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FROM Chief, Boating Safety

UpdateCAPT. J. B. Coyle



Incredible though it is, 1987 is all but history, and a most challenging year it has been!

We all shared in the adventure—and turmoil— of the Coast Guard's most fundamental reorganization in modern times—one which saw the third southern become the "Fabulous Fifth Northern," as we united with our close friends to the south, the former Fifth District, now Fifth southern. Concurrently, the Commandant urged the Auxiliary's

expansion into many new roles in support of Coast Guard operations. 1987 was also the year of IMOS — some rough water to cross, but cross it we did. 1987 saw BCM become mandatory for operation under orders, but operate you did. 1987 was also a year in which the commercial salvor issue became an impediment to Auxiliary assistance in some locations. Despite these and other challenges, you have closed the record books on another year of solid, dedicated and professional service to the boating public and to the Coast Guard. I salute your achievements with a sincere, WELL DONE!

To be certain, we end this year with unresolved challenges. Many of you joined with Auxiliarists nationwide in providing well-qualified input to the study on future use of the Auxiliary. This study, being conducted for the Congress, hopefully, will aid in development of equitable national policy preserving a meaningful role for the Auxiliary in non-emergency assistance. We face the challenge of completing the transition to mission objectives through AMOS-88. Although I cannot tell you that AMOS will reduce paperwork or simplify your dealings with AUXMIS, I am convinced that ultimately, you will find a superior means for identifying and recognizing members' activity which previously has been obscured under GAP's broad goals. We face the very significant challenge of maintaining strong support of the cornerstones, while responding to the new missions now seeking Auxiliary support. This challenge can be met only through real solid, growth. We must then press on in the effort to stem the loss of members each year. We must keep up our guard in member training... that vehicle for resupplying all activities with newly-qualified people. Member training not only is a perpetual mission, but one which bears on retention as well.

We also end the year with many strengths and healthy prospects. The Fifth Northern's membership base has not eroded, as it has elsewhere. This means that we need only to build... not to catch up. BCM — no longer a dreaded deadline — will become a source of growth and strength. The emergence of Auxiliary operations in sole state waters is commendable — both for inland divisions and the boating public. Members desiring a change of pace, or the challenge of new activities can involve themselves in a wide array of operations missions. Even non-facility-owning members have unprecedented opportunities for achievement and recognition in support of other Coast Guard programs; such as Marine Safety, the Sponsor Program, watchstanding, and crew augmentation, unobtrusive surveillance, etc. As an option to traditional safety patrols, members may join the vanguard into valuable, needed and stimulating new missions such as Aids to Navigation patrols.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

UpdateLT William M. Cherry, DIRAUX



Most of you are already familiar with the Modified Auxiliary Mission Objective System (MAMOS)—don't you just love those abbreviations?—which we used in 1987. Full implementation of the 'real' Auxiliary Mission Objective system (AMOS) will occur on 1 January 1988. Of course, this region will lead the way again in 1988 by incorporating the improvements summarized below:

1. Use of minimum participation criteria published by the Commandant. They will differ from those used in 1987.
2. Use of a modified version of the new AMOS worksheet provided by Coast Guard Headquarters.
3. Shift in Planning Group emphasis from Flotilla goals to development of a "6-year Plan" for attainment of Regional goals. Once this long-range plan is in place, we will re-evaluate annually based on current-year performance, modify the plan as necessary, and extend it one more year into the "misty" future!
4. Allocation of Regional goals to Divisions.
5. Giving greater freedom to Flotillas in setting their goals.
6. Movement away from items requiring "manual tracking" by Flotillas.
7. Movement towards the Commandant's 5-year targets in PE and CE.

Of course, in implementing this truly "participative management" approach, your friendly District Planning Group retains the right to adjust your recommendations on the way back up should the Regional goals not be met. If this is necessary, the changes will be discussed personally with the applicable FC before final action is completed. This will ensure that the Flotilla is afforded the chance to provide justification in support of their recommendations. But, knowing all of you, I am confident that you will offer more than we ask! AND THIS IS OK... I would love to accept every Flotilla sheet as submitted!

Our Coast Guard Support Program initiative is developing on schedule and the possibility exists that some of the support requirements identified by our Coast Guard units will be incorporated into the 1988 AMOS program. More on this as "the worm turns"... but, as a minimum, expect inclusion of our all new "Private Aids to Navigation Inspection" and "Sponsor" Programs in the final product!

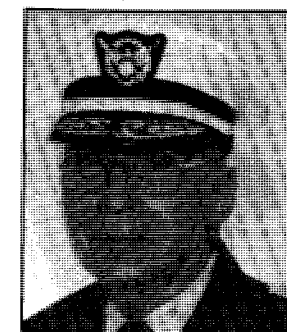
The old GAP ribbon will be utilized to recognize 1987 achievements. Beginning in 1988, the new AMOS ribbons and streamers will be ready for use in recognizing our individual and unit (both Flotilla and Division) accomplishments.

As always, feel free to offer your comments, advice, and suggestions as this program develops. As all of you know, I am certainly no stranger to stealing good ideas and it's always nice to know if change is viewed as movement forward... or backward!

William M. "Bill" Cherry
LT USCG, DIRAUX, 5NR

FROM THE BRIDGE

UpdateAlexander M. Lewis, DCO



This has been a year of involvement and training. We have been able, through our grant funds, to run outstanding training sessions in our main programs — vessel examination, boat crew training, and instructor (teacher) training. The people who attended these sessions were enthusiastic in their reports and reactions to the presentations. Our thanks and appreciation to those who devoted much time and energy to make the sessions outstanding. To mention a few — Ed

Rearick in Vessel Examination; Alice Stamm in Advanced Instructor Training; and the many, spearheaded by Louise Sowers and Bill Pierce, in Boat Crew Training. The programs will continue and are on line for next year.

Program development and implementation in five areas are planned for next year. Each will be headed by a program manager who will implement the individual plan. The segments are in: Public Education in unserved areas — Courtesy Examinations in unserved areas — Surface Operations Expansion to areas of need — Youth Program Development — and Sportsmen Program Development.

These are district-wide agendas in which participation is open to all Auxiliarists who have an interest and desire to contribute their expertise to the areas of need.

All of us in this District represent a resource asset to further the intent and the need of our grant programs, and all Auxiliarists are encouraged, regardless of residence, to take part in these activities.

More and more people are taking our Public Education courses. More and more boaters are seeking our Courtesy Examinations, many of whom are the willing recipients of the information we have to pass on, and who also welcome a discussion on safe boating practices. With new boaters coming on scene in great numbers, it is apparent that there is still much to do in the field of boating safety education and boating safety practices.

We need to continue to enhance our professionalism and the quality of our performance through training, participation, and association with our fellow Auxiliary professionals. Please take note of the District programs when they are announced. Participate and enjoy.

Alexander M. Lewis, DCO, 5NR

From Chief, Boating Safety Continued

I extend a particular, year-end word of thanks to LT Bill Cherry and his staff, along with District Commodore Lewis and his entire board and staff who have labored tirelessly for our program and our members. From the District to the flotilla level, our elected and appointed leadership deserve high credit for a job well done. Most of all, our working members deserve a salute — both from the boating public and the Coast Guard — for super achievement during a trying year. Collectively, you have, "lived" your oaths, and I am proud of you for having done so.

Let me stop here, however, not before I wish each of you an enjoyable holiday period, and a safe, productive and happy new year!

J. B. Coyle
CAPTAIN, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Boating Safety Division



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WILLIAM CHERRY, DIRECTOR
ALEXANDER M. LEWIS, COMMODORE

RECAPS
Topside, Winter 1987

Uniforms— In response to many questions, until such time as SOFT shoulder boards for long sleeve shirts are available, Auxiliarists who convert their Service Dress Blue Uniforms from shoulder boards to sleeve lace should continue to wear collar devices.

On November 1st, we entered the WINTER uniform period. Effective that date, Tropical blue long uniforms were out: However, winter dress blue uniforms are in. The Service Dress Blue, undress blue, and working blue uniforms are authorized year-round.

Annual Inventory of Coast Guard Property: New procedures are in effect this year! A letter of explanation, with necessary forms attached, was mailed to all concerned on 23 October. Be *prompt* and *accurate* . . . PLEASE! DCPs and FCs must submit on or before 1 February 1988 in order to maintain eligibility for the Director's Administrative Award in 1988.

Specialty Course Examinations: Effective 29 October, the Director is grading all SC examinations . . . HQ came through in a hurry thanks to Gene Rodgers who is always willing to lend a helpful hand!

Public Education: *Young People's Course*, *Basic Boating* and *Short Course in Boating* are all obsolete. Any presentation made using updated material from these courses, is considered a *Civic Lecture* and should be reported in that category on the monthly Public Relations Report. Member's Mission Hours are reportable under category 10 only.

Courtesy Examination: CE Qualification Test 06 with answer keys was distributed to all DCPs in November. DCPs will deliver to SO-MTs. **Destroy all old examinations!** When distributed we incorrectly stated that it was to be "administered" by SO-MT! **W R O N G** — as several of you have so kindly pointed out. It is to be **GRADED** by SO-MT only; however, it can be administered by any elected officer, MT staff officer, or IPDCP/FC. No change to previous policy concerning administration of the exam! Sorry.

BQ Examinations: The new BQ Examinations were distributed to all FSO-MTs via their FC in October. **Destroy all old examinations!**

Facility Inspections: Congratulations to Flotillas 33 and 92 who tied for being the FIRST to complete 100% of their 1988 inspections!! **GREAT JOB!** What about the rest of you?

