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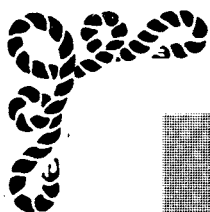


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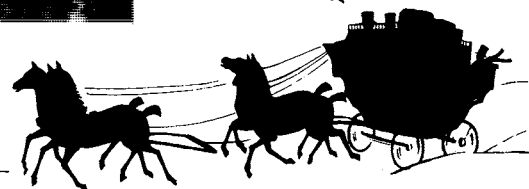
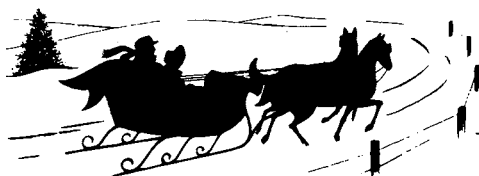
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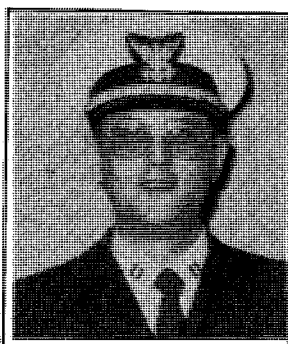
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Chestertown, MD
showing combined family ensigns
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DIRAUX UPDATE

... LT. Collin S. Campbell, DIRAUX



Do you know what Mission Objectives are? Simply put, Mission Objectives are goals that you want to achieve in order to better accomplish your mission. If you're trying to win a war, your Mission Objectives might be to take Hills 134, 276 and 378. Thus by accomplishing your Mission Objectives, you further the mission itself. That's nice. What's the point?

For 1986, Commodore Raudabaugh and I have developed Mission Objectives for our region. Our Mission Objectives are designed to give each staff officer, clear, distinct and obtainable targets to shoot for. Just as each staff officer will know what his/her objectives are, so will each elected officer. Our desire is that each elected officer ensure that his/her staff understands their objectives and plans to accomplish them.

The Commodore and I think that with your support, the Mission Objectives can be the key to focusing our resources. Let's face it, as an organization we are very decentralized in our management. That's not inherently bad. In fact, we prefer it because few of us want to be told how to run our units. Even with the Mission Objectives, we're not telling you how to accomplish them; we're asking that you use your own initiative and ingenuity to attain these objectives.

Few of the Mission Objectives involve meeting numerical goals. In fact, most of the Mission Objectives are not quantitative at all. They try to target common sense areas under the control of the staff officer. They are guides. If a new staff officer is a little bewildered about what he/she should be doing, all they have to do is work on their Mission Objectives to ensure a productive year. To a new staff officer the Mission Objectives are really navigational aides to get them safely to their destination.

The Commodore and I sincerely believe that these objectives can benefit your unit and the boating public. Just think of the potential we already possess. If we can focus this potential for our own benefit... It boggles the mind.

You'll be hearing more about Mission Objectives throughout the year. The elected officers will find out what the specific Mission Objectives for 1986 will be at the Elected officer Training in Pennsville, NJ and Reading, PA, on 7 and 14 December, respectively.

LT Collin S. Campbell, DIRAUX 3SR

REAR COMMODORE WEST - ELECT

Pictured is Ednor Miller, currently DCP-V, the Rear Commodore West Elect for the upcoming year. Congratulations Captain - soon to be Commodore. We wish you the best of luck in your new assignment. Balance of EXCOM remains the same for 1986.



FROM THE BRIDGE

Update.....Richard L. Raudabaugh, DCO



1986 MISSION OBJECTIVES

Ever hear of the "5 Ps"? (Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance.) We've heard of this aspect of leadership many times and with many variations. The central theme is, however, P L A N N I N G. Through this process we can establish an outline of the programs that are important and set in motion a plan of action—a road map for success!

It was with this thought in mind that the mission objectives for 1986 were thought out, considered, developed, refined and finally put in print as the goals for our district.

Just how are the mission objectives established? And why should members strive to meet goals which they did not themselves set? These are two important issues which need clarification. The objectives are sometimes numerical measurements. Other times, they are not. They may be based upon our district experience or historical activity in a given area in 1985 or in prior years or may be a program or concept or a void in emphasis in our overall program of "Boating Safety." In any event they have been carefully thought out and considered by the Director of Auxiliary, the Assistant

Director and the members of the District Executive Committee before appearing as mission objectives for 1986.

Someone years ago said "You've got to aim at something in order to hit it." Sure, we could take a laissez faire approach and say, "Whatever we will do, that's what we will accomplish." Maybe we would accomplish just as much, or maybe less, but what difference would it make?

Well certainly that approach requires no leadership, no planning, no direction and usually gets no results. It is more appropriate for those in leadership positions to set goals, establish priorities, generate enthusiasm and promote mission objectives. These must however always be realistic and attainable.

Some of our program objectives do not fall equally on each member, flotilla or division. Not every member in each unit is qualified or active in every program area. Some will realistically exceed the average per member and per flotilla share, while other goals will be accomplished by those active in those areas.

The overall issue is planning and goal setting by design and not by chance. 1985 has been a banner year for our district; we have had very general goals and have accomplished a great deal. In 1986 we can do even better by simply setting our priorities as our mission objectives. *Together we can in 1985 — Together we will in 1986!!!*

Happy Holidays

Dick Raudabaugh, DCO 3SR

FROM THE BRIDGE

Update.....Alexander M. Lewis, VCO



WARNING SIGNALS

There are danger signals showing. In the past few years our membership has declined to approximately 2,350. Although as of this writing we show a positive net gain for this year—the year-end statistics are not in, and the complete picture is yet to be viewed.

When you are searching for answers, the best thing is to ask questions, and in our work we constantly must search and ask.

Why, with more and more water-oriented recreationalists, have we not added to our numbers in great quantity? Surely, there are those "out there" who share the same feeling regarding boating and water safety that motivated us to join and help spread the word of safety on the water.

Why have we had so many "drop-outs" from our numbers, which has reduced our strength by approximately 20% over the past few years?

Questioning does more than supply answers. It induces planning and methods which will help to turn our problem

around; to help us find the "few more good men and women" we would like to have and need to have.

In this vein, it would serve us well to make full use of the inter-relationships that do exist between the departments in the Auxiliary structure: for instance, Public Affairs and Growth and Retention. What better way than to call on our "Public Relations" department to advertise the Auxiliary work — yes, to blow the Auxiliary horn.

For instance, at the ramps and marinas — a team consisting of an examiner and a Public Affairs-oriented person working together. The first completes the examination of the vessel — the other then takes over and tells the Auxiliary story and incorporates in that a "get-acquainted" visit to the next Flotilla meeting.

The same should work very well with Public Affairs and Public Education classes.

And as a committee of one, each of us can tweet that horn to friends, neighbors, and to all others whom you judge to have an affinity to water and water safety.

Publicizing and promoting an organization requires analysis, imagination, careful planning, and the ability to turn strategy into action. The plan described here is a start. Let's pick up the ball and run with it.

Alexander M. Lewis, VCO 3SR

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!
WINTER CONFERENCE - JANUARY 17, 18, 19, 1986



C. S. CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR
RICHARD L. RAUDABAUGH, COMMODORE

RECAP
Topside, WINTER 1985

ELECTED OFFICER TRAINING - December 7th at Pennsville and December 14th at Reading. Mark your Calendars. **1986 SEMINARS** - Both the Operations Seminar Topics and the Courtesy Examiner Seminar Discussion Topics are out in the field. Here's a brief on what's going on as concerns seminars. Your unit should have: 1) COMDTINST 16794.8A dated 12 July 1985, subject is Standard Auxiliary Seminar Guide. This instruction explains how to give a seminar. 2) COMDTINST 16798 dated 30 August 1985, subject is 1986 Operations Seminar Topics. It contains all of the items which must be covered. The only error is that the instruction says the seminar must be given by 31 March. The correct date is 31 May. 3) Fall 1985 NAVIGATOR. Inside the Navigator is the 1986 CE Seminar Guide. Note that the CE HOTLINE preceding the seminar topics provides cover information.

— Please note that *everyone* participating in the Operations program must attend an Operations Seminar. This includes crewmembers.

— **DO NOT SEND YOUR SEMINAR ATTENDANCE ROSTERS TO THE AUXMIS CLERK IN NY!** Send them to your servicing Director's office. We'll record them in our office and then send them to AUXMIS for you.

— The District will offer our traditional seminars at the January Conference.

— If you choose to hold a seminar at the flotilla level, it may be best to wait until after the first of the year. But it's up to your unit.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE, ORLANDO, FL. - Here are the results of the voting from the National Board. REMEMBER, none of these items have yet been approved by the Commandant:

1. Proposal to eliminate category 11 on the Mission Hour Card. **PASSED.**

2. Proposal to reinstate the Operational Service Award. **FAILED** (Note: Commandant has already OK'd a new award similar to this.)

3. Proposal to eliminate the practical demonstrations from the BQ process. **PASSED.**

4. Proposal to change the privileges and restrictions for Inactive Membership. **PASSED.**

5. Proposal to change the eligibility for Permanent Membership from 10 years to 15 years. Permanent Members would pay dues until they had accumulated 20 years of service. Note: This would not affect current Permanent Members. **PASSED.**

6. Proposal to change the term of office for Division Captains from one year to two years. **FAILED.**

7. Proposal to change the By-Laws of the National Board, Inc. concerning Life Membership. **PASSED.**

8. Proposal to change the Standing Rules of the National Board for housekeeping purposes. None of these recommendations change any material aspect of the standing rules. **PASSED.**

UNIFORM AVAILABILITY - You can buy for only a few dollars, brand-new gabardine uniforms at the Cape May Exchange. Pants are about \$5 and the coats are only \$10. It would be best to call first because not all sizes are available. Call 609-884-8451 and ask for the Exchange.

DISENROLLMENTS - It's that time of year. If you're going to disenroll a member, do it now. Don't wait because if for any reason their name shows on the 31 December roster, you'll be charged for their dues. BUT — DON'T be disenrollment happy and don't be too hasty. Encourage the inactive members to get active—come out to meetings and events participate in our programs. Above all give them reasons to enjoy being Auxiliarists.

BCQP TRAINING TEAM - The BCQP TRATEAM will come to your unit and teach any of the tasks that you want covered. To arrange for the training follow the same chain you use for getting a QE. FSO-MT to SO-MT to QEC.

NEW CME FORM AVAILABLE - The new CME pamphlet/check list is now available at ANSC. Maximum order is 200 per flotilla. Scratch out the 2901 on your order form and write in AUX 204 when ordering. These new pamphlets are expensive to produce so do not use them as boat show give-aways. This pamphlet is super.

COLLIN S. CAMPBELL

UPDATE Operations Three Two One Qualified

We are presently counting down to January 1987 when our 3 year phase in period for coxswain, operator and crew qualification ends.

What are we counting? Well naturally, years . . . but we are counting more than just years. We are counting the many loyal volunteer auxiliarists who are presently honing their skills, or learning new skills. We are counting the many classroom and underway hours devoted to these tasks. We are counting the new friendships and teamwork that are developing. We are counting the many hours of enjoyment that we have had teaching, learning, practicing, testing and laughing.

