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**FRONT COVER**

Shown at Chartering Ceremony  
for new Flotilla 13-10  
on Saturday June 5, 1988

Left to Right - Lou Sweigart, VFC; Larry Goosnos, FC  
and CAPT J. B. Coyle, who presented the charter  
see story page 7

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**FROM Chief Director, Auxiliary**

Update ..... CAPT. W. S. Griswold



News from Headquarters has been National Area Conferences and the Non-emergency Assistance Policy, plus a little reorganization.

Area Conferences: They're behind us. They were great and I certainly learned that all four cornerstones get exercised a lot everywhere. If you've never been to one, I recommend doing it next year. And in the meantime, sign up for the National Conference in Hawaii, it'll be great. They'll have

Hawaii, elections, workshops, Hawaii, entertainment (watch out for Central Area's entry), elections and politics, HAWAII — Pack your bag.

Non-emergency Assist: Maybe this issue hasn't been big in Reading, but it certainly will affect the Auxiliary nationally. Your National Commodore testified along with the Commandant before a House subcommittee on the subject of changing the existing towing policy. This terrible struggle between private enterprise and volunteerism is about over. As of this writing (26 May) the Commandant is about to issue a new policy which pleases no one! That's how compromises work. Anyway, the boater's safety has been served, the commercial guys get a small break, the Coast Guard gets out of the broker business, and the Auxiliary will be doing non-emergency work in addition to the other tasks they've been handling. It's been a long and exhausting process, you'll be informed about the official language by the District.

Reorganization: In addition to being Chief Director, Auxiliary, I acquired several new hats and initials that mystify me even today. Our new title in Headquarters is "Auxiliary, Boating, and Consumer Affairs Division (G-NAB)," located in the Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services (G-N). Oh, goodie, you say? Well, some of our fellow divisions in the world of G-N are Aids to Navigation, Ice Operations and Search and Rescue. I sure hope to see closer cooperation with all of those folks. Within (G-NAB) we have combined the Auxiliary administration with other Boating Safety functions, paving the way for closer cooperation. Example — the folks overseeing National Safe Boating Week are also tending to the PE program of the Auxiliary. There are many examples of how things have been combined at the working level, all of which will make it better. We're getting a new Admiral, RADM Robert Nelson, who will be a tremendous asset to our program. So, it's been good, please don't despair.

As we roll into summer, we're seeing solid performance. Membership is looking healthy and another piece of good news is that the 1987 accident statistics will show a record low number of fatalities (1036), giving the country a rate of 6.1 fatalities per 100,000 boats. This is just SUPER and you all can stand up and take a bow, ya done good! So please continue your superb effort, and above all, HAVE FUN!

CAPT William S. Grisold, USCG



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**FROM Chief Boating Safety**

Update ..... CAPT J. B. Coyle



Not being one of those individuals who, "welcomes the change in seasons"... unless winter is not one of those seasons, I ordinarily do welcome the arrival of the long, warm days of spring. This year I feel a bit less happy to see summer approaching, because it signals the end of my tour of duty in the Fifth District — and of my direct association with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. That association has been all too short with respect to you, my new friends and colleagues in the

"Fifth Northern."

Not quite a year ago, when Sharon and I joined many of you at your Summer District Board Meeting in Delaware, I welcomed you to the Fifth District, and assured you that your new district would do everything possible to support your program and the proud tradition you brought to us from the Third District. A then-recent jewel in that legacy had been the Third Southern's magnificent support of Op-SAIL-86 and national recognition in the MR and PE programs. In asking that you sustain your tradition of excellence, I pledged in turn to support your efforts as full and equal partners in the Fifth District Boating Safety Program. In one short year, that two-way commitment has borne much fruit. Designating Coast Guard operational commanders as order-issuing authority for Auxiliary operations has brought your operations program new visibility, new involvement on the part of the Coast Guard, and perhaps most important — greatly expanded funding for reimbursable missions. Your region now has its first OPS/TRA Officer. On the fiscal front — and notwithstanding austere budgetary climate, your DIRAUX has been provided with substantial increases in funding for training, travel, and administrative support. Indeed, the Fifth Northern's 1988 targets in these areas actually exceed those earmarked for your sister region in the South!

