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TOPSIDE

Thanks, Congratulations and Best of Luck to LCDR Herman G. Pinter — Don't Forget Us...



By Joseph L. Krager, District Commodore

Our Director, LCDR Herman G. Pinter will be leaving his position as Director of this District as he retires from the Coast Guard. Let's pause for a retrospective glance at the past two years and consider the direction in which Diraux, H. G. Pinter has guided us.

In the Spring 1972 issue of Topside the Director defined his goals and objectives. They were to phase in and make operative a system of parallel staffing, enlarge the weekly mailing system, make more projectors available for PEC's and revise the Diraux Memo system. These specific goals were to be worked into a general framework of reducing frivolous paperwork, continued growth of all Auxiliary programs and maintain the high standards expected in all business and social functions.

Since that writing, some twenty (20) months ago, I have seen positive action taken towards the fulfillment of each of these goals. Parallel staffing has been in effect for more than a year and a half. Frankly, it still has some rough edges, but overall the system is working well. My staff, in a majority of cases, is receiving the necessary data to make an accurate report more efficient than was previously possible.

Rumor has it that it took some fancy finagling to get purchase requests thru, but the Gloucester office now has the capacity to mail directly to the VFC's and SO-MAT's.

This, of course, is in addition to the weekly mail already going to Commodores, DSO's, DCP's and FC's. This, I feel, was a major contribution to insuring continuity as VFC's move up the Auxiliary chain.

Obtaining projectors was a project that required a critical eye to be kept on this District's operating budget, to insure that monies become available to purchase this much needed projection equipment. In fact we now have over 80 pieces of projection gear in the Southern Area as compared to less than 10 two years ago.

The starch was removed from the Diraux Memo System; fewer formal memorandums and more informal reminders, i.e., the weekly NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST. Granted, his pictures were not "X" rated, but the information was markedly easier to assimilate, thus being of significant advantage to those enslaved in paperwork.

We have experienced with this counseling, growth in all areas and of course, all our rendezvous, meetings, dinners and the like have been as successful as ever. We all know how he could enjoy our rendezvous.

Although not one of his defined objectives, a major stride was taken when this District began using Auxiliary automated data rosters. The information provided on these roster printouts is a great aid to Flotillas and the Divisions. This indeed was an unforeseen bonus from which we will continually derive benefit.

Considering that a director must work either with the concurrence or objection of 3100 Southern Area Auxiliarists, his position is quite tenuous. It is rare to find an individual who can set his goals, establish a plausible program and remain stalwart to insure that it achieves fruition.

It has been our pleasure to work with him, an asset to be associated with him and a genuine loss to say Good-Bye. We all wish you and your family good fortune!

REPORTS

By William Dischert, RCO(E)

In these times of relaxed morality, we often see words in newspapers and magazines that would have been taboo just a few short years ago. Since so-called "dirty" words are in common usage, there is no reason to eliminate them from TOPSIDE. In view of this I would like to discuss what many Auxiliarists consider the "dirtiest" word in the Auxiliary. What is that word? — **REPORTS.**

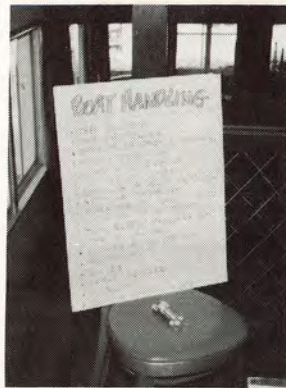
As an Auxiliarist progresses from BQ'd member to Examiner, Instructor, appointed and elected officer, reports become more and more important. It was during my terms as DSO-CE that I came to fully realize the true value and significance of each report. Without them, every Auxiliary Program would cease to exist, as would, eventually, the Auxiliary. Remember the story, "For want of a nail a shoe was lost, etc., etc., etc."

While I must admit that there is an abundance of reports to file, I must also state that each one is of utmost importance. I believe that there is no doubt that the BQ'd member is the very lifeblood that sustain our organization.

Congressional appropriations for the Auxiliary are based in direct proportion to our achievements. The only way that Congress can determine what we have accomplished is by the submission of ALL reports.

