of the buoy they pass on their way up and down the rivers, bays, and inlets while pursuing their favorite sport? What happens, for example, when a buoy is in need of paint, or a light burns out and needs to be replaced, or for some reason a buoy is found off station?

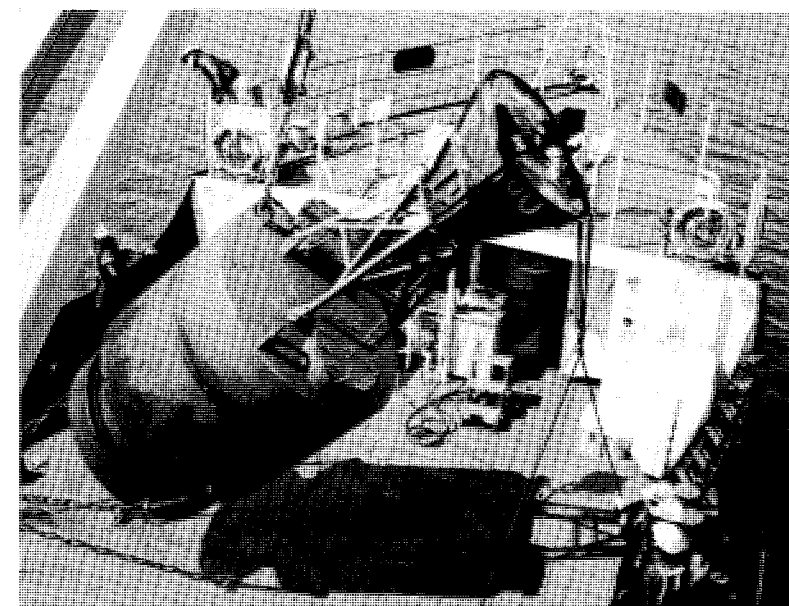
During the past year I had an opportunity to spend a day aboard USCGC Red Oak. The Red Oak is a buoy tender whose duty it is to service the 175 lighted buoys on the Delaware River between Trenton, New Jersey, and the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Promptly at 0800 the Red Oak backed out of her berth at Coast Guard Base Gloucester, where she is stationed, to begin another day of work. Minutes before, I had been welcomed aboard by the XO, LTJG R. T. Glynn, one of the 32 officers and men who comprise the crew.

The Red Oak was commissioned in a ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland, on 17 December 1971. The cutter is the fifth in a new class of buoy tenders measuring 157 feet in length. Powered with two 900 HP diesel engines she is capable of making a top speed of 14 knots. The Red Oak displaces approximately 470 tons and her hull has been reinforced for light ice-breaking work. She has twin controllable pitch propellers and is equipped with a bow thruster to increase maneuverability. The Red Oak can service navigational aids up to ten tons in weight and since she has been designed to operate in shallow waters (often on the sides of dredged harbor channels) her draft is only six feet.

A tour of the cutter was conducted by LT John E. Schwartz, the Red Oak's young (28 years old) Commanding Officer. The interior is finished in bright colors, and maintenance-free plastic laminates. All living spaces including the

(Opposite page, top) The Coast Guard Buoy Tender RED OAK steams majestically on the Delaware River towards one of her missions. (Middle) Quartermasters, with the aid of sextants, determine the correct position for the buoys by dead-reckoning. (Below) A crew member, trained in electronics, makes a periodic check on the lights and batteries in the buoy. (Right) Buoys are hauled out of the water annually and reconditioned by the crew members of the RED OAK. The steel drum on a buoy such as this measures seven feet in diameter, stands 17 feet high and weighs about five tons. (Lower right) The damage to this buoy was severe enough to warrant an inspection by the Commanding Officer (to right of buoy wearing leather jacket and hard hat) who felt it would be necessary to replace it with a substitute in the near future. When this occurs it necessitates bringing a new buoy from Staten Island as replacements are not kept at Gloucester.

