

TOPSIDE

AUGUST
1945



This official U. S. Coast Guard photo gives visual proof of the fast moving forward position taken by Coast Guard Cutters in occupation operations.

As the cutter moves shoreward, a part of the vast invasion armada which carried Allied forces and their supplies stretches out behind it.



FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT



WM. F. ERRIG, President

PECO MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
 Subsidiary of Bendix Aviation Corporation
 Engineering • Developing • Manufacturing of Automotive • Aviation • Marine • Industrial Appliances
 Hope St. and Indiana Ave., Philadelphia 33, Pa.

NOW MAKING BOMB FUZES FOR UNCLE SAM

We are glad to discuss the development of postwar product ideas.

TOPSIDE

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
 FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT

COMMODORE M. R. DANIELS, U.S.C.G.
 District Coast Guard Officer

LIEUT. JOHN W. BROWN, U.S.C.G.R.
 Director

HENRY L. SCHIMPF, JR.
 Executive Officer

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

JERRY MARCUS
 Acting Staff Chairman

RUSSELL K. CARTER
 Advertising Manager

FRANK R. EWING
 Art Director

GEORGE L. TIPPENHAUER
 Photographer

MICHAEL A. DEVITT JOHN T. DWYER
 ED L. JOHNSTONE JOHN J. SADER

VOL. 3 AUGUST, 1945 No. 8

TOPSIDE is the official publication of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District. It is issued monthly to approximately 3,800 members. Contents not copyrighted, but the courtesy of a credit line is requested when material is reprinted. Address all communications, regarding TOPSIDE to Jerry Marcus, 642 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia 30, Pa.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Bob Graham very modestly shares the credit for a swell publication with all of us who were privileged to work with him. Actually Bob did the tough part of the job, while we stood by helping and admiring. "Thanks a Million" to you, Bob Graham, for a great job, well done.

AUGUST IS COAST GUARD ANNIVERSARY MONTH

The month of August will be COAST GUARD ANNIVERSARY MONTH, for on August 4th the Coast Guard will be 155 years old.

Until the present war was well under way, most people thought of the Coast Guard as the agency that went after the rum-runners in Prohibition days. The nation now knows that the Coast Guard is fighting side by side with the Navy, Marines and Army in World War II. But even now, it is not generally known that the Coast Guard is the country's oldest naval service and was for eight years its only fleet, and that in almost every American war, the Coast Guard has fired the first shot.

Alexander Hamilton formed this "Fighting Fleet" in 1790 to enforce the Customs Act by suppressing smuggling, thus bringing revenue into the Treasury. The passing of the years brought to the Coast Guard the added duties of saving life and property on water, maintaining lighthouses and buoys, watching for icebergs, reporting the weather, relieving flooded areas, policing the waterfront, enforcing the Whaling Treaty, helping make life livable in Alaska, protecting fur seals and fisheries.

In time of war the Coast Guard becomes a part of the Navy.

August 1945 finds the Coast Guard manning more than 300 vessels for the Navy, some 275 vessels for the Army, and thousands of small craft of its own.

The Coast Guard has taken part in every invasion, transported thousands of troops to the battle zones, and hunted down enemy submarines in the Atlantic and Pacific.

LIEUT. COMMANDER ABBOTT COMPLIMENTS AUXILIARY ON SERVICE RECORDS

"The current presentation of the Security Shield of Honor to Flotillas and members of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District should be a source of sincere pride and satisfaction to every member of the Auxiliary, even though he may not have been temporarily enrolled for service in the Coast Guard.

"The enormous number of hours accumulated by those who served when needed, is in itself a record of unselfish service for which the Coast Guard can only, in a limited manner, express its appreciation. The individual assurance that each served to the fullest of his ability and time will be an even greater source of satisfaction."

RATINGS & COMMISSIONS CONFIRMED IN JULY

Flotilla	Name	From	To
27	HINELINE, Frank B.	Lt. Comdr.	Comdr.
22	LA SOR, Allan M.	Lt. (j.g.)	Lt.
52	WILLIAMS, Oliver L.	Lt. (j.g.)	Lt.
22	DEVITT, Michael A.	Ensign	Lt. (j.g.)
27	DOYLE, Lawrence G.	Ensign	Lt. (j.g.)
32	STRANDBERG, Eric W.	Ensign	Lt. (j.g.)
25	KENDALL, Ralph E.	Sic	MoMM2c
25	FLOWERS, Ellsworth J.	Sic	RM3c

THANKS FROM THE FORMER EDITOR

★ This issue of TOPSIDE is published under new editorial direction. Ensign (T) Robert W. Graham, USCGR, who has been editor of the publication since July 1943, has requested to be relieved of the duty in view of the fact that the District has been put on Unassigned Status and his interest in the Auxiliary was limited to the Temporary Reserve duty performed by that organization. He has asked that the following remarks be published:

It has often been said that TOPSIDE is one of the best Auxiliary publications in the country. As such, I have been proud to be its Editor not because its reputation brought any personal glory to me but because the Fourth Naval District has achieved a nation-wide reputation for leadership in many lines of endeavor and I was proud to be identified with the District. Any success that the magazine has achieved has been the result of the splendid cooperation of the Flotilla Publicity Officers, the special writers and the Editorial staff whose work formed the basis of the magazine and whose contributions it was my privilege simply to put between covers. I regret that I can not carry the magazine on, but it seemed to me that when Unassigned Status was announced, the time had come for me to pass the helm to someone else; for it is apparent that TOPSIDE has made a place for itself in the Auxiliary that will not be terminated even when the war with Japan is over. TOPSIDE now needs an Editor who is primarily an Auxiliary man, interested in boating and the future of the Auxiliary. My interests lie elsewhere. I took on the TOPSIDE job as a war-measure. Since the District has been secured, it seems to me that my work is done. I know that I could not continue to put my best efforts into the magazine in the future, since my heart would not be in it. Therefore, I believe that I am doing the best thing for the magazine and for the Auxiliary by giving someone else, whose hobby is the Auxiliary, the opportunity to continue TOPSIDE and to make it even better and more valuable to the membership than it has ever been.

I want to thank all those who have cooperated with me in the past and earnestly plead for your continued cooperation with the new Editor. No one man can do the job alone. The skipper needs his crew. Every man who is an Auxiliarist at heart and who is qualified to help with the publication of TOPSIDE, should offer his services to the new Editor. Best of luck to all of you.

—BOB GRAHAM.



FROM the BRIDGE

DIARY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
FOR PERIOD OF 16 TO 31 JULY, 1945, INCLUSIVE

★ **Wednesday, 18 July** — A meeting was held at Old Bookbinder's, 125 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, at 1830, to instigate preliminary organization of the U. S. Coast Guard League in the 4th Naval District. The meeting was attended by Captain R. J. Mauerman, USCG, Acting DCGO, 4ND, Commander (T) Amos J. Peaslee, USCGR, and officers from HQ. There were 85 officers from the Volunteer Port Security Force (PHILADELPHIA REGIMENT), USCG Auxiliary, 4ND, and representatives of the USCGR, and the regular Service. The aims and purposes of the League were explained, and instructions on the method of forming chapters of the League were discussed. The consensus of opinion of the officers of the Auxiliary was that, although the League was enthusiastically endorsed, it was not felt that each Class (T) Reserve unit of the Auxiliary should form its own chapter, but that each division of the Auxiliary might form a chapter, composed of members of all of the flotillas within the division.

Wednesday, 18 July — A District Board on the rank of volunteers temporarily enrolled in the USCGR met and unanimously recommended to the DCGO advancement in rank for seventeen (17) Class (T) Reserve officers from the USCG Auxiliary, who have been returned to active duty from unassigned status.

Wednesday, 18 July — A meeting was held in the District Auxiliary Office of all Staff Committee Chairmen, and reports were received from all staff officers present. Outstanding among the reports was one received from the Communications Staff Officer, reporting the activities of that Group in field work and field tests throughout the District. Another outstanding report was that of the CO of the Training Ship, "FLORENCE V.," wherein a detailed report of expenditures to date and time spent by members of the Auxiliary in re-conditioning this vessel was rendered. Ap-

proximately \$7000 has been spent to date on re-conditioning and re-equipping this vessel.

Thursday, 19 July — A conference was held at the USCG Auxiliary Training Base, 1011 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, of all the skippers, motor machinist's mates, and instructors, who are going to take part in the training program in Practical Seamanship and Boat-handling. An outline of training was presented and accepted, together with a teaching guide — copies of which are inclosed with this report.

Friday, 20 July — Little Egg Harbor Flotilla No. 18, Beach Haven, N. J., held a dinner in honor of Lieutenant Kent M. Redgrave, USCG (Ret.), former CO, CG GROUP, Beach Haven, N. J. Lieutenant Redgrave was outstanding in his understanding and cooperation with the USCG Auxiliary and their Class (T) Reserve duties. The flotilla presented him with a beautiful silver platter, suitably engraved, as a token of their esteem and good will. Lieutenant Redgrave resides at Beach Haven, N. J., and his cottage is a "mecca" for Class (T) Reservists from the Auxiliary, who call on him frequently to discuss old times.

Friday, 20 July — Advance copies of USCG Auxiliary Instructions in connection with Public Law No. 451, and Regulations approved by the Secretary of the Navy, 20 April, 1945, arrived in the District. The Instructions, covering the new Regulations, have occasioned a tremendous amount of interest and have

BOX SCORE

CUMULATIVE TOTALS AS OF 31 JULY, 1945	
Number of Men Enrolled in USCG Auxiliary	3528
Number of Class (T) Reservists on Active Duty	47
Number of Class (T) Reservists on Unassigned Status	1997
Number of Class (T) Reservists Pending Unassigned Status	137

provoked endless discussion. All who have become familiar with the Instructions are enthusiastic in the promise that they hold for an expanded Auxiliary.

