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(2) To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts;

(3) To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts; and

(4) To facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

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REPORT FROM YOUR EDITOR

As the year ends, it seems fitting to thank all the men who have contributed the articles that Topside has carried.

There is a distinct need however for more regularity by the publicity officers in each flotilla.

Many issues of Topside go to press without a log from various flotillas.

Let's start the new year with a pledge that, each flotilla's publicity officer will send a log (I don't mean wood) and at least one photo for each issue of Topside.

Flotilla Commanders and District Officers can help the cause along a whole lot by looking into the matter carefully within their own scope.

Another thing which is sadly needed, is more ads. I fail to see why each flotilla cannot get at least one steady ad to run regularly. The price of advertising in Topside is as follows:—
1/2 column, \$10 per month; 1/2 page, \$20 per month; full page, \$30 per month. Send copy and any illustrations to me, no cuts are needed, just a photo or previously printed illustration.

—Ye Editor.

NOTES ON FLORENCE V

The cruising season of the Florence V has come to a close and the log shows that there were 19 cruises totaling 54 days, accommodating 219 Auxiliarists, 121 guests and visitors in every port. In the 409 1/2 hours that were cruised, 3350.5 nautical miles were run and seven assists were made.

Ports of call listed in the log include Essington, Chesapeake City, Georgetown, Cambridge, Annapolis, Gratitude Solomons, Gwynns Is., Hampton Rds., Newport News, Reedsville, Betterton, St. Michaels, Tolchester, Galesville, Rhodes River, Magothy River, West River, N. E. Base, Knapps Narrows, Poplar Narrows, Fairlee Creek, Rock Hall, Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Delaware City, Cape May, Worton, Chester River, Tilghmans Island, Gibson Island, and Patuxent River.

The staff of the "Old Gal" is indeed grateful to the Director and the District Board for their fine co-operation, also to the Flotillas using the vessel and also the fine work the skippers and motor-macs performed to make the season a huge success.

Most interesting was the fact that no repairs were necessary, thanks to the Engineering Department, and all trips were manned on schedule, which was taken care of by our Co-ordination Officer so very nicely. Our maintenance men were always on the job during the entire season and the finances were well taken care of by Travis Cox and our Finance Officer.

To top matters, our host at Georgetown bent himself over backwards to please us, so with all this fine aid our

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SUMMARY OPERATIONS FLORENCE V 1947

Cruises	Flotilla No.	Days	Members	Guests	Hours Cruised	Nautical Miles	Gallons Gas Purchased	Assists
1	21	4	19	0	27	238.0	270	0
7	22	17	83	44	134 1/4	1148.6	1343	5
3	24	6	27	15	46	378.5	455	0
1	27	2	7	5	12	94.0	120	1
3	51	16	35	19	116 3/4	940.0	1098	0
1	52	2	15	0	18 1/2	152.0	185	0
2	53	6	21	38	47	329.5	460	1
1	Staff	1	12	0	8	70.0	—	—
19	7 Flo.	54	219	121	409 1/2	3350.5	3931	7

DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO PLAN 1948 PROGRAM

The Auxiliary in the northern area of the Third C.G. District will hold a meeting on 27 December, 1947 at the Hotel Astor, New York City, of all District, Division, and Flotilla officers, including District, Division and Flotilla staff officers, who will hold office in 1948, and such retiring officers who may desire to attend, in order to formulate a complete program of Auxiliary activities for the year 1948.

Officers from the southern area, either elected or appointed, are invited to attend the meeting which will start at 1:00 P. M. and conclude at 5:30 P. M. after which there will be a cocktail party and then dinner at 7:00 P. M. The dinner fee is \$6.00, and those desiring reservations should write Commodore W. A. Smith, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 42 Broadway, New York 4, New York, before December 20th, and enclose a check for \$6.00.

A similar conference in Philadelphia is planned for the southern area on January 3, 1948. Details of the meeting will be sent to all retiring and newly elected or appointed officers.

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The Director's Scratch Pad



Commander Hewins

Having been grounded for a few weeks has had a few compensations. The cards and letters that flooded in during overhaul period were very heartening to say the least. Also the perspective changes as we are able to stand off and view the problem from a distance.

Flotilla 24 has completed the boarding program for 1947 with the return of all unused "decals". The number of boats inspected fell considerably below the pre-season estimate of the director's office, but the program did serve as a notice for the future. The fact that the Auxiliary has become recognized in the Delaware area as a source of authentic information on the law covering motorboats is a step in the right direction. The activities of Flotilla 41, covering courtesy boarding are right down the prescribed line. The result of close cooperation with the Indian River boatmen appears to be a new flotilla in the making. It will be a happy day for the Director, when we can reorganize Flotilla "42" and reactivate the Fourth Division.

The winter educational season is hard upon us and the training officers should, by now, have the courses pretty well organized. Past difficulties have pointed out the necessity of the close coordination of efforts of the training officers at the various levels. Now is the time to assure a good year. All newly elected training officers should get in touch with Claude Brubaker in order to keep in step with the district program.

Headquarters has issued instructions to re-enroll any former temporary members of the Reserve that may desire to be placed on the rolls. THIS IS NOT A PART OF THE AUXILIARY PROGRAM, and since no training or organization is contemplated, is not of vital interest to the Auxiliary. Notice of the action is taken for the benefit of those members interested. Further details are available elsewhere in this issue.

The Director is winding up two years at this assignment. The fellowship offered in the Auxiliary is not equalled on any other service assignment, and has been greatly appreciated. As the Christmas season approaches, the Director wishes to express to all his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The LOG of FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Flotillas not included in this month's log failed to send in either news or pictures.

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY

We were glad to welcome Mr. William Yingst (District Communication Officer) who visited us at our last meeting. Mr. Yingst delivered a very interesting address "COMMUNICATION UNIT," explaining what this unit is trying to do. Our members appreciated this address, as Communication is being recognized as an important branch of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Recently we have been visited by a few prospective members, and Flotilla 21 hopes to increase its membership in 1948.

Recently we received our first view of the New Automobile Auxiliary emblems. These emblems show that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a live wire organization. Our Secretary, L. Gilbert Obermiller will be glad to tell you where these emblems can be purchased if you will give him a buzz on the phone.

Flotilla 21 wishes the best of luck to the new Officers of the 2nd Coast Guard Auxiliary Division, and send them best wishes.

Tom Wood (and you fellows know Tom) is our able chairman of the Nominating Committee. Tom presented a slate containing two names for each Office for 1948.

For Commander, LES SAUTER and JACK SADER. For Vice-Commander, BOB FAIRHELLER and FRANK COLL. For Training Officer, GEORGE WOLF and RAY WELDON. The first mentioned for each Office are now holding this Office. All these men are qualified, in fact we will put them up against any in the 3rd Coast Guard District. The Secretary and Finance Officer in our Flotilla are appointed.

