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FROM THE DIRECTOR

UpdateLT William M. Cherry, DIRAUX



AMOS... One system with two purposes. The primary purpose of the Auxiliary Mission Objective System (AMOS) is to "channel" the Auxiliary's qualifications and activities towards accomplishment of goals which are based on actual needs. A secondary purpose is to provide Auxiliary units and members with appropriate recognition for what they do. In response to the innovative changes made by your District Planning Group (DPG) in 1988 to add Regional planning, freedom of choice, and greater Flotilla participation in the goal-setting process to our AMOS program, all of you set what I am convinced are the most ambitious goals ever seen anywhere at any time in the history of the Auxiliary!

I think it's time you were let in on a "little secret"... or as one of the rich and famous might say, "Can we talk?". During the process of obtaining the District Commander's approval of our 1988 AMOS goals, I was asked to evaluate the Region's "chances" for attainment of such enormous increases "across the board" in just a single year. At the time, I had to reply that "Frankly, I'm not sure whether these increases are possible or if they simply resulted from our more participative approach to the goal setting process. Certainly, universal acceptance of increases like these under previous Goal Attainment Programs would have been unheard of! The only 'ray of hope' I can offer is a feeling that our AMOS program brought the "high achievers" into the goal setting process to a much greater extent than ever before. But, we'll just have to wait until year-end to know for sure."

Doing a little "Monday morning quarterbacking" now, I must admit that I am a bit ashamed of the non-committal nature of my reply! Knowing that our new AMOS program was fundamentally sound and that all of you got the job done in 1987 despite all of the turmoil caused by closure of the Harrisburg office and Coast Guard realignment should have made me more confident in your capabilities and determination.

I was also dead wrong about having to "wait until year-end to know for sure"! With nearly 3 months to go, you have already exceeded 10 of 21 AMOS objectives, 4 more are certain, and the remaining 7 are "too close to call"! If an objective is missed, it won't be by much!

Please accept my apology for underestimating your dedication to excellence. The primary purpose of AMOS has been achieved and even if year-end occurred on October 14th, I would be extremely proud of each and every one of your accomplishments in 1988!

Turn now to the secondary purpose of AMOS and ensure that it too is achieved in the same manner of excellence! Continue your efforts through year-end and ensure that each individual activity record in AUXMIS is correct. By doing so, you will guarantee that every deserving unit and member receives appropriate recognition for their part in this noble effort! YOU deserve no less!

Hoping this will arrive before Christmas as promised, I wish you all a VERY ME . . R . . R . . Y CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!! May each of you HAVE LOTS OF FUN while STAYING SAFE throughout your Holiday celebrations. ALL THE BEST IN 1989!

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

FROM THE BRIDGE

UpdateAlexander M. Lewis, DCO, 5NR



With the end of 1988, my watch as Commodore of the Fifth Northern will be concluded. I want to take this opportunity, using TOPSIDE, to thank all of you for your support to the Auxiliary.

At this point in time, it appears that the District has satisfied many line items in the AMOS program, and by year's end, the District has the ability, with your continued good work, to make the goals in many

other aspects of the program.

This is a very good record, and responds to excellent effort and dedication of the Auxiliarists in the Fifth Northern District. None of this could have been accomplished without the fortitude, the dedication, and the efforts of the Flotilla members. All of you, regardless of your position in the Auxiliary, are Flotilla members, and that is where the work is done. Without the support and Auxiliary work done in the Flotillas, the mandates in boating safety could not have been accomplished.

We have had excellent conferences over the past two years, in which our fourth cornerstone, Fellowship, was very vividly displayed. I received countless expressions of great pleasure from our attendees, including our guests who actively participated. We have had a varied menu of activities, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

My thanks to Muriel and the EXCOM ladies.

"The old order changes, yielding place to new." My best wishes to Bill Pierce and the incoming bridge for a successful and productive tour. And, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my own EXCOM for their support and dedication.

To all of you, thank you for being the best!

Alexander M. Lewis, DCO, 5NR

FROM OPS & TRAINING OFFICER

UpdateCWO2 "Chip" Hoovler, USCG



Popular preference placed the proven partners of Pierce and Pester in the prominent position of piloting for the next period. Pierce and Pester are proverbial pillars of professionalism, prudence and prowess...perspicuity personified. This pious pair of prime movers provide a promise of prosperity and pride. I perceive that Pierce and Pester will proceed with positive and perpetual persistence punctuated by periodic

progressive and passionate perks of perviousness. The placement of this pair leaves me positively perplexed though, I ponder, is it what I previously printed that promoted Pierce and Pester or perchance, is it that they are just not party-poopers?

Cindy says Hi.

"Chip" Hoovler, CWO2, USCG

FROM THE BRIDGE

UpdateWilliam E. Pierce, VCO, 5NR



As 1988 draws to a close, we can all look back with pride in our accomplishments. 1988 will be one of the best years we have ever had in our Cornerstone Programs. I want to thank each and every one of you for your fine efforts. I, especially, would like to thank the 1988 Staff for their fine efforts both in running their various programs and also in doing their part to see our goals obtained.

I, as you all know, am a firm believer in the "lead by doing" philosophy. Set a goal for yourself, make it challenging and at year end sit back and be proud of your accomplishments. If you are a leader at any level, be a good administrator; but, more importantly, set a good example by doing MORE than your share.

1989 will, I hope, be a year we will always remember with fondness, it is our 50th BIRTHDAY, 23 June 1939-89. We are planning many wonderful things for this celebration, and as they become firmed up we will be letting you all know. There will be more about this in other articles in this TOPSIDE.

We are expanding the 1989-90 District MUTT TEAMS. They will not only be training in the field of operations; but, also IT, VE, and AV (Aides to Navigation Verifier). They will be putting on classes in your area or Division every quarter for the next two years in one or more of the programs. This training in no way takes the place of your Division or Flotilla training...it supplements it. They will be using some of your Division trainers to assist them. It is our (my) goal to make available to every member of this district, training in any program that he or she wishes to be a part of.

Our 1989-90 District Staff has been appointed and we had our first meeting. I must tell you, I overheard one of the new staff talking to another, that Pester (our VCO elect) is a real slave driver. If this is true, as I know it is, each year will be better than the one before it! I am looking forward to working with Gene and the fine Staff we have picked.

We are planning many things for the next two years: training, partying, working, and our prime directive—Be better prepared than we have ever been before to "Serve the Coast Guard."

I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Happy New Year. May all your GOOD resolutions be accomplished by year end. I am looking forward to serving you as District Commodore for the next two years. I hope to see you all at the District Conferences. Let us all work together as a unit and we will get the job done and have fun doing it. Remember the three "Cs" of "Pierce Management" Cooperate-Communicate-Coordinate. The word compete is not part of my philosophy. Let us all work together, as a unit, as one, and we will always be the best.

Yes we had a "GR R R R REAT '88" I am proud to be part of you, and I love you all.

Bill Pierce, VCO, 5NR

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FROM THE EAST

Update.....Eugene Pester, RCO-E, %NR



Serving as Rear Commodore—East these past two years have certainly been a rewarding experience. During my travels to the various Flotillas and Divisions, I have met many fine and dedicated Auxiliarists whose warm friendship I will long treasure and remember. Their hospitality always made me feel most welcome and I sincerely thank each and everyone of them.

Working with the District Board and District Excom plus Board Incorporated has also been a distinct pleasure. We have had a harmonious working relationship, accomplished most of our objectives and while doing all of this, we still managed to enjoy ourselves. I am confident that our new District Board, Excom, and Board Incorporated will continue this type of relationship during the next year. I know that I will be striving very hard toward that goal while serving as your new Vice Commodore. I do wish to thank everyone for their confidence in me and I will dedicate myself to do the very best job that I know how for you. Now the new business.

Our first Orientation/Planning meeting with the newly appointed 1989 District Staff was held recently at Coast Guard Base Philadelphia. I am really impressed with the plans being made by this enthusiastic group. You will find the 1989 programs being formulated by your DSOs promises to be exciting, informative, educational, and fun. One of the things your staff is pledged to is ensuring everyone is having a good time while undertaking the work of the Auxiliary. After all, fellowship is one of the keys to our having a successful 1989. Your DCO Elect, Bill Pierce and I are dedicated to this end. (You will enjoy yourselves or else.)

You will find this staff will be soliciting your ideas, suggestions, help, and anything else that will help get the programs off and running. Please help them when called on to do so.

1989 promises to be an exciting year. One filled with accomplishments and successes. Your help and support is needed to make this happen. Let's all work together. As one of your ADSOs recently said, "Be all you can be," which says it all.

Jane and I wish all of you a most happy, healthy, prosperous, and successful 1989.

Gene Pester, RCO-East, 5NR

FROM CENTRAL

Update.....Harry L. David, RCO-C, 5NR



As the year comes to a close, it is the time when we stop to reflect upon the year just past. During 1988 while I was privileged to serve as the rear commodore of the "Essential Central" the four divisions of the central area, I, II, IV and XII were hard working units. Paul, Helen, Art and Frank, I salute you all for a job well done, my job was made easier by your dedication.

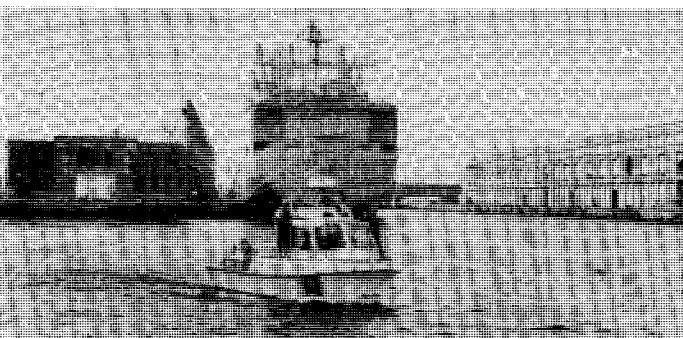
Looking back, I have fond memories of the fellowship I enjoyed at the meetings, picnics and various change of watch, not only in the central area, but through the entire District.

I have enjoyed working with Excom, even if the meetings did run into the small hours some time, and wish Commodore Pierce and the entire Bridge for 1989, success in all of its endeavors. There are many new things on the horizon for 1989, and I am pleased to be part of one of them, as Chairman or the 50th Anniversary Picnic. Look for my article about the picnic elsewhere.

Harry David, RCO-C, 5NR



Left to right Seaman Michael S. Hyland, Petty Officer James Ziolkowski, Caroline Sweigart, Div. XIII, Ronald Waters, Div. I
—"Conducting Body Searches Prior to Arrest"



Coast Guard Cutter protects or (guards) the "Wright," a Naval ship used for military cargo docked at Pier 82 on Delaware River in South Philadelphia. A security zone was placed around ship that was off-limits to boaters.

FROM THE WEST

Update.....Frank J. Taylor, RCO-W, 5NR



When we speak of training in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary we really mean it. When you begin one of the safe boating education courses and complete it, the next step would be the basic qualification course. A very short step from the sky's the limit as long as you are a qualified active member with an interest in training. It's there for everyone and such a variety!

This year 1988 has been a banner year for training, the most active training year in a long time. The boat crew training program has had problems getting it out of the hanger, but rather suddenly came alive. Hundreds of hours were expended to train Auxiliarists for their different qualifications.

New courtesy marine examiners and instructor trainers have also been trained. We certainly can use the help.

