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Boat Show Figures Top Those For '71



Heading up the many fine instructors that participated at the Safe Boating Courses at the recent Boat Show were (l. to r.) Leroy Millet, PFC-18, who was the instructor for the "pilot" sail course; Thomas Dowling, DSO-PE, Course Supervisor; and Dr. W.W. Smith, PDSO-PE, Chief Instructor.

The final figures tallied at the 1972 Philadelphia Motorboat Show, this past February, far exceeded the expectations of Thomas Dowling, DSO-PE, Course Supervisor for the PE Courses presented to the public during the exhibit.



T. DOWLING

The final count showed that 3700 people attended at least one of the three lessons of the three lesson Safe Boating Course and 530 were interested in obtaining knowledge from the sail course. Of these figures, 1325 validations were given and 326 certificates awarded. This is approximately a 40% increase over the attendance figures from the 1971 show.

Without the cooperation of the tireless

workers on Dowling's staff these accomplishments would not have been possible. Those deserving recognition are PDSO Dr. W. W. Smith, Chief Instructor; M. Troiano, FC 42 and Ass't DSO-PE; Stan Umin, FC 13-2 who assumed responsibility of the "deck"; PDCO John E. Johansen, who was on hand to answer inquiries from the public and last but not least Harry Umin and Jimmy Troiano, who, when not in school, took charge of the operation of the projector and assisted as classroom helpers. It might be worth noting that the two lads just named are not members of the Auxiliary. Plaudits not only go to those mentioned but also to the many who gave their time instructing, validating tickets and manning the Courtesy Motorboat that was on display showing the proper equipment needed aboard a vessel to become eligible for a CME decal.



Manning the run-about on display at the 1972 Boat Show, that was equipped with the required safety items necessary for a boat owner to be eligible for a USCGAUX decal, is Rosa Neff, PFC-42 (left) and Alice Drew, PDSO.

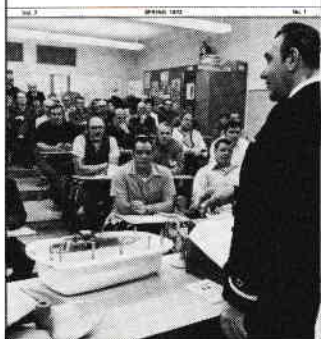


Contributing a great deal of their time, which was a great asset towards the success of the Safe Boating Courses presented at the Boat Show, were Harry Umin, (second from left) and Jimmy Troiano (second from right). In recognition of their efforts, certificates were presented to the two lads by Thomas Dowling, DSO-PE, Course Supervisor (center). Witnessing the presentation were the boys' fathers, Stanley Umin, FC-13-2 (left) and Marcellino Troiano, FC-42 (right).



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ON THE COVER



The winter months find many of the Flotillas and Divisions actively engaged in conducting the Safe Boating Public Education Courses. A typical scene shows William Reeves, FSO-PE, Flot. 47, conducting a seamanship class at the Penncrest High School in Lima, Pa. The training aid shown was engineered by Reeves and with it he is able to show how the rudder and wind effects the maneuverability of the boat when docking and undocking.

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1972 is three months old at the time of this writing and you have been exposed to a sudden shift to parallel staffing. I feel you should have my over-all concept presented to you.

The working material for this shift is thought to be the Officers' Guide. This material was primarily obtained from previous DIRAUX MEMOS and then checked against current amendments and notices. To this was added the Staff Officer duties outlined from the FSO to the SO to the DSO so that all could see the entire parallel staffing system. Naturally a break down can occur and I do expect failures since there is always that 10% who do not get the word on time. You will note that checks have been built in but knowing a report was not made only means you might be able to get a late report.

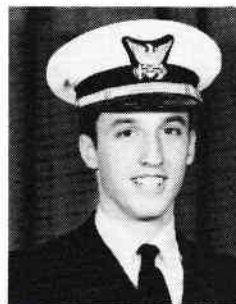
The result of this move towards parallel staffing will place all of the information at Flotilla level where it can be constantly checked by the members for accuracy. You will know it has been properly reported since the forms developed do include the necessary information for the current awards program and negative reports are required.

Complimenting this procedure are two other important tools. The films and certain exams have been placed at Division level for better control within a smaller number of flotillas. Then the Director's "Notes of General Interest" was developed to get the word out weekly to both Division and Flotilla elected officers. You will note there were extensive changes to the 1972 Directory of Officers to place more information at your finger tips.

In the near future I hope to do two additional things. The first will be direct mailing to all Vice Commanders and immediate past Division Captains. The second will be to get certain supplies out to the Division Materials Officer so that these may be distributed as desired by each Division. The DIRAUX MEMO system was revised so that you may expect fewer memos. Information of a continuing nature will be a page in your Officers Guide. Naturally the District Staff Officers will be asked to review, update and reprint their Bulletins at the first of each year.

Finally I intend to revise the courtesy examination program so that you may expect to have your 1973 card prior to 1 January. Decals will be issued when received or in time for use on 1 January. This will open the door for those examiners who go South for vacations in January and February. Also, Public Relations Officers will now have a chance to get publicity on 1 January examinations of big boats being bubbled in the ice.

My ultimate aim is to have one accurate and complete monthly report from each flotilla staff officer which will be sent up through the line thus having all of us more accurately informed on what is really being accomplished by the Auxiliary.



*Asst. Director
of
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LTJG B. W. Herdman

The progress the Auxiliary has made and the potential for its growth are amazing.

In two years as Assistant Director I have witnessed improving revisions of all Auxiliary Manuals and BQ, CME and Instructor exams. Tests for all Specialty courses became available as did 35 mm slides, transparencies, study guides and or texts for each course. Our principle PEC with extensive visual aids is brand new and much improved.