For your part, you have "delivered" at least 150 percent on the District's "support investment"! Not only have you maintained your national leadership in Member Resources and an enviable record in Public Education but in just one year the Northern Region has launched Member Training and Operations programs which would be the envy of any district. I commend the Board Inc. Steering Committee for capitalizing on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation grant funding to deliver quality Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety services to Pennsylvania's citizens, and coincidentally to aid in extending official Auxiliary patrols to Pennsylvania waters. While on the subject of coordination with state and regional safe boating programs the Fifth Northern stands as a model for constructive cooperation... rather than competition. You have embraced new areas in non-traditional support of Coast Guard missions, such as Private Aids to Navigation, crew augmentation, and the sponsor

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Update ..... LT William M. Cherry, DIRAUX



How about a message and some fun? The game is called "What is it?". As you might well imagine, the object of the game is to guess what is being described as early in the article as possible! There are no prizes for getting the right answer quickest; however, there is a message of great value for those willing to invest enough time and thought to successfully complete the game.

IT is a noun; however, variations of IT are both nouns and adjectives! IT is both cyclical and pervasive.

A few think that IT is required by the Auxiliary Manual; however, most know that IT is contrary to all that the manual stands for.

Everyone knows that IT exists; but, IT is not always recognized. Some consider IT good, some necessary, and some evil.

To some, IT is a profession... to others, an art of science.

IT often confuses fact with fiction at your expense and, if IT disappeared, most would celebrate the "loss."

Some accept IT at face value... while others of a more "discerning nature" give IT no credence whatsoever!

Some can't get enough of IT while others have had too much of IT!

IT often involves competition; but, just as often, does not.

Some eagerly pursue IT while others avoid IT at all costs!

IT is LEAST dangerous when used by a novice, MORE dangerous when used by the skilled, and DEADLY in the hands of a Master.

IT is LEAST damaging when users talk about themselves and MOST damaging when users talk about others.

IT promotes incorrect decisions and can lead to total anarchy.

IT is at this very moment "on the horizon"!

The word which brings IT to mind most often is "dishonest."

Scoring is easy. The number of "clues" required to get the right answer and corresponding "ratings" are as follows:

CLUES REQUIRED	RATING
1 - 5	Master
6 - 10	Skilled
11 - 15	Novice

Masters are to be avoided at all costs, beware of the skilled, and hope that novices do not move up in rating. Believe only what you see with your own eyes and do not listen to hearsay. Look at each candidate's record of past performance and ABOVE ALL make your own choice! (If you still do not know what IT is, may you "live long and prosper" in our Coast Guard Family!)

William E. Cherry, LT USCG, DIRAUX 5NR

In case you are not certain of the answer you will find it on page 4

**SPECIAL AWARDS - PRESENTED AT SPRING CONFERENCE 1988**

**SERVICE AWARDS**

Theodore Roberts -25 years  
Harry Bickel -25 years  
Kenneth Bickel -25 years  
Francis Sealover -25 years

Gertrude Miller -30 years  
Earl Brightbill -30 years  
Robert Fairheller -over 40 yrs  
George Sawyer -over 40 years  
Ben Mealey -over 40 years

**COXSWAIN**

Anthony T. Fimowicz  
William P. Thesing  
Harry A. Harrington  
Andrew Assimos

**AUXOP**

Albert S. Roberts  
Howard F. Guest  
Clifford N. Duncan  
Nancy L. Sterner  
Andrew M. Dud



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WILLIAM CHERRY, DIRECTOR  
ALEXANDER M. LEWIS, COMMODORE

RECAPS

**FLASH — FLASH — FLASH:** The move is complete and the new office "fits like a glove" - rubber & surgical that is! OPS NORMAL!!! Promised information is as follows:

ADDRESS:  
Director of Auxiliary (NR)  
Fifth Coast Guard District  
Suite 202  
1 Washington Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19147-4393

Telephone Numbers 215-271-4933 and 215-271-4935

**Parking:** Precious . . . but available visitor parking is on your left as you enter the facility, between Delaware Ave. and the front of the new building!