One report not submitted may seem most insignificant to an individual but when viewed from the National level it is just the opposite. Let us take for example, the CME Program. The failure by one examiner to submit just one examination means little, but suppose that every qualified active examiner in 1972 failed to submit one examination and we see that over 11,000 would not have been reported. This is a very considerable figure and would result in the reduction of funds appropriated. This holds true for each Auxiliary Program.

Flotilla 49 Takes Top Honors In Training Aids Contest Held At Our North East Rendezvous



By Thomas Dowling, DCO-AIDE

Flotilla 49, West Chester, Pennsylvania wins Training Aid Contest. A near record number of training aids were submitted for the Training Aids Contest held in connection with the North East Rendezvous. Eight Flotillas submitted a total of 12 Entries. Photographed is the winning entry from Flotilla 49. It illustrated by means of "Flip Cards" with most of the very important points covered during the 12 Lesson BS&S PEC. In addition to the cards a "Piling" (a cardboard tube) was available for practical work.

The other entries were: Flotilla 79, "Fire Triangle"; Flotilla 42, "Four Phase Buoy"; Flotilla 5-10, "Aids to Navigation and Introduction to Piloting"; Flotilla 45, "Marlinspike Seamanship" & "CME & PE Instruction"; Flotilla 26, "Operational Boat" & "Compass & Bearing Aid"; Flotilla 11, "Auxiliary Communications Refresher"; Flotilla 51, "Simulated Radio Telephone" & "Sail Rig Mock-Up"; and Flotilla 49, "Flip Cards" & "Marlinspike Seamanship".

Let's double this number next year.



Safe Boating and a New Marine Police Station

Kicking off National Safe Boating Week July 1 through July 7, 1973 and the opening of the new Marine Police Station in Delran, New Jersey, Mayor Lorraine Schmierer and District Commander Steve Zwarych, Department of Marine Law Enforcement, State of New Jersey, display the official Safe Boating Week Poster while Station Commander John J. Blazich (left) and Patrolman



Peter J. Loscalzo look on. On Sunday, July 1, a Marine Parade with air drop, water safety demonstrations and water skiing show along with the United States Coast Guard vessel Red Oak, was held on the Delaware River off the Linden Avenue ramp at the intersection of the river and the Rancocas Creek. This event started at 2:00 pm.

CONTESTANTS

Division I — Kathy O'Connor — 18 years of age. Graduate of John Dickinson High School.

Division II — Dianne Neuber — 17 years of age. A senior at Neshaminy High School.

Division IV — Patricia Ann Burns — 17 years of age. A senior at Ridley Senior High.

Division V — Diane Sheaffer — 17 years of age. Senior at Delone Catholic High School.

Division VI — Sally Rutkowski — 20 years of age. Will be entering the University of Pennsylvania.

Division VII — Susan Marina — 17 years of age. Attends Southern Regional High School.

Division VIII — Judy Varallo — 22 years of age. Graduate of Glassboro State College, New Jersey.

Division X — Michele Bitting — 18 years of age. Graduate of Salisbury Township High School.

Division XII — Denise Sutton — 17 years of age. Senior at Dover High School.

Division XIII — Carol Ann Emmel — 17 years of age. Attending Camden Catholic High School.



WOMEN'S CORNER

By Lenore Roush, DWAC

Hi, it's me again!

Well here comes that time again, for some of us, when we will be putting our boats away for the winter, although we will be having at least a month of good boating. I hope the boating season was enjoyed by all.

The gals in 3rd (SA) have been busy examining boats and have quite a few CE's to their credit. The totals have not been received as yet, but hope by the next issue to be able to report what we have accomplished.

There are thirty-two (32) gals who have passed the RTIE course. There are sixty-five (65) who have the RTO/RTC rating. According to reports, this is the highest total in the United States. Ladies, we are proud of you.

JUDGING

By Lenore Roush, DWAC

After judging the 10 contestants Kathy O'Connor was crowned Safe Boating Queen by Linda Shetzler, 1973's retiring Queen on Saturday afternoon, 15 September 1973, at the Cape May Coast Guard Base. She will be representing the Third District (SA) at various functions during her reigning year of 1974.

Kathy was sponsored by Ed Szumowski, IPDCP of Division I and his wife, Carolyn. She is a beautiful 18 year old with black hair and brown eyes, 5'6" in height and 130 pounds. She lives in Wilmington, Delaware and is a graduate of John Dickinson High School where she was a color guard in the band. Her hobbies include bowling, tennis and swimming.