In addition, I have watched the members of the Southern Area turn in an overwhelming performance in 1971. Not only did you establish records in productivity, you also set new growth rates in preparation for even better years to come. Most of all I have learned how generous, dedicated and skilled some people really are.

This firm administrative foundation coupled to the capability of our membership is encouraging. For the Auxiliary is bearing and will continue to bear the brunt of the challenge of educating the recreational boater. The demand for classroom and on the water (CME) (OPS) education currently surpasses our present productivity and the demand is increasing rapidly. One input to recreational boating is America's population growth. Also shorter work weeks will mean longer weekends, i.e., more on the water hours per enthusiast.

Potential for Southern Area membership growth is excellent.

Men seeking to add value to their (increased) spare time will turn to the Auxiliary where their work can affect the *quality* of recreational life. The Southern Area has the additional advantage of encompassing large areas where no flotillas exist and areas of population densities which will support numerous additional active flotillas.

The need for your work exists; the potential for increased service exists. It's up to you how good a job will be done.

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Addendum: I've enjoyed this job and your companionship thoroughly. You are truly wonderful people. The staff here has also been outstanding. Eleanor, Rudy and Rick have done a phenomenal amount of work. You cannot over-estimate the contributions to the Southern Area of Miss Eleanor Bechtloff. The friendship and support of the staff were sources of my enjoyment of this tour. Thank you all. I wish you continued success and fulfillment. B.W.H.





District Commodore

Victor F. Baumeister

As Auxiliarists we know that we operate within four general spheres of activity, namely: public education; courtesy motor-boat examinations; operations and fellowship. This is spelled out in our good book — CG-305, as the "four cornerstones of Auxiliary activity."

I like to think that there is a definite order (or should be) to this boating safety activity of ours such as:

- FIRST — We educate ourselves and then the boating public.
- SECOND — We have our own boats inspected and in turn perform courtesy examinations on other pleasure boats outside our organization.

THIRD — Under the heading of operations we participate in safety patrols, regatta patrols, official search and rescue missions, support missions and chart correction work.

There are times when this third area of activity "operations" is not properly considered, not given enough careful emphasis. Granted, the past several years has seen steady and in some instances outstanding participation in operations by many of our district's members.

With a constant growing boating public and with a mandate (per new Federal Boating Act) to assist the several states in effecting safe boating on state waters, our work ahead is clearly cut out for us.

Many of our members have never really taken part in the operations program of our district. I do hope that those of you who have not engaged in this operations program will give it a try this year. You will find operations work a rewarding experience, a sort of rounding out or finalizing of your efforts. I suggest you contact your flotilla operations officer and see where you can serve in the further development of the third cornerstone "operations."

By the way — while you are imbibing a cool glass of sarsaparilla (yes, — it's spelled right — my favorite you know) and participating in the good old fourth cornerstone "fellowship", you will find yourself recalling with pride those hours spent on operational patrol.

How To Be A Good Flotilla Commander. . . .

By Earl C. Snyder, SO-MT, Div. V

Lead Your Flotilla:

Be enthusiastic and proud of your Flotilla — and watch the word spread. Remember that you have the best Flotilla in the Division of the best outfit in the world, and you are the best Commander the Flotilla ever had. Make your new members feel welcome and needed — give them a job to do. Call your inactive members and ask them to help on specific projects. Distribute the work — don't have the same people doing everything. Meet and work with leaders of other organizations and civic groups. Talk up the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary wherever you go. Don't criticize our organization to outsiders.

Know Your Organization:

Open your mail when you receive it and read it immediately. Read and keep your copies of your DIRAUX Memos and other releases. Review your "Auxiliary Manual" CG-305, and the Auxiliary Administrative Handbook" CG-412, and keep them available for easy reference. Hold Staff meetings — set short and long-range goals — define the problem to your staff and explore it with them to find the answer. Read and keep copies of "Topside", "Commodore's Bulletin" and "Navigator". Attend Flotilla and Division meetings as well as District and National functions. Don't hesitate to contact the appropriate Division Staff Officer or your Division Captain about your problems — they have a stake in your success.

Conduct Meetings Properly:

Set definite times and places for your Flotilla and Staff meetings far in advance, with adequate notice, so your busy

people can plan to attend. Start your meetings on time and keep the meeting moving. Follow the order of business as outlined in your Standing Rules. Know and follow parliamentary procedure. Keep your meetings under control — designate who is to have the floor and do not allow interruptions — don't allow "railroading" of actions. Include educational entertainment as part of your meeting program. Don't belly-ache about shortcomings of the higher eshelons — no outfit is perfect — and you might not understand the situation.

Take Care of Business Between Meetings:

Handle your paperwork promptly — communications and reports are important. Make your staff appointments carefully

A capable person must be assured that the assignment will be challenging. Be sure each staff officer is aware of his duties and/or what he should do. Keep your finger on all activities at all times. Contact each staff member prior to the flotilla meeting about his report. Knowing he must make a report, he will generally do something worth reporting. Require your Secretary to furnish you with a copy of the minutes as soon as possible after each meeting and mail your CG-3615's promptly to the Director and the designated officer of the Division. Keep your Staff Officers and Committee Chairmen informed. When you receive information of value to them be sure they have a copy — nothing will crush a person's initiative and destroy his self-confidence more than having an assignment about which he is uninformed or misinformed. Show appreciation throughout the year — People do not work without reward and psychological pay such as compliments and pats on the back are important.

"Bill" Page Elected To Fill Vacated RCO(W) Post

A special election was necessary to fill the Rear Commodore (W) office vacated by Paul Henninger, who for personal reasons was forced to resign. The nominating committee selected IPDCP Frank "Bill" Page (Div. I) and IPDCP Bob Billingham (Div. IV) to run on the ballot.

The election was held at the February District Board Meeting and when the votes were tallied, by the head teller Tom Dowling, Bill Page was unanimously elected on the first ballot.