National's Mobile Unit Training Team: *MUTT* will conduct training to assist crew-qualified members over the rougher spots of becoming OPERATOR on 20-22 May 1988! Training will be held on and around Lake Clarke (Division XIV). Our QEs will be there to sign off demonstrated tasks. *Your DCP has the application form and the details! Don't delay as Class size is limited to 28.*

ANSC: If you receive envelopes with a 5SR return address. **USE THEM!** We ran out and then our order was cancelled . . . so our friends to the South were kind enough to lend us some of theirs. Also, Auxiliary Stationary is now-out-of-stock . . . we'll let you know when it becomes available.

PE MINIPOSTERS Now Available: A *miniposter package*, containing 5 colorful and attractive miniposters is NOW available from the Auxiliary National Store. When ordering, ask for the "Public Education Miniposters."

A FEW REMINDERS FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR!

For the newly elected officers — get your officer reports completed and in to DIRAUX to be included in AUXMIS and 5NR Directory (if they are not already in). *Also hope you attended one of the Elected Officer's schools in Pennsville, NJ or Harrisburg, PA.*

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.

If you are leaving an office—make certain 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.

Plan to attend winter conference in January.

1988 Division Staff Officers - plan to attend the workshop on January 24th (immediately following other winter conference activity) which is being planned just for you. See details elsewhere in this issue.

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.



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AUXMIS: 1. There is no national cut-off for submitting calendar year input activity to AUXMIS. AUXMIS will process everything it receives against the current year master through 31 December 1987. Because of IS flow and end-of-year mail service, some items just will not arrive in time. These items will be sent to the 1988 data base provided the activity was done after 15 November 1987 and submitted to AUXMIS prior to 15 February 1988. **KEEP SUBMITTING AUXMIS INPUTS!**

2. No further corrections for 1987 seminar attendance are possible! AUXMIS now recognizes all seminars input as being a 1988 seminar. If any of you still have a problem, you can resolve it by: (1) In the case of a missing 1987 OPS seminar, take and report attendance at a 1988 OPS seminar; and (2) In the case of a missing 1987 CE seminar, take the CE requalification test in accordance with current policy.

3. All Marine Dealer Visitors that the Director is aware of have been input to AUXMIS and should be reporting their activity in the MDV Program under category 11 on the Mission-Hour Card. Only MDVs may use category 11 - PLEASE!!!

4. All AUXLAM course completions by our membership (more than 350) were reported to AUXMIS on 11/20. It's in *and we should lead the nation*: but at this point in time we're not sure when and where it will appear on your AUXMIS reports. More on this at a later date.

"S" Ribbon Attachments: As promulgated in paragraph K, enclosure (2) of the new Auxiliary Manual, a silver "S" may be worn on the appropriate ribbon by graduates of the national advanced instructor, vessel examiner, or vessel operator school. *It may also be worn on the crew member ribbon for completion of the Coast Guard SAR school.* In NO case may more than 1 "S" be worn on any ribbon!

New Specialty Course: The Auxiliary Navigation (AUXNAV) Specialty Course has replaced the old Piloting A & B. All Piloting A & B examinations now in the field will be graded by the Director upon receipt; however, all new requests for examinations will be filled with the new AUXNAV A & B exams presently in stock. **BE SURE YOU'RE STUDYING THE RIGHT COURSE!**

Auxiliary License Plates: The "Commandant's Bulletin" is planning on running an article (with pictures) on Auxiliary "personalized" license plates. If you have one and would like it included, please send a black and white copy of it to Commandant (G-BAU-1), United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 *to arrive not later than 31 December 1987!*

PE Notice of Intent: Get them in . . . the schedule we produce is distributed to Board, Inc. and the District Board. The schedules make excellent hand-outs at Boat Shows and this "season" will soon be here!!

THE YEOMEN SPEAK: We have nothing to pass! Could it be that all of you have been listening, or is it just that the holiday season is finally upon us? In any case, best wishes from all of us to all of you for (as our Vice Commodore would say) a FANTASTIC holiday season!!

s/W. M. Cherry

FROM OPS & TRAINING OFFICER

Update CW02 "Chip" Hoovler, USCG



LET'S NOT FORGET WHO WE WORK FOR! The entire Auxiliary structure, from National down, is designed to support one office. This office, as described in the Auxiliary Manual is "where programs are translated into action." It is the only "action" office in the Auxiliary. Literally all members, including elected officers at every level, are charged with supporting this one person, the Flotilla Commander. Let's not forget our responsibility to work with and

support the Flotilla Commander and his/her "Chief of Staff," the Vice Flotilla Commander. If your plan (for whatever) does not include these two people, reconsider your plan.

Here's one I heard from Division III. A CB call was received by an Auxiliarist. The somewhat frantic caller stated that he was "stuck on a sandbar." The Auxiliarist calmly explained to him that the tide was rising and in a few hours he would most likely float off. The caller further explained, "That's what I'm worried about, I'm in a pick-up!"

"Chip" Hoovler, CWO2, USCG, Ops & Training Officer

OUR TRIP TO BALTIMORE

It was a beautiful October morning when 35 people boarded the bus for our trip to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. We had a brief stop in Delaware, at a rest stop, where we loaded up on coffee and goodies. Once under way, settled down, relaxed and enjoyed the beauty of the fall colors. The trip lasted only long enough for the excitement to build, for there in front of us was the new aquarium, the marinas, the World Trade center, the Constellation, the shops and our cruise ship for our Inner Harbor boat ride.

The boat ride, though hazy skies were about, was very informative and afforded us with a special view of the entire harbor. The ride lasted about one and a half hours and when we arrived back at the dock, you guessed it — the sun came out, burned off the morning haze and the rest of the day was great.

We went from the boat to the Aquarium. The lines were very long to get into the very new attraction, but we were escorted to a side door and were inside in only a few minutes. If you have never been there, it is quite a place — one which I would highly recommend — sharks, octopuses, striped bass, rays, two Baluga whales that put on a show with skin divers, and much, much more.

We then had a couple hours to explore the shops and sights of the area before boarding the bus for the short (well, almost short — someone gave the bus driver bad directions — and I promise I won't do it again) trip to the restaurant. The food was good and plentiful and the building was filled with paintings and sculpture which you could admire at your leisure.

Then back in the bus for a most enjoyable and crazy (you had to be there) ride back to base Gloucester, our cars and home. All in all everyone had a busy but wonderful day. I wish more could have made it — maybe next time.

William E. "Bill" Pierce, VCO - 5NR

FROM THE BRIDGE

Update William E. Pierce, VCO



The year 1988 will bring to the Fifth Northern, for the first time, a District-wide staff training workshop. This workshop will be conducted in conjunction with the winter conference. It will be held on Sunday, the 24th of January. Starting at 1000 and going to approximately 1700. The District Staff, e.g. the DSOs will be conducting the training of all of the Division Staff, e.g. the SOs — ALL.

The workshop will start out with an overview of what is expected of

all the SOs from training to their roll in Growth and Retention (Member Resources). After the overview is completed we will be breaking the SOs into smaller groups—groups that go together like OP-AN-CM, and VE-MDV, etc. When this training has been completed the individual DSO will work with the SOs in his/her field; i.e. the DSO-PA will be training the 14 (one per division) SO-PAs. It is in this portion of the workshop session where most of the training will be accomplished. This session will last the longest, obviously, due to its information and direction.

After the individual sessions, all groups will reassemble for the final presentation. We have been working on this workshop for months and hope that all Division Staff Officers will attend. I can assure them, that it will be well worth their time. SOs, won't it be great to know what the district expects of you, how you can train your FSOs, what you should know as an SO, and have an opportunity to get all your questions answered in January instead of June, or even December.

The possibility of funding all who attend depends on the final Coast Guard budget — but between you and me it looks good.

The year 1988 is already shaping up to be the best year ever in Fifth Northern. It all depends on that one person I always talk and write about — YOU!.

I hope to see all of you, not just the SOs at the winter conference.
William "Bill" Pierce, VCO, 5NR

NOTICE! ALL DIVISION STAFF OFFICERS

Please read the article above
IT IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

Then mark your calendar
to attend this very important workshop!
Get the latest up-to-date information
on how to accomplish the tasks required
for the position you have accepted
for the upcoming year!

5 NR WINTER Conference — January 22—24 — Valley Forge Hilton

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Member Resources Caroline Sweigart, DSO-MR

Not long ago a made-for-TV movie depicted the selection of the first US astronauts. During the film the selection process of the individuals for the NASA Space Program became the theme through which this medium told the story of how each like John Glenn were chosen.

We in the Auxiliary need to heed the selection process for those with whom we wish to share our Auxiliary. Ours is a working organization. We care deeply for the safety of those who are boating and we desire to assist those people by bettering their experiences by helping them learn safe boating practices. Through PE classes, CMEs, Operations and Public Affairs we increase their chances of pleasurable experiences.

When we encourage people to join with our highly active organization, we need to stress the involvement they should have and their chances to help others. We do have many "jobs" to offer . . . but they all call for participation. Never say you don't have to do anything . . . for we should all be "doing." It's the DOING that shows that we care.

For your incoming members be sure that they have the RIGHT STUFF. These are the Auxiliarists of the future. We must consider all these aspects when we begin the BQ process. Yes, we do offer much training for our members. That is one of our major perks as well as the warm friendships that we are offered. We learn much about the boating populace and the best techniques as well as "how to" ourselves; but each new member that we encourage must be made to understand the DOING that is necessary for the survival of the Auxiliary.

When a Freshman first attends college he/she is told to look around—those next to him will not be there at the end of four years. Only one in five will finish. We need to be able in four years to look around and see all of the five still remain. If we are urging those with the RIGHT STUFF, we will be achieving this and our quality of our avocation will be increased. Once involved in our Auxiliary, interest continues through the perks mentioned before.

Urge those to join who have the RIGHT STUFF.