**Want to check your AMOS goal attainment progress?** The 1-page Management report, distributed monthly to all DCPs and FCs, has been modified. Your end of June copies of this report will show all data relevant to our 1988 AMOS Program. Why not check out your unit's progress to date? Simply compare the numbers on the Management Report with the column 6 numbers on your AMOS Worksheet. It's easy . . . and you'll feel better when you know!

**AND YOU THOUGHT YOU LOST!** A recent agenda item sought to make crewmember missions a separate AMOS Mission Element. The agenda item was soundly defeated at EANCON '88; however, G-NAB heard your cry! Effective 27 May time spent *crewing on a Coast Guard vessel* can be reported on the Mission-Hour Card as either category 1 or 7 at the member's discretion. To report as category 1, leave line 1 on the Mission-Hour Card blank, complete line 2 and make appropriate remark in the "comments" section. Is this change important? YOU BET - category 1 missions count towards requalification requirements in the Boatcrew Qualification Program while category 7 missions do not. PLEASE NOTE that all other time spent augmenting a Coast Guard unit is still to be reported in category 7. NOTE ALSO that this change does not affect our definitions of applicable AMOS Mission Elements!

**SEEK & DESTROY:** The Mission-Hour Report with "carbons," the SAR Incident Report that requires value in "hundreds" of dollars, and the Course Completion Report which shows course code "A" as the 1st course on the list ARE ALL OBSOLETE! Make AUXMIS BETTER . . . find and destroy these forms.

**AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARDS: Ribbon/Medal sets are issued to 1st-time winners of this award only.** If members desire to wear the optional Bronze numerals on the ribbon, it is their responsibility to determine the appropriate number to affix to the ribbon. This can be accomplished by review of their Annual Member Letters and Enclosure (2) of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1B. Bronze Numerals are available through normal supply sources.

**PE CALLS CONTINUE.** The Office is still receiving 10-20 calls a week from persons interested in taking a Boating Safety Course! Unfortunately, our Class List is SMALL! All Elected Officers should ENSURE that an "Auxiliary - Notice of Public Education Course," CG-4691, is submitted as far in advance as possible for each multi-lesson course taught! Your dates and times don't have to be firm . . . just your RESOLVE to teach the course. Students are given your class coordinator's name and phone number, so the coordinator can tell them the actual dates and times once they are

firm. We distribute our class list to the District Board and George Smyth each time it is updated — SAVE YOURSELF SOME TIME . . . tell us and we'll tell the rest! There is still time - please consider a Summer Core Course - the demand is still there!!

**PA REPORTING FOR AMOS CREDIT** Further clarification was received at EANCON '88 in Clearwater, Florida! You are to submit a Mission-Hour Card, CG 4947, for each Public Affairs mission authorized by the Member AUXMIS Guide or reportable on the Auxiliary-Public Relations Report. Continue to report as you have in the past and ensure that you submit a Mission-Hour Card for time spent in connection with items 3-7 on the Public Relations Report. Take credit for 1 mission for each written article prepared and distributed to newspapers, TV Stations, Radio Stations, etc., WITHOUT regard to whether or not the article was published or "aired." One article = 1 mission IS THE RULE regardless of the number of copies distributed. Take credit for 1 mission for each visit to any of the above for the purpose of obtaining publicity for the Coast Guard Family without regard to whether or not the material is published or "aired." One official visit = 1 mission IS THE RULE. REMEMBER that each Mission-Hour Card submitted = 1 mission!

**QE NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST QUALIFICATION EXAMINERS** - Nicholas S. Matchica and Anthony T. Fimowicz! Welcome Aboard.

**THE ULTIMATE IN COAST GUARD SUPPORT:** Coast Guard Search and Rescue Detachment (SARDET) Fortescue is being operated on weekends by Division III. This quietly started on the morning of 30 April! There was no press, no band, and no "fanfare." It was apparently "no big deal" for this well-trained and motivated Division of professionals to assume all duties of a Coast Guard SARDET. Thank you Division III . . . I know you'll do us all PROUD!