Immediately following the election Page was sworn into office by NARCO Harold Haney who was also the first of many to offer congratulations.



RCO(W) Frank "Bill" Page

NE Rendezvous Slated For Early June

Plans are now underway for the early summer rendezvous to be held at the North East River Yacht Club, North East, MD. The dates have been confirmed by RCO (E) Lloyd Furber as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June, which means the gathering will be held one month earlier than previously.

RCO Furber has also promised that more help will be available this year which should definitely improve the service. We hope with this it will eliminate the complaints that were received after last year's affair.

Watch for TOPSIDE, JR. for further details and information.

Seminars Lure Over 500 To Winter Conference

The Third District (SA)'s 22nd Annual Winter Conference that was held this past January at the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia, made a repeat performance of the previous year's gathering by shattering its attendance record with an excess of 500 Auxiliarists, wives and friends reporting on board.



Thomas Neiger, PFC-15 (left) displays the four plaques Flot. 15 were awarded at the Winter Conference for DCO Baumeister. In addition to being First Runner-Up for the Past Commodores Trophy they were also awarded the Operational Award, the CME and District Board plaques.

SOS Distress System Tested

The Coast Guard is developing an SOS system designed to meet the two most urgent requirements of tracing a pleasure craft in trouble — to know immediately when a boat is in distress and her exact location.

The new approach is known as the Distress Alerting and Locating System (DALs). The system will identify the boat in trouble and provide vectoring information for rescue craft.

The DALs will have three major parts: First — A unit that goes aboard a boat, looks like a walkie-talkie and is about the same size.

It has a "panic-button" which, when pushed, sends a signal over a VHF-FM radio band. This signal gives the distress alert, the identity of the sender and re-transmits received Ioran-C and omega

SEMINARS ATTRACT

The two seminars, that were the feature of the afternoon program, lured a standing room only crowd who listened attentively as the lecturers related valuable information pertaining to the PE and CME Programs.

The first of the two seminars, "New Image in Public Education," was conducted by J. Edward Polins, VCP X. The material covered in Polins lecture included the new twelve lesson course and the sail course. In addition to the explanation of the new material to be presented in the future PE courses, the accompanying slides were shown.

The second seminar covered the revised CME Program and this material was ably presented by Dr. A. J. Kilberg, DCP XIII.

Another factor contributing to the large group at the seminars was that attendance validated Instructors and Courtesy Examiners for the year 1972.

YOGA FOR THE LADIES

During the time the seminars were being conducted for the Auxiliarists, the fairer sex were attending a session on "Yoga" which was presented by Mrs. Frank Martin. Responsible for this most enlightening program were Nancy Hopkins, DSO-DWAC and Carol Kolb, DivWAC IV.

Immediately following dinner, DCO Baumeister extended a cordial welcome to everyone and expressed his gratitude to all those who made the Conference such a great success. He then called upon the District's Safe Boating Week Queen to say a few words, and in doing so, she expressed her wishes for everyone to have a safe boating season for 1972.

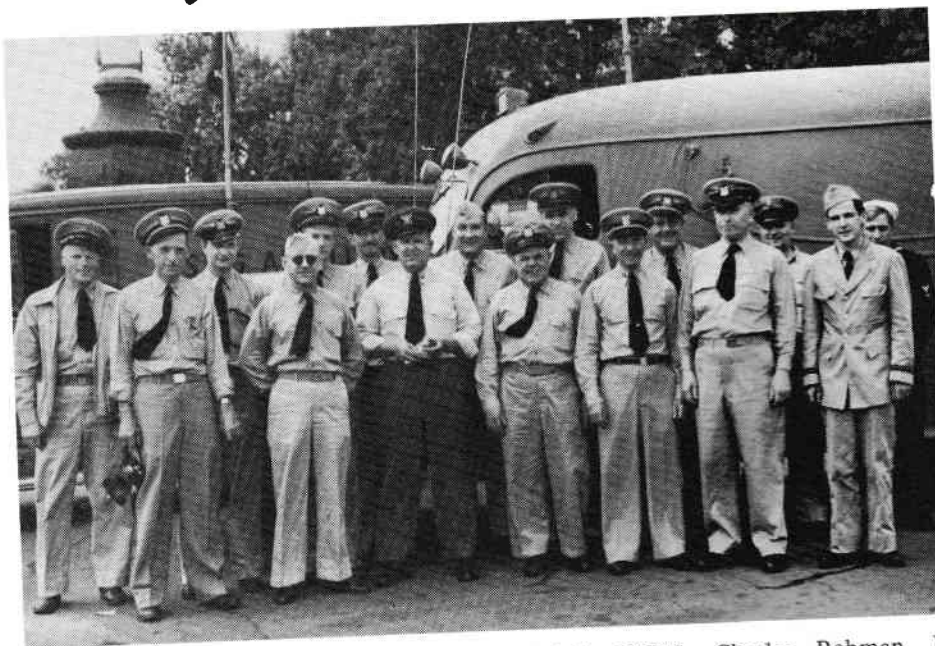
CAPT. R. I. Price, USCG, COTP Philadelphia, made a few remarks and was immediately followed to the podium by CAPT. G. O. Thompson, USCG, who

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Out of the Sea Chest

By Bill Garry, PNAVCO



After WW II there was little boating activity on an organized basis for Auxiliarists. Communications drills took up the slack and kept the 4th CGD Auxiliary together. Pictured above is the group of participants in a drill on New Jersey state house grounds and throughout central Delaware Valley.

Front row, left to right, are: W. L. Yingst, W. 'Hoot' Gibson, Lt. J. L.

Mitchell, USCG, Charles Rebman, J. Bougher, James Stolec and J. Pinnham. Back Row: C. B. Ellis, Herb Williamson, C. Martin, N. H. Leek, Tom Stewart, Bill Garry, A. L. Sauter, Mulholland.