Caroline Sweigart, DSO-MR, 5NR

Vessel Examination Edward Rearick, DSO-VE

Recently I watched some neighborhood children play a basketball game "Around The World" and became frustrated because it seemed the rules of the game changed while the game was in progress. I must admit, I have never read the rules for this game, and thus, I was probably at fault. Nevertheless, my enjoyment of the game was significantly affected by my lack of understanding of the game.

Wouldn't it be terrible if you spent your time, your hobby or your career playing a game you did not understand? Considering the present state of technology, many often feel like shouting those well known words, "I just learned how to play the game and they changed the rules." With all the new marine equipment, to have the CEs properly execute their responsibilities, it is essential that they receive quality basic education. Without a good foundation, they cannot perform first-class.

For a quality foundation, CEs must continue to expand their technological expertise so they can recognize safety related defects and provide the boater with the help and advice they need. It may seem that we are continually changing the rules but in this fast-moving world we must do so to keep up with the latest findings.

By now CH-2 (change 2) should be in the hands of all CEs and entered into their manual. As was last year, *All Examiners must bring their manual (COMDTINST M16796.2C) to the seminar with Change 2 (and Change 1) properly entered to receive seminar credit.* This is part of our continuing basic education. The new 204s have items to be checked that are described and discussed in CH-2. Don't short change the boaters, read the rules and understand the game, it will be more enjoyable.

I want to thank all the SO-VE's who, despite the heat, went out and supported the program. Thanks also to Frank MacDonald, ADSO-MDV and all the Visitors that "picked up the ball" and got the MDV program rolling. With this kind of dedication, we can only succeed!

Edward Rearick, DSO-VE, 5NR

FROM CENTRAL

Update Russell C. Appler, RCO-C



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BEING AN AUXILIARIST

Several issues ago, my article provided guidance as to what you, as an Auxiliarist — a "Volunteer" are entitled — "A Bill of Rights."

However, it is a two-way street. How many of you have answered, or heard others answer, when asked or told to do something in a certain way, "Hey. I'm a Volunteer!" Does this mean that you have NO obligation or responsibility as an Auxiliarist — as a "Volunteer?"

Please consider the following:

- BEFORE signing on anyone in our organization, the Auxiliary, BE SURE that they have looked into their heart and that they know that they really want to help other people.
- BE CONVINCED that YOU believe in the value of what you are doing in the Auxiliary. Otherwise, don't offer your services.
- BE LOYAL by offering suggestions, without "knocking." Accept the rules or be prepared to offer something better. Don't criticize what you do not understand; there may be a good reason. However,
- SPEAK UP and ask about the things you don't understand. Don't coddle your doubts and frustrations until they drive you away by not showing up for meetings and programs or you "cop out" by not paying your dues. Not taking the initiative to COMMUNICATE can also turn you, a good Auxiliarist, who is an asset into a problem worker, who is a liability.
- BE WILLING TO LEARN, for training of any kind is essential to any job well done. We offer the spectrum in opportunities through OPERATIONS, PUBLIC EDUCATION and VESSEL EXAMINATION. The choice is yours!

Once you start, KEEP ON LEARNING. You can continue to learn until the day you die, providing you want to. You can teach OLD AUXILIARISTS new tricks! Know all you can about the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard.

WELCOME SUPERVISION for you will do a better job and enjoy it more, if you are doing what is expected of you. There are many Auxiliarists, at all levels of the organization, ready, willing and eager to assist you along the way.

Your word is your bond. BE DEPENDABLE. Do what you have agreed to do. Re-read the pledge you took upon becoming an Auxiliarist and/or an Elected or Appointed Officer. Don't make promises that you cannot or will not keep.

BE A TEAM PLAYER and find a place for yourself on the team. The "lone operator" is pretty much out of place in today's complex Auxiliary community.

Finally, you elected to come into our FAMILY — the Coast Guard Family, that is: Regular, Auxiliary and Reserve. Be proud of that Family, support that Family, and pray for that Family for with God's Blessings, the action and the satisfaction really is "All In The Family."

Russ Appler RCO-C, 5NR

FROM THE EAST

Update Eugene M. Pester, RCO-E



New Year's Day seems to give an Auxiliarist a chance to commence all over again; the possibilities of the year are all ahead. The onward way is strewn with opportunities for health, happiness and creativity which combine in success.

It's a good thing to make New Year's resolutions but a better one to keep them. Be honorable to yourself by keeping the promises you make. Don't be afraid of thinking out new ways; originality

is valuable. An absolute must if we are to move ahead in 1988.

In addition to resolutions of a personal character, there are obligations to the auxiliary. None of us can say, "I have done my best in everything during 1987." There have been many slips — we are all human. Make perfection your standard. You won't reach it, but keep trying.

Whether you are high or low in the Auxiliary organization, you are bearing a share — an important one too — in the success and failure of the fifth northern.

To all of the newly elected and appointed officers I offer my sincere congratulations. I also offer you my help and support in what ever way I can serve. Am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Jane joins me in wishing all of you the best of the holiday season. May you all have much luck, health and happiness during the New Year.

Gene Pester RCOE, 5NR

FROM YOUR TOPSIDE EDITOR!

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! After two years of coming in second place, the third time we came in first. As you probably all already know *Topside* was judged the Best District Publication nationally and the award was presented at the National Conference in Palo Alto California in September, and represented at 5NR Fall Conference.

I cannot tell you how proud and delighted it made me feel to win this award, but I can tell you that I did not do it alone. First of all I would like to thank my husband (and ADSO) Bob for putting up with my late hours and often overtired miserable mood during the production time; as well as a house littered with cartons and mail boxes during mailing time. He also acts as my secretary many times, taking messages, delivering messages, running to Base Gloucester with the copy for approval, and finally delivering all to the post office to be mailed. Second, thanks to my son "Bud" who has labeled the books for the past five years, most of it by himself, and he isn't even a member of the Auxiliary. At approximately 10,000 labels a year, that's 50,000+ in five years because the *Topside* juniors had to be mailed on numerous occasions. Thanks Guys! Could not do it without you. And last but no way least, thanks to all — EXCOM, staff members, and general membership who have supported me with articles and pictures without which there would be no publication to start with. Please people, keep those articles coming along with the pictures that make it more interesting.

Yes, I have consented to keep doing *Topside* for next year. How could I turn it down or stop doing it after winning "Best." Maybe we can do it again. Hopefully at least.

Meantime from both Bob and myself, have a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous and safe New Year.

Elsie Nichols, DSO-PB, 5NR

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AIM PROGRAM FOR 1988

First, thanks to all who contributed in making AIM 1987 a success. Many people, along with the CC officers and high school guidance counselors, participated to send fourteen (14) fine young men and women to the Coast Guard Academy for AIM week in August. At the time I am writing this, thirteen (13) of the fourteen (14) candidates have formally applied for admission to the Class of '92. This demonstrates that the CC officers in 5NR are a dedicated and committed group fulfilling the responsibilities of their office.

AIM is every Auxiliarist's responsibility!
What are the requirements for application into the AIM program?

- Any young person who:
1. Is a United States citizen not over 18 or under 15 years of age.
 2. Currently is in the Junior (11th grade) year of high school.
 3. Has no physical handicaps or defects. In good health.
 4. Has a good scholastic record.
 5. Has good vision. Vision not less than 20/200 correctable to 20/20 or better, refractive error not to exceed ± 5.50 diopters. Astigmatism not to exceed 3.00 diopters. Anisometropia not to exceed 3.50. NO color blindness.
 6. Understands the objectives of the Coast Guard and is interested in them.
 7. Has taken a College Entrance Examination (PSAT, SAT, ACT).
 8. Scholastic average of 85 (B) over a 2½ year period (9th, 10th and half of the 11th grade).

AIM is a vital program with the primary purpose to assist in securing cadets and future officers for the Coast Guard. Remember, the United States Coast Guard Academy is the only national service academy whose admission is strictly by academic competition and not by congressional appointment. There is also no geographical quota on Coast Guard Academy appointments.

AIM - for the future of the Coast Guard.
Your CC officer has, or will get, all the general and procedural information you need to help obtain outstanding "AIMERS" for 1988.

The following letter received from an '87 AIMER, found by Division VI and sponsored by the Past Captains' Association for AIM week at New London, says it all

This is what AIM is all about!

Mr. Allen E. Wenrich
108 East 35th Street
Reading, PA 19606

David E. M. Jones
771 Feters Mill Road
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009
September 4, 1987

Dear Mr. Wenrich:
I am writing to thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend AIM Week at the Coast Guard Academy. It was quite an experience for me. The week was challenging and difficult at times, but at the end of the program I felt very proud of myself and of my platoon. I was fortunate to be in Bravo I which won the Honor Platoon status, placing first in the athletic and indoctrination competitions; and third in the drill competition. It amazed me that thirty-four people could come together as a group in such little time. Much of this credit obviously goes to the Company and Platoon leaders, but every individual had to make an effort to contribute.
AIM was instrumental not only in showing me the Academy but in helping me decide if the military is right for me. It is!! I found that I am very compatible with the men and women at the Academy. They are intelligent, well-rounded, and very enthusiastic about the Coast Guard. They are proud to be a part of an organization that is so important to the well-being of our coastal waters. I admire this a great deal. I also found

An Individual Perspective:
Why the Operations Program?

Increasing the number of Auxiliarists qualified to participate in operations is a priority objective in our district. Although our members give "more than 100%" it is still the case that our participation in the boat crew program is low in terms of national norms. We are working to streamline the BCQP—without compromising its integrity—to facilitate qualification.
For us to be successful, however, requires that Auxiliarists perceive the BCQP as beneficial in personal terms. Along these lines, let me share with you some of the reasons why the BCQP benefits those who participate.

