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THE ROUGH LOG

The advent of fall will cause a transfer of Auxiliary activities from the boating and practical phase to the winter program which will highlight flotilla meetings and training activities.



Lt. L. R. Davison

The undersigned anticipates a very successful season for public lecture courses. Two flotillas have already commenced well received classes, and four others will get under way on similar programs shortly.

It is also felt that, in general, flotilla meetings leave much to be desired. If your flotilla is not conducting training courses and arranging meeting programs which will appeal to a prospective member steps should be taken to rectify this condition.

The success of the Auxiliary program is determined largely by the activities of the individual flotillas, and these in turn are largely determined by capable flotilla commanders supported by enthusiastic members.

L. R. DAVISON, Lt. (jg) USCG

CABIN TALK

BY THE VICE-COMMODORE

I am happy to present to you your new officers for the coming year. Vice-Commodore elect Claude Brubaker needs no introduction, nor does Training Officer elect Alexander S. (Pete) Bauer, both of whom will make excellent leaders for you in 1949.

The Auxiliary in the Southern Area is fortunate to have such men as these to guide its destiny, for they are both old timers, and both ardent boatmen, and I can assure you that in spite of the other demands on their time they will turn in a job that will do our area credit.

I know that our entire membership will do their part to assist them in keeping our very excellent record intact.

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CAMERA CONTEST PRODUCES VERY FINE PHOTOS AND

Click, click, went all cameras belonging to Atlantic City, Flotilla 11, members for the past several months in preparation for their photographic contest which was held at their meeting rooms, Huron Avenue Coast Guard Station, Atlantic City, N. J. on Wednesday evening, October 27th. Photographs were entered in four classes: general, fishing, hunting and sea photos. Prizes were awarded to winners in all classes. A Pipe, Sussman's, committee of judges were on hand to choose the winners and prize winning entries. Several hundreds of dollars worth of prizes were awarded and a list of the prizes and various contributors are:

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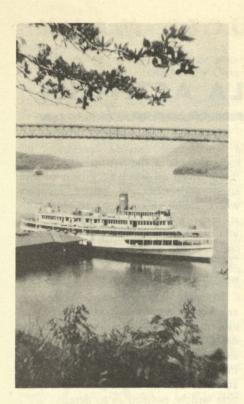
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Pipe, Box of 12 Gauge Shells, 1 Photograph Album and 3 Wallets also donated.

A grand trophy inscribed to the grand winner was presented as a gift by the Flotilla. A few of the entries are pictured on other pages in this issue of TOPSIDE.



A FEW OF THE PRIZES ARE SHOWN ABOVE



RIVER BOAT 3rd Prize, General Division by LEMUEL HIRES



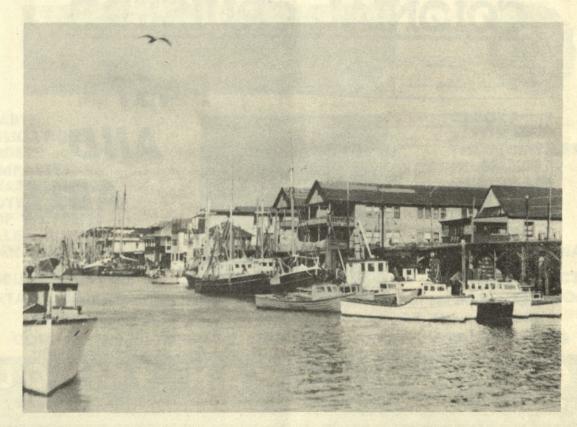
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SAFE HARBOR

2ND PRIZE, BOAT DIVISION

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of FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

FLOTILLA 13. SEASIDE PARK

Meetings are meetings, but it hardly seems possible that each one can get better than the last. The Sunny Brae Country Club Meeting was about the best in respect to business this year. Every subject was interesting and created some discussion among the members. That, my friends, makes a good meeting. It is not very easy for the Commander to carry on a meeting when no one injects his opinion either for or against. Voice your thoughts and be happy.

Commander Richter's movies of the Rendezvous were of top-flight quality and enjoyed by all present.

Well, the end of the year is coming along fast and the Nominating and Auditing Committees have been appointed. I feel we can look no further than Commander Richter for our 1949 leader. That is not one man's opinion either, but unanimous from my observations. A good job well done deserves its reward and the members of 13 want Commander Richter

Hamilton Square in November will be officers for '49.

history repeats, for that fellows, will top them all. Remember the 1947 Affair get your decks cleared for actionthere will be plenty.

A. L. Rickert

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY

As usual the Wissinoming Yacht Club at Lardner's Point, Phila., was host at our regular meeting held on 7 October,

Meeting called to order by Commanding Officer Les Sauter, who again left the gavel in his other pants or somewhere and once more gave his cigarette lighter a beating by repeated raps on the

Thus the business got under way at

Executive Officer Frank Coll made handy for all and the eats are on the a few caustic remarks concerning his house, so come out and help elect the request made at the last meeting. Seems Frank asked all hands to submit to him Final meeting for the year will be at latest addresses and phone numbers the Trenton Country Club and again where members could be reached both at home and at work. The response was overwhelming by its absence. Not one member sent in this information. 'Taint right guys, why don't we do something about it?

> Training Officer Ray Weldon is anxious to get some classes started and said so but was in some doubt as to details. It was decided therefore to try to get in some instruction before meetings. In other words, classes will start at 20:00 on meeting nights. All members will be notified as to details.

> Communications Officer Nels Leek wants all men to become familiar with radio-telephone procedure and so he is going to get a class started and wants everybody to attend. Instruction will be along lines as those recently given at

Customs house and will not be a technical course.

Nominations for officers will be made at the next meeting. Nominating Comtee with B. Morrissey, Chairman and Houghton, Romig, Wahl and Obermiller as members has been named. This committee will present a slate after which nominations will be opened from the floor. All members should be present as it is important that the new officers realize that they have been selected by a majority of all members and not by a majority of those present.

Chief Risley, formerly of the Atlantic City Beach station was on hand as our guest and spoke to the members. He stated that those members of Flotilla #21 who had served at that station were certainly welcome as they did a good job while there.

Commander R. McDonald of Flotilla #24 was also a visitor at this meeting. He stated that he was happy to be aboard. He admitted that he had a bad memory for names but said that he knew many of our members. Commander McDonald said he liked, what he termed our closely knit organization.