Backing up the group is the 4CGD Auxiliary "comm" truck and a USCG "comm" truck. For the information of the following generation, the Fourth District is now the Third District (SA).

Baby Flotilla on DIRAUX Honor Roll

With all the pains of motherhood taken by Flotilla 59 of Williamsport, PA., and under the doctors' excellent care (PDCP Ward Donahue and IPDCP Ellwood Manahan), Division V were the parents of a new Flotilla on June 5th, 1971. CDR Tubella, NARCO Harold Haney, PRCO (W) Paul Henninger, Officers and Staff of Division V and many fellow Auxiliarists and guests christened the baby Flotilla 5-10, Bloomsburg, PA. The new Flotilla, dedicated to serving the North Branch of the Susquehanna River (which is navigable to canoes for only 11 months out of the year) and given to CDR Tubella as a "Flotilla on Wheels," its 20 members began its existence.

Under the command of FC Russell Kressler and VFC Carl Dent, the "potty training" began. (The FC and his wife had some of this training with Flotilla 59 as they enrolled there in January '71.) Within 30 days, the "potty training" became a course steered towards the Director's

Honor Roll (remember at this point only five months remain in 1971).

One by one, the nine fixes were plotted along the course. With one qualified instructor, two qualified Courtesy Examiners and 18 eager sailors, the journey began.

First the nine facilities of the Flotilla just made the extended deadline for the inspections. Second, the required CME station was established and submitted for approval. Third, an instructor's course was put into action, thus netting 12 new instructors. No time was wasted in establishing the required courses in Public Education. Ted Piotrowski, FSO-PE, spent countless hours in establishing the program. Each instructor, either choosing a particular subject, or given a subject, established their presentation, and with the caliber of the members of Flotilla 5-10, all three of the required PEC courses were completed in professional excellence. (This takes care of items 4, 5,

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signals which locate the sender. Second — Ashore, at a regional station, the signal will be received, the data computed and the sender's position plotted. A teletype printout will give the sender's identity and position by latitude and longitude. The information then is related to a search and rescue coordination center. Third — A translator is carried by the rescue craft, either a boat or helicopter.

This device receives inputs from the shore stations and provides the craft with a range and bearing to the boat in distress. It also transmits back to the shore stations the loran and omega signals of its own position.

The equipment uses both loran and omega in order to accurately determine an absolute position. By using both systems, DALS has a built-in check on the reported position.

Loran-C is a coastal system that is precise, but not in worldwide use. Omega, which now has four stations of a planned eight, is more useful in mid-ocean.

Once in production, the unit cost of a transmitter is estimated to be about \$50. The DALS system also may have other uses for boating safety. As a buoy monitoring system the transmitter could be programmed to signal at set times with a printout occurring when the buoy is off station. It also could be applied to harbor control with transmitters aboard vessels sending positions to a common control point.

and 6, plus the balance of time left to complete the Honor Roll requirements.) No, items 7, 8 and 9 have not been neglected.

The FSO-CE scheduled and held the CE seminar with four members participating and completing it and are now waiting for the 1972 boating season to begin. The FSO-CE and the FC plugging, phoning, examining and trying to catch the boats before winter storage completed the quota established by the committee of 56 CMEs plus two for good measure. (They really worked, but some members helped "round up" a few exams with VFC Dent responsible for quite a few.)

Now, what about Division V's "baby" obtaining a ten percent increase in membership? It seems that William Lindemuth, FSO-MT teamed up with Ted Piotrowski, FSO-PE and out of the 26 who graduated from the eight-lesson safe boating course, 21 decided to join the ranks of the Auxiliary. (10% — this looks more like 105% to me — obviously they made their goal.)

STAFF OFFICERS

Reports

Distaff Members Had Banner Year In '71

By Nancy V. Hopkins, DSO-DWAC

1971 was a year of accomplishments for the Third Southern including the distaff members who deserve their share of the applause. Individual as well as group efforts have put this District on the map.



N. HOPKINS

I shared a very proud moment with a very surprised Carolyn Black who was awarded the coveted "Auxiliarist of the Year" plaque presented by the members of Flotilla 11 at their Change-of-Watch Dinner this year. Carolyn earned the award for her

outstanding efforts and results as FSO-MT, not to mention her 49 courtesy motorboat examinations. For these accomplishments a well-deserved hand is in order for this remarkably modest Auxiliarist.

Louise Ruff, a most able DivWAC XII, reports a 33% increase in women's membership for the past year and the list of activity participation by the girls in Division XII is somewhat overwhelming. For four out of five co-ed Flotillas this accomplishment is envious. . . . Lenore Roush, a dedicated DivWAC V, has had 100% reporting by the FlOWACs of all ten co-ed Flotillas. A grand total of 100 gal Auxiliarists in the Division speaks for the ladies efforts in Membership Growth and Retention. . . . Carol Kolb, a busy and active DivWAC IV, has reported that almost 50% of the 50 women members in the Division are elected or appointed officers. 28% of these gals actively participated on patrols and 28% were Courtesy Examiners last year. . . . To conclude these outstanding achievements, here is not to discount the efforts of all the

female members in the other Divisions. Each and every one has done many small jobs which, when added up, have helped to build the "four cornerstones" of this organization to its present height.

Now to some very interesting details. — The Women's Advisory Committee has initiated a recommendation to the National Uniform Board, through DCO Baumeister, that we girls be authorized to remove the jacket of the Summer Dress White Uniform. Many ladies have not worn this uniform in the warmer months for this very reason. It is hoped that this will be approved since the cooler Light Blue (Pinstripe) Uniform is unauthorized to be worn in our District after 1800 when many of our meetings are held.