First, it is an excellent way to learn more about boating. Moreover, unlike textbook learning, this program is focused on practical aspects of "how to do it." I learned more about the capabilities and limitations of radar in one eleven hour patrol than from countless hours of teaching the subject in our Flotilla's Coastal Piloting course, for example.

Second, the BCQP enables participants to gain useful experience. Experience, in turn, builds confidence. There is no better way to face a difficult task, e.g., running a tough inlet, than knowing you have done it successfully before. Experience reduces the stress level on the bridge and helps to turn "white knuckle specials" into interesting opportunities. Many of our Auxiliarists—and QEs in particular—are highly skilled mariners and, if we can suffer a little damage to our egos, it's a pleasant experience to have them at our side.

Third, successful completion of the BCQP is an achievement that we can justly take pride in. The grey and yellow ribbons of boat crew member or air observer are not simply given away.

Fourth, completion of the BCQP is our ticket of admission to enjoy the fun and rewards of the operations program. Many of what I consider my most remarkable moments in the Auxiliary took place in connection with vessel or aircraft patrols. Mental images of a beautiful sunset while entering the inlet at Atlantic City, spectacular fireworks at Penn's Landing, the odd thunderstorm, a long friendly runway at Norfolk after an instrument approach to minimums, the irrational joy of hitting a check point near Barnegat within one minute of ETA after three hours on the water, and saying "it doesn't get any better than this" after a long patrol, all come to mind as I sit hunched over a typewriter drafting this article. Out there, on the water or in the air, the Auxiliary is neither forms nor politics, nor endless debates on where to hold the "change of watch" dinner. It's feeling good about doing good.

As you read this, the season for making resolutions will be fast approaching. Resolve now to join the operations program.
Daniel Maxim, DSO-OP, 5NR

that I am in total agreement with the mission of the Coast Guard — a humanitarian force based on the ideal of helping others in peacetime, but an important part of the Department of the Navy in wartime. Finally, I found that I would not be smothered as an individual by the military. In fact, the situations that I experienced brought out many of my personal characteristics. For example, eating a square meal with one's "eyes on the boat" is not the easiest thing to do, yet this and being put in an occasional "fix" really brought out a sense of humor in everyone. A sense of humor (something that I would never have expected to exist in a military institution) was actually an integral part of surviving. I still would be wondering about many of these issues had it not been for AIM Week.

I would conclude by stating that I have made the Coast Guard Academy my first choice in my college search. I will apply for the early action plan, and I really hope that I will make it in. Because of AIM, I am equipped to make such a decision, and I feel that it is right for me. Again, I thank you for all that you have one for me. I will let you know how my admission procedure turns out.

Sincerely, s/David Jones

SPECIAL TO TOPSIDE

Russ Appler, RCO-C, was elected Chairman of the Delaware Valley Safe Boating Council at its organizational meeting in October. CAPT Edward K. Roe, CO, Coast Guard Base Gloucester and Captain, Port of Philadelphia was elected Vice-Chairman with LCDR Ellis Davison elected Secretary. They will all serve for a one year term beginning January 1988.

The mission of the DVSBC is to promote, coordinate and publicize safe boating activity for the Delaware Valley. It serves as a forum for discussion of boating issues. The safe boating activity takes into accord a plan to unify and have the educational programs of its membership complement each other.

Meetings will be held bi-monthly beginning in January on the third Thursday of each month at 1330 on the USS Olympia at Penns Landing, Philadelphia, Penna. The three committees; Education, Operations and Public Affairs will hold their meetings during the alternate months. A brochure publicizing the DVSBC is in the process of development and will be distributed to the boating public for greater awareness.

The following organizations are members of the DVSBC: USCG; USCG Auxiliary; US Power Squadrons; Penna Fish Commission; NJ State Police, Marine Bureau; US Army, Corps of Engineers; Delaware River Yachtsmen's League; American Red Cross; Mariner's Advisory Council; Philadelphia Police Marine Unit; Philadelphia Marine Center; Inter State Marine Association; Delaware Valley Fire Chiefs' Association; Delaware River Ports Council; Boating Administrator, State of Delaware and Pilots Association of Delaware River and Bay. The Delaware (State) Safe Boating Council sits on our council in an advisory capacity. Its chairman is Walter Moulder of Wilmington, Delaware, a former Auxiliary Rear Commodore.

The program for the January 21st meeting will be several speakers on the topic "Operator Licensure." This is a most timely subject and of great import to all boaters.

Contact: LCDR Ellis Davison, USCG
(609)456-1370 or (215) 923-4320

PUBLIC EDUCATION FLASH

PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKSHOPS have been planned for the next two conferences, in accordance with your requests.

January conference at the Valley Forge Hilton will be on WATER 'N KIDS. How to go about getting into the schools and how to teach the course both at the kindergarten and at the second or third grade levels. If you teach or want to teach this course attend and get new ideas and suggestions.

April at the Treadway Inn in Lancaster, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission will again teach our instructors how to present Legal Requirements according to Pennsylvania laws, and to get a certificate from the State as well as from the Coast Guard. MAKE CERTAIN YOUR FLOTILLA HAS AN INSTRUCTOR STATE QUALIFIED.

Your Public Education Staff will again be available to you, helping in any way we can. If you are new, be sure you get the Public Education Guide, either from the outgoing SO-PE or FSO-PE or Contact the DSO-PE for a copy. LOTS OF GOOD IDEAS AND TIPS IN THIS GUIDE.

Alice Stamm, DSO-PE, 5NR

FROM THE WEST



We all recognize a GOODYEAR blimp. Well our District has acquired the use of a fifteen foot helium inflated blimp better known as "PIE-IN-THE-SKY."

The first unit to use the blimp in the west was Flotilla 5-16, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. Flotilla 5-16 used the blimp in a halloween parade on November 2, 1987 in Mercersburg; one of the biggest parades in the area with over 100 entries and thousands of people attending. What a great way to

expose the Auxiliary to the public. This blimp can be used for many other functions such as courtesy examination stations and boat shows. A reservation for its use should be made by calling the Board Incorporated Office in Harrisburg and advising George Smyth of the date and place you would like to use it.

The chief reason for the information in this article is to make all of you aware of some of the items and programs that will be available to you. Items include stacking displays for boat shows and other affairs, reproducing our 16mm film to VHS tapes, advertisement of our PE and CE programs depending on the area, and VCR players and monitors being assigned to the Divisions. Video cassette players and monitors are now being produced lighter in weight and more compact to make them easier to transport from class to class. Although 19 inch screens seem to be easier to move from place to place, they are really not adequate enough for good viewing by large classes. A big help is two monitors. Placed properly, they will improve viewing considerably.

Some tapes are already available in Harrisburg office for loan for viewing. Others will be available and a list will be forthcoming for you to make your reservations for their use. Recently each unit received an Audio Visual Preparation Instruction Booklet for use in making your own tapes. It contains a wealth of knowledge and instruction. This would make an excellent project for people in your Divisions or Flotillas to undertake to keep them more interested in the Auxiliary and its programs.

As soon as the catalog or list is available it will be forwarded to your unit.

It has been a pleasure to have served as RCO-W for the past two years and am looking forward to working with all of you in the future.

Meantime, healthy and happy holidays to all.
Ednor Miller, RCO-W, 5NR



1988 WINTER CONFERENCE
5th DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION — U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
22, 23, 24 JANUARY 1988
VALLEY FORGE HILTON, KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Registration Desk Lobby Friday 1700-2000
Saturday 0800-1130
District Store—Room 206 Saturday Open through Lunch 1000-1600

FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY 1988

1900-2000 Captains' Meeting Board Room 212
1900-2000 District Staff Meeting Revere Room
2000-2130 District Board Meeting Washington Room
2130—? No Host Welcome Aboard Party Jefferson & Paine Rooms
(Complimentary Wine & Cheese)

SATURDAY, 23 JANUARY 1988

0800—0830 Opening Ceremony Grand Ballroom
0830—1145 District Board Meeting Washington Room
0830—1145 QE (BCM) Qualifying Revere Room
0830—0945 Member Training (MT) Workshop Adams Room
Information Systems (IS) Workshop Franklin Room
0930—1110 Ladies Coffee Paine Room
0945—1000 Break
1000—1600 District Store Room 206
Public Education (PE) Workshop Adams Room
Public Affairs (PA) Workshop Franklin Room
1200—1300 Luncheon ON YOUR OWN
1300—1500 Vessel Examination (VE) Seminar Adams & Franklin Rooms
(NOTE: Bring your CE Manual with Change 2 (and Ch1) or else no credit)
1515—1700 Operations (OP Seminar) Adams & Franklin Rooms
(NOTE: Bring your OPS Manual with Changes 4, 5 or else no credit)
1900—2000 Cocktails — No Host Bar Grand Ballroom Foyer
2000—2230 Banquet Grand Ballroom
2230—?? CASINO Night and Auction Ballroom

SUNDAY, 24 JANUARY 1988

0830-1000 Past Captains' Association Breakfast/Meeting Revere Room
(Members and Guests Only)
1000—1700 Appointed Staff Officers' Workshop (DSOs and SOs) Adams Room

MENU

BANQUET

Chicken Noodle Soup, Fresh Green Salad - Choice of Dressing
Choice of Entree:
Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef, Sauce Chasseur
or
Baked Filet of Sole, Lemon Crown
Glazed Carrots - Oven Roasted Potato
Rolls and Butter
Dessert — Peach Melba
Coffee, Tea, Decaf

UNIFORM OF THE DAY



FRIDAY EVENING
SATURDAY-

Casual
Service Dress Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire
After 1800 -Dinner Dress Navy Blue Jacket or
Dinner Dress Blue (White Shirt, Black Bow Tie,
Miniature Medals, No Name Tag) or
Appropriate Civilian Attire
Casual

SUNDAY MORNING



HOTEL RESERVATIONS
VALLEY FORGE HILTON

251 W. DeKalb Pike
King of Prussia, PA 19406
215-337-1200

Rates: Single \$59.00 per night*
Double \$59.00 per night*
*plus sales tax

ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Hotel Reservations Must be made by 8 January 1988

USE THIS PORTION OF PAGE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
RESERVATION FORM FOR SPECIAL RATES
AT VALLEY FORGE HILTON

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th Northern

1988 WINTER CONFERENCE • JANUARY 22, 23, 24 1988

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Require one night's deposit by check or credit card.