Sunday, 22 July — Twenty-seven (27) members of the Auxiliary reported to Trumpy's Yacht Basin to work on the "FLORENCE V." Engine installation work was completed, and the final coat of paint put on the deck and the hull. The Director put in the day wielding a paint brush.

Wednesday, 25 July — A meeting was held of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Fourth Naval District Foundation. The financial report was discussed, showing the Foundation to be in a sound financial condition, with sufficient money allotted for the payment of all bills incident to the re-conditioning of the "FLORENCE V."

Wednesday, 25 July — The District Board, USCG Auxiliary, 4ND met in the District Auxiliary Office, and approved the appointment of Jerome M. Marcus, of Marcus and Company, publishers and printers, to be Acting Editor of TOPSIDE, relieving Robert W. Graham, who has performed a splendid job as Editor of TOPSIDE for twenty-three (23) issues. Mr. Graham's resignation was caused by pressure of business, and his resignation was reluctantly accepted by the District Board, at which time a resolution was passed, thanking Mr. Graham for his splendid contribution to the Auxiliary as Editor of TOPSIDE. The District Board approved plans for holding a joint meeting of all the flotillas of the Southern New Jersey Division at the Convention Hall, Ocean City, N. J., at which time the SECURITY SHIELD OF HONOR will be presented to flotillas located at Cape May, Maurice River, Wildwood, Stone Harbor, and Ocean City, N. J. The District Board approved the request by the three (3) Eastern Pennsylvania flotillas to hold three (3) separate ceremonies in connection with the presentation of the COAST GUARD SECURITY SHIELD OF HONOR. These flotillas feel that the men would prefer to have the ceremonies held at their flotilla meeting places, and feel that a greater attendance of relatives and interested town people would be obtained, than if the SHIELD OF HONOR was presented at a combined ceremony.

Wednesday, 25 July — A meeting of the Delaware River Division was held at the Barclay Hotel, Philadelphia, at which time all flotilla commanders, vice-commanders and junior commanders of the Delaware River Division flotillas were present. The reports from flotilla commanders showed, without exception that all the flotillas of this division are enthusiastically planning for Auxiliary activity in the change-over from Class

(T) Reserve to Auxiliary. Many flotillas are planning to purchase flotilla meeting places, and many are arranging for the purchase of small boats for training. At this meeting, it was decided that the Delaware River Division would hold ceremonies on 20 October, 1945, at the Camden Convention Hall and the New Jersey State Naval Militia Armory, Camden, N. J., in connection with the Coast Guard SECURITY SHIELD OF HONOR awards to the Delaware River Division flotillas. The Captain of the Division, Lieutenant (T) W. B. Griscom, Jr., USCGR, accepted the appointment of General Chairman. Flotilla No. 25 and Flotilla No. 23 were designated as host flotillas. It was decided to have a military review at the Camden Convention Hall, with the reception and dance at the New Jersey State Naval Militia Armory. Exhibits of Auxiliary activities and training will be arranged, and each flotilla will have a separate meeting room in the Naval Militia Armory where the flotilla commander and flotilla officers will hold individual flotilla receptions. It was decided that there would be no charge to the personnel, and that the officers of the flotillas within the division would be host to the official party at a dinner at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J.

Saturday, 28 July — The Emergency Communications Group held a field test, working from CORSON'S INLET L/B STATION. The field test proved exceptionally successful, with "walkie-talkies" and "handy-talkies" reaching as far as 15 miles from the Lifeboat Station. Tests were made on the Wildwood Beach, Stone Harbor Beach, and the Atlantic City Beach. The District Mobile Radio Unit and the USCG Auxiliary Radio Unit cooperated in this field test.

Sunday, 29 July — Forty-one (41) Auxiliarists, including all of the skippers, motor machinist's mates and at least one member of each crew, reported to Trumpy's Shipyard, Gloucester, N. J., to work on the "FLORENCE V." Under the command of Boatswain (T) Frederick Remington, USCGR, Executive Officer, a complete schedule of training was simulated and carried through, with the skippers and crews as the trainees. Publicity pictures were taken at this time. The complete day was given over to the discussion of training methods.

Tuesday, 31 July — The Director, USCG Aux. 4ND, visited Trumpy's Shipyard for an official check-up on the re-conditioning of the "FLORENCE V." Everything was found in order, and the motors ready for a shake-down run on Wednesday, 1 August, 1945.

EMMONS PUTS OUT TO SEA



probably sailing towards Puerto Rico as this issue goes to press.

On January 3, 1942, just twenty-seven days after Pearl Harbor, Emmons wandered into the Brown Building and signed his name to some papers which meant over three years of hard work in the District Coast Guard Office. He has handled the records of the Temporary Reserve from the Auxiliary since its inception in this district, working under Captain I. E. Eskridge, USCG, (then Lt. Comdr.), Lt. Comdr. Abbott, USCGR, and Lieut. J. W. Brown, USCGR, as Directors of the Auxiliary. Under his watchful eye, 2800 enrollments have been made and \$400,000.00 worth of uniform equipment has been issued. With his knowledge of regulations and procedures, he was able to answer thousands of questions fired at him by everyone from the newest Class (T) boot to the Commodore. Flotilla Commanders will miss his — "No, we can't do it!" Lieutenant Brown will miss — "I'm gonna make a super recap."

While the personnel of the Auxiliary Office who are still on the beach will be shoulder deep in the maze of unassigned status, numerous and various certificates, disenrollments, etc., Emmons will be

having a wonderful time down in "Rum and Coca Cola Land."

Address letters to:

Lloyd L. Emmons, Y 1/c, USCGR
USN Receiving Station
US Navy No. 49 (C.G.)
c/o Fleet Post Office, N. Y.

FLOTILLA 52 LEADS THE DISTRICT IN 7th WAR LOAN DRIVE

★ Due to the excellent work of the committee for the 7th War Loan Drive and especially the flotilla War Bond Chairmen, we are pleased to announce that the Auxiliary, 4th Naval District, went over the top in the War Bond campaign.

The goal set for the Auxiliary was, one \$100.00 bond (Cash Value, \$75.00) for each member. Thus, our quota was \$235,350.00 (Cash Value). The Flotilla War Bond Chairmen sold a total of \$345,789.25, which is 147 percent of our quota. It should also be noted that nine flotillas and those members unattached to a flotilla exceeded their quota.

Flotilla No. 52 at Lancaster is the leading flotilla this time with a percentage of 838 percent based on an enrollment of 96 members and total sales (Cash Value) of \$60,357.00. They were closely followed by Flotilla No. 11 of Atlantic City which had 722 percent of its quota based on a membership of 188 and total sales (Cash Value) of \$101,668.75.

A pennant will be awarded to Flotilla No. 52 and Certificates of Merit will be presented to those flotillas which exceeded their quota.

The Director wishes to commend Lieutenant (T) F. T. Coxé, USCGR, for his fine work as District Chairman of the War Bond Drive.

MEMBERS OF FLOTILLA 31, USCG AUXILIARY — OCEAN CITY, N. J.



Officers seated left to right: Ralph Clayton, Bos'n (T) USCGR; Lieut. (j.g.) (T) H. R. Vandegrift, USCGR, Flotilla Commander; Lieut. (T) R. W. Nelms, USCGR; Lieut. C. E. Hargis, USCG; Ens. (T) R. S. Gifford, USCGR.

THE LIGHTNING

By EDWARD P. WILLARD

★ It is quite apparent that the peacetime plans of Auxiliaries will include that truly peaceful sport — SAILING. Few of us know just what a Lightning is till we step aboard for the first time, and the interest will increase with every trip.

Two of Flotilla 24's members have started construction on their own Lightnings. Chris. Wenkenback will launch No. 1241 and yours truly will sail No. 1504. And it is quite possible that others will follow.

Most every man in the Auxiliary has thought of owning his own boat at some time or other and the Lightning seems to be one that might meet the demands of a great many, who like myself, can't afford that "slick cruiser" they've been dreaming about.

TOPSIDE is not trying to sell Lightnings, but there have been so many questions asked concerning the boat that a little information about it, and the Lightning Association, might be an item of general interest. Of course, you fellows who own, or have sailed 'em, can stop readin' right here . . . or correct us if we go haywire.

The Lightning was originated from the belief that a small, inexpensive yacht could be developed to serve both as a safe, comfortable day-sailer with plenty of room for a large party, and as a responsive, lively racer with big boat performance.

We have found her to be just that.

She is 19' over all with a beam of 6' 6" and a water line of 15' 10". The cockpit is roomy, measuring 8' 6" by 4' 9". A thwart runs from the centerboard case to the sides at a point 2' abaft the forward end of the cockpit and wide comfortable seats extend aft and around the stern, 12" high.



The rig is simple and well proportioned, and although the spar stands 26' above deck, the dimensions are small due to the very efficient method of staying. The spinnaker offers opportunity to ex-

press every form of racing skill, there is ample deck space and the boat's freedom from rolling tendencies facilitate proper handling.

She has enough stability to allow walking on deck with a sense of security, speed enough to satisfy the racing enthusiast, simple enough for the amateur builder and at a cost within the means of the average sailor.

The Lightning was designed by Sparkman & Stephens and all rights and title have been assigned to the Lightning Class Association. Leonard Ladenburger, 37 Cass Street, South Haven, Conn., is the Association's Secretary — the man who answers all the questions. The Association was started in January, 1939 and has remained strictly a one-design class. Whether built by professional or amateur, every yacht, its spars, sails and rigging must conform entirely throughout with respect to design, weight, dimensions, construction, and material to the plans and specifications of the association. The Association's measurement certificate is the only recognized proof of the eligibility of the Lightning Class.