This year our Auxiliarists have traveled long distances to teach the boating courses in places we have never taught before. We have courtesy marine examinations conducted in places we've never been before. Our Auxiliary boats have patrolled long distances away and in many cases for the first time.

The key to solving problems is "training" and this year is an excellent example!

When the DIRAUX—LT "Bill" Cherry—counts the beans it will bring a big grin to his face.

Now that we really know we can make the goal for the year "1988,"...

"Look Out! 1989" "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Guess what? "We had fun accomplishing our goals!"

Wonderful and Warm Holidays and a safe wonderful Happy New Year!

Frank J. Taylor, RCO-W, 5NR.

TEAMWORK '88 - Field Training

Seeming to bolt out of nowhere in broad daylight, a flotilla of small pleasure boats streaked past the Delaware River entrance to the new U.S. Coast Guard Base in Philadelphia.

As they did, several men and women on board the vessels dropped mines into the water without warning, blowing up a Coast Guard cutter and part of the pier as land-based enemy forces were trying to bomb the base from the street.

Later, several other civilian boats carrying more subversives were seized and arrested by Coast Guard boarding officers on cutters that survived the early morning attack.

This terrorist scenario and others like it happened on the river in August but it was only for practice.

The simulated, around-the-clock attacks on Coast Guard facilities and cutters were part of Teamwork '88, the first NATO field training exercise on coastal defense being held in the Navy and Coast Guard maritime defense zone along the North Atlantic Ocean through September.

The foes of the Coast Guard in this exercise were groups that are normally its friends—the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Reserve, which used the code name OP-4 for Opposition Forces.

The assaults and intentional security breeches by the "enemy" Auxiliary vessels were staged at random in order to catch the Coast Guard off-guard. Sometimes, the tactics resulted in board-

ing inspections or confiscations by the Coast Guard of the "enemy" boats, which sometimes pretended to be fishing or broken down as diversionary tactics to disguise their real intent.

The Auxiliary "weapons" included booby traps like mines, which were really plastic milk containers with green dye base that stained the water when thrown overboard. The Auxiliary boats also carried replicas of rockets and handguns and orange smoke to simulate bomb explosions.

By contrast, the Coast Guard, whose code name was the "Blue Force," had at its disposal only a few machine and hand guns.

Most of the terrorist actors were members of the Coast Guard's own volunteer Auxiliary, which is more accustomed to assisting in boating safety programs by patrolling waterways in their privately-owned vessels, teaching boating courses and examining pleasure boats for safety equipment.

While the role reversal felt strange to some of the 40 Auxiliarists and reservists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia who participated in the "war games," some enjoyed the feeling more than others though all said they benefitted by the experience.

Retirees Harland and Rhoda Davis of Bridgeton, N.J., who can usually be found spending their summer days on routine patrols in the lower Delaware Bay for the Coast Guard, liked the change of pace and mission.

"It's nice to be the bad guy for a change," said wife Rhoda of Division III.

Their boat, "Seaspider," dubbed the "Slowpoke" for the four-day exercise, was used mainly as a decoy to distract Coast Guard boats prior to an attack.

Auxiliarist Caroline Sweigart of Medford Lakes, a biology teacher, wasn't as comfortable with her newfound mission on the enemy side tossing mines overboard but said she considered the training necessary.

"Every school has a fire drill and maybe there's ever only one fire that happens in a thousand schools, but it's worth the practice of a drill if it saves lives. The same applies here," said Sweigart, Captain of Division XIII of Cherry Hill.

Auxiliarist Ronald E. Waters of Division of Flotilla 1-1 in Wilmington, whose "Misty" was one of the attack boats, described the tactics and its tiring schedule of around-the-clock briefings, meals on the run and little shut eye as a "challenge" that "got the adrenaline flowing." "It's excellent training for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary," he added. "No one wins or loses in this exercise," said Capt. Edward K. Roe, Captain of the Port of Philadelphia and Commander of the Philadelphia Base. The goals, he continued, were to see how well the base and several other military locations nearby can be protected in the face of a terroristic threat with superior weapons and how well those threats can be detected and handled.

"The realization has come that we need to pay more attention to coastal defense, which has been given a low priority since World War II both by the Navy and Coast Guard," he said. "It's a new experience for the Coast Guard to deal with mining, which is one way an enemy can block channels."

One of the major problems that arose during the training, Roe said, was communications. "We didn't have enough portable radios and sometimes communication on our side took too long," he said.

Roe and Commander Robert Vanesse, commander of the opposition forces and chief of the Readiness Branch of the 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Va., said the Auxiliarists did a "fine job" of keeping the Coast Guard busy and giving them necessary practice. "We couldn't have had an effective scenario without them and their boats," Vanesse acknowledged in praise of their efforts.

As for the Coast Guard performance, his reply was more carefully worded and diplomatic: "They are on a learning curve—and there's still more to learn."

Carol Wilusz, SPO New Jersey Liason

See opposite page for several scenes from this exercise

COAST GUARD-NAVY

Training Exercise

in Delaware River

OPERATIONS "TEAMWORK '88"



Pictures at right were submitted with the article on the opposite page and were part of operations Teamwork.



OUR FAMILY

One of Mr. Webster's definitions of the word FAMILY is—CLAN, a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head. This is the best definition I could find to describe OUR AUXILIARY AND COAST GUARD FAMILY.

It has often been said, "Periods of adversity often draw the family bonds closer." My adversity began at 31,000 feet over the Pacific Ocean on 18 Sept. aboard Delta Air Lines Flight 24 enroute to the Main Land from NACON 88. After an enforced two hour return flight to Honolulu, I ended up in the Emergency Room of Queens Hospital and OUR CLAN had already started to gather. At my side was our own NACO (Elect) Henry Pratt and a relative "new comer" to our FAMILY, Capt. Bob Melvin USCG, who along with their concern with my medical condition, between them, somehow performed the miracle of retrieving my luggage and delivering it to the hospital. And of course there was NACO Papa Harr and my "Fairy Godmother" Cricket. Unless you have experienced the frustration of being alone at a time like this, it's hard to explain what it means to have two caring individuals like Papa and Cricket taking care of your every need. I know there were many others who "got into the act." To all of you, all I can say is THANKS.

Sometimes, it takes an unusual situation to remind us how close-knit our lives are. WE ARE THE AUXILIARY AND COAST GUARD FAMILY. We Train Together. We work Together and We Play Together. Yes, like any normal family, we have our disagreements and conflicts. BUT WHEN THE "CHIPS ARE DOWN," WE ARE TOGETHER. To "steal a quote" from our NACO Papa Harr, "Fellowship is the glue that holds us all together. Fellowship is the sharing of common interests, or we wouldn't have joined and remained in the Auxiliary in the first place. But common interests are often involvements that require close cooperation with all our fellow "Family" members. And it should be FUN.

A FAMILY THAT WORKS TOGETHER, GROWS TOGETHER

Frank E. Kamp, DCP XII, 5NR

COME ONE COME ALL TO THE WINTER CONFERENCE, JANUARY 20, 21, 22, 1989

The 1989 Winter Conference will be held at the Valley Forge Hilton on January 20, 21, 22, 1989 and many new items are in store for those of you who will be attending this big event.

Of course we will have some of the old favorites as you can see by looking at the Schedule printed elsewhere in TOPSIDE but I can promise you that you will have informative, fast moving Workshops. The Operations and Vessel Examination Seminars will be presented in a different manner this year to assure you of an interesting afternoon.

At the Banquet our new officers will be sworn in and some awards will be made as well as some other big surprises. This will be followed by a BIGGER and BETTER FIFTH NORTHERN REGION CASINO AND AUCTION. Good fun all without the expense of Atlantic City.

GOOD NEWS! The hotel rates are the same as last year so get your reservations in early. The menus are planned and the food will be great. Remember, they do have a pool, indoor of course, if you want to go swimming bring a suit.

Fill out the forms printed elsewhere and get them in the mail as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation as always.

M. Philip Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 5NR

FALL CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

One of the largest groups ever, of the fifth Northern attended the Fall Conference held on September 23 thru the 25 at The Embers, Convention Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

It started with a bang with elections being held Friday night at the Board meeting under the direction of National Vice Commodore Elect Stan Kennedy. The results are listed elsewhere in this issue of TOPSIDE. A big Welcome Aboard party followed. On Saturday four big workshops were held. Career Coordination, Operations and Member Training got together and Member Resources completed the bill. The feature of the afternoon was a trip on the new riverboat "Pride of the Susquehanna" under the command of a past Director Mike Swigert. Side comment, Captain Roe, OIC of Group Philadelphia was one of the passengers aboard and his name was on the license certifying the seaworthiness of the vessel so I guess it was safe to be aboard. The ride was great and again thanks to IPDC Richard Raudabaugh for arranging for us to make the trip.

The Banquet was well attended and our keynote speaker Admiral Breed was perfect in this roll as always. Awards were presented by our Director LT Cherry assisted by Mr. Hoovler and Admiral Breed.

The surprise hit of the evening was the Halloween Party and The Great Auxiliary Bake-off. Most of the members were in costume and boy were they great! Some were so good we couldn't tell who they were until they were unmasked. Providing other entertainment was "The Bag Lady" (not Catherine) with 21 paper bags with items enclosed to be guessed. The only one with all the correct answers was Captain Ed King from Cape May. We also had a Fortune Lady who told many truths to her customers much to their amazement. The judging of the Bake-off was conducted by Admiral Breed and a select group of judges, who tasted all the goodies that were on the table and there were many— all fantastic— and the judges had a hard time making up their minds as to who should get what. The saddest story was the one about Caroline Sweigert's son who had baked cookies for the contest but got hungry and ate them all before they got to the floor.

A wonderful time was had by all and many of us walked our legs off but I guess it helped keep us in shape and worked off the food that we consumed.

Phil Stamm, Conf. Coord., 5NR

MILES TO GO

This will be my last commentary as your friendly Vessel Examination Officer. I've had fun, but as you may imagine I have engrossed myself with other things besides Vessel Examination. Quoting from Robert Frost, "The woods are lovely dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep." No, I'm not hanging it up, I am looking to new horizons.

New challenges and adventures always seem exciting. The prospect of tackling totally new objectives, learning the ropes all over again, working with new faces and personalities certainly is one way of avoiding the proverbial rut.

DSO-VE has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and it is with intense loyalty and confidence that I turn over the duties to the new DSO-VE. I wish to express my sincere thanks to my staff and to all those who helped promote the VE program. I will be taking over the responsibility of Captain of Division XIII and plan to continue to interact with the VE program and will still "see you on the ramp"!

Ed Rearick, DSO-VE, 5NR

WHAT IS A ROD TURNER

A very serious student at one of our B.S.&S. classes had a problem no one could solve. We are fortunate to have our B.S.&S. classes in a school where we have access to a blackboard. Each week we write the name of our instructor for the next class, in addition to the name of the subject, etc. This particular week we had the instructors name, Rod Turner, plus the piloting course and a list of items, if they could get them, dividers, parallel rule, etc. This student went to a nautical store, asked for a chart, dividers, parallel rule, and a rod turner. The clerk didn't know what a rod turner was, so he went to a Coast Guard station to inquire what a rod turner was. The Coast Guard crew discussed the matter, could not find a rod turner in their manuals, but told him to call back in a few days and they would have an answer for him. At the following class, the student apologized for not being able to locate a rod turner. As you can realize the laugh everyone had when the student realized what a rod turner was.

