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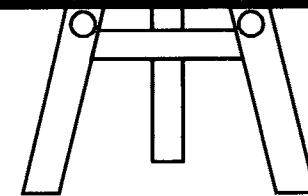
On the Cover: Admiral Roger T. Rufe, Jr. presenting the US Coast Guard Commendation Medal to retiring Director of Auxiliary (5NR) LCDR Robert J. W. Duld with Commander Duld's wife Marcie sharing the proud moment.

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AUGUST 26-28, 1999 - NACON'99

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DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY

Well my friends it's time I bid you farewell as your Director. If the pain I'm feeling inside is any indication of how much I will miss all of you I'm in serious trouble. After twenty-six years in the Coast Guard and numerous transfers you would think that I would be used to saying good bye and moving on, but in this case this will be the most difficult.



Through your kindness and heartfelt friendship I will never forget this fortunate opportunity which I have experienced during this tour of duty. I always felt as though I was extremely dedicated and devoted to my Country, the Coast Guard and to the call of duty until I was exposed to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and your morals and work ethics. You have opened my eyes to a level of pride that I never knew was possible. Though I have received many words of thanks over the past four years it is I who owe you my deepest words of thanks and a debt of gratitude.

Approximately fifty-nine years ago when the Coast Guard Auxiliary was formed, I'm not really sure what the vision of the future was nor could I imagine what their hopes were, but, there is no doubt in my mind that you by far exceeded any expectations which our forefathers may have had in mind. If I had any parting words to bestow on you it would be to continue on as you have in the past, because if history does repeat itself the Coast Guard will once again reap the rewards, for in my eyes the Coast Guard Auxiliary is definitely the pot of gold at the end of the Coast Guard's rainbow.

So in closing my friends, Marcie and I would like to thank you for adopting us into your family and providing us with cherished memories forever.

Semper Paratus and God Bless!

Sincerely,

*LCDR Robert J. W. Duld
Director of Auxiliary 5NR
Philadelphia, PA*



DISTRICT COMMODORE

Hello again! I hope your year is going very well so far. How are you doing with your vessel examinations? There are very many to be done. Last year, nationwide, only one percent of all registered vessels had a courtesy marine examination. The Coast Guard is concerned and has authorized a study to determine how this can be improved. Let's beat them to the punch and show better numbers for Fifth Northern.



While you are doing a vessel examination you also have a golden opportunity to recruit. Get the names and information of any interested persons to your FSO-PS or your Flotilla Commander promptly, i.e., "Strike while the iron is hot." Speaking of recruiting and retention, Past District Commodore Edward Rearick, our District Staff Officer for Personnel Services has formulated an excellent plan. He has laid out guidelines and suggestions on how to improve recruiting and retention. By this time, the information should be in the hands of all elected officers and department heads. If you have any questions or comments I am sure that Past Commodore Rearick will welcome them. Our District's primary goal this year is to improve our record for recruiting and retention. We have the tools. You are one among many outstanding people. I would like to charge each member, from the newest member to the oldest, with making Recruiting and Retention Job ONE.

We are into the second year of Fifth Northern's "Five-Year Plan". Last year very few goals were attained. Part of the blame lies with the Information Systems capabilities at the time; part was poor production and/or reporting. Information Systems is doing much better this year. It is here that the SO-IS and Assistant SO-IS are so extremely important. The quality of AUXMIS is controlled by the quality of what goes into it. However, our production is controlled by each of us. Early indicators show improvement for this year. Undoubtedly the Rear Commodores will be reviewing "Five-Year Plan" goals at their area meetings. Past performance of Fifth Northern Auxiliarists shows that these goals are quite attainable. It sure would be great to see us ahead of plan by year's end.

A hearty salute, bravo and well done to our Director of Auxiliary, Lt. Commander Duld. Thank you, Bob, for all your interest, devotion and support during the past four years. You will be missed.

Have a fun but safe summer!

*Clyde E. Colledge, District 5NR Commodore
Anville, PA*

VICE COMMODORE

The on going restructuring of the Coast Guard and their current and future needs are providing us with the opportunity to participate in new and exciting areas of challenge and responsibility. The recently enacted CG Auxiliary legislation allows us the flexibility to be involved in almost any area of our interest that would be of assistance to the Coast Guard.



We may be asked to do more than we ever did before in an effort to replace some of the losses created by mandated downsizing. Some our members are doing just that and it seems to be working. Be reminded our primary mission is to support the Coast Guard and this is a great time to do it. I'm proud to report many of our folks are involved and doing a super job. Their efforts are deeply appreciated, more than they ever may know.

Our primary cornerstones remain intact. We are now able to do a multitude of regular Coast Guard missions and our Auxiliary members can take part in regular CG crew activities. Currently our assistance involves Watchstanding, Office Duties, Regular Service Recruiting, Air Programs, Chart Updating, various areas of maintenance, cooking, landscaping, etc. The list of support to the Gold Side at this time can go on and on. Presently we are more intricately involved in the day to day Coast Guard operations than ever before in our 59 year Auxiliary history. Exciting time for most of us and hopefully all of us. Remember, "UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU", and so does the Coast Guard. Become part of the action! Lend a hand, if you can, and enjoy some great experiences.

We all had to deal with many changes in the past few years and probably more will be coming our way. Facts are, progress, growth, and hopefully improvement can only be effected by change. A cooperative and positive attitude is the pavement of any road to success and can make the rough spots smooth. It is the answer to most of the problems we encounter. It does wonders for building and maintaining our fellowship cornerstone.

District Staff Officers and their ADSOs have been busy traveling the 5NR Area Of Responsibility. Our sincerest appreciation for their time, effort and professionalism. They are willing and able to assist you. By their notice, or your request, as to when and where they may be needed. Please allow time for scheduling and plan for a well attended meeting.

District training schools being prepared are QE (TCT) in June, Crew in August and a full day Marine Safety Workshop at our Fall Conference this September. More information will be announced in the near future. Your local Membership Training programs are vital. Please continue that good work. Great Retention tool. JOB ONE Recruiting, just as important!

Summer is a neat and exciting time of year for us. We have the opportunity to do the things we joined our Auxiliary to do. NSBW, Operations, Vessel Safety Checks (PWCs too), Public Education, CG/State Support, and let's not forget what keeps it all together, Fellowship (picnics, parties, member training, and working together).

Be careful out there, enjoy your activities and have a great time. You do make us proud!

Healthy and Happy Summer To All

*John A. Locasale, Vice Commodore 5NR
Ocean City, NJ*

UPCOMING TRANSFER SEASON CHANGES PERTINENT TO 5NR AUXILIARY

The 1998 transfer season for active duty Coast Guard people involved in the Fifth District Northern Region Auxiliary program will be quite extensive. The positions will remain the same, but the names and faces will change as follows:

LCDR Brian J. McCarthy will replace LCDR R. J. Duld, Director of Auxiliary
CWO3 Timothy J. Donovan will replace CWO2 Ted Short, Assistant Director/OTO

YN2 Dorothy Harris and SK2 Rebecca Shafer's replacements have not been named to date.
Both of these fine Petty Officers will be transferring out this summer.

Other transfers of note:

Vice Admiral James Loy has been named as the new Commandant for the Coast Guard, replacing Admiral Robert Kramek.

Commander (frocked to Captain) Mark S. Kern has been assigned as the new Chief Director (G-OCX), replacing Captain A. D. Summy. Captain Patrick M. Stillman will replace Captain J. S. Carmichael as the Chief of Staff, Atlantic Area/Fifth District Coast Guard District (Acs). Captain James W. Underwood will replace Captain P. M. Stillman as Chief of Operations Branch, Atlantic Area/Fifth Coast Guard District (Ao). Captain Dale G. Gabel will replace Captain M. W. Ragsdale as District Operations Branch, Atlantic Area/Fifth Coast Guard District (Aod). LCDR Dennis M. Sens will replace CDR Christine J. Quedens as 5SR Director of Auxiliary (Aoax-SR).

GOD SPEED AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL

MARINE SAFETY OFFICE/GROUP PHILADELPHIA

It's really too early to be saying good-bye. Besides, I don't like saying good-bye. Thus, I have difficulty writing an article in which I am essentially supposed to say good-bye.

Three years have gone so very fast. Really, it seems just like a few weeks, maybe a few months ago, that I arrived in Philadelphia. I don't feel the least bit tired; I clearly am not burned out. In fact, I feel like I'm just getting started and maybe I am. After three years of getting to know the port issues and politics, as well as the players, I still have a head full of ideas.

What a fabulous community, so easy to feel at home, I guess maybe that is why Philadelphia is called the "City of Brotherly Love". My philosophy throughout my career has been that of "Together Everyone Achieves More," i.e., TEAM. In all sincerity, I think the TEAM here is the best. Whether it be TEAM Coast Guard or the TEAMing with the local maritime community, everyone has pulled together in the right direction to make the necessary, though sometimes difficult changes, and all toward continuous improvement in the safety and protection of our marine environment.

The main reason I'm not tired and really would love to keep going (except that I got what is essentially my first choice going out) is the great people on the TEAM. My staff has been superb, able to handle crises (the few that we have had) as if they were routine. Chalk that up to good planning, great attitudes, strong skills, constant preparedness (i.e., "Semper Paratus"), and of course great TEAMwork. Things in our office are handled at all levels of the organization, most often without my assistance or interference. So clearly, I have no reason to be tired.

Integration of the reserves into the workforce is really nothing new at MSO/Group Philadelphia, but it is better than ever and as strong as anywhere else in the Coast Guard. Often times I have great difficulty knowing the so-called part-time employees from the full-time employees because they are equally trained and qualified and perform the same duties; however, I usually know what faces I see more than others. The same goes for integration of the Auxiliarists into the workforce. Not new, but better. However, certain things distinguish you



from the active duty and reserves --your silver instead of gold and, for many of you, your years of experience which you might say is the gray.

Long before I got here, Auxiliarists were augmenting the workforce in a number of areas. In the last three years, this has grown quite significantly to the point that there isn't a day goes by I don't see and talk to at least three or four Auxiliarists. You have augmented the staff to increase productivity, in administration, vessel inspections, maintenance and repair, watchstanding, and even cooking. You have performed jobs in relief of others so that they can be trained. You have provided training to others on the TEAM, not to mention the long-standing training you have provided to the public. You have led the planning of certain morale activities, such as the children's holiday party and the new, improved TEAM Coast Guard Day Picnic. And of course, our activities aren't purely for our existence. We have a mission, basically to save lives and property and protect our marine environment, and in that mission you also play a very great part.

I have worked closely with the Auxiliary in three assignments over the last 18 years --Portland (Oregon), Seattle, and now Philadelphia. For fear you will somehow tell the Auxiliarists I know in Portland or Seattle, I am hesitant to say that the Auxiliarists in the Fifth District Northern Region are the best, but you are. I have loved every minute of our working relationship but more importantly our friendship. I have the greatest respect for members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, people who, essentially for free, provide their fellow citizens a very valuable service, one that could very likely save their lives.

I have purposely avoided naming Auxiliarists, although my relationship with some of you has been closer than with others. However, all of you are important to me. Besides, there are so many of you who have had a special influence on me that I am sure to miss some if I tried to name you. Each and every one of you makes a difference, and that makes all of you important not only to me, but to the Coast Guard and the American people.

My best wishes to you. If ever you are in Seattle, please give me (Chief Marine Safety Division of D13 at 206-220-7210) a call or come by and visit, my door is always open.



Captain John Veentjer
Commanding Officer
Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation in getting the Spring Conference reservations in on time and I also want to emphasize the importance of doing so in the future. For the Fall Conference I must have a meal count for the Hotel and the Hotel needs to know who needs a room. We will again have a casino night after the Saturday evening banquet, come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. There will be two new workshops at this conference, namely Marine Safety and Historian. All who are involved in these programs are well qualified and should put on great workshops

You must preregister in order to attend the MS workshop, as there is limited space. You will be notified if you have been accepted to attend.

For those who were not at the April Board meeting, the Board approved the Eden Resort in Lancaster for the April 1999 Conference.

Jean David, Conference Coordinator
Doylestown, PA

For your convenience, the Hotel is putting together a deli buffet for lunch on Saturday for \$12.00 per person. There is a place on the reservation form to order. There will only be a limited number of tickets available at the conference.

MARINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

**Saturday 19 September 1998
0900 to 1630**

The District Marine Safety Officer and The District Member Training Team will be holding an all day information and activity filled workshop at the 1998 Fall Conference. This workshop is for those Auxiliarists interested and motivated to begin conducting marine and environmental programs to children and adult groups. All Marine Safety, Public Affairs, and Public Education officers are encouraged to attend as well as any interested Instructor qualified individuals. You will be given background information on environmental topics of concern, an opportunity to learn and present specific activities, ideas on how to present your programs and resources to find out more information. The workshop will be interactive, so come prepared to take part in "hands-on" activities. The majority of information will focus on presentations for children's groups, however we will also discuss how to adapt your message for adults. Attendance will be limited to 25 people. You will be responsible for paying your conference registration of \$5.00, and lunch will be provided for you. You will be asked to commit to the entire time frame, as walk-ins will not be accepted. This workshop will be the first official training in the MARINE SAFETY program and it is hoped that the individuals completing this training will spread the information to other Auxiliarists in their units.

Mary Clair Bowlus, DSO-MT
Newark, DE

If you checked the MS/PA workshop block on the registration form, fill in the information/application below and mail at once to Alexandra Laird. This workshop is funded and limited to 25 Auxiliarists.

Clip and mail this coupon directly to:

**Alexandra B. Laird, ADSO-MT 5NR
PO Box 187
Hummelstown, PA 17036-0187**

Please include me in the MS/PA Workshop at the Fall Conference, Saturday, 19 Sep 1998.

Name _____ Member number 053- _____

Address _____

Day Phone Number _____ Night Phone Number _____

Elected or appointed office you currently hold _____

I understand that I must attend the entire workshop and that I will promote the Marine Safety program in my flotilla and division.

Signed

**1998 FALL CONFERENCE
FIFTH DISTRICT (NR) COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
18 - 20 SEPTEMBER 1998
Sheraton Great Valley
Frazer PA
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY 18 September 1998

1600-2100	Registration	Lobby
2000-2130	Captains Caucus	Westminster
2000-2130	Dist. Staff meeting	Astoria
2100-	District Store	Cambridge
2130 - 2200	District Elections	Astoria
2130-	Welcome Aboard	Presidential

SATURDAY 19 September 1998

0730-1100	Registration	Lobby
0800-1600	District Store	Westminster
0800-1600	MS / PA Workshop (must be preregistered)	Oxford
0930-1130	Spouse Program	Regency South
0945-1000	Coffee Break	PreFunction

LUNCH On your own

1330-	District Board reconvenes if necessary	Astoria
1330-1530	CC Workshop	Regency North
1330-1430	PE Workshop	Regency South
1330-1430	Historian Workshop	Board Room
1445-1545	IS Workshop	Regency South

1800-1830	Cocktail Reception (No-Host)	PreFunction
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1830- 2030	BANQUET	Regency Ball Room
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2100-	Casino Night	Astoria
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SUNDAY 20 September 1998

0830-1000	Past Captains Breakfast (Members of PCA and their Guests only)	Regency North
1000-	EXCOM Meeting	Board Room

BANQUET MENU		UNIFORM OF THE DAY	
Soup de Jour	House Salad	Friday	Casual
Prime Rib of Beef	\$27.00	Saturday (before 1800)	Tropical Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire
or		(after 1800)	Dinner Dress White or Dinner Dress Blue (white Shirt, Bow Tie, Miniature Medals Appropriate Civilian Attire
Chicken w/ mushrooms in Puff Pastry	\$25.00		
or		Casino Night	Casual
Baked Orange Roughy w/ Scallops	\$25.00		
Green Beans Almondine	Baked Stuffed Potato	Sunday	Casual
Rolls and Butter			
Chocolate Mouse	Beverage		

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Fall Conference
18 - 20 September 1998

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Rate \$ 72.00 Single or Double
Check in time 1500

Deadline for Reservations: 28 August 1998

One nights deposit required to guarantee room

**Make checks payable and mail to:
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East -- From PA turnpike West, take exit 24 then Rt 202 as from North

West From PA turnpike east, take exit 23 to Rt. 100 south, take Rt 100 S. 4 miles to Rt 30 East. Hotel is on left 2 Miles

**U.S.Coast Guard Auxiliary 5NR
Fall Conference
18 - 20 September 1998
Sheraton Great Valley
Frazer PA**

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Auxiliary Conference Reservation

Name _____ Mem. #05N- _____

Name _____ Mem.#05N _____

Registration Fee (for each person over
17 years) @ \$5.00 per person # _____ \$ _____

Buffet Lunch @ \$12.00 # _____ \$ _____

Saturday Night Commodores Banquet

Beef @ \$27.00 # _____ \$ _____

Chicken @ \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____

Fish @ \$25.00 # _____ \$ _____

Past Captains' Breakfast

Members of PCA # _____

Guests @ \$10.00 # _____ \$ _____

Must be made by PCA member

ONLY

Total Amount \$ _____

WORKSHOP RESERVATIONS

Please indicate the number of people that will be attending each workshop. As several workshops will be running simutaniously -----choose carefully-----

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Spouse Program

MS/PA Workshop If this block is checked, you must fill out an information form on a previous page, and send to Alexandra Laird

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

12 September 1998

Reservation requests arriving after this date will be returned

SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO
USCGA 5NR TO:

JEAN W. DAVID Conf. Coordinator
PINE RUN COMMUNITY 15 BEECH CLUSTER
DOYLESTOWN PA 18901

PUBLICATIONS

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Topsiders,

Issue number one of the current era is under my belt and from the comments passed my way, it was well received. Being a first issue, there were a few slips and trips along the way. My apologies to anyone caught in those spills. As a whole it was a learning experience, of the first echelon.



Topside Editor, Mel Borofsky (L) presenting "Press Card" number 1 to District Commodore Clyde Colledge.

Many thanks go out to the talented and supportive members of 5NR. I have issued over 50 5NR "press cards" and over 40 gift certificates. Your articles, stories and photos provided the quality content that is evident in the Spring Issue of Topside. This issue, the Summer Issue, again bears evidence that your support is strong and that District 5NR is chock full of creative writers and photographers.