This is the same boat that the USMC has bought in large numbers for training both men and women. So, if your Flotilla is looking for an activity that creates interest, turn to sailing. For a good boat to sail in, look at the Lightning.



REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FLORENCE V

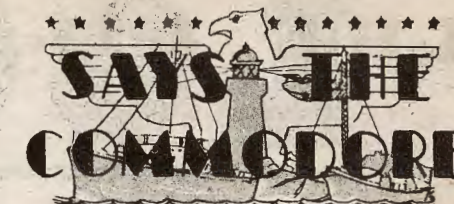
The Commanding Officer, F. Weir Levering, has assumed the overall responsibility for the operation of the Florence V. He is assisted by the Executive Officer, Fred Remington. The immediate responsibility for the proper operation of the vessel and conduct of the crew is placed upon the Commanding Officer or "Skipper" of the Day. The Florence V is attracting a great deal of attention wherever she appears throughout the district, and it is the responsibility of the "Skipper" to operate the vessel in such manner as to bring credit to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In order to insure the greatest possible value of the vessel, both from the standpoint of training and public relations, the following regulations are hereby put into effect.

1. There will be no liquor served or carried aboard the vessel at any time.
2. The vessel will be open to the public for inspection only between the hours of 1300 and 1600.
3. Particular friends of the crew or of the Flotilla may be brought aboard after 1600.
4. No women will be allowed on board at any time after 2100.
5. No women will be aboard at any time while the vessel is underway.
6. The vessel will not be moved except for training cruises, maintenance, or emergencies without previous authority from the Commanding Officer, the Executive Officer or the Director of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
7. It will be the responsibility of the "Skipper" to have an anchor watch at all times. The vessel will not be left without at least one man aboard at any time. Flotillas will cooperate in furnishing men for anchor watch.
8. Crews will be instructed by the "Skipper" to return all equipment used in maintenance of the vessel to the proper place before leaving.
9. The scheduled movements of the vessel and the training program will be adhered to without exception, unless weather or mechanical difficulties prevent. If for any reason the training schedule cannot be maintained, notification will be made by the "Skipper" to the Auxiliary Office in Philadelphia, phone Walnut 6830, Ext. 248.

J. W. BROWN,
Director, USCG Auxiliary, 4th ND.

CONGRATULATIONS

TOPSIDE wishes to congratulate Sterling G. McNeese, the commander of Flotilla 53, on his appointment as Junior Captain of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Divisions, U.S.C.G.A., 4th Naval District. We are sure he will do a good job.



★ Well we might as well wipe our brows and say, "Now that the main job is over, we can settle down to doing the things that we started out to do in the first place," and that would just about size up the situation.

Another milestone has been passed in the ever active history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our service in the past will be repaid a thousandfold by the assistance that we are assured will be given us by the United States Coast Guard, in the way of facilities, co-operation and other helps to assist us in maintaining a strong and permanent Auxiliary.

Lots of great things are ahead of the Auxiliary, plans are now under way for new activities and interest in our organization will no doubt mount to even greater heights than ever before.

New regulations will be ready at an early date. They will provide for many things including a new uniform from the one the Auxiliary originally was authorized to wear. More than likely we will be permitted to wear our present reserve uniforms with a slight modification of insignia. Elections will most likely be held this fall, and new activities of many kinds are in the immediate future.

If we apply the same determination and interest that has made possible such a fine performance as reservists, we are sure to make this auxiliary district the outstanding one in the country.

—Commander (T) Frank B. Hine, USCGR, commodore, USCGA, 4ND.

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES FOR AWARDED COAST GUARD SECURITY SHIELD OF HONOR

- 5 September—Flotillas 13, 15, 16—at Toms River.
- 15 September—Flotillas 31, 32, 33, 34, 35—at Ocean City.
- 26 September—Flotilla 18—at Beach Haven.
- 1 October—Flotilla 52—at Lancaster.
- 8 October—Flotilla 53—at Harrisburg.
- 12 October—Flotilla 51—at Reading.
- 20 October—Flotillas 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27—at Camden.

The LOG of AUXILIARY FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

A Security Shield of Honor Award will be presented to Flotilla No. 11, Atlantic City, of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Flotilla No. 11 is concentrating all its efforts on the affair of August 15th, at which time the presentation will be made at the Tuna Club, Atlantic City. High ranking Coast Guard officers and state and city officials will be invited to the presentation ceremonies.

The award is being made to Flotilla No. 11 in recognition of the services rendered by its members in the Temporary Reserve of the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, recently stated "The Coast Guard has leaned heavily upon its Auxiliary throughout the war, and always its membership met the challenge."

"Particularly impressive was the work of those members from our coastline flotillas" said Lieutenant Brown. "In the early days of the war these men patrolled our coastline in their small boats. They went to sea to help combat the German submarine menace."

Again, when a hurricane swept along the eastern coast, September, 1944, the Auxiliary played an important part. The storm ravaged the entire area causing millions of dollars of property damage and costing numerous lives. Members of the Auxiliary, recruited from all sections of the Fourth Naval District, served the stricken communities in rescue and salvage work, saving many lives and much property that otherwise would have been lost.

The Auxiliarists have been serving 12

hours a week, maintaining a round-the-clock patrol, in any weather. They have convoyed incoming and outgoing ships, boarded and inspected private vessels, inspected anchorages, guarded gates and docks of Coast Guard Bases.

Also, they have manned lookout towers along the shore to report movements of vessels and aircraft and to watch for mishaps at sea.

The program being prepared by Flotilla No. 11 for the day of the Security Shield of Honor Award include a dinner for guest Coast Guard officers, an inspection of the new Coast Guard Auxiliary training vessel, "FLORENCE V," and an assembly of the entire Flotilla.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON

There has been a slight reduction in the amount of copy concerning the activities of Flotilla 22. The lads who were sending in material are taking a short "breather" or seventh inning stretch. However, we'll do better next time.

The "Florence V" has been busy giving 22 an opportunity to regain their sea-legs the boys gave up on 30 June. Each crew has had the pleasure of cruising on her for a few hours this past week (6 August to 10 August) and have all helped in handling the controls. She is considered a beauty—both in appearance and action. Unquestionably, other Flotillas will cruise on her—and will be able to form opinions of their own.

One report I have received came from Chief Rieger of the Thursday day-crew. It seems that on Thursday, 19 July,

Chief Rieger gathered most of his men for a private patrol on the "Margaret R"—a 25-foot auxiliary sloop. The crew consisted of Chief Hansell, Bill Cooper (BM 2/c), Jack Neill, Lord Cecil Calvert Stephens, Johnny Krieg, Chief Rieger and a regular from Essington Base. They departed in the rain—but later arranged to have the sunshine again. They had no wind—hence had to depend on the good old motor. They went down to the Chesapeake and thence to Betterton. The liquid refreshments were exhausted earlier than they expected—but the ice supply lasted the entire trip. After the stop-over at Betterton, they enjoyed a fresh east wind, so our powerboat experts got a taste of depending on Mother Nature for the push. For many of them, it was their first experience under sail, but they managed to learn quickly. They considered the trip a complete success—since no one got sea-sick, and no one even fell overboard. There are indications that the trip will be repeated.

I'm sure there have been similar get-togethers among the other crews of 22—but they have not sent in the details. I'm also sure that it is the result of confusion and the next issue of TOPSIDE will see all of us better represented.

Your reporter ran a little party for his group and it turned out very well. The only problem was the half barrel of beer. It seems the keg had had birch beer in it earlier—and the taste lingered. However, even that became unnoticed in a short while.

Here's 22's best wish to every other Flotilla. May they grow and grow. And let us all thank God for Victory!

—W. L. Bunnagar, Publicity Officer

FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER

Now that we have become acclimated to our unassigned status and there is more time for the things that we want to do most, there is a definite trend toward making the peacetime Auxiliary a real organization for boat-loving men. We are at present taking a short vacation from pencil work but there is a marked enthusiasm in boat handling, and our classes in power and sailing are well attended each Monday evening. Two of our members are building their own Lightning Class sloops.

A lot of questions brought up at our meeting 2 July, should be ready for answering at the next business meeting 6 August, which will probably be a lively affair. The outcome should give us a definite idea as to where we are headed, so far as our post-war activities are concerned.

An enjoyable social was held at the Yacht Club 21 July, attended by a good number of the men and their ladies. That was the one night that it didn't rain—member?—and the party was held out-of-doors. The fireplace was put in order and hot dogs were "scorched" aplenty, soft drinks and beer were plentiful, and sandwiches too. There was dancing in the club house to the tune of the latest records and an outdoor movie—the laughable kind—starring Joe E. Brown in something or other, and don't forget the potato chips and pretzels on the other table.

Several boats were lined up at the float and all visitors were invited to go aboard. Everybody had a good time.

The next social, scheduled for the middle of August, will be another up-river affair, which was so successful last year. There will be about ten boats with some 80 to 100 men assembled somewhere amidstream above Torresdale where we will go into our song and dance. AND EATS for all, and perhaps catch up on some of those stories that used to be told on boat patrol.

With the complete list of new rates in the July issue of TOPSIDE, we'll just say CONGRATULATIONS, MEN, but for our good friend, instructor, and Jr. Commander John Larkin, who was missed in the last write-up, we'll just have to mention those Bos'n bars he now wears, and maybe by some turn of fate

he'll be able to get an overcoat for next winter, to go with that new uniform.

Edward P. Willard, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

V-J DAY, that day for which we have been hoping and praying, looks close as this column was being hurriedly written for submission before the deadline time. Since now we will undoubtedly be disenrolled from our Reserve Temporary status, but not without some regret, we should aid in honoring and perpetuating the U. S. Coast Guard with which we have been privileged to serve during the hated war. What better way could we do this than to sing and popularize

A SPECIAL TO TOPSIDE

FROM FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR BEACH HAVEN, N. J.