After the meeting, H. Apel, our entertainment chairman, introduced a man who did stuff with cards and things. He was very good and very entertaining and he was received enthusiastically by those

A day passes and 8 October finds #21 members N. Leek, E. Klein, E. Bleam, E. Wojton, H. Apel and Obermiller on deck at the Communications shack. Here a meeting was held with the Red Cross participating. It was a good meeting and the desirability of strict co-operation of the Communications unit with the Red Cross during a disaster was strongly stressed and easily understood. Capt. Pearl, Wm. Yingst, Wm. Garry and Chas. Carter of the Auxiliary spoke as did Messrs. Ericson, Keller, Harris and Angell all of the Camden County Chapter of the Red

Commander Marter, U.S.C.G.R. (T) still on active duty added semiofficial C. G. remarks concerning the Auxiliarist's duty in disasters.

20 October witnessed our assembling once more at the Wissinoming Yacht Club, this time for a combined meeting and get-to-gether with the Flotillas #24 and #26. A good-fellowship and communications meeting was planned and that is what it turned out to be.

Les Sauter kicked off at about 20:45 (Continued on Page 10)

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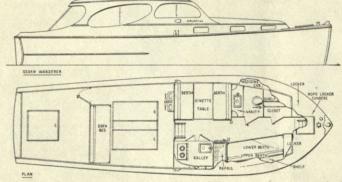


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and introduced Commanders R. Mc-Donald from #24 and W. N. Feaster of #26, both of whom spoke very

Captain E. Pearl then spoke and said that the Auxiliarists were no longer isolationists as the meeting demonstrated. He then reported that on the 26th a similar meeting with Flotillas 23, 25 and 27 would be held. Captain Pearl covered all phases of Auxiliary work, stressing the need of communications unit co-operation with the Red Cross.

Wm. Yingst, District Com. Officer, announced the next field drill to be held at Lebanon Park in N. J. on 6 and 7 November. This drill will simulate regular disaster with the Red Cross participating. Commander Cole of the Naval Reserve in Camden is also to be invited. All members are invited and all will be assigned duties. Remember, if you attend, bring your own bedding.

Joe Mundy introduced John Praria, a member of the Wissinoming Yacht Club and an ower of a boat with a ship to shore radio, who offered the use of his New Jersey early in November. boat for this drill.

automobiles and communicated with a let Uncle deliver it.

set which had been set up in the meet-

-Gil Obermiller

FLOTILLA 22, EDDYSTONE

Flotilla 22 held its monthly meeting at the above, regular meeting place.

Bill Cooper has been appointed Commander to fill out the unexpired term left vacant by the sudden death of Doctor Connor. Al Smith is now Vice-Commander for the balance of the year.

At long last our picket boats are ready for us to pick up at the Navy Yard. Our problem now is dockage space.

On Thursday the 14th Flo 22 will hold its monthly social party, this time at the Collingdale Legion Hall.

After a long summer looks as if we would have a very busy winter ahead

Communication officer Williamson is planning for 22's participation in the fall Communications Field Test to be held by the combined Northern and Southern Area Communicatora and the Coast Guard in the Lebanon State Forest in

This being all the news for this print-Then all men were invited out in ing, I'll toss this into the mailbag and -Bill Gibson

FLOTILLA 35, CAPE MAY

With Cape May's Flotilla 35 covering about 14 of TOPSIDE'S 13 pages last issue, the gang down here decided to cut it short this time and let someone else have some space.

About 95 per cent of the members of Flotilla 35 are leaving for Brielle to jig mackerel this month, so it looks like our activities will be slightly curtailed for the next few weeks. Commander Don Lear has suggested that the remaining five per cent go to Brielle some Thursday afternoon, and have a regular stated meeting there. If this plan takes effect, we will try to have something in about it next month.

Speaking of fishing, it brings up a very sad subject to the men of this flotilla. If we can keep our tears from blotting the ink on this paper, we will try to tell the story. It goes like this:

Seems that the Cape May gang decided to combine business and pleasure. We planned to have a private flotilla fishing party, and all the fish caught were to be sold in the market, and the proceeds from the sale would go in the

Skipper Ed McDowell volunteered his boat, the "Gertrude W.," for the

Early in the morning, which dawned with a beautiful leaden sky, an off and on rain, and a stiff wind from the northeast, several of the brave and hardy Auxiliarists weighed anchor and departed to do battle with the denizens of the deep.

Our old reliable Frank Hickman, camera expert of the flotilla, was on hand as usual to lend his support to any project for the benefit of 35. Frank came aboard all dressed up in his sou'wester, sea legs, and with his trusty camera in readiness. The idea was to take pictures of the trip, the boat, the crew, the fish, and the pool winner to try again to flood TOPSIDE with Cape May scenes.

But, as Shakespeare or some other old codger once said, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft gang awry." The camera, as we mentioned before, was in readiness; but the photographer was not.

After catching a few paltry fish, Frank decided he had done his share for the day. He spent the rest of the time down in the bunk. In between spasms, when he could catch his breath, he would falteringly ask what time it was and how much longer we were going to stay. He was really happy when we pulled up the hook and again entered the placid waters of Cape May Harbor. He said he wanted one of two things

while he was out there: either for the "Gertie" to stop rolling or to roll all the way over, he didn't care which!

Skipper Ed was about as uncongenial a host as he could possibly be on that trip. He anchored the boat in the roughest spot in the whole ocean, trying to get the rest of the gang off balance, then proceeded to win the pool for the biggest

We would be remiss in this report if we did not give thanks where thanks are due. All of us want to express our thanks to Naomi Hickman, Fran's better half, and to compliment her on her culinary arts in preparing hubby's lunch. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the rest

One other thing about the fishing trip -that band member who went along did all right by himself and the flotilla. Maybe he didn't get the biggest fish, but got his full share and did not spend the day

By the way, Joe Hyle enjoyed the boat ride immensely. We still can't figure out why he took his rod and reel and held on to it all day, but if that's his idea of a good time, it's all right with us. The rest of us didn't mind taking him, even if we did have to catch all the fish.

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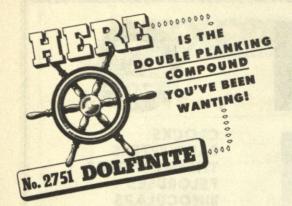
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And, if you're interested in making some real money for your flotilla, maybe you can arrange a similar party some time. We netted, after all expenses were paid, believe it or not . . . FOUR DOLLARS.

If Frank Hickman has recovered before next deadline, maybe we can have some more pictures in the next issue.