What can't we count? We can't count the many times that we will be using these skills or how much self esteem and confidence has been gained by the many Auxiliarists involved. We can't count the amount of knowledge that is being passed on to Auxiliarists or the public who are not involved in the boat crew qualification program.

The program has been very successful. There are few that have not benefited from the program. New hands, as well as the seasoned operator, now have a common knowledge of

Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary practices and procedures.

The Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to count on you. *John R. (Andy) Kratzer, ADSO-OPC 3SR*

Operations Sail '86, New York Harbor

Make your plans now to celebrate the nation's 210th birthday during OP Sail '86, July 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will supply 300 search & rescue, picket and transportation facilities. Facilities, with crews, will be required for up to five days. The operators and crews must be qualified under the current 3SR requirements; i.e. qualified as operator or crew during the phase in period or newly qualified as coxswain, operator or crew and everyone must have a current seminar. All crews will be kept to a minimum in order to provide SAR and transportation duties.

Applications will be taken for operational facilities (with or without a qualified operator) coxswains, operators and crews. Operators will be supplied to operational facilities without one. Applications will be distributed through the division operations officers and should be submitted to John R. (Andy) Kratzer, 819 Fordham St., Delran, NJ 08075.

John R. (Andy) Kratzer, Chairman 3SR OP Sail '86

ASST. DIRAUX Update LT William Cherry, Asst. DIRAUX



UPON CHANGING THE 'REINS'

Would any of you out there turn over the keys to your favorite sports car to a non-driver with no formal driver safety training and no prior 'hands on' experience? How about giving the keys to your boat to a non-boater with no formal boating safety education and no prior experience afloat? OF

COURSE NOT . . . if you did, your car or boat would probably be returned in pieces or, even worse, the benefactor of your generosity might well end up as a "hood ornament" on a 'Mack' truck or yacht!

Yet, experience shows that some of you will turn over the 'reins' of your elected or appointed office to your successor with no more than "Well, you got it . . . the stuff you need is in those 14 boxes I put in your car"! As with the car or boat, the results are predictable. Depending upon the capabilities of your successor, 3 to 6 months will be wasted while he/she tries to assimilate the job. Even worse, the unit will be without direction and the job won't get done for the same period of time!

The problem of improper relief is not unique to the Auxiliary. The Coast Guard is notorious for their "roadside" reliefs! That's where the relieving officer and his predecessor pass each other, going in opposite directions, somewhere on a highway. I'll bet that many of you can recall seeing the effects of "roadside" reliefs upon changes of Directors and their office staffs! Obviously, this problem can't be completely eliminated . . . none of us have the time nor the ability to pass all of our knowledge on to our successor. How then can we minimize the adverse effects of the problem?

The answer? Communicate with your successor! The more information you are successful in passing on, the fewer adverse effects of relief you will encounter. What information you pass on is, of course, discretionary; but, the following items should

be considered essential:

Provide a broad overview of the job and how it 'fits' into the Auxiliary organization. If you hold an elected office, explain proper conduct in the various meeting you attend, motions, amending motions, votings, etc., and invite your successor to sit in on at least 1 meeting of each type you regularly attend. Explain parallel staffing and "chain-of-communications."

Pass on job-related publications and paperwork. Take the time to explain your paperwork filing system and give a brief synopsis of each publication. Review and discuss all important paperwork.

Explain how to complete all required reports, to whom they are sent, and when they are due. Stress their importance and possible consequences of non-compliance. If possible, give a written summary of these reports by name and date due to your successor.

Discuss all on-going projects, present status, and what remains to be done. Also, discuss planned projects which have to be initiated in the next year, i.e., change-of-watch, Christmas party, NSBW, AIM, etc.

Discuss all problem areas, present status, and what remains to be done. Remember that troubled Flotilla you've been trying to save? And how about those staff positions you have been unable to fill? Are you receiving all the information you need to do your job?

Explain known job or unit weaknesses and if you have a plan to correct them . . . explain it. Discuss where emphasis needs to be placed in the coming year, i.e., qualifying CEs, bolstering the OPS cornerstone, lowering the facility ratio, etc.

And last, but not least, let your successor know that you are available to answer questions or provide whatever assistance he/she might require. Be sincere in this offer and, if called upon, follow through!

Passing on the essentials coupled with the Third Southern Region's Elected Officer Training, various workshop/seminars for staff officers, and AUXLAM will guarantee that our leadership is second to none. Please don't do yourself a disservice by helping to make your successor the proverbial "hood ornament!"

LT William Cherry, Asst. DIRAUX (Detached) 3SR

FROM THE WEST Update George Smyth, RCO (W)



Our elections for the coming year should all be completed by this time. We have chosen our elected officers to guide us thru 1986. Now we must support them. Maybe, in some cases, the ones who were elected may not have been the ones we had hoped for, but remember, they were chosen by the majority. Now we must support them and pull together. We are all working for the same cause.

Aren't we? These same elected officers must now select their staff for the coming year. Don't be afraid to accept one of those

staff jobs and help out. We all joined to help other boaters, now let's go out there and do our thing.

Those of you who have gone on to a division office, elected or staff, or beyond, do not forget your Flotilla. They are still there and need your assistance. So often we get so involved with our new duties that we forget our roots, the Flotilla. They must still survive and can still use our help. They need it to continue on. As they go, so go the members.

As I have said before, I'm still hanging out in the Harrisburg office. If I can be of any assistance to any of you, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I'm still working for my Flotilla, the Division and the District in '86. I hope you are too.

George J. Smyth, RCO (W) 3SR

PLAN TO ATTEND THE CE AND OPS SEMINARS ON JANUARY 18

SPECIAL ORGANIZATION
LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



PENNSYLVANIA

- The State of Pennsylvania has a special Organizational License Plate program.
- There is a one-time fee of \$20.00 for processing when the order is placed and only the normal registration fee thereafter.
- You must be a member in good standing of the organization in order to qualify for its specially designed plate.
- Plate colors are the standard blue background with gold characters
- Plates are available to motor vehicles other than motorcycles and trailers with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less
- Plates are issued in numerical sequence only
- The organization must survey its members and provide proof of interest in purchase by at least 500 members before the special plate can be approved
- If you would be interested in ordering such a special license plate, complete the form below

Complete the form below and mail by January 31, 1986

To: DCO Richard L. Raudabaugh
3801 Oxbow Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

I am interested in ordering the Special Organizational License Plate with the Coast Guard Auxiliary Logo. I understand that there is a one-time fee of \$20.00, which will be payable with my actual application at a later date.

Signed: Name: _____

Address: _____

Member No. _____

Public Education Alice Stamm, DSO-PE

As the first year of Commodore Raudabaugh's term comes to a close, I would like to reflect for a moment on the progress that we have made in Public Education in 3SR.

1. We feel that the information has been traveling both up and down and that we are all better informed because of this communication through the chain of responsibility.
2. All PE Speed-Grams have been sent to Division Staff Officers immediately upon receipt. All FCs are supposed to read theirs and then pass it on to our most important people, the FSO-PEs.
3. Classes are being reported to Boat/US and we are getting people for our classes from that source.
4. Intent-To-Teach and Course Completion Forms are being sent in on time. But, ARE WE SENDING IN OUR MISSION HOUR CARDS? Without these you get no credit for the many hours you spend in the classroom, educating the boating public.
5. On the whole I have been getting reports from most divisions. For this I thank the SO-PEs. Those who have loyally submitted the reports know who you are. Those who have sent a few have tried to keep us informed. For those that have not sent in any reports—I regret that your division could never be included in my reports to the District Board. LET'S MAKE IT 100% next year.

It has come to my attention that many of you obtained your Coastal Piloting books before the slide commentary was included. Please drop me a card and a copy will be on it's way to you by return mail.

Many of you seem to be missing slide sets which have been sent out to every flotilla over the years. To help you locate them, the following list covers them to the best of my knowledge.

1. 13 lesson BS&S - addition of new slides for lesson 6.
2. 13 lesson S&S - addition of new slides for lesson 5 if requested.
3. Water 'N Kids
4. Youth Program
5. Visual Distress Signals
6. Close Encounter of a Dangerous Kind
7. Hazards of Stern Anchoring
8. PFD Your Friend for Life
9. C.G.Auxillary History (good for GR pitch to classes)
10. CG Boats and Planes
11. Hypothermia

Many of the above slides can be used with your regular teaching and count as a lecture towards your Public Affairs goal. A list of these will be at the next Public Education Workshop in January at Valley Forge. To get PA credit a separate mission hour card circling Public Appearance must be sent in at the same time as your card for teaching class - being sure to apportion the time accordingly. You, of course cannot take credit for the same lecture under two categories.

On the whole I feel this has been a good year in Public Education and THANK YOU ALL for making it as good as it was. LET'S MAKE 1986 A BANNER YEAR and go sailing over the top with number of classes taught and reported.

Alice F. Stamm, DSO-PE 3SR

FROM THE EAST Update..... William Pierce, RCO (E)



THE PAID VOLUNTEER
Vol-un-tar-y = done or brought about by one's own free will - exercising free choice.

Vol-un-teer = a person who offers him- or herself for a service without obligation to do so, to offer some service of one's own free will.

The words "free" and "service" are repeated often in the definitions. So what do I mean by the title "Paid Volunteer"? The two words do

not seem to go together.

Let's take our cornerstones:

Public Education — How many times after a class or course has a student come up to you and stuck his or her hand out and said a hearty "Thank You" for your time, effort and talent, stating that they gained quite a bit from your course, and knowing that someday something, some bit of information, will save them from being a boating statistic.

Vessel Examination— After you have completed a thorough examination of a boat and explained why the boat failed and the boat owner thanks you for taking your time to not only

examine his boat, but for explaining the reason it failed; and the more important reason—safety requirements; and specifically why they should correct the fault. We make far more friends in this post inspection conversation than we do in an assembly line type of inspection. Think about it.

Operations— Tow someone in who has trouble and you see in their eyes a "Thank You." You hear it in their voice— "Thank you," and see it in their smiles — "Thank You." As you can see we do get "PAID," and "PAID" quite a bit. It seems the more we do, the better we get and the better the "pay."

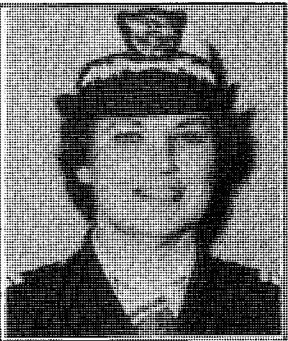
I've only touched on three instances. How about the young man or woman that we send to the Academy, the group we speak to about boating, the children we teach "Water 'N Kids" to, or the marine police, the state boating law people? And how about the big guy down in Washington? The President has said many times "Thank You" to the best service organization is his and our country.

Don't forget fellow "Paid Volunteers" that in order to continue to receive our "pay" we have to dedicate ourselves to do a better job in all our endeavors. We have the training tools and the training personnel, we owe it to ourselves to take advantage of them.

From me to you "Thank You."

Bill Pierce, RCO-E, 3SR

FROM CENTRAL Update..... Nancy K. Davis, RCO (C)



Autumn leaves have drifted to the earth on the same breezes of our last sail of the year. Now the boats have carefully been put to bed to wait for yet another season of pleasure. Some folks think it's time to hibernate until the cover comes off their boat, but not an Auxiliarist! Winter is a busy boating season.