____ MASTERCARD _____ VISA

____ AMERICAN EXPRESS

of Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

I desire reservations for:
☐ Single @ \$59.00 per night
☐ Double @ \$59.00 per night

Make checks payable to and mail to:
VALLEY FORGE HILTON
251 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA. 19406

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CONFERENCE RESERVATION

Use this portion of the forms for your meal and Auxiliary conference registration for the Winter Conference at the Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on January 22, 23, 24

Name: _____

Flotilla No.: _____

Address: _____

____ Tickets - Banquet
—Saturday Night @ \$23.00 = \$ _____
Select () Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef
or () Baked Filet of Sole

____ Registrations
(Fee for Each Person \$3.00 = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS
JANUARY 11, 1988

For this portion of the reservation form —Make Checks
Payable to: U. S. C. G. Auxiliary-5NR
and Mail to: M. Philip Stamm, C.C.
405 Randall Road
Wyncote, PA 19095

The following number of persons will attend workshops scheduled for this conference. See schedule on opposite page.

____ Operations Seminar ____ VE Seminar
____ Member Training (MT) ____ Information Systems
____ Public Education (PE) ____ Public Affairs
____ QE Session
____ Appointed Staff Officers Meeting Sunday
____ Will attend the Past Captains' Association Breakfast
on Sunday Morning January 24, 1988 at 8:30 a.m.
TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED & REQUIRED
____ Will attend the Ladies Coffee and Get Together
on Saturday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW! DON'T DELAY!



FALL CONFERENCE AT THE CHERRY HILL HYATT

The Fall Conference held on September 25, 26, 27, 1987 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt was a big success. The rooms, the meeting rooms, the food, and the service were all top drawer. The workshops, Career Coordination, Legal and Finance, Public Affairs, Member Training and Communications, as well as the Advanced AUXLAM presentation were well received by those attending the sessions.

Admiral A. D. Breed, Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District was our keynote speaker at the banquet held on Saturday night. He advised us that Admiral Yost, the Commandant, will be giving us much more to do in the future as we become more and more a vital part of the Coast Guard family.

Our other guests were: Henry Pratt, NAVCO; CAPT Edward Roe, Captain of the Port of Philadelphia; CAPT N. E. King, Commander, USCG Group, Cape May; RCO Clyde Hungerford, Rear Commodore-North of the Fifth Southern District.

The dinner was followed by Ballroom Dancing Time which was enjoyed by all.

The hotel does not have room for us next year, so the Board approved that next fall we will be at the Embers Convention Center, Carlisle, PA.

Phil Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 5NR

PLANS FOR 1988 WINTER CONFERENCE WELL UNDERWAY

Much planning and work has been completed to make our next Winter conference a big success. It will be held on January 22, 23 and 24th at the great Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. We will have both workshops and seminars at this conference.

The workshops will be presented by the Member Training, Information Systems, Public Affairs, and Public Education Departments. In the afternoon our Operations and Vessel Examination groups will offer the 1988 required seminars. Be sure you have added Change 2 to your Courtesy Examiner Manual (as well as Change 1) also something new — you must show your COMDTINST M16798.3A Operations Policy Manual with corrections 4 and 5 and any subsequent changes, if issued, entered and have both manuals with you when you attend the seminars. Be sure also to have your CGAUX ID card with you to show the registrars at the seminars.

In addition on Sunday, January 24th there will be a Staff Officer workshop, given by the DSOs for the benefit of the SOs. See Vice Commodore Bill Pierce's article in this issue for details.

The entertainment after a special banquet will be the 1988 "Bigger and Better" Fifth District Northern Region - CASINO NIGHT.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO luncheon as a part of this conference. You will be on your own for this meal. In addition to the hotel, there are many good spots nearby for a quick meal.

Make your Hotel and Conference reservations as soon as you receive this issue of *Topside*. Time is moving on and we don't want to disappoint you with no rooms.

Phil Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 5NR



Some pictures above of the master chef preparing the desserts for the ladies at the fall conference.

A Grateful Spouse

SEA-DOG, C-DOG OR MUTT OR ALL THREE?

The dictionary describes a "Sea Dog" as "A sailor, especially one of long experience." That describes us! The Coast Guard describes a "MUTT" as a "Mobile Unit Training Team." That describes us! We call ourselves "C-Dogs." That means the *CENTRAL* area of our District has the most "dog-goned" experienced mobile unit training team that there is!

Sometime between April and June/July and September 1988, each of the District's areas (East, Central and West) will have a four (4) person team conducting crewmember/operator level training at some location within their respective areas for a weekend during each of those two time frames. Every attempt has been made to put together a Top-Notch team of experienced, personable trainers in each area for the benefit of all of you Auxiliarists who aspire, or are clamoring, to reach the pinnacle of proficiency in the Boat Crew Qualification Program. By the end of next year (1988), there will no longer be an acceptable excuse of "I didn't have the opportunity for check-offs, written, oral, or underway." You will all be eligible to receive orders and fulfill patrol needs having met the qualifications and enjoyed achieving same.

The personnel for each team come from their respective areas and so know their own needs and people. There are one or more QED's on each team or perhaps even a QEC. They will put together the curriculums and levels of training. The rest is up to each of you. Are you ready to accept the challenge? Keep your eyes and ears tuned for near future details. The Sea/C-Dogs are challenging the MUTTS of East and West to provide a program better than Central's in quality and quantity. We Sea/C-Dogs forsee this opportunity to be a "howling success." (ouch!)

Russ Appler, RCO-C, 5NR

DIVISION CAPTAINS FOR 1988

Elections are all over and hopefully all staff has been appointed. However at the time of this writing, staff list is not available and will be included in the pocket directory described above. Listed below are the names of the Division Captains for 1988.

Division I	Paul D. Owens, 400 Troy Ave, Wilmington, DE 19804
Division II	Helen M. McCabe, 160 Hillside Court, North Wales, PA 19454
Division III	James R. Barsuglia, 542 Mayfair Street, Vineland, NJ 08360
Division IV	Arthur M. Talley, Jr., School House Rd., RD4, Pottstown, PA 19464
Division V	Welton J. Fischer, 761 Frey Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201
Division VI	William F. Tower, Jr., 35 Dover Road, MT Holley, NJ 08060
Division VII	Victor M. Krygowski, P.O. Box W, Waretown, NJ 08758
Division VIII	Melville J. Ellis, 1117 Ohio Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204
Division IX	George W. Clapper, RD #1, James Creek, PA 16657
Division X	Elsie M. Nichols, 1045 W. End Blvd., Quakertown, PA 18951
Division XI	Larry C. Whiskeyman, 110 New Holland Ave., Shillington, PA 19607
Division XII	Frank E. Kamp, 32 Love Creek Park, Lewes, DE 19958
Division XIII	Caroline K. Sweigart, 129 Manhasset Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055
Division XIV	Jack Horsfall, 1785 Pelham Drive, York, PA 17402

POCKET DIRECTORY PLANNED WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY 1988

1988 PROGRAM



THIRD DISTRICT
SOUTHERN REGION
U. S. COAST GUARD

The little pocket directory which has been made available for the past several years will once again be available in 1988.

Can't quite say it is "at the printers" - but hopefully will be very soon and will be available by Winter Conference in January.

Those of you who have used them in prior years will want them again. We think they are great since it makes basic information available in an easy to carry size.

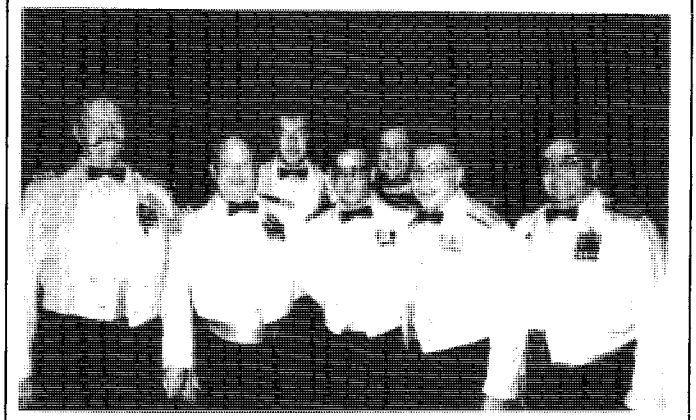
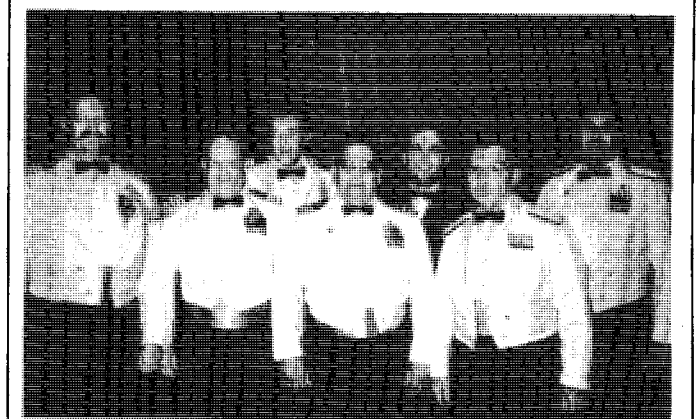
Be sure to get yours at the conference. The supply will be limited!