-Clif Reeves

FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

As the seashore boating activities are coming to a standstill, we have managed to stage another fishing party on October 16, 1948. This time we made a special event out of it by honoring Van, who did so much during the war period to keep the morale of the Flotilla keyed to top performance, also those little stamps that kept us coming to the seashore for duty in all kinds of weather. were a terrific headache for our wartime commander. You will find a more complete story about this fishing junket elsewhere in TOPSIDE. At the same time, I have broken the ICE by having in the Sports Section of the Philadelphia Inquirer about our fishing party off Ocean ing. Our Director, L. R. Davison, Lt.

City, N. J. If any of you boys want to check me-get out your Sunday copies of October 24, 1948-Sports Section, Page 5, Column 1, in "Éddie Klein's" Column under "Trail Tales".

The Commanding Officer of Ocean City Lifeboat Station, Cliff Bahr, has been promoted to Warrant Officer as of September 1, 1948. Believe me Cliff is very happy about it.

I want to thank Bill Yingst for the plug Ocean City Flotilla received in his write up in the October issue of Top-SIDE. It makes us feel mighty proud!

This month, November, nominations will be in order for Flotilla Officers for 1949. Come out to the meeting-make your choice and VOTE!

"THERE'S LOTS OF FUN WITH THIRTY-ONE"

-Lee C. Ambrozy

FLOTILLA 26. TRENTON

This log is written just at the conclusion of our second inter-flotilla joint meeting. On 28 October we were pleased to be host to Flotilla 13 of Seaside Park, a write-up on two consecutive Sundays N. J. Commander Richter and about 20 of their membership attended our meet-

(ig) USCG, journeyed to Trenton with Captain Elmer Jackson Pearl of the Delaware River Division. The District Communications Truck with Bill Yingst and Charlie Carter were on hand to demonstrate their facilities. Many thanks to these men for journeying up this way.

On the 20 of October we participated with Flotillas 21 and 24 in a joint meeting at Wissonoming Yacht Club. Needless to say a fine time was had by all in discussing old acquaintances and TR

In another column of this issue of TOPSIDE should be an article about our marine regatta at Florence Island on 3 October. Take it from us, we recommend such affairs to all other flotillas.

Bill Garry and Charlie Rebman and their staff are certainly busy these days planning for the coming Field Trials at Lebanon State Forest . . . you'll hear more later when it's over.

We are pleased to learn of the election of Claude Brubaker to the Vice-Commodore's position in the Southern Area. His many activities in behalf of the Auxiliary more than entitle him to this job. Good luck, Claude!

-Al Young

FLOTILLA 27, SALEM

The regular monthly meeting of Flotilla 27 was held at the Elks Club in Pennsgrove on Monday night, October 11. A tasty dinner served by the Lady Elks was enjoyed by members and guests. prior to the meeting.

A good turnout of members was present and the guests included Division Captain Elmer Pearl and Bill Yingst. These gentlemen brought the communications truck down with them. (arriving

With the aid of several members the communications group gave a demonstration of two way radio operation.

It was definitely decided to have another course in small boat handling to be held in Pennsgrove, for the benefit of boatmen in that area.

An advanced course for the benefit of those who took the beginners course last year is contemplated and will probably be held in Pitman.

Several members attended a joint meeting with 23 and 25, held at the Communication Shack on Tuesday evening, October 25th. Everyone enjoyed himself and it is hoped that we can have more such gatherings in the future. Many thanks to Cox and Yingst for a swell evening.

December. Everyone out, the treasurer would like to see you also.

-E. Herzog

FLOTILLA 41, WILMINGTON

The second Fall meeting of Flotilla 41 was held in the YMCA Building with a representative quota of members present. The new program, with guest speakers, was favored by all those pres-

General Norman M. Lack. U. S. Army, spoke and presented pictures of the Duplex-Drive tank, more commonly referred to as the D.D. tank. General Lack was Experimental Officer in charge of finding the best use of all Allied equipment and drew as his major assignment the task of finding the best method of landing Sherman tanks on the beach-heads. If landing barges were used and the first tank was "knocked out" then those remaining aboard were made useless. With the above in mind the General thought of attaching canvas sidings on the Shermans which could be raised and lowered quite easily.

When one finds that the Sherman weighs 32 tons and is 20 ft. long and 9 ft. high, you can see why no other person wanted the job of landing this

Don't forget election of officers in equipment, but the General being a good engineer and a man willing to try anything till proven wrong, proved to be the proper person upon whom to place such a gigantic task.

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Before viewing the official Army film this writer could never believe possible that a 32-ton tank could be made buoyant and maneuverable in rough seas which are prevalent in the English Channel. Apparently the enemy also thought along these same lines.

-Charles R. Moran

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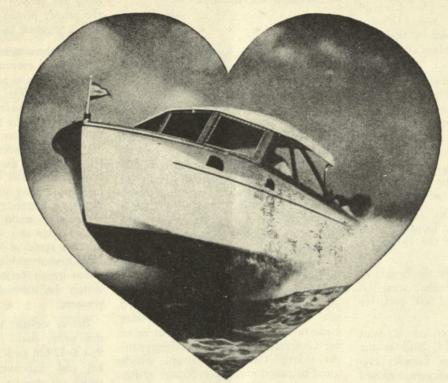


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I LIKE VAN... STINKER THAT

By LEE C. AMBROZY

In order to introduce Van to many of the post-war members of the Auxiliary, I give you the following—Harry R. Vandegrift was the wartime Commander of Flotilla 31, Ocean City, N. J., until December, 1945. At which time, he was elected to Captain of the 3rd Division of the Fourth Coast Guard District, in which capacity he served in 1946 and 1947. In 1947, at the end of his term of office, he asked to be relieved of his line of duty due to business pressure and now he is taking life very easy . . . I LIKE VAN . . .

As a wind-up of the season's activities, a few members decided to honor VAN, to have a boat party for him. A date was set and the announcements were sent or mailed to the members with a stub attached which read as follows; Dear Cliff:

I LIKE VAN—COUNT ME IN......

I'LL HAVE MY BOAT & CAN
TAKE EXTRA

I WANNA GET ON A BOAT— PUT ME WITH SOMEBODY WHO LIKES VAN

I THINK VAN'S A STINKER— SO I AIN'T GOIN'

NAME

ADDRESS ...

You have no idea of the comment received on the return stubs. Believe me, the correspondents poured their hearts out; inquiring why should we have a



A Vandegriftus Variatus held by Van, which was caught off Ocean City, N. J.



fishing party for Van—when he was a fish monger—can't he buy his own fish? Also here are a few excerpts that can be printed; "that he would do anything to put some lead in VAN'S shoes to drop that bird overboard"—another writes that—"I never even heard of VAN",—another statement—"I thought it was just a good press agent scheme to get people out"—another writes—"that he wanted VAN to run the next WAR"—another stub said—"they didn't like VAN but they would be there anyhow". So now you have a vague idea of how the boys feel about VAN. VAN IS A STINKER....