**MORE BCQP TRAINING IN JULY:** Gloucester City, POC - Eastern Area Mutt Coordinator - Louise Sowers (609) 582-0233. Western Area Mutt Coordinator - George Smyth 1-800-AUX-USCG. Central Area Mutt Coordinator - Russ Appler 215-935-0319.

**HQ RE-ALIGNMENT ANNOUNCED:** This one's for real! Commandant (G-B) has been disestablished. Commandant (G-N), "Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services," has assumed Consumer Affairs, THE AUXILIARY, Public Education, Training for Boating Safety, Ice Operations, and Search and Rescue. From the Chief Director's Office comes "Yes, on 15 April (tax day) G-BAU faded and G-NAB rose from the ashes. Forgive us if we can't remember our titles and the mail retains old impressions. We're trying to grasp the new - but there are lots of distractions—" In case you're curious, G-NAB stands for "Auxiliary, Boating, and Consumer Affairs Division"!

**SPECIALTY COURSE EXAMS:** Proctors, PLEASE remember that your objective is to administer these examinations . . . not to critique and review them! Any problems with the tests should be noted and forwarded to the Director; but, discussion between proctor and students is discouraged.

**FROM THE PENNA FISH COMMISSION:**

Officer	Telephone	Assigned County
Lee Tilton	717-626-0228	Delaware
Sally Corl	717-626-0228	Philadelphia
Wayne Imler	717-626-0228	S. Bucks
James Valentine	717-486-7087	Huntington
Brian Burger	717-486-7087	S. York
Stanley Plevyak	717-626-0228	N. Bucks
Wayne Alfano	717-477-5717	S. Luzerne
Ammon Ziegenfuss	717-626-0228	Berks
Robert Kish	814-445-8974	Cambria
Michael Badner	717-477-5717	Wayne
Claude Neifert	717-477-5717	N. Luzerne

The Answer to LT "Bill" Cherry's Quiz: POLITICS s/W. M. Cherry

## FROM OPS & TRAINING OFFICER

Update . . . . . CWO2 "Chip" Hoovler, USCG



### SOME PEOPLE BARBECUE

Fifth Northern's Memorial Day weekend consisted of over sixty patrols. Those patrols assisted thirty-five disabled or distressed vessels. The type of cases handled by the Auxiliary patrols ranged from disabled and adrift to finding people clinging to a buoy. Some of the highlights of that weekend follow:

- 1.) Two "Multi-Auxiliary Unit" cases, where Auxiliary Aircraft vectored Auxiliary surface craft to the scene of a disabled vessel, were conducted. During these cases, most of the communications were conducted through Auxiliary Radio Stations.
- 2.) Eight of our ten Coast Guard Stations had at least one Auxiliary augmenting their crews.
- 3.) The "North Rack" of Base Gloucester malfunctioned leaving their Northern area of responsibility without radio communications. Within an hour, two Auxiliary radio stations were "on air" and filled the communications void into the night.
- 4.) A Coast Guard Search and Rescue Detachment's crew was "bagged," that is, exceeded the Commandant's fatigue standards and were ordered to rest for eight hours (except for emergencies). The Auxiliary covered their responsibility for non-emergency SAR until they were "out of the bag."
- 5.) At least fifteen Auxiliary radio stations were "on air" for most of the weekend.
- 6.) Countless CME booths dotted our region.

Although some might call it coincidence, I believe the most incredible Memorial Day Weekend highlight had a lot to do with the above efforts and the hours of public education last winter . . . nobody died in a boating accident in the Fifth Northern Region.

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

## DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD

The Director's Administrative Award is presented for outstanding administrative procedure to those Flotillas meeting the criteria established by the Director of Auxiliary, 5NR for the calendar year.

The award is also presented to Divisions meeting the Director's established criteria, provided all the Flotillas of that Division also meet the criteria.