Be on watch for the Uniform Photograph booklet, to be issued soon to each Flotilla, which includes uniform item

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New FCC Licensing Procedures Released For VHF/FM

By Ernest Rose, DSO-COM

With spring on its way it is time to think of Operational facility inspections again — and that means Radiotelephone (RT) inspection.

This year each member should procure from his Flotilla Commander three (3) copies of the Radiotelephone facility Inspection form CG2736A and arrange for a Radiotelephone Inspector-Examiner (RTIE) to inspect his facility, execute the three forms, and forward all three directly to DSO-COM E. E. Rose, Box 56, Essington, Pa. 19029. This qualifies the member for the RT requirement toward his operational decal, PROVIDED: (a) he has passed



E. ROSE

the RTC examination, or (b) was an Auxiliary Communications Unit (ACU) last year, or (c) was assigned an active N S call sign during the past two years.

Lists of members qualified as RTC, ACU, RTIE and GCIE (General Communications Inspector-Examiner) are being circulated to all FC's, SO-COM's and FSO-COM's during March.

Reminder to FC: Order enough CG2736A forms from DIRAUX to provide three for each radio-equipped facility in your flotilla.

For members desiring to qualify as RTC, ACU or RTIE examinations are now in the hands of each Division MTO. Your FC or COM officer can arrange for administration of the exam desired.

On 26 February, we held a Communications Seminar at Base Gloucester. Instructors were DSO-OPS R. H. Hunter, SO-COM I M. B. Page and DSO-COM E. E. Rose. Thirty three members attended, eight of whom were qualified COM officers who came for refresher purposes.

At the end of the lectures and demonstrations, exams were administered with the result that eighteen (18) members qualified for the RTC rating and twenty new examiners (RTIE) were added to our list.

New examinations (which will obsolete the present series) for RTC and RTIE have been printed and will be distributed to the Divisions on or about 1 May 72, along with a newly developed supplement to the 3rd CG Distr COM study guide.

All concerned will be notified of changes in procedures at that time.

A new release concerning licensing of VHF-FM and DSB or SSB AM marine stations was just received on 2 March 72 from the FCC. It is reproduced herewith for your guidance:

THE USE OF DSB, SSB and VHF/FM TRANSMITTERS IN SHIP STATIONS

A. For frequencies in the band 1605-4000kHz marine communications are in a period of transition from a transmission technique known as double sideband (DSB) to a new and

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improved technique known as single sideband (SSB). Also, VHF/FM is becoming the primary short range communications system for maritime mobile service in the United States. Frequencies used are in the 156-162 MHz band.

- B. New DSB EQUIPMENT may not be installed in a ship radio station. The following applies to the use of DSB equipment during the transition period from January 1, 1972 to January 1, 1977.

1. Only the DSB equipment installed before January 1, 1972, may be used and then only by the person holding a license issued to him for the band 1605-4000 kHz before January 1, 1972.
2. The license must have been continuously in force subsequent to January 1, 1972, that is, it must not be allowed to expire and must not have been cancelled or revoked by the Commission.
3. In case the licensee wishes to use the DSB equipment on a vessel other than the one for which a license was issued before January 1, 1972, he must submit the old license for cancellation at the time he submits an application for a license on the new vessel.
4. Authority to operate DSB equipment may not be transferred to another party even though the equipment is on the same boat for which a license was previously granted. In other words, the purchaser of a vessel must be prepared to install VHF/FM equipment only, VHF/FM and SSB equipment or DSB equipment for which he holds a license on another boat.

- C. SSB TRANSMITTERS may be operated under a license which authorizes use of frequencies in the band 1605-4000 kHz. SSB transmitters may be used to communicate with stations equipped with either DSB or SSB equipment. New transmitter installations for operation in the band 1605-4000 kHz must be capable of SSB operation. All transmitters for operation on these frequencies after January 1, 1977, must be capable of SSB emissions.

- D. VHF/FM TRANSMITTERS may be operated under a license to use frequencies in the band 156-162 MHz. A fee

is not required with an application for modification of license solely to add these frequencies. A VHF/FM transmitter is required to be installed in a new station after January 1, 1972, when an SSB transmitter to operate in the band 1605-4000 kHz is installed.

We are preparing a bulletin for the guidance of members planning to purchase VHF-FM equipment for Operational Facilities. Information and recommendations by the Chief, Communications Branch, 3rd CGD will be combined with FCC requirements and recommendations in a bulletin which we hope to release to all FC's, FSO-COM's shortly.

Don't forget to get that radio inspected. Happy Safe Boating in '72!

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descriptions next to each of the pictures of our own District members. These color photos will help answer your questions concerning what items are needed to be in the correct uniform. It is always better to wear appropriate civilian attire than to appear in the improper uniform.

The Director's office has noted that the Flotillas without women members become more active after women are enrolled. Also, it has been mentioned that the Women's Advisory Committee has been effective in increased Membership Growth and Retention activity and more uniforms are being properly worn.

Many of you girls attended the CME Seminar at the Winter Conference to qualify as a Courtesy Examiner for 1972. Your kits are being sent out early so that all may begin examining before those vacations pop up. If you missed the Winter Conference, catch up at your Division or Flotilla level seminar. A great way to begin is in a team effort with your husband or beau. It isn't hard once you get started. He can point out all those carburetor drip pans and fuel and electrical lines for you until you are knowledgeable enough to do your first examination unassisted. Better than 400 CMEs were made by the women in Division V last year which is quite an accomplishment to try to equal.

Any questions or comments you gals have should be directed to your FlowWAC via your DivWAC, DWAC and NAWAC, and all reporting and answers will be fielded and noted. Your committee stands ready to help in every way

possible. Let your FlowWACs and DivWACs know of the work you are doing. The Director's office as well as National are interested in keeping abreast of your efforts and achievements.