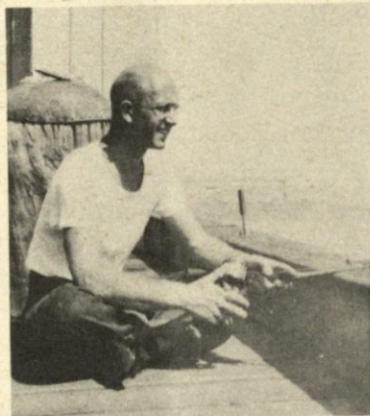
The Entertainment Committee is working on a Dinner Dance for our members and ladies—to be held some time in January. At this time we will also welcome our New Officers for 1948. The date of this Dinner Dance will be announced as soon as possible, and when you come, come hungry. We are anticipating an enjoyable evening.

—Horace G. Kleinfelder, Jr.

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON

We were happy to have as our guests, Les Mayne, of Flotilla 24, and Harry P. Hyatt, Jr. during our September 29 meeting.

Chairman of the Membership Committee, Carmel Jacobs, reported that although most of the re-enrollment forms had been returned, there were still a few out. He advised the "boys" to check among their friends and see they had all filled out these necessary forms, since time was growing short.



"No, this is not Mahatma Ghandi — He is Flotilla 22's Dave Hickman at the Atlantic City Station."

We felt exceedingly proud when our Training Officer, Claude Brubaker announced that the Florence V had finished the season with a substantial surplus, and that Flotilla 22 had contributed a large amount of money for the use of the Florence.

Al Smith told us all about the swell Crew Dinner his aggregation had at DeFurio's Aronimink Casino, on Tuesday, October 21. Over fifty-four persons were on the list, and the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brubaker.

Al very modestly admits that his Crew is about the best organized and most active group in the Flotilla. (Maybe they are, and maybe they aren't—but this much we do know they are certainly not the most bashful bunch in the outfit, for they let the whole world know what they are doing.)

The men of "Smitty's" Crew have always been active on the Florence, have done a great deal of work on the 83-footer (may she rest in peace), have worked the Shore detail in great numbers, and well, they have done everything they have been called upon to do with speed and alacrity (good word, that).

SO-O-O-O, Wednesday Crew, we salute you!

Announcement of Jim Boucher's appointment as Chairman of the Communications Committee, was announced. Williamson, the former Chairman, who completed his duties so capably, has been transferred to another area. A field drill was scheduled during the month.

Operations Officer, Johansen announced the completion of the Atlantic City Schedule of Duty assignments for the Summer, but, he advised us that volunteers were welcome to serve over week-ends on a relief basis. He suggested that he be contacted before appearing at the Base, so all preliminary arrangements could be made.

—Martin J. Sandberg.

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NOTES ON FLORENCE V

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season-proved a most enjoyable one to all concerned.

Many letters were received from those making cruises of which a few excerpts appear as follows:

"I have so thoroughly enjoyed the cruise of the past weekend that I feel obliged to say again to you my profound appreciation and thanks."

"To you, we all owe so very much for the fine meals, the comforts of the cruise, the good piloting of the Florence V, and the course followed."

"I enjoyed the fellowship of the men a great deal and in every way revelled in the very delightful experiences of the occasion, even to the mopping of the chow deck. Ha!"

"This past summer has been one of the most enjoyable that I can recall. This is due to several reasons, first because of the pleasure and delight I enjoyed cruising aboard the 'Florence V' and also because of the privilege of serving with and being associated with you on these cruises."

"It was a real vacation for me and knowing how hard you worked to make it so enjoyable I feel very much indebted to you for inviting me to go with you."

We were pleased to carry the Sea Scouts of Reading and Harrisburg and were well received at the various Yacht Clubs in the Chesapeake Bay.

Many thanks to our friends in St. Michaels and Galesville for the wonderful receptions.

Several questions were asked of those who cruised on the "Florence V" of their thoughts on next year's operations such as the following:

"Where do you think the 'Florence V' should operate next year?"

The answer was decidedly out of Georgetown.

"Could you suggest anything that would improve the operation of the 'Florence V'?"

The answer was that possibly more cruises of five to six days duration could be arranged and also some daily cruises permitting members to take their wives along.

Our season has now come to a close and the only thing remaining is to put the "Old Gal" away safely until Spring.

Anyone having any suggestions in relation to our vessel feel free to write to the district board and the proper channels will be reached.

CABIN TALK

BY THE
COMMODORE



With the year 1947 drawing to a close and my term of office expiring on 31 December, I extend a sincere "thank you" to all Auxiliarists for their efforts to carry on the purposes of the Auxiliary. The Flotilla Commanders are especially to be commended for theirs is the most important job in the whole organization. Any plans or suggestions from District or Division Officers can be realized only when translated into action by the Flotilla Commander.

During the first six months of the year we were organized as the Fourth C.G. District and in the second six months as the Southern Area of the Third C.G. District. This change of District designation brought no change in the functioning of our Auxiliary organization and we can look forward to pleasant relationship and coordination with the Northern Area of the Third C.G. District and a closer working together for our mutual benefit.

In looking back over the year it is a satisfaction to remember so many Auxiliary activities carried to a successful conclusion. Starting with our participation in the Motor Boat Show and the Sportsman's Show to better acquaint the public with the Auxiliary, we followed up with a series of lectures for the public on Piloting given at the Gloucester C.G. Operating and Repair Base. During the summer months we conducted our Courtesy Inspections. From all reports this service was well received and the men acting as inspectors are to be complimented for a job well done. I believe we will have many more requests for inspection in 1948 and more men will be needed to serve as inspectors.

The training cruises on the Florence V were participated in and enjoyed by a large number of our members and it was with regret that we saw her withdrawn from that service. We hope the cruises will be instituted again in 1948. Many of our members voluntarily served at the stations along the New Jersey coast to relieve the regulars for week-end liberty they otherwise would not have received on account of the stations being unmanned.

Cruises on our own FLORENCE V were the highlight of the summer to a great many. The Commanding Officer, the Skippers and the Motor-macs gave generously of their time for her operation. The vessel was used almost every week-end and there were several longer cruises on the Chesapeake Bay. It is hoped she will be used in 1948 by members who have not yet cruised the Bay and have thus far missed a great experience.

The Rendezvous at Cape May on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th has been well reported in a previous issue of TOPSIDE. There seems to be a widespread desire for another rendezvous at Cape May next August and I am sure it will be well organized and worth attending. I sincerely appreciate the work done by all who participated this year at Cape May.

On 1 January 1948 our senior Auxiliary Officer in this area will be a Vice Commodore of the 3rd District. The man elected to this office has the background and experience to make him well qualified for the office. He served as Commander of Flotilla 51 for 3 years and has been Captain of the 4th & 5th Divisions during 1947. I feel certain that under his leadership the Auxiliary will grow and be of greater service in 1948. Gentlemen, I present your new commanding officer,

Vice Commodore-elect, Philip W. Ziegler.

My interest in the Auxiliary will not expire with my term of office. I shall be happy to assist Vice Commodore Ziegler in any way possible. It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore.