EIGHTEEN HONORS TWO "RIGHT GUYS"

Little Egg's Flotilla 18 did a grand job of honoring two "right guys" late in July when the volunteers presented Lt. Kent M. "Pop" Redgrave, USCG, former Beach Haven Group Commander, with an engraved silver dish and CBM Walt Cranmer, assistant operations officer for tower watches, USCGR (T), on the top deck of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven. The latter received a lighted world globe with an engraved appreciation plate in silver and a fifty dollar War Bond. Lt. Morton Gibbons Neff, commander of 18, made the presentation to "Pop" who was too overwhelmed for words and Ensign Sidney S. Blake, Flotilla operations officer and air-sea rescue ace, gave away the groceries to Walt on behalf of fifty boys in attendance.

There was sincere feeling in the gifts, born of a lot of hard wartime service together. The fullest respect was paid to "Pop" who is on sick leave and will soon be retired and to Walt who will continue to aid Commander Neff in administering Flotilla affairs. Neff originated the idea of recognizing Redgrave's long service record and darned swell treatment of the men at Bond's Station and S 1/c Roy C. Miller, the "Old Faithful Watch" of the tower personnel planned the surprise for Walt. Everybody joined in to make it a nice party, a fitting tribute to a pair of top-flight leaders: "Pop" and Walt.

whenever possible its official marching song written by Captain Francis Saltus Van Boskerck, USCG, which is quoted herewith:

"SEMPER PARATUS"
"From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone,
To Europe and Far East,
The Flag is carried by our ships
In times of war and peace;
And never have we struck it yet
In spite of foeman's might,
Who cheered our crews and cheered again
For showing how to fight."

Chorus
"So here's the Coast Guard marching song,
We sing on land or sea.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be."

"SEMPER PARATUS" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory, too,
To fight to save or fight and die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

Verse
"Aye, we've been 'Always Ready'
To do, to fight, or die
Write glory to the shield we wear
In letters to the sky.
To sink the foe or save the maimed
Our mission and our pride,
We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come
Ideals for which we've died."

Lieut. J. W. Brown, USCGR, Director of the Auxiliary, when he spoke at our meeting of 6 August, voiced great hopes for the development and expansion of the peacetime Auxiliary activities which will be divided into Air, Marine and Communications. At this same

meeting Lieut. Comdr. (T) E. "Bud" Marter, 3rd, told us of his new assignment to eliminate oil pollution of rivers and streams in the Fourth Naval District, and he requested the assistance and cooperation of all in aiding the Coast Guard and other organizations in the program to eliminate all types of pollution. Mr. Marter then entertained us with a talk on "Hunting Big Game in Alaska With a Movie Camera", accompanied by moving pictures which he had taken. Our commander, Dr. T. Frazier Hadley, Jr., demonstrated his versatility by operating the motion picture projector.

Pulling boat, radio, and gunnery instructions are continuing weekly, and classes in Navigation and Motor Mechanics will resume in September.

J. J. McCormack,
Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 27, SALEM

Transitional thoughts continue to occupy big corners in the cerebrums of most members of No. 27. Ideas are being discussed freely at bi-monthly meetings. A program of instruction, with occasional recesses for recreation is being launched.

Resorting to some plagiarism, the question—Where do we go from here?—is best answered, for the present, as contained in the printed thoughts of Lieut. J. W. Brown—"We go straight ahead to a bigger and more powerful and more worthwhile Coast Guard Auxiliary." The officers and crew of the good ship "27" will endeavor to apply the same plotting to their course.

At a recent muster, promotion in

(Continued on Page 12)

CLOTHING NOTICE

Authority has been granted to issue uniform clothing to Class (T) Reservists who fall within the following categories:—

(a) Temporary Reservists enrolled from the Auxiliary in accordance with Headquarters' letter of 21 May, 1945, paragraph (14), are entitled to a complete outfit of clothing. These men were recruited and assigned to training, and have been enrolled subsequent to 21 May, 1945. No further enrollments in this category will be effected. Those men already enrolled will be uniformed as stated above, and will

immediately be put on unassigned status.

(b) Temporary Reservists who became eligible for the annual clothing allowance prior to 1 July, 1945 are entitled to clothing in the amount of \$36.00.

(c) The completion of prescribed outfits of unassigned Temporary Reservists is authorized. (I. O. U.'s)

★ The sale of uniform clothing for cash to Temporary Reservists on unassigned status was discontinued as of 1 July, 1945.

★ The sale of uniform clothing for cash to Temporary Reservists on active duty will be continued.

CAPTAIN ESKRIDGE PRESENTS SECURITY SHIELD TO FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

By E. L. JOHNSTONE

★ Captain Ira E. Eskridge, USCGR, whose long and intimate association with the Coast Guard Auxiliary in this district made it particularly appropriate that he do so, presented the Coast Guard Shield of Honor Award to Flotilla 11 at an impressive ceremony on Wednesday, 15 August in Atlantic City. Declaring that he wanted "to feel reflected glory" in the pride of the Flotilla upon its acceptance of the Award, the Captain, a former Director of the Auxiliary, paid tribute to nearly one hundred class (T) men who assembled on the dock of the Tuna Club.

Prior to the presentation, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) William F. Errig, USCGR, Commander, and other officers of Flotilla 11 entertained a number of illustrious guests at dinner on the club balcony. Following the meal, all officers adjourned to the main deck where Flotilla members stood at attention aboard the training ship "Florence V." The sight was inspiring and the setting for the ceremony could not have been more carefully selected or the arrangements more expeditiously planned. Commander Errig called the attention of the guests to the vessel and introduced her skipper, Lieut. (j.g.) (T) F. Weir Levering, USCGR, and the executive officer Bos'n (T) Frederick Remington, USCGR. Flotilla members then seated themselves before the speakers' table and Mr. Errig, after a few appropriate remarks, called upon Lieut. (T) R. Earle Leonard, USCGR, Captain of the First Division to take over as toastmaster. Mr. Leonard in turn called on Lieut. R. Harcourt, USCGR, of the Merchant Marine Hearing Unit who declared that Class (T) men should receive the greatest honor that the Coast Guard and government could give and that he hoped neither would ever forget the splendid service which the volunteers had rendered.

The toastmaster then called on Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Michael A. Devitt, USCGR, Auxiliary Public Relations Officer, 4th NavDist; Lieut. (j.g.) William E. Sturm, USCG (Ret.), and Lieut. (T) Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., USCGR, Chairman of the Auxiliary Staff Committee to acknowledge introductions. Mr. Schimpf demanded that Auxiliarists do not rest on past glories but look forward to greater achievements.

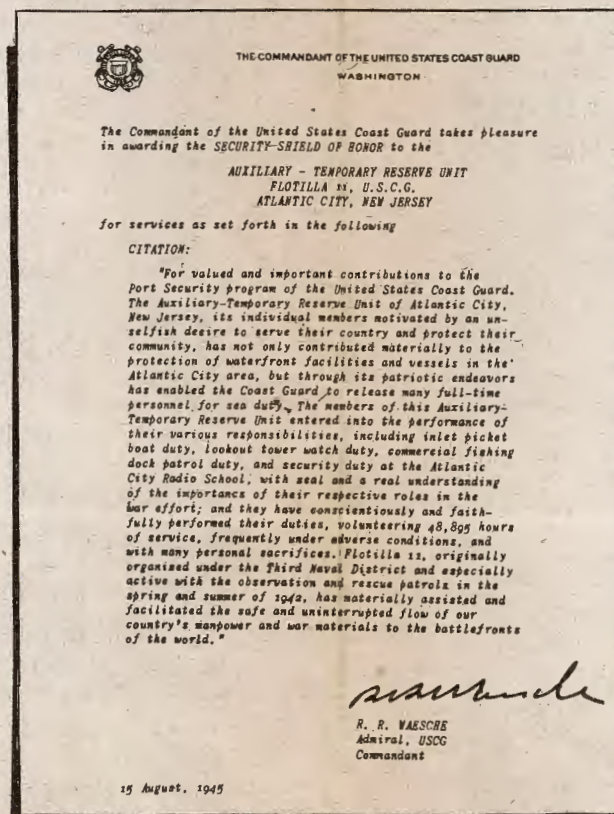
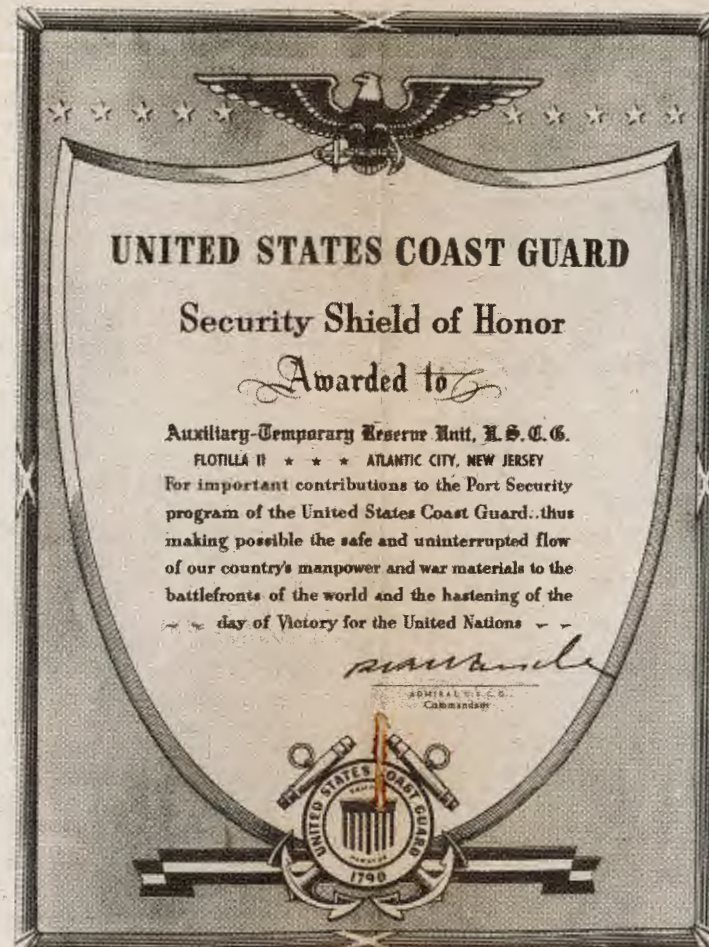
The next speaker was Lieut. J. G. Thomas, USCG, Commanding Officer of the Atlantic City Coast Guard Base. Mr. Thomas injected a note of humor into his opening remarks by stating that he had made four speeches at dinner but that he was still good for another one. He asserted that in his opinion, Class (T) men would still be valuable on active duty status and that we needed a continuation of the Auxiliary to keep the country from going to war again. He expressed his gratitude for the twelve hour duty tricks so consistently performed and noted the fact that regular Coast Guards were relieved for sea duty on account of Class (T) activities.