A short word to those who are intimidated by the thought of writing for our publication..... "just do it". We need your ideas, thoughts, sea stories and, of the first order, *action photographs*. Try to get some "motion" into your photos, a little thought before snapping the shutter could pay off in the "award" shot of the year. Try and vision in your mind what pleases you in a photo, then try and reproduce that imagery. When it comes to the actual writing of your story, don't worry

about your grammar and context. That's what they "pay" me for!

While doling out kudos, a very special thank you to my ADSOs. Division 5 is blessed with my ADSO (W), Jeannie Brenner. Her articles and vignettes are sprinkled throughout both Spring and Summer issues. My ADSO (E) is none other than my lovely wife, Michele. Her critical eye over my shoulder has helped keep the flaws out of my copy. Her tolerance for the tremendous amount of "clutter", a publication of this nature can generate, is way over and above the call of duty.

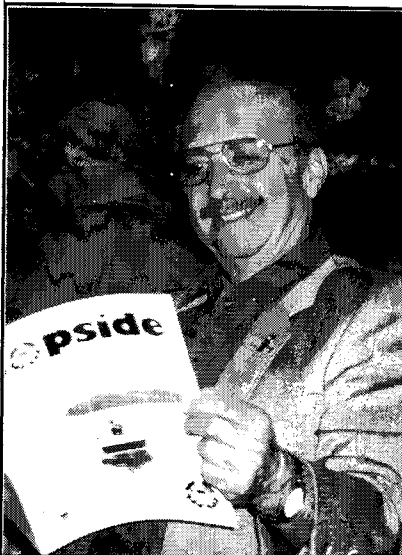
Hugs and kisses to you, the love of my life.

Mentioning Topside comments, I received one that I have decided to act on. It came from a new Auxiliarist, my good friend Dr. Lillian Balter of Flotilla 72. She suggested that along with listing the contributor's name and flotilla, I should also include the contributor's locale. Sort of geographically place the story and photo within the far stretches of 5NR. I will start with this issue. Please use this as a your platform to submit your comments and constructive criticism. I accept such in the spirit intended..... to make topside as fine a publication as humanly possible.

One last word in closing. In the course of putting this publication "to bed" I receive a hundred or more photos for possible insertion. Please enclose a self-addressed envelope if you would like your photos returned. I will do my utmost to see to your wishes.

Melvyn A. Borofsky, DSO-PB, Editor
Little Egg Harbor, NJ

WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?



Vice Commodore John Locasale perusing the Spring Issue of Topside. Lookin' kind of proud, don't you think?

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

PRIVATE AIDS VERIFICATION

Hear we are at the cusp of another boating season and I can happily say the Aids to Navigation program is in full swing. Folders of all the PATONS (Private Aids) in the Fifth Coast Guard District Northern Region's AOR (area of responsibility), that applications have been summated for, are in the hands of each of the responsible 16 Divisions. I have asked all the Division Captains and the SO-ANs to have the folders with all the Aids verified back to me at the AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM (ANT) PHILADELPHIA by July 1 of this year. In doing so, we will have time to review each of the reports thereby making sure all of the information needed is complete. If not we will still have time to gate the ones we're not sure about back into the field for correction. We can then expect to have them back by the end of this year's boating season. Maybe I'm being overly optimistic, but, I do believe by the beginning of October 1998 we can have 100% of every PATON in our AOR completed, verified, and ready to be entered into our database. If this happens then next year we will be able to start with a totally updated program. This will allow us to pay more attention to the "Private Aids". These are aids that are out there with no summated applications and hopefully get the aid's owners to submit applications or remove the PATON.

All this would not have been possible with out the help and cooperation of many people. First let me thank ANT Philadelphia for making space for us in their already crowded office and giving us a computer to put the database on. They made sure that we had every thing we needed to do our job. Most of all, they made our working conditions pleasant and enjoyable to the extent that we looked forward to our weekly visits.

Secondly we thank ANT Cape May with out who's cooperation in allowing us to maintain all the records at one location this would not have been possible.

Thirdly to Andy and Rita Kratzer who were there two days a week since last October doing every thing possible to make this happen. On many of those days, they came in at 0800 and stayed well after 2400 to complete a job.

Fourth to Ron Gibbs, last years DSO-AN, for all the time and hard work he put in on the computer programs we are now using. We would not be were we are today.

Last, but certainly not least, every one in the District that gave me the help and cooperation needed to get this worthwhile program to the level where we are today.

THANK YOU

George F. Leuck, DSO-AN
Toms River, NJ



CAREER COUNSELING

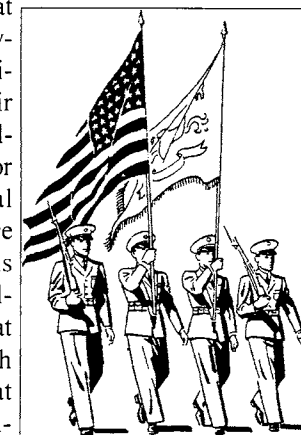
COAST GUARD RECRUITING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The quota for recruiting enlisted personnel has increased significantly for 1998. Captain Percy O. Norwood, Director of the Coast Guard Recruiting Center, has asked Auxiliarists across the country to inform young men and women about the benefits of being in the Coast Guard and to assist the Recruiting Office in meeting their rising needs.

At N-Train in St. Louis, Captain Norwood and Carol Urgola, Personnel Department Chief, introduced the details of the expanded Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP) to the DSO-CCs during their training session and to the Commodores at a meeting on the National Board. During the month of February, every Flotilla Commander and Division Captain received a packet of information and materials to use to introduce this program to their members. Every Coast Guard Recruiting Office has also received the same information.

The packet of information contained: cover letters from Captain Norwood and Carol Urgola, a letter describing the eligibility requirements for Auxiliarist to wear the CG Recruiting Badge, Recruiting Assistance Program - Details and Instructions, application for Career Counselor School, and Coast Guard Brochures.


This program is coordinated at the district, division and flotilla levels by the Career Counselor Officers, who will also work with their elected officers to inform the Auxiliary membership of the need for their direct support of this vital Coast Guard mission. There are three levels of involvement in this program: one where every Auxiliarist can participate, another that involves working in or directly with the recruiting office and a third that involves qualification as an Auxiliary Coast Guard Recruiter.



This expanded RAP mission is especially important in areas where there is no local recruiting office. The Auxiliary members in those areas can serve as an outreach program for Coast Guard Recruiting. Visiting schools, attending job and college fairs, bringing brochures to marinas and boaters everywhere, and visiting with potential enlistees will help to bring the Coast Guard message to these remote areas. Auxiliary power can fill the "gaps" between the 67 recruiting offices in the country!

Contact your Career Counselor Officer for more information on how to get involved in this important mission of Coast Guard support.

Austin McGuire, DSO-CC
Center Square, PA

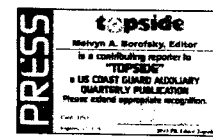


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Every submitted article, story or photo will earn a press card!



AVIATION

DISTRICT AVIATION BOARD CHOSEN

The District Aviation Board and Flight Examining Board have been established and manned per the Commandant Instruction dated January 30, 1997 regarding the "Auxiliary Aviation Program". This new structure (see the below personnel chart) will be used to process all upgrades, downgrades, lost certifications, training, and new entries for the aviation program - per the directives, starting immediately. The following appointments have been made to effect these improvements and meet the directives:

DISTRICT AVIATION BOARD (DAB)

- Senior Member - Fred Vitale
- DFSO - Judith Redlawsk
- ADSO-AVT - Janet Churchill
- Liason USCG - Lt. Emery, FSO USCG
- ADSO-OP - To be filled
- Senior Member - Flight Exam Board - Dan Maxim

FLIGHT EXAMINING BOARD (FEB)

- Senior Member - Dan Maxim
- Herman Altobelli
- Ken Laird
- Judy Redlawsk
- Robert Layton

FLIGHT EXAMINERS

- Herman Altobelli
- Ken Laird
- Dan Maxim
- Lt. Emery, FSO USCG
- Judy Redlawsk
- Fred Vitale

INSTRUCTOR PILOTS

- Herman Altobelli
- Ken Laird
- Judy Redlawsk
- Fred Vitale
- Rob Morgan

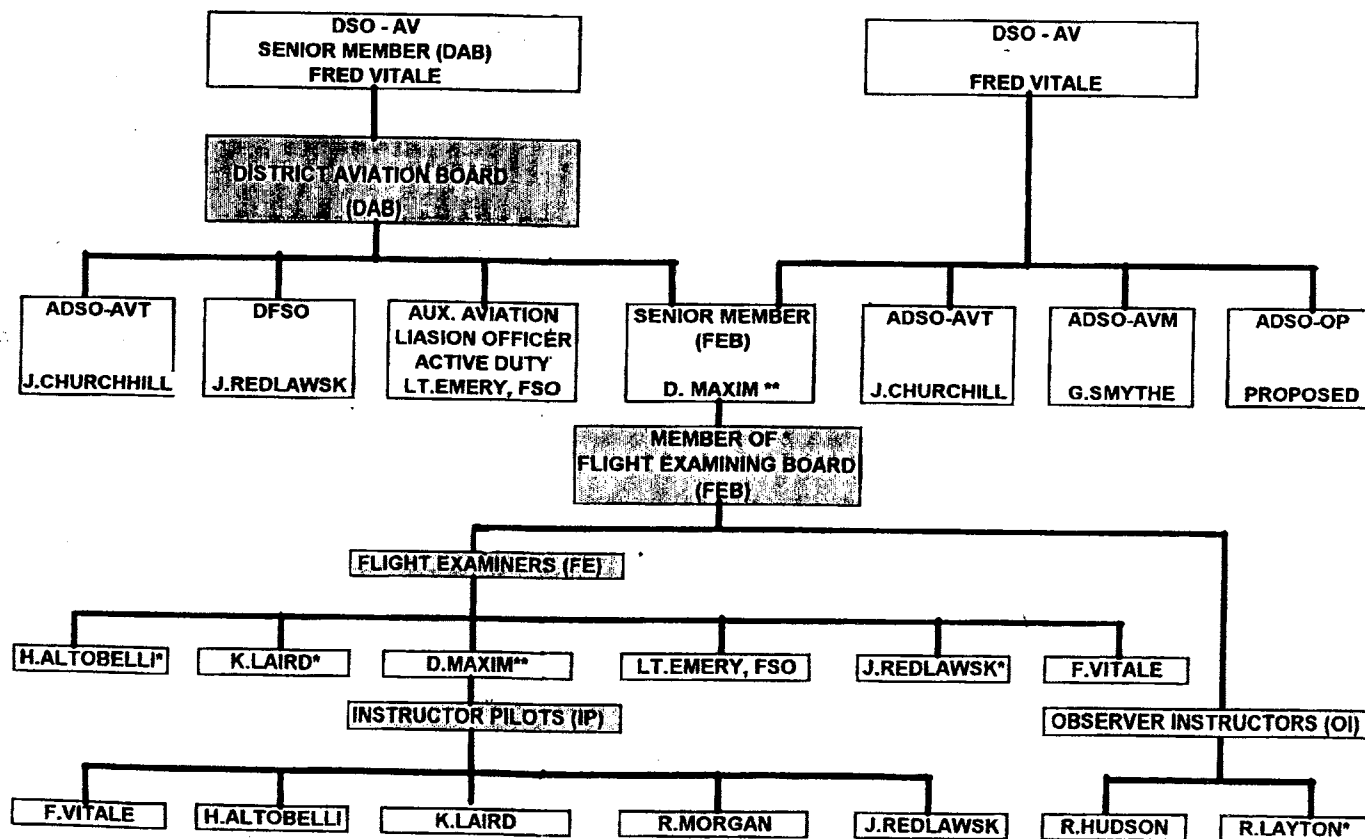
INSTRUCTOR OBSERVERS

- Robert Layton
- Richard Hudson

Air program requirements, revised November 24, 1997, are available from me on request.

*Fred Vitale, DSO-AV
Wrightstown, NJ*

05N DISTRICT AUXILIARY AVIATION PROGRAM



COMMUNICATIONS

The ALL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS DRILL, scheduled for Saturday August 15, 1998, remains as the focus for this year in Communication Operations. The event will start at about 1200 and run to about 1400. All operational facilities; land, sea, and air are to be included. The drill will have a coordinator (ADSO-CM) in each region. Since it is the most centrally located, the "Net control" will reside at SARDET Wilmington. It is hoped that our air facilities will be able to help close the communication gaps. It is requested that each FSO & SO begin by holding drills in their area now. Having a "Radio Control Station" in each Division would be a great start. I hope to be in an air facility to help coordinate communications.

We are still seeking new operational radio facilities; fixed land stations are especially needed. VHF-FM, radio direction finding and MF-SSB stations are also needed. If you need help building a station, contact your nearest Communications Staff Officer, at any level, or contact the District Staff Officer in your area.

THE RADIO FACILITY GUIDELINES FOR THE FIFTH NORTHERN REGION

- I. Land Mobile Radio Facility;
 - A) VHF-FM Marine radio:
 - 1) Channels 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A, 83A, 16, and 6 (as a minimum), channel 9 optional.
 - 2) Capable of operation on 1 and 25 watts, 1 and 5 watts for handhelds.
 - 3) External antenna mounted on vehicle (a magnet mount is acceptable).
 - 4) External power connection (operating from the vehicle's battery power).

Note: Handheld radios with less than 5 Watts in the high power mode and any handheld without external antenna and power source will not be accepted as radio facilities in 5NR.

II. Fixed Land Station

- A) VHF-FM Marine radio:
 - 1) Channels 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A, 83A, 16, and 6 (as a minimum), with channel 9 optional.
 - 2) Capable of operation on 1 and 25 watts.
 - 3) External Antenna.
 - 4) 12 Volt DC Power Source.
 - 5) Battery/generator backup, while not required should be listed on inspection form if available.

Note: Handheld radios are not acceptable as Fixed Land Facilities.

B) MF-SSB Station:

- 1) Station must be VHF-FM equipped as specified above.
- 2) MF-SSB transceiver capable of operation in the 2 MHz frequency range.
- 3) External antenna.
- 4) Battery/generator backup, while not required, should be listed on inspection form if available.

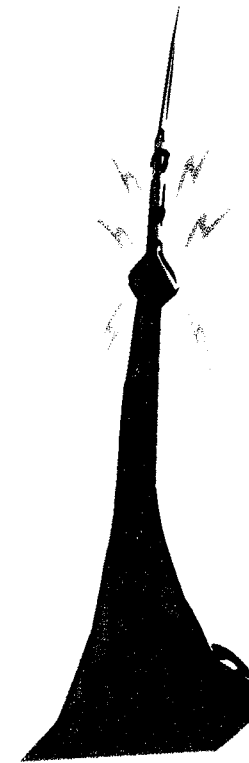
NOTE: Two facility inspection forms are required for an MF-SSB radio facility: one for the VHF radio and one for the SSB radio. The reason is that each facility requires a separate designation and call sign. (Form instructions state; "check one box only"). It is required to use international call sign when transmitting on these frequencies. We can use District designated call signs for VHF-FM.

C. RDF stations are VHF-FM stations with direction finding capability.

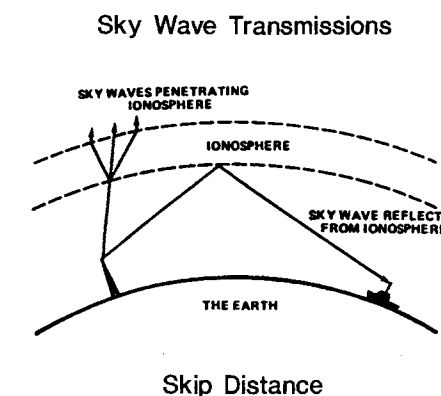
- 1 Requirements for RDF Stations are detailed in the Operations Policy Manual.

NOTE: A transportable station is the equivalent of a fixed land station that can be transported from one location to another but *can not* be used during transport. A handheld or portable radio is not considered to be a transportable station.

*Henry "Hank" W. Demler, DSO-CM
Lebanon, PA*



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HISTORIAN

GO NO-GO LIST FOR AUXILIARY RECORDS COLLECTION

GO -- Records of every unit to send to Auxiliary Records Collection, Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville NC 27858-4353

- + Minutes of meetings and boards
- + Policy and procedures correspondence
- + Conference agendas and minutes
- + Annual statistics (i.e. year end as of December)
- + Photos (with captions who, what, when, where)
- + Newsletters and regular publications (one copy of each). As an exception to the shipping schedule, periodicals (unit and district newsletters) published monthly, quarterly etc. should be sent to East Carolina University as published. ECU should be an addressee on the standing regular mailing list.
- NOTE: Publications must have publishing unit district/division/flotilla, date, volume number (one per year) and issue number at the head of every issue.** This is the only way that these can be filed and later found.
- + Quarterly and annual reports
- + Citations of awards authorized by the Auxiliary Manual or higher authority or having national or state prominence together with related photos, press coverage etc.
- + Evidence of other important activities such as rescues, disaster assistance, Auxiliary mercy flights, new Auxiliary operations or radio stations, VIP visits, community service etc.

NO-GO -- Do not send to East Carolina University. Retain at the unit level or destroy.

- + Financial records to include bank statements and cancelled checks
- + Monthly statistics (send only yearly summaries)
- + Routine correspondence (enrollments, transfers, disenrollments, congratulations, personal matters)
- + Examinations and scores (NOTE: Rosters of PE course graduates should be retained so duplicate certificates can be furnished to them as evidence for insurance or mandatory education requirements.)
- + Materials catalogs or other catalogs
- + Duplicates of anything

SHIPPING SCHEDULE: 5NR material = February
For questions, special situations and so forth, contact DVC-AH.

UNIFORMS, INSIGNIA, FLAGS AND OTHER OBJECTS FOR DISPLAYS

Such items are much needed but should not be sent to East Carolina University. These should be sent to the U.S. Coast Guard Exhibit Center, 7945 Fernham La., Forestville, MD 20747-4518. Send list of proposed donations for approval in advance to the Exhibit Center Curator at the foregoing address or FAX 301-763-4009 or e-mail gfuller@comdt.uscg.mil. Especially needed are items from 1939 to 1975.

*John T. Lincoln, 5NR Historian
North Cape May, NJ*

Note: Please leave this notice with any Auxiliary artifacts you would like preserved after your passing.