(Photos by the author)



175 Buoys on the Delaware

bridge are centrally heated and air conditioned. The bridge is equipped with a large chart table, radar, radio telephone, depth sounder, compasses, and sonar. There is a complete storeroom and machine shop where most types of on the spot repairs can be handled. The mail room is almost as important as the bridge, since it is here the myriad of paper work of the cutter is accomplished. We all know that you can't function without paper (work). The Red Oak has a large pantry (four huge refrigerators and lots of shelves for stowing dry store), and a separate modern, spacious, well appointed galley. The lunch served from the galley that day consisted of onion soup, green salad with choice of dressing, two stuffed pork chops, potatoes, corn, ice cream for dessert, and of course coffee, tea, or milk.

As we approached the first buoy to be serviced that day, Mr. Glynn's practiced eye observed that it appeared to be off station. After checking the position on the chart it was found to be 150 yards down river from the charted position. A tug with a tow was the suspected culprit. The lens, broken in the mishap, was replaced, and the buoy was put back on station.

All repairs about to be done, and those that have been completed are recorded on a computer print out sheet. These papers contain such information as location, depth to bottom, length of chain, weight of sinker, light characteristics, last time serviced etc. Approximately 60 different items are noted every time a buoy is serviced.

The maintenance of aids to navigation is a never ending cycle. The Red Oak makes as many as three or four "day-runs" per week to accomplish their task. The remainder of the time is devoted to the Cutter's own maintenance which occupies everyone's time.

Valued at \$3.5 million, the Red Oak is indeed a handsome lady.



from the

DIVISION LOGS

II

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

E. J. Reynolds



By William J. Stanley, SO-PR

The Membership Growth Award Certificate was presented to DCP Edward Reynolds by DCO Baumeister at the October District Board Meeting in recognition of the large growth in membership in Division II. It cannot be overlooked that Charles Malloy, FC-23; was largely responsible for the Division receiving this award, which is presented by the National Board, in as much as he has played a large part in recruiting 78 men.

Division II inducted a new Flotilla into its ranks this past July at the Quaker City Yacht Club. DCP Reynolds had the honor of administering the oath to the new officers and presenting the Charter to Flotilla 25's FC Anthony Mahnick and VFC Joseph Reilly. On hand to honor the occasion and to address the group briefly were LCDR H. G. Pinter, DIRAUX, 3rd (SA); VCO Joseph Krager, and Rear Commodore Edward McBride of the Quaker City Yacht Club. Flotilla 25 will meet regularly at the Yacht Club, Princeton Avenue and Delaware River, Philadelphia on the third Thursday of the month.

The welcome mat was out for Ron Ereig, Michael Lutsch and Anthony Luniewski who just joined the ranks of Flotilla 22. Ereig and Lutsch were inducted into the USCGAUX this fall and Luniewski arrived as a transfer from the northern area where he served as Vice Commander, Flotilla 16-5.

LT Ed. Kengetter, USCG, from the COTP's office was the speaker at the



DCP E. J. Reynolds had the pleasure of presenting Flotilla 25's Charter to FC Anthony Mahnick and VFC Joseph Reilly at ceremonies held at the Quaker City Yacht Club.
(Photo by W. J. Stanley, SO-PR, Div. II)

October Division meeting. LT. Kengetter's presentation, which included numerous slides, pertained to the Coast Guard's role in regulating shipping and cargo in the Philadelphia area.

Charles Malloy, VFC-23; was recently appointed to the District Staff as Air Operations Officer. It was also learned that the Pollution Flights conducted by Flotilla 23 have been extended to 31 December 72.



V

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

H. J. Turner

By Robert F. Lyter, SO-PR

Now that another boating season is behind us, and our boats are tucked away for the winter months, we should now concern ourselves with PE courses and to giving some thought to working on projects which will be useful as training aids

and/or public displays at the upcoming boat shows.