W. LYLE HOLMES, JR.

FLOTILLA 41 CELEBRATES CLOSE OF COURTESY INSPECTION PROGRAM

By CHARLES T. MORAN

Wilmington Flotilla 41 held a dinner meeting on November 5th, at Ryon's Restaurant, Wilmington, Delaware. Approximately fifty persons attended the dinner which was arranged to summarize the results of the Courtesy Inspection Program of Flotilla 41, and to put a closer understanding between the U.S.C.G., the boating fraternities and the Auxiliary.

Officers for the coming year were elected with Henry C. Steinle again re-elected as Commander and the following officers selected to serve were Henry I. Law, Vice-Commander; H. Leland Brown, Training Officer, and Robert D. Squires, Jr., Director of the Auxiliary Training Base.

Certificates of Award and the Presidential Citation were issued to those members who qualified for same by serving the required number of hours on tours of duty during the war years.

Chief Gunner's Mate Robert G. Cameron of the Wilmington recruiting office spoke on troubles that arose in recruiting sufficient regulars and asked for aid from the entire Flotilla to assist him.



Jim McCloskey and Commander Steinle affixing the first Inspection Sticker of the 1947 season to the Blue Hen's windshield.



Left to right—Commander Henry C. Steinle, Vice-Captain of 4th and 5th Divisions, James F. McCloskey, Commander Hewins, Warrant Officer R. O. Hall of Lewes, Del., taking it easy on the Blue Hen, which is the pride and joy of Skipper Charles S. Horn of Flotilla 41.

Chief Cameron also directed the Flotilla as to the proper procedure in applying for the Victory Medal.

Among the invited guests were Commodore W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., Division Captain and Vice-Commodore Elect Philip T. Ziegler, Chief Gunner's Mate Robert G. Cameron, the Wilmington Recruiting Officer; Bos'n R. O. Hall, Group Commander, Lewes C.G. Station, Chief Bos'n Mate Francis A. Massey, Commander, Indian River Surf Station; Mr. John J. Marsh, President of the Indian River Anglers' Association; Mr. Irvin Maull, Lewes Anglers' Association; Mr. Percy Cannon, Chairman of the Board, C.G. League of Philadelphia; Mr. Rodney Derrickson, Secretary, Wilmington Power Squadron.

The majority of the facilities inspected by the Wilmington Flotilla were fishing party boats anchored at Lewes and Indian River, Delaware. The Flotilla thought that since this class of boat carried the greater number of passengers more time should be spent in inspecting this type boat thus encouraging

those boat owners who failed to receive a decalcomania when their vessels were first inspected to correct the faults that were found and later having their vessels re-inspected. The boat owners at these anchorages found that the public was more anxious to board those boats on whose windshield a decalcomania was pasted than vessels that lacked the decals.

With the above thought in mind great co-operation was shown between party-fishing captains who anxiously desired to have a decalcomania pasted on their windshields and the Inspection Parties who wanted each and every boat eligible to receive said decals.

Troubles that were found in the boats inspected were discussed with the 32-point stern light found to cause most failures. Frequently the boat owners failed to consider the plane of the vessel while underway would raise the bow light to such elevation that it would seem higher than the aft light. The inspectors recommend that this aft light be at least 18 inches higher than the

bow light while the boat is at anchor. Another item that caused a number of failures was the fact that Class 2 and 3 vessels failed to have hand or power-operated whistles on the respective class vessel but rather relied on a whistle operated by mouth to relay signals.

Mr. John J. Marsh, President of the Indian River Anglers' Association, commanded the Auxiliary in their splendid co-operation and enthusiasm shown to his club members in having their facilities inspected. He also stated that the boat owners are already planning to have their vessels inspected next season.

Bos'n R. O. Hall, Group Commander of the Lewes C.G. Station, spoke of the many improvements that were made in the boats anchored in the lower section of the State and stated that these improvements were brought on by the Courtesy Inspection Program of the Auxiliary and hoped that this program will be an annual affair. Bos'n Hall spoke of the necessity of more men needed at his base and asked for volunteers on week-ends who could give him assistance so that he might be able to handle his patrols in a much better manner.

Philip T. Ziegler, Division Captain, stated that the above mentioned boat patrols should be handled by the entire Division. Mr. Ziegler also announced of the dedication of a new base at

Reading and invited all members to be present. He promised plenty of co-operation in the Courtesy Boarding Program next year from the Reading Flotilla.

W. Lyle Holmes, Commodore, Southern Area of the Third District, spoke of the necessity in having a forceful Flotilla Commander and commended Commander Steinle on the manner in which he handled Flotilla 41. He spoke of the fine co-operation shown between the Regulars and the Auxiliarists in the inspection program and stated that the regulars always honored those vessels whose windshields carried the inspection decals. He announced that a survey was being made to find what amount was actually needed to finance the U. S. Coast Guard system. He spoke of the need for more assistance to be given by the general public through their Senators so that greater monetary aid would be given to the U. S. Coast Guard.

Mr. Holmes announced that if any suggestions for changes are needed in the Motor Boat Act they should be made to him so that a mass opinion of all members could be forwarded to the proper authorities in Washington. Most needed at the present time is more specific rulings in the requirements of the Motor Boat Act. He stated that any person can go out and buy a boat and immediately carry persons aboard—yet

a person who buys an automobile must first pass a performance test and each year have his car pass an examination in regard to safety facilities.

Commander Steinle then asked Mr. Rodney Derrickson of the Wilmington Power Squadron to relay to his organization the operation of the Courtesy Boarding Program and he immediately promised to do so.

Twelve members of the Flotilla volunteered to report for duty the following week-end so that the inspection program could be completed for this season.

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Flotilla 41 Dinner and Meeting at Ryon's Restaurant.

OUR LADY...

(by Claude S. Brubaker, Flo. #22)

Continued from October Issue

PART 9

After laying at the Manasquan Coast Guard Dock for eight days on Tuesday, August 13, at 2130, I was boarded by John Brown, Commander Hewins, U.S.C.G., Director of the Fourth C.G. District; Commodore Earl Huston, Jack Hayes, Tex Sartorius, Andy Pala and Captain Jack Brown, son of our former director. From their conversations I learned we were to move to Cape May the next day and so the group sacked in early and we were secure at 2400.

All hands hit the deck at 0700. The morning air was brisk coming from the Northwest at about a twenty-mile force, but the sky was blue scattered with cumulus clouds and visibility was good

with the temperature at 70 degrees.

It was an ideal day to move and we departed Manasquan at 0730 preparing to put chow down while underway. At 0800, we were off the Inlet and set our course southerly. At 0900, our position was off Seaside Park. At 1040, we were abeam of Barnegat Lightship, and at 1100, we passed a Liberty Ship off Harvey Cedars. At 1200, off of Long Beach Island, a school of Dolphin was sighted but none were caught after putting our rigs out. However, at 1400, Earl Huston caught a Bonito Mackerel weighing about three pounds. At 1500, Tex hooked a blue fish, but it fell off while lifting it out of the water. At 1900, we entered Cold Spring Inlet and

docked at Schellinger's Landing at 2000, where we took on 302 gallons of gas and then proceeded to the Cape May Coast Guard Base where we tied up at 2030. The movement crew departed and I was made secure at 2200.