At this juncture Ensign (T) E. A. Hooper, USCGR, Vice-Commander of the Flotilla was called upon to read the names of men who had earned the Gunnery Award. Eleven members arose in response to the announcement, and Mr. Hooper commended them. He also called upon John A. Miller, member of the Flotilla of most advanced years, to stand and be recognized for his excellence in boat handling.

The next item was the introduction of thirty-eight men who were eligible to receive the 600 hour duty award. Bos'n (T) Warren Somers, Jr., USCGR, called the roll of these men who came to attention as their names were announced.



Captain Ira A. Eskridge, USCG, first Director of the Auxiliary Fourth Naval District, presents U. S. Coast Guard Security Shield of Honor to Lieut. (j.g.) (T) William F. Errig, USCGR, Commander Flotilla 11, Atlantic City. Left to right are: Comdr. E. Desses, USCG, Asst. Captain of Port of Philadelphia; Lieut. (j.g.) (T) William Errig; Captain Eskridge, and Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director Auxiliary.



Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director of the Auxiliary for this district was the next to address the group. Mr. Brown gave an expression of thanks to the Tuna Club for its past hospitality to the Auxiliarists and paid earnest tribute to the various phases of Class (T) work. He referred to the gratitude in the hearts of all that hostilities were terminated and in conclusion read a telegram of congratulations from the Commandant, Admiral Russell R. Waesche.

Mr. Leonard here asked Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Levering, Boatswain (T) Remington, and District Historian E. L. Johnstone, CBM (T), to take bows before the assemblage. Following these amenities, Lieut. Comdr. (T) A. K. Brouwer, USCGR, Vice-Commodore of the Auxiliary 4th NavDist, was introduced and in appropriate words he presented Mr. Errig with the War Bond Award earned by members of Flotilla 11.

Lieut. Comdr. H. E. Abbott, USCGR, District Personnel Officer was next asked to respond. The former Director pointed out the great satisfaction that came with having regular Coast Guard officers pleased with work performed by Class (T) men. He commended the group for work accomplished, for skills acquired and for the fact that they were now "old salts with enough courage to go to sea in river craft."

As Captain of the Division, Lieut. (T) Leonard assumed the duty of presenting 1200 duty awards to seven men, including the Flotilla Commander, at this point.

Following this, Comdr. E. Desses, USCG, Assistant Captain of the Port of Philadelphia, was introduced as "the man with the sense of humor." Comdr. Desses brought messages of Captain M. R. Daniels, DCGO, and Captain R. J. Mauerman, Assistant District Coast Guard Officer. He declared that the regular Coast Guard could not be generous enough in its thanks to Class (T) men and entertained his audience with a number of humorous anecdotes. He emphasized that the many nationalities which were represented in the population of the United States were anathema to the former Nazi and Fascist states, and it was because of our heterogeny of origin that our country was strong.

Divisional Vice-Captain and Secretary of the Flotilla, Ensign (T) Maurice Y. Cole, USCGR, was referred to by Mr. Leonard as the man, who, in the discharge of his Division duties had travelled a total of thirty-four miles and made one speech. Ensign (T) Cole responded by reminiscing at some length on the early days of the Flotilla and on the initial activities of the group.

Before presenting Captain Eskridge, the toastmaster called upon Commander T. Huselton, USCGR, Commanding Officer of the Atlantic City Radio School. Commander Huselton went all out in his approbation of Class (T) men who stood watch at the school. Pointing out that only two clock misses had been recorded while Class (T) men were on duty, he compared the conscientiousness of TR's with that of regulars.

The climaxing address was, of course, that of Captain Eskridge who so competently brought to fruition the first ceremony of its kind to occur in the Fourth Naval District. Every man in attendance felt that the Captain was conveying a personal and heartfelt message to him. In conclusion, Mr. Errig accepted the Shield on behalf of his Flotilla and, after a brief summing up, adjourned the meeting.



The Navy War Bond pennant was awarded Flotilla 11, Atlantic City during ceremonies in which the Flotilla also was presented with U. S. Coast Guard Security Shield of Honor. Lieut. Comdr. (T) A. K. Brouwer, USCGR, Vice-Commodore Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District (right) made the presentation. Others are, left to right: Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director Auxiliary; Warren Somers, Bos'n (T), USCGR, Junior Commander Flotilla 11; Ensign (T) Adrian E. Hooper, USCGR, Vice-Commander, Flotilla 11; and Lieut. (j.g.) (T), William F. Errig, USCGR, Commander Flotilla 11.

ranks, rates and fellowship was the theme of the evening.

Frank B. Hineline, Commodore of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 4th Navdist, and charter member of "27" was advanced in rank from Lieut. Commander (T) to Commander.

Mr. Hineline expressed the desire to have the ceremony performed on board his "own ship" and it was so done. Lieut. John W. Brown, USCGR, Director of the Auxiliary, administered the oath to our beloved first Commander after which each one present from boot to the Gold, grasped his hand in a heartfelt handclasp to congratulate the renowned member of "27."

Flotilla Commander Laurance G. Doyle, who sheds many tears of sentimental salt about his outfit, now wears a full stripe and a half stripe of shimmering gold on his blue shoulder boards. Commander Hineline spoke the words that made "Larry" a Lieut. (j.g.). Now there's an extra twinkle in those Irish eyes and an extra wrinkle on his brow.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Doyle stepped forward of the visiting celebrities and announced several promotions in his inimitable style. Those advanced were Roy P. Lodge, GM 3c to GM 1c; James F. Endres, S 1c to MoMM 2c; Edgar Bruder, BM 2c to BM 1c; Hoyt D. Garrison, S 1c to Cox.; Carl W. Green, MoMM 2c to MoMM 1c; Jesse D. Harbeson, S 1c to MoMM 2c; C. Otis Hewitt, Jr., SK 2c to SK 1c; John L. Koehler, BM 1c to CBM; Horace H. Madden, Y 3c to Y 2c; Ben Mealey, S 1c to MoMM 2c; John R. Miller, S 1c to BM 1c; LeRoy Pierce, S 1c to SK 3c; W. L. Richmond, Y 3c to Y 2c; Melbourne H. Beebe, Y 3c to Y 2c; Richard D. Sheppard, S 1c to Cox.; Samuel L. Still, S 1c to BM 2c; Herbert Strickland, S 1c to SK 2c.

Commander Hineline, Lieut. Brown and Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Doyle addressed the Flotilla.

The members were deeply impressed by the sincere manner in which Lieut. Brown spoke.

Commander Hineline, as always, left words of inspiration in his wake.

Our commanding officers reminded "27" that it is still a very important outfit . . . that the group should be kept together . . . that we should not become impatient. There's a Great Vision ahead for the Auxiliary. In the meantime, the U. S. Coast Guard is helping to fight a war with Japan. We will have to await the answers to some of our post-war questions until that big job is done.

Following a retreat to the Range, the members consumed 5 cases of homogenized milk, pop, and several trays of sandwiches (thanks to the ladies) amidst

strained "harmonious" chords of masculine vocal ambitions.

A cruise is booked for Sunday, 9 September on Jerry Powell's steamer.

We do not fear the future — of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary — we are inviting it.

—Horace H. Madden, Publicity Officer.

• • • FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

As the egomaniac sets it down in a suicide note, the little woman expresses it in that announcement that he has just absconded with the ice man, and in other belles-lettres calculated to announce the act after its occurrence "By the time you read this . . .": Anyhow, by the time you read this and if you do, some fifty members of this Flotilla have swapped their Inactive Status tickets for back-to-duty assignments provided the signs and portents materialize into actualities. Of "utmost importance" according to the announcement at hand, is a meeting called by Commander Van to crew the air-sea rescue crash boat just assigned to Ocean City waters.

After more than two years' lay-off of sea duty, maybe some of the elect will again sniff the brine and be persona grata in the gasoline ration board office. Dock patrol and observation tower sailors will now learn the practical application of Black-Port-Odd-Entering and such other salty lore as has heretofore died aborning. And the reported death of the Reserve (T) appears, like the alleged demise of the great Mark Twain, to be greatly exaggerated.