Kathy plans on entering nursing school in the near future.

Congratulations from everyone in the Third Southern Area, Kathy.

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1974 WINNER
KATHY O'CONNOR
SAFE BOATING QUEEN
☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆



Photos by Fred Weicht

The membership among the ladies in 3rd (SA) is the third highest in the U.S. Each year our membership has been increasing as the ladies become more aware of our participation in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As the membership increases, so do our Courtesy Examiners and Instructors.

The gals are also interested in becoming uniformed. A new price list and uniform information will be sent to all DivWACs who in turn will pass it on to their FloWACs. If there are questions at any time on the activities or if you have a uniform problem, feel free to contact your DWAC or DivWAC or FloWAC and I am sure they will get your answer for you.

The District Safe Boating Queen contest which will be held 15 September at Cape May has been progressing very well. We now have ten (10) young ladies who will compete for District Queen. By the pictures received, I am glad I am not a judge, because they will have a hard time making a selection. May the Queen, whoever she is have a happy and successful year as a representative of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I am happy to tell you the reporting system has picked up a bit, but still not as complete as it should be.

Well, as they say, "That's All Folks" till next time when I hope to have more to report to the ladies following the National Conference.



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

The Auxiliary often awards a token of appreciation to various persons, groups, or organizations for some benefit or privilege it has received through them. However, it is a turnabout for an organization to show their appreciation for the benefits they have received from the Auxiliary.

Such is the sign I saw this summer, at the Cedar Creek Launching Ramps, on the Mispillion River, in lower Delaware. Sleuthing led me to Robert A. Carson, DSO-COM as being responsible in part for the sign. Bob is a past president of Delaware Bay Sports Fishing Association, Inc., the organization which donated the sign. While Bob was still president of the Association, the members indicated they wanted to do something that would help Division XII's operational activities, and at the same time benefit the public. After some Consultation with the Director, on wording; and Paragon Press, doing the lettering, the signs were erected. Bob tells me there is a similar sign on the Murderkill River.

DIVISION & FLOTILLA NEWS

DIVISION I

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

TELEVISION



L. to r. Frank Baker, Director of Programing and Paul V. McKnight, Program Supervisor of Rollins CableVision, Wilmington, Delaware, are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the June/July issue of TOPSIDE by Thomas Dowling, SPO-NSBW-I. The presentation was made live on the air during the "Coffee and Conversation" program 15 August 1973.

NEWSPAPER



Good Grief! I't Tom again. This time he wanted to let Cy Liberman, who writes a column on boating called "Fun Outdoors" in the "Evening Journal", Wilmington, Delaware, know the Auxiliary appreciates all the fine coverage he has given us over the years.

DIVISION II

OLD TIMERS

By Robert Fairheller, DCP, Div. II

While delving into the history of Flotilla 21 we came up with an interesting fact.

Seven members of our Flotilla can boast an aggregate total of over 200 years of membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The members and their total amount of years are as follows: J. Sader, 33 years; D. Feuman, 31 years; R. Weldon, 30 years; R. Fairheller, 30 years; L. Fettig, 29 years; H. Apel, 29 years; and A. Martino, 20 years.

No doubt there are other "Old Timer" members in other Flotillas, and it would be interesting to know how many are still active.

The Auxiliarist at Yorktown, VA. N.B.S.S. Summer 1973

By Charles W. Forbes, Flot. 21, Div. II

After two weeks at the (N.B.S.S.) National Boating Safety School which has been in existence for almost a year located in Yorktown, Va., one wonders why this hadn't started long before now. The staff is headed by LCDR William H. Wilson, Jr. and manned by regular Coast Guardsmen. All the finest and most knowledgeable gentlemen gathered in one spot to dispense one theme, safe boating, your writer has ever witnessed. The two week course is divided in two parts; first week CME and all its latest rules, regulations, and teaching devices. The second week Instructor training and how to encourage Auxiliarists to do more instructing effectively. We had the most modern techniques including closed circuit TV with two monitors. After reviewing yourself on TV the staff and LCDR Wilson reviewed what you had done categorically. At the end of both weeks we received certificates acknowledging the successful completion of both courses. CAPT L. D. High, Commanding Officer of the Yorktown Coast Guard Base, took time out from his extremely busy schedule to welcome us to the base both weeks we were there. LCDR Clifford Banner flew down from Washington the last day of the first week to talk with us about our local Auxiliary problems and how Washington could help to straighten them out. There are only two problems with the courses taken nationally and both are relative. The first is time, the second is money. Both of these are important, but certainly not more important than the saving of lives by more safe boating in your local area.