At 2300, on Friday, August 23, Skipper Jim Filer and his crew of C. Green, J. Sawyer, J. Miller and E. Herzog of Flotilla 27 came aboard with ten scouts from the S.S.S. Shark who were sponsored by the Salem Flotilla. At 2400, we secured for the night.

The next morning all hands were called at 0630, and chow was put down at 0715. Colors were made at 0800 and we departed at 0820 to Schelling-

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STATEMENT

Coast Guard Auxiliary, Foundation
Fourth Naval District
1-1-47 to 9-30-47

Balance 1-1-47 \$ 7,273.89

RECEIPTS

Reservations for "Florence V"
Flotilla 21 \$ 150.00
Flotilla 22 1,140.00
Flotilla 24 450.00
Flotilla 27 150.00
Flotilla 51 900.00
Flotilla 52 150.00
Flotilla 53 350.00

3,290.00

Refund from State of Maryland on gasoline purchased 118.24
Refund from Commonwealth of Virginia on gasoline purchased 6.00
No-claim refund from Smith-Austermuhl 226.25
Refund of amount advanced to Robert Long for Communications 64.00
Auto tags sold 151.50

\$11,129.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Misc. items for "Florence V" 98.50
Insurance on "Florence V" 950.00
Petty cash fund (operation of "Florence V") 900.00
Equipment for motors on "Florence V" 202.00
Labor on "Florence V" 45.00
Insurance on radio trailer and generator 115.25
Radio transmitters and amplifier 85.00
Communications advertisement in "Rendezvous" program 18.00
Motor generator for transmitter 7.50
Signal generator and power supply unit 55.00
Misc. expenses of W. L. Yingst 35.23
Wrist watch presented to Lt. Mitchell (balance due) 12.00
Insurance on truck 48.50
Automobile emblems 196.88

2,768.86

Balance in bank 9-30-47 \$ 8,361.02

STATEMENT

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Fourth Coast Guard District
1-1-47 to 9-30-47

Balance 1-1-47 (including loan of \$700 from Foundation) \$ 430.55

RECEIPTS

Dues:

Flotilla 11 \$ 25.00
Flotilla 13 116.00
Flotilla 18 2.00
Flotilla 21 148.00
Flotilla 22 310.00
Flotilla 23 78.00
Flotilla 24 130.00
Flotilla 25 156.00
Flotilla 26 84.00
Flotilla 27 52.00
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Flotilla 34 68.00
Flotilla 35 28.00
Flotilla 41 79.00
Flotilla 51 100.00
Flotilla 52 124.00
Flotilla 53 112.00

1,746.00

Advertising "TOPSIDE" 400.00
Subscriptions to dinner for H. Earl Huston 175.00
Rendezvous receipts 1,389.00

\$4,140.55

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Printing of "TOPSIDE" (December - January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August - September issues) 1,608.00
Postage for "TOPSIDE" 32.00
Dinner and gift for H. Earl Huston 198.60
Printing — boat inspection 150.90
Advertising and printing re: classes of instruction for public 39.10
Miscellaneous printing 90.00
Flowers 8.00
Rendezvous expenses 998.90
Refund to Mr. Lear for his deficit 215.26
Refund to contributing flotillas 156.78

3,497.54

Balance in bank 9-30-47 \$ 643.01

A NEW ACTIVITY FOR 1948

A general circular has been received from Captain C. A. Anderson, Chief Director U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary which states:

As a winter counterpart of Courtesy Boat Inspection, it is HQ desire that during the first week of January each year the Auxiliary inaugurate an educational program for the general public. In the form of a lecture series, the program is designed to fill the needs of the new and prospective boat owner. It should cover only the rudiments of small boat seamanship and should emphasize the practical rather than the theoretical.

The outline below should be used as a guide, permitting wide latitude for the instructor. It has been drawn up with the idea in mind that if you were a boat salesman; had just sold a boat to a person new to boating; and was asked for help and advice; the instructions given would be as follows:

1st Lesson: Boat nomenclature and sea terms. (Should include types of boats—sail and power,—general types of construction, compartmentation, ventilation).

2nd Lesson: Marlinspike seamanship. (Should include rope, cordage and its care, in addition to basic knots and splices).

3rd Lesson: Deck seamanship. (Should include mooring lines, fenders, and their use; above deck equipment; ground tackle).

4th Lesson: Boat handling. (Should include steering; rudiments of compass; action of rudder; action of propeller on rudder and hull; mooring and anchoring; lead line and/or soundings).

5th Lesson: Rules of the Road.

6th Lesson: Safety aboard the boat. (Should include fire equipment and precaution; rescue from drowning and resuscitation; maneuvering for man-over-board; first aid for accidents aboard small boats).

7th Lesson: Safety—Navigational. (Should include weather and what to do about it; tides and currents; signaling in case of distress).

8th Lesson: Motorboat Regulations. (Should also include numbering and requirements for operator's license).

9th Lesson: Aids to Navigation.

10th Lesson: Care and upkeep of marine engines.

Attention is invited to the fact that the course is separate from Piloting; that it is practical rather than theoretical; and that the present Institute

course in Piloting would follow as normal advancement in the subject.

Qualified members of the Auxiliary should be utilized as instructors, augmented as necessary or desirable by regular service personnel. The past training and experience of many Auxiliarymen give them excellent qualifications for this work.

The lectures should be publicized and be open to all persons interested in boats and boating, and should be considered a public service rendered by the Auxiliary. Where possible, the program should extend to all communities in the district in which Flotillas are organized.

Upon completion of the course a non-member's certificate shall be issued to all persons who obtain a passing mark of 75% on a final written examination.

After completion of the above lectures, and where desired, a course in "Preliminary Piloting" should be offered. Lectures for this course should start immediately after completion of the Basic Small Boat Seamanship Course. The following outline is offered for this additional instruction:

1st Lesson: Piloting and Navigation definitions; nautical terms and expressions.

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2nd Lesson: Instruments used in Piloting and Navigation.

3rd Lesson: Compass and Chart.

4th Lesson: Simple Piloting.

5th Lesson: Trouble shooting with marine engines.

6th Lesson: Practices and additional equipment recommended by the Coast Guard.

7th Lesson: History of Coast Guard and Auxiliary as well as the duties and purposes of each.

8th Lesson: Cover entrance requirements listed on page 10 of the INSTRUCTIONS. (For those interested in membership in the Auxiliary).

Where regular service facilities are available, practical demonstrations should be given upon the completion of each course. This will not only emphasize the lessons learned at the lecture, but will also serve to familiarize new boat owners with Coast Guard operations.