One other little item lending itself to inclusion in this stick of type is anent the Security Shield of Honor Award. You recalcitrants who have stoically avoided all physical and mental association with the Flotilla for periods undefined may, in your shocking ignorance, be unaware that a colossal celebration is to be observed in Ocean City on 15 September, 1945. We've been promised "at least one Admiral" if that is any inducement. In the wake of the Admiral will trail lots of gold braid, a sixty-piece band, dignitaries from South Jersey communities, the boys of good old Class (T) and presumably their wives, sweethearts and other interested or curious relatives and friends bent on finally ascertaining if there is a Coast Guard Auxiliary. Ocean City will play host to all Flotillas said and at the time aforesaid when the presentation of the United States Coast Guard Security Shield of Honor Award will occur.

In conclusion, and wholly on personal responsibility, we (editorially) say "Ave et vale Bob Graham."

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 32, STONE HARBOR

Our Skipper, Eric W. Strandberg, was recently moved up to Lieut. (j.g.) —should have happened long ago. Congratulations!

Last Saturday, July 14th, there was an uproar in the usually quiet town of Stone Harbor; it was the arrival of the Reserve Officers and wives at the summer home of Lieut. Earl Huston. Lunch was served at the Yacht Club, followed by this, that and the other at the Huston's. Appears to have been some sort of a regular meeting at which everyone has a good time and the original purpose gets lost or mislaid.

We have among us one, Ed MacVaugh, who, when not acting as Cook on the Good Ship C. G. 64305, likes to do a little fishing. We were out in the Bay with Ed lately when the croakers were running and soon they were coming in so fast the boat began to settle and we had to stop fishing to keep afloat.

Seems all those Tower Watchers have gone back to their regular jobs of running the various towns around Stone Harbor and catching up with several years of lost sleep. However, the Clock Pushers did a swell job in repelling the enemy in a seaman-like manner.

Quite a let-down with no regular assignments since July 1st — perhaps we will enlist in the Navy.

Anyone desiring to go fishing, crabbing or just fooling around in a boat, stop at Huston's Boat Yard, 104th Street, any hour of the day or night. Parties a specialty.

We have not seen Harry Attmore's yacht . . . at its usual tie-up. Harry must be cruising in Southern waters.

B. K. Wolfe, Legal Officer, and H. B. Attmore, Shore Operations Officer, are now Lieutenants, and Morris A. Reeves has received a rating of MoMM 2c.

With all the promotions and new ratings—to be the common seaman in this Flotilla will certainly be a rarity. There will be no one left to give orders to. Who's going to pull up the anchor?

We are wondering if Lieut. Bill Sturm, now an honorary member of "32", got by the written entrance examination. Perhaps with a little study he made it.

Understand come Friday the 20th, there will be a Fried Oyster-Chicken Salad get-together at the Avalon Fire House when all members of "32" who have not been eating regularly due to lack of points and inability to find very much nourishment on "Ye Olde Seven Mile Island", will try to make up for that deficiency.

Jack Mirkel and Gus Daix, the pappa and mamma respectively of "Angeline", better invite Ed Larkin and Roy Wingate over to see her some day soon.

—S. L. Wingate, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 34, MAURICE RIVER

The enclosed shots show some of our activities, which are part of an ambitious program engineered by our drillmaster, Scott Calkins.

They were taken in the drill hall of the 157th Field Artillery Armory which is the home of Flotilla 34. Our group instructions include such activities as riot



squad drills, semaphore classes, artificial respiration (part of First Aid Course), Hand Salute, and so forth in addition to regular drilling.

—C. M. Scull, Publicity Officer.

• • • FLOTILLA 51, READING

Acquisition of a water-front property along Chesapeake Bay where members can keep their boats and participate in Coast Guard Auxiliary activities is now the goal of the Reading Flotilla, which is cooperating with units in Lancaster,

Harrisburg and Wilmington in efforts to obtain a site.

Plans to purchase a home were discussed at the August dinner-meeting of the group at the Green Valley Country Club. A majority of the members declared their willingness to contribute money which would be pooled with funds raised by the other three Flotillas toward a down payment.

A large bay-front estate located near Hance's Point, not far from North East, Md., is among the locations being considered. It would be large enough to provide quarters for members. Representatives from the four Flotillas will get together to hunt for other locations which can be investigated before any decision is made in order to secure the most ideal spot.

His experiences as a member of a commission appointed by the late President Roosevelt to go to Europe and estimate how much damage was caused by the Allies in the fight to doom Nazism was related by Lieut. Comdr. J. Bennett Nolan, of Reading, who gave up law to take a commission in the Coast Guard. He recently returned from the trip.

"Whether the report on how much we got for our money will ever reach the front pages of the newspapers," declared Nolan, "or land in the archives in Washington to be used for future reference, I don't know."

Nolan said that although thousands of German soldiers are still behind barbed wire as prisoners in Europe, some of them are being freed to restore the nation to some semblance of order. Those being released first are farmers who can till the soil, railroaders to help bring back transportation and others important to the running of the country.

Chief Boatswain's Mate David J. Hill has been appointed executive officer of the new training ship which will now be available to members. He will serve every Thursday when the boat is stationed along the Delaware River. Hill is junior vice commander of the local Flotilla.

As part of the 155th anniversary of the U. S. Coast Guard, Commander Philip Ziegler asked members to stand for a minute's silence in tribute to the 800 Coast Guardsmen who gave their lives in the present conflict.

Now that the Temporary Reserve is on an unassigned status, peace-time operation of the organization was discussed. The following were named to an executive committee to work with the officers in coordinating the activities of the Reserve and the original Auxiliary members: Carl E. Keefer, Hank Wentink, Gunner's Mate 3/c Richard Kemp and Coxswain F. George High. Boatswain's Mate 2/c Irvin Keehn, chairman of the

boat inspection committee, reported that all but two of the boats owned within the Flotilla have been examined and reports turned into the district office. Three .22 calibre M2 Springfield rifles were obtained for a period of three months and will be used to perfect a team of men who can enter competition with any other group seeking contests. A balance of \$305.66 is in the Flotilla treasury, according to a report made by Yeoman 3/c C. Robert Eiseman, treasurer. Boatswain Theodore Cuyler, 3rd, has recuperated from an operation and is back in circulation. The meeting was the second gathering of the Flotilla since the Temporary Reserve went on an unassigned status. On 6 July, a clambake was enjoyed at the Mountain Springs Association. Ensign Philip Ziegler was eulogized for leading the men so efficiently in their work along the Delaware River during the war emergency. Wentink, former senior vice commander of the unit, who was recently discharged from service with the Army Transportation Corps, gave his experiences on the high seas as an officer on a tanker which took part in D-Day. Lieut. (j.g.) O. L. Williams, former commander of the Lancaster Flotilla, was a guest. Members were unanimous in their opinion that publication of TOPSIDE should continue.

—Matthew P. Romanski,
Publicity Officer.

• • • FLOTILLA 41, WILMINGTON

Our Flotilla lost no time in changing over to an Auxiliary status.

The committee appointed to formulate plans for the future, under the able leadership of Joe Cherpak, did a job speedily and well. It was too bad that Joe could not continue to serve. That got your publicity officer in trouble because of your electing him the General Chairman and all because I recommended the purchase of a club house. Well, you asked for it and you are getting the opportunity to purchase a place.

We are pleased with the reception given the idea of having the Flotillas of

NOTICE TO PUBLICITY OFFICERS

The deadline for next issue is September 7th. Try to let me have hot news, a good boating story . . . and some new pictures. Mail them to: Jerry Marcus, Acting Editor of TOPSIDE, 642 N. Broad St., Phila. 30, Pa.



the 5th Division cooperate with us. By the time you read this, we may have definitely committed ourselves to carry out the recommendations of the committee.

In appointing the various committees, I consulted all of those whom I thought capable about the assignment of each man. I ask that you accept your assignment willingly and cooperate fully with your committee chairman.

Perhaps the war will be over by the time you read this. I hope so. But the comradeship we learned by serving together could not end, nor that spirit of pulling together be lost. Let's continue on with the same spirit to create a bigger and better organization devoted to the ideals of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

—James F. McCloskey,
Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER

The coming fall season reflects a lot of work on instruction courses which

will be guided by the able hands of our Jr. Commander Bill Kinn, CBM (T). There should be quite a few to take advantage of the array of courses offered now that duty assignments have terminated. We also have to look forward to the training which we will receive when aboard the Florence V. She is soon due to enter upon our waters. The crew for the Florence V, selected from Flotilla 52, are as follows: V. Kingston, J. Rhoads, R. Edwards, L. Dagner, D. Flony and C. Berkstresser. These men were practically all former anchorage patrol men.

At our meeting of 6 August, we were happy to have as our guest Lieut. J. H. Smith, U. S. N. Lieut. Smith has served on convoy duty during the greater part of the war and was able to convey to us a good deal of interesting experiences as well as procedure used in convoy duty. Also at this meeting, we had the surprise of seeing Homer Zong in attendance. Homer is now in the Marine Corps and we all got a good laugh hearing him tell how he got there.

We have been notified that at a meeting in the near future, our Flotilla will be awarded the pennant for walking away with top honors in the Seventh War Loan Drive. Quoting a letter from Lieut. Brown, Director:

It was especially noted that "52" exceeded its quota in individual sales. This office has been notified by Lieut. Commander Miles Lilly, the War Bond Coordinator of the Navy in the Fourth Naval District, that a pennant will be awarded to Flotilla 52 for having the largest amount of sales on a percentage basis. The commander will be advised and a suitable date will be set for the presentation. "The Director wishes to commend the efforts of the War Bond Chairman, Vincent F. Kingston, and all members of the Flotilla who purchased War Bonds."

The above-mentioned meeting will be the beginning of an activity-filled post-war Auxiliary—lots of fun, good times, plus hard work will reap us plenty of benefits.

—Wm. L. Bomberger, Publicity Officer.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT BOARD?

Few members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, besides Division and Flotilla officers, are aware of the operations and functions of the District Board outside of the fact that they know it exists. Most Auxiliarists take matters of policy as something arbitrarily arrived at and issued on official stationery from the Director's Office. How such decisions are made, and why, are rarely considered. They are merely accepted.