The problem of geographic location arose; where should these courses be held? The answer was unanimous to keep the school at the Yorktown Coast Guard Base. This was because the base is set up to handle a school, its proximity to water, plus the historical

location and being on a National Military base. These courses should always be given with the idea of Auxiliarists gathering from all parts of the country to meet and to exchange ideas and problems and to meet the national military personnel that guide the Auxiliary. The by-product of these courses are many, varied, and unique and with the inaugural of the Auxiliarists participating there is no end to the good that can come from this type of education. A heartfelt "Well Done" and thanks to all those at N.B.S.S.

Don't Learn Boating By Accident

DIVISION IV

By Dr. William Carty, FSO-PUB, Flot. 49

Flotilla 49 was awarded first place in the Training Aids Competition at the 3rd District (SA) Rendezvous for its entry of posters by Howard Thorne, PFC, illustrating several chapters of the text of "Boating Safety and Seamanship", and a Marlinspike demonstration and practice board simulating situations aboard ship, which was designed by Howard Thorne and Oscar Zell, PC, and constructed by the latter. Flotilla 49 also received recognition for sending the largest representation to the Rendezvous.

During the week of 2 July, Flotilla 49 manned a Safe Boating Week display at Exton Square, Exton, Pennsylvania. A motorboat and a sailboat were exhibited with the equipment required for a Courtesy Motorboat Examination Decal. Literature on Safe Boating and Safety Equipment was available. Films on Water Safety were shown continuously. Information on Public Education classes was given to many interested visitors.

DIVISION V

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

Division V held its Picnic and Queen contest at the Public Landing at Long Level on Sunday, 12 August with a large number in attendance. Miss Diane Shaffer was chosen as the Division Queen. Miss Shaffer was selected out of four contestants to represent Division V at the Cape May Rendezvous in September. Part of the afternoon program at Long Level was a Fire Extinguisher demonstration put on by Firefighters' John

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Division V continued

C. Brindle, Sr. and Robert F. Lyter of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire. A good number of the general public that was present at the public landing also attended the demonstration.

Since the last Topside National Safe Boating Week has come and gone and so has most of our CME programs for the summer months. As of this writing the CME program is not as big as it was last year even with the flood. You still have time to get out and get enough to fulfill your quota and to remain qualified for next year. Let's not forget the new regulations on the PFD's effective 1 October 1973.

Now is the time to evaluate your Flotilla and find out how you stand in regards to meeting the requirements for the Director's Honor Roll. You still have four months left to bring all the requirements in line in order to be placed on the Honor Roll.

With the summer boating season drawing to a close it is time to turn our thoughts to the fall boating courses. Of course, I am sure that we have many pictures of our summer outings that we may view and that will bring back many of the memories you had of this summer. Some of you may have taken a cruise that was of interest and will be showing these pictures of your trip to the members of your Flotilla and maybe some other Flotillas in your area. For the most part, the Cape May Rendezvous marks the end of the outdoor gatherings, also the Cape May Rendezvous is the climax of the Flotilla and Division Queen Contests. Miss Diane Shaffer this year will represent Division V. Good Luck.

FLOTILLA CALL

Flotilla 51 — had a summer rendezvous at Battery Island on the Susquehanna River at Goldsboro on June 24th and selected their Safe Boating Queen. She is Miss Terri Straub of Camp Hill. Miss Straub is a 1973 graduate of Cedar Cliff High School. She is interested in sports of all types. Terri expects to attend Penn State this fall. Miss Vicki Reichert, a student at Cedar Cliff, was the first runner up. About sixty members turned out for the occasion at Goldsboro. On July 22nd the Flotilla had a rendezvous at Cabin John Creek. As the day began, the weather looked threatening and many of the members did not take a chance. However, as the day progressed, good old Mother Nature changed her mind and gave us a beautiful day. Those members attending had a delightful time. Another rendezvous is being planned for August 26th in the Chester River. Hope old Mother Nature doesn't forget about it.