Place

Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MY HEIRS

This file contains important information of historical value about the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in which I served proudly for years. Please do not allow it to be destroyed or lost.

Send this material to:

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Collection
J. Y. Joyner Library
East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina 27858-4353**

Signature

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

We're Looking for Trouble!

AUXMIS II is alive and well in the 5th Northern Region. System accuracy is good and getting better every day. We have had our initial problems getting used to the AUXMIS II system, but the Division Information Services Staff Officers (SO-IS) have been terrific in their efforts and devotion to maintaining accurate data. Very few problems remain unresolved at this time. I would like to make this appeal to all members: Help us seek out possible problems for resolution. Verify your total credited hours. Members are encouraged to ask their Flotilla Information Services Staff Officers (FSO-IS) to verify that their total reported hours have been properly recorded in the AUXMIS II system. Most Division Information Services Staff Officers (SO-IS) have the ability to generate AUXMIS reports. Those that don't may make special requests for assistance and reports via their ADSO-IS or the DSO-IS. Reviewing these reports is a critical step in maintaining accuracy in our information system.

The current year's total hours can easily be determined using Report #4, Patrols and Missions. Just add the "Travel" and "Prep" hours to the "Total Mission" hours on Report #4 to arrive at the Total Hours. If you feel that this total does not correspond to the total hours you have submitted up to the date of the report (considering forms that may be in transit), you are urged to ask that a Member Profile be produced for you.

Great News! With the distribution of passwords to Assistant Information Services Division Staff Officers (ASO-IS) we now have twice the input capability in our district. This gives us additional capacity for problem resolution, report processing as well as successor training and redundancy.

Besides occasionally verifying your own hours, you can help us to improve our information system by making sure you use the proper form, supply all the needed information, print legibly and read the instructions or ask your FSO-IS when in doubt. Make sure member numbers are accurate. Forms submitted to your SO-IS for input should be no less orderly than the forms we submitted when the DIRAUX inputted them. Remember that you are an important part of our Information System. Nothing happens until you fill out that form.

Those Members who have been remiss in submitting your hours should reconsider. In addition to the lack of credit toward the Sustained Auxiliary Service Award (750 hours), your Auxiliary, District, Division, and Flotilla all need those unreported hours. Let's get those forms in!

We in the IS department are doing our utmost to create and maintain an accurate system for you. We will soon release copies of our new 5NR pamphlets:

Auxiliary Forms Simplified, Auxiliary Reports Simplified, and AUXMIS II Simplified.

Those of you who wish to learn more about your information system will want to obtain these reports. As always, do not hesitate to refer your questions, concerns and suggestions through your FSO-IS and the chain of communication or directly to me.

*Jan R. Munroe, DSO-IS
Wayne, PA*

MATERIALS

NEW SHOW STOPPERS

The "Merchants of 5NR" wish to thank all of our members who helped to make the Spring Conference Store a success. Our varieties of colorful shirts were so attractive that we almost sold out on Friday night!

Much confusion remains regarding the Cape May UDC (Uniform Distribution Center) and the new Woodbine UDC. Members may visit Cape May on Fridays from 8:00 to 13:00. "Sea Bag" items may be purchased if your size is available. You are requested to deal with UDC Woodbine via phone or FAX using a Credit Card. The phone numbers are 1-800-874-6841 or (609) 861-1221 or you may FAX to (609) 861-7930. Turn around for an order is two weeks. Remember that Woodbine is NOT OPEN to your visit.



Our District Store can supply all your operational needs including Patrol Signs, either vinyl or decal, Operational Ensigns, and US Ensigns. Prices and correct sizes are listed in the '98 Price List available from all SO-MAs & FSO-MAs.

Just let us know what items you need and they are as good as at your dock!

*Suzanne B. Wade, DSO-MA
Brigantine, NJ*



MARINE DEALER VISITOR

Have you ever watched a Craftsman, or any other Artisan perform their work? I am amazed to see how they can take a difficult task and make it look so simple and easy, especially when you know it's not. You wonder how long it took to learn the craft and how much time was put into its skill level development.

Once, I was observing men putting up siding, their expertise was obvious and I couldn't help myself from asking these very questions.

His answer was direct and matter-of-fact. Well, he said, I started out as an apprentice for my Uncle, and that lasted for 6 years. I worked for him for 14 years, and then I felt I could call myself a skilled craftsman. I've been in business for myself now for 8 years and have found the level of my skill precedes me and I get most of my work from referrals.

Where do we find ourselves when it comes to practicing our skills at Marine Visitor, Public Education, Operations, or Courtesy Vessel Exams. Are we always confident we can perform what we have to do with all the skill we need? Think about it a bit. Ask yourself, if you truly are then why does it only take 10 minutes to do a safety check? Why does it only take 5 minutes or less to make a marine visit? Are we cutting off a few corners to speed up the process? Maybe we're just adding to the list of figures we need for that next pat on the back award.

If you genuinely can't answer with a resounding positive reply, I just might have one solution for you! READ THE MANUALS AGAIN! Perhaps we have evolved past the point where we feel that we don't have to consult anything or anybody else for some added information that might have been forgotten or lost over time. But maybe you're the type of person who never forgets to carry out tasks in the same manner as where

first learned. How can it be? After all these years of practicing tasks could we have forgotten a thing or two? Impossible you say; or, maybe you agree with me?

Actually I think a vast majority feel totally assured. If they didn't, there would be more people at the training sessions, if only to brush up on the subject. What, you say to yourself, brush up, and let everyone see that I'm lacking something? I can't imagine an ego that large when what we do, in some cases, could mean the difference between life and death. If I'm exaggerating, then perhaps you can tell me why is there such a lack in knowledge on the part of many?

At a Division Seminar, I was stating the importance of an individual learning maintenance program, when one of the attendees asked me if I knew the difference between an Elected Officer and an appointed Staff Officer. I said I didn't know, to which he replied, "A Staff Officer does all the work, and the Elected Officer gets all the credit." Do you feel that way?

Stop wasting your time on such a theory and concentrate on what you have to do to improve your techniques, habits, or mannerisms and not on what others are doing or not doing. Being the best at whatever you do takes a lot of time to develop and it takes the right attitude to succeed. If this is not achieved then apathy and sloppiness will set in faster than a Flu epidemic.

Back to basics should be a once a year proposition, as a regiment rule of development for everyone. If we turn back the clock once in a while we might find a thing or two that could be improved upon, and could make a difference.

*Chuck Packlaian, DSO-MV
Bordentown, NJ*

COAST GUARD COLLECTION ENDOWMENT

This year, 1998, is the 10th anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary at East Carolina University. Although the Auxiliary is not charged for housing the material sent, the endowment created in 1997 is not sufficient to keep or file the material. The expendable amount at this time is only \$2350 which is barely sufficient to pay the student aides who help with the Auxiliary records. Money is crucial to help keep the archives active and offset the money the University pays.

Contributions in the way of a memorial to an Auxiliarist who has crossed the bar or a donation to the East Carolina University is only two ways the Auxiliary can help maintain the archives. Any amount, no matter how small is welcome. A good idea would be for each Flotilla to donate a small amount.

I know it would be greatly appreciated.

Contributions should be sent to the Coast Guard Collection Endowment.
Attention: Donald P. Lennon, Joyner Library, East Carolina University,
Greenville, NC. 27858-4353

*John T. Lincoln, Historian 5NR
North Cape May, NJ*



MARINE SAFETY

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

How many of you remember your basic biology class from high school? Or better yet, a Limnology or Aquatic Biology class from college? As with most people, if you don't use this information on a daily basis, these facts tend to go by the wayside. We can also be honest, if it doesn't affect our daily lives, who really cares about this stuff now? In order to present an environmental message to the public about the health of our waterways we need to remember some basics.

Water is a chemical compound that contains much more than the molecules of hydrogen and oxygen. Did you know that a healthy river or stream also contains levels of nitrogen, phosphates, and carbon dioxide? Did you know that the amount of dissolved (usable) oxygen and the level of acid or metals in the water determine what life can be sustained? Did you know that complex food chains exist in the water and that they are directly related to, and dependent on, the land food chains around them? If you had an inkling about these topics, and have a strong desire to learn more, I would like to help.

We need to incorporate some of these concepts into our environmental presentations, but I'm sure we don't want to have to go back to school for a refresher course. I have developed two programs for children and adults that can be presented in a variety of places and time frames. These programs deal with a basic understanding of our water world, what problems are occurring, and how solutions can be found. I would be happy to share these programs in



a member training session to interested Auxiliarists so that the environmental message can be spread. Included in this session will be a look back at "Biology 101", and presentation techniques so you don't have to be afraid if you feel scientifically challenged! **All I ask is that you're interested and enthusiastic.**

On Saturday, at the Fall Conference in September, the District Member Training Team will be offering just such a workshop. It will be a full day, from 9:00 to 4:30, and I ask that you truly be interested in using what you'll be learning. This workshop is for any Marine Safety, Public Education, Member Training officer, or for any interested Instructor Qualified members. It will be interactive, and fun, but I would also like to see the training carried back to the Flotillas and Divisions. More information can be found in the registration section of this issue.

*Linda Boice, DSO-MS
King of Prussia, PA*

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS IS GROWING

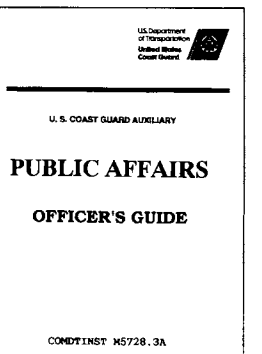
The Public Affairs Department in 5NR is growing. There are now two ADSOs in the Western and Eastern Areas. Edna Frederick is the new ADSO-PA (E) and Jack Schofield is the new ADSO-PA (W). All SO-PAs within these areas can send their reports, questions, and comments to the ADSOs and they will be channeled through to me. All SO-PAs in the Central Area can continue to send their reports directly to me. Edna has also taken on the task of coordinating the 5NR Speakers Bureau. It is still vital that we have a central data bank from which to pull speakers for various engagements. In this way, people can be directed to speakers in their area as well as to speakers with specific areas of expertise. If as few as two people from each flotilla in the District would sign up to be a part of the Speakers Bureau, a lot more requests for public speakers could be handled.

Remember that even though National Safe Boating Week was officially held in May, the campaign still has two more highlighted holiday weekends. The Fourth of July is a perfect time to focus on drinking and boating, and Labor Day themes can emphasize the effects of hypothermia and the importance of proper PFDs. Use these times to target specific audiences at marinas, fairs, and boat shows. It's also a good time to advertise for new members. Try to go beyond the use of just a brochure to entice people to join our organization. Coordinate with your PS officers and try to put together a collection of live action photos of Auxiliarists doing their job. Pictures still go a lot farther than words when telling the Auxiliary story.

Approval was given at the Spring Conference for the purchase of a second PFD PANDA suit for the District. As of the writing of this article, the suit was still being manufactured, but by the time this goes to print, I hope to have it in my hands. It is still important that you get requests to me as soon as possible because the suits will still be on a first come first serve basis. I will not pull the suit away from anyone who has legitimately requested it just because someone else's event may be bigger or "more important". Upon receiving a confirmation in writing that the suit is available for your event, I will need to have a check for \$14.00 sent to me for the shipping. The District doesn't pay to ship the suits, it comes out of my pocket. I'm sorry to say that I've had some problems collecting the money due to me. With payment being made up front, I hope to avoid these problems in the future.

Remember that Public Affairs is every member's business and vital to the image that the Auxiliary has with the public. Every job is a self-portrait; autograph your work with excellence.

*Ronald J. Boice, DSO-PA
King of Prussia, PA*



OPERATIONS

When CWO Tim Donovan happily moves from Group Operations at Philadelphia this summer to become our new Assistant DIRAUX, he'll be replaced by Joe Hartline, First Lieutenant aboard the USCGC Red Wood. Joe is no stranger to us. He was Assistant DIRAUX of District 1, Southern Region, and has worked closely with the Auxiliary in his present position. We welcome Joe ashore as Chief of Operations and look forward to continuing our close and effective working relationship.

The recent weeklong 2nd Annual Emergency Response in the Marine Environment Conference (TRISAR), sponsored by Group Philadelphia, was a huge success. The Auxiliary played a significant role teaching two days of boating safety to the professional and volunteer shoreside responders from fire companies, rescue squads and other emergency service organizations participating in TRISAR. The emergency response community is indebted to the following Auxiliarists for an outstanding job: Gene Bentley, Dave Berlin, Dan Charter, Joe Famularo, Mike Henry, Andy Kratzer, Buzz Lombardi, Art Miller, Mary Ann Rice, and Rick Stabler.

If TRISAR is still strange to you, that'll soon change. It's the subject of our forthcoming one-day District Operations Schools to be conducted at Group Philadelphia with Coast Guard support. The course is essential for boat crew personnel operating on the Delaware River and Bay, and of interest to those patrolling in other areas. The Group's tri-state search and rescue plan will be discussed, along with SAR planning, the search patterns to be utilized and the new computerized system employed by the operations staff. Handling hazardous materials, preparation for acts of terrorism, mass casualties and triage, burn injuries, and some risk management/TCT topics will be among the items discussed. Dates will be announced as soon as the logistics are finalized.

On another matter of interest, it seems that the fastest thing on the water has been moving slowly. Many of you have inquired about the status of PWCs in our operations program, something we were promoting since last year. As previously reported, other districts have been utilizing these "special purpose facilities" and plans are underway to utilize them here. D5INST 16798 (Auxiliary Personal Watercraft Program) was drafted and approved by the District Commander and is in effect in both the northern and southern regions of our district. The Instruction, however, requires that qualified QEs certify PWC operators, and therein lies the rub. The QEs have not yet been identified. The Director's Office is currently reviewing the QE roster and we expect to have PWC-QEs designated soon. Hopefully PWCs will be available in some of our patrol areas, and for some of our special patrol needs, before this season ends.

Remember Murphy's Law of Combat: "Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than yourself." Take care!

Ivan E. Levin, DSO-OP
Laurel Springs, NJ

PUBLIC EDUCATION

A PLEASANT CHANGE

For many years Public Education was not a Summer time thing. The boating season was kinda' reserved for Operations and Courtesy Marine Examinations.

I've been around for enough years to see a slow but steady increase in year round Public Education activity. Perhaps it is the mandatory boating education many states have imposed on the boating public. Maybe it's because we have anticipated the need and developed additional courses to supplement the standard BS&S and S&S. But, whatever the reason we must continue to satisfy the boating public and their desire to become better educated and safer boaters.

I also see a trend in Public Education classes where people are taking a class prior to purchasing their boat. Students that I have spoken with personally, have indicated to me they hope the course will help them decide what kind of boat, what type of engine or sail, or how large a boat they should purchase. We have the opportunity, the resources, and the ability to assist these people as they enter their new world of recreational boating.

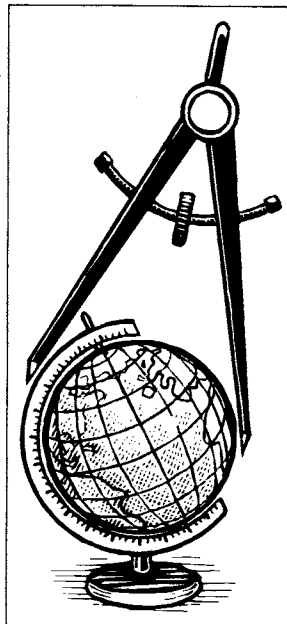
It is difficult to teach a class that has expectant boaters, relatively new boaters, and because of mandatory education, boaters with many years of experience, but never any formal boating education.

With these thoughts in mind, approach your next class with the assumption that you have a mixture of boaters sitting in your classroom. Better yet, poll the class so that you have some idea of the level of experience that you are teaching. Pass that information along to the other instructors assisting in the class.

Remember that you only get one chance to make your first impression, and first impressions are generally the ones that will be remembered.

Well-prepared, properly attired instructors help to make that first impression a lasting one. Public Education classes are still the best source for recruiting new members.

Larry C. Whiskeyman, DSO-PE
Shillington, PA



Remember.....
If you file an "Intent to Teach" form with your Division PE Officer, your class gets advertised on the Internet and the Local Notice to Mariners.....
oh so easy.....

VESSEL EXAMINER

We are now half-way through our vessel examination season. Where are you relative to the amount of examinations and safety checks that you plan to do this year? How is your flotilla doing towards its goal. Many units I have talked to are well ahead of their plan. This is good news, because if YOU make your goal, and your unit makes its goal, the district will end up making its target as well. Hopefully, the guys and gals who do 100 or more examinations will put us over the top!

Hey, speaking of those "Century Clubbers," have you ever gone out to a ramp with one of these Auxiliarists? These people are really special. They don't waste any time. They have a plan in their mind before they go. Usually they take someone with them to do CMEs or Safety Checks and another to handle the Safe Boating Booth. Then, as they are all qualified Vessel Examiners, they trade off positions and keep the task interesting. Nobody gets real tired, or sunburned this way and you can get a chance to sit down for part of the day. You notice that they keep plugging away at it all day and fill their report sheets before going home that evening. Sure, the "Century Club" examiners like the high numbers, but they really get a lot of satisfaction out of helping boaters learn more about safe boating practices.

Here are some tips on doing vessel examinations. Make sure you have contacted your regular clients to update their date sticker from last year. Advertise that you and your group is going to do exams at a certain spot. (Do this about three weeks before you arrive.) if you've picked a spot on the water that does not keep you busy all day, go to a new ramp or marina, where there is more business. **NEVER** examine boats alone, if you can help it. Call someone to go with you; you will both have a better day. If you haven't examined a Personal Water Craft, give it a try. Most PWC owners want a decal too; they just might be too shy to ask you. So offer your services to them.

Don't miss out on a great Auxiliary experience. Speak up first. Make eye-contact first. Greet them first. Then offer your assistance. Be polite (that's the courtesy part) and change their boating habits forever. As a result of your being there, you may save their life or prevent serious injury.

How does the boating public perceive you? Are you too old? Of course not. Are you too official looking? Just look in the mirror. What do you think? Now smile. (Officials don't smile. It's in their code-book.). Have you introduced yourself as a volunteer? No? Why not? Americans love volunteers. They are just amazed when they figure out that you are donating your day to them. Later, they will also discover that you saved them tax-money as well.