The fishing party assembled in the Ocean City Gardens Lagoon, at which time imprinted tags (with strings attached) were issued to all boats for distribution to everyone aboard. One side of the tag read "I LIKE VAN", the other side of the tag read "VAN IS A STINKER! HO! HO!" Whichever way the wind blew the tag, that side gave your impression of VAN. From modesty's sake WE tried to keep "I LIKE VAN" facing outward, but the wind was tricky and insisted "VAN IS A STINKER! HO! HO!"

The MARY G. and the MARFRAN (being the only boats in the party that were not radio marine equipped) left early for the Bass Banks, while the DESIRE, EDGE, PEANUT, OVER

BROOK and the JOKAIL IV headed for the area offshore the Flanders Hotel, as some weakies were caught there several days previously.

After fishing for about an hour, we decided by radio telephone to move to the Bass Banks. It was at this location that the party really got started. The object of this fishing junket was to catch a fish that resembled VAN. Aboard the Flagship "OVERBROOK," a shark was the first fish caught. Then I hooked into a pretty good sized skate. Commander Bromley picked up the phone-piece and said, "Attention all Flotilla boats, the Vice-Commander has just landed a fish that looks like VAN . . . NO, it doesn't look like VAN . . . this fish has wings . . . I LIKE VAN . . .

It was at this same spot that another shot was fired . . . after preliminary telephone routine was completed, the following recitation came through:

I wish I were a little sea-gull A-flying o'er the deep blue sea And every time that VAN sailed by I'd lift my leg and . . . FISH.

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The air was really jammed . . . comment flying back and forth by radio, with no fish being taken. We decided to move to the Bass Banks-the order given by radio telephone. Each boat swung about and headed for the Banks, the IOKAIL IV leading the way with VAN at the wheel . . . VAN IS A STINKER! HO! HO!

While heading for the Banks, the Flotilla boats (BY RADIO) began checking their compass readings on the course set. It was on this run that SINBAD II's call was picked up by the OVERBROOK. SINBAD II has just left the inlet and was heading for the spot that we had just vacated. SIN-BAD II was told to stand by while we checked the Bass Banks. After the signoff was completed-another voice oozed out of the loud speaker, "that it seemed we were not going to get fish, but that we were going to get a boatride." Immediately another voice broke in and stated "that we were not going for a ride as we were going to give VAN a So the boats did move in a little closer ride." . . . I LIKE VAN.

Arriving at the Bass Banks, we picked up the MARY G. and the MARFRAN. who with their bait intact and their lines still in the water, loyally waited for us and all by itself and not being able us to appear. Getting the information that nary a bite was felt, the fleet swung about and headed NORTH for a spot off the "Elephant" in Margate N. J. Contacting the SINBAD II that we one reason the MARFRAN landed 79 were all heading for the Elephant, the message was confirmed and the SINBAD II joined us at the Elephant rendezvous. It was on this run while communications quieted down that we picked up a call from SINBAD II to UTOPIA at Wildwood . . . owned by Bill Dytch, a former flotilla 31 member. It was on the way to the Bass Banks that Frank Peddle of the PEANUT finally got his call through via Radio Marine to New York City. Ray Heron aboard the EDGE tried several times to make contact for the PEANUT but found the channel busy. VAN IS A STINKER! HO! HO!

The fleet being assembled off the Elephant, with all fishing lines being overboard, it wasn't very long that the water all about us was becoming filled with floating empty cans and again the air jamboree began with the recitation from the PEANUT of "I wish I were a sea-gull etc." . . . "OVERBROOK" to the beautiful ship "DESIRE" "PEANUT" to the "JOKAIL IV" . . . The Poor Fish took second prize. It slightly "OVERBROOK" to the "EDGE" . . .



Left to right: Jack High, Cliff Clark, H. R. Vandegrift, Chas. Easterby, and Commander Bromley, Ocean City Flotilla 31.

close to them as they were pulling the fish as fast as they could rebait the lines and drop them over again. Yes it was true, we could see with our own eyes. to the SINBAD II and drifted with him, more fish were again being caught. While all this rumpus was going on, the MAR-FRAN was fishing some distance from to enjoy the radio comment and scuttlebut that flew all around, for as I said before, the MARFRAN had no radio marine set aboard her. Maybe that is the fish, while the SINBAD II came through with 48 fish caught. I saw some commotion aboard the PEANUT and found out from Frank Peddle that he made a bad mistake. Why didn't someone tell him that the little birds do come aboard the boats off shore to pick up little tidbits and fly away again. Frank saw the



resembled Van, only this one had wings.

SINBAD II calling all boats to move in little bird fly back and forth through the cabin of his boat, which he didn't mind a bit. But brother, when he saw the bird sit (careful now, the word is spelt correctly) on Hawkins' ear, that was time for Frank to throw the bottle away. Yes, Hawkins showed me the bird to prove it ... I LIKE VAN.

> As the sun was nearing the western horizon, the flotilla boats started to head for the lagoon in Ocean City to have their catch inspected to see if anyone was fortunate enough to even catch some outlandish fish that might resemble VAN. LO and BEHOLD, the most outstanding catch was an exotic and wierdest fish seen aboard the JOKAIL IV. It was caught by VAN himself. After much discussion, the fish was named the "Vandegriftus Variatus". The fish even resembles VAN and the only way that a "Fish Fancier" could account for such a phenomena would be to theorize that perhaps there were some mermaids off Ocean City.

Prizes were awarded for each and every boat, yes, we even had booby prizes for each boat. Thanks a million VAN, for being a good sport . . . I LIKE VAN ...

P. S. As Vice Commander and Officer of Operations, I wish to thank all you swell guys, who own marine radios, who have so gallantly relinquished your radio time on the air so that we of Flotilla 31, could carry on our program uninterrupted. Tell me honestly, could you even break through?