Claude S. Brubaker, training officer for the Southern Area, 3rd Auxiliary District for 1948, is organizing a group of Instructors to handle the above program. Lectures will start in January and it is expected that they will be given at the Customs House, 2nd and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

Flotillas of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Divisions should make plans to inaugurate a similar program in their respective areas. Claude Brubaker will be glad to assist local training officers to get started.

OUR LADY

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er's Landing, where we took on water and 243 gallons of gas. At 0940, we departed Schellinger's and headed out the Inlet to Whistle No. 2, east of Cape May Point. From this position we ran approximately ten miles due east to a point where we changed our course to north another ten miles to Whistle No. 3, off of Hereford Inlet, thence on a southwesterly course back to Whistle No. 2, making a run of thirty miles on ocean waters.

At 1700, we entered Cold Springs Inlet and moored at the Naval Air Station at 1730. After chow was consumed, we made colors at 1915 and secured for the night at 2400.

In the morning, all hands were called at 0700 and chow was put down at 0730. The breeze was in the north with blue skies scattered with cumulus clouds, the temperature in the seventies, a slight sea prevailing and excellent visibility. Colors were made at 0800, and the clean-up detail put to work at 0830.

At 0930, we departed heading out to sea. At 1000, we set our course due south and held it for three hours to a position approximately twenty miles southeast of Cape May, where we turned about and set a due north course for three hours bringing us back to our original position at 1600. Then we set our course to Cape May Harbor and docked at the Naval Air Base at 1800.

After the clean-up detail had been performed and chow had been put down, my crew and guests went ashore and I was made secure at 1930. The scouts were pleased with the training my skipper had given them.

On Thursday, September 5, at 2300, a movement crew came aboard consisting of Jim Filer, the Skipper; Roy Lodge, Bill Dettwyler, Bert Snell and Charles Butterworth. I listened to their conversation which told me we were going back to Georgetown.

The men hit the deck at 0700, on Friday morning and went ashore for breakfast to a restaurant in Cape May. Colors were made when the men returned and Carmel Jacobs came aboard at 1100. We departed Cape May at noon, heading to the canal entrance. At 1300, we entered the Delaware Bay and at 1430, we were abeam of Cross Ledge Light. At 1730, we entered the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal and docked at Schaeffer's in Chesapeake City at 1900.

Here the crew was relieved by Skipper Brubaker, Beck and Motor Mac Swink, and we departed at 1920, arriving at Wilson's in Georgetown at 2230.

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FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR

It is rumored that Dr. Knorr has become interested in "red paint." In fact, Walt Jones is positive that the good doctor is downright devoted to "red paint," especially on houses but only on



Left to right—Cmdr. S. F. Hewins, USCG; Toastmaster Ed Cox; Captain R. J. Mauerman, USCG; W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., Commodore USCG Auxiliary; Elmer Jackson Pearl, Commander Flo. 25; James McHenry, Jr., Vice-Commander Flo. 25; Sam Hunt, Training Officer Flo. 25.



Flotilla 25 members at Shillig's Black Horse Farms, Mt. Ephraim, N. J.

houses in areas where white paint is normally used. How about, Doc?

Flotilla 23 had a combined social and business meeting on October 28. It becomes more clear at each social nite that Clark Hench can find more deuces in the hole than any one man has a right to. How about that, John Thorbahn?

A Christmas Party is planned for December under the able direction of Jim Mears. We'll give you more information later.

—P. W. Carleton, Jr.

FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

New officers who have been elected to navigate the ship "Flotilla 25" on a successful cruise for the year '48 are Edward A. L. Cox, Commander; Conrad W. Deuter, Vice-Commander; and Samuel P. Hunt, Jr., Training Officer. The crew of this ship is proud to serve under such a fine command.

Congratulations go forward to our past commander, Elmer Jackson Pearl, who has been elected Captain of the Second Division. And skipper Cox has promised to send his ship "Flotilla 25" on any emergency that may be needed by the Division Captain.

Bill Yingst and his committee must be given a vote of thanks for the swell arrangements that were made at Shillig's Black Horse Farms in Mt. Ephraim, on Monday evening, October 27. Guests of honor were Lieut. H. F. Rogall and Chief Mach. H. Pedessen from Gloucester; Captain R. J. Mauerman—Capt. of the Port of Philadelphia; Comdr. S. F. Hewins, director of the Auxiliary and W. Lyle Holmes, Commodore. And, Harry Connoner, speaker for the evening, who spoke on "Learning To Live." Lieut. Rogall presented over fifty World War II Victory Medals to former members of the Coast Guard Reserve (T).

New training classes have been started by Sam following the short business meetings on the second and fourth Monday evenings, at 2030, at the Gloucester Repair Base.

—James McHenry, Jr.

FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON

Activity at 26 centers around Communications this Fall. Operation Little Egg at Tuckerton has been secured for the season as of 30 September 1947. An average of five men were on deck every weekend to do their share of the deck duties, man the tower and patrol the harbor. We feel that our services were more than appreciated by the regulars, who, by our presence, were permitted special liberty. As for training—there is no substitute for actual work and operations at a Lifeboat Station. We are proud to have worked under both Chief Waddell and Chief Fulcher during the summer.

To return to Communications—our mobile unit was on hand to participate in the field tests below Chatsworth 18 and 19 of October. Bill Garry, Charlie Rebman and Jerry Martin represented Trenton midst the Jersey Pines. Your correspondent dropped in Saturday to see just what this active unit of Aux. can do.

Our own Bill Garry has been appointed Second Division Communications Officer—and a better man could not have been chosen.

As this copy is being written our mobile unit is alerted for possible communications activity in the Southern Area. We are in readiness and are proud to be a part of the organization depended up to "take over" the job in the absence of the regular personnel mobile units.

A thought for the future—why not a regular monthly Communications column in Topside each issue.*

—Robert J. Bailey.

*ED. NOTE: Suits Topside, Bob ole boy . . . get somebody to send it in regularly.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Washington 25, D. C.

PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM

No. 2-47

Subj.: Former temporary members of the Reserve; re-enrollment of

1. A number of former temporary members of the Reserve have, in order to maintain a closer affiliation with the Coast Guard, requested re-enrollment as temporary members of the Reserve in an inactive unassigned status. The Commandant has decided to honor these requests by permitting the re-enrollment of those former temporary members of the Reserve who desire such status and specifically request re-enrollment.

2. The following instructions will govern this type of re-enrollment:

- (a) Former temporary members of the Reserve (all categories) who were separated under honorable conditions are the only persons eligible for re-enrollment.
- (b) Re-enrollment will be offered only upon application and presentation of a disenrollment form from a prior enrollment.
- (c) Re-enrollment will be made only on the new enrollment form (CG-2903)—drawn up for this purpose.
- (d) Re-enrollment will be in the highest rank or rating held. This rank or rating will be construed to include the advancement awarded upon termination of a prior enrollment.
- (e) Enrollment will be for inactive, unassigned status only, and for a period of three years, unless sooner terminated by the Commandant.
- (f) No active duty for this class of personnel is contemplated or authorized. No regimental or other unit

organization is authorized, and no former units will be officially re-organized or perpetuated.