5NR EXCOM FOR 1988

The pictures below were taken at the Fall 5NR Conference and show the EXCOM for 1988. *Note: The reason for two pictures is that LT William Cherry was missing when one was taken and IPDCO Richard Raudabaugh was missing when the other was taken. Sorry fellows it was hard to keep you all together.*

The members of EXCOM are LT "Bill" Cherry, CWO "Chip" Hoover, DCO Al Lewis, VCO Bill Pierce, RCO-East Gene Pester, RCO-Central Harry David, RCO-West Frank Taylor and IPDCO Richard Raudabaugh.

Congratulations to the two newly elected members and a successful year to all.



Try your hand at this crossword puzzle! See how much you know!

Submitted by Robert P. Myers, SO-MT, Div VI

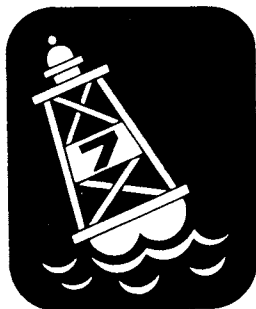
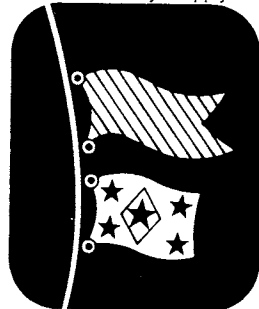
Solution on page 19

DOWN

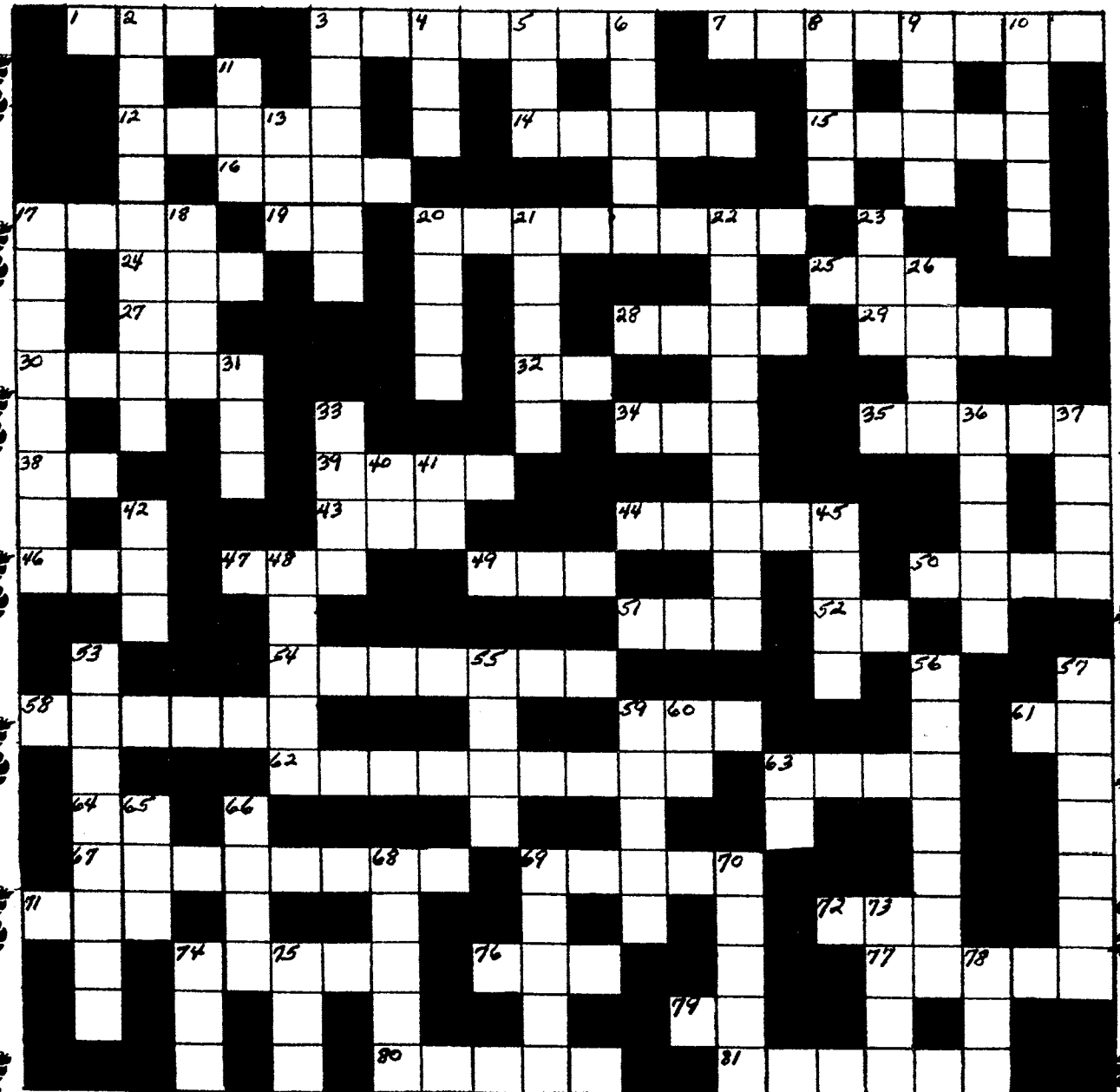
2. A light that is on longer than it is off.
3. Tidal current that flows continually, with the direction of flow changing through all points of the compass during the tidal period.
4. The general shape of even numbered buoys.
5. All buoys in the _____ have a yellow band or horizontal bar on them.
6. The shortest route between two points lies along the arc of the _____ circle.
8. In the formula $D = ST/60$, the T stands for _____.
9. A course or bearing corrected for deviation and variation.
10. The base value from which every level, position or direction is measured.
11. The general shape of green buoys.
13. Color of buoys in #4 down.
17. Three _____ on charted objects should result in a reliable fix.
18. _____ is measured E. or W. of Greenwich, England.
20. Your area's variation is found in the compass _____.
21. You should _____ your DR track with the course and speed.
22. The angle between the magnetic and geographic meridians.
23. The inner circle of a compass rose indicates _____ directions.
26. A paralane plotter will _____ on a chart.
31. A receding tide.
33. "Compass best, error _____."
36. A sextant can be used to determine the vertical _____ of a charted object.
37. A unit of speed equal to one nautical mile per hour.
40. 0034hrs. is the same as 12:34 _____.
41. A knotmeter will indicate #34 across, but not _____ over _____.
42. By using 60 D Street you can determine your _____ at your destination.
45. You should be able to determine the state of the _____ at any specified time of day.
48. The vessels' course and _____ must be known in order to plot a running fix.
53. A _____ is a great circle that passes through both poles.
55. When taking relative bearings the navigator and helmsman must work as a _____.
56. The horizontal motion of the water.
57. An instrument used to determine direction.
59. An electronic navigation system which uses radio signals received from land based radio transmitters.
60. In order for the above receiver to operate it must be turned _____.
63. Heights of objects are charted from M _____.
65. Traveling at 20 knots a vessel will go 2 nm in _____ minutes.
66. A prominent one will provide an excellent target for #68 down.
68. An electro-mechanical device which uses radio waves to detect and determine the distance to objects.
69. The maximum detection range of #68 down can be reduced during a _____.
70. A lead line is used to determine the _____ of the water.
73. The agency charged with maintaining aton's, among other duties.
74. Two types are advection and radiation.
75. #28 across is usually suspended in light _____ within the sphere.
78. The ability to apply the above terminology in safely navigating a vessel is considered an _____.

ACROSS

1. Developed from a single bearing on a charted object.
3. A fix obtained by taking bearings on charted objects at different times.
7. Parallels north and south of the equator.
12. A map depicting details useful to the mariner.
14. Shown on a chart as _____.
15. _____ your ship's compass parallel to the boat's fore and aft centerline.
16. Tide of decreased range as a result of the moon being in quadrature.
17. Addition to buoys to increase their effectiveness during periods of reduced visibility.
19. Position indicated by a dot within a semicircle.
20. Type of bearing obtained from using #52 across.
24. Distances are never measured along the _____ or bottom of charts.
25. Most charts include a _____ scale for measuring distances.
27. One thirty-sixth of a yd.
28. The compass _____ moves, the lubbers line does not.
29. See #17 across.
30. Two charted objects, one directly behind the other, constitute a _____.
32. Position indicated by a dot within a square.
34. The rate at which a vessel is proceeding through the water.
35. State of tidal current when it's speed is near zero.
38. One min. of lat. equals one _____.
39. "Correcting add _____."
43. Calculated by dividing the distance covered by the elapsed time.
44. The magnitude or speed of the current.
46. The direction toward which a current flows.
47. The time used in tide tables from Maine to Florida.
49. After applying #44 and #46 across, you can determine _____.
50. Upon taking bearings, you should _____ your position.
51. A vessel traveling at 15 knots will go approximately 500 yards in one _____.
52. An instrument used to determine directions to radio stations in a R _____.
54. The great circle located along 0° latitude.
58. 60 nautical miles equals 1 _____ of latitude.
59. Any device used to determine a vessel's speed.
61. The compass needle always points to mag. _____.
62. Compass error caused by magnetic influence aboard a vessel.
63. #44 across is always calculated for this period of time.
64. Before leaving port, an up to date weather forecast _____ recommended.
67. Instrument commonly used to measure distances on a chart.
69. An interval at high or low water when there is no sensible change in the height of the tide.
71. Position indicated by a dot within a circle.
72. Noon sights are shot on this.
74. An incoming or rising tide.
76. A binnacle should be constructed of _____ ferrous metals.
77. Polaris and vega are _____.
79. 1 fath. equals 6 _____.
80. A line which intersects all geographic meridians at the same angle.
81. In order to use a stadimeter, the _____ of the object must be known.