Winners of these awards for 1987 which were presented at the April Conference were:

Edward M. Hubbs FC 1-1	Joseph L. Bauer FC 10-4
Shirley M. Stumbers FC 1-5	Charles E. Frederick FC 10-5
Steven E. Mink FC 2-6	Herman C. Frese FC 10-6
Richard W. Nice FC 3-3	Robert H. Nichols FC 10-8
Leonard Karter FC 3-5	David J. Holeman FC 11-1
Doris J. Miller FC 5-16	Clair W. Noll FC 11-2
Frederick Ruffner FC 6-1	James P. Boyer FC 11-8
Rita H. Kratzer FC 6-5	Virginia A. Doebing FC 12-2
Edward V. Zgleszewski FC 7-2	Edward W. Sayers FC 13-1
Carl L. Matz FC 7-4	Jack E. Banister FC 13-5
Stanley J. Pojnar FC 7-7	John V. Wilkinson FC 14-1
Charles A. Tier FC 7-10	Clair E. Holtzapple FC 14-2
Robert E. Almond FC 7-11	Kenneth M. Bashore FC 14-3
Norman E. Foster FC 7-12	Joyce B. Groft FC 14-4
Oscar E. Wombacher FC 9-1	Willare W. Roush FC 14-5
William H. Brown FC 9-2	John Z. Fry FC 14-6
Charles H. Pelton FC 9-4	Norman N. Miller DCPO-IX
Shirley J. Franke FC 9-5	Frank J. Taylor DCP-XIV

## FROM THE BRIDGE

Update . . . . . Alexander M. Lewis, DCO



In his annual address delivered at Bolling Field, the Commandant stressed his priorities for the Coast Guard. Military readiness — the war on drugs — and maintaining our expertise in safety of life-at-sea.

He said in part, regarding safety of life-at-sea missions: "That's where we make our reputation and that's where our personality lies, as well. It ties us to the public, and that is particularly so when you see the predictions that by 1990, 75% of the country's population will live within one hour of one of the four coastlines of the United States."

He continues, "We see it in the importance of our marine safety and our boating safety programs."

"We see it in the importance to this country, both recreationally and economically, of our Aids to Navigation program, and our environmental program. We cannot forget the importance of these missions."

He goes on to say, "I might mention commercial towing. We discussed it as a new issue within the last 4 or 5 years. It is interesting to read an account of a Revenue Cutter experience in 1862. While on a military operation, it diverted to pull a grounded steamer off the beach. Soon thereafter, six towing companies wrote to the Secretary of the Department — must have been Treasury — claiming that the ship had interfered with their legitimate rights."

"The Secretary then reminded the Cutter Commanding Officer that in the Act of 1837, Congress authorized their assistance only when there was danger to life and property."

So, towing isn't a new issue.

Regarding the public hearings just concluded, the Commandant says, "I would like to come out of them with a little better balance between the volunteer and the non-volunteer, as we both work to provide a service to the public."

The Commandant wants the Auxiliary as one of his major assets. He wants us trained, our skills honed by continued practice and experience, and so to be always ready — ready to get back and on to business.

To this end, his statement to the subcommittee on Navigation and Coast Guard presented his recommendations. (1) First on scene takes the case. (2) A case will be taken to the nearest safe haven, at which time the tow could be transferred if the boater wishes to go to a specific facility. (3) The tow may be relinquished only if requested by the boater or if the Auxiliary vessel is needed to answer a case of a higher priority.

The committee recommended that the Commandant's policy be implemented and sent it up.

Should this be effected, we may not be as well off as we might have been, but neither are we as bad off as we thought we were.

Our ongoing training is a means toward an end. We are continually training so that we may be an effective source in helping to maintain safety of life-at-sea. To that end we continue to be motivated.

Alexander M. Lewis, DCO, VCO, 5NR

## NOTICE!

NEXT TOPSIDE DEADLINE - July 30th



**Member Resources . . . . . William Reimer, DSO-MR**

Thanks to the marvel of television, we're all becoming more "quality" conscious. From business and industry, we get a constant stream of messages stressing "quality" . . .

"Quality is Job One" . . and 50,000 miles/5-year car warranties

"We (the Marines) need a few more good men."

"We do it like you'd do it" (cook hamburgers)

"You can put your confidence in GE."

Or the Maytag repairman who's never out on a service call.

And some of us are old enough to remember that old saying, "Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door."