Division V started off the Fall PE program in a big way with Brickley Orndorff, SO-PE; setting up a unique one-night class held at the Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech School this past 27 September. The program which was jointly sponsored by the Auxiliary and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission was presented as a "miniature pilot" 12-lesson course with the instructors highlighting on the subjects that would interest those in attendance to enroll in the regular PE course. The course included excerpts not only from the 12-lesson course but also the new sail course. In addition to the Fish Commission participating in the program, the film "Annabelle" was shown.

Flotilla 5-11, New Holland, Pa., joined the fold of Division V recently with John Fry taking the helm as Flotilla Commander. FC Fry came to "5-11" after serving as Vice Commander of Flotilla 52.

The time for elections rolled around again and when the ballots were counted VCP Ralph Curtis was selected to take command of Division V with Fred Geiger, FC-52 taking over as Vice Captain for the

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ensuing year. We feel sure that we have a real fine team at the helm and that they will continue to maintain the fine leadership standards established by retiring DCP Turner.

Ward Donahue and his wife will be playing Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause and pass out gifts again this year at Division V's annual Christmas Party scheduled to be held on 9 December at the Mount Joy American Legion Post.

All the Flotillas are busy working on their upcoming PE courses as well as completing all the odds and ends needed to meet the requirements for the Director's Honor Roll.

In closing I would like to extend **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF DIVISION V.**

VI

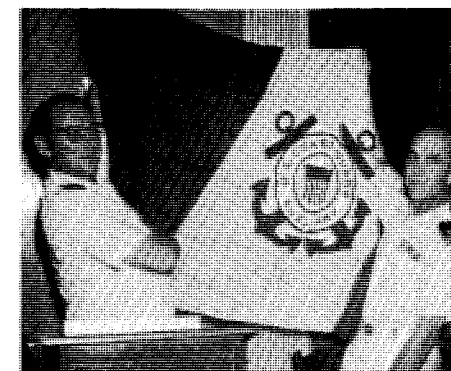
DIVISION
CAPTAIN

Richard Hark

By Helene Hark, DSO-PR

HUMBUG! This is both a happy and extremely sad time of the year . . . On Thanksgiving Day, DCP Hark put the CHERAENE to bed for the winter . . . No more fishing unless you don't mind being cold and wet, there are still some fish to be had. One of the girls, Ann Evans of Flotilla 66 caught a ten-pound bluefish while aboard the YA-KA-TA-KA KATA off the coast of Sea Side.

Elections were held at the October Division meeting and DCP Dick Hark and VCP Bill Meier were re-elected to the bridge for 1973. On the Flotilla level, Flotilla 61 re-elected FC Bob Hoch and VFC Dan Dillen; 62 will have a new FC in Charles Stocker and Shirley Kircher as the new Vice Commander. (Women's lib has finally hit Division VI). The new officers for Flotilla 65 who will take office in '73 are Cleaver Bryan, FC; and Beryl "Whity" Campbell VFC; James Kelley will take over the Command of Flotilla 66 with James Stecker as his Vice Commander; Wilbur Scully will be back as FC of Flotilla 68 with a new VFC Alfred Balletta; Flotilla 69 re-elected



Division V welcomed a new Flotilla into its fold when Flot. 5-11, New Holland, Pa. was chartered. At the ceremonies, DCP Howard Turner (left) presented the USCGAUX Ensign to the new Flotilla's Commander John Fry.

Michael Santo as their FC and elected John Skwarek to fill the number two spot.

NEWS FROM THE FLOTILLAS Flotilla 61 instructors surprised the students of their seven-lesson sail course when they appeared at the Ewing High School in Trenton towing a completely rigged 20-foot sailboat. The lesson that evening was obviously held in the parking lot with no one suffering from mal de mer . . . It has been rumored that wedding bells may be tinkling somewhere behind the breakers for PVFC Manning. Who will be the Captain, Mark? . . . The Rancocas Valley kids recently celebrated their tenth birthday on 21 December with a catered banquet at the home of FC-elect Charlie Stocker. Among the guests were Libby and Bob Kircher who came back from Florida to celebrate the holidays with their family. Bob got a new hat for the occasion . . . Flotilla 63 has been holding successful dinner meetings. This really gets the membership out . . . Hats off to Flotilla 65 for their fine progress in '72 . . . Flotilla 69 is pre-