(Rod Turner was the instructor)

Carl L. Matz, Flotilla Commander, 07-04, 5NR

CRUISE TO NOWHERE A BIG SUCCESS

Thirty four members of the Auxiliary family embarked on a great cruise to NOWHERE on Friday September 30, 1988 aboard the fantastic ship, The Galileo. With beautiful weather and entirely too much wonderful food and entertainment a good time was reported to have been had by all.

The group was given a conducted tour of the bridge and the chart room which had been arranged for them and many questions were answered about how a big ship runs. Two meetings were also held on board with much discussion on the upcoming fifth anniversary celebration of the Auxiliary in 1989. Past Commodore John McIntosh who helped chair these meetings with Flotilla Commander Alice Stamm of 10-6 came up with some good and some not so good ideas for John to work with.

The passengers were delighted with the weather and the seas, the former 85 degrees in bright sun and the later, flat as a pancake. The food service and staterooms were beyond reproach and many of the members requested another trip, this time longer, next year. We shall see what can be done.

M. Philip Stamm, Conference Coordinator, 5NR

FIRST TIMERS PROGRAM

The District Executive Committee approved a FIRST TIMERS PROGRAM to be implemented in 1988 starting with the Winter Conference and continuing thereafter. This program is designed to interest first year Auxiliary members in attending District Conferences.

Members will be eligible to participate in this program during their first year of membership from their enrollment date as designated on their enrollment application. There will be special Orientation meetings at the conferences and a hospitality area designated for FIRST TIMERS. Name tags will be provided and the usual registration fee eliminated for these members. First Timers will receive a guided tour of the District Store, a visit to the District Board Meeting and a special briefing for new members. During the conference, a drawing will be held and the winning First Timer will receive a FREE package for the next conference; consisting of Registration, Luncheon and Banquet tickets.

The program administrator for the FIRST TIMERS program will be the DSO Member Resources.

New Jersey Boating Laws

Colonel Clinton L. Pagano, New Jersey State Police superintendent in New Jersey, has announced that after Jan. 1, 1989, teenagers 16 years of age or under from any state will be required to successfully pass an approved course in order to operate a power vessel on both tidal and non-tidal waters of the state. Since tidal waters extend to three nautical miles offshore, this would affect operation in both the Delaware River and Bay and the Atlantic Ocean as well as inland rivers and lakes.

Courses approved by the State Police will provide formal instruction in power vessel handling and safety. Courses are being offered both by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and by the U.S. Power Squadron throughout the state and also by some flotillas in Pennsylvania and Delaware as a result of teacher certification of Auxiliary instructors by the state police in the 5NR.

These courses will offer a segment on New Jersey boating laws, a requirement for the state police certificate. This requirement is for teenagers enrolled in BS&S and S&S classes although it is worthwhile to teach the entire class, especially in New Jersey flotilla classes.

New Jersey Assemblyman Thomas Foy recently spoke on this subject at the Eastern Area meeting in Manahawkin Nov. 19.

Although the new mandatory education law, signed into law in 1988 after passage by the state Legislature, specifically eliminates sailboats, the same operator's certificate applies if the sailboat is under power as any other power vessel. In other words, a teenager would have to have the New Jersey certificate if he pilots a sailboat under power.

Auxiliary PE instructors will have forms for students to fill out in order to receive state certification, which also includes passing the entire BS&S or S&S core course.

Upon successful completion of the course, the State Police will issue the separate certificate, which must be carried by a juvenile operator when piloting a power vessel. The card must be presented to any law enforcement officer in New Jersey when requested. Failure of the person to exhibit the certificate or failure to complete a boat safety course approved by the Superintendent of State Police shall subject the violator to a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

The objective of the boating safety courses is to reduce the risk of loss of life, personal injury, property damage associated with the use of recreational boats, and to provide the boaters with the maximum safe use of the state's waterways.

The course requirements in the states of Maryland, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts have also been approved and their respective certification card will be accepted as satisfactory compliance.

For further information regarding course locations or approvals, contact the Director of Auxiliary office in Philadelphia or the nearest State Police Marine Bureau Station, or the West Trenton, Marine Law Enforcement Bureau at State Police Headquarters, (609) 882-2000, Ext. 2533.

Submitted by N.J. State Liaison Carol Wilusz

NOTE: TO EXCOM, DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF

Please bring your uniform hat and wear your correct uniform to winter conference. We plan to take individual pictures at the conference for publishing in *Topside*-THANK YOU.

Elsie Nichols, DSO-PB, 5NR



Aids to Navigation Program

Welcome aboard to new AN officers and welcome back to those who have previously held an AN office. Let me introduce myself, I'm Nancy Davis and I have been asked to serve as DSO-AN for 1989. For me, this is an exciting opportunity to become an expert in a program in which I have always had some interest, but to which I have never "devoted my full attention, expertise and experience," I'm sure there are others like myself in this District. Let me also introduce the assistant AN officers in the District: Weldon Vogt, responsible for the New Jersey Shore area; Andy Ritzie, responsible for the Delaware River and Bay; and Paul Mackes, responsible for Pennsylvania sole state waters. We are looking forward to working together and with all members in the AN program.

At the present time our members verify aids to navigation (AtoN) and file discrepancy reports with little or no training. They are doing an admirable job but one that can be made easier by training. There are a number of factors that must be taken into consideration when working with AtoN: (1) what is the purpose of all aids to navigation, (2) what are the dangers of checking floating aids to navigation, (3) what is a watch circle, (4) what are the types of bridges and the lighting systems on said bridges; (5) what is a light characterisitic and how do you verify that characteristic, (6) how does an Auxiliarist report an aid to navigation discrepancy to the Coast Guard, (7) how does an Auxiliarist take a visual bearing to check the position of a floating aid to navigation, and (8) how is the admisnistrative work completed.

There are a number of publications available to help us with AtoN verification and patrols: Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating Manual; Charts; Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners; U.S. Coast Guard Light List; NOAA-NOS Coast Pilot; NOAA-NOS Chart No. 1; Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating shirt pocket guide; and the list could go on and on.

The District Conference will be held January 20-22, 1989 at King of Prussia, PA. An AN workshop will be held on Sunday. Watch for time and details: Whether you are or are not an AN staff officer, you are urged to attend. The workshop and future workshops will combine information, training, and any new information. The District AN staff will be making these workshops interesting, informative, fun and an enjoyable learning experience. We look forward to a highly productive year in '89.

Nancy Davis, PRCO-C, DSO-AN '89, 5NR

CELEBRATION YEAR 1989

The third and fourth of June, marks the kickoff for National Safe Boating Week. All of our Divisions in District 5 N, will be going all out to bring attention to the activities of U.S.C.G. Auxiliary.

One way to attract attention, as you know, is to fly flags. Carol Owens and myself have been asked by Muriel Lewis to make up a commemorative flag. All facilities, operational or non-operational, will fly this commemorative flag during our gigantic parade of boats.

The kickoff for National Safe Boating Week was big last year. This year will be even BIGGER.

Watch for the flyers coming to your division, with the order-blanks attached. The size of this commemorative flag will be 16" by 24" with a one inch Gold boarder. The Field will be white, the lettering and the Emblem Blue. Price is \$6.00.

This beautiful commemorative flag can be flown all summer, on your vessel, on your outdoor flag pole or displayed at the ramps with your boating booths. Next winter, display it on your Den wall, at boating classes, in Malls and boat shows at your boating booths.

Remember: Be The best That You Can Be

Bob Brereton, Division I, 5NR

Past Captain's Association

The Fall meeting of the Past Captain's Association was held on Sunday 25 September at The Embers in Carlisle, PA after the District Conference. Thirty-two members and their guests were present.

Our District Commander, RADM Alan D. Breed and Mrs. Breed were able to join us briefly. Although finding it necessary to leave early for another commitment, Admiral Breed expressed his pleasure at being able to join us, thanked the group for the past accomplishments and offered his best wishes for the future. Our leading Auxiliary representative was our National Rear Commodore (East) and National Vice Commodore Elect, Stanley Y. Kennedy. Stan has been a frequent visitor and a strong supporter of our group and we wish him well in his new responsibility.

Also joining us from the Fifth District Headquarters was CAPT Robert A. Melvin III, Chief of the Boating Safety Division. This was CAPT Melvin's first Conference visit, we hope to see him at many more. Representing the Fifth (Southern) Auxiliary was District Rear Commodore (Central) Thomas J. Cochrane, Jr. and Mrs. Cochrane.

CAPT Ed King, Commander Group Cape May, expressed his pleasure at being able to join us, our DIRAUX -Bill Cherry thanked everyone for their assistance and thought we had had another great conference, Chip Hoovler seconded those comments.

Commodore Al Lewis told us of his appreciation to all present not only for their contributions to this outstanding conference, but for their support and contributions throughout his tour as Commodore.

Commodore Elect Bill Pierce was introduced. Bill talked about the great cooperation we have had and his hope for its continuing.

The major item on the agenda was the election of officers for the Past Captain's Association. Elected as President was PR-CO(W) Ednor Miller. He will be assisted by two of our present Vice Presidents who were reelected PDCO Bill Dischert for the Eastern Area and Lenore Roush for the West and by a newly elected Vice President (Central) Walton E. Porter.

Finishing up an extended term as President of the PCA leaves me with a lot of thanks to express. First of all ---to the members of the PCA your support and cooperation has been super. The officers of the PCA have been great, and not just the elected officers, many thanks have to go to our Secretary-Willard Roush and to Bill Pierce who, with all he had to do, found time to take care of our Finances. Commodore Al Lewis and Muriel have supported us in outstanding fashion in 1987 and 1988 as did Dick Raudaubaugh and Juanita in the preceeding two years. All of our District Officers have been great.

Special thanks have to go to our Conference Coordinator Phil Stamm. With all of the problems and details that go into a District Conference, Phil goes that extra mile to insure the excellence of our PCA breakfast meetings, and Alice, as always, helps.

To all of our new officers I can only hope you enjoy your tour as much as I enjoyed mine.

John McIntosh, PDCO, President PCA, 5NR



1939-1989
Promoting Safe Boating

50th Anniversary

Update.....Dan Maxim, DSO-Operations, 5NR

Teamwork '88

No,this is not a story about the recently completed Field Training exercise of the same name—although that is an interesting story waiting to be told. Rather, the name struck me as a fitting description (Slug as they say in the newspaper business) for the activities of the operations department in the past year. As this is being written, we are counting each and every last patrol, debating AUXMIS lags, estimating how many patrols still need to be done to achieve our goal. There is an air of expectancy—somewhat like waiting for the last minute returns on election night when ballots from California, Alaska, and Hawaii have yet to be counted.

Our targets in Operations were very high this year—a 50 percent *increase* in patrols, for example. We are only 49 patrols short of our goal of 885 patrols as of this writing and, even if we miss the target, the margin of defeat will be razor thin. By any statistical standard, 1988 can be counted as a major success by operational Auxiliarists in 5NR.