(g) No funds or personnel are available for the administration of this program. Consequently, no pay, clothing allowance, or any other allowances are authorized.

(h) No training is contemplated or authorized.

(i) Inasmuch as the emergent need for temporary members of the Reserve ended with the cessation of hostilities, the utilization of personnel in this category is not planned or authorized.

(j) Inasmuch as no active duty is contemplated, no physical standards are prescribed.

4. Instructions governing the enrollment of civilian vessel employees (former Lighthouse Service personnel) as temporary members of the Reserve are the subject of separate correspondence and are not affected by this Memorandum.

5. Authority to assign any temporary member of the Reserve to active duty rests solely with the Commandant. This authority will not be delegated.

6. The function of administering this program is hereby assigned to the Chief, Division of Personnel in each district.

7. This memorandum is authority for the inauguration of this program, and all Districts are directed to proceed with the enrollment of this class of personnel upon receipt of the new enrollment form (CG-2903).

By direction of the Commandant.

(S) R. T. McELLIOTT,

Chief, Office of Personnel.

Members particularly should note the statements contained in sub-paragraphs (f), (g), (h) and (i) of the above letter before requesting re-enrollment.

Any former member of the Temporary Reserve desiring re-enrollment should notify his flotilla commander and turn over to him his disenrollment form.

Re-enrollment forms are available to flotilla commanders on request to Captain R. J. Mauerman, USCG, Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 6, Penna., or Comdr. S. F. Hewins, USCG, U. S. Coast Guard Depot, Gloucester City, N. J.

Re-enrollment forms are to be completed in triplicate on a typewriter, and the man's disenrollment form clipped to the set. Either Captain Mauerman or Comdr. Hewins, upon request, will attend a flotilla meeting, check the prepared forms, and swear in the members en masse.

The above notice applies to an activity that is not a part of the Auxiliary program, but is included here in our Auxiliary publication because it undoubtedly is of interest to some of our members. Membership in the Auxiliary does not bar an affiliation with the Reserve components of any of the Armed Forces.

FLOTILLA 51 DEDICATES

By SAMUEL H.

Flotilla 51 now has its own training base along the Schuylkill River—a base, not based on a predication of things to come, but a base dedicated as a training center for post-war activities and actually commissioned by appropriate ceremonies held Friday, November 14th, when the quarters were formally turned over to Theo C. Cuyler, Commander of Flotilla 51, by Philip Ziegler, President of the Base.

The Commissioning ceremonies were conducted on the grounds. A contingent of Sea Scouts from Reading Sea Scout Ship 59, raised the colors. They were part of the Sea Scout crew, who acquitted themselves so well on their cruise on the Florence V, sponsored by Flotilla 51, last summer.

After brief ceremonies and an inspection of the base, there was a dinner at the Wyomissing Club.

In addition to a 90%, or better, attendance of members of Flotilla 51, the following guests were in attendance—Capt. C. A. Anderson, of Washington, D. C., Director of the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary; Lieut. Commander W. K. Thompson, Jr., of New York, Director of the Third Auxiliary District; John W. Brown, of Philadelphia, War Time

Director of the Fourth Auxiliary District; J. Bennett Nolan, of Reading, former Commander in C.G. Reserve; John McCloskey, of Wilmington, Del., President of Auxiliary Training Base located on the Chesapeake; Wm. A. Smith, Commodore Third C.G. District; W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., Commodore Southern Area of Third C.G. District; E. J. Pearl, Capt. Second Division; William Yingst, District Communications Officer; Guy Johnson, Commander, Harrisburg; William Feaster, Commander, 56, Trenton and others.

It is interesting to reflect how the acquisition of a Flotilla Training Base proceeded from the stage of wishful thinking to a well nigh completed reality—How Flotilla 51 has advanced to the five yard line toward their goal.

Appropos of many typical American undertakings, this project had its inception under very humble and difficult circumstances.

Adequate quarters for post-war activities were essential to continued interest in a constructive program. A base along the river front was considered ideal, but way beyond the possibility of attainment.

One of the members (call him The "Christopher Columbus" of this site) scoured the banks of the Schuylkill River and his quest was richly rewarded when he discovered that the City of Reading was the owner (in fee simple) of 2 acres of ground along the river with a stone house erected thereon, shortly after the founding of the City of Reading 200 years ago.

The Mayor and City Council, to a man, responded generously and wholeheartedly in the acquisition of the site for the base. They extended every possible consideration and their realization of the aims and purposes of Flotilla 51 gives every promise of continued good will and support.

Thus, Flotilla 51 started with a stone house, all ready for occupancy, as soon as a new roof, windows, flooring, plastering, painting, heating and wiring were constructed and installed. The two acres of ground affording an excellent site—immediately after ninety-seven varieties of tall weeds (rivaling bull rushes along the Nile, in size and density) and underbrush all littered with tons of rubbish and debris, were cleared, graded and landscaped.

Some of the observers in and out of the Flotilla, after one look and a sniff, considered the outlook absolutely hopeless. But, after truck loads of refuse



Div. Capt. Philip W. Ziegler in doorway of new base.

were removed from the house and adjacent grounds and all manner of tumbling out-buildings, from chicken coops, dog houses, (and a dilapidated patio, built by Chick Sale's grandfather) were removed, all was in readiness to begin actual operations.

The partitions inside the house were removed, reducing the interior to one room downstairs, and after the resulting dust and refuse of this operation was completed it was quite evident that all the remaining plaster would have to be chipped down to the bare stone walls. A completely worn out roof, of tin over shingles, had to be removed and replaced with a new modern roof. The front and rear doors, and five windows were missing and had to be replaced.

Electric wiring of the house was installed and a new floor laid.

The proper level of the cellar was restored by removing six inches of ground. A new chimney was built from the cellar to the roof and a cellar heater installed.

The clearing of the grounds and the terrace work, now, very nearly completed and ready for seeding in spring, is a distinct feature and a most creditable and attractive piece of landscaping. A river front jungle, adjacent to the site, was graded and cleared for a parking space.

The cellar and foundations for an annex to the original building have been excavated, and the annex will most likely be under roof this month.

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All of this represents, in the main, a contribution of countless man hours of work volunteered by members of Flotilla 51, which if paid for, at prevailing wage rates for skilled and unskilled workers, would total four thousand dollars (\$4,000) on a conservative estimate. This was performed gratis by members, who came to the base from four to ten-thirty P.M. on countless evenings and over week-ends for many months.

The materials required for this project were also of a sizeable quantity. Most of the lumber was obtained by salvaging an abandoned building. This salvage job was also done by the members.

Some members, who could not contribute man hours with shovels, hammer or saw, contributed money and materials, viz—

The plastering of the room was paid for by a member. Wall light fixtures, paint, heater for cellar, sign, flag, flag pole, five tons of coal, ship bell and compass and numerous cash contributions from twenty to fifty dollars and other material concessions by public spirited citizens and our City Fathers.