Remember, you are the well-trained, informed person and you have the tools necessary to perform a quality examination. The boater will be impressed with all of this. You should always feel good about your service to the Coast Guard and the boating public. Now turn off the TV and call a couple of your Auxiliary friends and make a plan to do some examinations. Times' a waistn'.

My grandmother used to say, "summer's half over by

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

By the time you read this, your NSBW activities should be in the books - or in the mail - on its way to the National Safe Boating Council. I hope you have all had successful events. The post office has delivered many interesting descriptions of the activities throughout the District. I hope you have sent your reports to National, with a copy to me.

Please remember that Safe Boating is not limited to the week of 16-22 May 1998. There are many reasons for having your events at different times. Spreading it out throughout the boating season gives us that many more times to impress the general public with the importance of knowing how to be safe on or in the water. Also, it prevents conflicts with other Flotillas and/or Divisions, so that you can "spread the wealth" (and knowledge) over a greater period of time without detracting from someone else's event.

I look forward to hearing about your activities. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Muriel G. Lewis
Havertown, PA

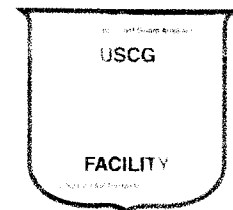
the fourth of July." So take a couple of minutes to assess where you stand in the great vessel examination program of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you make a plan and carry it out, then the whole VE program becomes a raging success at the flotilla, division, district and national levels. I'll see you on the ramps.

Reminder every division was given 250 orange "Sea Bags" to be used to give out to Personal Water Craft operators when the PWC is safety-checked. Since most PWC manufacturers DO NOT provide daytime Visual Distress Signals, we can provide an acceptable substitute and PASS the PWC, if it meets all other requirements. This is how you can make a positive contribution to our program.

How many PWCs has your division checked this year? 250? Or more?

Michael J. Ripton, DSO-VE
Mechanicsburg, PA

REMINDER



**Facility Inspections
must be completed by
June 30!**

PERSONNEL SERVICES

REVERSING THE DOWNWARD TREND USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!

Those who attended the District Board meeting at the April conference heard me report that our greatest problem is still declining membership. This trend is nothing new, it's been around for years. However, last year the 5th District was the only District in the nation that had negative growth! Now, the question is what are we going to do about it if anything? National, realizing the problem, has tasked each district with developing their own Recruiting & Retention plan. In March, the District Commodore approved our District plan and it was widely distributed. It is quite detailed and if everyone involved does their share, our district should be number one once again. There is one caveat however, membership is not only for the elected or appointed officers, Membership is everybody's business.

What can be said about Recruiting and Retaining that already hasn't already been said? Applying it or should I say packaging it to make it attractive to the masses I feel is the answer. It is no secret that individuals are drawn to organizations such as ours for education and training. However, we must make it interesting and fun. The 5th Northern gives training in the form of District Schools every year. Just what percentages of the membership take advantage of this opportunity? Since our classes are generally 25-30 strong, that equates to approximately 1% of our membership. In today's economy, is that cost effective?

There are Divisions and Flotillas throughout the district that give Specialty Course Classes and, in general, they fair better in the retention of members. The saying, **RETAINING THRU TRAINING** definitely has merit. Perhaps we should concentrate on having area courses. They could be given over a period, like one Sat. per week for "X" weeks. This would allow more participation by the area members.

Education is the organizational glue that binds us together and contributes to the stature we have enjoyed for years. Education is the stuff pride is made from. If you don't believe that, just look at the faces of the members when they are called up and given their AUXOP or COXSWAIN Device and Certificate. A prouder member you will never see.

Looking at the educational function, we as an organization have greatly improved the overall boating safety record. Through education, we are beginning to create a whole new generation of safer boating people. Personally, if I contributed to this great record in even a small manner, I am proud. You should be too. It makes it all worth while. We cannot diminish our educational programs and expect to continue to set improved records.

There can be no letup. Therein lies the hazard. We can and must turn this membership trend around. Some Flotillas have and let's face it... we have become laggard and willing to accept what comes to us. This must change. No matter what reasons we have heard or thought about, they are all negative reasons. It is about time all of us started thinking positively and begin putting good solid programs to work for us. The district has developed a detailed plan and distributed it down the chain. Now it's up to us, the members, to do our part.

We are facing a critical point whether we like it or not, and the solution is very simple - members. Merchandising membership is similar to any other product. Display it attractively, price it competitively, and advertise it extensively. The seller should be completely knowledgeable about the product. Talk membership at every class and keep after any prospects. Few sales are made on the first contact. Find out what the prospective member would like to do. With all the new opportunities available, we are bound to have what they want.



Every officer and member contributes to retention just by performing their job responsibilities thoroughly. The better each does their job, the more successful will be the retention program. Making people feel they belong will make them want to become involved. Just be careful not to create over-involvement by giving him/her too much to do and demanding too much of their time. Involvement is the key. Remember we are all Volunteers. Volunteerism is an opportunity for excellence. When you do a job, do the best you can. We will all benefit.

An interesting side note: As mentioned in my last article, and also one of the recommendations suggested by National to retain new members, is the use of **MENTORS**. This idea is not new and has been successfully used by many volunteer organizations. Well guess who is using that principle now - General Motors Cadillac division!* They have given it a fancier name - "Personal Delegate." Each customer is assigned a personal delegate in addition to a regular salesperson. The owner may call the delegate for all scheduling and finance questions, avoiding impersonal reception desks. The research targeted white-collar baby boomers. It seems the "older buyers" are not as demanding as the "up-and-comers." The baby boomers want more time to make a decision and want more information and don't want to waste time, because time is money! Other luxury car makers have also invested heavily in new programs to make purchase and ownership more pleasant.

If one of the largest corporations in the United States adopted this approach to increase sales, to the "younger set", shouldn't we be just as aggressive?

* Written up in the April 19 Philadelphia Inquirer, G43.

*PDCO Edward W. Rearick, DSO-PS
Marlton, NJ*

PERSONNEL SERVICES

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 1998

All of our goals for 1998 are based on the fact that Membership in TEAM Coast Guard is **JOB ONE**.

1. Increase the knowledge that:
 - a. the individual member is our most important asset.
 - b. the involvement of the member is key to the health and well being of the Auxiliary.
 - c. there are many benefits of membership.
 - d. the Coast Guard's need for Auxiliary power goes beyond the traditional into the expanded missions.
2. Recruit:
 - a. for the Auxiliary by maintaining the forward momentum in recruiting new members that was established in 1997 with the development of District Plans for Recruiting.
 - b. members through the AuxWeb through the development of new recruiting web page.
 - c. for the Coast Guard by increasing the Auxiliary involvement in the RAP program, while maintaining the high level effort with the AIM program.
 - d. qualified members for the National Staff and maintain an open listing available to all Department Chiefs.
3. Involve:
 - a. elected officers through the **JOB ONE** Campaign, as their help and support is critical to maintaining our membership.
 - b. the Personnel Services and Career Counselor Officers at all levels with their counterparts from other departments to encourage the training and involvement of our members in the traditional and expanded missions.
3. Retain:
 - a. and increase pride in the Auxiliary and the uniforms we wear.
 - b. members through involvement and recognition.
 - c. the continued support of the elected officers by utilizing the results of the 1997 Annual Membership Survey and FC Utilization Survey to provide tools and information needed to increase the retention of our members and distribute them via the **JOB ONE** Campaign.

District 5NR Awards

"recognizing the best of the best"

DISTRICT AWARDS

Recognition of Individual Achievement

Training Aid Awards

Best of Show.....H. Jordan Rittenhouse (11-2)
Best of Participation.....Divisions 2 and 3

Courtesy Marine Examination Award

.....Harry Wanner (14-3)
Greatest number of CMEs in the District

Marine Dealer Visitor Award

.....Leo E. Daley (84)
Greatest number of MDV's in the District

Operations Program Award

.....Edward M. Henry (13-10)
Greatest number of operation points exclusive of support missions and chart up-dating

Aids to Navigation/Chart Up-Dating Program Award

.....Maurice J. Keegan (32)
Greatest number of points in ATON/CU program

Support Missions Award

.....William Dages (7-12)
Greatest number of points in support missions

Instructor Award

.....Melvyn A. Borofsky (72)
Greatest number of points in the field of education

Assists Award

.....Paul R. Mackes (10-2)
Greatest number of assists

Edmund Morton Member Training Award

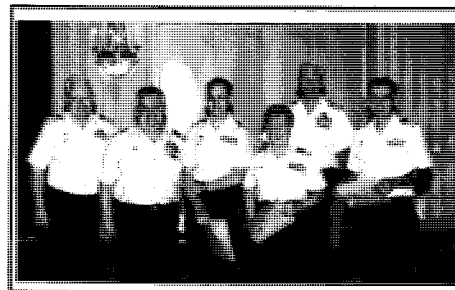
.....Donald E. Bowes (15-5)
Greatest number of points in the field of member training

Flotilla Publication Award

.....Melissa A. Kreutz (13-10)
Best regular flotilla publication

Division Publication Award

.....William E. Reimer, Jr. (Div. 4)
Best regular division publication



District 5NR Auxiliaries receiving awards at the Spring Conference Awards Luncheon, April 4, 1998, Valley Forge, PA.

Photos by M. Phillip Stamm, Topside Staff

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DISTRICT AWARDS

Recognition of Flotilla and Division Achievements

Flotilla Membership Award

.....Flotilla 7-10
Flotilla with greatest increase in membership

Flotilla Operational Support Mission Award

.....Flotilla 35
Flotilla with most points in support missions

Flotilla Operations Award

.....Flotilla 21
Flotilla with greatest number of operational points

Flotilla Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating Award

.....Flotilla 77
Flotilla with greatest number of combined ATON/CU patrols

Flotilla Courtesy Marine Examination Award

.....Flotilla 21
Flotilla with greatest number of CMEs

William Ross McDonald Award

.....Flotilla 2-76
Flotilla with most points in Public Education

Past District Commodore's Plaque

.....Flotilla 35
Flotilla which won Past District Commodore's Trophy last year

Past District Commodore's Trophy

.....Flotilla 2-76
Flotilla accumulating the greatest number of points in all programs

COAST GUARD AWARDS

Director's Administrative Awards

Flotillas and Divisions meeting specific program goals

Joan E. Eltonhead (21)
Muriel G. Lewis (2-76)
Marion S. Blachniak (35)
John D. Adams (52)
Stanley J. Pojnar (77)
Raymond J. Panfile (7-10)
David A. Wick (82)
Gail A. Whiskeyman (11-3)
Joseph H. Bauer (12-4)

Director's Personal Service Award

For outstanding service to the Director's office

Lionel F. Crossman (12-3)
Leonard E. Karter (35)
Dudley D. Gallup (28)

Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award

The superior flotilla in the Fifth Northern Region

Flotilla 2-76

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

Given to a group of individuals that have performed service which made a significant contribution to overall outstanding accomplishment of a mission

Eugene M. Pester, Jr. (6-10)
Otis Littleton (14-2)
Jerold L. Cook (42)
Richard O. Banley (42)

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COAST GUARD QUALIFICATION AWARDS

Coxswain	Russell J. Vanluvender (74) Louis J. Keating (16-8) Kent E. Schiner (12-1) James L. Klaas (12-1) William F. Tower, Jr. (12-9)
AUXOP	Melvin D. Flamer (19) William H. Kelly (10-6) Richard H. Beard (16-10) Robert A. Lazzara (16-10)

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

30 Years	Andrew Meighan (13-1)
25 Years	Richard Kelly (28) Anthony Harlacher (15-2) Richard J. Kelley (15-2) William Schiebel (15-2)

AUXILIARY SUSTAINED SERVICE AWARD

Patricia A. Brown (51)	Edith R. Hopkin (72)	Robert R. Albers (72)
Robert J. Almond (7-10)	Raymond Panfile (7-10)	Lawrence Greco (7-10)
Charles R. Anderson (10-9)	Claire W, Noll (11-2)	Margaret Lewullis (11-3)
Dorothy E. Clark (16-1)	Gerald J. Bonk (16-1)	Herbert A. Gomberg (16-1)
Patricia A. Witham (16-7)	George F. Leuck (16-7)	Robert G. Witham (16-7)
Brenda J. Moscatiello (16-7)	Dona C. Turner (16-8)	H. Jon Burdack (16-10)
Nicholas A. Fritze (16-10)	David C. Cox (16-5)	

NATIONAL COMMODORE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Rita H. Kratzer (65)
John R. Kratzer (65)

COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

Robert J. W. Duld, LCDR, US Coast Guard
Director of Auxiliary, 5NR

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE AWARDS

Flotilla Awards:

Public Education	Highest Number of Sessions	Flotilla 10-6
Courtesy Marine Exams and Marine Dealer Visits	Total Exams and Visits	Flotilla 24
Operations	Total Patrol Hours	Flotilla 10-2
Water and Kids Boats and Kids	Total Number of Sessions	Flotilla 21
Top Flotilla in Pennsylvania, (2ER, 5NR, 9ER)	Total of PE, CME/MDV, OPS	Flotilla 24



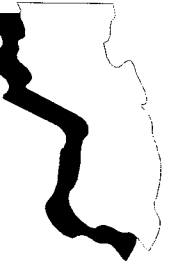
Individual Awards:

Public Education	Hours as Head Instructor	Leon E. Kehr
Courtesy Marine Exams and Marine Dealer Visits	Total Exams and Visits	Henry Wanner
Operations	Total Patrol Hours	Paul Mackes

NEW JERSEY STATE AWARDS

Operations (Number of Assists):

Division 3	Flotilla 34	FC Robert B. Campbell
	Flotilla 35	FC Marion S. Blachniak
Division 6	Flotilla 61	FC Michael R. Ryan
Division 7	Flotilla 7-11	FC Kenneth W. LeQuier, JR.
Division 8	Flotilla 86	FC George A. Smith
Division 13	Flotilla 13-3	FC Victor E. Paterno, Jr.
Division 16	Flotilla 16-7	FC Robert Meyer

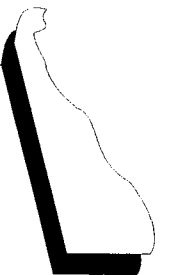


Public Education (Number of Classes):

Division 3	Flotilla 32	FC Maurice J. Keegan
Division 6	Flotilla 65	FC Carson C. Shephard
Division 7	Flotilla 77	FC Stanley Pojnar
Division 8	Flotilla 83	FC Joseph J. Cottlese
Division 13	Flotilla 13-6	FC Arthur Miller

DELAWARE STATE AWARDS

Most Hours as Coxswain	<u>Division 1</u> Robert M. Brereton	<u>Division 12</u> Andrew Assimios
Most Hours as Crew Member	Jane G. Brereton	James L. Albrand, Jr.
Most Courtesy Marine Exams	Adrian R. Teaf	Jack K. Korbobo
Most Hours on Support Missions	Carol L. Owens	Lionel F. Crossman
Most Hours as Instructor in PE	Richard B. Hudson	George Morabito
Most Hours as Instructor in MT	Adrian R. Teaf	George Morabito
Outstanding Auxiliarist	Carol L. Owens	John P. Bernath



1998 SPRING CONFERENCE - VALLEY FORGE, PA



1998 District 5NR
Spring Conference
Valley Forge, PA
April 3, 4, 5, 1998

1998 SPRING CONFERENCE - VALLEY FORGE, PA



Awards Banquet
Workshops
Fellowship

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Melvyn A. Borofsky, DSO-PB*

District 5NR Awards

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COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATIONS

Plaque for 52 Hours or More

Adrian R. Teaf
John R. Kates
Alfred M. Trasatti, Jr.
Harry P. Petersen, Jr.
George L. Cole
Clyde Reynolds, Jr.
Laurence Brooks
J. Donald Coggins
John D. Adams
William P. Ruppel
Paul V. DeFerrari
Joseph L. Barcelo
F. Kenneth DeSoo
Leo E. Daley
Walter Price
Leon V. Lohrman
Jody J. Seabring
Shirley A. Holeman
Linda A. Spayd
Jack K. Korbobo
Samuel K. Pascarello
John Williams
Joseph W. Cook
Thaddeus Piotrowski
Anthony Bubadias
Walter R. Schultze
Rosa Neff
Robert C. Lodge
Linwood E. Marshall
John A. Lindsay
Harry L. Altman
Charles D. Lamarr
Michael J. Ripton
Robert R. Albers
Stanley J. Pojnar
Thomas C. Buckard
Aldo Guerino

Elliot F. Linsky
Charles Dengler
David O. Becker
Charles R. Andersen
Richard S. Rothermel
George L. Hartman
Robert Neiman
Jeffrey Peterman
Michael T. Foster
Robert J. Herr
Brinton S. Rutherford
Ronald J. Vanzile
Ted Lowy
Horace M. Eltonhead, Jr.
Alice Drew
Oliver D. Compton
Yuri J. Husiow
Arthur M. Talley, Jr.
Ronald J. Boice
Lawrence F. Cripe
Patricia A. Brown
Roderick E. Griffin
Melvyn A. Borofsky
Vincent Maciborka
Robert M. Kimball
Francis G. MacDonald
Marcellino Troiano
Robert A. Pope
Russell Snyder
M. Philip Stamm
David J. Holeman
Eugene C. Unger
Robert A. Jopling
Edward W. Rearick, Jr.
Lester C. Fisher
Eugene Brown
Donald E. Bowes

INSTRUCTION

Plaque for 74 Hours or More

Adrian R. Teaf
Horace M. Eltonhead, Jr.
Dominic Biscardi
Emil A. Milano
Linda S. Boice
Kenneth A. Chandler
Alfred Cosletti
Cleone E. Hoy
Rita H. Kratzer
Robert F. Gallene
James T. Emery
Stanley J. Pojnar
Daniel G. Beall
Winifred E. Pope
Clair E. Rager
Aston C. Smith
Robert Amort
Elwood F. Williams
Patricia N. Charter
William J. Riches
Robert J. Herr
Ura P. Shumate
Eileen J. Gambucci
Brenda A. Moscaello
Ronald S. Schnack
Richard B. Hudson
John R. Kates