Don't Give Up, PR Is An Important Job

By Helene Hark, DSO-PR

Let's make our Public Relations program as effective as possible this year. Keep the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the spotlight with interesting news items and public announcements in your local news-

papers; on radio, and television about your Flotilla activities. Both Flotilla and Division PR-PUB officers should try to make personal contacts with the local editors of the news medias. When possible, visit their offices in uniform.



H. HARK

The TV medium is the most dramatic tool in the U. S. today. It has a tremendous audience appeal to all ages, income, geographic and ethnic groups. Make arrangements for several of your Flotilla members to appear on TV panel shows or spot appearances for the Auxiliary with a theme of "Don't Learn by Accident".

STAFF OFFICERS — Keep your PR officer informed on available schedules and happenings before they take place. Get as many boatmen as possible enrolled in a boating safety course. During April and May concentrate on fishermen and their need to understand the elements involved in boating and their favorite sport. Finally the recreational boater must be impressed with the need for a CME.

If we as Auxiliarists all work together, our Divisions should have a truly successful year and many new members. Let your Division PR staff officer know "what's happening" so they can give the District an accurate progress report.





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attended as a representative of RADM. Engel. CAPT. Thompson stated that the Coast Guard of the Third District were overly pleased with the substantial increase in the annual statistics of the various programs of the USCGAUX that the Third Southern were actively engaged in.

Representing NACO Harry Osbourn was the Third Southern's, NARCO Harold B. Haney. In NARCO Haney's address to the group he informed them of the latest changes and procedures applicable to the various courses and programs in the Public Education and Membership Training Courses.

DIVISION XI -

100% ACTIVE CME

ATTEND CONFERENCE

For the second consecutive year Division XI, under the leadership of DCP Robert Moody, had 100% attendance of their active Courtesy Motorboat Examiners at the CME Seminar held at the Winter Conference. This record speaks for itself and is more than deserving of an "OUTSTANDING" for their efforts.

FOUR AWARDS TO FLOTILLA 15

The highlight of the evening had everyone sitting on the edge of their chairs anticipating, that their Flotilla or Division would be the recipient of one of the many annual awards. The Past Commodores Trophy, presented to the Flotilla for its outstanding accomplishments during 1971, was awarded to Flotilla 13-1, which was under the helm of FC Donald Schmidt. FC Schmidt accepted the trophy from CAPT. Thompson on behalf of the members of his Flotilla.

Another unit also making quite a name for itself was Flotilla 15 who during the course of the evening fell recipient to not one, but four plaques for their accomplishments during the past year. The unit was First Runner-Up for the Past Commodores Trophy, recipient of the Operational Award and the CME and District Board Plaques. Receiving the awards for his group was PFC Thomas Neiger.

MORE ROOM NEXT YEAR

In order to accomodate an anticipated large number of people at the next Winter Conference it has already been arranged to conduct the planned seminars in rooms on the first deck of the Defense Center. This will also eliminate any unnecessary noise emanating from the bar, during the course of the lectures, which proved this past year to be most distracting.



PFC Donald Schmidt, Flot. 13-1, (right) accepts the Past Commodores Trophy on behalf of his Flotilla from CAPT G.O. Thompson, USCG, (left) Chief, Operations Div, Third CG District. Flotilla 13-1 received the award for its outstanding accomplishments during 1971 at the past Winter Conference. Looking on is DCO Victor Baumeister.



Belay Those Experts

By Martin Levin

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Getting there first with a punch line is the secret of small-boat conversation. You've bought your first boat. You have learned the meaning of "Red Light Returning" and stuff like that, and you feel salty as hell. But even if you've taken Auxiliary instructions you are totally unprepared for handling small-boat conversation. Since 50% of boating is talk, here, for the novice, are a few indispensable tips on marine dialogue.

How to talk to sailboatman: The best defense is a good offense. Before the owner of a sailboat has a chance to mutter something about "stinkpots" and wake, tell him you envy his boat because it's safer (the majority of marine accidents do happen to powerboats). It's less complicated too. No fuss about who has the right of way — it's always him. It's more secure as he has two sources of propulsion, sails and an auxiliary engine, while all you have is power. His eyes should start to bulge at this stage and before he can answer, throw a few lines over your shoulder about how hard it is to replace a gas pump impeller in six-foot swells and walk away with a rolling gait.

How to talk to a power-boatman: Never ask another power-boatman what he thinks of your boat. Veteran boatman follow the unwritten law of Motorboatsmanship — always knock the other man's boat. By knocking yours, they reassure themselves about theirs. Thus the unsuspecting lubber who asks someone what he thinks of a Frammis sea skiff may get the following answers: The caulking drips out of those varvel hulls (if carvel); those lapstrake ribs warp (if lapstrake); that fiberglass hull is as porous as a bailing sponge (if fiberglass) and the Frammis Boat Works were bought by a pinball machine company which has worked a tilt into the hull. There is no answer to these technical observations unless you want to be mean. In which case tell him that you read about a Comfy-Cruz convertible sedan (his boat) that developed an undetectable leak.

How to talk to a broker: Chances are

when you shop for your second boat you will tell the broker that you own a Frammis sea skiff and he will murmur sympathetically, "Oh, one of these, eh?" You tell him that you have never had a moments trouble with the boat and he will say, "You were very lucky. You could have lost the oil in your engine and then 'kerflooeey', and lately the Frammis Boat Works have been putting the fasteners into the hull crooked." Take the offensive immediately, and when he is through, ask him if the company that makes the boat he has been trying to sell you has worked the bugs out of last year's models. It works every time. As for the rest of it, remember, if you have a single engine, "twins are double trouble." If you have twins, you "like the security of two engines." If you don't have a depthfinder, you "know of more boatmen who piked up on the rocks with a depthfinder." If you have one, "gunkholing is the best part of boating."