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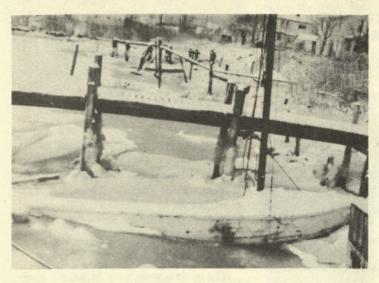
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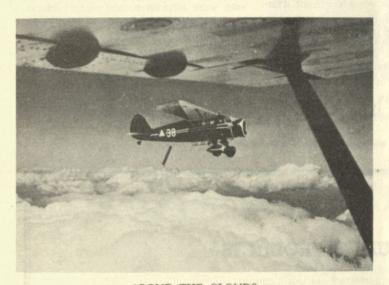
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We were ready to go about eight in the evening, but the weather reports in- he became one of New Jersey's political

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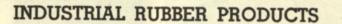


Down the inside passage to Chincoteague

dicated the possibility of a small hurricane visiting the coast north of Hatteras, and knowing we had only the Harbor of Refuge at Lewes, and Ocean City, Maryland, as ports, we decided to wait until morning before leaving Scotty's wharf (in those days owned

leaders). When we did leave about nine o'clock the next morning the seas were not too bad, coming down from the Northeast, and as we passed the Coast Guard Station at Cape May Point, we could see, with binoculars, the two storm-warning flags flying sternly in the breeze. The seas built up a bit and after fifty miles we ran in, about noon, between the new rock piles at Ocean City, Maryland, for a weather report. This inlet had been cut two years before by a September storm and was now flanked by rock piles, but in 1933 we had run in over what had recently been a portion of the town.

The natives were busy battening down for the expected blow, but we were fortunate in meeting two local watermen who were anxious to return to Chincoteague, about thirty-five miles south, who offered to take us down the inside route. which, at that time, had no navigation markers. A few hours later our pilots had us in Chincoteague, where we proand maintained by our friend, before cured a basket of the famous, small, green-shelled ovsters



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We tied up to a combination beer and gas dock, where we learned that ships at sea were reporting gales of hurricane force about a hundred miles south of the Capes.

Here again, they were hauling small boats out on the beach, and we were offered the use of the dock, but we felt that the anchorage was safer, and in the evening dropped our heavy anchor, a thirty-five pounder, and made ready our

smaller one, each with plenty of scope. We slept through a quiet night, and arose thinking the storm was a myth.

The barometer, however, had dropped about a half-inch. One of our pilot friends came bumping alongside in a row boat and was just about to climb aboard when a gust of wind hit us from the northwest, and without even a "good-bye" he cast off and was blown the quarter mile to the shore, the tails of his coat flapping in the breeze. We hugged the lee side of the cabin while watching him, expecting, a dozen times, to see him capsize, but he stepped



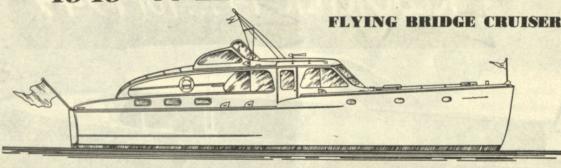
Wind Force 10, after while it settled to a full breeze.

ashore safely. We checked our bearings, having planned what each was to do, and my job was to get the small anchor over and leave out scope. As I made my way forward, I wished I had two hands for myself and one for the ship, it being impossible to stand erect or look into the wind, so strong had it become. George and Al had the motor running when I came aft, but only the instruments told me that, for one could not hear the exhaust, nor could we make ourselves understood to each other without shouting. At this point, it really opened up, and we began to drag the anchors, but with half speed on the engine we held our own. Sheets of water came over the bow, and we stooped low in the cockpit, afraid the windshield would let go and shower us with glass. A sea built up, and we watched several small boats blown down-wind, and signs and everything movable in the town whisked away.

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the fisherman bear down on us. One could see the form of our muscles under our slickers, so hard did the wind and rain beat down on us.

I suppose there was but twenty minutes of this tumult, when it stopped as suddenly as it had begun, and settled down to a full breeze. The barometer rose, and, in looking ashore, we saw that several of the boats at the dock had sunk or were blown away. Breakfast over, we began to chafe at the delay, and ran out to see how the inlet looked, the Atlantic Coast pilot giving depths of as little as a foot over the inside route. The inlet was impossible, so we ran over to Assateague, passing a Coast Guard craft. The old, abandoned fish factory was still standing and we were pleased to see the small shack we had previously used on a fishing trip was still intact. The Coast Guard station called south to other stations and we learned the wind had topped seventy-five miles per hour, but the seas were moderating toward Norfolk. It was about four in the afternoon



Chincoteague - Some of the boats were sunken and some blown away.

the high swells, and one felt as one does in the back seat of a car climbing the Knob in San Francisco, when the radiator would be high out ahead, as was our bow as we climbed the swells at full throttle, then to see it way below us as the swell passed under and we slid down with no power. The seas broke wickedly on the shoals on each side, but when we reached the deeper water, we squared off for Norfolk, now a day behind schedule. It was rough, and the sea bore all sorts of floating debris. It was dark when we picked up before it was possible to go out over the flashes of Cape Charles lighthouse in such a blow.

on our starboard beam, and cooking dinner was a chore, but after following in the clean wake of a freighter for an hour, we arrived in Norfolk. A quiet harbor at the end of a rigorous day quickly makes one forget the rough seas and is one of the greatest satisfactions derived from cruising.

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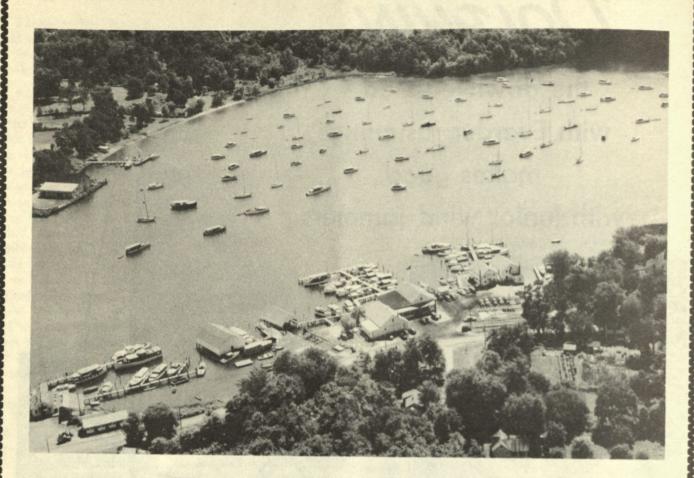
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Before the actual haul out, the boat should be run under full load for at least twenty minutes to thoroughly warm the engine oil for draining and replacement. If there is much sludge present, either clean it out through the hand hole opening, if available, or use one of the commercial solvents sold for this purpose before running the boat.