But what impresses me as much or more is the way this progress came about. Behind the dry performance statistics is a wonderfully rich human story that fully deserves the name "Teamwork 1988." Take the decision to increase the number of QEs, for example. It stood to reason that increasing the number of QEs would facilatate BCQP qualification. But, who could forsee just how good some of these new QEs would become? Who could know that Charlie Tier, would overcome physical disability to become a great QE, or that Tony Fimowitz, our gentle giant, could coax competent answers our of test-shy Auxiliarists by a combination of guile and bribes of food? It figured that our QE mainstays such as Bill Pierce, Bob Layton, Andy Kratzer, Lex Svabs, Nancy Davis, Walt Porter, Jack Horsefall, and others would be important (leaving aside Pierce's low cunning in forcing more junior QEs to de-anchor from sailboats with 5 HP motors while he offered encouragement from inside the cockpit of a luxury cabin cruiser). But many of the delightful surprises came from "newer" names to operations: Dean Sargent and Andy Ritzie teaching the technique and horseplay of "night ops," Glen and Nancy Blough running more than 11 patrols after qualifying as operators in July, Joe Welsh running extra patrols in the Chesapeake and nearly single-handedly attaining his Flotilla's patrols goal, Howard Guest patiently explaining tough material to BCQP applicants (and blushing when told he was doing a good job), Barney Dial recruiting others into the BCQP after going on "night ops" with Pierce.

Teamwork also describes the manner in which the ADSO-OPs and SO-OPs responded to the challenge of extra duty and increased responsibility in handling orders and trying to satisfy the Coast Guard's needs. Our ADSO-OPs also filled in for SO-OPs when the need arose. Teamwork describes Chip Hoovler's untiring efforts and cheerful disposition while sorting out the 64th schedule change in the advanced Operator Schedule, filling out last-minute "midnight requisitions" for 50 Maneuvering Board and Radar manuals, or unhesitatingly agreeing to fill in for me at the next District Conference. Teamwork summarizes the attitudes of the Pilots of 5NR who readily take a mission on short notice when mechanical problems or changed schedules require substitutions. (Incidentally, if each vessel operator took out as many patrols as our Pilots, we would have completed well over 1300 patrols this year.) Teamwork describes the outstanding cooperation between Operations and Member Training depart-

ments and likewise describes how the Area MUTT Teams came together to help qualify Auxiliarists to participate in the BCQP. Teamwork describes the activities and attitude of nearly all the Auxiliarists (not mentioned here because of space constraints) who worked so hard during the past year.

Thanks to everyone—not only for a job well done, but also for style of doing it. And to those who didn't participate in operations this year, we extend a cordial invitation to join an exciting program.

As the sages say, "the past is prologue," a clue to the future. We enter 1989 with momentum, a well qualified District Staff, a seasoned EXCOM, fine Coast Guard support and the knowledge that "impossible" goals can sometimes be made. Although the goal planning process has not yet started this year, it is likely that we will see the need for similiarly ambitious targets for 1989. I would expect a continued expansion of our traditional activities—our patrols goal this year was only half what the Coast Guard said they needed. And there are new programs on the drawing boards—more responsibility for ATONs, perhaps an expanded MEP role (if John McIntosh accepts a now public challenge), expanded Auxiliary participation in staffing SARDETs, increased training opportunities (learning how to run a 41 or a 44), etc. There is no time now to try to spell out the future now, I have to figure out how we can squeeze out 49 more patrols, but I know that I won't have to do it alone. That's TEAMWORK!

Dan Maxim, DSO-OP, 5NR

WINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 20, 21, 22

Get your reservations in NOW!

AWARDS

Congratulations are in order for Edwin Ridge, FSO-AN, Flotilla 2-6. His training aid submitted to the competition at the National Conference was judged "BEST OF SHOW," Well done.

Congratulations are due also to William E. Reimer, Jr. DSO-MR of Flo 4-2. Bill's excellent training aid was a winner at our Fall District Conference.

Both of these winners would stand out in any competition, but I don't think we are paying full attention to the value of training aids in our Member Training and in Public Education. Surely we should have many more to display. The National Boards revision of catagories opens up the competition. The District's program is described in the current Policy Manual on page V-C-2, take a look. If you need ideas take a look at the Auxiliary Training Aids Manual COMDTINST M16794.14.

Currently we should be involved in the District Poster Contest. The District judging will be held at the Winter Conference. Flotillas should be contacting their schools and establishing their judges so as to complete their part of the program in November. The Division judging of the Flotilla winners to select the Division first, second and third place winners for each grade.

The District Staff Officer-Public Affairs should receive all of the Division winners in time for judging at the Winter Conference. Reference material for the Poster Contest is in Chapter V, Section D of the District Policy Manual.

John McIntosh, PDCO, Awards Chairman, 5NR

FIFTH NORTHERN PICNIC CELEBRATION

The culmination of the 50th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the 5th Northern Region will be an “Old Fashioned Family Picnic” on Sunday 25 June 1989, at West Point Park, West Point, Pa. The park is a family oriented amusement park near Lansdale just off of the NE extension of the Penna. Turnpike.

All Auxiliarists, their family and friends are invited to a day of Fellowship, Fun, Food and Drink. The park will open at 1000 hrs. and Festivities will begin at 1200 hrs. Admission will include the unlimited use of the amusements, (there is a kiddie section and rides for the youngsters), unlimited Buffet and beverage from 1230 to 1800 hrs, and an afternoon softball game or inter Area contests. A horseshoe pitching contest and other games are planned for all with prizes for the children. There is also an Entertainment Pavillion where live entertainment is provided.

Until we can obtain an approximate number that will attend, it will not be possible to get a definite price per person, however it will be under \$10.00. In order to finalize plans and to know the APPROXIMATE number that will attend, I need your assistance. I am asking you, as Flotilla Commander, to obtain at your next meeting or by whatever means suits you best, to find out the number of persons who may be interested in attending. This will not constitute a commitment. Please fill out the self-addressed postal card you received in a recent mailing and return to me no later than 26 December 1988.

By the Winter Conference, tickets, maps, and other information will be given to all Division Captains for distribution to the Flotillas for sale. 1989 is a big year for the Auxiliary, and its success will depend on the cooperation of everyone.

Harry L. David, RCO-C, Picnic Chairman, 5NR

A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION

Whether you reside in the north, south, east or west of the Fabulous Fifth, you should be making preparations to join the festivities planned to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary on 23 June 1989. On 17 June 1989, Auxiliarists from the Fifth Southern Region, Northern Area, will begin their cruise to Portsmouth to participate in the 50th Anniversary celebration. The objective is to rendezvous in Portsmouth on 22 June with vessels cruising up from the southern part of the District and from the local area. The itinerary for the northern cruise is as follows: 17 June, Baltimore Harbor; 18 June, Annapolis (about 29 nautical miles [NM!]). 19 June, Solomons Island (about 50 NM); 20 June, Gwynns Island off the Piankatank River (about 54 NM) or this can be a lay day or some of the vessels may only want to go part way; 21 June, Gwynns Island; 22 June, Portsmouth (about 50 NM). As you can see, some of the sailors will have to get an early start and they may have to use their “iron spinnakers”; however, the distances are reasonable and can be achieved with little difficulty.

Activities are being planned at each rendezvous for the cruise vessels as well as local Auxiliarists who come by land or by boat for just a single evening. The activities in Baltimore will center around the Inner Harbor and the Maritime Museum. The Mayor, Governor and representatives of the Coast Guard will be invited to participate. In Annapolis we plan to tie up at the City Dock or to the moorings in the harbor, and to have a buffet dinner at the Naval Academy Officers’ and Faculty Club. The Mayor and Governor, and representatives from the Maryland Natural Resources Police and the Coast Guard will be invited to participate.

The cruise to Solomons will be a long day for the sailors. Activities will include a picnic ashore—this is expected to be a more informal stop. The longest leg will be to Gwynns Island and some vessels may want to take two days to reach this destination. Consequently, no activities have been planned for the evening of the 20th. Arrangements have been made with the Islander Marina for docking on the 20th and 21st, and a buffet dinner is being planned for the evening of the 21st. On the 22nd, the cruise will continue to Portsmouth where arrangements have been made with Tidewater Marina and Waterside.

Reservation forms including costs and specific details are available. Please contact Richard G. Miller, RCO/NA 5SR, 486 Bay Green Court, Arnold, MD 21012 for further information. Members from the Fifth Northern Region are invited to join the Fifth Southern on this cruise. This will be a great opportunity to meet other Auxiliarists and to show your support for the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Richard G. Miller, RCO/NA, 5SR

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORMS FOR NORTHERN CRUISE TO PORTSMOUTH

Registration forms for Baltimore, Annapolis, Solomons Island, Gwynns Island and the Potomac River are included in this issue of *Topside*. (See opposite page) Please complete all appropriate blanks for the particular harbors and associated activities you and your crew plan to attend. ADVANCE PAYMENT is due with your registration form for Baltimore (Dinner Theatre) and Annapolis (buffet dinner)—please make checks out to USCGAUX Division I (you may include both events in a single check); and for the buffet dinner at Gwynns Island, please make checks out to USCGAUX Division VI. No deposit is required by the primary marinas; however, reservations must be canceled a week before the event should your plans change. Contact the local coordinator if you must cancel.

All forms and check(s) should be sent to: Richard G. Miller, RCO/NA, 486 Bay Green Court, Arnold, MD 21012 by 1 May 1989. I will send the forms and checks to the respective local coordinators. The local coordinator will reserve tickets and slips at the primary marina. Reservations will be made on a first come first served basis. Tickets for the meals are limited so please make reservations early.

If you choose to stay at the alternate marina, you will have to make your own reservations. Please send in a form, however, so we know that you will be there. Note that no plans or reservations have been made for the return trip.

We have a limited number of tickets for the activities in Baltimore, Annapolis and Gwynns Island, so please get your reservations in on time. Refunds will be made on a case by case basis.

Once again, all members are encouraged to participate whether they arrive by sea or by land.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR NORTHERN CRUISE TO PORTSMOUTH ON OPPOSITE PAGE



NORTHERN 50th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE

Reply due 1 MAY 1989

Please complete reservation forms for the events you will attend, and send to: Richard G. Miller, RCO/NA, 486 Bay Green Court, Arnold, MD 21012. *Reservations will be handled on a first come first served basis. Prompt Response will be appreciated.*

Name:.....

Street

City

State

Vessel Name:

Length.....Draft.....POB.....

Arrive by: Auto.....Trailer boat.....water.....

Number of persons arriving by car who would like to participate in parade

of facilities (uniform and PFD required):

BALTIMORE — 17 June 1989 (Saturday)

We are working on complimentary dockage at finger piers and next to Aquarium—hookups limited: Must have—yes.....no.....

1300—parade of Auxiliary facilities.

1630—Board busses and ride to Shalimar Dinner Theatre.

\$24.00/ticket with bus ride. Total persons _____\$_____

\$23.00/ticket without bus ride. Total persons _____\$_____

Late registration: \$26.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED;

MAKE CHECK TO USCGAUX DIVISION I

Alternate Marina: Inner Harbor Marina Phone 301-837-5339

Plan to anchor out:_____

Activities: There will be a reviewing stand and band during the vessel parade. Other activities will include the Aquarium, Science Center, Baltimore Marine Museum, etc.

Coordinator: Hilford Caplan, 3 Barstad Court, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Telephone: 301-828-9316.

Name:.....

Street

City

State

Vessel Name:

Length.....Draft.....POB.....

Arrive by: Auto.....Trailer boat.....water.....

ANNAPOLIS—18 June 1989 (Sunday)

Facilities and Activities:

Raft-up in City Dock: \$20.00 plus \$1.00/ft over 20 feet- electric extra

Moorings: \$10.00 No reservations — space available basis only.

Cost per Meal \$14.00; Number Reservations_____Total \$_____

ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED

MAKE CHECK TO USCGAUX DIVISION

Alternate Marina: The Yacht Basin Co.; Phone: 301-263-3544

Cost: \$1.35/ft. Electric is included. Reservations must be made by participants.