Five members of Flotilla 7-12 have made the Century Club for having conducted 100 or more Courtesy Motorboat Examinations this past year. Left to right, standing, are Edward Frank, FSO-TREAS., with nearly 267 by early October, and George Jones, FSO-CE, 106; seated, Vee Pearson, PFSO-PE, 112, and FC John Eisroad, 103.

sending its first 12-lesson BS&S course at the Lawrence Township High School. This is quite a feat for a three month old Flotilla.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support in 1972 and to wish you all a "Happy Holiday" and a prosperous New Year. VCP Meier sends you his greetings from San Juan on Christmas Day.

As a parting thought for the New Year, "Keep the faith, baby and good-night Benedict, wherever you are!"

VIII

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

A. Baker

By Russell Higgins, SO-PR

Disabled veterans from the Philadelphia Naval Hospital were the guests of members from Flot. 82 for a days outing which included breakfast at the Flotilla Headquarters, a days fishing aboard Auxiliarists boats and a full course turkey dinner on their return with their catch. The many fish caught by the men were cleaned and sent back to the hospital with them on their return to Philadelphia. Congratulations are in order for a job WELL DONE to the following members of "82" who made this affair a success by participating with their boats, James DeCola (NANCY), Karl Benning (HUNTER), FC William Crouse (LADY CAMEO), Joseph Roop (WOW), Fred Maurer (REEL FUN), Melvin Bouboulis (SEA JAY), and George Adam (GAGA).

The members of Flot. 83 have taken part in local, national and international activities recently.

Locally, six members aboard three boats patrolled for the safety of some 200 youngsters who were aboard five party boats during the Annual Kiddie's Fishing Rodeo from Wildwood to the fishing grounds off Cape May and return.

Nationally, Bud Nissen and Curly Neiman spent three days with the film crew and the Coast Guard at Cape May while a segment of the "Lloyd Bridges Water World" was filmed for a future TV show.



Half of the disabled Vietnam veterans from the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia display the fish they caught after being treated to a day of fishing by Flotilla 82 of Cape May this past fall.

Internationally, serving aboard three boats utilized as a Regatta Patrol for the International Championship Moth Races, held in Delaware Bay, were William Dischert, Henry Pretty, Joseph Peer, Russell Higgins and Olin George. Following the four days of racing, the Greater Wildwood Yacht Club who hosted the event, held a Presentation Dinner at which trophies were awarded to the top three champions in each event. William Dischert presented the trophies to the winners of the Junior Men's event and Russell Higgins had the honor of presenting the winning trophies in the Ladies event.

At the Cape May Rendezvous a demonstration rescue drill was presented by members of the Cape May Helo Group and three members of Flot. 83 aboard William Dischert's WELIKIT. Dischert and his crew members, Henry Pretty and Russell Higgins, received congratulations for a job WELL DONE from CDR Schubert upon completion of the exercise.

DIVISION XII

Flotilla 12-5 presented a three-lesson Safe Boating course to 19 Boy Scouts from Troop #135, Smyrna Del., on 21 October. Following the lectures and training films that were presented at the American Legion Bldg., the Scouts were then taken to Lake Como for practical demonstrations.



XII

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

M. N. Ruff

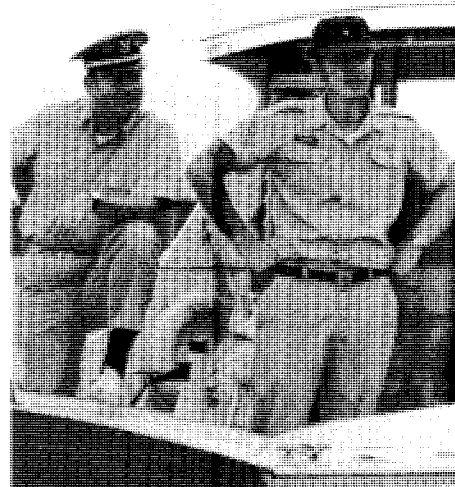


Members of Flotilla 12-5 are shown conducting their customary Courtesy Motorboat Examinations at Bowers, Del. Following the examinations, refreshments were served aboard Ernie Dorman's "Dottie."