Flotilla 52 — held a two day CME Station at Stone Harbor, New Jersey recently and inspected some 93 boats. On 7 July we held

our annual rendezvous at the USCG Base Still Pond. Many had corn-on-the-cob for the first time this year. Again on 17 September we will be putting on the feed bag again for our annual clam bake. With the fall season just around the corner we must think about our fall training schedule and not our stomachs, so on 26 September it will be back to the class room with the fall boating courses.

Flotilla 54 — on the evening of 26 June we held our Flotilla picnic and Queen contest at Lake Clarke Rescue Squad Club grounds which was well attended. Assistant Director, LCDR Joseph Tamalonis, Wilber Mowery and Babs Gilbert after deliberating for some time picked Miss Diane Shaffer as the Queen out of five contestants. (Miss Shaffer was selected as the Division V Queen). We also have a permanent CE Station at Penns Beach Dock Inc., Harve de Grace, Md. The owners of the Penns Beach Dock Inc. have a remarkable safety attitude in that they will not sell a boat unless it meets the USCGAUX CME standards.

Flotilla 57 — in conjunction with the Hemlock Council of Girl Scouts conducted a course in the fundamentals of canoe handling and water safety for seventeen Cadet Girl Scouts at the Pennsylvania Power and Light's Montour Preserve with Paul Aunkst doing the instructing. Members have been busy this summer with the manning of CME Stations in our area but, report that the boaters just aren't getting their boats inspected this year like they have in the past.

DIVISION VII

By Kenneth J. Moore, SO-PR, Div. VII

A new Flotilla has been organized, chartered and has started operations in Toms River, N.J.

Flotilla 71 has 14 charter and four conditional members.

The charter was presented 6 June 1973 by LCDR Herman G. Pinter, DIRAUX, Third Coast Guard District, (SA) to Flotilla 71's new commander W. Richard Steele of Toms River. Mr. Steele is a professional photographer.



Taking part in the charter ceremonies were Third District's (SA) Vice Commodore Lloyd Furber and Division VII Captain Edward T. Marshall.



Also attending the ceremonies was Leslie Conrad, commander of Flotilla 7-11 of Bayville, N.J., which was credited with starting Flotilla 71. He attended most of the organizational meetings which were conducted by DCP Marshall.

VCO Furber gave the new unit its charge of duties and responsibilities after LCDR Pinter presented the charter. Coffee and cake were served following the meeting, conducted at the Steele Studio of Photography, 1201 Highway 37 East, Toms River, New Jersey. Meetings are being held at the Steele Building on the second Friday of each month at 2000 hours.

Serving as vice commander of the new Flotilla is Gerritson H. Burch of Toms River, a Navy career man.

Besides Steele and Burch, the charter members are: Robert B. Arnold, Harris and Marion Burch, Rose B. Burch, John H. G. Boer, Joseph Dudek, John J. Loiacono, George W. Marang, Kenneth J. and Ethel S. Moore and Barbara W. Steele, all of Toms River, and Frederick T. Helmer of Pine Beach, New Jersey.

Conditional members are Raymond O. and Lorraine E. Klett, Stanley J. Novinske and Irene Wojcik, all of Toms River.

Staff officers appointed by Steele include: Secretary-treasurer, Marion Burch; membership training, Helmer; public education, Boer; Courtesy boat examinations, Loiacono; operations, Harris Burch; career coordination, Novinske, materials, Marang; and membership growth and retention, publications and public relations, Moore.

By V. K. Pearson, FSO-PUB., Flot. 7-12

Flotilla 7-12, based at Barnegat Light Coast Guard Station on Long Beach Island, winners of 3rd District (SA) top award in 1972, are making definite signals of repeating their award getting endeavors this year. Last year 7-12 won the Past District Commodore's trophy, District Board trophy, Courtesy CME Award and District Operations Award. These awards were presented at the Winter Conference at King of Prussia, Pa., and the Flotilla also was placed on the Director's Honor Roll for the second time in its brief two-year existence.