Be sure to develop a knowing smile. One knowing smile is worth a thousand words of boatmanship.



Representing the Third District (Southern Area), Rear Commodore (East) Lloyd Furber, presented the officers and members of the newly formed Flotilla 23 their official charter at a dinner meeting held this past December in Philadelphia. Accepting the document from Furber (center) is Flotilla Commander George Meskinis (left) and Vice Flotilla Commander Charles Malloy (right). The uniqueness of this organization is that it is comprised primarily of members who have either radio or aircraft facilities in lieu of the usual water craft. This Flotilla which is the only one of its kind in the Delaware Valley area, will become a great asset to the Auxiliary in fulfilling Search and Rescue commitments.

They're Number One

By Gregory Hewlett, VFC-7-12



Flotilla 7-12 recorded 512 Support Missions during 1971 to lead all flotillas in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Its number of such missions was 43% of the 1,180 reported by the Third (SA) and only two other districts had more than this one flotilla: Third (NA), 1,154 and Ninth (ER), 641. Most of the 7-12's

support activity was in the form of COM Watches at CG Stations Barnegat and Beach Haven on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Largely responsible for the unit's exceptional performance were, left to right, Edward Frank, Veo K. Pearson, FC John T. Elsroad, George B. Jones, H. Fred Gehrke and VFC Gregory Hewlett.

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DIVISION LOGS



I
DIVISION
CAPTAIN

E. J. Szumowski

By Mary Clare Bowlus, SO-PUBS

For the fifth consecutive year the DuPont Company of Wilmington, Delaware invited the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to participate in their Annual Sportsman Show. This show, which was open to the general public, was held on January 22 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington from 1000 to 1600 hours. Members from Flotillas within Division I manned the exhibit and handed out literature on the new Federal Boating Regulations, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, its purpose and work, and answered many inquiries on both subjects. The exhibit contained a display of model aids to navigation which might be encounter-

ed by the boatman in the waters located within our District. In addition there was a continuous showing of the transparencies from the seven-lesson Sail Course "Principles of Safe Sailing" and two USCG films entitled "Find Afloat" and "Survival for Sportsmen."



Ever anxious to get their operational activities underway, Flotilla 15, under the direction of FC Fred Weicht, conducted its first chart correction patrol for this year in early February. The members of the Flotilla traveling by car, called on the various Marinas and also checked for prominent landmarks, and obstructions on the Delaware side of the Delaware River between Wilmington and Bay View.



Taking their "watch" at the USCGAUX exhibit during the DuPont Co. Sportsman Show are (l. to r.) John Hopkins, VCP-I; William Sparks, SO-MAT; Norman Jedlicka, VFC-14; and Thomas Dowling, DSO-PE.
(Photo by Photo Associates)

A second patrol was conducted on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River in March and this patrol covered the area between Penns Grove and Artificial Island.

In all, we discovered 37 chart corrections that should be made in order to bring Chart 294 more up to date.

We believe this speaks for itself on the need for more chart correction patrols in this area.

II

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

E. J. Reynolds



By William Stanley, SO-PR

Division II sent four members from our new Air and Communications Flotilla (23) to the Communication Seminar which was held in February at the CG Base Gloucester. The examinations, that were administered by DSO COM. Dr. E.E. Rose, covered subjects applicable to Radio Telephone Operators and Radio Examiner Inspectors. The four men participating in the program were George J. Meskinis, FC; Charles Malloy, VFC; Thomas Hodge, FSO-Sec'y-Treas; and John Mendenhall, FSO-PUBS and all attained a grade of 100.

IV

DIVISION
CAPTAIN

Harry Bickel



By George L. Fender, SO-PR

On Saturday, January 15th, Division IV's newly elected officers, DCP Harry

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George Steckel, VCP-IV; accepts his aiguillette from DCP Harry Bickel (left) during Division IV's Change-of-Watch ceremonies. The problem seemed to be that they weren't quite sure what to call it.

(Photo by L. Brooks, SO-PUBS, IV)

Bickel and VCP George Steckel were sworn into office by RCO-E Lloyd Furber at the Change-of-Watch dinner that was hosted by Flot. 41 and held in Downingtown, Pa. The newly elected Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders were then sworn in by PDCO John Johansen.

The Past Captains award was presented to Flotilla 42 for achieving the highest points during 1971 by IPDCP Robert Billingham. "Bud" Troiano, FC-42 accepted the award and vowed that the trophy would remain with Flot. 42.

Among the guests present were PDCP Thomas Belk, PDCP Jane Haske and the District's Safe Boating Week Queen, Pattie Billingham, daughter of IPDCP Billingham.



A "Safe Boating" booth was manned by members of Division IV at the King of Prussia Mall Boat Show held this past January. Signs were displayed at the booth giving information on Safe Boating classes that were currently being conducted, or to be given in the near future, by Flotillas within the Division. Literature was distributed and the educational program was explained in detail to many interested boaters.



V

DIVISION CAPTAIN

H. J. Turner

By Robert F. Lyter, SO-PUBS

Division V held its annual Change-of-Watch on 4 March at the New Cumberland Army Depot. VCO Joseph L. Krager was in attendance and administered the oath of office to DCP Howard J. Turner and VCP Ralph E. Curtis. Captain Turner has called this year as the year of the AUXOP for Division V. LT Joseph Tamalonis, Asst. DIRAUX (Western Area), swore in the Flotilla Commanders and Vice-Commanders. Outgoing IPDCP Ellwood L. Manahan was presented the John R. Massman Memorial Award for having the most outstanding Division in the Third District Southern Area. For a Division to be eligible for this award, all the Flotillas must meet the following criteria: (1) All dues must be paid prior to 15 April; (2) All facilities inspected and reports submitted to the DIRAUX office by 1 July; (3) All rosters up to date and turned in to the DIRAUX office by 15 December; (4) All unit meeting reports to be in the DIRAUX office by the 15th of each month. These

requisites must be achieved to be eligible for the award. The Division receiving the greatest number of points receives the award as described in the Summer 1971 edition of TOPSIDE. DCP Turner presented IPDCP Manahan his burgee and a trophy in recognition for his outstanding year as Division Captain. With a large lump in his throat and a tear in his eye, Manahan thanked those present and received a standing ovation.