Be sure to remove all duffle, running gear, food jars, food cans, and particularly all beer and soda bottles. Failure to heed this precaution will cause cans and bottles to roll all over the boat during the hauling operation and bottles will find their way into some corner of the locker or bilge, to freeze and burst with the coming of frost.

Although the actual hauling is assumed to be done by professionals who have the proper equipment to handle the job, see that the following work is done, and precautions observed.

- (a) Wash and scrub the entire hull while the boat is on the ways, making sure to remove every bit of marine growth and barnacles. Once the boat is snuggled in its chocks, the hose and ambition is usually not available; besides, the bottom is easily cleaned while it is still wet.
- (b) There should be a cross timber for at least every fifteen feet of boat with intermediate keel blocks between.
- (c) Make sure that the boat is blocked on an even keel so that the weight is supported on the keel and the chocks serve only as "balancers".
- (d) So as to better conform to the hull shape, wedges at least 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick at the base should be used between the chocks and the hull. These wedges will also serve another useful purpose, namely that of keeping the boat properly balanced in spite of slight changes in the terrain. Chocks are to be spiked down.

(e) Although the boat may be perfectly chocked when hauled out, remember that the ground swells when frozen in the winter, and the timbers will sink into a gooey mess when the thaw comes. Many a boat has been badly warped and its fastenings loosened by ignorance of this fact. To avoid this, make periodic inspections especially after sharp changes in the weather and compensate for this uneven movement of the cross timbers by moving the wedges in or out. This makes it possible to keep the tension or weight evenly distributed on all balancing points without having to move the chocks at the risk of upsetting the boat. The wedges should be 'tacked' down so that they will not move accidentally, but can easily be moved when

- (f) Remove propellers and have them refinished.
- (g) Disconnect propeller shaft flange to relieve shaft strain due to misalignment while hauled out.

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All my youth I have had the wonders of Maine and Northern waters thrust at me as though we poor souls on Chesapeake should hang our heads and apologize for our local waters. Not long ago I sailed from Maine to Sassafras and I am just waiting for some barnacle laden "wiseacre" to look down his snoot and say "Chesapeake Bay", you poor country cousin. Why not go where the boating is good?

We arrived at Maine, which is I admit, beautiful beyond description, in a pea soup fog. Well, we all have fogs, so what. In making inquiries I found that twenty-one of the last thirty days had found the wonders of Maine so obscure that they could be enjoyed only by touch. That, plus the fact that the water was fit only for Eskimos makes me feel that Maine is only for those who can afford a long enough vacation to wait out the weather and not for the two weeks' wage slaves. Next we passed through Buzzards Bay and Block Island Sound. The sailing was wonderful. So good that most anchorages were full of Yachts with a capital "Y" and a poor soul with just an ordinary boat was tolerated, but not encouraged. These waters are good and during their limited season of three months are hard to beat.

In the sound, which is so highly selfvaunted, I should like to point out several objections. First, like most things around New York City there are just too many people. The Yacht Clubs are beautiful, but by force regimented like the subway hoards. The whole time you are at anchor it's one speed boat after another demonstrating what waves it can make and no matter where you go you seem to be in someone's way. Is this recreation? The closer to New York City, the greater the congestion. Now in the Chesapeake I grant you it's hot but look at our long Spring and Fall. The winds are poor in mid-summer but in the Spring and Fall they're good. The wooded harbors and innumerable uninhabited coves are found nowhere else on our coast west of Maine. With six full months to cruise and Yards which regard you as an ordinary Joe out boating, instead of a lamb to be fleeced. I sort of think I'll stick to the Chesapeake. The other Yachting Centers have much to offer and can be visited with profit, but let's not feel relegated to a back seat by any of them.

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BEFORE YOU LAY UP YOUR BOAT

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(h) Remove and replace all packing in water pump, shaft log, and stern bearings and leave glands hand tight till launching time.

Fall work to be done on the boat before covering.

There are many jobs which can be done better in the dry cool fall weather after the boat is hauled out but before placing on the winter cover - a job which should not be done before the really cold weather sets in. Among the suggested jobs are the following:

- (a) Fill in all the digs especially those made by your helpful landlubber friends when hauling out the anchor. This can be done very easily with the proper use of plastic wood. It is not generally known that besides being furnished in its natural color, plastic wood is available in the following colors, white, walnut, light mahogany, dark mahogany and ebony. When applied as directed in the instructions furnished with each tube, digs and abrasions can be filled easily and invisibly.
- (b) Refasten that loose plank that caused that annoying slow leak and check for any dry rot. This is a good time to do carpentry work around the hull or bright work.
- (c) After completing all necessary filling and fastening and carpentry jobs on the outside of the hull you are ready to apply that protective undercoat to the hull and a light varnish coat to the bright work after a thorough sanding.
- (d) Having drained and changed the oil before hauling, you may now turn your attention to the laying up of the
- (1) Drain all water jackets thoroughly and run the engine dry for a few minutes to make sure that the jackets are good and dry. According to instructions supplied with that par-ticular engine, fill the water jackets with light fuel oil or an anti-freeze. This will greatly reduce or eliminate winter corrosion in the engine. Make sure that you properly bleed the system to avoid air pockets. This is done by keeping all petcocks open as you pour in the oil or anti-freeze and closing them as the fluid begins to run out from the lowest petcock and
- (2) Remove all electrical accessories making sure to mark all loose wires with tags for easy replacement in the Spring. These include the coil, condensor, distributor head with its wires

attached, etc. Cover the distributor body with wax paper and fasten it around the body like a cap to exclude dirt and moisture.

- (3) Thoroughly clean the outside of the engine with carbon tetrachloride (not gasoline) and leave a thin film of vaseline on any unpainted. rusty or bright parts of the engine.
- (4) Remove the spark plugs, place an ounce of light anti-rust oil in each cylinder with a spray gun or atomizer while turning the engine over by hand. Close the spark plug openings with corks that will be screwed in. These should be removed monthly the engine turned over by hand, and the corks replaced. This will keep the valve stems from "freezing" in position, and keeps the valve springs from being constantly in the same state of compression for the entire lay-up period.
- (5) Remove the battery, keep it in a cool dry place at home, and see that it is charged periodically and properly serviced. Now, in the comfort of your home work shop, is the time to build that wooden battery

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cover that deprived you of the Efficiency Pennant last season.