How Advanced Is Your Coastal Navigation?

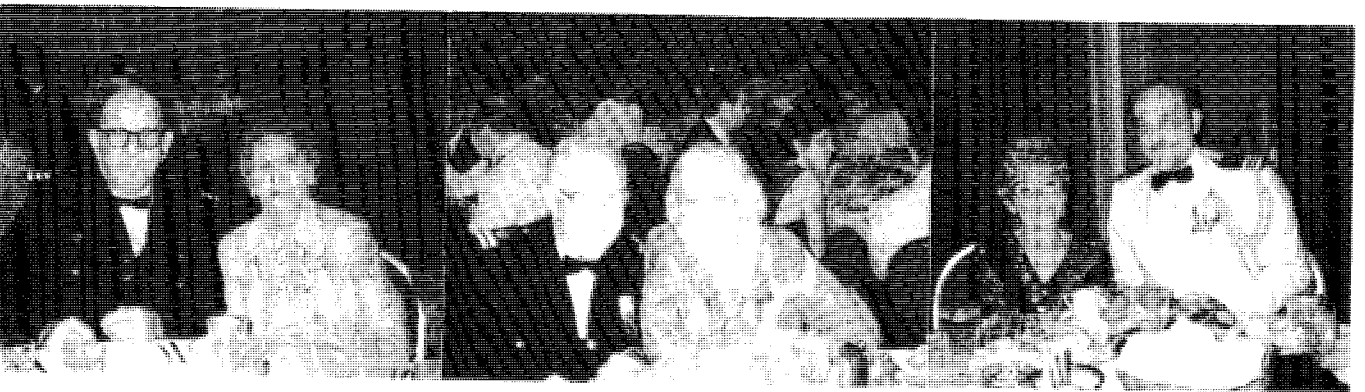


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NATIONAL CONFERENCE — PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

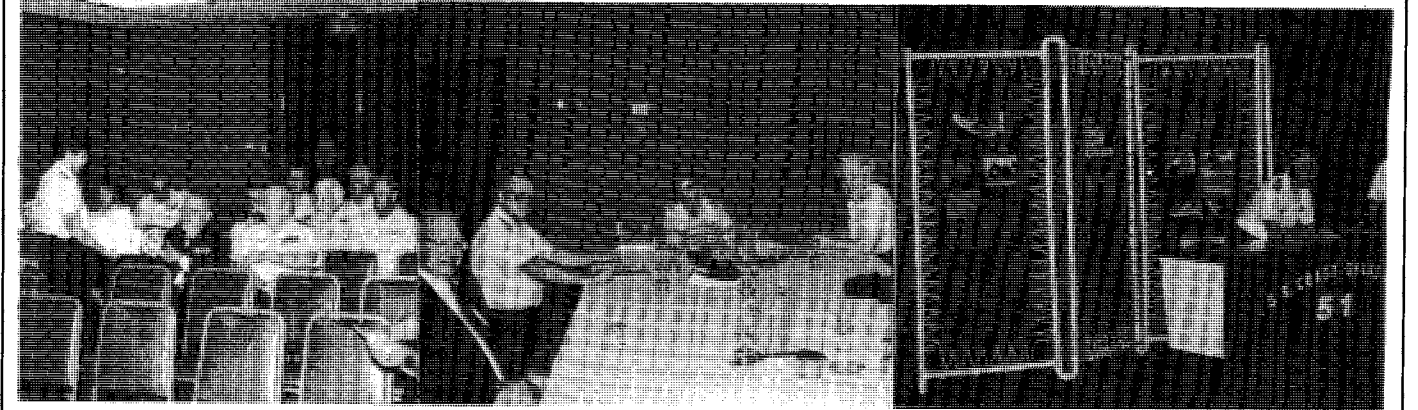
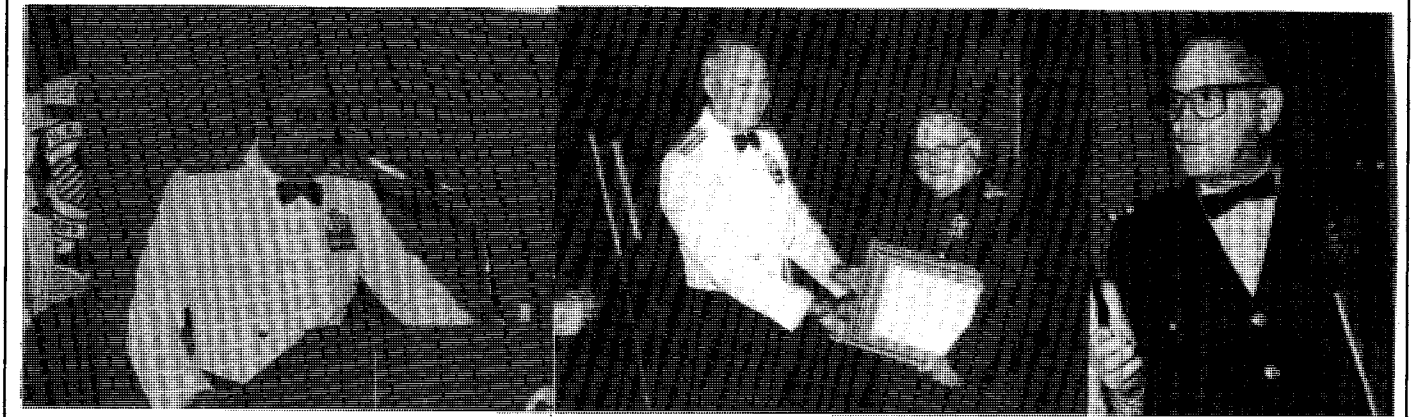
In September of 1987, the National Conference was held in Palo Alto, California. For those who attended, it was a fabulous affair. The conference sessions were extremely informative — many new things happening. The Friday Night entertainment with the talent show was excellent, and the banquet would be hard to top. But for those of us who have never been in San Francisco before was the opportunity to sight-see. And we did - the bay bridge, the water cruises, Alcatraz, the Redwood Forests, the cable cars, and Fisherman's wharf and many, many more. Unfortunately except for the banquet night pictures, I unfortunately lost a roll of 36 pictures of the other affairs. I guess there is a first time for everything - but I can assure you that will not happen again. Meantime, at least pictures of all the 5th Northern attendees were taken during the banquet and are shown below. We had an excellent attendance - in the 20s - despite the long distance. Plan now for next year - it is even further for us - but a trip to Hawaii will be worth it.

Your Editor



5NR FALL CONFERENCE - CHERRY HILL HYATT, CHERRY HILL, NJ

In September of 1987, 5NR conference was held at the Cherry Hill Hyatt. The activities, some of which are shown below, were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our Speaker, Award presentation, workshops, distinguished guests (see article on page 12), and the banquet and dancing afterward. I know everyone is looking forward to the Winter Conference. Hope to see more of you there!

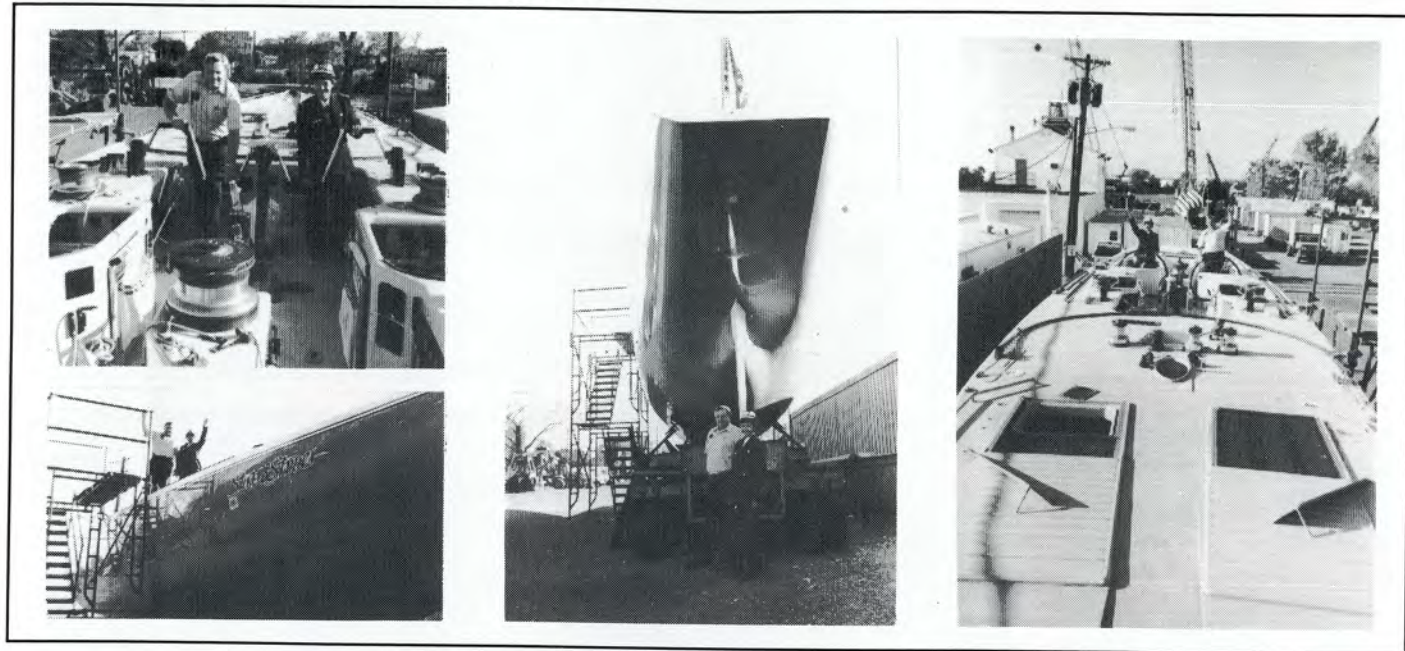


STARS & STRIPES VISITS DIVISION XIII AREA

Stars & Stripes, the American 12-meter that recaptured the America's Cup from Australia, was trailered in a parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