Division V is real proud of the fact that we had nine out of the ten Flotillas meeting all the requirements for the Director's Honor Roll. We didn't achieve the 100% that we hoped for, but nine out of ten Flotillas isn't all that bad. We are looking forward to that 100% mark this year.

The Winter Conference, held in Philadelphia, brought out a large number from Division V to attend the seminars. The Division held its own CME seminar at Herre Bros. on 22 February with a large number in attendance. The Division has also been very busy in the public's eye this year with it's members manning a booth at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show at the Farm Show Building, in Harrisburg, and again at the Home and Garden Show held at the same site.

The MG&R award program, that was inaugurated by Ralph Curtis, SO-MG&R, for '71, awarded the globe, which is used for the training of Celestial Navigation, to FC Russell L. Kressler for a one year period. Kressler accepted the award for Flot. 5-10, which was chartered this past

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Gathering around to admire the award achieved by Flot. 5-10 for membership activities during 1971 are (l. to r.) VFC Carl Dent, Kenneth Steinmann, FSO-MT; Ted Piotrowski, FSO-PE; Clyde Kunkle, FSO-CC; William Lindenmuth and FC Russell Kressler. This award was won with Flot. 5-10 only being six months old.

June and accomplished a full years work in a mere six month period. One thing for sure, there wasn't much sleep in Bloomsburg last year.

FLOTILLA CALL

Flot. 51 held its Change-of-Watch on 15 January at the Distelfink Inn in Lancaster with Fred Geiger holding down the helm as Flotilla Commander again this year. The Flotilla participated in the Lancaster Boat Show held at Park City Mall from February 21st to the 26th. They are now hard at work on the various specialty courses. . . . Flot. 53 coupled with Flot. 51 for their Change-of-Watch which was held on 15 February at the Steelton V.F.W. 53 also helped to man the Division V booth at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show. . . . Flot. 54 held its Change-of-Watch on 22 January at San Carlos in York with the installation of FC Ellsworth Diven being the highlight of the affair. Again this year they have their sights set on a bang-up program in Public Education. . . . At the recent Change-of-Watch of Flot. 57, Mildred Sneeder was installed as Flotilla Commander for the coming year and she promises a strong year for specialty courses. . . . Flotilla 58 held its annual Change-of-Watch with Anthony Savicky being installed as Flotilla Commander succeeding PFC Willard Roush. You will be sure to see 58 this year when the

weather breaks on CME stations along the Susquehanna. . . . At the recent Division Change-of-Watch, PFC William R. Beck received a plaque for Flot. 59's efforts in the birth of the new Flotilla 5-10 in Bloomsburg. . . . Flotilla 5-10 held its first Change-of-Watch with Russell L. Kressler being installed as FC. Kressler has been Commander since the Flotilla was chartered. The FC displayed a new 30 by 40 inch training aid that was constructed by himself with aid of Ronald Hunter. This unusual training aid is a reproduction of a waterway complete with three islands and a channel marked with an array of lighted, flashing buoys; a lighthouse and directional towers.

VI

DIVISION CAPTAIN

Richard Hark



By Helene Hark, DSO-PR

More than 200 Auxiliarists and guests turned out to witness the new Division and Flotilla officers of Division VI receive the oath of office at their annual Change-

of-Watch Dinner Dance that was held on March 4th at the Bordentown Elks Club.

The guests included LCDR & Mrs. Herman G. Pinter, LTJG Bruce W. Herdman, DCO & Mrs. Victor F. Baumeister and IPDCP and Mrs. Arthur Scully.



RCO(E) Lloyd Furber presents the plaque, awarded to the Flotilla within Division VI having the highest overall performance, to Eugene Mowrer FC-62, who accepted the award for his Flot.

Following the dinner and installation of officers, RCO-E Lloyd Furber made the following presentations of awards for membership activity during 1971. Michael Evans, SO-CE, was awarded a plaque for achieving the highest number of individual CMEs while Walt Rutkowski, FC-66 accepted the plaque awarded to his flotilla for the highest number of CMEs attained by a flotilla in the division. The award presented to the flotilla for having an outstanding overall performance went to Flotilla 62 and was accepted by Eugene Mowrer, FC-62. The Division award presented for the NSBW display was accepted by DCP Hark on behalf of Flotilla 62 for their outstanding exhibit.

NEWS FROM FLOTILLAS . . . Flot. 61 didn't waste any time in getting the new Sail Course in action . . . A PEC is being sponsored by Flot. 63 at the Delhaas High School with the largest attendance in years . . . Three officers of the Small Boat Handling Team spoke to Flot. 66 in February. This group has a Color and Honor Guard and have presented one-lesson PECs to the Local Boy Scout troops. They are now busy setting up a patrol schedule for the Barnegat Bay . . . Our new Flotilla, 68, chartered just this past December, are presently supervising a Division VI PEC at Hopewell Valley Regional High School in Pennington . . . Kay Furber, SO-CC is spreading the word of Project AIM to interested high school juniors who would like the opportunity of spending four days at the Coast Guard Academy in New London.



VCO Joseph L. Krager administers the oath of office to (l. to r.) VCP Ralph Curtis and DCP Howard Turner while IPDCP Ellwood Manahan observes the ceremony which was conducted at Division V's Change-of-Watch Dinner held this past winter at the New Cumberland Army Depot.
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