Inez Troiano
Charles A. Chagaris
David O. Becker
George Morabito
Lionel F. Crossman
Charles L. Gruber
Francis A. Lombardi
Edward M. Henry
Henry L. Reeser
John D. Borzell
Anthony F. Schiro
Paul A. Teliha
Joan E. Ehonhead
Rosa Neff
Patrick M. Cunningham
Leonard E. Karter
Orlando D. Maiocco
Leroy Campbell
John O. Stebbins
Horace S. Jones, Jr.
Robert R. Albers
Edith R. Hopkin
Russell J. VanLuvender
Joseph J. Ryan
Marcellino Troiano
Gordon P. Lusky
Leon E. Kehr

INSTRUCTION (Continued)

Charles E. Lyman
William E. Pierce
Ronald J. Boice
Richard P. Giduck
Eric L. Pennell
Isabel H. Jones
Jonas A. Levin
Albert Gallene
Jean Pojnar
Beverly M. Ryan

Ruth Sokolowski
James M. Albrand, Jr.
Daniel B. Charter, Jr.
Donald J. Shields
John Williams
Robert L. Wecker
Charles H. Mathews
George F. Leuck
John F. Radtke

OPERATIONS

Plaque for 99 Hours or More

Jane G. Brereton
Joseph Messa
Rosa Neff
Theodore G. Altenecker
William J. Sutherland
Daniel J. Hanna
Leonard E. Karter
Joseph Rzcudlo
Elizabeth E. Guest
Chester G. Klabbatz
Ian Adams
Robert L. Layton
Russell J. Van Luvender
Richard J. Kelley
Raymond J. Panfile
Byron J. Dial, Jr.
Thomas Horan, Jr.
David A. Wick
Donald F. McGahn
Elizabeth Stern
John T. Lincoln
Paul R. Mackes
Aston C. Smith
Joseph Witkoski
Lionel F. Crossman
Andrew Assimos
Emanuel Greenwald
Mary J. Famularo
Henry L. Reeser
Ralph L. Diller
Kenneth M. Bashore
Ura P. Shumate
Eileen J. Gambucci
Ross R. Hawn, Jr.
Robert G. Witham
George Leuck
Anthony Bubadias
Robert M. Brereton
Gilbert Finkelstein
Joan E. Eltonhead
Alice Drew
Charles E. Lyman
Maurice J. Keegan
Oliver D. Compton
John M. Kennard
Gloria Caudill
Howard F. Guest
John R. Kratzer
L. Daniel Maxim
Melvyn A. Borofsky
Stanley J. Pojnar
Robert J. Millar
Charles H. Mathews
Arthur A. Britman

Tad E. Stern
George A. Smith
Barbara S. Mackes
Leon E. Kehr
Alfred O. Grimminger
Robert G. Kepfer
James M. Albrand, Jr.
David Berlin
Joseph Famularo, Jr.
Robert L. Wecker
Millard E. Sipes
Dona C. Turner
Clyde F. College
George B. Morris
Thaddeus Piotrowski
Ronald J. Vanzile
Paul A. Teliha
Steven F. Kennedy
John F. Radtke
William A. Wenker
Carol L. Owens
Horace M. Eltonhead, Jr.
Jane L. Wolf
Thomas F. Cusack
R. Gerry Keegan
Judith C. Dodd
Richard O. Danley
George J. Smyth
Michael R. Ryan
Rita H. Kratzer
Fred Vitale
Charles R. Andree
Joseph L. Barcelo
Harold Ash
MaryLouise A. Cassell
John T. Plasket
Franklin P. Hauck
Leo E. Daley
William C. Ulrich
Donal W. Cardwell
William Fennelly
Michael B. Redmond
Herman C. Frese
Clarence Deemer
Elwood F. Williams
Robert P. Amort
Philip Walmsley
Anne V. Henry
Michael L. McGurl
Edward J. Ross
Aline M. Harrison
Alois J. Essig
Joseph A. Warner
Donald E. Bowes

DISTRICT MOBILE WORKSHOP



PWC inspection demonstration by Ron Boice, DSO-PA and Linda Boice, DSO-MS for the workshop students.



District Instructor Team (l to r) Hank Demler, DSO-CM, Weldon Harris, ADSO-MT, Linda Boice, DSO-MS and Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT.

Fifth Northern District, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 5, hosted a Workshop on 7 February 1998 at River Rescue, Harrisburg PA. District Instructors were on hand to administer the training of the required seminars. An invitation was extended to other Divisions to attend. Members were in attendance from Divisions 5, 9, 14 and 15.

William Weibrecht, DCP 5, was there by 0830 with coffee and doughnuts available to help start the day. The first session was for Marine Dealer Visitors and Vessel Examiners. The District Instructors did a magnificent job in their presentations, especially when they gave a live demonstration of the "Do's and Don'ts" of safety inspections. Ron Boice, DSO-PA, was the narrator, with Weldon Harris, ADSO-MT, and Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT, portraying the proud boat owners and Linda Boice, DSO-MS, as their obnoxious teenage daughter. Hank Demler, DSO-CM, portrayed the Vessel Examiner. While injecting humor into what could have been a very dry presenta-

tion, the team captured the students' undivided attention throughout. A skit was then provided on Personal Water Craft safety inspections.

Seminars were also held for Operations, which included changes in the new Communications manual, and Public Education, which included the new requirements to become Instructor and Master Instructor. Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training was also provided.

There was a very large turnout of eager Auxiliarists anxious to fulfill their seminar requirements for 1998. Most importantly, these Auxiliarists had the advantage of obtaining the required training all in one day, while enjoying the fellowship of other Auxiliarists within the District.

Article and photos submitted by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB (W) Fayetteville, PA

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(For staffing exhibits and booths)

- I. Thou shalt not frown or scowl at the public, for they are the reason you are here.
- II. Thou shalt ask pleasantly if thou can be of service to visitors.
- III. Thou shalt make yourself a storehouse of information for visitors and cheerfully share your knowledge with them.
- IV. Thou shalt not bluff or attempt to deceive when asked a question for which you know not the answer. For it is not a sin to say, "I do not know", but woe be it unto him who responds thusly a second time to the same question.
- V. Thou shalt answer the same question 70 times 7 with a smile even though weary after the day's labor.

VI. Thou shalt be neat and clean and in proper uniform, for cleanliness and proper uniform wearing are marks of politeness to others.

VII. Thou shalt be as prompt as possible when greeting and serving visitors. (Thou shalt not sit down on the job with a drink and a hot dog in hand.)

VIII. Thou shalt cause children to have a very happy experience, for memories will profit everyone in the very near future. (Happy children make happy parents.)

IX. Thou shalt encourage the public to stay and enjoy themselves while experiencing your exhibit or booth. (Thou shalt "shoot the breeze" with an inquisitive visitor whenever possible.)

X. Thou shalt send visitors on their way with smiles, on your face and theirs.

MEMORIAL DAY RITE

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 82 of Cape May, NJ participate annually in Memorial Day ceremonies in remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Flotilla decorates a flower boat and launches it into the surf at Cape May Beach. A Flotilla facility tows the boat out while a Coast Guard helicopter does a fly over and drops a wreath.

Article and photos submitted by F. Kenneth De Soo, FC 82
Cape May, NJ

IN
HONOR
OF THOSE
WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES
FOR THEIR
COUNTRY

Photos by Jennifer Kopp



(l to r) Auxiliarists Amilia Chase, FSO-VE 82; F. Kenneth De Soo, FC 82; and Kenneth E. McClaren, FSO-PS 82.



On Cape May Beach, (l to r) David A. Wick, FSO-PE 82; Ken McClaren; F. Kenneth De Soo; Amilia Chase; Charles Ellner and Mike Dineen, both of Flotilla 82, Cape May NJ.

CAPE MAY CLOSING



In a short span of two years, we in Division 8 of New Jersey have witnessed the closing of two Coast Guard facilities: The Electronic Engineering Center in Lower Township on August 1, 1997, and Cape May Air Station on Tuesday April 28, 1998. The Cape May Air Station will be moving to the FAA's William Hughes Technical Center in Pomona.

The closing of the first was a sad affair of good-byes and tearful farewells. Here the base was closing for good and all personnel of this station were all parting after a camaraderie of years of working together. As a guest, I became involved in the emotions of the moment and at the lowering of the colors and presenting of the flag for safekeeping, the tears came to everyone.

However, this last closing was not as final, there is a continuation of the command. Their work of fighting drugs, enforcing fishing laws, tending aids to navigation, and search & rescue is ongoing. With this knowledge, all commercial fishermen and recreational boaters can have a secure feeling and be assured that the Coast Guard of Cape May will always be there for them.

Coast Guard Captain Dale Goodreau, the 15th Commanding Officer of Cape May Station said the move will save 2 million dollars a year

On June 8, 1998, the Windsock from Cape May will again be raised at Air Station Atlantic City to carry on the tradition and glorious history of the USCG Station.



Note: Anyone wanting a copy of the closing ceremonies, with the History of Group Cape May, contact me and I will see that you get a copy.

Submitted by Marcellino "Bud" Troiano, ADSO-OP East
Wildwood Crest, NJ



GROUP AIR STATION CAPE MAY

U.S. Department
of Transportation
United States
Coast Guard



COAST GUARD GROUP-AIR STATION CAPE MAY CLOSING CEREMONY



- Schedule of Events**
- 1055 First Call to Quarters
 - 1100 Entrance of Official Party
 - 1105 Invocation and Presentation of Colors
 - 1115 Reading of the Orders
 - 1120 Guest Speaker's Remarks
 - 1135 Retrospective of Group-Air Station Cape May
 - 1145 Group Commander's Remarks
 - 1155 Benediction and Retirement of Colors
 - 1200 Lowering of the Windsock
 - 1205 Departure of Official Party
- Reception Picnic to immediately follow ceremony

- Group-Air Station Commanders**
- 1995-98 CAPT Dale Goodreau
 - 1992-95 CAPT James McKernan
 - 1989-92 CAPT Peter Prindle
 - 1986-89 CAPT N. E. King
 - 1984-86 CAPT Patrick Wendt
 - 1982-84 CAPT Lance Eagan
 - 1980-82 CDR David Gemmel
 - 1978-80 CAPT Joseph Tanguay
 - 1976-78 CAPT Thomas Wedgewood
 - 1973-76 CDR Laurence Kindbom
 - 1971-73 CDR Frederick Schubert
 - 1969-71 CAPT Thomas H. Carter
 - 1932-38 LCDR R. L. Burke
 - 1932-32 LCDR Elmer Stone
 - 1926-32 LCDR Carl C. Von Paulsen



Group-Air Station History

Chief Warrant Officer Charles Thrun flew the first of three amphibian biplanes into Cape May, New Jersey, on the 29th of October, 1926. Originally assigned to Coast Guard Section Base 9, Cape May, NJ, these three aircraft and the men who flew them became Air Station Cape May. Their original mission was to patrol the shores of New Jersey to locate rum smugglers during Prohibition. The various types of aircraft which flew out of Air Station Cape May were hangared in a former Navy blimp hanger and launched into the harbor on a wooden ramp.

Air Station Cape May was commanded by Coast Guard aviation's pioneers. Its first Commanding Officer was LCDR Carl C. Von Paulsen. He was relieved by Coast Guard Aviator number one, LCDR Elmer F. Stone, who flew the first ever trans-Atlantic flight in 1919, and set a world speed record here in Cape May. The following year his successor, LT R. L. Burke, broke Stone's speed record and set an altitude record while in Cape May. In 1938, Air Station Cape May was formally closed due to lack of funding, but maintained a presence with two patrol seaplanes until 1941, when the facility was turned over to the U.S. Navy for training new pilots in aircraft carrier landings.

During this period prior to WWII, Group Cape May was a separate unit from the Air Station. Yet, it also was a pioneer in its field-managing small boat operations. The phrase "Group" was first coined in the 1938, when a young officer referred in a report to the cluster of life-saving stations in southern New Jersey as "Cape May Group".

In the mid-1960's, the United States witnessed a rapid growth in recreational boating. In response, Congress re-establish Coast Guard Air Station Cape May. On July 17, 1969, Captain Thomas Carter assumed command of Air Station Cape May and simultaneously assumed the position of Commander, Group Cape May. This reestablishment of Air Station Cape May included two H-52 Seaguards, 13 officers and 33 enlisted crew. A third H-52 was added to the Air Station's complement in the early 1970's.

Upon the opening of the new Air Station, Cape May continued its tradition of pioneering. Air Station Cape May defined procedures for Helicopter In-Flight Refueling. Another device tested by Cape May was called the Bear Claw. It helped a helicopter land on a ship during heavy weather by hauling the aircraft down to the deck with a cable and winch system.

In 1987, the Coast Guard replaced the aging H-52 with the H-65 Dolphin. While not designed for water landings, the Dolphin could respond faster and farther than the H-52. Group-Air Station Cape May was instrumental in the test and design phase of several HH-65 upgrades. Air Station Cape May was the first to have all its aircraft's cockpit lighting made compatible with Night Vision Goggles making the H-65 infinitely more effective in night search and rescue. A special camera was installed in the hoist boom to document hoisting. A Traffic Collision Avoidance System was first fully implemented in Cape May aircraft.

MEDICAL PLAN

MEDICAL PLAN?

"We keep aspirin on the boat."

Preparation is the key word to successful and enjoyable boating. We work on the engines, check and replace worn lines and hoses. The teak is oiled, the boat is detailed, and is now the shining pride of its owner. We now play with our electronics, get a radio check to test our communications, and are ready for that first nice day to break the ice on a new season of boating.

The last thing people think of is their health and welfare before casting off the dock lines. What happened to the first aid box? Was it checked out this season? Do you have one on the boat? As a pharmacist and a lifetime boater I have developed an inventory list of supplies to be kept on *my* boat. Many drugs are sensitive to light, heat and humidity and all have an expiration date on the label. Check each item annually. Store your 1st aid chest (I use a plastic tool box) in a cool dry place, not in the "head". Have it clearly marked for easy identification by crew or guests.

When new crew or guests are aboard instruct them as to its location just as you do the location of other safety equipment.

The following is the 1st aid inventory on my 40' Sailboat:

- 1 roll 1" sterile gauze bandage
- 1 roll 1/2 waterproof adhesive tape
- 1 box 3x3 sterile gauze pads
- 1 box assorted waterproof bandaids
- 1 three inch Ace elastic bandage
- 1 small box sterile cotton
- 1 small box cotton swabs
- 1 antiseptic/anesthetic spray such as Bactine, Foille, etc.
- 1 4 oz or larger alcohol in plastic bottle
- 1 4 oz Hydrogen peroxide 3% for cleaning wounds
- 1 tube of Hydrocortisone cream 1%
- 1 tube of white vaseline

- 1 tube of Neosporin or triple antibiotic cream
- 1 tube of Zinc Oxide
- 1 sm. bottle of Tincture of Benzoin (For Blisters)
- Benadryl or other good antihistamine for allergies
- Imodium capsules for diarrhea
- Pepto Bismol tablets for stomach distress
- Dramamine, Bonine, Marazine or Scopalamine patches (RX)
- Aspirin, Ibuprofen or acetaminaphen (Tylenol) for pain
- 1 sm. eye wash or drops (Murine, Visine, etc)
- 1 small wire cutter (for cutting the barb off a fish hook)
- 1 stainless steel scissor
- 1 Splinter tweezer
- 1 chemical heat pack and cold pack
- Ample sunscreen with a 15 or higher protection factor
- Lip balm with sunscreen disposable latex gloves
- First aid manual (American Red Cross)

These items are all small and easily fit in a tool box or similar container. Read the labels, learn their uses, and circle the expiration dates. Dispose and replace old material annually.

Products such as hydrogen peroxide once open do lose potency upon standing. It's a cheap product so replace it if in doubt.

Remember that 1st aid should stop at **first aid**. Do no more that you are qualified or need to do. Make a patient comfortable and if necessary contact professional assistance.

In an emergency case, a call to the Coast Guard on channel 16 can bring medical advice for treatment of serious injuries or illness.

Have a safe and fun boating season.

*Submitted by Gil Finkelstein, PD, RPh, Vice Captain Div 8
Linwood, NJ*

TWO MEN ARE IN A BOAT. THE BOAT IS IN A BACKYARD SWIMMING POOL. THE MEN ARE GOING TO DROP A 100 LB. STEEL BALL INTO THE WATER. WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

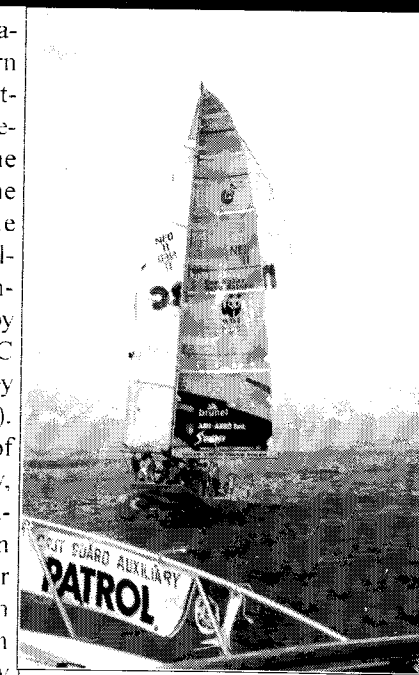


- a. THE WATER LEVEL WILL DROP.
- b. THE WATER LEVEL WILL NOT CHANGE.
- c. THE WATER LEVEL WILL RISE.
- d. TWO MEN IN WHITE COATS MIGHT THROW THEM A LINE.

Look for the answer elsewhere in this publication.

*Submitted by Glen and Nancy Blough, SO-PA 9
Johnstown, PA*

WHITBREAD RACE



Auxiliary Facility GPII escorting the vessel "Brunelsunergy" during the Parade of Sails.

Auxiliarists and facilities of Fifth Northern Region have been assisting Fifth Southern Region with patrols on the Chesapeake Bay for the Whitbread Round the World Boat Race. Facilities from Flotilla 56 included GPII, owned by Wally Brenner (IPFC 56), and TJ, owned by Jane Turnau (VFC56). As their usual area of patrol is on the Bay, they received an invitation for assistance from Fifth Southern earlier this year and they both eagerly accepted. From that moment on Wally began searching for information on the Whitbread Race via the Internet. He learned that the first Whitbread Round the World Race was in 1973 and held every 4 years. This was the first year that the Race came into the Chesapeake Bay. Jean Bertram, DSO-OP (5SR), was the coordinator for Auxiliary patrols and support.