This base will be a credit to the city and a fitting tribute to an organization of men who, in the past served without pay or expectation of credit or glory and who have dedicated their training base to similar service in any local or national emergency that may arise in the future.

By the way, it is not intended that any interested reader should be beguiled into the belief that these countless man hours of work over a period of many months was all "peaches and cream." As a matter of fact, it en-

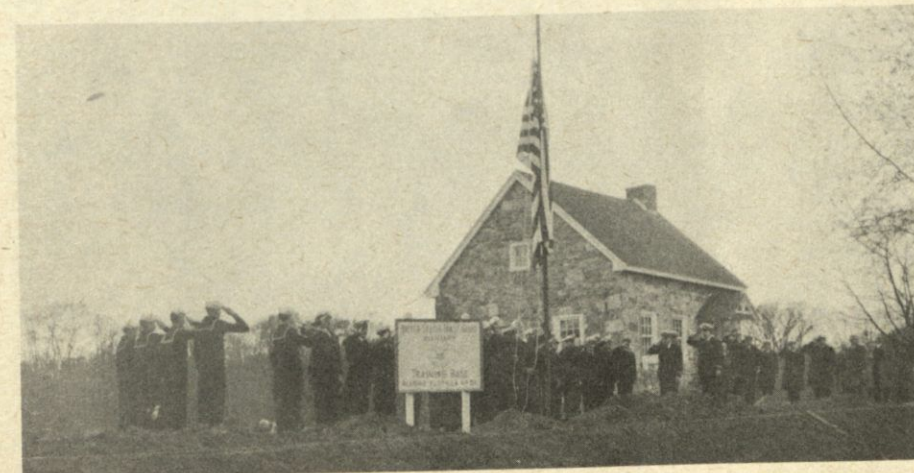
tailed some of the dirtiest and most tiring assortment of work assignments imaginable. Surely, there were occasional ruffled tempers and some arguments as to how or why this was to be done and by whom, what color scheme here and what not, there.

Then too, there were dire predictions as to the inability to ever complete the job and occasionally there was a panicky tantrum as to the finances—all of which, of course, had to be suppressed by added zeal and effort and in spots a little cussing.

This base, when finally completed, will be a mecca for those auxiliaries who have served in the past and those who will meet the full requirements for service in the future.

This base will undoubtedly offer the warmth of comradeship among auxiliaries, yet, it is not essentially a social center. Its future membership will undoubtedly be continued strictly to bona-fide trained and qualified men for service in line with the service and traditions of the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary.

One more acknowledgment, and by all means, an important factor in the success of this base. The Ladies! God bless them. How patiently they must have listened to Coast Guard Base, talk and alibis for many weary months. How splendidly they responded to calls for their husbands to report at the base on Monday, Wednesday, or over the week-end. For their benefit a phone was installed at the base. The ladies can now call the base and tell Bob or Dick to stay an hour or two longer, until the base is finally completed. Oh yes, there will be a gala "Ladies' Night" when the goal has been reached.



Flag Raising Ceremony at 51's New Base.

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FLOTILLA 27, SALEM

Flotilla 27 held their regular monthly meeting at Pitman, N. J., on November 12.

An unusually good attendance was present including four prospective members, two of them being boat owners, one a radio ham and the other a former regular in the Coast Guard and an instructor at Manhattan Beach. Two more applications for membership have been received from operators of Ham Radio Stations.

Election of officers was held and our new leaders for 1948 will be Arthur Herzog, Commander; Bob Clark, Vice-Commander and Jim Filer, Training Officer.

A discussion was held on the feasibility of facility owners using their own equipment in the performance of duty for the Coast Guard in such ways as assisting at boat regattas, inlet patrol, etc. The Flotilla Commander has been requested to bring this up at the next Commander's meeting.

The instruction course being presented by headquarters is going to be started the first meeting in January and be held twice monthly. The general public is to be invited to attend.

Color slides of the Flotilla trip to Baltimore aboard the Florence V were shown and brought back many pleasant memories.

The program for the coming months was enthusiastically received by the members and interest in Flotilla activities has reached a new high.

—E. A. Herzog.

FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD

The November 7th meeting was our election night. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Russ Higgins as Commander. (By the way, Russ was also elected District Captain), Dave Horner as Vice-Commander, and George Bauder as Training Officer. Committees will be appointed at our December meeting. Groundwork is being laid for a strong, rejuvenated flotilla.

It is with deepest regret that we report the passing of E. Burt Weaver. Burt was very popular and always ready to lend a hand day or night. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. We will always remember him as a fine shipmate.

Be sure to come to the next meeting as we want your opinion about changing our meeting place.

—Richard Watson.

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On Saturday and Sunday, 18-19 October, 1947, Radio Communications of the Combined Districts of the Old 4th and the 3rd C.G. District held a field trial, drill and encampment in Penn State Forest, southeast of Chatsworth, N. J.

Rendezvous was in Chatsworth at 0900, Saturday morning. We left home with the District Comm. truck and generator trailer, my son at the wheel, in plenty of time to arrive about an hour before rendezvous but the fates were 'agin' it. The trailer blew a tire. No spare, just was not Semper Paratus. To make a long story short, fixed tire with the assistance of Charlie Carter, who came along at an opportune moment and proceeded toward Chatsworth an hour late. Arrived at camp area, (after getting lost in Pines) found camp site already bustling with activity.

A roll call was held, heads counted, camp security detail appointed, a commissary detail was next appointed whose job it was to secure food, because of experience, gained at our encampment on 16-17 July in the Pocono Mt. Range near White Haven, Pa. We found that it was more expeditious to purchase food after arriving at encampment, then only what is really needed may be procured.

This was done at Chatsworth on the



Ben Tillson's Mobile Station, Flo. 303, N. Y.

way back to camp area. A flash storm came up and man oh man, did it rain. When we arrived at camp we found it almost swimming, but it soon cleared off and the camp lake disappeared leaving in its wake, a few wet auxiliary men, myself included.

Cook detail set up. Cooking fireplace and lunch was soon under way. This was perhaps the first camp trip that any of us ever used soft coal for camp fire. There was a plentiful supply. This area once was a C. C. camp. No building left though. While the cook detail was

busy the rest of the men readied their mobile units and were ready to move out on assignments. A surprise move was put on. All units were required in alphabetical order of call signs to set up their stations on a new frequency. This frequency was not previously announced so no one was prepared in any way for it. But we of the Auxiliary sure gave Lt. Lantz a set-back. We were able to get on frequency in three seconds on the average without any previous experience in this field. In all 13 Auxiliary mobile units and one C.G. mobile unit participated.

Quoting Lt. C. C. Lantz: "We did it this time in a big way, even the C.G. has never surpassed in numbers of mobile equipment we had in the field except during Mississippi floods."