The administrative structure of the Auxiliary provides for a democratic procedure which permits complete representation for its members. The District Board is a good example of the democratic process. Division captains represent the membership of the Flotillas of their Divisions. The opinion of the membership is advanced through Flotilla commanders to the Division captain, who, in turn, presents these opinions before the District Board. Naturally, policy cannot be formulated for the benefit of a few, but must be mapped for the benefit of the majority, so the views which the Division captain may present before the District Board cover the will of the majority of the members of his Division. Each captain's views on Auxiliary matters are heard, and the policies decided upon actually represent the wishes of the overall majority within the District.

One of the important functions of the District Board is to interpret and to put into effect Headquarters' policy in re-

gard to Auxiliary matters. The Director of the Auxiliary, as the representative of the District Coast Guard Officer, brings matters before the District Board for discussion; and from the opinions voiced, gets a fairly accurate overall picture of how the personnel is affected. The Class (T) Reserve Personnel Officer is invited to attend District Board meetings, and very often matters pertaining to the Class (T) Reserve are discussed.

The District Board meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. These meetings are called to order promptly at 1500, and often last well into the evening. From these meetings, the Division captains return to their Divisions with reports which they, in person, or through the Flotilla commanders, carry to the Auxiliary membership.

Very often the Division captains are directed to make inspections and conduct surveys in order that data may be compiled which indicates how Flotillas are functioning. Each Division captain is required to visit the Flotillas in his Division at certain intervals, and report back to the Director his observations pertaining to Flotilla activities.

The District Board is presided over by the commodore, and in his absence, by the vice-commodore. A comprehensive agenda is prepared in advance of each meeting of the District Board, and in-

cludes all matters for discussion. The commodore adheres to his agenda as much as possible; but on occasions, the discussions get far afield. It has been found that upon the termination of a District Board meeting the members and such guests as may be present go away with the feeling that they have had an opportunity to express the views of the members, and that the will of the majority has prevailed.

Quoting from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Regulations, we find the composition of the District Board to be, as follows:

"The District Board shall be composed of the District Coast Guard Officer, the Director, the commodore, the vice-commodore, and a representative from each Division within the District, except that the commodore and the vice-commodore shall, when available for this duty, serve as representatives of their respective Divisions.

"The captain of each Division, or a member of his Division designated by him, shall, except for the two Divisions of which the commodore and the vice-commodore are members, serve as Division representatives on the District Board. When the commodore, or the vice-commodore is not able to attend a meeting of the District Board, the captain of the Division of which such commodore or vice-commodore is a member,

(Continued on Page 15)

AUXILIARY RADIO COMMUNICATION TRUCK OF FLOTILLA 25

By W. L. YINGST



RECONVERTED TRUCK
USED AS MOBILE UNIT

On 5 June, 1945, Farragut came into possession of a truck, a gift of Haddon Township Fire Commissioners, which was arranged through the efforts of Franklin Jackson, a fellow member of both Farragut and Westmont Fire Co.

On 9 June, a 50 watt Transceiver was loaned to Farragut by Lieut. (j.g.) James Hartnett of the DCGO. This unit has worked very well. Many good contacts have been had with portable equipment in the field.

Also a mobile motor Generator was given to us completely mounted in a trailer, which is coupled to the Communication Truck. This unit came from

the 4th Navdist Foundation. Also another trailer for hauling extra equipment was given to us by Lieut. Comdr. F. B. Hineline.

Even before the Transceiver was given to us, we had started work on the truck, removing all the gingerbread with which it was trimmed, burned and scraped all the old paint. Then it was painted navy grey. The inside of the truck was paneled and equipped with seats and a work table and racks to hold Transceiver and Standby Receiver, together with an extra transmitter built by men of "25." All work on the truck was done by radio men of "25", who spent many evenings getting the unit in shape.



Because of the placing of the Class (T) Reserve from the Auxiliary on inactive status, it has been necessary to revise the set-up at the Training Base, which will be used primarily for Auxiliary functions. A House Committee of three members has been appointed which will direct the activities of the Base including the making of reservations for its use. When the winter season arrives, regular hours will be set during which the Base will be open but until notice is given of that fact the Base will only be opened for properly scheduled meetings.

Flotilla Commanders, Staff Chairman, and others having a proper right to so request may reserve the use of the Base by telephoning one of the members of the House Committee in the order given hereafter. This will assure of the Base being open when wanted with some member of the Auxiliary in charge. The members of the Committee are:

Henry Lear, Flotilla 22 Kin. 0666
S. L. Wingate, Flotilla 32 Kin. 1455
W. L. Meigs, Flotilla 25 Kin. 1455

It is the desire of the directors of the foundation and the members of the House Committee to offer the use of the Base to the Flotillas, and for other Auxiliary gatherings, and it is hoped that full use will be made by members of the Auxiliary of the excellent facilities the Base provides. By remembering to make a reservation in advance, admittance to the Base will be assured and the place will be found in proper condition to receive whatever type of meeting it is desired to hold.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT MEETING OF DISTRICT BOARD—25 JULY, 1945

WHEREAS Ensign (T) ROBERT W. GRAHAM, U.S.C.G.R., has faithfully served as Editor of TOPSIDE, the official publication of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District, for 23 issues;

WHEREAS during his editorship TOPSIDE has emerged as one of the leading publications of its kind in the country and has received high praise from the Chief Auxiliary Division, and from other districts;

WHEREAS TOPSIDE has been highly instrumental in maintaining the cooperation of all members and the esprit de corps which has always marked both the Auxiliary and Reserve (T) activities in this District;

WHEREAS it is with sincere regret that the District Board has accepted the resignation of Ensign Graham as Editor of TOPSIDE because of the press of other duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board of the Fourth Naval District, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, for itself and on behalf of all members of the Auxiliary, extends its sincere thanks to Ensign Graham for his unfailing and devoted service and congratulations upon the outstanding achievement and the splendid contribution which he has made to the activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT BOARD?

(Continued from Page 14)

shall himself serve, or shall appoint a member of his Division to serve, as Division representative for that Board meeting. Each member of the District Board shall have one vote."

"The duties of the District Board shall be to:

- Act upon matters of policy relating to the Auxiliary within its District,
- Assist the District Coast Guard Officer in administering and fostering the Auxiliary,
- Pass upon the acts of Division Boards,
- Conduct disenrollment proceedings,
- Conduct elections of officers of the District Board.

Acts of the District Board shall be subject to the approval of the District Coast Guard Officer."

"GLORY BE" to the FLORENCE V

By LIEUT. JOHN W. BROWN, USCGR, Director U. S. Coast Guard, Auxiliary, 4th NavDist.

In January of 1942, the luxury yacht, "FLORENCE V", owned by Mr. William J. McCahan, III, of Paoli, Pennsylvania, was requisitioned by the United States Navy for war duty. Mr. McCahan gladly turned over his vessel to the Navy Department, and she was almost immediately commissioned and assigned to Coast Guard duty.

For many long months, the vessel served faithfully on Coastal Convoy work as Coast Guard Cutter 79001. Reports from the Coast Guard skippers who handled this vessel indicate that she was one of the best of the requisitioned fleet.

Her duty completed as a Convoy Patrol Vessel, the "FLORENCE V" returned to the Delaware River; and in February, 1943, was assigned by Captain Lester E. Wells, USCG, Operations Officer of the 4th Naval District, to the Anchorage Patrol, to be manned by Class (T) Reservists from the Auxiliary. This was the most important boat- ing assignment yet given to the Auxiliary, and was evidence of the confidence that Captain Wells had in the ability of Auxiliarists to handle a vessel of this size on an important Coast Guard patrol.

On 22 March, 1945, the following letter was addressed to the Board of Directors, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District Foundation:

22 March 1945
Board of Directors
Coast Guard Auxiliary
Fourth Naval District Foundation
Philadelphia (6), Pa.
Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to present to the Foundation, which you represent, my power yacht, the "FLORENCE V", ex CGC 79001, to be the sole property of the Auxiliary, and to be held by the Foundation for the purposes for which the Foundation was created.

This vessel has just been returned to me by the War Shipping Administration, and has been delivered to the Coast Guard for delivery by them to me. The title and other necessary papers in connection with this vessel will be signed by me as soon as prepared.

Very truly yours,
/S/ WILLIAM J. McCAHAN, III

On the same day, Lieutenant (T) Richard W. Nelms, USCGR, President, Coast Guard Auxiliary Fourth Naval District Foundation, accepted the "FLORENCE V", ex CGC 79001, in the name of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Fourth Naval District Foundation, and the vessel became the property of the Auxiliary.

Headquarters was appraised of this magnificent gift, and a letter signed by Admiral R. R. Waesche, USCG, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, was received by Mr. McCahan. The letter follows:



Loving care in the hands of Auxiliarists seems to say "She's mine . . . all mine."

5 May, 1945

Mr. William J. McCahan, III
"Roselawn Farm," Box 735
Paoli, Pennsylvania
Dear Mr. McCahan:

I am informed by the Chief, Auxiliary Division, that you have donated your vessel, the "FLORENCE V", ex CGC 79001, to the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of the 4th Naval District, to be used as a training ship.

This munificent gift to the Auxiliary is deeply appreciated not only by the members of the Auxiliary in the 4th Naval District and the Chief, Auxiliary Division but also by this office. Public spirited citizens throughout the Nation have been extremely generous in supporting the Auxiliary movement; but

as far as this office knows, your gift of this 79 foot cruiser is one of the finest evidences of cooperation.

The "FLORENCE V" will enable the Auxiliary of the 4th Naval District to train a large number of men to be skillful boat-handlers and will do much to enhance the value of the Auxiliary training program both now and in the post-war period.