The first leg of this 1997-98 race began on 21 Sep 97 in Southampton England. Leg 7 would start from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on 19 April and the finish line was located at Fort McHenry, near Baltimore Inner Harbor. The estimated date for the finish of Leg 7 was 22-24 Apr. A Parade of Sails was scheduled for 30 Apr, which would involve the sailboats going from Baltimore to Annapolis to prepare for the start of Leg 8



(1 to r) Rod Miller, Seth Shafer, Jane Turnau, Wally Brenner, Bill Gardner, George Stewart, Steve Marthouse, Bill Frotscher, John Adams, Bill Weibrecht at the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

from Annapolis on 3 May. All three segments needed Auxiliary assistance. Wally signed on for all three and Jane signed on for the Parade of Sails.

For the first segment, Wally recruited Seth Shafer and Mart Struhbar (Flotilla 56 members) and Paul Shaver (VCP 5), to join him. GPII had the best possible position for Leg 7 - at the finish line. Though the date of the finish was tentative, Wally was following the progress on the Internet and they were on station with time to spare. After securing their area, they awaited word on the progress of the boats. Excitement level was very high, which helped pass the time. From their vantage-point, the billowing sails could easily be sported as the first boat soared towards the finish line. Within three hours, all the Whitbread boats were across the finish line and GPII and crew was cruising back to the Marina to await the next segment.

For the Parade of Sails, both GPII and TJ were involved. Wally had William Gardner, Steve Marthouse, Rodney Miller (Flotilla 56 members) and William Weibrecht (DCP5) join him on the GPII. Jane recruited George Stewart (FC56), William Frotscher, Seth Shafer (Flotilla 56 members) and John



Auxiliary Facility GPII at Whitbread Race

Adams (Flotilla 52 member). By 0730 both GPII and TJ were manned and in route to Inner Harbor for their instructions and assignments. Each facility was assigned to a Whitbread boat as their escort to Annapolis. It was a well-orchestrated process. GPII escorted Brunelsunergy and TJ escorted Swedish Match.

The following day GPII and crew returned to Annapolis to prepare for the start of Leg 8 on 3 May. Numerous events were taking place in Annapolis so they had a multitude of activities to choose from, when not practicing or attending meetings. Race day began with a promise of sunny skies and before noon, GPII and crew were at their assigned station, Kent Island, for the start of Leg 8. Lined up along both sides of the Bay were spectator boats, waiting in anticipation of the race. Due to maintaining crowd control, GPII's crew saw very little of the race but they still shared in the Whitbread EXCITEMENT!

*Article submitted by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB West
Conceptual input and photos from Wally Brenner, IPFC 56,
Jane Turnau, VFC 56, and Steve Marthouse, Flotilla 56*

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY

Mechanicsburg, PA, 18 May, 1998. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has developed a comprehensive personal watercraft education program that focuses on the safe operation of personal watercraft. Recent state and Coast Guard accident data indicate an increasing number of accidents arising out of the operation of such watercraft.

There are more than one million personal watercraft in use in the United States. These are small boats usually less than 16 feet in length. They are highly maneuverable and some can operate at speeds in excess of sixty (60) miles per hour. Accident investigators claim 80% of all reported recreational boating accidents involve operator controllable factors. The primary causes of accidents are operator inattention, operator inexperience, operating at an unsafe speed and failure to maintain a proper lookout. The remaining 20% of accidents involve boat or environmental factors.

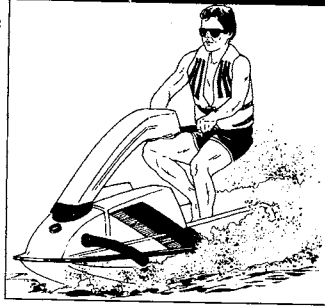
According to United States Coast Guard reported accident data for 1996: *

- more than 41% of persons injured in boating accidents involve personal watercraft.
- 77% of all recreational boating accidents involved operator inattention, inexperienced operators, excessive speed or failure to maintain a proper lookout.
- 88% of boat operators involved in a fatal accident had not completed a safe boating course.
- 43% of boating accidents were by collision with another boat, a fixed object or a floating object.
- More than 50% of collisions with another boat involve a personal watercraft while less than 10% of total boat registrations are personal watercraft.
- In 1996 approximately eight out of every ten victims in fatal boating accidents were not wearing PFDs or life jackets.

Many state regulatory agencies are considering the enactment of



regulations that would require most owners/operators to take an approved study course as a condition of operating a personal watercraft. Some states are considering legislation that would require all boat operators to take an approved boating education safety course.



The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary offers several approved recreational boating safety courses. An approved course is one that has been approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Everette L. Tucker, Jr. National Commodore, The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, stated, "The Coast Guard Auxiliary was created by Congress to promote recreational boating safety in the United States. The growth in recreational boating since the introduction of the personal watercraft has taxed the capability of the states and other boating safety educational entities including the Auxiliary to keep pace with the rate of growth in boat registrations. The most recent accident data is alarming because it illustrates that one of the most popular forms of recreational boating activities is potentially lethal. We want to be effective in reversing the data. We believe an approved boating safety course, if taken by all boaters, will make a significant impact on reducing operator controllable accidents. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary strongly recommends all recreational boaters, especially personal watercraft operators take a NASBLA approved boating education safety course with a proctored examination. Auxiliarists nationwide offer NASBLA approved courses throughout the year. Courses can be free, but often include a nominal charge for the cost of books and other instructional aids."

Members of the public can obtain more information by calling the Boat U.S. Hotline at 1-800-336-BOAT or by contacting their State Boating Law Administrator.

*News Release from Otis W. Littleton, Branch Chief, Newsletter Editor
National Department of Public Affairs
Mechanicsburg, PA*

KEEPING TRACK OF MEMBERS

In most cases, the whereabouts of our members is no big problem. That's because they are active, contributing members - and if they change address or telephone number, they let people know about it. Sometimes officially. And 'officially' means completing and filing with FSO-IS a Change of Member Information form: CGAUX-33 (4-97).

That way, all official mail from Flotilla, Division, District and National is sent to the proper address. But when a member fails to submit a "Change", the mail is delayed at best, or "returned to sender" when forwarding expires. The latter was the case recently when about 50 "Annual Member Summary and Status Reports" for 5th Northern members were returned to the Chief Director's Office in Washington. Subsequently they were forwarded to District for re-mailing to the members' Flotilla Commanders and thence to the members. Wasted time... wasted efforts.

So if and/or when you change address or phone number, get married, divorced or otherwise lose your spouse, BE SURE TO SUBMIT AN AUX #33. (The form includes space for "person to notify in case of emergency.") Copies may be obtained through your Flotilla Commander or via your FSO-MA, in needed quantities from Auxiliary National Supply Center, ANSC form #7028. Stay in touch. File that bloomin' 33 when its' necessary. **We don't want to lose track of YOU!**

*William E. Reimer, Jr. ADSO-PS
Berwyn, PA*

1998 NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

4 SEPTEMBER - 5 SEPTEMBER * SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Mail to: Jane Moon, BC-NCP, 4 Augusta Circle, Greenwood, IN 46143

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to the **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL BOARD, INC.** I understand I will pick up my tickets at the Conference Registration Desk upon my arrival. Pre-conference registration until **August 15**. Registration after that date will be subject to an additional **\$5.00** fee. **Do not mail to the above address after August 15**. Late registration will be available on scene until 1230 Saturday, 5 September. Select the functions you want to attend, total the cost, and submit a check for that amount.

	Number of persons	x Cost	= Amount
Registration Fee.....	_____	x \$15.00	= _____
Friday <i>NAPDIC</i> Luncheon	_____	x \$15.00	= _____
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Saturday Night <i>COMMODORE'S BANQUET</i>	_____	x \$37.00	= _____
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Please list name as it should appear on name tag. Specify your Auxiliary district and region, i.e., 5NR.

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U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 1998 NATIONAL CONFERENCE 4 - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

Arrival Date _____ Depart on _____
 Name _____ Phone _____
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Please reserve the following room:

Single _____ (one person) \$79.00
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 Suite _____ (one (1) bedroom parlor suite) \$300.00

I request the following type room:

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All requests must be received by 15 August. After this date, requests will be taken on a space available basis. Rooms must be guaranteed by one night's deposit. **Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 48 hours in advance of arrival date.** Be sure to record your cancellation number.

CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE

Check your credit card type and complete information below with your signature.

VISA _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____
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 Cardholder's Signature _____

All rooms subject to occupancy tax of 10.5%. Room rates good for 3 days before and after the conference. Check-in time 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is noon. Every effort will be made to accommodate guests who arrive before 3:00 p.m. Sorry, NO pets.

Remember... cutoff date is 15 August 1998

NATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Theme: THE AUXILIARY MISSION TODAY.

Images tell the Auxiliary story. Images show the public the value of the Auxiliary and make them aware of what you do. The collection of outdated, sorely over-used images at Coast Guard Headquarters serves a wide range of internal and external customers and is in need of restocking. New material will be used during speaking engagements all over the Coast Guard, in educational presentations, news media, and in official CG publications and presentations

Submissions: Entries should be original work, not previously published. May be prints, slides or digital photography, black and white or color. Prints may be no larger than 5" x 7"

and need not be mounted. No limit as to entries per person, but each entry should include a caption describing the action, including names and unit. Submissions should arrive no later than 01 August 1998. **Entries can not be returned.** All submissions become the property of the Coast Guard with an implied permission to use without restriction for official Coast Guard publications and presentations.



Participants: This photo contest is open to all members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and their families.

Judging: During August 1998 all entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of personnel from the Auxiliary Department Of Public Affairs and from the Office of Auxiliary, Public Affairs, and Audio Visual Staffs at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Winners: The top three winning entries in each category will be displayed at NACON '98 and officially recognized by the Auxiliary National Vice Commodore for Coast Guard and State

Support and the Assistant Commandant for Operations of the United States Coast Guard. The 12 winning photographs will also be published in the Auxiliary magazine *NAVIGATOR*.

Categories:

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY: Includes Auxiliary traditional activities conducted on behalf of Federal, State and local governments to improve the knowledge, skills, and operating environment of the recreational boater.

SUPPORT TO COAST GUARD AND STATES:

Includes many new as well as traditional roles in which Auxiliary members help the Coast Guard and States in a multitude of operational activities, and in a wide variety of traditional/non-traditional Coast Guard administrative activities.



MEMBER SERVICES: Includes internal Auxiliary personnel support and assistance provided in several personnel and recruiting missions which are essential to the health and vitality of the Coast Guard.

FELLOWSHIP: Includes images that recognize the importance of the aspect of volunteer participation and encourage a close relationship between not only Auxiliary members, but with all parts of the Team Coast Guard family.

SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:

**COMDT(G-OCX)
2100 Second Street SW
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ENTRY FORM

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Washington, DC 20593-0001

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Name: _____

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Caption: _____

Category: _____

NACO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS

These awards were designed to recognize individual members, flotillas, divisions and districts for their contributions to membership growth. For the year 1997, 238 members and 22 divisions and flotillas received certificates. At N-Train, the 1997 District Membership Growth Award was presented to District 14 for having the highest percentage growth from 1/1/97 to 12/31/97. Congratulations to all these individuals and units who have worked so hard to promote the growth of the Auxiliary.

It is now time to concentrate on earning these certificates for 1998 by recruiting and retaining your members. The criteria for each award are listed below. The Auxiliarist who recruits the greatest number of new members in 1997 and 1998 (combined total) will win the Top Recruiter Award and be the National Commodore's guest at NACON '99 in Orlando, Florida.

Individual Membership Growth Award. This award consists of a certificate issued by the National Commodore and is presented to any member of the Auxiliary who recruits three (3) or more members within one calendar year. The new members must have completed the New Member Course and have been assigned a member number. The Flotilla Commander must submit the Application for NACO Membership Growth Award for the individual member who has recruited three (3) or more members. A member can receive multiple awards: one every time he or she recruits 3 or more members. The deadline for application is 31 December 1998, but may be submitted at any time during the year.

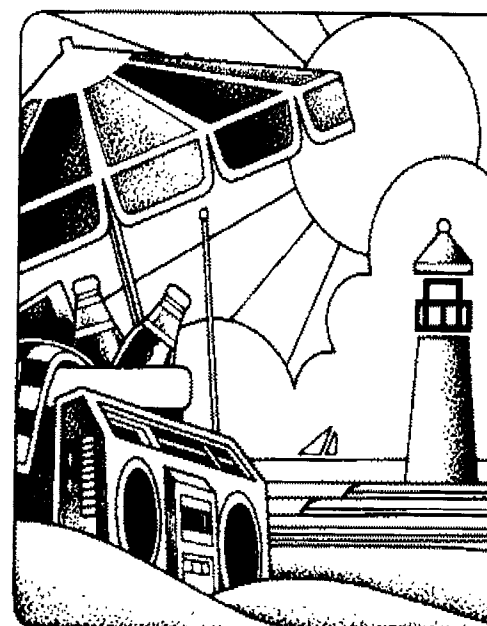
Top Recruiter Award. The individual member who recruits the greatest number of new members in the two-year period from 1/1/97 to 12/31/98, will be the National Commodore's honored guest at NACON of the following year. The individual applications for the NACO Membership Growth Award certificates will be the basis for recording the number of new members recruited by each applicant in that two year period.

Flotilla Membership Growth Award. This award consists of a certificate issued by the National Commodore to be presented to the Flotilla Commander of any flotilla showing a NET gain of two (2) members during the calendar year as shown in AUXMIS. Transfers and deaths do not count. The Flotilla Commander must submit the application for the NACO Membership Growth Award to the District Personnel Services Officer, via the Division Captain, by 15 January 1999.

Division Membership Growth Award. This award consists of a certificate issued by the National Commodore to be presented to the Division Captain of any division with a NET gain of members during the calendar year that equals or exceeds the number of flotillas times two (2) as shown in AUXMIS. It is not necessary for every flotilla to have a two member net gain; only that the total division net gain be equal to or exceed the number of its flotillas times two. Transfers and deaths do not count. The Division Captain must submit the application for the NACO Membership Growth Award for the division to the District Personnel Services Officer by 15 January 1999.

District Membership Growth Award. This award consists of NACO JOB ONE Plaques issued by the (National Commodore and presented to the District Commodore and the Personnel Services Officer of the district with the greatest percentage NET increase in membership during the award year, from 1 January to 31 December 1998. Transfers and deaths do not count. The membership numbers shown in AUXMIS data will determine the winner(s). District Commodores must submit the application for this award to the Chief, Personnel Department by 15 January 1999.

*Office of the Chief, Department of Personnel Services
Carol A. Urgola, DC-P
Hilton, NY*



Pledge

*As we listen to our Officers
repeating their oath with pride,
make your commitment
to be right there by their side.*

*Your support is greatly needed
for them to fulfill their role.
The election was just the beginning,
now go help them reach their goal.*

*We are the Coast Guard Auxiliary,
working as a volunteer.
Ready to promote safe boating
throughout the coming year.*

Change of Watch poem by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 2
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Division 2 has been making continuous progress of re-grouping and moving forward. I am most fortunate that I have a balance blend of both experienced Staff Officers and new Staff Officers. The Division members are supportive of the Bridge and Officers.

I gave a challenge to Division 2, which relates to all Auxiliary members. Are you tired of dragging yourself down to the boat ramp on the hottest day of the summer to help fulfill your Flotilla's VE quota? Are you tired of receiving a phone call less than an hour before a class is scheduled to begin asking you to cover the class? Are you tired of scrounging around each fall to find someone to be the next Flotilla Commander? Well then do something... replace yourself. There are several known facts about volunteer organizations. (1) the more people doing a task the easier it is for everyone. (2) you alone can not be everywhere at once. (3) sooner or later the day will come when you will need to turn over the helm to someone else to carry on.

Is there a solution to the problem? Yes, invest some of the time you would normally spend doing the work, to be a mentor for another member. Mentoring is the most difficult form of leadership that you could ever be asked to do. A mentor must create the environment that the person feels free to learn. A mentor must be ever vigil to support the individual when they try and fail, for we all fail at times. And a mentor must know when to let go and allow the members to fly on their own. This is not easy but when done correctly the member feels safe and comfortable with their new job, and will be ready to take on new responsibilities and will not lose track of their goals for which they joined the Auxiliary in the first place. And you will be rewarded in many ways for you will not simply be training a person you will be creating a legacy.

I have challenged Division 2 to spend the time to bring a new member up the line. Let us all re-dedicate some of our time to building a stronger Auxiliary.

1998 Spring Conference Report
Susan L. Robson, DCP 2
Levittown, PA



DCO 5NR Clyde College presenting award to FC Muriel Lewis. DCP 2 Sue Robson and VFC Patrick Cunningham look on.



FC Muriel Lewis (L) and DCP 2 Sue Robson celebrate 2-76's achievements.



The members of Flotilla 2-76 showing off their well deserved awards.



Proud Flotilla Commander 2-76, Muriel G. Lewis

Article and photos submitted by Muriel G. Lewis, FC 2-76
Havertown, PA

FLOTILLA 2-76 EARNS THE FOUR TOP AWARDS FOR 1997

William Ross McDonald Award (Public Education)
Past District Commodore Trophy (All Programs)
Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award
Director's Administrative Award

The members of Flotilla 2-76 proudly accept the awards that were earned by the Flotilla for 1997. In addition, there were many individual awards presented to the members at the Division meeting in April.

As you can imagine, a lot of hard work went into earning these awards. We have tried to cover all the cornerstones, and succeeded! We hope to repeat this success again for 1998, and everyone is eager to get started.

It has been a privilege for me to head 2-76 for many years, and I am so proud of all the members. I am very proud of being a member of such a prestigious group, and I thank each and everyone for the contributions you have made, not only to the Flotilla, but also to the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 3
WEST NEW JERSEY

DIVISION 3 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



DCO Clyde College presenting 1997 Auxiliarist of the Year Award to R. Gerry Keegan

R. Gerry Keegan, our Auxiliarist of the year for 1997 was quite surprised, to say the least. Her face was bright red, which she rapidly got over, but her bursting pride held over for a few weeks.