We've completed the annual elections. To those who will be serving as an elected officer in 1986, CONGRATULATIONS! Your work has just begun. You're charged with the

selection of a staff. You are to lead your Flotilla or Division to greater heights. Now's the time to set your goals and plan

to attain them.

If you're appointed as a staff officer, you're in charge of and the expert in a particular area. You've pledged to support the Auxiliary and its purposes, so now's the time to be innovative and resourceful.

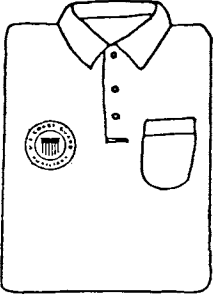
This is a season of change of watches, awards banquets, and parties. It's the time to set up public education classes and to do some member training. But, it's also a very special time because it's now that we say "thank you" to each individual member for all of the "little things" that they've done in the past; especially all of those tasks that must be done but don't have a category on a mission hour card. Without all of us working together the task would be difficult. It's so much more enjoyable doing things together.

A big THANK YOU to each member in Third Southern for making 1985 such a great year. Happy Holidays to all!

Nancy K. Davis, RCO (C) 3SR

YOU WON'T BE SHIRT-CHANGED

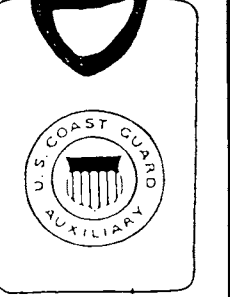
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Golf Shirt, Item 81321

See your
Materials Officer
for details

OFFICIAL NATIONAL STORE
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T-Shirt, Item 81322



Congratulations and best wishes to District, Division and Flotilla elected and staff officers for 1986.

As we kick off our programs for another year let us all have high hopes of surpassing all of our previous accomplishments. To make this a reality requires a total commitment from all officers, elected and staff, and

most importantly the same enthusiasm and commitment from the general membership.

Every active member in the Third Southern joined the Auxiliary for one or two reasons; to increase their knowledge of safe boating or to share their previous expertise with others. Whatever the reason it takes the input from each of us participating together to make this an outstanding year for our organization.

The goals for all programs are provided; all we have to do is use them to the best of our abilities. Wherever your interest lies in any of our varied programs, be it in furthering your own knowledge by participating in member training or sharing your knowledge of teaching, or assisting the boating public, put everything you have to offer into it. I am certain that if each of us will give an all out effort in whatever activities we choose, we will realize the true meaning of our Fellowship Cornerstone.

Most important by participating together we will conclude the year 1986 as the most outstanding year in Third Southern history.

Bob Wecker, IPDCO 3SR

ETYMOLOGY

What does that word mean and where did it originate? Etymology, that branch of Philology which treats of the origin and derivation of words — so says the dictionary.

Many of the words we use in nautical parlance today originated in the Old Norse or Viking era about 700 to 1100 A.D.

As we all know, the Vikings were great sailors and covered the western shores and islands of Europe (and points West) quite well. According to written history, they did rather well throughout the Mediterranean and the Levant, also.

Let's see some of these Viking terms:

Aback — Sail or Sails backwinded.

Ahoy — The traditional hail. In early times the dreaded Viking war cry.

Awash — When the decks are flooded

Aweigh — Said of the anchor when clear of the bottom on being hoisted.

Bale — A curved hoop or band, such as a handle on a pail. Sometimes, and perhaps preferably, spelled "bail."

Bear — Pointing out the direction of an object from a vessel or to sail (lay a course) in an indicated direction.

Berm — A narrow shoal or bank, or a raised embankment along a stream.

Board — In sailing, a tack to windward. Also, to go aboard any craft. The derivation is from the Norse, "bord", which

Two articles in the Fall issue of *Topside* were reprinted from the 9th District East Auxiliary's publication *Eastwind*. They were reprinted because they contained some very worthwhile suggestions regarding the election of officers.

Rather than reprint those two excellent articles, we should go back and read them over in another context. They define the characteristics of our Past Captain's Association very well. That's as it should be, since all of us have been through the challenge and responsibilities of a number of Auxiliary Offices.

This District is very fortunate in the caliber of their "Pasts." Looking about the room at any of our PCA meetings, you can notice that everyone there is "pulling an oar" someplace in the organization. Many of the members who don't get to a meeting are watching the store, working on one or another of the District Auxiliary programs.

To the new Division Captains assuming office in 1986 — congratulations. You have a big job to do. But don't forget your predecessors stand ready to help, call on them. They have a positive attitude about the Auxiliary goals and programs, they have indepth knowledge of how the Auxiliary works and how to work within its structure.

To the Division Captains leaving the Board this year, well done. You can now turn your considerable talents to the Speakers Bureau, we need your help.

To the Division Captains returning to the Board, welcome. Completion of a term as Division Captain makes you eligible to become a member of the PCA, to participate in its fellowship and in the "wisdom" of the PCA deliberations.

John McIntosh, PDCO 3SR, PPCA



NEXT TOPSIDE DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 28th

means one of several; 1. Border or edge; 2. Table (dining);

3. Board (shipside); 4. Plank.

Boat — A general term for small craft.

Bollard — A strong vertical post to which hawsers are made fast, both aboard ship and ashore.

Bolster — The rounded "lip" of hawsehole or fairlead to reduce chafe on the lines.

Boom — The spar at the foot of a fore-and-aft sail.

Bore — A sudden strong tide wave or surge found most often on the northeastern shores of the United States.

Bound — Said of a vessel's intended port, or destination.

Bow — The forward end of any craft.

Breast — As a verb, it means to pull in or to push away, "breast in" or "breast off." As a noun, it refers to lines going from the vessel to the pier, perpendicular to the Lubberline.

Bulkhead — A shipboard wall or partition.

Bulwark — A solid rail composed of extensions of the craft's frames above deck level and planked over.

Being of Norwegian descent, your historian is and has been, for many of his years, seafaring (as an amateur) probably because of his Viking ancestry.

John E. Johansen, Historian 3SR

BRISTOL FLOTILLA CELEBRATES THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Flotilla 6-3, Bristol was thirty years old on Monday, October 14, 1985. The flotilla celebrated the anniversary of its chartering with a special program at their meeting on Monday, October 28 at the Bristol Yacht Club in Edgely. Since the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established in its present form in 1941, Flotilla 6-3 has been active 63% of the time the National Organization has been in existence.

Special guests attending the event included LT Collin S. Campbell, DIRAUX 3SR; DCO Richard L. Raudabaugh; VCO Alexander M. Lewis; RCO-East William M. Pierce; Chester Klabbatz, DCP-VI; Eugene Pester, VCP-VI; Thomas Wright, Commodore of the Bristol Yacht Club; Mrs. Margaret Stakenas, Mayor of Bristol; and Joseph Halberstein, Associate Editor of the Bucks County Courier Times. Picture at right taken during the cake cutting ceremony shows left to right: DCP Chester Klabbatz, DCO Richard L. Raudabaugh, LT Collin S. Campbell, VCO Alexander Lewis, VFC Edward Reading, and FC Joseph M. Welsh.

Submitted by John Koleser, FSO-PA, Flotilla 6-3, 3SR



PHOTO: Bucks County Courier Times

George Cockefair and Flotilla 10-5 Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Your editor and her husband were recently privileged to attend a 25-year anniversary celebration for George A. Cockefair and Flotilla 10-5. Although the flotilla still has a little more than a year to go for its full 25 years, George who was the first Flotilla Commander has had 25 years of service, and it was decided they should be celebrated simultaneously.

We would like to share with you the following speech made by George giving both his history in the Auxiliary as well as the explanation of the way Flotilla 10-5 began.

"It is probably appropriate that I make a few remarks at this time to describe how and why we came into being in Pottstown as Flotilla 5 of Division X, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. I can assure you there were no such thoughts in mind when I began to inquire where one could obtain official information about operating and navigating a power boat on both inland and coastal waters.

"I had served two seasons as weekend mate on a fishing boat out of Barnegat Light and had brought a boat from Margate City, NJ to Northeast, MD on two different occasions. This was enough to make me realize there was a lot more I needed to know before I became a competent skipper.

"Jack Bicher, Jr. told me there was a Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla in Reading and that they ran a series of classes on boat handling, rules of the road, etc. during the winter. This sounded like the information for which I was looking.

"I signed up for the next class and went to Reading once a week during the winter. We met in the Coast Guard Auxiliary building on River Road above the Carpenter Steel Buildings.

"The textbook was Chapman, much thinner than the present edition, but it contained all the information a skipper needed to operate a small boat safely. There was an examination at the end of the course and those who passed were invited to join the Reading Flotilla which was then 10-1. I was invited to join and did so.

"It is interesting to note that one of the members of 10-1 was J. Henry Bicher, Jack's father who had been recently elected Flotilla Commander. 'Hen' was a very conscientious person, a good instructor and a good boatman. He was the one to whom other boatmen turned when in trouble and they usually accepted his advice.

"A few months after joining the Reading Flotilla I was approached on the subject of organizing a flotilla in Pottstown. After a lot of thought I agreed to try it. Jack Bicher who worked at Flaggs, as I did, agreed to help recruit the students. Jack had served as a Lieutenant in the Navy during World War II and was acquainted with things nautical, but he was nevertheless required to pass the Coast Guard test before he could join the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"Jack and I set out to recruit a blue ribbon class of our friends who already had boats or were planning to buy a boat. If you glance at the names on our charter I think you will agree we succeeded rather well. We even secured a meeting-room by recruiting the Pollock boys.

"When it was clear we would have enough for a class, we ordered the books, and set the date, time, and place for the first meeting.

"The group was conscientious, studied the assignments, and attended the weekly classes and they passed the examination. I can still recall seeing Bob Harp plugging away at that exam when everyone else had left. The subjects were still a bit strange to him but he passed and there was no help from the instructor. I don't remember that there were any failures.

"We applied for a Charter and received it. Now we were an official unit of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and had an official number - Flotilla 10-5. I was elected Commander and Jack Bicher was elected Vice Commander. We met monthly in the Pollock Automobile Museum on South Evans Street.

"And that's the way it started in Pottstown."

Needless to say, George who is a retired Army Colonel went on to become one of Division X's Captains and also was one of the Nation's first AUXOP Members. George is still active in the Flotilla and is truly an inspiration to all.

Congratulations to both George and Flotilla 10-5. May you both continue your outstanding performance and be an inspiration to all.

The Editor, *Topside*



Above photo shows George Cockefair being presented with his 25 year certificate by RCO-W George Smyth.

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DIVISION XII HOLDS BCM PRACTICAL CHECK-OFFS

"The skies were ashen and sober. The leaves they were crisped and sere." In addition rain had been predicted and a chill wind was blowing as 27 Auxiliarists gathered at Bowers Beach on the early morn of October 19 for Division XII's first BCM check off.

Division XII Captain Robert Carson directed the practical qualifications tests for Boat Crewman with one member working on Vessel Operator. He was assisted by five other Qualification Examiners, three Auxiliary helpers, five facilities, Bowers Auxiliary Communication Station, and one mobile station.

There were 17 Auxiliarists who had registered for testing. They represented five flotillas from Division XII plus members from Divisions V and X. Although the weather outlook was not good with chop on the bay, Capt. Carson said "Let's get it done."