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Division VII continued

This year, after seven months of activity, 7-12 has recorded 1,044 CME's compared with 752 at the same time last year; 364 support missions at Barnegat Light and Beach Haven Coast Guard Stations, compared with approximately the same number as last year; 24 assists as compared with 11; 21 SAR missions as compared to 15; 8 safety patrols, same as last year; 2 Regatta patrols against none last year.

In addition 7-12 has completed one 12-lesson BS&S course, one 7-lesson Sailing Course, one 3-lesson course, three 1-lesson courses which include two for "Project 1,000,000", which taught safe boating to approximately 150 Boy Scouts. This places 7-12 ahead of last year on Public Education courses.

There have been 10 Specialty Course Certificates issued to Flotilla members and three new members have BQ'd this year, with definite plans for more qualified new members and specialty course examinations.

It appears Flotilla 7-12 may make the Director's Honor Roll for three years in a row, and carry away more hardware from the next Winter Conference.

By Dorothy Mandra, FSO-PR, Flot. 79

A spirited Safe Boating Week was observed by the people of Lacey Township under the leadership of Flotilla 79, Forked River, New Jersey.

Starting in May, Auxiliarist Frances Lydixen conducted assemblies for the Safe Boating Poster Contest at the Forked River and Lanoka Harbor Elementary Schools. At the assemblies a short safe-boating course, developed by Mrs. Lydixen for elementary school children, was presented, and a movie was shown by Jim Sonia, VFC. At Award Assemblies in June, Mrs. Lydixen presented plastic boats containing silver dollars to the winners. Prizes were \$5, \$4, \$3, and \$2 at each school.

At the Township Committee Meeting on June 15th, a letter from the Flotilla was read by Mayor McNally as follows

"Proclamation 4185 by the President of the United States designates July 1 thru 7, 1973, as National Safe Boating Week and urges all Americans who use our waterways to take advantage of the numerous boating safety courses offered by governmental and private organizations to help make their stay afloat as safe as it is enjoyable."

Flotilla 79 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Forked River, urges participation by the people of Lacey Township in observing Safe Boating Week. This is a water-oriented community. The pleasures of boating are self-evident and the hazards, in general, can be minimized by education.

For its part, all year, the Flotilla is active in presenting safe boating courses for all age groups and in conducting Courtesy Motorboat Examinations and Rescue and Patrol Missions. Special events are scheduled to highlight Safe Boating Week. On June 30, during the morning hours, there will be an explosion and fire-at-sea rescue practice in joint venture with the Lacey Township First Aid Squad. The Captain's Inn Dock will be termini of operations. (Rain date will be July 7th). Open House at the First Aid Building, Forked River, will be held during the evening of July 7th, which will include a one-lesson course in safe boating. Amongst other displays will be posters made by the Forked River and Lanoka Harbor elementary school children for the Flotilla's Safe Boating Poster Contest. The public is invited."

On June 30th, everything went off on schedule. The mock disaster practice received excellent press and radio coverage. During the event, Mayor McNally and Chief of Police Thomas Darmody took part as if it were a real emergency. Police photographer, James Stockton, and two newspaper reporters/photographers were aboard small craft close to the scenes of action. Radio inter-communications were furnished by Ocean County Emergency Assistance Network. Ed Ritchings, FSO-OP, aboard his craft, Bob-Cat III, was in charge of operations. First-Aiders were ferried out to the north point of land on the Forked River at Barnegat Bay where they set up field operations. There they gave first aid to the "survivors" of the disaster who were then rushed by boats to ambulances waiting at the dock. This was all very realistic; even a mock premature baby was delivered. A combined action such as this joint venture would be urgently needed in hurricane, boating and other disasters. Flotilla 79 and the Lacey Township First Aid Squad intend to hold similar practice rescues every year.

Open House on July 7th gave Flotilla members opportunity to greet and thank everybody who had participated in observing Safe Boating Week. Eugene Rubenstrunk, Flotilla Commander, remarked, "These events went smoothly because of the close cooperation of everyone."

DIVISION VIII

By Russell L. Higgins, PDCP, Div. VIII

Henry Pretty, SO-PE and Russell Higgins, PDCP, during July presented a three (3) lesson Safe Boating Course for Boy Scouts from Troops 59, 87, and 88. At the completion of the course the Scouts were given a test on the water, by Russ Higgins, a Counsellor for the Motor Boating Merit Badge. The test consisted of boat handling, proper mooring, running a course and a

pickup of an object in the water. Curly Neiman and Jerry Moulder provided the boats for the test.