The award was very much deserved. Gerry is active in all of our cornerstone programs. She served her flotilla and division as both FSO and SO-IS. Her extra effort kept Division 3 moving in the right direction. Her accumulated Auxiliary service hours was well in excess of 800.

Keep up the good work Gerry, we need you.

Photo and article submitted by Thomas F. Kusak, IPDCP 3
Thorofare, NJ

VE SEMINAR HELD



(L) Bill Sutherland, ADSO-VE and COMO Bill Pierce field questions.

On February 7, 1998 Division 3, in conjunction with Flotilla 32 conducted the mandatory VE workshop along with kicking off their first VE class for 1998.

The workshop, which was taught by Mike Keegan, Bill Pierce, and Bill Sutherland, all of Flotilla 32, was both informative and well attended.

Article and photo submitted by Eugene Morris, SO-SR 3
Wenona, NJ

COAST GUARD PIPERS

APRIL 26, 1998 - WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY,
NEW YORK

As a bagpiper with the Camden County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, I have been very fortunate to have played in several interesting places. For instance, we played in Yankee Stadium for a baseball game, the Meadowlands for the '97 Eagles-Giants gridiron season opener and Garden State Race Track, just to name a few. But on this rainy, chilly overall miserable day we had been invited to play at West Point as a guest band for the 19th Annual Tattoo. Because of the poor weather we were relegated to playing in the field house which, of course, took away from the beautiful views that you get when playing while overlooking the Hudson River.



At this time I was fortunate to run into a small but hardy youthful group from the United States Coast Guard Academy.

They totaled nine in number with five pipers, two snare drummers, a tenor drum and a drum major. All were dressed in the classic "cadet" uniform. They were the only military band without a kilt. I was quite surprised to find them at all as I had inquired earlier this year and was told by regular Coast Guard personnel that the Academy did not have a Pipe Band. Well folks, just to let you know, they not only have a band but they put out a very good

sound. The band is only a couple of years old but they are making great headway with their music and their presentation. As I stated earlier, although sparse in number they performed their musical selections together, strong and in tune. All in all a very impressive performance for a band so new.

The day ended with what is called "massed bands" where all the bands align themselves side by side, march up and down the floor playing the same tune in a musical salute to the people who came out to listen and support them on that terrible day. Maybe with some luck we'll experience the end of EL NINO and the weather will be better for next years show.

Article submitted by Eugene J. Morris, FSO-PB 32
Wenonah, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 5
HARRISBURG, PA

DIVISION 5 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Auxiliarist of the Year Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB(W) receiving her well deserved award from DCO Clyde College.
Photo by Walter D Brenner III, SO-MT 5 Fayetteville, PA

Jeannie Brenner, a current member of Flotilla 56 and a member of the Auxiliary for the past five years, was Division Five's recipient of this award. Jeannie is an Instructor and is actively engaged in the Public Education and Member Training programs of her flotilla. She has also completed the AUX-COM course and is certified as a Communications Specialist. Jeannie currently holds the following offices: FSO-PA, SO-SR, ADSO-PB and is a member of the National Press Corps. At the present she has earned her second Sustained Service Award.

Submitted by William E. Weihbrecht, DCP 5 Harrisburg, PA

GLOBE AWARD



The Globe Award has been around for quite a few years in Division 5. This is a traveling award presented annually to the flotilla (within Division 5) recruiting the most new members (based on their net growth). The 1997 Globe Award was again presented to Flotilla 51. Pictured is Gloria Caudill, Commander of Flotilla 51 and William Weihbrecht, Captain of Division 5, with the Globe Award.

Article and photo submitted by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB (W) 5NR

AIM PROGRAM IN DIVISION 5

This has been an extremely active program and here are some of the highlights of 1997. Division 5 had three applicants selected for the Academy AIM Week and all three eagerly accepted the offer and managed to have a great time.

This was the beginning of a series of firsts for Division 5's AIM Program. This was the first time three candidates were selected and attended AIM Week. Status letters were prepared and sent by the Academy and each had a personal interview and evaluation. They all came from the same small town, Mechanicsburg, PA, but from different high schools. The highlight of these firsts is that all three candidates received appointments to enter the Class of 2002. The trio applied for the "Early Action Program" by submitting their applications and file directly to the Academy Commandant. Of the three candidates, only one is still uncommitted.



Candidate John Surry

This year's Swab Summer will begin on 6 July 1998. Hopefully our 1997 AIMSTERS will continue as a trio entering the Class of 2002. This year AIM Week is scheduled for 20 through 26 July. This 1997 record is a challenge for all Auxiliarists to beat. Our dynamic trio and their respective high schools: **John Surry**, Trinity High School, Camp Hill, PA; **Katie Springman**, Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA; **John Souders**, Red Land High School, Lewisberry, PA.



Candidate Katie Springman

John Surry and John Souders graciously visited a Division 5 meeting and gave a recap of their Academy week. It was apparent that Academy life was quite an experience for them. They agreed that at first it was rough and they wondered what they were doing there but by the end of the week they were "hooked" on Academy life. Katie Springman was unable to attend the Division meeting but she stated that she loved it and that's where she wants to be. Katie had previously attended the Naval Academy Orientation but felt the first-hand intense "PLEBE" experience at the Academy was "super". All three candidates were grateful for this unique experience.

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary plays a large part in promoting this program and getting the information to qualified students. You can also be part of this valuable Program by getting involved. It can be as rewarding to you as it is to the students. One of these AIMSTERS may one day be our Director of Auxiliary or the Academy Commandant.

Article by Anne Nash, SO-MA 5 Grantville, PA

AROUND THE DISTRICT

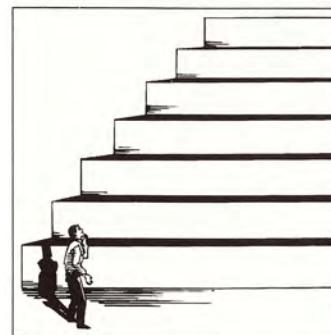
DIVISION 5
HARRISBURG, PA

DIVISION 5 STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Anne Nash, Vice Commander Flotilla 53 receiving the Staff Officer of the Year Award from RCO(W) Kenneth Bashore for her work as 1997 Division 5 Career Counseling Officer.

ATTENTION MDV PERSONNEL



Recently I visited a (Large Chain) Clothing & Sporting Goods store in suburban Harrisburg, Pa. as a Marine Dealer Visit. The manager was very interested, but told me that he was not able to participate due to corporate policy.

I asked the manager for and, received the phone number and contact person at their main office. During my conversation with that office I was, again informed that policy does not allow any form of solicitation in their stores. However, after explaining the purpose of the MDV program, I was told that they would look into the possibility of an exception to the policy. Later that day, I received a call back telling me that our program is acceptable for their chain of stores.

As this store is part of a large chain in the northeast, there is a good chance that there is a store like it near you.

If your MDV representative is informed by the store manager that they can not participate, have the MDV call me for additional information.

In all similar cases don't hesitate to use the above approach. The key is having the opportunity to explain the value of the program to top management.

Good luck.

Submitted by P. Denis Rossiter, VFC 52 Carlisle, PA

MILLERSBURG FERRY BOAT ASSOCIATION

On 7 March 1998, a presentation was made to the Millersburg Ferry Boat Association by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 54 of Millersburg, PA. A check, in the amount of \$964 was presented to Mr. Richard Fralick, Chairman of the Millersburg Ferry Boat Association by Shawn H. Buffington, Flotilla Commander, and Joseph Steppy, Communications Staff Officer, Flotilla 54.

The donation will be used by the Association to purchase new Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for the ferry boat, *ROARING BULL*. The Association needs to purchase an assortment of PFDs to meet the U.S. Coast Guard mandated requirement that the Association maintains certain safety standards as applied to PFDs. By supporting an organization such as the Millersburg Ferry Boat Association, the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary helps to preserve this unique piece of history for future generations.



(l to r) Shawn Buffington, FC 54, Richard Fralick, Chairman of the Millersburg Ferry Boat Assn., Joseph Steppy, FSO-Communications, 54
Photo by Debra Bordner

Submitted by Shawn Buffington, FC-54 Elizabethville, PA

★ **ATTENTION UNPINNED COXSWAINS** ★
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★ The DC-O reminds all unpinned ★
★ coxswains that they have until 31 December ★
★ 1998 to complete the upgrade requirements ★
★ to "pinned" coxswain. ★
★ The six upgrade tasks should not be diffi- ★
★ cult for current coxswains. All coxswains are ★
★ encouraged to complete this process before ★
★ the deadline. ★
★ The DC-O said all Districts have been ★
★ reporting their progress and most are more ★
★ than 60 percent complete, with no anticipated ★
★ problems in meeting the deadline. It should ★
★ be noted that Qualified Examiners (QEs) are ★
★ allowed to sign-off within their own flotillas to ★
★ help facilitate the upgrade process. ★
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AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 7

EAST CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

DIVISION 7 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Auxiliarist of the Year Joe Barcelo receiving his recognition award from DCO Clyde College.

Joe Barcelo was named Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 7. He is an active participant in Operations, Public Education, Vessel Examination and Marine Dealer Visits. Joe is a relatively new member of the Auxiliary, joining us after completing a BS&S course in the summer of 1994. On the flotilla level he serves as FSO-VE and MV, on the Division level as SO-MV, and has recently been appointed to be ADSO-MV for the District. He has presented workshops on the flotilla and division level and has also visited other Divisions to make sure they have received the proper information.

He served as Co-Chairman of organizing our entry into the Lacey Township, NJ Anniversary Parade, giving his Flotilla positive recognition in the community. He assists in Safe Boating Booths throughout the season and also assists in our Public Education courses when needed.

He trains new members each year in Vessel Examinations and set up VE days at numerous Marinas during the Spring and Summer. Each new VE is always checked out with Joe and they become excellent VEs because of his training. Joe does at least 100 vessel examinations each year and gives professional reports at Flotilla and Division meetings.

Joe also spends one day a week at the Coast Guard Station, Barnegat Light, doing routine maintenance, working in government housing and doing special projects for the good of the Coast Guard. Joe is a hard working, motivated individual who is an asset to our organization. He has received the Sustained Service Award and has performed additional hours to receive his second award. This man was very deserving of receiving the award of Auxiliarist of the Year.

Article and photo submitted by Kathleen "Mickey" deFerrari, FC 79, ADSO-PE Lanoka Harbor, NJ

WHAT'S YOUR UNIFORM?

How many times have you heard people say "I don't like to wear a uniform"? Yet, most people wear some sort of uniform in their day to day lives.

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines a uniform as "dress of a distinctive fashion worn by members of a particular group and serving as a means of identification." By that definition, the youngster with the baggy pants, the adolescent with his baseball cap worn backwards, as well as those who wear earrings, ponytails and even business suits, are wearing uniforms. This, in turn, helps to identify them as conforming to a particular group. As a matter of fact, our entire American dress code can be considered a uniform. You wouldn't walk around in a loincloth, no matter how hot the weather. You would feel the need to conform to accepted dress standards.

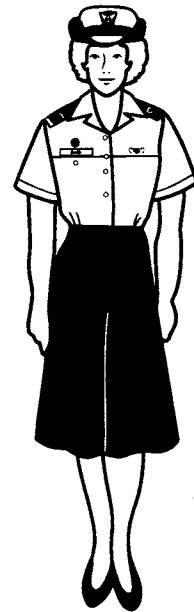
The uniform is the message, and it speaks volumes about its wearer.

What about our uniform in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary—what does that say? Does it say that you're part of a proud tradition, part of the Coast Guard family, a person of honor and dedication?

Yes, our uniform can say all those things, if it is worn properly and with pride. It represents all those who have sacrificed for the well being of others. It represents a long history of achievement and commitment and a promise for the future. It tells the world that we are part of the premiere maritime service, and that we subscribe to its high values and principles.

WEAR IT PROUDLY.

Submitted by Joseph L. Barcelo, SO-MV 7, ADSO-MV Forked River, NJ



AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 8

NEW JERSEY

DIVISION 8 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

Who in the Division had, throughout all the stress surrounding AUXMIS, remained consistently calm. Who was willing to answer AUXMIS inquiries via phone all hours of the day or night and was ever willing to explain why proper credit did not always appear on data sheets. Who always presented the positive side to a doubted system, never failed to smile as she proffered the inquiry, "How can I help you?" Of Course, Inez Troiano of Division 8!



Auxiliarist of the Year Inez Troiano

In addition to her tireless Information Systems work, Inez served as SO-SR. Performing this valuable service, she never missed a Division Meeting and prepared, duplicated and circulated our Minutes in a professional and timely manner.

Inez humbly accepted the truly deserved honor of Auxiliarist of the Year at our Change Of Watch, Dec. 1997.

Article and photo by Regina P. Stretch, DCP 8 Brigantine, NJ

HAPPENINGS IN DIVISION 8

Prelude to Operational Activities for '98, numerous Members from all Flotillas of the Division took the opportunity to take the required OP Seminar, qualify or re-qualify for Crew or Coxswain. The setting for these preparations was SARDET Townsend's Inlet, New Jersey. This Station was available during the weekends of April 18-19 & 25-26.

The Division is busily preparing for Cape-Atlantic Safe Boating Week which will be proclaimed on June 6 at CG Station Atlantic City by our Congressman, Frank LoBiando. Events of the day include tours of the CG Station, boarding of a CG Vessel, flare demonstrations, and a Coast Guard Helo demonstration weather permitting. At the adjacent Farley State Marina, a Public Affairs booth will offer safe boating info to the public. A team of Auxiliary Vessel Examiners will be on hand to perform CMEs along the docks of the Marina. Other family attractions are in the planning including the presence of our PFD Panda.

With these events behind us, Division 8 members will surely take on, with enthusiasm, our Mission of Boating Safety.

Article and photo by Regina P. Stretch, DCP 8 Brigantine, NJ



Training at SARDET Townsends Inlet

CAPE ATLANTIC SAFE BOATING WEEK PROCLAMATION

A Committee of Division 8 Members met with Congressman LoBiando to ask him to present the Cape-Atlantic Safe Boating Week Proclamation at CG Station Atlantic City. This special week will take place from June 6 through 13th. The Congressman graciously agreed to present the Proclamation at 1000 on June 6. Mr. LoBiando has been most supportive of Division 8. He is a Member of the Transportation Committee of the U.S. Congress.



Division 8 graciously invites all members of the Auxiliary and other interested parties to join us at the Coast Guard Station Atlantic City.

Article, photo and invite by Regina P. Stretch, DCP 8 Brigantine, NJ



Congressman Frank LoBiando (R-NJ) 2nd District, accepts collage of National Safe Boating Week Proclamation Day '97 as a token of appreciation from Regina P. Stretch, DCP 8.

Photo by Regina P. Stretch, DCP 8

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 10
ALLENTOWN, PA

DIVISION 10 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Division 10 Auxiliary of the Year Walter Spall

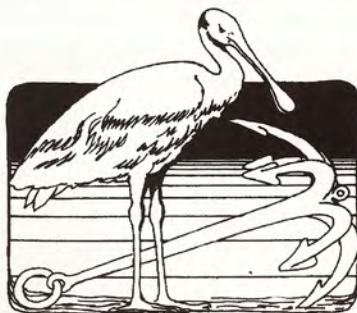
Walter Spall joined the Auxiliary and Flotilla 10-2 (Allentown, PA) in April of 1982. He qualified as an instructor in December of '82 and served as his flotilla's FSO-PE for 15 years, 1983-1998. During this term of service he saw over 1,000 students take and pass the BS&S public education program. Some of these students joined the Auxiliary and now serve our proud service from PA to South Carolina.

Walter qualified as a Vessel Examiner in June of 1983. As an Operator and Coxswain of OPFAC 212755 he has patrolled the shores and intercoastal waterways of Division 8, South Jersey. The waters from Ocean City, NJ (Station Great Egg) to Hereford Inlet (SARDET Townsend Inlet) were made safer by Walt's presence.

Walter received a distinct honor by being chosen to accompany the crew of CG 47201 (the first prototype of the new 47ft MLB, now in production) to Lewes, DE for an open house and parade in celebration of Delaware's Coast Day.

Walter became an AUXOP member in 1992. He served as Flotilla Commander in 1989 and 1990. He now serves in the capacity of FSO-MT, FSO-FN and ASO-IS.

Article and photo submitted by David O. Becker, DCP 10 Boyertown, PA



DIVISION 10 IN ACTION

June of last year while on a Safety Patrol on Lake Nockamixon, PA., Joseph Witkoski of Flotilla 10-6, was face to face with a gust of wind of tornado force. The wind was so fierce that it capsized 15 vessels and sunk one sailboat. Joe managed to right one of the vessels and tow it to the dock. There he and his crew, Aston Smith also of Flotilla 10-6 dewatered the vessel.



On 13 July 1997, while on a Safety Patrol on Lake Nockamixon, Paul Mackes SO-OP-10 with crew Samuel Smith, Flotilla 10-2 and Boat crew trainees Cindy Simoson and Joseph Simoson located the sunken sailboat. The Pennsylvania Water Rescue Squad's divers attached air bags to the vessel and brought it to the surface. They then towed it to the dock, where Cindy & Joseph Simoson, boat crew trainees, assisted by Sam Smith, used a P-1 pump to dewater the vessel.

Article and photos submitted by Paul R. Mackes, SO-OP 10 Allentown, PA



Auxiliarists Paul Mackes, Samuel Smith, Cindy and Joseph Simoson at the dock dewatering the recovered sailboat.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 11
READING, PA

DIVISION 11 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Auxiliarist of the Year Carolyn L. McElwee at her Information Systems workplace.

Our 1997 Auxiliary of the Year is Carolyn L. McElwee of Flotilla 11-2. Carolyn was sworn into the Auxiliary in 1993. She became active immediately, serving on the staffs of Flotilla 11-2 and Division 11. In 1995 she received her Vessel Examiner qualification, in 1996 her MDV qualification and in 1997 she became a Master Instructor. Carolyn is well on her way to become crew qualified and her goal, before the end of the year, is to earn her AUXOP pin.

Carolyn is the Information Systems Officer for Division 11 and the Finance Officer for Flotilla 11-02. She is an active Vessel Examiner, Marine Dealer Visitor and Instructor.

Division 11 is fortunate to have Carolyn as a member and, with pride, named her our 1997 Auxiliary of the Year.