- (e) Thoroughly empty and clean out the gasoline tanks with a suction pump used through the fill pipe keeping any spillage out of the bilge.
 - (1) This may be supplemented with plugging the vent openings to reduce condensation of water in the tanks.
- (2) Remove the carburetor for winter cleaning at home, or at a carburetor service station. Cover the intake manifold carburetor flange as suggested for the distributor body.
- similar treatment.
- (4) Store all motor accessories in a warm dry spot in the cellar or heated attic.
- (f) Having finished with the motor. clean the bilge thoroughly using any of the good bilge solvents available. If the bilge gets a chance to dry out because of dry weather, this is the right time to apply that coat of paint. See that the drain plug is removed, and left out for the winter.
- removing the drain plug, or "breaking" the union at the lowest point. Keep it open till Spring, otherwise water con-

the pipe or tubing and cause it to burst when frozen.

- (h) Clean the cabin finishes and do that paint scraping job where the blisters have appeared on the underside of the cabin top. This is a tedious job which can best be done leisurely in cool weather. Touch up any spots in the paint or bright work that have been marred by excess wear.
- (i) Now, and not in the Spring, is the time to do that slight remodeling job of building that needed locker, or turning the stove around, thwartship, or any of those other little jobs which (3) Remove the fuel pump for you will not do in the Spring when you are itching to get her overboard.
 - (j) By this time the weather has turned cold and you are ready for the cover. Don't waste your efforts by trying to make an old rotten cover "go just one more winter." This is false economy at its best.
- (k) Build a good, light, but substantial framework to support the canvas without leaving any pockets or troughs in which water and snow can accumulate. Make sure there is plenty of pitch (g) Drain the fresh water system by to the roof strakes, so that the minimum amount of snow remains there. A recent article in one of the boating magazines describes a framework made with densing in the tank will accumulate in conduit pipe and awning fittings which

is easily built and serviced. If wood is used for the framework, screws (brass) instead of nails for fastening the pieces together will make a more satisfactory job. Although the initial job is greater, you will be amply repaid later by the ease with which the framework is put together in the Fall and disassembled in the Spring - without the usual splintering of the ends of the pieces when taking it apart.

Fasten the canvas well. Protect the edge and you protect all the cover for that keeps out the wind. However. do not keep out the air. Failure to observe this rule has caused untold damage to the boat's "innards."

- (1) Following the above suggestions will serve to prolong your season around the boat; it will materially increase the life of the boat; and will greatly diminish and facilitate your work in the Spring when you are being rushed out of the way so that the other fellow who followed the above "fall treatment" suggestions can get overboard.
- (m) Last but not least, do not forget to inspect the boat's blocking after a marked change in temperature, and alter the wedges to suit the shifting of the cross timbers.

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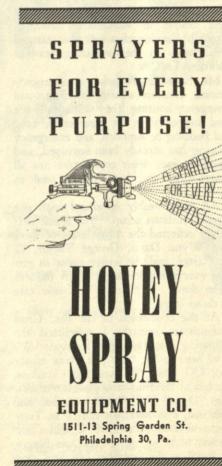
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AUXILIARY DISTRICT COMMUNICATION BOARD MEETING SA **8 OCTOBER, 1948**

1. The main item on our agenda was the discussion of fall and winter plans, particularly setting up liaison with the American Red Cross. To be able to successfully start any program, it is well to start at the bottom, and work up interest, and participation of the Red Cross on a county by county scale. With this in mind, we here in the Southern part of the District, naturally selected the county in which many of us reside, namely, Camden County, under Mr. Sans Angel, Executive Secretary, and Mr. Dick Harris, Safety Services, which includes water safety, small boat handling, and boat safety. The third member of the Red Cross party present was Mr. H. L. Keller, who is head of First Aid training, and gave a talk on plans for the fall. First Aid Instructors course starting on 19 October, in Red Cross Headquarters, Old Court House, Camden, at the same time First Aid training will start. This course runs for 20 hours. He invited any who wished to enroll. because it would benefit all to be able to be of assistance at any time, especially if we were called out on an emergency.

Mr. Harris talked on water safety, swimming, boat handling, he stated that their course in small boat handling. Senior life saving class will also start on 19 October in the swimming pool at Camden YMCA.

Mr. Sans Angel spoke on emergency rations, canteen service, bedding, and emergency housing. They will supply the food necessary in an emergency, cots, and bedding be supplied, and emergency housing has already been surveyed, and places known, their committees are all functioning, and have things well in hand.

All were visibly impressed with our communications setup. The shack definitely reflected the many hours of work that Wynn Davis, George Taylor, C. A. Carter, and the writer spent in getting everything in shape; much remains to be done. In time we will take care of those items.

At the conclusion of the Red Cross Committees remarks I submitted the following for their consideration: We have here in the Southern Area of the 3rd, CG Dist., 10 fixed radio stations, located at the following places: Atlantic City, Drexel Hill, Pa., Woodcrest, and Ashland, 2 in Merchantville, 1 in Trenton, and Somers Point, N. J., and a new station to be set up in Hamilton Square ent was one Commander E. Budd Maras soon as the operator can find time to take the Amateur exam. Also 1 in

Wilmington, Del., and a new station and vessel radio to be inspected in Rehoboth Del., and this our Primary Station in Haddonfield, interspersed with these fixed stations. We have 18 mobile stations, and 1 Comm. Truck. At various seashore, Delaware River, and Chesapeake Bay areas, we have 18 boats of all kinds, and sizes that are radio equipped, and inspected, and are available for use at any time, during the late spring, summer, and autumn months

The range of the fixed stations is an proximately 125 miles, while the mobile units have an average range of 10 to 20 miles, depending on conditions, some of these mobile stations operate in the UHF spectrum, and are ideal for short range work.

The range of the Primary Station with the transmitter in use right now, which is the BC 375 E, is 125 miles, but within the next two weeks this range will be extended to 300 miles on CW, and approximately the same range

The visiting committee members were again visibly impressed with our Area layout. They did not know that such a group as ours existed. Mr. Angel said that further conference would be held with Col. Taylor, Vice-Chairman of disaster relief, 2nd Div. Capt. Elmer J. Pearl and myself, to further coordinate the plans of the Auxiliary Communications group, and the Red Cross. they need the help of instructors for Mr. Pearl is to be commended on his efforts, and many talks he has had prior to this meeting with Red Cross Officials. in getting this program going.

2. Plans were discussed about a full field drill rendezvous, the place suggested was Lebanon State Forest, the time the week-end of 6-7 November. Mr. Angel said that himself and Mr. Harris will be present, also as many more, that can be contacted between now, and time of field drill.