On behalf of the men of the Auxiliary, I want to express my deep appreciation to you, and to assure you that your vessel will be used in such a manner as to give the utmost service in the furtherance of the second purpose of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is: "To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts."

Very truly yours,
/S/ R. R. WAESCHE
Admiral, USCG
Commandant

The acquisition of the "FLORENCE V" was a high spot in the history of the Auxiliary of the 4th Naval District; in fact, it received National recognition. A quote from a letter received by the Director from Captain C. H. Jones, USCG, Chief, Auxiliary Division, states as follows:

"I agree with you that the gift of the "FLORENCE V" to the Coast Guard Auxiliary by Mr. William J. McCahan, III, is outstanding in Auxiliary history, and I suggest that the Commandant might wish to personally thank Mr. McCahan."

When the Auxiliary Foundation found itself the possessor of the "FLORENCE V", it immediately went into session to discuss the problem of reconditioning the vessel, in order to make it available for the training of Auxiliarists throughout the District.

Lieut. (j.g.) (T) F. Weir Levering, USCGR, one of the outstanding boatmen in the Auxiliary organization, was selected to be Commanding Officer of the "FLORENCE V", and to take charge of reconditioning the vessel. Mr. Levering brought to this assignment a wealth of boating knowledge and experience in small boats, and he immediately set to work to repair the damage that the war had caused to the "FLORENCE V".

The vessel was taken to Trumpy's Shipyard, in Gloucester, New Jersey,

and there the work of reconditioning, under the expert supervision of Mr. Levering, went on for 15 weeks. Those assisting Mr. Levering in an outstanding manner were:

Boatswain (T) J. J. O'Brien, USCGR
CBM (T) Paul C. Applegate, USCGR
CMoMM (T) C. H. Jacobs, USCGR
CMoMM (T) Lockhart Boos, USCGR
CMoMM (T) L. C. Baetzel, USCGR
—and more than 150 Auxiliarists who put in from one day to as much as complete weeks of work on the "FLORENCE V".

When the time drew near for the job to be completed, Boatswain (T) Fred- eric Remington, USCGR was appointed Executive Officer of the "FLORENCE V", and immediately took over the details of the final completion of the vessel for her shake-down cruise.

The major item of reconditioning consisted of the purchase and installation of a pair of new Gray Marine Motors of 145 H.P. each. These motors proved to be efficient beyond the expectation of all those concerned with the reconditioning of the "FLORENCE V"; and on a recent cruise from Wilmington, Del., to Atlantic City, N. J., the "FLORENCE V" maintained a speed of 10½ knots, completing the cruise in 9¾ hours.

During the first week that the "FLORENCE V" was used on the training schedule, 117 men came aboard and received instruction. The instruction course, prepared by the Staff Educational Committee, under the leadership of Lieutenant (T) A. M. LaSor, USCGR, has proved very satisfactory. The men like it and learn a lot.

The skippers who have been chosen to take charge of the vessel are, as follows:

MONDAY—Boatswain (T) Claude S. Brubaker, USCGR

TUESDAY—Boatswain (T) J. W. Haines, USCGR

WEDNESDAY—Boatswain (T) James B. Filer, USCGR

THURSDAY—CBM (T) Newell G. Neidlinger, USCGR

FRIDAY—Boatswain (T) Alexander S. Bauer, USCGR

SATURDAY—Boatswain (T) J. J. O'Brien, USCGR

SUNDAY—Boatswain (T) C. Lee Smith, USCGR

The PRACTICAL SEAMANSHIP AND BOAT-HANDLING PROGRAM is designed primarily for the purpose of standardizing the boat-handling program throughout the District, and the "FLORENCE V" has been dedicated to effectuate the second purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is: "To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts."

Those who are in charge of the vessel, and responsible for her efficient operation, together with the skippers mentioned above, are, as follows:

Commanding Officer—Lieut. (j.g.) (T) F. Weir Levering, USCGR

Executive Officer — Boatswain (T) Frederick W. Remington, USCGR

Chairman, Staff Educational Committee, USCG Aux.—Lieutenant (T) A. M. LaSor, USCGR

Coordinating Officer — Lieut. (j.g.) (T) L. N. Brown, USCGR

Engineering Officer—CMoMM (T) C. H. Jacobs, USCGR

Asst. to the CO—CBM (T) Paul C. Applegate, USCGR

Property Officer—Cox. (T) Newell J. Nessen, USCGR

Asst. to Engineering Officer in charge of Electrical Equipment—CMoMM (T) Lockhart Boos, USCGR

Asst. to Engineering Officer in charge of Mechanical Equipment — CMoMM (T) L. C. Baetzel, USCGR

The Training Schedule for the "FLORENCE V" is set up, as follows:

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY—2 August, 1945—Shake-down cruise.

FRIDAY—3 August, 1945—Shake-down cruise, and move to Essington.

SATURDAY—4 August, 1945—A. M.—Compass adjuster aboard. 1330, 1st training cruise, Flo. 22.

SUNDAY—5 August, 1945—0830, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 22; 1330, 3rd training cruise, Flo. 22.

MONDAY—6 August, 1945—1730, 4th training cruise, Flo. 22.

TUESDAY—7 August, 1945—1730, 5th training cruise, Flo. 22.

WEDNESDAY—8 August, 1945—1730, 6th training cruise, Flo. 22.

THURSDAY—9 August, 1945—1730, 7th training cruise, Flo. 22.

FRIDAY—10 August, 1945—1730, 8th training cruise, Flo. 22.

SATURDAY—11 August, 1945—Move to Wilmington, Del., to be docked at the Marine Construction Company Wharf; 1400, 1st training cruise, Flo. 41.

SUNDAY—12 August, 1945—0800, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 41; 1300, 3rd training cruise, Flo. 41.

MONDAY—13 August, 1945—Move to Atlantic City, N. J., leave Marine Construction Company Wharf at 0800, dock at Atlantic City Tuna Club. (This trip will be made via the Cape May County Canal, Cold Spring Inlet, and Absecon Inlet).

TUESDAY—14 August, 1945—1400, 1st training cruise, Flo. 11.

WEDNESDAY—15 August, 1945—Ship will be open for inspection at the Atlantic City Tuna Club Dock, in connection with the presentation of the CG SECURITY SHIELD OF HONOR to Atlantic City Flotilla No. 11.

THURSDAY—16 August, 1945—1400, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 11.

FRIDAY—17 August, 1945—Move to Wildwood, via Absecon Inlet and Cold Spring Inlet, tie up at end of Otten's Harbor (Municipal Dock).

SATURDAY—18 August, 1945—Move to Sunset Lake, Wildwood Crest, to patrol Greater Wildwood Yacht Club Regatta.

SUNDAY—19 August, 1945—Patrol Greater Wildwood Yacht Club Regatta.

MONDAY—20 August, 1945—1400, 1st training cruise, Flo. 33.

TUESDAY—21 August, 1945—1400, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 33.

WEDNESDAY—22 August, 1945—Move to Stone Harbor, N. J., via inland waterway.

THURSDAY—23 August, 1945—1400, 1st training cruise, Flo. 32.

FRIDAY—24 August, 1945—1400, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 32.

SATURDAY—25 August 1945—Patrol Stone Harbor Yacht Club Regatta.

SUNDAY—26 August, 1945—Patrol Stone Harbor Yacht Club Regatta.

MONDAY—27 August, 1945—Move to Ocean City, N. J., via Cold Spring Inlet and Great Inlet.

TUESDAY—28 August, 1945—1400, 1st training cruise, Flo. 31.

WEDNESDAY—29 August, 1945—1400, 2nd training cruise, Flo. 31.

THURSDAY—30 August, 1945—1400, 3rd training cruise, Flo. 31.

FRIDAY—31 August, 1945—Move to Little Egg Yacht Club, Beach Haven, N. J. (Via Great Inlet and Little Egg Inlet).

Mr. Leo C. Ambrozy
4559 Cottman Ave.
Phil., Penna. 35



PURPOSES OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

- ★ To promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters.
- ★ To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts.
- ★ To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts.

★ ★ ★ ★ TO FACILITATE OTHER OPERATIONS
OF THE COAST GUARD.

SEC. 562 P.L.&R.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Philadelphia, Pa.
Permit No. 1357



HERE'S A NEW FEATURE AVAILABLE TO THE READERS OF TOPSIDE, IF YOU LIKE IT WE WILL RUN IT REGULARLY.

A great many of our members have signified a desire to run a "Boats Wanted and Boats For Sale" column. We are going to try it out, if it proves successful in being helpful to Auxiliary members, it will become a regular feature.

Here are the requirements:

1. No ad to contain more than 5 lines (approximately 200 characters).
2. All for sale ads must carry a definite price, name and where to contact the owner.
3. Ads should be cleared only thru the publicity officer of your own Flotilla; do not mail them direct to Topside.
4. Each ad should be accompanied with \$1.00 to cover cost of insertion.

**PRINT YOUR COPY PLAINLY, NOT OVER 40 CHARACTERS TO A
LINE, 5 LINES MAXIMUM**

BELOW ARE 2 TYPICAL ADS

WANTED—Chris-Craft or similar 16 foot run-about. Must be in good condition. Willing to pay up to \$1500. John Jones, 123 Alton Road, Phila. 42.

FOR SALE—26 ft. Cabin Cruiser, built in 1936, sleeps 4, galley and toilet. Completely gone over this season, \$1800. John Jones, 123 Alton Road, Phila. 42.

**TO INSERT THIS AD IN TOPSIDE, GIVE IT TO THE PUBLICITY OFFICER
OF YOUR FLOTILLA ALONG WITH \$1.00 TO COVER INSERTION COST.**