Groups of four boarded three operational facilities and started their "on-the-water" check-off. This included such items as underway procedures, towing, damage control, watch, and others needing the use of boats. Meanwhile, back on the beach, the second group began demonstrating their marlinspike skills; demonstrated the use of pumps and flares; and were checked off on other items such as communications and first aid.

Altogether the land and water sessions checked out just about all of the requirements for Boat Crewman.

As the morning progressed the wind dropped and the sun smiled through matching the expressions on the faces of Auxiliary members who were finding out that qualifying by the "Big Book" was not as bad as they had feared. In fact a great deal consisted of things they had been doing all along.

Qualification Examiners on deck were: Don Holleger, Edward Sandstrom, Joe Kennard, Lionel Crossman, Bob Wecker, and Robert Carson. Facilities and owner/operators included: *RAVEN*, R. A. Carson; *MARGIE*, George Voshell; *RUFF SEAS*, Marvin Ruff; *MISS PRISS II*, Edward Sandstrom; and *BAY HOUND*, F. B. Haines.

Perhaps the bottom line for the day was not only the skills achieved on the Operations cornerstone, but also the feelings of the fourth cornerstone as there was fellowship aplenty while Auxiliary members from many locations worked together on a common cause, *BOATING SAFETY*.

Submitted by: Don Addor, SO-PA, DIV XII-3SR



Lineup of participants



QE Robert Carson checks off a member's "rope work."

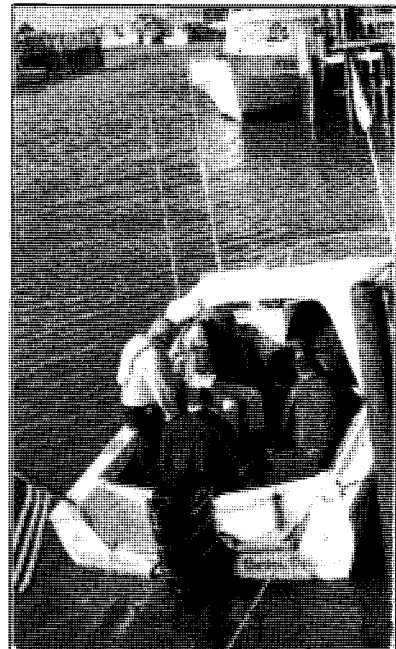


Checking Out facility for BCM QEs



Skills in knot tying and line handling on the beach

Photos: Don Addor



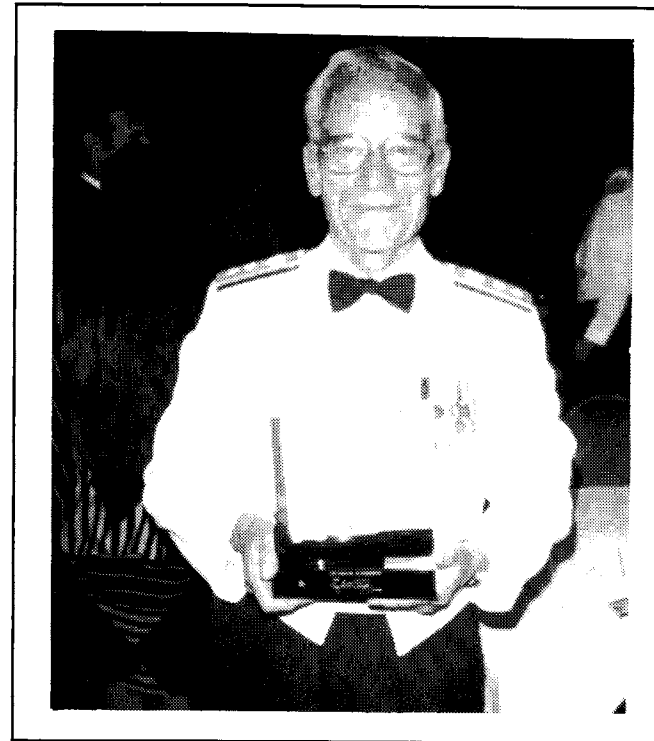
Underway Preparations

AWARDS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA

To the left and below are some scenes from the National Conference awards ceremonies showing a few of the recipients with whom we are most familiar.

At the top left is a face familiar to all of us, our good friend, Commodore William Parsons of the Fifth District, who was the proud recipient of the Michelob Schooner Award. Congratulations Commodore.

Third Southern came up proudly with several awards. Below are pictures taken by National Staff photographer showing 3SR awards being presented. The first being for a training aid submitted by Rupert Hoover, Flotilla 2-76 shown being received from Elbert Maloney, DC-E by our Commodore Richard Raudabaugh. The second picture shows your editor, Elsie Nichols, receiving the Honorable Mention (the second best publication) Award from Walter Murr, DC-A (NACO Chris Lagen in background).



The third picture to the left shows Louise Sowers, BC-TQS, ADSO-MT 3SR, receiving from Frank Palmer, BD-EDT/DVC-EDX, a "C" Award presented for her work in connection with the National MT program. Congratulations to all!

MT Workshop at Winter Conference

The Member Training Session scheduled for Saturday Morning January 18, at 8:30 AM, is the National Department of Training presentation on "Workshops: Designing and Conducting."

The workshop leaders for this session will be Hubert J. Sebastian, DC-TX and Louise Sowers, BC-TQS. This same presentation has been made at all the National Area meetings in 1985 as well as at the 9th Western Conference in Chicago.

If you have heard about the "Train the Trainer" presentation and have not seen it — *Now Is The Time*.





National Conference Orlando, Florida

There were 36 members of 3SR attending the National Conference in Orlando, Florida in September. Mother Nature accommodated us all - the weather was good if not great - the sightseeing excellent. Of course for those who trudged the paths of Disney Fantasyland and EPCOT - the rain on two days did not seem to dampen our spirit - it was truly a fantastic experience which all of us enjoyed. The evenings arranged for the Auxiliary at Shakespeare's, Medieval Times and the SeaWorld Luau were also memorable experiences. The presentations at the workshops and seminars were tops—everything was just great.

The pictures to the left and below are just a few showing some of the happy 3rd Southern faces at lunch, as well as our former Asst. DIRAUX LT Gene Rodgers, our honored guests Admiral Gracey and his wife enjoying the dancing after dinner, and our Director incognito at the pool.

A marvelous time was enjoyed by all - looking forward to New Orleans, Minneapolis, Hawaii and Denver in '86. If you have never attended a national conference - I can heartily recommend them.



Photos: Topside



Make your plans now to attend Winter Conference Saturday, January 18, 1986!



WORKSHOPS:

2200-?? Casino Night and Auction Rittenhouse Ballroom

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY 1986

0900-1030 Past Captain's Association Breakfast/Meeting
(Members and Spouses only) Revere Room

MENUS

LUNCHEON

Soup du Jour
Assorted Cold Meat Platter
With Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef
and Cheese Slices, Garni
Hot Apple Strudel
Coffee, Tea, Sanka
(\$10.00)

BANQUET

Macadoine of Fresh Fruit Laced with Port
Choice of Entree:
Top Sirloin of Beef with Burgundy Sauce
OR
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Baked Stuffed Potato, Vegetable du Jour
Mixed Green Salad with dressings
Chocolate or Vanilla Mousse
Coffee, Tea, Sanka
(\$19.00)



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SATURDAY

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Appropriate Civilian Attire
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SUNDAY MORNING





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration Desk.....Lobby.....Friday1700-2000
Saturday0800-1130/1300-1500
District Store—Room 209Saturday Open thru lunch1000-1600

FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1986

1930-2100 District Board Working Session Washington Room
2000-2100 District Staff Meeting Revere Room
2130-?? Welcome Aboard Party (Complimentary Wine & Cheese) Jefferson & Paine Rooms

SATURDAY, 18 JANUARY 1986

0800-0810 Opening Ceremony Grand Ballroom
0810-0825 Growth & Retention (GR) Presentation Grand Ballroom
0830-1130 District Board Meeting Washington Room
0830-0945 Member Training (MT) Workshop Adams Room
Information Systems Workshop (IS) Franklin Room
Publications Workshop (PB) Hancock Room
0930-1100 Ladies Coffee Revere Room
1000-1115 Public Education Workshop (PE) Adams Room
Communications Workshop (CM) Franklin Room
Legal Workshop (LP) Hancock Room
QE (BCM) Qualifying Private Dining Room No. 2
1000-1600 District Store Room 209
1130-1245 Awards Luncheon Paine & Jefferson Rooms
1300-1500 Operations Seminar (OP) Grand Ballroom
1515-1630 Vessel Examination Seminar (VE) Grand Ballroom
1515-1630 QE (BCM) Qualifying Private Dining Room No. 2
1630-1700 CC-FN-PA-AN-MA—"Ask Your DSO" Curbstone Grand Ballroom Foyer
1830-1930 Cocktails — No Host Bar Grand Ballroom Foyer
1930-2200 Banquet with Musical Entertainment Grand Ballroom
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1986 WINTER CONFERENCE

For many reasons, I am sorry that we had to cancel our Fall Conference at Wildwood Crest because of "Gloria." We were going to have the largest group that ever attended our district affairs. The Hotel had everything under control—food, service, rooms, and special events were all set and ready to go. However, that event is now literally "water over the dam" and we are now getting ready for the Winter Conference.

It will again be held at the Valley Forge Hilton and this year the pool is finished—so bring your suits. Many exciting things have been planned for your interest and enjoyment. Look at the schedule elsewhere in this issue of *TOPSIDE* and you will agree. Note that the Seminars—both Operations and Vessel Examination—are scheduled for the afternoon sessions, in order to give everyone an opportunity to attend not only the seminars but also the workshops or the District Board Meeting which will be held in the morning.

The banquet will be a delight. Good food and musical entertainment as well as an outstanding speaker. Following the banquet we will have Casino Night and Auction—no need to go to Atlantic City—the only difference will be that we will be using scrip instead of real money. It should be lots of fun so don't miss out—get those reservations in early—both to the Hotel (before December 30, 1985) and to me by January 3, 1986 PLEASE.

NOTE: We will again accept table reservations for the luncheon and banquet seating. See the notice at the registration desk for the requirements. It worked before, and I feel certain it will work again.

I hope we will fill the hotel this year and that all of you will attend THE WINTER CONFERENCE and make it the best that has ever been held.

Wishing you and yours Season's Greetings.

M. Philip Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 3SR

PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP WINTER CONFERENCE

This will be a most important workshop for all those desiring to teach Water 'N Kids, in the new push we are putting on to educate the youth of our district. AN EDUCATED CHILD IS OUR BEST WAY TO AN EDUCATED ADULT.

The Commodore and the District Board want US to teach as many children as we can. We are offering Water 'N Kids to all school districts in Third Southern as soon as Division Captains get the list of schools to me. We need people to go into the schools and teach. IT'S FUN!!

In addition to seeing the new slides for Water 'N Kids which have been added to the course, and the new slide commentary to accompany the slides, we will also hear about the NEW SHORT COURSE. This course is designed to go to the boater. No slides are being used. We are offering a course to teach right at the docks.

SET YOUR COURSE FOR THE PE WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, January 18, 1986 at 1000 hrs.

See you all there for an informative workshop with time for any of your questions.