Three boats owned by Auxiliarists were on hand for them to test their ability to steer a compass course and follow the channel marked with buoys that had been laid out by members of the Flotilla.

After the various pieces of safety equipment were explained, the Scouts donned life vests and practiced throwing ring buoys.

DCO Baumeister attended the October Division meeting to present AUXOP pins to Thomas Jarman, Edward Hadaway, George Hunt and Marvin Ruff. This brings the total of wearers of the coveted award to six in Division XII being as Robert Carson and Daniel Smith received theirs earlier this past summer.



Barry Neavling, FSO-OPS and Ronald Ruben, Sr. FSO-PE, are pictured as they participated in a patrol during the Governor's Cup Regatta at the Riverton Yacht Club. This marked the fourth year that Flotilla 13-1 conducted a patrol for the event.

(Photo by Henry Stevens, Flotilla 13-10)

E. KAISER Receives Commendation

In recognition of not only the injury Eugene Kaiser FSO, 13-7; sustained while on a support mission at Atlantic City in September of 1971 but also for his outstanding record as a Courtesy Examiner, and the many hours he has contributed to the Auxiliary, a letter of commendation was received by Kaiser from VADM Engel this past August which read:



FSO Eugene Kaiser

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

It has been brought to my attention that you have suffered considerable inconvenience and discomfort as a result of an injury you received during a support mission you provided Coast Guard Station, Atlantic City, in September 1971. I am delighted to learn that your recuperation has progressed well.

The Coast Guard is sincerely appreciative of the generous support contributed by Auxiliarists. Across the United States, every Coast Guard officer and enlisted man knows how vital the Auxiliary is to the well being of America's forty million boaters.

Your record, even among men in an organization proud of its generosity, is outstanding. The many hours you have contributed at Atlantic City and the constant performance of a great many Courtesy Examinations every year have earned you a well deserved reputation not only within the Auxiliary, but also at Coast Guard Station, Atlantic City.

Please accept, in addition, my personal thanks for the sacrifices you have made for safe boating and for your great generosity to the Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

B. F. Engel

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Commander

Third Coast Guard District.

TOPSIDE FACES NEW ERA (Continued from page 9)

The new editions will be published and distributed on the even months (i.e. February, April, June, etc.) and the deadlines will fall on the first of the odd months. This will give the editor adequate time to prepare copy and edit the material prior to publication.

In closing I would like to personally thank all of those who cooperated with me in helping to make TOPSIDE one of the better District publications in the nation, and without your help this achievement would not have been possible. With everything "spanking" new for '73 I trust that you will display the same cooperation for Wayne Hambleton. I know from working closely with him in the past that he in turn will do his utmost in trying to fulfill our goal of having the best "pub" in the country.



(Photo by Paul Counsellor)

By Warren Fox, Flot. 81

Flotilla 81, of Ocean City, N.J., keeps itself in the public eye whenever the community sponsors a gala celebration. Their annual Hallowe'en Parade has participants from neighboring cities and even

Project One Million

By Bill Garry, DVC-GI

Each year an estimated one million Americans join the ranks of motorboat operators. Each year the joint efforts of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the USPS, the States, the Red Cross and other groups provide safe boating education to only a fraction of one million people.

The year 1973 is the year boating education can be given to one million Americans with no sweat — and the Coast Guard Auxiliary can do it single handed.

The vehicle is to be "Project One Million", an all-out effort to educate at least one half of America's two million Boy Scouts (exclusive of Explorers) in boating safety.

"Project One Million" has the enthusiastic support of the Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, the National Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and of the National Officers of the Boy Scouts of America.



B. Garry

other states. Here shown is this year's entry with VFC Robert Garrod at the helm of the boat, as his wife Concetta seems to be enjoying the view of the spectators from the towing vehicle while E. Clayton Dorsey commands the towing job.