Plan to anchor out:_____ Coordinator: John Lloyd, 729 Trenton Court, Severna Park, MD 21146. Telephone: 301-647-4969.

Name:.....

Street

City

State

Vessel Name:

Length.....Draft.....POB.....

Arrive by: Auto.....Trailer boat.....water.....

SOLOMONS ISLAND—19 June 1989 (Monday)

Facilities and Activities:

Marina: Calvert Marina; Cost: \$0.25/ft._____; Anchor out:_____

Picnic: Cost will be about \$6.00/person—Number Persons:_____

(Picnic will be paid for on arrival.)

Coordinator: Philip Leroy Loomis, Box 339-E. Drum Point, Lusby, MD 20657. Telephone: 301-326-2231

Name:.....

Street

City

State

Vessel Name:

Length.....Draft.....POB.....

Arrive by: Auto.....Trailer boat.....water.....

GWYNNS ISLAND ON PIANKATANK RIVER

20-21 June (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Facilities and Activities:

Islander Marina: \$0.60/ft. (minimum \$18.75—includes one 110V line; 220V or second 110V \$6/day extra.— Nights: 20____; 21____

Buffet Dinner 21 June: \$16.00; Number Persons:_____Total \$_____

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR BUFFET DINNER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO USCGAUX DIV VI

Anyone wishing to come by car can make reservations at the Islander Motel (804-725-2151)

Coordinator: Jack Kane, 101 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Telephone: 804-898-6953

Name:.....

Street

City

State

Vessel Name:

Length.....Draft.....POB.....

Arrive by: Auto.....Trailer boat.....water.....

POTOMAC RIVER —20 June (Tuesday) Potomac River Folks

Marina: Tall Timbers Telephone: 301-994-1508

Cost: \$1.00/ft. hookups included

Facilities: Fuel, showers, groceries, pool, restaur4ant.

Coordinator: Nabil Rushdi, 14189 Van Doren Road, Manassas, VA 22111.

Telephone: 703-791-3755



When will it stop?

With the wisdom of an ancient civilization, the French look at change with a rather cynical eye. It's summed up in a famous aphorism by Alphonse Karr: "The more things change, the more they remain the same." We Americans don't feel that way at all. We feel we can change anything we don't like and make things better. And when, with all our best efforts, we still haven't succeeded, we think somehow that we just aren't going about it the right way or haven't really tried hard enough. We keep beating the dead horse.

A case in point.

Ever since I became involved in the vessel examination program, NUMBERING has been one of our most controversial problems. The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 regarding numbering really hasn't changed so why can't we get it right? A few years ago the Auxiliary even decided not to check numbers. Well, that only lasted one year and I am not sure how many CEs even knew about it!

A second case in point is Life jackets or PFDs. Well they changed the names but not the requirements. No longer will they be known as types I, II, III or IV. We now have: Offshore Life Jackets, Near shore Buoyant Vests, Flotation Aids and Throwable Devices. Confused, well regardless of the name, a type IV has been a requirement as long as I can remember, long before I was an Auxiliarist. Yet, why do we still have boats with current DECALS and no type IV?

My point is we have Examiners out there that feel they can change anything they don't like or agree with and make things better. Better for whom, who knows, not the boater. The boater is the one who suffers. I feel we are going about it the right way by informing the CEs thru the seminars, hotlines, etc. but there appears to be a breakdown in the communication process. We assume that if we communicate our needs precisely and you hear us precisely, you will know what we want, and you'll do it. Well, we don't and we can't. We're dealing with slippery language and slippery selves. All we can do is be as clear as we can as often as we can and hope for the best. Unfortunately, the message is not getting down to the Flotilla level as we still have examiners being seminar qualified every year without hearing the word!

The quest for perfection is a fool's errand. We would probably be wiser to adopt the attitude that Alcoholics Anonymous urges for it's members: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."

Ed Rearick, DSO-VE, SNR

**Academy Introduction Mission (A.I.M.)**

WE NEED YOU! Your Career Candidate officers and the high school guidance counselors cannot do the job by themselves.

A.I.M. '89 is in full swing. Interested, qualified students in their junior year in high school are being solicited now for the Coast Guard Academy—Class of '94.

Although all the AIM applicants can't be chosen to attend AIM Week at the Coast Guard Academy in August, all applicants can get first hand knowledge of the Coast Guard and the Academy by attending the AIM Satellite Program at the U.S.C.G. TRACEN, Cape May, New Jersey in May. There are application deadline dates that are strictly adhered to—get the information from you CC officer now.

Did you know?

1. The Coast Guard Academy is the only federal service academy which tenders appointments solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition. There are no congressional nominations, state quotas or special categories.

2. No waivers of educational or physical requirements are granted to applicants.

3. There are seven (7) major courses of study at the USCGA—Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Marine Engineering, Marine Science, Mathematical/Computer Science, Government and Management.

4. The AIM program plays an important role in seeking future Coast Guard officers.

NOW is the time to seek out the AIM candidates. Put the prospective candidates in touch with your CC officer now—before the deadlines are past.

Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC, 5NR

50th Anniversary Update

Elsewhere in this issue of TOPSIDE the Fifth District's dramatic celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is described. The cruise will start from Baltimore Harbor on 17 June and end up in Portsmouth on 22 June where a number of activities are planned to recognize our "Golden Anniversary." This is sure to be an outstanding experience for those members of the Fifth Northern who can participate.

For our members who do not plan to go south, plans are being generated for a local celebration to be in two super phases.

OPERATION VISIBILITY. Our goal is to have every member of the Auxiliary that's available in this Region, in uniform, in the boating public's eye on Saturday 24 June. Plan for extra patrols, a heavy hit on CME stations, maybe a good day for Marine Visits, Safety Displays in Malls. How about Boating Safety sessions, radio and TV spots during the week preceeding as a lead in. The possibilities are endless.

OPERATION FELLOWSHIP On Sunday 25 June we will have our own birthday party. You will already have heard of the District program to take over West End Park for the day. A super spot, location is good for everybody in the Fifth Northern. The place can hold 3500 people so there is plenty of room for our members and their guests.

No better way for us to celebrate our Anniversary than extending ourselves to be VISIBLE to the public and in FELLOWSHIP with our members and their families.

John McIntosh, PDCO, President, PCA, 5NR

**WE WELCOME
44 MORE NEW MEMBERS**

Congratulations and a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to the 44 new members listed below who were officially enrolled during the period May 11 — November 8. Also shown (*) are three members who were enrolled prior to May 11 but were inadvertently omitted from the last issue of *Topside*. Total new enrollments through November 8 reached a record of 277. A sincere "Well Done" to the many members, Staff Officers and Flotilla commanders who helped make this possible.

DIVISION I

Robert S. Kilpatrick, 1-4
John S. Mason, 1-8

DIVISION II

H. William Schmitz, 2-3
William Altimairo, 2-5
Daniel E. DiZio, 2-5
Edgar S. Robinson, 2-5
Samuel Fierstien, 2-6

DIVISION III

Leonard W. Lapin, 3-3
John C. Reynolds, 3-3
George M. Cosier, 3-4
Brenda J. N. Knappenberge, 3-4
Raymond W. Knappenberge, 3-4
Nicholas M. Gribaudo, 3-5

DIVISION IV

Jill S. Kitselman, 4-9*

DIKVISION V

David E. Kerr, 5-1
Melissa C. Wilkinson, 5-1
John B. Mitchell, 5-6
Raymond E. Robinson, 5-6
Daniel L. Timmons, Jr, 5-6
Robert K. Wasik, 5-6
Edgar S. Wolfkill, Jr. 5-16

DIVISION VI

Carolyn Frankowski, 6-5
William M. Morrissey, 6-5

DIVISION VII

Eric Stokes, 7-4
Robert Fier, 7-11

DIVISION VIII

Edmund Engle, 8-1
Evalyn Engle, 8-1
William H. Caviston, 8-2
David G. Houghton, 8-6

DIVISION IX

Bernard J. Kessler, 9-2
Stephen Herman, 9-2*
John M. Hensal, 9-2*

DIVISION X

Richard M. Williams, 10-7

DIVISION XI

Edward C. Smith, 11-1
Larry J. Eckenroth, 11-1
Alicia L. Burnish, 11-2
Elsie A. Young, 11-2
Leroy Zimmerman, 11-4
Lucy S. Rudolph, 11-6

DIVISION XIII

Renee E. Cohen

DIVISION XIV

James P. Colombo, 14-1
Kathryn Fasano, 14-1
Lorraine Taylor, 14-1
Elizabeth Wilkinson

At Topside deadline time (Nov. 10) we had a record 277 new enrollments for the year! Our sincere thanks to the members, Flotilla/Division MR Staff Officers, Commanders and Captains who contributed to this wonderful effort. As a result, it's expected that we'll achieve our 1988 Mission Objective.

By the time this issue of Topside reaches you it will be a bit late to do any more for '88. But—it is time to plan ahead for 1989! So as soon as your Flotilla objectives have been set for the year, get to work to achieve those objectives. Main among these during the months before the boating season starts are, of course, Public Education, the AIM program, Member Training AND Member Resources...recruiting new members and keeping our present members interested and involved.

Obtaining new people and retaining current members is a staff responsibility carried out by the Member Resources officers at Flotilla and Division level. However, that mission can only be accomplished if everyone on the Flotilla team pulls together. It's not unlike all our other activities...we all must contribute to the Flotilla-team effort.

When that happens in the MR area, we not only gain new faces, new ideas, a renewed spirit and enthusiasm, but also added strength and power to better accomplish all our other Mission Objectives.

Best Wishes for your success in 1989!

William Reimer, DSO-MR, 5NR

Appointed Officers Workshop

WHEN?

Sunday

22 January 1989

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

ALL

Division Staff Officers

Your 1989 District Staff will present
a workshop covering the various aspect
of each staff position.

**COME OUT AND
LEARN WHAT:**

**Your Staff Job Entails
Is New In Your Department
How To Help
Your Counterpart
at the Flotilla Level**

Fill out and mail
the Winter Conference Form
found in this issue of *Topside*
See page 23

Any Questions?

Call Gene Pester, VCO-Elect
215-357-2362



WILLIAM CHERRY, DIRECTOR
ALEXANDER M. LEWIS, COMMODORE

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RECAPS

Does AUXMIS come up "Short"? Have all of your unit's accomplishments been reported to AUXMIS? Have all of them been keypunched? Did any get delayed because they were rejected? GOOD QUESTIONS one and all! The Director's office gets these questions constantly; but, under BAD NEWS, we must admit that we cannot answer them. Under GOOD NEWS, we must tell you that you can answer all of these questions yourself and under EVEN "GOODER" NEWS — you can easily FIX the problem if AUXMIS understates your individual or unit activity levels! HOW, YOU SAY? See the "AUXMIS SELF-HELP CORRECTION TREE," developed by Karen Nice (our resident expert). These were attached to the September NOGIs and also passed out at the Elected Officers' Training session, so you should have one.

AMOS NOTE CONCERNING TRANSFERREES: AUXMIS activity DOES NOT transfer with an Auxiliarist, you must contribute at or above the minimums in a winning flotilla (old, new, or both) in order to qualify for the ribbons (s)!

5NR MEMBER WINS AGAIN! - Next time you see Edwin Ridge (Flotilla 2-6), congratulate him for upholding our winning tradition in the annual training aids competition. That's right, his was judged BEST OF SHOW at NACON '88!