After the parade, and prior to being shipped to the West Coast, she was stored at the Express Marine shipyard on the Delaware River in Camden, New Jersey. Donald Ivins, vice president of operations of Express Marine and a member of Flotilla 13-1, 5NR, invited flotilla members to inspect her. Pictured below are Don and Sandy Bowen, FSO-MA, Flotilla 13-1, on the deck of and alongside the Nation's sailing champion.

submitted by: D. H. Dolack, FSO-PA, Flotilla 13-1, 5NR



DIVISION I - THE ENDING OF 1987 SEASON

Members of Division I in the state of Delaware had a busy boating season in the year 1987, training and developing crewmen, operators and the first Auxiliary member to become a regular Coast Guard person. Under the supervision of experienced members we learned and carried out training to help the boating public and the U.S.C.G. Fellowship was enjoyed and we gained a deeper understanding of our mission as Auxiliary members. Depicting some of these events in the following pictures (top to bottom) are: 1. Division I VCP - Paul Owens, saving a cabin cruiser taking on water. - 2. Fire Fighting training. 3. (below) "Coastie" Kelly McWilliams (3rd row - center of picture) on graduation day at Cape May, NJ.

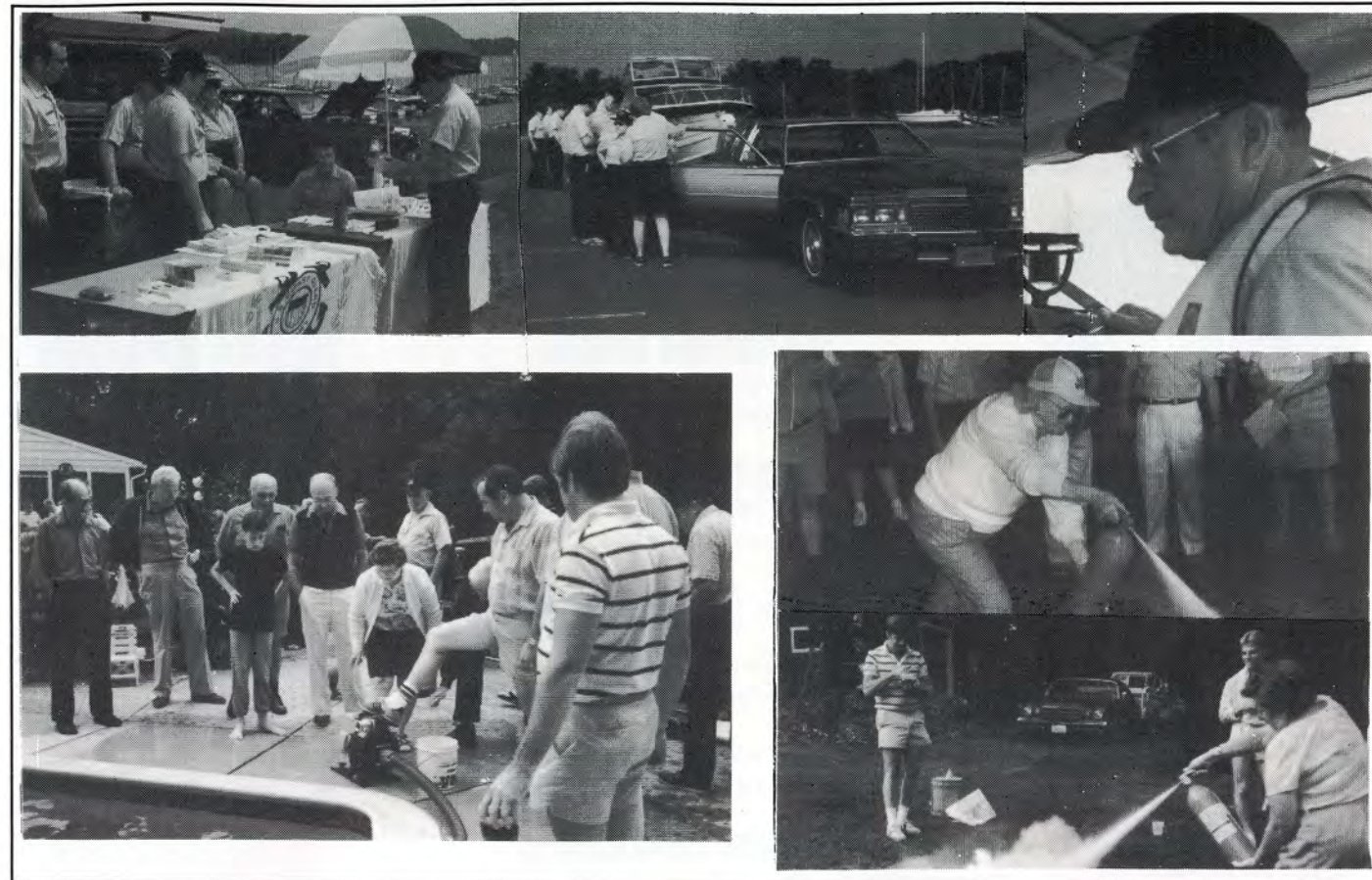
The new found friends we have made in the Auxiliary and the U. S. Coast Guard will be the inspiration and encouragement to continue with the bond that brought us together. To Kelly McWilliams and Collin S. Campbell as well as all other members of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we the members of Division I thank you for sharing, caring and being part of the team.

submitted by: Roz Schwebel, SO-PBI, 5NR
Photos: C. Owens and C. McWilliams



DIVISION HOLDS BCQ TRAINING

In July of 1987 Division X, with the direction of Paul Mackes, ADSO-OP, conducted a two day workshop for BCQ people. Paul also used his boat for the on the water portions of the check-offs. As an added feature of the day, there was a sudden severe thunderstorm which provided the opportunity for Paul along with several of the trainees to perform a rescue. In addition to the BCQ training, Bob Nichols set up a CME Safety Table, passing out literature and doing inspections as requested. Since the two days did not complete the process, additional check-offs were performed after the Picnic Dinner Meeting at Rick Dotterer's (DCP) home — both fire fighting training and dewatering using the pool for the demonstrations. Some of the scenes of these activities are below.



DCO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Auxiliarists who have qualified as of 30 November 87 for the DCO Membership Growth Award. It is due to your efforts that we, the Auxiliary can continue to assist the Boating Public

Division II

James J. Legensky, Felix L. Mendela, Michael D. Reardon, M. Patricia Belz.

Division III- Earl J. Mitten Sr.

Division IV- William Y. Lewis

Division V- John D. Borzell

Division VI- Jonas A. Levin

Division VII- Dorothy A. Matz, Robert E. Donahue, Thomas Fisher

Division IX- Norman Miller

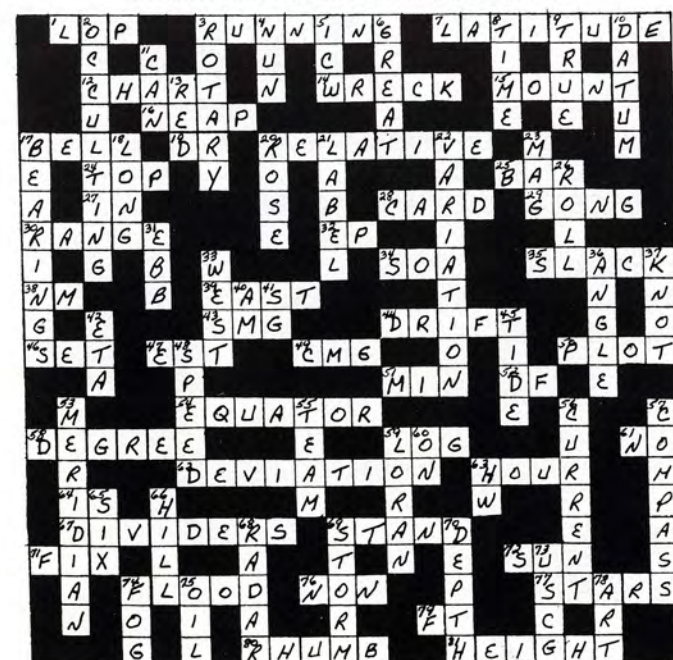
Division X- Alice Stamm, Charles E. Frederick

Division XI- Arthur F. Ackey

Division XIII- Carol Wilusz

Caroline Sweigart, DSO-MR, 5NR

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FIFTH NOTHERN REGION TENTATIVE CALENDAR — 1988

DISTRICT 5NR CONFERENCES

January 22—24, Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, PA
April 29 — May 1, Treadway Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA
July 15-17, Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, DE
September 23—25, The Embers, Carlisle, PA

DISTRICT 5NR AREA MEETINGS

CENTRAL AREA

April 9, June 13, August 22, October 29
Locations to be announced

EASTERN AREA

March 19, June 15, August 31, November 19
Locations to be announced

WESTERN AREA

March 17, June 16, August 18, November 17
Locations to be announced



NATIONAL CONFERENCES

EANCON - Eastern Area National Conference
May 11-15, Clearwater Beach, Florida

NACON - National Conference
September 14-18 - Honolulu, Hawaii

TOPSIDE DEADLINES

February 25th May 10th July 30 November 10

There will be a Topside Junior for the Fall Conference in September



Season's Greetings to All



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