Alice F. Stamm, DSO-PE 3SR

GR The World

At a recent Auxiliary Conference in a nearby District, to display the various interest areas of the attendees, each person was asked to stand when their personal specialties were called. Each proudly arose when his/her area CE, MT, etc. was announced. Many Auxiliarists stood several times because they participated in different cornerstones. Yet, at the end, when the DSO-GR stood and called for all those who participated in GR to stand . . . everyone rose. This is the real key that we must realize. WE are ALL participants in the GR program.

GR the World! As a takeoff on the recent pop song indicates: *We are the World* . . . for the Auxiliary especially. Everything that each of us does touches another area. If we don't actively participate in GR there will not be enough of us to continue all of our programs as we would wish. We each touch all!

There is nothing that will stop us more effectively than a small Flotilla that won't make an effort to

1. obtain new members,
2. train our present active ones, or
3. retain our experienced Auxiliarists.
4. All of the above.

These steps need to be studiously pursued! **YES! YOU HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE!** Many of you have been acquiring new members, encouraging present and retrieving former members, and there is nothing that will start us more effectively than a small Flotilla that makes the effort to "All of the above"—answer 4. Notice that there is no set answer for item 4. This is because as special individual flotillas we each must do what works best for our own group, within the framework of the Auxiliary.

Enthusiasm for what you are actively pursuing is the answer. This will spill over into the other areas because again . . . GR the World.

Caroline Sweigert, DSO-GR 3SR



"There IS a blue "A" in your future."

Preliminary design and
caption submitted by Caroline Sweigert

Note: Be sure to attend the GR Presentation at 8:10 AM on Saturday at Winter Conference—immediately following opening ceremony!

Member Training

This is my swan song as your DSO-MT. I have served in this capacity for three years and it has been one of the most enjoyable auxiliary assignments I have ever had. What made it so enjoyable was the excellent ADSO'S I had the privilege of working with. I am referring to Louise Sowers, Bud Farrer, Doris Miller and John Morgan. These people supported me by helping implement the BCQ Training Package, the "Tell Em" Program, as well as various specialty courses. With their help we were able to achieve 100% of our district gap goal in 1984 and stand a good chance of duplicating this result in 1985. The division member training officers were also superb. They got behind the M.T. programs in every way and, in most cases, kept me informed by reporting faithfully each month their M.T. activities. I would also like to thank the division captains for their warm support. They too made it happen. I am proud to report as of this writing we have added 14 new AUXOP members and we haven't finished yet. We have also added 150 BCQP members, 71 new instructors, and 87 new examiners so far this year. We have also added 7 new air ops to our ranks. We have accomplished much, but much more remains to be done. I ask everyone to get behind your new DSO-MT who ever that person may be and give him or her the support you have given me.

One of the things I was going to implement as the DSO-MT was a job qualification examination for future SO-MT aspirants. By having such a test we would insure that superior people would serve as SO-MTs. Of course, our present SO-MTs would pass the exam with flying colors. The job qualification test would be as follows:

PRE-QUALIFICATION TEST FOR MT

(Instructions: Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time Limit: 4 hours)

1. **HISTORY:** Describe the history of the papacy from its origins to the present day, concentrating especially, but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America, and Africa. Be brief, concise, and specific.
2. **MEDICINE:** You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected. You have fifteen minutes.
3. **PUBLIC SPEAKING:** 2500 riot crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

Gene Pester, DSO-MT

4. **BIOLOGY:** Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English Parliamentary system. Prove your thesis.
5. **MUSIC:** Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.
6. **PSYCHOLOGY:** Based on your knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: ALEXANDER of APHRODISIAS, RAMESES II, GREGORY of NICEA, HAMMURABI. Support your evaluation with quotations from each man's work, making appropriate references. It is not necessary to translate.
7. **SOCIOLOGY:** Estimate the sociological problems which might accompany the end of the world. Construct an experiment to test your theory.
8. **ENGINEERING:** The disassembled parts of a high powered rifle have been placed on your desk. You will also find instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In 10 minutes, a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.
9. **ECONOMICS:** Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the National debt. Trace the possible effects of your plan in the following areas: CUBISM, THE DONATIST CONTROVERSY, THE WAVE THEORY OF LIGHT. Outline a method for preventing these effects. Criticize this method from all possible points of view. Point out the deficiencies in your point of view, as demonstrated in your answer to the last question.
10. **POLITICAL SCIENCE:** There is a red telephone on the desk beside you. Start WORLD WAR III. Report at length on its socio-political effects — if any.
11. **EPISTEMOLOGY:** Take a position for or against truth. Prove validity of your stand.
12. **PHYSICS:** Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.
13. **PHILOSOPHY:** Sketch the development of human thought, estimate its significance. Compare with the development of any other kind of thought.
14. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Describe in detail. Be objective.

Maybe it is just as well I am stepping down. The test does seem rather easy and needs some work.

Thank again to everyone for your valuable support.

Gene Pester, DSO-MT 3SR



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DEMANDS COMMITMENT



When we became a BQ'd Auxiliary member, all of us swore to work for the Auxiliary. This was not an empty promise, but a firm commitment.

Have you, as an Auxiliarist, kept this promise? Try reviewing the following questions and check your input for the past year:

1. When was the last time you attended a flotilla meeting?
2. When was the last time you attended a Public Education class to help out?
3. When was the last time you volunteered for patrol crew?
4. When was the last time you tried to help at the Courtesy Examination Station?
5. When was the last time you attended a Division function?
6. Have you ever made it to a District or Area meeting?

7. When was the last time you did anything except pay dues?

The Flotilla awards received by all Flotilla members are based on its membership. If you are only a dues-paying, non-working member, you are raising the Flotilla goals without contributing.

None of us can do all of the above, but a few are working hard and giving time to the Auxiliary. Review your Auxiliary work record and make an honest effort to fulfill the promise you made when you joined. The Auxiliary is a working organization!

Robert A. Pope, FC 2-76, 3SR

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As this issue of *Topside* reaches your hands the yearly flood of information to AUXMIS has been slowed. There is little in the way of safety and regatta patrols, nearly all the CMEs have been entered into the system for 1985 (the Auxiliary Goal level for the Third Southern having been exceeded before the summer months were over!), most of the remaining AUXMIS activity is in the areas of PE (course completions) and MT. Yes, AUXMIS is slowing for 1985 — and already beginning for 1986! Information Systems activity is always going on. AUXMIS is getting ready to receive the lists of the newly appointed officers for 1986; it has already recorded some of the 1986 facility inspections and is preparing to send us our Annual Member Summary Letter once all the year's data is recorded. And, of course, our FSO-IS and SO-IS officers are working hard getting the remaining data to the system so that all our work can be recognized—so don't hold back those AUXMIS reports, send them in. Those few that won't get onto the 1985 database will be applied to next year's values.

Earlier this year a letter was sent from the Branch Chief for Microcomputers at the National level to all DSO-IS officers in the Auxiliary. I, in turn, sent a copy to each of the SO-IS officers in the Third Southern. This letter (reprinted on the opposite page) concerned the effort by the National Staff to find out who and how many Auxiliarists are involved with home computers. It goes on to ask if there are any good Auxiliary applications that the member would like to share with the rest of the Auxiliary. The expansion of the microcomputer into the home has caused many of us to use home computers for a variety of purposes. As an example, I am writing this article using a home computer for word processing. The Microcomputer Branch Chief (Information Systems Division) is trying to set up a clearinghouse—or sharing library for applications we can all use, but he needs information from the members as to the type of computer hardware and software YOU make use of, if indeed, you have a personal computer. The reason for this is that many of the varying brands of machines cannot use each other's programs and data (although some can) and in order to make a sharing library useful to all of us, the exact types of machines available are important. If some of you have already replied to this survey — Thank You. If not, and you would like to "get in on the action," your SO-IS has a copy of the survey form. In some cases, the SO-IS has duplicated the form and cover letter and sent both to all of the FSO-IS officers in their Division. The form is duplicated in a smaller size on page 13. The address to be used for mailing your response is on the survey form. This is for all members, not just IS staff officers.

Have a nice holiday season, and keep those cards and letters going in to AUXMIS. You've done a lot of good work this year, and it's nice to see it on the AUXMIS reports.
Joe Sowers, DSO-IS 3SR



Heard you all grumbling — "The Auxiliary National Supply Center is out of Mission Hour Cards again!" But listen — my fellow computer at the ANSC didn't goof. The order went in to Brooklyn Supply Center in a timely manner. BUT — there were some unavoidable shipping delays. Now you think you know the story. Well, maybe there's more to it than maligning us poor, defenseless computers.

Let me ask you, did you realize that in 1984 the ANSC shipped 380,200 Mission Hour Cards, CG-4947, but while I waited with an appetite for everyone of them — only 197,500 were received by AUXMIS? Where are the other 182,000? By the end of June this year, ANSC had shipped another 161,000 Mission Hour Cards. Put that with last year's 182,000 surplus and the total would easily take care of Auxiliary missions in 1985 since your work level is fairly steady. Come on now — you're holding out on me.

Do me a favor — take a look for my long-lost Mission Hour Cards. Maybe you've forgotten that stash you have in your attache case or the den closet. Maybe you've slowed down your activities since you became Vice President of your company — or you don't have that staff job any more which prompted you to keep a large inventory of forms. Look under that stack of Auxiliary correspondence — maybe you have some Mission Hour Cards there. Better yet — maybe you have some Mission Hour Cards ready to report and haven't done it yet.

So how's this for an idea from a "dumb" computer? A "yard sale" at the next several flotilla meetings. Gather in those forms, recirculate current ones and toss out the obsolete stuff which still keeps finding its way to my front door. There's no "antique" value to obsolete AUXMIS forms — or for that matter any Auxiliary forms. How about it — let's make sure you have plenty of fodder to feed me. Dig out those forms and put them back in circulation. I ask you — "Won't you all pitch in and help out Augie?" Puh - lease!!
Joe Sowers, DSO-IS 3SR

See letter on opposite page from National Information Systems Department
If you do indeed have a computer and desire to be a part of the program described fill out the form and send it in.
The address is on the form.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE IS WORKSHOP AT WINTER CONFERENCE

AUXILIARY PERSONAL COMPUTER POLL

The ISD has been aware of the widespread use of personal computers in various applications of the Auxiliary. The task of exploring these applications has generated a new branch office. I have been asked to take on the responsibilities and duties of the BC-PIM. I will need your help to achieve the objectives of the office.

The application areas are many and varied as are the different personal computers being used by Auxiliarists and the degree of expertise these individuals have with their PC's. As my first task, I would like you to poll the SO-IS/FSO-IS officers within your District to find out the applications of the personal computers and the types of hardware and software being used.

Personal computers vary greatly from machine to machine. Many start with a basic unit and components are added internally and externally to create a system. The actual pieces are the "hardware" of the system. Once the hardware is purchased, "software," the actual programs that make the PC work, are added. The application software desired really should determine the type of hardware purchased. Since our common goal is to share the knowledge being used, it will be necessary for the information gathered to be specific in nature. The type of machine (cpu) used, the amount of memory, the operating system, diskette size and any other characteristics that would be needed for someone with a similiar machine to use the application will need to be gathered.

Most commercial software is protected by copyright laws. Our intent is not to share applications and violate these laws. If an application needs a copyrighted piece of software, that should be stated. If someone wants to use the application, they would have to purchase a copy of the commercial package. If the application had been written by an Auxiliarist, and they choose to offer the package for use, it will become part of public domain software. National will not supply diskettes for copying and distributing the applications.