TEAMWORK 88 — A job well done! Letters of Appreciation from the District Commander were mailed to all participants.

NEW QUALIFICATION EXAMINERS (QEs) CONGRATULATIONS to our newest QEs Joe Welsh and Ron Waters! They both say, "Have stamp — Will travel!" CONGRATULATIONS also to the new participants in the QE On-the-job Training Program: Steve Mink, Andrew Ritzie, Dean Sargent, and Caroline Sweigart!

CG MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION: At the September District Conference, CAPT Roe (Commander, Group Philadelphia) presented this distinguished award to 66 of our dedicated Auxiliarists. The citation to accompany the award reads in part: "For meritorious service from 31 December 1986 to 17 September 1987 while engaged in the "We the People 200" celebration and associated events, a year-long series commemorating the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution. . . Their outstanding performance reflects great credit upon the unit, and the United States Coast Guard. The professionalism and devotion to duty exhibited is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard." Signed: "Alan D. BREED, Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, for the Commandant."

QE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM: This program has been a HUGH success! At implementation, we had only 26 QEs. . . in slightly more than 6 months, we have qualified 18 new QEs and have 15 more actively involved in the program. *Please be aware that we can no longer accept applicants to this program from Divisions with five or more currently qualified QEs.* I guess that's what you call the "price of success." On the bright side, at present this decision affects only Divisions I, III, V and XIII! QE "slots" are still available in all other Divisions!

COURSE COMPLETION REPORT (CG-4954) CAUTION: Thanks to Division IV, we have found another possible source of

"lost" AUXMIS data! It seems that AUXMIS accepts this data from Divisions; but, the data is never tallied on AUXMIS Reports. HQ is aware of the problem; but, until further notice, complete this form for Flotillas **ONLY! If you have reported Division courses in 1988, resubmit this form giving credit to a Flotilla of your choice.**

IF YOU'VE GOT THE DESIRE, BOARD INC'S GOT THE BOAT!: Applications are now being accepted for individuals interested in qualifying to operate the brand new 5th District (NR) Auxiliary Board, Inc. shallow-draft vessels! Due to the peculiar characteristics of these jet-drive vessels, individual familiarization, operation, and training is a must. Only members who are currently qualified BCQ OPs/CXs with a *sincere interest in using these vessels for patrols* need apply! If you're interested, send a note to Program Manager for Operations Rick Dotterer), R.D. No. 5, Box 387, Hillside Drive, Boyertown, PA 19512. You will be notified upon selection. Note: Just in case you have not seen these boats below are pictures of them taken when they were on display at the September Conference in Carlisle.



DISTRICT POSTER CONTEST: Flotillas who are going to participate should have contacted their respective schools and set up their "machinery" for the selection process in November. Divisions should be planning their selection of winners in December so they can submit to DSO-PA for District judging at the January Winter Conference. See Chapter V, Section D, 5NR Aux. Pol. Manual for complete details!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER! 23 December - Telephone Directory going to printer - DON'T BE LATE!

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NOGIS Continued

December 30 - The date of the last AUXMIS transmittal from DIRAUX to the contract keypunch shop for CY-1988. *If your input arrives after this date, it will be posted to the 1989 data base!* In order to be posted to the 1989 data base, the 1988 activity must have occurred after 15 November 1988 and it has to be in the Director's office by 10 February 1989.

"SHELTER FROM THE STORM" The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter RED OAK (WLM-689) is sponsoring their own program to provide food and clothing to the less fortunate in greater Philadelphia area. "Shelter from the Storm" is a call for the "Lifesavers" to make someone's life a little better by donating canned goods and warm clothing. If you wish to contribute, please contact Petty Officer Lacy on the RED OAK at (215) 271-4954. He will make arrangements for the pick up of any donations. The donations will be distributed to the homeless and needy during this holiday season.

NATIONAL VESSEL EXAMINER SCHOOL The National Vessel Examiner School will be held on 21, 22 and 23 April 1989 at the Holiday Inn, Lionville, PA. The class will start at 0800 Friday and conclude at 1430 on Sunday. A group rate for meals and lodging has been secured and is as follows: Lodging: \$50.00 per night, single or double. Meals: \$72.72 (Friday-breakfast through Sunday-lunch including coffee breaks throughout the day). Room-sharing is encouraged and assistance in finding a roommate can be obtained from DIRAUX. Your Division Captain has the applications. Silver "S"s, worn on your Courtesy Examiner ribbon to signify that you have graduated from National School, will be awarded.

THE NEW MOBILE UNIT TRAINING TEAMS: In 1989, the MUTTS will supplement Division level training for Boat Crew Candidates, Vessel Examiners, Marine Dealer Visitors, Instructors and Private Aids to Navigation Verifiers with training sessions held *upon request* throughout the Region. In addition, they will conduct scheduled training sessions (which will be published in the 1989 Directory of Officers) on the same subjects. The bottom line is: TRAINING - anything, anytime, anywhere, scheduled OR at the request of your Division Captain.

1989 APPOINTED OFFICER WORKSHOPS: On the Sunday after the Winter Conference, January 22, 1989, every District Staff Officer will hold a workshop for their respective Division Staff Officers. The workshops will start at 1000 with an "all-hands" session in the Adams room of the Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, PA. The workshops will conclude at 1700. A cold buffet lunch will be provided at a cost of \$8.85.

CG AUXILIARY OPERATED SARDETS A "GO" FOR 1989!: Coast Guard SARDET Fortescue was successfully operated by Division III on weekends from 1 May 1988 through 8 May and 17 September through 25 September 1988 as a pilot Auxiliary operated SARDET program. This was an extremely valuable service to the Coast Guard because it maintained a Search and Rescue presence in the upper Delaware Bay during a time when the SARDET was not manned. In 1989, the Fifth Northern Region will activate all three Coast Guard SARDETs in our region on weekends and holidays in accordance with the following schedule

SARDET	SPRING	FALL
Fortescue	29 Apr - 7 May	23 Sep - 29 Oct
Roosevelt Inlet	29 Apr - 7 May	23 Sep - 29 Oct
Townsend's Inlet	29 Apr - 7 May	23 Sep - 9 Oct

Some details of what is involved were in the November NOGIs and more details will follow in the forthcoming NOGIss - DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!

PM MEMBERS "GET ACTIVE"?: Recently, we have seen a "rash" of AUXMIS Rejections for activity performed by our Permanent Members. When you take Permanent Membership, *you automatically lose all qualifications and the ability to receive credit in AUXMIS for activity.* FCs, when you see these entries why not have your MR Officer call and suggest that the member return to active membership status? They are obviously still interested and participating in the programs! If they don't take you up on the offer, they can't receive AUXMIS credit.

A NEW SEMINAR IS COMING! There will be a national Instructor Seminar requirement in Calendar Year 1989. The seminar guide is in the final review stage at this time. Since it was not available 1 October, an adjustment will be made to the normal 31 May seminar deadline date for **this seminar only.**

CME MINIMUM ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT: Contrary to what you might have heard or read recently, this requirement *has not changed!* You still need to do 10 CMEs and/or facility inspections annually to retain your qualifications. Remember though, that under AMOS minimum participation criteria, you need to do 15 CMEs and/or facility inspections to qualify for the CME AMOS ribbon assuming your Flotilla meets its goal.

W. M. Cherry, LT USCG, DIRAUX 5NR

NOTES: FROM THE EDITOR

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS - ALL ELECTIONS, NATIONAL, DISTRICT AND DIVISION AS WELL AS FLOTILLA WILL BE OVER! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS:

NATIONAL:

NACO - Henry Pratt, III; NAVCO - Stanley Y. Kennedy; NARCO-Central - Joseph J. Lanz, Jr.; NARCO-East - Rene E. Dubois; NARCO-West - Raymond E. Smythe.

DISTRICT 5NR -

DCO - William Pierce; VCO - Eugene Pester; RCO-East - Caroline Sweigart; RCO-Central - Russell Appler and RCO-West - Frank Taylor.

For a list of the newly elected 5NR Division Captains and district staff, the small directory, and hopefully the larger District Directory, will be available at Winter Conference.

THE 5NR ELECTED OFFICERS' TRAINING SESSIONS held the first weekend of December at the Holiday Inn in Lionville was a huge success from the Auxiliary Fashion Show on Friday Evening; through the Saturday Sessions and the Saturday evening game participation through the entire day on Sunday. If you as an elected officer (especially if you are new at it) missed the weekend - SHAME ON YOU! You would have learned a lot and in a most enjoyable way. The weekend fellowship was great. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE STAFF who planned, made all the arrangements and conducted and taught the classes.

You will be hearing more at your local levels about this weekend, because much valuable information was introduced during the sessions and will be passed on to you. Start planning for the next one — it is currently planned to hold it during the first week of January 1990 rather than in December of 89, to make it easier and more convenient for all to participate.

With all the upcoming training plans, it most certainly looks like you will all have the opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Auxiliary. Why not start by attending the January Winter Conference. Get your reservations in NOW! You will not only learn a lot but will have an enjoyable time doing it! The staff is trying their very best to give you all that you request as well as require to do your jobs. Why not take advantage of their efforts.

Elsie M. Nichols, DSO-PB, 5NR

INSTRUCTOR'S TRAINING SESSION & VE TRAINING SESSIONS

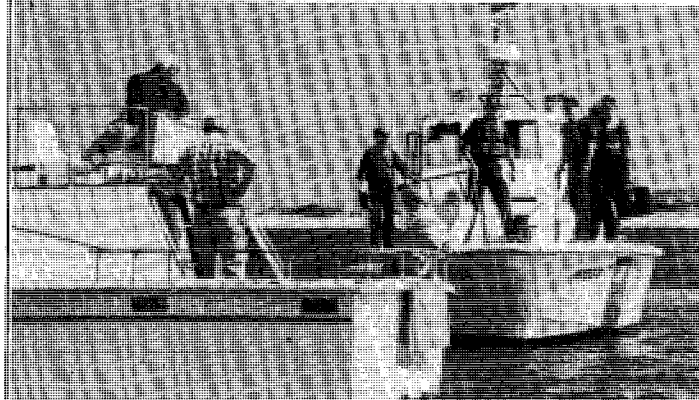
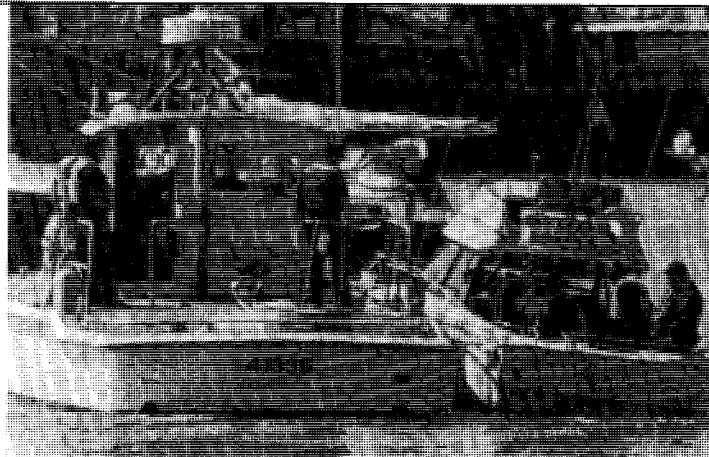
Pictured below at left, the IT Training Group and at right the VE training group at the Embers in Carlisle in September.