A list of those who participated are as follows: Lt. C. C. Lantz, CRM Glover, R.M.1/c Killmon and R.M.3/c Gallant for the C.G.; Messrs. Rockefeller, Yingst, Sr.; Wakefield, Leek, Martin, Lahm, Stewart, Jr.; Stewart, Sr.; Gibson, Boucher, Ellis, Rebman, Garry, Tewkes, Yingst, Jr.; Tillson, Carter, and Maynard were there full time, and Messrs. Bailey, Wallace, Pearl, Knopp, Ingersoll, Pinkham, Bougher, Fairheller and Commodore Holmes, Jr., were there part time. Mr. George Steiner and Mr. Stolcz, of Trenton, were misdirected and did not meet up with the Task unit.



Front Row—left to right—N. L. Rockefeller, Wm. L. Yingst, Sr., W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., W. E. Gibson, Lieut. C. C. Lantz, U.S.C.G., Fred Lahm, Martin, Chas. Rebman, C. A. Carter, N. H. Liek, Ben Tillson. Back Row—left to right—B. Galant, U.S.C.G., Killman, C. R. Glover, U.S.C.G., E. W. Knapp, J. H. Boucher, C. Ingersoll, Wm. Garry, Jr., C. B. Ellis, L. E. Maynard, Esterly, G. Wakefield, T. Stewart.

ACTIVITIES

By WM. L. YINGST

At 2200, all hands were ready to hit the sack, enough tents and cots were on hand. Everyone had a place to bunk in. The security detail and radio watch, who were relieved every two hours were the only active ones at night. They kept the camp fire going and coffee pot boiling.

Reveille 0630, Sunday, breakfast was ready by 0700, bacon and eggs, and home fried potatoes and plenty of good coffee. A busy day's work was ahead of us. We were soon in the field. The set-up was to report all traffic on all roads leading to camp area. For an area as far removed from civilization as it was, there was a surprising amount of traffic.

A very instructive time was had by all. We learned much and are only too eager to have another drill soon. Among the guest observers were Commodore W. Lyle Holmes, Jr., Bob Bailey, of Trenton; Mr. Fairheller, of Flotilla 21. Elmer Pearl spent Saturday with us.

C. W. Drills have been resumed again every Monday night 2130 on 2692 K.C.

The Auxiliary frequency of 165.325 M.C. is receiving quite a bit of thought and preparation. Several S.C.R. 522 Army Air Corps surplus gear have been purchased and modified. Also several of the Mark II Tank sets have already been converted and communications held over a short distance.

The writer hopes very shortly to have a 33-foot with a 24 element rotary beam erected on rear part of house for this Auxiliary frequency. Then we will see what we can do in this V.H.F. field, it being unrestricted as far as the Auxiliary is concerned.

North Area of the 3rd District is becoming increasingly active in communications. They now have 6 inspected stations and more in the mill. So we in the southern portion had better look to our laurels.

The pictures will tell more than words how well the field trial was attended as well as how the camp area looked.

W. L. YINGST,
Dist. Aux. Communication
Officer, Southern Area.

FLOTILLA 35, CAPE MAY

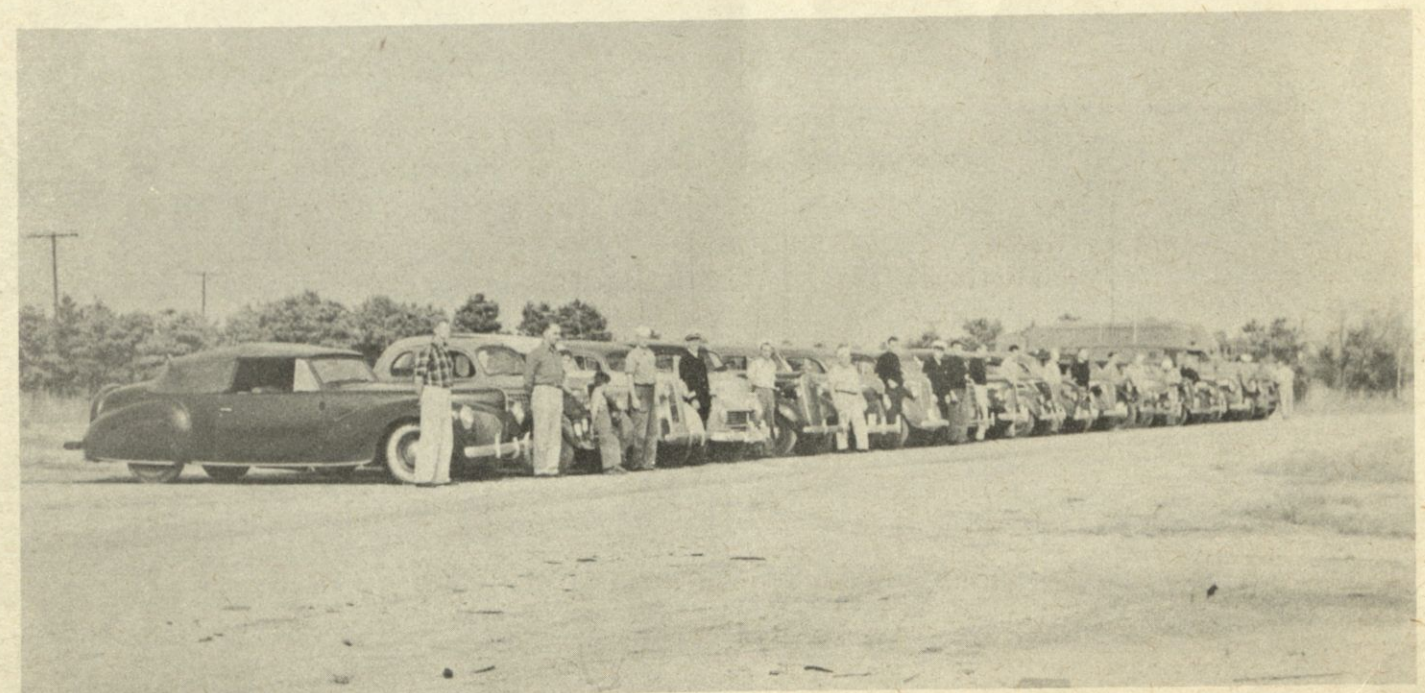
The picture on back cover is the proof of hard work. It was just about seven weeks from the day of organization to the night of the band's first appearance. Our leader, Ray Adams has sure worked hard.

Our Flotilla was deeply shocked by the passing of our good member and friend, Joe Castell. Joe was just 34 and has left his widow with two children.

We held our election at the meeting of October 9, 1947. Commander Don Lear was re-elected, as were Vice-Commander Frank Hughes and Training Officer Andy Knopp. Commander Don Lear immediately assigned all the committees and appointed George Hurley as secretary and Mulford Stevens treasurer. Our professional photographer, Joe Hickman has been assigned the publicity job so this will probably be my last offering to Topside. Joe made the shot of the band in this issue.

Good luck! to all elected and appointed, and keep the ball rolling for 35 next year!!

—Andy Knopp.



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