For an application to be used by others directly or perhaps altered or tailored to run on a different PC system, documentation will be very important. Some of what I have mentioned above is considered to be part of good documentation. In addition to the type of machine (cpu), operating system and memory, documentation should include copies of results from a specified set of data. This allows others to reproduce known results to check their work. Also a step by step set of instructions of how the application is used from input to output should be included for a contributed package. Hardcopies of this material must accompany the contributed package. I do not expect documentaion on the level of a commercially sold product, but specific and informative enough so a novice user will not be frustrated in their attempt to run the application. Much of this can be produced by many of the available word processing packages available. This letter was written on a PC using such a package.

We will need each contributor to sign a release to distribute or share their contribution to our library. I do not intend to write software for any specific application. My intention is to create a library of material that Auxiliarists can share to assist us in our duties. The types of applications include spreadsheets to assist in Flotilla finance reports, CAI instruction packages, facility lists and locations, class schedules, graphic applications to produce teaching aids and more. One Flotilla has designed a package to assist in a SAR mission.

The PC has a spot in helping the Auxiliary. I am looking for applications and types of equipment that Auxiliarists have access to for PC applications. To participate in the Poll, one need not be a contributor. Anyone having a system should feel free to complete the form shown below. Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,
Allen R. Burns

1. Machine (CPU) _____	2. Memory (in Kbytes) _____
3. Number of Diskettes _____	4. Hard disk (in Kbytes) _____
5. Graphics Capability _____ (Y/N)	6. Type of Display _____
7. Operating System _____	8. Version of Operating System _____
9. Name of Contributed Application (if app.) _____	
10. Copyrighted materials used _____ (Y/N)	
11. Names and Versions of copyrighted materials _____ _____ _____ Version _____	12. Number of diskettes required _____ Size _____ (in inches)
13. Diskettes: single-sided _____ double sided _____ (Y/N)	14. Word Processing packages available _____ _____ Version _____
15. Printers Available _____ _____ Version _____	16. Modem available _____ (Y/N) Baud rates: _____
17. Flotilla _____ Division _____ District _____	
18. Name _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	

Since space is limited in this shortened form—attach a short description of application (maximum of 4 lines with 80 characters/line)
Send Completed form to: Allen R. Burns BC-PIM • 8 Adams Drive • Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

THE QUESTION IS WHY?

Do you remember why you joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary? Well, do you? I'm sure you had good reason at the time but I wonder if that reason is still a motivating factor.

We have four Cornerstones in the Auxiliary and hopefully one of them caused you to join. Which Cornerstone attracted you? What have you done to promote that area?

One of the most versatile Cornerstones is the CME program. Considering budget cuts affecting the Coast Guard, this program takes on a greater meaning. We, as Vessel Examiners, must maintain a high standard for our examinations. We must convince the boater he needs additional education to be a qualified skipper. We can't shirk our responsibilities to the boating public.

This of course means we must be well-informed. Various professions — doctors, engineers, etc. — must attend seminars to requalify periodically to maintain their license. Is our job any different? We are not marine surveyors but by putting the "Seal of Safety" on a vessel means we have examined that vessel and that it meets certain safety standards. *Would you bet your life on it?*

Shortly you will have the opportunity to participate in a CME — Train the Trainer workshop. Our goal is to have a uniform program of vessel examinations and a one-on-one public education being performed by well-trained, highly motivated Courtesy Examiners. Our CME program is changing as is witnessed by the new informative USCG AUX 204 making obsolete the old faithful 2901.

You have received the 1986 CME SEMINAR DISCUSSION TOPICS in the current issue of the *Navigator*. It is a pullout section, so remove and retain it. *This will be the only distribution of the seminar.*

Ed Rearick, DSO-VE 3SR

AWARDS

Time does fly. All of a sudden we find ourselves in the final quarter of the year.

As we come closer to the closing elements of the 1985 year, there is some preliminary work to be done on awards by Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders.

Division Captains should review their Policy Manual, chapter 5, section B. Item 3.c in that section refers to an Auxiliarist of the Year Award. This is a certificate presented by the District Commodore, on the recommendation of the Division Captain, to a member of the Division. The award is for significant and effective contribution to the Auxiliary Program and elected officers are excluded. Flotilla Commanders should send their selections to the Division Captain each year in time for the Captain to make a Division Selection which must reach the District Commodore prior to 1 December.

Flotilla Commanders should look at the Policy Manual, in the same chapter 5, section B, item 7 details the Membership Activity Awards. It's time to start totaling up your members activity and order the necessary certificates for your Flotilla. The point criteria is also in your Policy Manual on page 5-13. The Flotilla's request for certificates should reach the Awards Committee by December 20.

John J. McIntosh, Chairman Awards Committee, 3SR

Congratulations!! Who said it couldn't be done? Yes, the VE department has achieved as of this writing 115.7% of its goal and you made it happen. We have also increased our Examiners by 11%. We are now 829 strong. Let's keep up the good work.

By now you have all received your *Seminar Discussion Topics*. That's right, they were published in the Fall issue of *The Navigator*. This will be the only distribution of the seminar. It is important that you read them before using the new AUX 204. This Seminar explains the changes in the CME program and the use of the AUX 204. Form CG-2901 is obsolete and not to be used.

There is a new development that will greatly aid the CME program. The Insurance Industry has started to recognize the merits of a complete and correct Courtesy Marine Program.

Many insurance companies who write *boat* insurance have recognized a valid CME decal by:

1. Requiring a CME decal before issuance of a policy of insurance, or
2. Granting a premium discount for a boat that has satisfactorily completed and received a CME decal.

Many courtesy examiners have received calls requesting a CME "so I can get my insurance" or "so I can save money on my premium." Be on the alert for these calls. A complete and correct examination is absolutely essential. The insurance industry is depending on the integrity of the CME program. Sloppy examinations will not be tolerated.

Your National Vessel Examination department is working closely with the insurance industry in expanding the CME program nationwide. Do not contact your local insurance agents or brokers. Let your boat owners know that some insurance companies will grant a premium discount for a boat that has a CME decal. Let them shop around and get the best deal available.

This new event, the insurance industry recognizing the effectiveness and integrity of the CME program, can be the single most important method that will enable us to reach more than the current 300,000 of the 9 million boats in the U.S.

Ed Rearick, DSO-VE 3SR

Communications Jack Powell, DSO-CM

Although hurricane "Gloria" passed through our area with much less intensity than was predicted, her passing brought to light the need for more effective communications than we were able to provide.

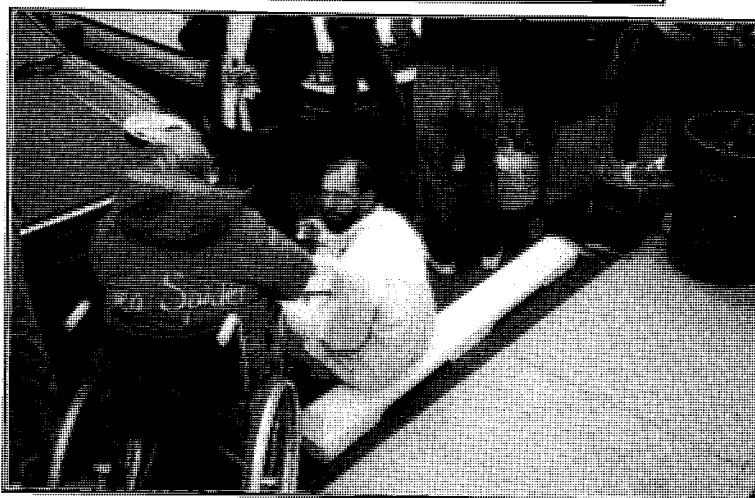
The operations group at Base Gloucester sent out calls through the SO-OPs and SO-CMs for vessel and radio facilities to be available on a stand-by basis to assist in rescues and clean-up operations in the wake of "Gloria."

Understandably, many of our vessel and radio facility owners were concerned with the safety of their own properties, but did we have no one willing to serve on a stand-by basis?

If nothing else, this experience brings to light the need for more effective, available communications facilities. Most desperately needed were land mobile radios.

With the hurricane season behind us, we can make an effort to establish more fixed land and land mobile facilities so that the next time our area is similarly threatened, we will be able to respond.

Jack Powell, DSO-CM 3SR



CLOSING PICNIC FORTESCUE STATION

Division III helped perk up the closing picnic at the Fortescue CG Station on 5 October. Some of the scenes of the most enjoyable day are shown at left and below.

- Top to bottom:
1. Left to right: Mike Jordan, past FC3-3; Bob Layton, FC3-2; Millard Usinger, FSO-MT 3-4 and Oliver "Bud" Compton 3-4.
 2. Seated in wheelchair - Edgar Dodenhoff, FSO-CM Flotilla 12-8; seated on curb - CDR Pat Wendt, Commander Group Cape May.
 3. Readyng the food - (face hidden) Jack Gordan USCG-Fortescue; Richard Wittiger, FSO-OP 3-8; Behind table with cap Richard Nice, Past VFC 3-3. (others unidentified)
 4. (Below) Some of the wives in attendance: left to right Connie Jordan, Flotilla 3-3; Irene Karter, Flotilla 3-5 and Anne Giacomoni, Flotilla 3-3.



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BOAT CREW QUALIFICATION



Pictured above are five of the seven members from Flotilla 14-4 Hanover, the first Flotilla in Division XIV to have members complete the Boat Crew Member Qualification including the Division's first woman participant — Judi Showvaker. Pictured from left to right are Thomas Sell, Harry Mallgrave, Judi Showvaker, Steven Marchio and Herbert Wirth along with Henry Reeser, QE, overseeing in the background. Missing from photo are David Groft and Joyce Groft.

Submitted by: Joyce B. Groft, FSO-PB 14-4 3SR

DIVISION XIV SAFE BOATING QUEEN



Kelly Barnes (right) was selected to represent Division XIV as Safe Boating Queen for 1985-86. Kelly was sponsored by Hanover Flotilla 14-4. Our first runner-up Melissa Kelley (left) was sponsored by York Flotilla 14-2. Each gave a brief talk on an Auxiliary Cornerstone. Kelly chose our CME program and Melissa—Public Education. Their presentations were enlightening to us all. The Queen will be utilized for attendance at parades, Boating Booths and various Flotilla and Division functions for promoting the Auxiliary and Safe Boating to our public. The contest was held in Hanover and conducted by Lenore J. Roush, DSO-PA. Our CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH— Kelly and Melissa.

Submitted by Joyce B. Groft, FSO-PB 14-4 3SR

CHESAPEAKE BAY - PATROL CREW



Above picture shows left to right Lee Crossman, Div. XII (former DIRAUX 3SR); LT Collin Campbell, DIRAUX 3SR; Henry Reeser, ADSO-OPS 3SR; and Robert Wecker, IPDCO 3SR. This well-known group of familiar faces spent a rainy day on patrol on Chesapeake Bay near the end of patrol season. Photo taken between the drops by Phil Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 3SR, who was spending the day at Coast Guard Station Stillpond.

Aids To Navigation James Weiler, DSO-AN

Aids to Navigation is a year round activity. In the fall of the year the Aids to Navigation Teams (ANTS) change the buoys over for ice conditions and we discontinue our patrols so we're no longer watching the aids out on the waterways. Our focus should change as the seasons change. We recently changed to standard time so now our evening hours will be hours of darkness. We will be traveling in darkness as we travel to flotilla activities, membership training and public education classes, and for business and pleasure. When the sun goes down and it gets dark, the lights on lighted aids to navigation are to be illuminated and visible. This includes the lights on bridges.