photos by: Eric Pennell



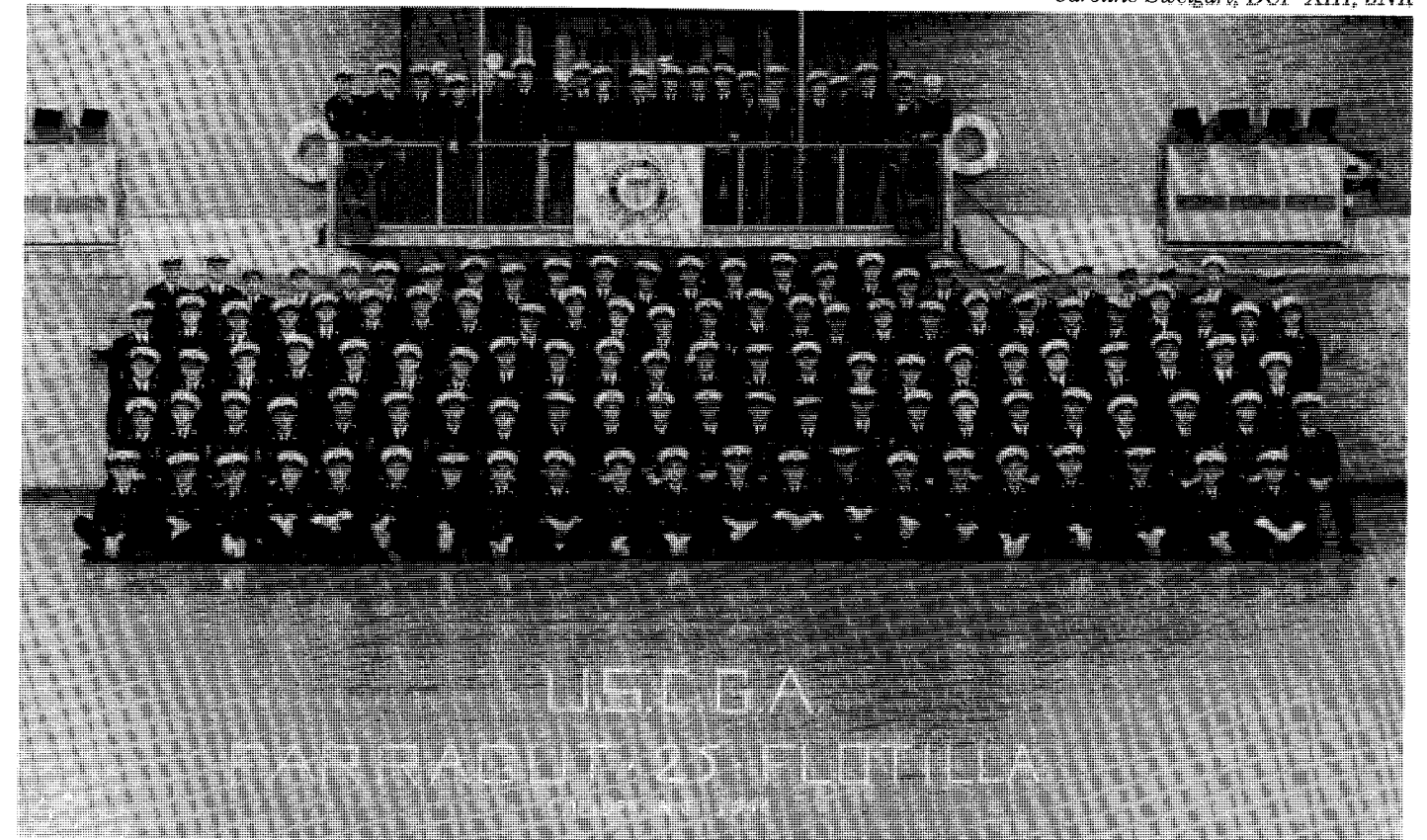
GROUP CAPE MAY STATION COMPETITION SEPTEMBER 7, 1988

Pictured to right and below, left to right, are some scenes from exercises in the Cape May Station Competition held on September 7, 1988. At right Auxiliary Vessel *Be Free*; Freeman Smith, Skipper — being towed. Below, left to right, top to bottom: Auxiliary Vessel 283147 *Lin's Key* being approached for boarding; then being boarded; boarded by Members of Fortescue Station; and last crewmen being shaken down by the Coast Guard Personnel. Pictures submitted by Elliott Linsky, Division VIII



HISTORICAL SCENES FROM 1944 — NOW 5NR, THEN 4th NAVAL DISTRICT

These pictures of Farragut Flotilla were loaned to us by Harold Enslick, a former member of the Auxiliary when we were the Temporary Reserve. Wish all of our flotillas now could be this large. . .do keep in mind that at that time there were only 5 flotillas. Do you all know of other former members who would be interested in a reunion during a 50th celebration. We would certainly benefit from their experience, and it would be fun to work with them. I'm working on having Harold rejoin. Thanks Harold for adding a little of our history to *Topside*.
Caroline Sweigart, DCP-XIII, 5NR



Update.....Alice Stamm, DSO-Public Education, 5NR

Public Education is doing very well. Thank You. A letter was sent to all FSOs and SOs in the PE Department of Fifth Northern. Again, Thanks for a job well done in 1988.

There will be a workshop for all in January at the Valley Forge Hilton. Subject: The new Sailing and Seamanship — Fifth Edition, and the latest from Group on the other courses, and information important to you all. Be there and meet your new staff.

Chain of command is very important to all departments and especially to public education. Speed-grams and Ed-Vantages are National's way of getting information down to the grass roots as fast as possible. All Flotilla Commanders get a copy in their packet from the Director's office. **Read and pass down to FSO-PE** SO-PEs get them from the DSO-PE. So everyone should be in the know. If you find a correction for any of the courses, send to SO-PE and then he/she will send it on to the DSO.. From there it goes to DVC-EO.

If you ed something for your classes that is the job of the FSO-MA not the DSO. I have been very generous with our Flotilla Supplies. That is not always the case with everyone. If something is missing from one of your cases of books write to National and request what you need.

Anything you receive marked FSO or SO belongs to the office and should be passed on to the next incumbent.

Most of this year's staff in PE are going on to other things - Joe Welsh will be Captain of Division VI and a QE; Eric Pennell is repeating as an ADSO-PE but will also be Vice Captain of Division IV; Tony Fimowicz will be Flotilla Commander of 5-15 and a QE as well as ADSO-OPS. As for me I will be helping Phil with the conferences, Finance Officer for Division X and serving my 2nd year as Flotilla Commander of 10-06. Phil who was my right hand in Public Education, will be VCP of Division X, conference coordinator and FSO-PE for Flotilla 10-6. So you can see we will all be kept very busy.

For my entire staff, may we wish you much good luck in 1989. A year that should be a banner year for 5NR.

My personal thanks to my three ADSO's and Phil, and also David Becker for making things so easy and smooth running for me and for all of you. That is our purpose, to serve you and further Public Education to the Boating Public.

Let us get the uneducated boater into the classroom and off the water.

It has been my pleasure to serve you these many years. The best of Luck to all the new Public Education Officers.

Alice F. Stamm, DSO-PE, 5NR

WATER 'N KIDS TAUGHT IN 1988

TO ALL INSTRUCTORS

If you taught Water 'N Kids in the year 1988, please send your name and Auxiliary number to Alice F. Stamm, 405 Randall Road., Wyncote, PA 19095.

Include the number of students taught, when your name appeared on the top line of the manhour card (CG-4947).

Please mail this information to me prior to January 15th, 1989.

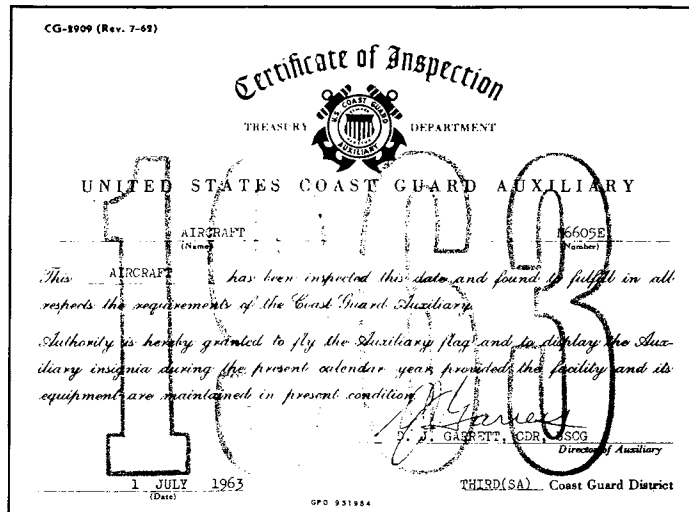
THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY NOTICE! So do it NOW!

Thank you.
Alice Stamm, DSO-PE. 5NR

"THE THIRD SOUTHERN'S FIRST LONE EAGLE"

Can Flotilla 1-4 claim another first? I believe we can. We believe Flotilla 1-4 had the first aircraft facility in the Third Southern. Our fearless eagle was Dick Unwin, Jr. and his faithful Cessna 175.

Dick became a member of Flotilla 1-4 in March of 1957 and Commander of the Flotilla in 1961. He began flying patrols for the Coast Guard in 1963 and it was quite different from today's air operation program. As you will note from the certificate of inspection, dated 1 July 1963 (shown below) it too is much different from the present form. In the early years, an aircraft facility was used only on a call out basis from the Coast Guard. You could, however, fly voluntary patrols in the Upper Chesapeake Bay. No over flights of the Delaware River or Bay were conducted.



Air operations in the early sixties were only minimal at best. The pilots only contact with the ground was through aircraft signals and calls on the "Uni-comm." These were relayed via land line through the airport operator to the applicable Coast Guard Station or Base. Air observers were an unknown quantity. No such program existed. Loran in small civilian aircraft did not exist. The pilot did it all and as those of you who fly can imagine he was a busy fellow.

Dick notes that there were no memorable sightings, merely the routine surface craft in some type of difficulty requiring assistance from the Coast Guard or the Auxiliary. These were referred to as "Sunset Patrols." Pollution over flights in the Upper Chesapeake Bay were not conducted at that time. Air operation seminars were also non-existent. They did not become a requirement until the mid-to-late seventies. Cooperation between the Coast Guard Air Operations was only basic and not the operation we enjoy today.

Dick's interest in flying came as the result of being a navigator in B-24s during World War II. It was there he received his initial pilot training in Piper Cubs and Taylor craft. After his discharge he obtained his civilian pilots' license in Bakersfield, California. It was from here that he flew his Cessna 175 to Summit Aviation in Middletown, Delaware and into the life of Flotilla 1-4. As a result of being transferred by the duPont Company to the New York area it was necessary that he transfer to Flotilla 2-1 Third Northern. After retirement in 1986, Dick and his family retired to "The Land of Pleasant Living" and now reside in St. Michaels, Maryland. At present he is a member of Flotilla 4-5 and Vice Captain of Division IV, Fifth Southern. Hopefully, Dick will be able to join us in April during our annual Air Operations Seminar.

The gauntlet has been passed down and we would be interested in hearing from any flotilla historians in Fifth Northern (formerly Third Southern) who may have information predating this time.

R. B. "Dick" Hudson, Historian, Flotilla 1-4

Water 'N Kids

There's excitement in the hall at the Ardsley Community Day Care Center, as the first group of children walk to the room where the *Water Safety Lady* will be talking to them.