Submitted by Richard S. Rothermel, DCP 11 Reading, PA

Answer to "Two men in a boat in a swimming pool". If you picked (a) you are correct. When the steel ball is in the boat it displaces a volume of water equal to its weight, or 1.6 cubic feet. When it is in the water it displaces a volume of water equal to the steel ball's volume, or 0.204 cubic feet. Assuming the water temperature to be 80 degrees.

A BUSY SEASON IS ANTICIPATED

Division 11 is anticipating a very busy Spring and Summer again this year. Some of the events in this article will have already taken place by the time this is printed.

We have been invited again this year to participate in the Safety Awareness Day at the Boyertown, Pa. Junior High School on April 25th. This is always a very enjoyable time for the kids and us. There are displays from fire companies, police departments, and many others.

A television program on our local cable station, BCTV, has been planned and is to be telecast on 29 April at 8:00 PM. The Division Captain and six of the Division Staff Officers are expected to take part in the half hour program. The program will be rebroadcast three different times to get broader coverage.

National Safe Boating Week will see many Vessel Examiners at Blue Marsh Lake launching ramps.

On June 14th we will participate in the Blue Marsh Lake Waterfest. We usually have several patrol boats on the water and have examiners on the launching ramps. There will also be a Boating Safety Booth at the public area next to the swimming area. I hope the helicopter from Cape May will come again this year.



After the above TV show is completed, we will be planning a radio program on WEEU Broadcasting. It will be on a morning open mike type talk show where the listening audience can call in to ask questions and make comments. This was done several years ago with good results.

Scattered among these activities there are several fellowship activities such as Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, Pinochle Tournament, Ham Dinner, and a Pig Roast. As you can see, Division 11 likes to eat.

Naturally, at the same time that these activities are going on, there are various boating courses running or in the planning stage.

Submitted by H. Jordan Rittenhouse, III, SO-PA 11 Reading, PA

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 15

FRONTIER DIVISION, PA

DIVISION 15 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Auxiliarist of the Year Astrida V. Miller receiving her well deserved award from DCO Clyde College. Astrida is crew, vessel examiner and instructor qualified. She serves her flotilla as FSO-SR and FSO-CC. At the Division level she serves as SO-SR and ASO-PB. She initiated and serves as the editor of the Division 15 newsletter.

*Submitted by Harold N. Miller, FC 15-6
Covington, PA*

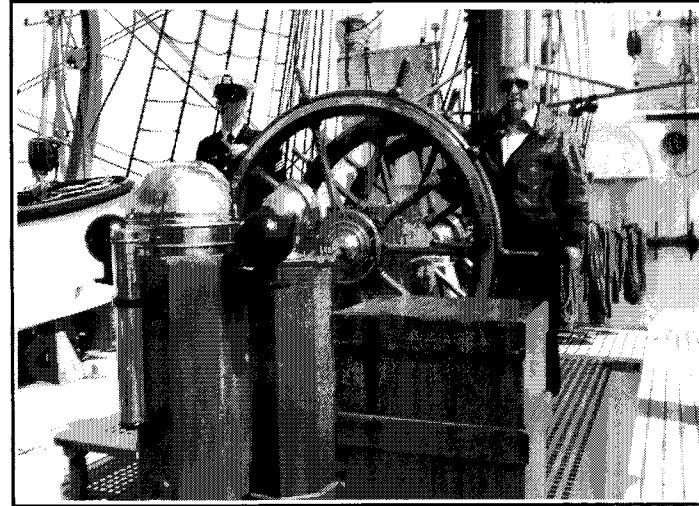


Looking for a good method to combine your Marine Dealer visits and your Courtesy Marine Examinations?

Check with John Borzell, FC from flotilla 15-03. He has combined both and presents them to the public in a way that everyone benefits. During a safe boating campaign, John and other flotilla members performed courtesy marine examinations, passed out educational materials and performed patrols. All boaters' were provided with marine examinations upon request, but with a difference. Those who passed the marine examination were entered into a drawing. At the end of the day's activities, a winner was chosen as the safe boater for the day. In addition to receiving the recognition for having a safe vessel, the winner was also presented with a gift certificate from one of the local marine dealers. Now if you are like most USCGA members there is always something that you need or could use in your boat. As you can see in the picture the winner already looks like he has a few things in mind for that gift certificate.

*Submitted by Mary Kay Hawn, SO-PB 15
Mansfield, PA*

BASIC TRAINING GRADUATION



Seaman Recruit Paul Dalton with Grandfather Ronald VanZile, Flotilla 15-6 aboard the USSC Barque Eagle (see story below).

On April 10, 1998 Flotilla 15-6 members, Ronald and Cecelia VanZile traveled to New London Conn. to attend the Basic Training graduation ceremony of their grandson Seaman Recruit Paul Dalton of Newport, NC.

The basic training Paul received was unique since for the first time it was held on the largest Tall Ship flying the Stars and Stripes, the U. S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle, which serves as a seagoing classroom for the Coast Guard Academy.

The Eagle, the only square-rigger in U. S. Government service, left Cape May on February 3. She shipped out with a crew of 30, 25 additional Coast Guard people, one dozen media types, and 50 members of the Navy's Constitution crew. It's mission to the Caribbean was to conduct goodwill diplomatic visits to the French Island of Martinique, Venezuela, and Columbia and to generate greater cooperation from these countries with counternarcotics, search and rescue, and maritime safety efforts in the Caribbean.

With a stop in Puerto Rico, 115 recruits boarded the Eagle for their training. The crew of the Eagle must handle more than 22,000 sq. feet of sail and 5 miles of rigging, and must become intimately familiar with the name, operation, and function of each line.

While attending graduation ceremonies, Ron and Ceil toured the Eagle, learning about its operation. Being a true Auxiliarist and a dedicated Vessel Examiner, Ron, not spotting the familiar Courtesy Marine Examination sticker, offered to do a CME for the Eagle, but was assured that all safety requirements were met.

The captain's logs for this journey can be assessed on the Internet on the U.S. Coast Guard Web page.

*Article and photo submitted by Astrida V. Miller, ASO-PB 15
Covington, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 15

FRONTIER DIVISION, PA

DIVISION 15 CHANGE OF WATCH



(l to r) Fredric Vespe, Coxswain Awardee; Dale E. Goodreau, Captain, USCG, Commander Group Air Station Cape May; Gerald Miller and Ronald VanZile, Coxswain Awardees; Robert J. W. Duld, LCDR, USCG, Director of Auxiliary 5NR; and Donald E. Bowes, Division Captain 15

Auxiliarists from eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey recently attended the Division 15 Change of Watch hosted by Flotilla 15-06 at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro. Those who braved the mid-March snowstorm were treated to good food, good friends and great conversations.

Wellsboro, Pennsylvania is noted for its gas lights on Main Street and East Avenue. There is another thing that Wellsboro is famous for. The USCGA members found out, during their recent Change of Watch ceremony that it is the hometown of Captain Dale B. Goodreau, Commander of USGC Group Cape May. Being a Wellsboro native it was hard to see how a small town boy could make it all the way from northern Pennsylvania to Cape May, NJ. Well, Capt. Goodreau was eager to tell everyone how that occurred. I did not quite follow the entire waterway connection, something about the Pine Creek to the Susquehanna to Chesapeake Bay and then to NJ. But this was not the way that he really came to be at Cape May. He originally started in the Navy and then transferred to the Coast Guard. Their loss our gain.

Following the installation of new officers for Division 15, Captain Bowes announced the plans for the Division. Commander Duld and Captain Goodreau both proudly presented three members of Flotilla 15-6 with their Coxswain awards. Both were pleased to see that the USCGA in the northern tiers of Pennsylvania were doing so well and hoped that this was just the beginning of better things for the future of Division 15.

*Both articles and photo submitted by Mary Kay Hawn, SO-PB
Mansfield, PA*

TWO NAMES - ONE BOATERS PARADISE:

The flotilla member's of Division 15 are as diverse as the areas they cover. One example is Flotilla 15-5, Northumberland. So what is so special about this area? Well, what is special about a name? William Shakespeare wrote that a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet. So a beautiful quiet waterway on the Susquehanna River is known by two names but is still a boater's paradise. Some maps list the area as Lake Augusta, the place where the Northern and Western Branch of the Susquehanna River meet. Local boaters know the area as Shikellamy pool, named for an Indian Chief who once called the area home. Local residents also say that the Chiefs profile can be seen in the mountain overlooking the pool.

This quaint little pool nestled in the Appalachian mountain range is created in part by nature and part by an inflatable fiber dam. This dam is constructed of special rubber materials and stays in the river year round. Starting in early spring until Memorial Day, the dam sections are slowly inflated one at a time. The inflating of the dam sections takes time and is done slowly so that the ecosystems downstream are not disrupted by sudden changes in the water level. Should the unthinkable happen and one section rupture, the downstream area is suddenly flooded with a wall of water. Fortunately, this does not happen too often. The recreational boater and avid fisherman can enjoy one of the most scenic areas on the Susquehanna river.

Now this may sound like a quiet place to go to get away from it all, but this area is anything but quiet. Flotilla 15-5 is constantly working to improve the waterways through boating safety courses, courtesy marine examinations and patrols. This Flotilla, chartered in 1989, works closely with the Power Squadron to better serve the boating community. With 37 members this group averages 50 patrols a year and more than 350 courtesy marine examinations. Summer activities for the flotilla include providing regatta support to canoe racers and a floating Christmas in July parade. The flotilla members have received recognition from the PA Fish Commission. Members also have received the Aids to Navigation award.

This area is not only a boater or fisherman's paradise there are many historical sites to visit on land also. Northumberland is noted for the largest turntable for a railroad yard in the area. If you are traveling down the branches of the Susquehanna River, you will navigate around some of the railroad bridges that are still in use within the area. William Stuck, Flotilla Commander noted that the National Geographic Society also has interest in the area. It seems that there is a rock (rather a large boulder) left from the Ice Age that is slowly turning and literally drilling itself into the riverbed.

The Flotilla has given an open invitation to other Flotilla members that would like to come to the area. You will have many memories to take back home with you, guaranteed.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 16

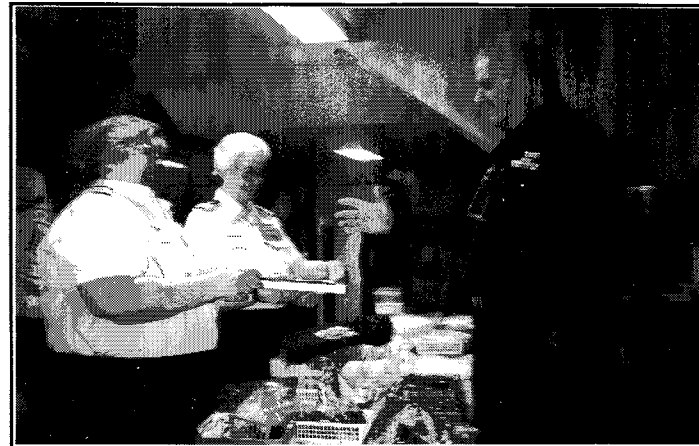
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DIVISION 16 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



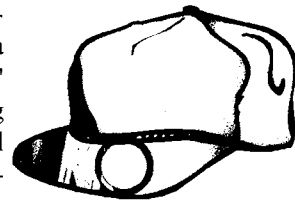
Auxiliarist of the Year Patti Witham receiving her award from DCO Clyde College in recognition of her unending time and service.
Photo by Robert Witham, SO-CM 16
Spring Lake, NJ

DISTRICT STORE VISITS 16



(l to r) Suzanne Wade, DSO-MA 5NR and Jeanne Stretch, ADSO-MA 5NR, having a great time selling materials to E. Robert Meyer, IPFC 16-7.

On 18 February, Flotilla 16-7 hosted a Materials Workshop and District Store at its regular training meeting. All members of Division 16 were invited to attend. The meeting was held at the Coast Guard Station, Manasquan Inlet in Pt. Pleasant. After Suzanne Wade, DSO-MA and Regina "Jeanne" Stretch, ADSO-MA arranged their wares - boxes and boxes; Jeanne presented a very informative seminar on "how" and the "proper way" of ordering materials. She explained where it all was coming from and how it eventually got to the Auxiliarist.



Suzanne introduced and demonstrated all the new items available for us to purchase. After their presentations, the store was opened and everyone took part in ordering and purchasing. This was a great success, twofold. Besides the business of Materials, the members, especially the new ones, got to meet and talk with District people on a one to one basis.

Article and photo submitted by Brenda Moscatiello, SO-PB 16
Brick, NJ



Bob and Patti Witham displaying the "special" patrol signs given to them by Captain Dale E. Goodreau, Commander Air Group Cape May. The signs designate Bob and Patti as **OFFICIAL EPIRB HUNTERS!**
Photo submitted by Robert Witham, SO-CM 16
Spring Lake, NJ



On March 6, 1998 the New Jersey Kazoo Band completed a Caribbean Cruise to the Panama Canal (including 5 islands). Auxiliary members in the 28 member band included Bob and Kathy Meyers, Joe and Barbara Bayer, Harry and Brenda Moscatiello and Frank and Gert Orlando, all of Division 16, from the Manasquan Inlet, NJ area.

The band won the talent show and was seen "jamming" on the Cruise Ship *Tropicale* of the Carnival Line and seen performing at local beach venues as well.

Photo to the left: Joe Bayer (L), SO-MT 16, interviewing Bob Meyer, Division Captain 16 at St. John's Beach, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. **NOTE THE TOPSIDE PRESS CARD!**

Photo and caption submitted by Joe Bayer, SO-MT 16
Brielle, NJ

THE GRASS ROOTS GLEANER



The "Grass Roots Gleaner" has truly stirred the pot! Since our last issue, the number of submissions has nearly doubled. I am listing all of the received publications. **IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the 1998 Spring Conference, I, as DSO-PB, will be the collection point for publications to be considered for awards. Judging will be as before.**



DIVISION/ FLOTILLA	PUBLICATION NAME	EDITOR	DIVISION/ FLOTILLA	PUBLICATION NAME	EDITOR
Flotilla 72	"72 NOGI"	Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB	Flotilla 32	"Wind-Lass"	Eugene J. Morris, DSO-PB
Division 7	"MT7"	Mel Borofsky, VCP, SO-MT	Career Counselor	"CGATE News"	Mary J. Famularo, ADSO-CC
Flotilla 48	"Flotilla 48 Newsletter"	Bud Campbell, FSO-PB	Flotilla 12-2	"Flotilla 12-2 Newsletter"	John P. Bernath, FSO-PB
Flotilla 14-4	"Anchor Dipper"	Lucille G. Wright, FSO-PB	Division 16	"Compass"	Brenda Moscatiello, SO-PB
Flotilla 85	"Bridge Chatter"	Matt Derfler, FSO-PB	Flotilla 15-4	"Flotilla 15-4 News"	Michael C. Bussacco, FSO-PB
Flotilla 86	"The Beacon"	Lewis Hause, FSO-PB	Reading Training Base	"The Base Bugler"	Jim Riegel, Editor
Division 12	"Division 12 Newsletter"	Richard Hays, SO-PB	Flotilla 18	"The Scuttlebutt"	Pamela J. Sartin, FSO-PB
Flotilla 12-9	"The Twelve Niner"	Jim Albrand, FSO-PB	Flotilla 16-10	"Force 10"	Tom Kindre, FSO-PB
Flotilla 56	"The Mariner"	Walter Brenner, FSO-PB	Flotilla 14-5	"The Lubber Line"	Lenore Roush, Editor Willard Roush, FSO-PB
Division 4	"The Flagship"	William E. Reimer, SO-PB	Flotilla 14-2	"The Marlinspike"	Otis W. Littleton, FSO-PB
Division 15	"News from the Frontier"	Astrida V. Miller, SO-SR	Division 3	"Compass Rose"	Jenny Petersen, SO-PB
Flotilla 7-12	"Rhumb Line"	F.G. MacDonald, FSO-PB	Flotilla 13-5	"The Quarter Decker"	Patricia N. Charter, FSO-PB
Flotilla 74	"Scuttlebutt"	Ralph T. Penevolpe, FSO-PB	Flotilla 21	"Polaris Quarterly"	Rita A. Wisniewski, FSO-PB
Division 8	"Mariner"	Gil Finkelstein, SO-PB	Division 1	"Beacon"	Annette R. Keating, SO-PB
Flotilla 2-76	"Lifeline"	Muriel G. Lewis, FSO-PB	Flotilla 65	"The Bent Prop"	George Brobyn, FSO-PB
Flotilla 34	"Buoy 34 News"	Jenney Petersen, FSO-PB			

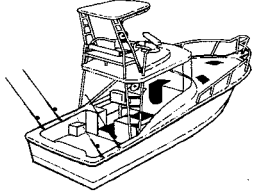
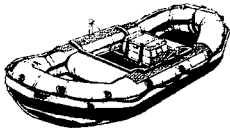
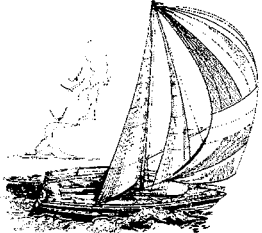

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Fifth Northern District - 1998 Calendar of Events

JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1 EXCOM	4 Independence Day	3 EXCOM	3 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
5 Central Area EXCOM	6 EXCOM	10 Board Inc. Meeting	4 CONFERENCE San Diego, CA
14 Flag Day	15 <i>Topside</i> Fall Issue Deadline	14 Central Area EXCOM	5 Labor Day
19 Western Area EXCOM	15 Unit Meeting & PA Reports Due	17 Eastern Area EXCOM	7 Board Inc. Meeting
21 Father's Day	18 District Board Meeting - Group Philadelphia	21 Western Area EXCOM	18 5NR FALL CONFERENCE
26 Conference Reports Due At DIRAUX	20 AIM Week CG Academy New London, CT	28 Conference Report Due To DIRAUX	19 Frazer, PA
30 Facility Inspections Due	26 AIM Week Ends		21 Rosh Hashana
			



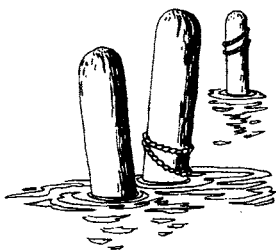
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