In the eastern part of the district we have many navigable waterways crossed by numerous highway and railway bridges. Many streets and highways provide vantage points from which one can view the lights on the bridges. Of course the bridge lights are positioned for use by boaters so they are not always visible from land, but many of them are.

We should pay attention to the lights on the bridges that are visible from land. That way we can notice if any of them are out. That is the point of all this, watching to see if any of the lamps are out.

The lighting configuration on each bridge is unique, no two are exactly alike, however, there is a general pattern. Red lights are mounted under bridges to mark the edges of the channel. A green light generally marks the center of the channel. Piers and fenders are generally marked with red lights. Bridges which open and close are specially marked to alert boaters to the condition of the movable span. A red light warns that the span is closed and a green light signals that the span is open. The tops of piers and arches are sometimes marked.

Watch the bridge lights and check for outages. Whenever you notice an outage, send a note addressed to: District Commander (OAN), Governor's Island, New York, NY 10004. Send a copy of the note along with Form NOAA77-5 to the DSO-AN. If it's not convenient to make a copy, just state in Section IV of the Form 77-5 that the district Commander was notified by letter and the date that the letter was sent.

James Weiler, DSO-AN 3SR

Materials Walt Greenidge, DSO-MA

NOTES from the Materials Staff

The Materials staff wish luck and success to all the newly elected and appointed staff officers. Remember the District Store has in stock a full line of all collar devices, cap devices, shoulder boards, etc. for your new office.

Each division will be receiving handouts from CIGNA to be used for PE Classes only and not PA booths. Each division will receive 300 of 6 different handouts.

ANSC3011 New Member Info Pamphlet - handout only for PE classes to recruit new flotilla members.

The New pamphlet 204 to be used for CME examinations is now available from ANSC - can be ordered 200 at a time.

Hope you have ordered 2736 and 4951 forms (facility inspection and check off sheets) Don't wait until spring - National may be out of them. You may order one per flotilla member. Order through FSO-MA.

If you have a defective BCM (parts or pages missing, etc.) please have the member return the CONTENTS ONLY to ANSC accompanied by a short statement of the problem. ANSC will issue new contents by return mail (RETAIN THE BINDER AND THE DIVIDERS - these will not be replaced).

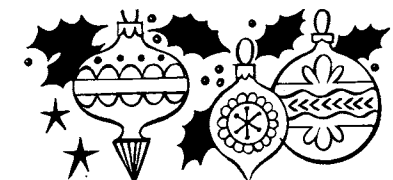
Remember the Boat Crew Qualification Standards Manual (ANSC 2018) does not automatically come with the BCM but must be ordered as an individual item. If shipped to FC or FSO-MA, the members name, number and address are not required.

The District Store personnel wish the best of luck to all for a very successful year. All of you have contributed to making our 1985 a very successful year through your loyal and faithful support.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to all.

Walt Greenidge, DSO-MA 3SR and

Katherine and George Slayback, ADSOs-MA 3SR



FROM THE HEART

In each issue of *Topside* you have the pleasure of reading several professional articles — from the east, the west, central and the bridge. This one might not be as professional as the others that you read, nor as educational — but it certainly is from the heart. My warm, heartfelt thanks goes out to each of you for the great support and friendship provided during my four years as Base CO.

From the challenge of Tall Ships to a summer picnic you approached all tasks and assignments with vigor and professionalism. I knew that I could count on you when needed.

Your turnout for inspection at the change of command typified the type of support and close working relationship that I found here in the Delaware River Valley area. Perhaps it is done elsewhere, but that is the first change of command that I am aware of where the Auxiliarists mustered along with the others. In the past they have always been part of the audience — not active participants as part of the unit. Maybe the Historian will correct me on this if it has occurred elsewhere. (I am sure if it has, the Commodore will know about it.) It will hopefully become a tradition at the Base. It made my last day

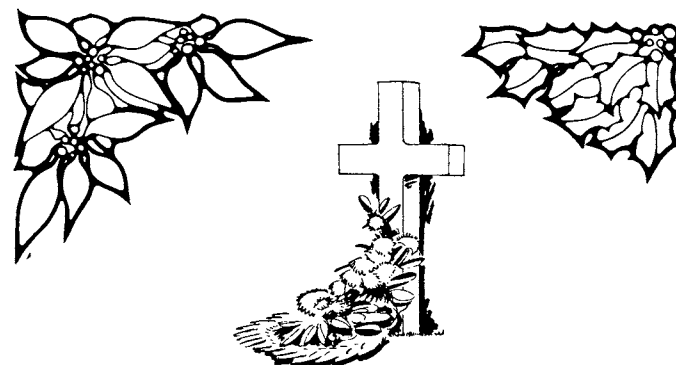
as an active duty type very memorable and enjoyable.

Another memorable and enjoyable event was the Lancaster Conference. From beginning to end, it was educational, fun and relaxing. As I indicated at the Conference, the ship model would be displayed in a very prominent place. At the time I did not know if it would fit on the mantle in the family room. Not only does it fit there — it looks like it was designed and built specifically for the mantle. It sure is a beauty and everytime I go in the family room (many times per day), I think warmly of all my friends in the Third Southern.

One final aspect of our association. I do plan to continue my relationship with you — but in the future as one of the volunteers. I must say that I had no intention of joining the Auxiliary when I reported here in 1981. Those four years, however, convinced me that I wanted to continue to work with you for many years to come. I hope to see all of you at the future events.

Again, my thanks to all for four wonderful years.

CAPT Dan Charter, USCG - Retired



WILLIAM I. MILLER

9-15-21 to 9-16-85

It was with deep regret that the passing of Bill Miller, Captain of Division IX was announced in September. Bill was a quiet gentle man and always had a smile on his face. He was a very good friend of the other Millers. When Ed and I formed Flotilla 5-6 and Flotilla 5-16, it was Bill and Len Shuffstall who brought down their flotilla yardarm and took care of putting up the different pennants at the right time. Bill and JJ were always supportive of our flotilla activities. Not only will Bill be missed by the Miller family but by the Auxiliary as well. Bill and JJ always attended the conferences and the other activities of the Auxiliary. It was nothing for them to travel two and one-half hours to three and one-half hours one way to participate in something going on in the Auxiliary. We would ask you to remember JJ and her family in your prayers.

Submitted by Doris Miller, Division V

Another member of Division IX who passed away during 1985 and was not included on our overall list in the last *Topside* was Elizabeth M. Parks, Flotilla 9-1, a member of the Auxiliary for 11 years at the time of her death.



JUST LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

CG Auxiliary Volunteers Hunt Boaters in Need

by NEAL ROBERTS

Press Staff Writer, Atlantic City Press

ON BARNEGAT BAY — An orange life-preserver, hanging from a pole on a boat in the distance, signaled that not everyone's Sunday afternoon boating had gone as planned.

Coast Guard Auxiliary member Victor Krygowski pulled his patrol boat alongside the Six Pack II, where four boaters had given up trying to fix their stalled engine.

Krygowski's crew, his wife Irene, and Barnegat Light resident Art Turner, set up a tow line. An hour later at Loveladies Marina, another routine case was concluded for the Coast Guard's civilian volunteers.

Krygowski, a resident of Skipper's Cove in Ocean Township, is one of dozens of Coast Guard Auxiliary members who spend their weekends motoring about looking for trouble. Recently it was a pair of female sailors caught in a stiff wind that fouled their catamaran rigging. Before that, it was a pair of 10-year-olds without life preservers floating aimlessly in a small dinghy, caught by the wind.

"They were obviously two frightened boys," said Krygowski, a WWII Navy submarine veteran who decided five years ago that retirement was too slow for him and his wife.

"We didn't realize it was so involved," said Irene Krygowski. "But it's a lot of fun."

"The biggest satisfaction is the satisfaction of helping people out," Krygowski said. "That's all the appreciation I look for."

Krygowski is this year's commander, and Turner is vice-commander of CGAUX Flotilla 7-12, one of seven Auxiliary flotillas that patrol the Intracoastal Waterway off Ocean County between Toms River and Great Bay. Auxiliary members also staff important boater safety courses, conduct CMEs on boats at public ramps and help out in the radio rooms of the local Coast Guard stations.

One 7-12 member, Manny Greenwald, has spent more than 10,000 hours over 10 years in the communications room of the Beach Haven Coast Guard Station.

Each flotilla may do 500 or more boat examinations every year, pointing out safety needs and issuing decals for boats that pass the voluntary examinations.

"It's a very important program," said Turner.

But there's always a need for boater education.

"Often, what we see is pure and simple ignorance," said Krygowski. "People don't know of the dangers of taking a boat out."

That is why the CGAUX encourages all boaters to take part in the 13 week courses that are offered year 'round.

"I think if people took these courses and passed them, we'd have lot safer waterways and we wouldn't have nearly the casualty rate that we see," Krygowski said about the frequent accidents with injuries or fatalities along the coast.

A toll-free number, 1-800-336-BOAT, provides a current listing of all CG boating safety courses offered in the area. Boaters may call the number and find what courses are offered nearest their home.

While the boating public is encouraged to educate itself, the CGAUX must also keep in step with new requirements.

Editor's Note: The above article is extracted from the article as it appeared in the Atlantic City Press. It goes on to explain the current BCQ program with which we are all familiar. Only the part concerning the public has been reprinted in effort to give everyone an example of the good publicity that is available for our programs.



Irene Krygowski jots down notes on her clipboard log as a boat is pulled behind
Photo: Neal Roberts

Mirror, Mirror, on the wall Why isn't my flotilla best of all?

Well, it might be your Flotilla is the best of all, potentially. Maybe there are a few "management errors" or just questionable attitudes or traditions that need examining. Often these problems go unnoticed or undetected, but still with time, they can obstruct our growth. We, also, might overlook a small suggestion or idea which may be needed to get the program off-center.

Many times you wonder how an "efficiency-expert" can see ways to improve a system and how his fee could be justified by seemingly trivial suggestions. Why couldn't management see these errors and save the expert's fee? So often, we are so close to the problems that we can't see the forest for the trees. The same thing could be happening in your Flotilla.

We shouldn't get carried away with novelty, nor should we permit ourselves to be hog-tied by tradition. Do we accomplish our Auxiliary duties by convenience? Do we cancel our duties because of deer-hunting season or a super football game? After some of the relaxing sessions, we should spring out of that easy-chair, eager to recruit new members, conduct classes, etc., full of enthusiasm, raring to go to work. Or has that over-stuffed easy-chair become a habit?

Do we give some thought to the young people that join the Auxiliary? They are enthused and excited. We should have some program and activity to encourage and welcome them.

Do we have a way of looking our best to "outsiders" who someday may knock at our door? We have gotten in the habit of selecting officers from a small group. Some members go through the offices more than once of necessity, because we do not encourage new members to get involved.

There are little things that can irritate a member and depress his enthusiasm. Right or wrong, this may make him feel he is left out and in time we find he has slipped to the "inactive" list.

There has been much talk of our membership declining in numbers due to loss of interest. We have taught each other to live in the fast lane of life, to cut social corners so much, that we have grown accustomed to not wanting to get involved. It is not too late to get involved and reverse our downward plunge, to bottom out, and start to rise again.