3. The agenda for Communications is rather crowded for the balance of the month of October. On Monday, 11 October, Mr. Pearl, Wynn Davis, and myself are guests of Salem Flot. at a dinner meeting in Pennsgrove, to put on a radio demonstration on 165.325 MCS. Wed. 20, Wynn Davis and the Comm. Truck and driver are invited to a joint meeting of Flot. 21 Quaker City, Flot. 24 Delaware River Yacht Club, and Flot. 26, Trenton at Flot. 21's Hdqtrs. at Wissinoming Yacht Club, Lardners Point, Phila. then on Thursday 21, the District Staff meeting at Comptons, Audubon, N. J. Main purpose of meeting will be election of top officers for the coming year.

4. You will notice among those prester, III, USCGR (T), who was asked (Continued on Page 31)





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Captain Mauerman has been a real friend to the Auxiliary in this area, and the present success of the organization is due in large measure to his continued interest and assistance in its plans and activities.

All members join in cordially wishing Captain Mauerman the best of everything in his new assignment.

AUX. DISTRICT COM. MEETING

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to say a few works. I did not apprise him beforehand that he would be called on to speak. In his opening remarks he stated he was no silver tongued orator, but he certainly held the attention of all present. He commended all of us for our work in the field of communications, keeping ourselves fit, and prepared to be of service to our fellow man. He praised especially the contemplated plans of liaison with the Red Cross. I renewed my friendship with Commander Marter at the Cape May Rendezvous. I remembered his name, and finally was able to connect where I had met him before. Several years ago he made an extended trip thru Alaska, photographing in technicolor, the mountain sheep that abound in the back country. This movie was shown at our Flotilla during the War, Comdr. Marter making comments at that time.

5. The following were present.

C. A. Carter, AADCO; Winfield E. Davis, Flotilla 25 CO; George A. Taylor, Flotilla 25; Fred Lahm, Flotilla 22; L. E. Maynard, Flotilla 52 CO, and Commander; A. R. Young, Flotilla 52 CO, and Commander; C. L. Allen, Flotilla 26 Vice Commander; C. L. Allen, Flotilla 26 Vice Captain, 2nd Division; E. Wojton, Flotilla 21; H. Apel, Flotilla 21; W. E. Gibson, Flotilla 22 Secretary, Editor Comm. Bulletin; E. C. Bleam, Flotilla 21; L. G. Obermiller, Flotilla 21; N. H. Leek, Flotilla 21 CO; Edward Klein, Flotilla 21; Wm. Garry, Jr., 2nd Division CO; Don Sheard, Flotilla 34; John McIntosh, Flotilla 34 T.O.; Alan Thomas, Flotilla 34; Jess Vanaman, Flotilla 34 Vice Commander; Mark Scoble, Flotilla 34 CO; Thomas W. Stewart, Flotilla 25; E. Budd Marter, III, USCGR(T); Herbert D. Williamson, Flotilla 22 CO; D. C. Wallace, Flotilla 23 CO; Sans Angel, A.R.C.; H. L. Keller, A.R.C.; Dick Harris, A.R.C.; Elmer J. Pearl, Captain 2nd Division; James F. Davis, Flotilla 24 CO; Harry Spitzkoff, Flotilla 24; W. G. Young, Flotilla 23; W. L. Yingst, Sr., ADCO SA.

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DELAWARE RIVER DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

By BOB BAILEY

With District Board elections completed, Division elections underway and Flotilla campaigning in full swing, the Delaware River Division is laying the groundwork for another successful season in 1949.

This column desires to congratulate our new Vice-Commodore Claude S. Brubaker in behalf of the members of the Second Division. The entire Division will support you, Claude, in all your undertakings. "Pete" Bauer as District Training Officer is no stranger to these pages. A former columnist in TOPSIDE, Pete has long been active in Auxiliary affairs.

Nominations for officers in our Division are in the Director's hands for approval—Elmer Jackson Pearl, Captain; Robert J. Bailey, Vice-Captain; Arthur Herzog, George Savage and Ross MacDonald for Training Officer.

This Division has promoted a number of joint inter-flotilla meetings in conjunction with a demonstration of Communications equipment. On the 20 October 1948 78 members of Flotillas 21, 24 and 26 participated in such a meeting at the Wissonoming Yacht Club. On 26 October a group of men from 23, 25 and 27 joined in a night of good fellowship at the Comm. Shack. The 28th brought about a joint meeting at Trenton of Flotillas 13 and 26 with about 40 in attendance. Let us continue the interflotilla meetings . . . does anyone have any suggestions of inter-flotilla competitions which might be promoted in the Division?

A social evening for the members of the Second Division and their wives would do much to acquaint Auxiliarists with one another and provide winter diversion. Talk it up in your flotilla and let's look forward to a big evening.

Your columnist likes to cull from current issues of the Coast Guard Bulletin, items that may be of interest to all hands

Delaware River as early as 1767 . . . when we think of what the ice does to buoys in our local creek, we should remember that in 1925 the whistle buoy was missing from Frying Pan Shoal for 18 months and finally turned up in the Irish Channel . . Sinbad, the famous mascot of the famous cutter Campbell, after 11 years of sea duty is to be transferred ashore to the Barnegat, N. J. Coast Guard Station . . . the Coast Guard has been experimenting with airborne lifeboats dropped by parachute from a Coast Guard B-17 .

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TRENTON FLOTILLA 26 PROMOTES MARINE OUTING

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Here you see Bill Feaster's Valkyrie swinging away from the Bordentown Yacht Club to head the parade down Crosswicks Creek to the Delaware and Florence Island. That's Bill Garry and Charlie Rebman you see providing ballast in the stern.



Bob Bailey shows his daughter, Judy, how to handle the tiller as they cruise down stream.



In this view of the boats as they anchor and tie up at Florence Island you see Bill Garry, Charlie Rebman, Bill Feaster, and Jules Shein together with other members of their families.



This group photo of the boats participating shows the fleet Trenton turns out for a good time. Charlie Wyckoff's Betcha arrived after this photo was taken.



Al Young looks over the situation while Mildred Bailey and Ruth Young give the camera the once over with their families. They're aboard a Navy double-ender borrowed for the occasion to transport the supplies for the shindig. We hope you can't read the labels on the cases. In the background you see our genial secretary, Jack Scott, with his daughter, Peggy, George Steiner and Jim Stolcz aboard Jack's catboat the Cobina.



Some of the gang having picnic lunch ashore. As part of the shore program games were arranged for the children and grown-ups alike, with appropriate prizes. The biggest laugh of the afternoon came with the egg throwing contest . . . they turned out to be FRESH and spatterable as many a contestant can well inform you, as he took a bath in the river to remove the remains. Owen Evans, Pop Walker and Joe Pritsch really put on a swell afternoon.