As we sit on the floor the conversation starts with questions about the Auxiliary uniform. One child remarks the hat looks like an Easter bonnet. We talk about the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary then shift to summer plans and swimming. Many kids inform me they are taking swimming lessons working on "tadpole" or "minnow" status. We go over the rules; they add some good ones of their own. We stress never swimming without supervision even in the backyard pool. Many comment on this. Aren't we safe in our own backyard, Mommy watches us from the kitchen window? And so it goes. Life jackets are tried on next — a much too large adult jacket slides down on a tiny 5-year old, and all laugh! The baby jacket doesn't fit either (more giggles). Finally the right size is found and each boy and girl puts one on and correctly adjusts the fit. Now we are going boating. The rules are discussed and then a small model boat is shown. It seats ten people. There are 15 in the class. What do we do now? Make two trips, choose certain ones or crowd everyone in? The class votes to take everyone. As the people seated one by one, the boat rolls from side to side and sinks deeper in the water. At this point, two boys decide they don't want to go, but it's too late, the boat is overloaded and unbalanced and over it goes. Now what? Most children remember to hang on to the boat. The two boys who didn't get onboard remember to go for help and all are saved!

The hour is quickly gone but there is time for questions and sharing. The boys and girls move on and another group takes their place. There are six classes of 15-20 children each ages 3-7.

Teaching children is time consuming, sometimes wearying, but they are very well behaved and interested. The job is rewarding especially when a parent comments Ralphie told his father he would not be going on the family boat this year unless he had a life jacket that was his very own and that fit him. Dad said, "Son, you're going to grow into it soon." Ralphie said, "Teacher said that's what you might say, but I may not be around to grow into it if I fall off the boat." Then he told the family of the boating accident in the class.

One mother said her daughter came home and collected a beach ball, large towel and other things to keep by the pool to use if someone was in trouble — we don't swim well enough to save anybody and Mommies and Daddies shouldn't jump in either.

Teaching Water 'N Kids is fun, challenging and rewarding. Why not start thinking today where you could teach at least one course. Schools, camps, day care centers want us!

Rosa Neff, FSO-PE 2-4



Public Affairs Changes

There have been such dramatic changes in the way your report "Public Affairs" in the past several months that I'm sure everyone could use an update.

The most frequently asked question is "Do we still fill out the Public Relations Report (CG-4952)?"

The answer is **YES!** The PR report lists the flotilla's **actual** accomplishments over the reporting month. It is filled in by the FSO-PA and submitted through the AUXMIS system.

BUT . . . you **also** submit a Mission Hour Card (CG-4947) for **EACH** Public Affairs mission reportable on the PR Report (items 3-7):

Item #3 — No. of articles published
Item #4 — No. of radio spot days
Item #5 — No. Radio programs participated in

Item #6 — No. TV spot days
Item #7 — No. TV programs participated in.

However, here's the **change** as authorized at the National Eastern Area Conference in Florida in May 1988:

You take **credit** (on the Mission Hour card) for **each** written article prepared and distributed by mail to newspaper, TV stations, radio stations, etc. **without** regard to whether it was published or "aired."

One (1) article = 1 Mission

Now if you **visited** your local newspaper, radio or TV station and discussed news articles, tapes or films that you were dropping off, you would take credit for **each** visit.

One (1) Visit = 1 Mission

If you made three trips, then fill out three Mission Hour Cards — one for each visit.

Flotilla Commanders & Div. Captains:

On your one-page management reports, "**Total PA (cat. 10) Missions**" will be recorded **as a result of the Mission Hour Cards** that are submitted. These will be the ones that give you AMOS credit. Underneath the "total," you will get the breakdown for your lectures, articles, etc. These are calculated from the PR Report. Both are important, **but**, "Total PA (cat. 10) Missions" are what you track for AMOS credit. In other words, **no Mission Hour Cards — no AMOS credit!**

Still have questions? Please come to the PA Workshops on Sat. and Sunday (Jan. 21 and 22) at Winter Conference. *Helen McCabe, DSO-PA Select 1989*

FALL CONFERENCE- THE EMBERS, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, September 1988

The Fall Conference at the Embers was well attended, and in addition to the District Elections, there were many other activities — district meetings, workshops, banquet, etc. The most fun of all was the Halloween in Sept. party after the banquet. Not to forget the Bake-off, judged by Admiral Breed. Some scenes from the activities are shown below. Photos: Phil Stamm and Topside Staff.



AWARDS—Fall Conference

The following members of 5NR were awarded their Coxswain pin and certificate at the Fall Conference in Carlisle:

Ronald E. Waters, Div I	Joseph M., Welsh, Div Vi
Michael D. Reardon, Div II	W. Leroy Miller, Div VIII
Ronald A. Dando, Div V	Paul R. Mackes, Div X
Margaret M. Wilbert, Div V	William H. Richter, Jr., Div XII
Lester Abbott, Div V	Rolbert J. Perrone, Div XII
William A. Gardner, Div V	Robert J. Perrone, Jr., Div XII
Howard F. Guest, Div V	Marvin N. Ruff, Div XII
Thaddeus Piotrowski, Div V	Kenneth M. Russell, Sr, Div XII

In addition the following certificates for Membership Service were issued for 25 years or over:

Edward Davis, Div VII	Francis J. Driscoll, Div VIII
Jos. l A. Somers, Jr., Div VIII	Edward S. Flood, Jr., Div VIII
John J. Powell, Div XIII	James M. Ristine, Div VIII
Charles H. Teal, Div IV	Lenore J. Roush, Div XIV

Congratulations to all the above recipients, both Coxswains and "old-timers" or should we say "long timers"?

5NR PICNIC CELEBRATION JUNE 25, 1989

The poster shown below in reduced size has been circulated throughout the District, along with description of the event. It is also described in this issue of *Topside* at the top Page 10
Why not start making your plans now for a family and friends day! It is a perfect spot and will be a great day!

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Rear Commodore East (RCO-E).....Caroline K. Sweigart
Immediate Past District Commodore (IPDCO).....Alexander M. Lewis

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 III.....H. Lee Hastings
 IV.....Orlando Maioco
 V.....Welton J. Fischer
 VI.....Joseph M. Welsh
 VII.....Victor M. Krygowski
 VIII.....John R. Lincoln
 IX.....Oscar Wombacher
 X.....Elsie M. Nichols
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 XII.....William H. Richter, Jr.
 XIII.....Edward Rearick
 XIV.....Jack Horsfall

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Weldon Vogt

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Hotel Reservations Must be made by 6 JANUARY 1989

USE THIS PORTION OF PAGE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
RESERVATION FORM FOR SPECIAL RATES
AT THE VALLEY FORGE HILTON
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th Northern

1989 WINTER CONFERENCE • JANUARY 20-22, 1989

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

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

____ MASTERCARD _____ VISA

____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ DINERS CLUB

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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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW! DON'T DELAY!

CONFERENCE RESERVATION

Use this portion of the forms for your meal and Auxiliary conference registration for the Winter Conference at the Valley Forge Hilton in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on January 20, 21, 22

Name: _____

Flotilla No.: _____

Address: _____

____ Tickets - Banquet @ \$25.50 each = \$ _____

Check which:

____ Saturday Banquet - Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef

____ Baked Filet of Sole

____ Registrations

(Fee for Each Person attending \$3.00 = \$ _____)

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS
6 JANUARY 1989

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 (OP)

____ Vessel Examination Seminar (VE)

____ Member Training (MT)

____ Information Systems (IS) Workshop

____ Public Affairs (PA) Workshop

____ Public Education (PE) Workshop

____ QE CheckOff Workshop

____ Persons will attend the Appointed Officer's Meeting
Sunday 1000

____ Will attend the Ladies Get Together Saturday Morning

____ Will attend the Past Captains' Association Breakfast
on Sunday Morning January 22, 1989
TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED & REQUIRED



1989 WINTER CONFERENCE 5th DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION — U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 20, 21, 22 JANUARY 1989 THE VALLEY FORGE HILTON, KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration Desk Lobby Friday 1700-2000

District Store—Room 206 Saturday 0800-1130

..... Saturday Open through Lunch 1000-1600

FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY 1989

1830-2000	District Staff Meeting.....	Revere Room
1900-2000	Captains Meeting.....	Board Room 212
2000-2130	District Board Meeting.....	Washington Room
2130-?	Advisory Committee.....	Board Room 212
2130-?	No Host Welcome Aboard Party.....	Jefferson & Paine Room

SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY 1989

0830-1145	District Board Meeting.....	Washington Room
0830-1145	QE (BCM) Qualifying.....	Revere Room
	Information Systems (IS) Workshop.....	Franklin Room
0930-1100	Ladies Program and Get Together.....	Paine Room
0945-1000	Break	
1000-1115	Public Education (PE) Workshop.....	Adams Room
	Public Affairs (PA) Workshop.....	Franklin Room
1000-1600	District Store.....	Room 206
1200-1330	Break for Lunch (On Your Own)	
1300-1500	Vessel Examination (VE) Seminar.....	Adams & Franklin
1515-1700	Operations (OP) Seminar.....	Adams & Franklin Rooms
1900-2000	Cocktails — No Host Bar.....	Grand Ballroom Foyer
2000-2230	Banquet.....	Grand Ballroom
2230-??	Following Banquet "CASINO NIGHT and AUCTION"	

SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY 1989

0900	Past Captains' Association Breakfast/Meeting.....	Revere Room
	(Members and Guests Only)	
1000-1700	Appointed Staff Officers' Training.....	Adams Room

PLEASE MAKE YOUR TABLE RESERVATIONS AT THE RESERVATION DESK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MENUS

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

Dessert — Peach Melba

Coffee, Tea

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

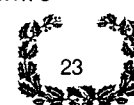
FRIDAY EVENING
SATURDAY-

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

SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

Casual
Service Dress Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire



1989 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 5NR

JANUARY

DATE
20 - 22

EVENT
District Conference
King of Prussia

FEBRUARY

28-Mar5

EACON 89, Austin Texas

MARCH

18

5NR Eastern Area Meeting (Full)

APRIL

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Western Area Meeting (Full)

8

Central Area Meeting (Full)

20-23

National VE School, Lionville, PA

28-30

District Awards Conference
Lancaster, PA.

MAY

31

DEADLINE FOR VE AND OPS SEMINARS

JUNE

9

Western Area Meeting (EXCOM)

6-10

National Safe Boating Week

19

Central Area Meeting (Excom)

25

5NR Birthday Celebration Picnic

28

Eastern Area Meeting (Excom)

30

FACILITY INSPECTION DEADLINE

JULY

21-23

District Conference - TBA

AUGUST

14

Central Area Meeting (Excom)

16

Eastern Area Meeting (Excom)

18

Western Area Meeting (Excom)

SEPTEMBER

6-10

NACON '89 - Arlington, VA

22-24

District Conference
Pleasantville, NJ - Elections

NOVEMBER

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Central Area Meeting (Full)

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Western Area Meeting (Full)

18

Eastern Area Meeting (Full)

5NR Eastern Area Meeting Manahawkin, NJ - November 19, 1988



The above two pictures were taken at the last Eastern Area Meeting in Manahawkin, New Jersey on November 19. In the top picture, seated at the table (left to right) Andy Ritzie Division VI; Thomas P. Foy (our guest speaker), Assemblyman - 7th District N.J.; Joe Welsh, Division VI; and Jean David, Division IV.

photos: Gene Pester, VCO, 5NR



Happy Holidays to All



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