CG and AUX Team Together At Fair

By Russell Kressler, FC 5-10

Flotilla 5-10 (Bloomsburg) and the USCG Recruiting Team from Wilkes Barre combined efforts in manning a booth at the Bloomsburg Fair which is supposedly the largest of its kind in the state of Pennsylvania. An all-time attendance record was shattered this year when 193,000 attended the week long event between the 25th and 30th of September.

The Coast Guard displayed their new illuminated 30 foot, three section exhibit which covers environment, safe boating and recruiting. In addition the BOSDET team from Atlantic City consisting of MCPO Robert Smith, PO2 Douglas Leed and SA Bruce Charlesworth, brought along their patrol vessel for display. The team remained aboard the entire week to assist in answering questions from the public pertaining to safe boating.

The USCGAUX unit not only continually showed safe boating films the entire week (on a projector that was generously donated by the Bloomsburg State College) but a two slide presentation was made by FSO-PE Thaddeus Piotrowski that highlighted the display.

The subjects covered in Piotrowski's presentation included a cruise of the Thousand Islands on the LORAIN III which gave the public an introduction to safe boating and piloting. These films were shown 171 times and to a total of 1705 people.

Mr. Linwood Purnell, Flot. 5-10 along with the members of the BOSDET team participated in a series of 15 minute radio programs which were aired from the Fair Grounds during the week.

Those members from Flot. 5-10 who actively participated in making this exhibit a success by donating their time during the hours the Fair was open (daily from 0900 to 2200) were, FC Russell Kressler, VFC William Utt, Thaddeus Piotrowski, FSO-PE; June Kressler, FSO-CE; Clyde Kunkle, FSO-MAT; Charles Bigart, SPO; Kathryn Bigart, FloWAC; Myron Beyer, Edward Linn, Howard Hartman, and Linwood Purnell.

It was quite an honor when the Coast Guard placed the entire program in the hands of Flot. 5-10 as this was excellent exposure to the public for both units at one of the largest events in this area of Pennsylvania.

includes scout donning life saving devices, the use of fire extinguisher, power of gasoline fumes, etc.

The instructors should also realize that USCG Statistics show that most facilities in this age group of operators are caused by improper loading and overloading. Proceeding in an unseaworthy craft ranks third. Most injuries by operators in this age group are caused by a lack of proper lookout and non-compliance with the rules of the road.

An important part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America will be the encouraging of Auxiliarists to become Merit Badge Counselors in one or more of the following areas: motorboating, small boat sailing, canoeing, rowing or water skiing.

Remember, too, at age 17 these boys can become Auxiliarists.

HANEY ELECTED NACO

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Telephone Inspector, an Instructor and held a Facility Call Sign over the same period of time.

Commodore Haney did not confine his boating interests strictly to the Auxiliary for he is also a Senior Member of the North East River Power Squadron where he held several offices over his years of membership. As a member of the North East River Yacht Club he is not only a Past-Commodore but has also been honored with a Life-Membership.

Other boating organizations that Commodore Haney is affiliated with include the Nur Temple Yacht Club, of which he is a charter member, the Oceanographic Foundation, Philadelphia Maritime Museum and the Delaware Valley Safe Boating Council.

PROJECT ONE MILLION

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The concept of "Project One Million" as outlined to the National Board at the Fall Conference at St. Petersburg, Fla., is based on giving one hour lecture on safe boating to each Boy Scout troop in America. The project is deemed so important that the Coast Guard has authorized crediting these lectures as one lesson courses.

In states which require certification of youthful operators before they can oper-

ate a boat without an older person aboard, there should be many opportunities to organize three lesson courses on a Boy Scout council or district (a subdivision of a council) level. These courses can also be given as part of a Boy Scout summer camp program.

Naturally, the one hour lectures should be geared to the appropriate age level (11-17) and should preferably feature the instructor-shows-scout-does technique. Examples of this technique

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