We can attract new blood into the Auxiliary if each of us takes enough interest and demonstrates that we have the desire to reach the goals set out for us. Nothing good was ever achieved without hard work, blood, sweat and tears. It is not easy, but it can be done.

Evelyn Brouse, Flotilla 2-5, 3SR

SAFE BOATING BOOTH - FLOTILLA 12-04

When Flotilla 12-04 decided to hold a Boating Safety Booth at the du Pont nylon plant's Heritage Day Fair on September 21, the flotilla commander, Wayne Hickman and vice commander, Ed Parsons knew they were going to need some help to make sure that it was a really good one.

They got it!

SO-PE Louise Ruff and FSO-PE Anita Eastman, both from 12-05, came down and brought their Water 'N Kids "A Day on the Water." Watching the children learn to properly adjust

a PFD (Which end is the top?) and then try to beat the stopwatch while putting it on themselves was fun for all of us. They learned in a hurry.

"Sandy" Sandstrom, IPDCP, from 12-01 brought his boat, the *Miss Priss*, an operational facility, which helped 12-04 to cover all bases.

It was a busy day answering questions from both adults and children; all of us agreed that the kids were one of the best reasons for boating while sober.

Submitted by: Arlene Armstrong, Div XII, 3SR



Picture Legend:

1. Asst Plant Manager Don Johnson and FC Wayne Hickman
2. SO-PE Louise Ruff and little girl
3. VFC Ed Parsons and L. Ruff, *Miss Priss* in the bkgd.
4. L. Ruff and W. Hickman helping visitors with problem.
5. L. Ruff and A. Eastman with children
6. A. Eastman and the race to beat the stop-watch.

COMING SOON!!! "Career Candidate Officers Guide (AIM & RAP)"

This guide is intended for use by all Career Candidate Officers in the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) and the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP). It details both programs and provides procedures for properly carrying out the assignment. *(In July I sent every Flotilla and Division an advanced copy of the RAP Guide so you could get a head start on the program.)* Both AIM and RAP have been growing in importance to the Coast Guard's overall recruiting efforts. To make these programs most effective it has become necessary to set specific guidelines and publish procedures to be used consistently nationwide. *(Both the 3rd Southern and 3rd Northern programs were used as a basis for writing the guidelines for the program.)* Career Candidate Officers Guides will be available after the first of the year thru the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) through the usual ordering channels on the basis of three (3) per unit. **The ANSC stock number is #5013.** Enclosures for reproduction by your flotilla will include: Letter to High School Counselor, Preliminary AIM Application (a little different from the one you are now using), Letter to Unsuccessful Candidate, Applicant Summary Sheet, Letter to Candidate Regarding Interview, Letter Confirming Appointment to AIM Selection Board, Project AIM Selection Board Rating Sheet, Letter to Unsuccessful Interviewee, Letter Confirming Selection to AIM, Letter Giving Candidate Instructions, Mandatory Travel Form, and AIM Mathematic Computation Sheet.

Now is the time when High School Counselors should be contacted, when news releases to High School newspapers and your local papers should be sent. The more publicity you generate for AIM, the easier your job will be. Also, have you had your FSO-MA order all the materials from ANSC? This material includes the AIM brochure, AIM poster, Preliminary Application form, and CG4316 (Medical Release form — 2-sided). The AIM brochure is perfect to hand out at high schools and boat shows. The poster should be put up in the high schools (with the counselor's permission, of course), super market bulletin boards, church bulletin boards, etc. *Make sure you add your name and phone number to all literature!* Each Division Staff Officer also has a 35mm slide show on the AIM Program. **Great for high school presentations and boat shows.**

The RAP program also has literature available from ANSC: (1) a four-page script to be used as a guide for talking to prospective applicants. It has been designed for use with a group, but can be used for one-on-one situations as well. **ANSC STOCK NO. 5014. Order in lots of 10.** (2) Recruiting publication entitled **CHOICES**. This is a small pamphlet that can be given to interested persons. It describes Regular and Reserve enlistments, Officer Candi-

date School, and the Academy. **ANSC Stock Number is 3026. Order in lots of 50 (maximum of 500 per flotilla — divisions 2000).**

Please review the RAP Guide that you have in your possession and if you wish to participate, contact your local recruiter. *Remember — actual enlistment screening and processing will in all cases be accomplished by Coast Guard recruiters.*

Recently, CG recruiting has experienced difficulty in obtaining sufficient numbers of new applicants for Regular and Reserve enlisted programs. The most notable reasons for this decline in recruiting success are reduced unemployment rates, a steady decrease in the number of persons in the 17 to 25 year old age bracket, increased advertising costs, and heavy competition from DOD recruiting programs.

In the 3rd Southern your local recruiters are:

1651A Penn Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204, (609) 884-1562, ask for ET1 Stokes.

VA Bldg., 2nd floor, 19 N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 (717) 826-6355, ask for Chief Derr. Point Shopping Center, Suite 236, Harrisburg, PA 17111, (717) 561-2488, ask for Chief Miller.

The Philadelphia recruiting office is in the process of moving; the old phone number is (215) 597-7282, ask for Petty Officer Mark S. Fegley.

Historically, Auxiliarists have always shown an interest in finding talent for the Coast Guard. The main thrust of RAP is for Auxiliarists to interest qualified young people in Coast Guard service and then refer them to the nearest recruiting office. Today's tough recruiting market calls for stepped-up activity in RAP in order to meet recruiting quotas. Full support for this program is required from all levels of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I will be stepping down as DSO-CC in 1986. We have a good man coming in — Allen Wenrich who is the present SO-CC for Division XI. AI will be assisted by ADSO-Bill Anderson, from Division IV and our new ADSO-CC RAP will be Dick Reber, the present Division Captain of XI. I leave the program in good hands in the 3rd Southern. I'm not really leaving AIM/RAP, merely continuing on the National level as Branch Assistant. Since my appointment in January 1985, we have worked diligently to rewrite the AIM/RAP Guide, release the AIM slides to each division and standardize the program. I know that you will continue to support the new DSO with the same enthusiasm you showed me.

Helen McCabe, DSO-CC

Choices



Publications Elsie Nichols, DSO-PB

Every once in a while there is room in *Topside* for me to include a few lines about Publications.

This is the time of the year new publications officers are being appointed or some of you die-hards are planning to repeat. Thanks to all of you for your efforts in keeping the publications going. However, we could use a few more. The percentage of our units issuing publications is still below half despite the addition of a couple new ones this past year. How about it you staff officers — why not get your feet wet.

There will be a publications workshop at winter conference. All new officers should make an effort to attend. Of course those who are repeating are more than welcome. Your comments and suggestions at past workshops have greatly aided those just starting out.

To all those PBs who have issued publications during 1985, remember to make certain to have copies of all to me by the 20th of January (if you have not already done so) so they can be included in the judging for the 1985 Publications Awards to be made at the Spring Conference. Once again thanks to all of you who have been sending them to me regularly. Not only do I enjoy reading them, but get some great ideas from them as well.

Happy holidays to all, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Elsie Nichols, DSO-PB

ALAS, POOR SCAPEGOAT, THY NAME IS COMMANDER!

(Dedicated to all Flotilla Commanders, Male or Female)

If the Commander writes a letter, it's too long.

If he sends a post card, it's too short.

If he sends a bulletin, it's too expensive.

If he calls a meeting, he is wasting time.

If he does not call a meeting, he's a "Know It All."

If attendance at the meeting is slack, he should have telephoned all the members.

If he does telephone them, he's a pest.

If he asks for their dues, he's insulting.

If he does not, he's lazy.

If a function is a huge success, the committee gets all the praise.

If it's a failure, the Commander is to blame.

If he asks for advice, he's incompetent.

If he doesn't, he's trying to run the show

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,

If the others won't do it,

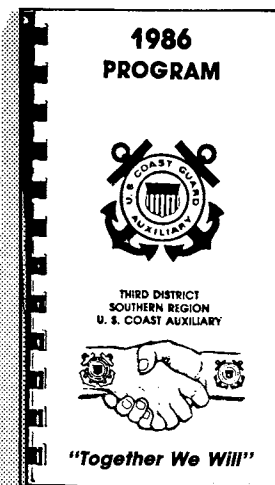
The Commander must!

Adapted from "The Daymarker"

Division VII, District 13

Joyce Phelps, SO-PB

HANDY POCKET DIRECTORY TO BE AVAILABLE AGAIN FOR 1986



The little pocket directory which was made available last year, will once again be available for 1986.

You're all familiar with "It's at the Printers." But truly, it is. It will be available in December and in January at Winter Conference.

I know those of you who used them last year will want them again. We think they are great since it makes basic information available in an easy to carry size.

Be sure to get yours. The supply will be limited.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS OF THINGS TO DO!

Attend the Elected Officers training courses at either Pennsville, NJ or Reading, PA.

For the newly elected officers, get your officer reports completed and in to DIRAUX to be included in AUXMIS and 3SR Directory.

Attend your Division and Flotilla Meetings—go to the Changes of Watch.

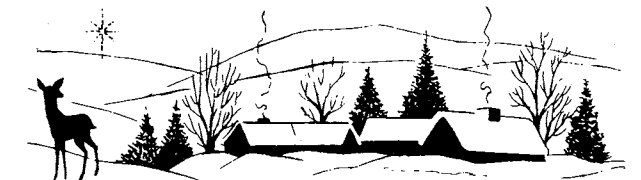
Offer to help at your PE classes even if you are not an instructor, there are other things to do.

Attend (or give) a Member Training session.

Plan to attend winter conference in January.

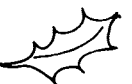
If you are leaving an office—make sure you pass on all the material to the incoming officer. Remember when you began the job and try to help your successor by passing on a little more of your experience and know-how to help him/her get started.

Remember, this is YOUR organization. Your efforts can make it possible for us not only to GROW, but to RETAIN the interest of those who are already in your unit.



A Very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to All

From the Topside Staff, Elsie and Bob Nichols





THIRD DISTRICT SOUTHERN REGION PRELIMINARY CALENDAR—1986



DISTRICT CONFERENCES

January 17 - 19 Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
May 9 - 11 Conference & Awards Banquet - Treadway Inn, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 18 - 20 Wilmington Hilton, Claymont Delaware
Sept 26 - 28 To Be Announced

DISTRICT AREA MEETINGS

CENTRAL AREA

April 12 - Newark, Delaware
June 9 - Newark, Delaware
August 11 - Newark, Delaware
November 8 - Newark, Delaware

EASTERN AREA

April 5 - Mt. Ephriam, New Jersey
June 3 - Base Gloucester, New Jersey
August 5 - Base Gloucester, New Jersey
November 22 - Manahawkin, New Jersey

WESTERN AREA

March 25 - Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 17 - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
August 19 - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
November 18 - Reading, Pennsylvania

NATIONAL

EANCON (Eastern)- March 12 - 15, New Orleans, Louisiana
WANCON (Western) -April 12 - 14. Honolulu, Hawaii
CANCON (Central) - May 7 - 10, Minneapolis, Minnesota
NACON (National) - September 10 - 13, Denver, Colorado

TOPSIDE DEADLINES

Feb 28, Apr 30, June 30, Oct 30



Season's Greetings To All



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