Assisting were Instructors: Arthur Nissen, FC 83; Olin George, VFC 83; Robert Neiman, SO-CE; and Henry Pretty, SO-PE.



The Annual 'KIDDIES FISHING RODEO' sponsored by the Wildwood Chamber of Commerce and the Wildwood Rotary Club was held on 16 August 1973. More than 200 youngsters were aboard five (5) Party Boats fishing off Cape May. The kids had an enjoyable day and the fish were very cooperative.

The Auxiliary vessels 'WELIKIT' and 'WREN' were escort for the safety of the group and to patrol the area. Manning the vessels were William Dischert, RCO; Henry Pretty, SO-PE; Joseph Peer, SO-OP; and Russell Higgins, PDCP.

Flotilla 83 Instructors have been busy this year, having completed one (1) 12 Lesson Course; two (2) 3 Lesson Courses and five (5) 1 Lesson Courses.

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Division VIII continued

A Twelve Lesson BS&S Course is scheduled for 18 September and two (2) SOS Courses are scheduled for the last week of August.

DIVISION XII

By Marilyn M. Woodhall, Div. XII

Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt proclaimed the week of July 1 to 7, 1973 as Delaware Safe Boating Week in the presences of Asst. Director of Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard, Ensign Alan B. Kegerise, Division Captain XII Thomas Jarman, and Division and Flotilla 12-1 Staff Officer Marilyn M. Woodhall on 19 June 1973. This is reaffirming the President's proclamation to promote safe boating.



They urge all Delawareans who use our waterways to take advantage of the numerous boating safety courses offered by governmental and private organizations to help make their stay afloat as safe as it is enjoyable.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is under the direct supervision of the U.S. Coast Guard. They are patrolling Delaware waterways to assist in saving lives and promoting safety. Their work with the U.S. Coast Guard in Search & Rescue Missions has helped keep our waterways safer.



DIVISION XIII

By Bill Corbit, FSO-PUB, Flot. 31-1

"WHEW !" That's the only word to describe the flurry of activities that Flotilla 13-1 participated in during the month of July. The Flotilla went all out to promote National Safe Boating Week.

National Safe Boating Week was kicked off by holding a Courtesy Motorboat Examining Station at Joe's Marina in Bellmawr, New Jersey. Manning the station, which was open all day on 30 June and 1 July, were: FC Ed and Dolores McDonald; FSO-MAT Bob Radcliffe; FSO-AIMS Russ Leonardi; FSO-OPS Frank Pirri; and our photographer, Henry Stevens.



Flotilla 13-1 participated in three separate parades this past July 4th holiday. We were presented with a handsome trophy for our efforts in the Gloucester City Parade (the Flotilla built and displayed a float promoting safe boating). Our float, utilizing a boat which was in a previous accident, was very effective in stressing safety. The crowds along the parade routes in Mt. Ephraim and Runnemede, New Jersey were very responsive to our float.

Echelon Mall, in Voorhees, New Jersey was the scene of Flotilla 13-1's Safe Boating Week Display. The Mall supplied us with a booth where we set up posters, handed out pamphlets, signed up students for PE classes, and answered questions about the Auxiliary, boating, inspections, and the Coast Guard.



Flotilla 13-1 also assisted Division XIII with its display at the Moorestown Mall, in Moorestown, New Jersey. At the request of the Coast Guard, Flotilla 13-1 displayed its prize winning float, which proved to be a popular center of attention.

By Philip Spielmann, VCP, Div. XIII

Photo shows one of the many CME Stations manned by Flotilla 13-3 to service the Trailer Boatman. Stations were set up at the Cherry Hill Mall, Echelon Mall and at various Super Market parking lots along heavily trafficked highways throughout the summer. Reports from boat owners taking advantage of this convenience was that no Courtesy Examiners visited the various launching ramps they utilized. At the conclusion of each inspection a sales talk was given on taking the BS&S Public Education Course. A large number of prospective students names were recorded. Cards were sent to announce the starting date for the course nearest their residence.



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DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31**

A Quick Look at the Cape May Rendezvous



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