**Quality and the Auxiliary**

Where does this emphasis on quality fit in with the Auxiliary? Well, if you've been paying attention, you know tht we have probably the most extensive, intensive series of training programs ever conducted in our District:

- Boat Crew Qualification
- Vessel Examiner and Instructor
- Elected Officers Training
- Aids to Navigation Courses
- Workshops/Seminars at every District Conference on such programs as Public Affairs, Career Coordination, Member Training, Member Resources, Operations, Vessel Examination.

Why all the training? Simple: to strengthen our knowledge and skills, enhance our professionalism, improve the quality of our services to the boating public and the Coast Guard.

Quality service starts with quality people . . . men and women who want to do the very best they can at whatever they undertake. Training these people is the job of our Coast Guard and Auxiliary training staffs. Obtaining quality people - recruiting good, interested, enthusiastic members - primarily is the job of Member Resources officers, particularly at the Flotilla level. However, everyone has a role in this: Instructors, PE Course Supervisors, Vessel Examiners, Flotilla Commanders, and so on.

Quantity is important - yes. We need new blood to replace members lost through death, retirement to Florida, transfer, resignation and dismissal. We need new members to help us increase our abilities to serve the public. But our recruiting efforts must NOT be motivated by quantity alone. It's far better that a Flotilla recruit three or four really good members than a dozen "walk-ins" who just want to join a club.

It's not that we're an "exclusive" organization - we're not. We do, however, have a responsibility and an obligation to our Flotillas, the Auxiliary and the boating public to provide QUALITY services - on the water, at the ramp, in the classroom. That can only be done when we start with quality people, provide them with quality training and encourage personal growth and advancement.

In his Study Report on the decline of Auxiliary Membership during the past 10-12 years (a trend reversed in 1987), Captain Kenneth Holleman of Coast Guard Headquarters, writing in the spring '88 issue of "The Navigator," asked: "Do we have a retention problem or a recruiting problem?" I don't have a factual answer to his question. But based on my own somewhat limited experience, I'd have to say it's more of a recruiting problem. Maybe there's been a little too much "arm-twisting" to join . . . too much concern with meeting the Flotilla's quantity objective. Perhaps there's been too little stress on, "Here's what we expect of you," too little time spent in getting to know the prospective member, too little awareness on the prospect's part as to what he/she was getting into.

**Quality in New Member Recruiting**

An employer who is hiring new people, rarely takes the first applicant who comes along. Rather, several people are interviewed, and then the best ones chosen. Those are the ones who "fit" in with the organization, who have the background, the interest, the enthusiasm necessary to do the work.

Certainly this suggests that we should - no, **must** - be somewhat selective in our recruiting efforts. We should "take it easy" and not be so quick to enroll the person who says, "I think I'd like to join." Rather, let's not ask for their signature on the application until they've attended at least two Flotilla meetings; until they understand what the Auxiliary is all about and what we do; until they say, "I want to join . . . I want what you have to offer . . . I want to serve with you."

Quite simply, what we need are men and women like the active, participating, contributing, learning-and serving people we now have. New members who are enthusiastic, who "fit" in with our particular Flotilla, who really want to be part of us. That will give us quality growth, quality strength, an even better Auxiliary both today and in the years ahead.

*Bill Reimer, DSO-MR, 5NR*

**WELCOME TO 77 MORE NEW MEMBERS**

During the period February 19 through May 9, 77 more new members were sent official "Welcome Aboard" letters by Director LT William M. Cherry. This brings the total new enrollments for the year to 122.

Hearty congratulations to each of the new members listed below - and best wishes for a long and happy Auxiliary "career."

**DIVISION I**

- William J. Castle 1-4
- Fred E. Brittingham 1-4
- Richard D. Gillespie 1-4
- Joseph W. Sartin 1-8
- Pamela J. Sartin 1-8

**DIVISION II**

- James P. Marinell 2-3
- Maryann Reardon 2-3
- Randall Robertson 2-5
- Hiram Torres 2-6
- Willim L. Wrye 2-6
- James W. Scarpa 2-76

**DIVISION IV**

- Susan B. Ryan 4-9
- Matthew J. Ryan 4-9

**DIVISION V**

- Michael J. Donofrio 5-6
- Charles T. Wagner 5-6
- Doreen Nemiroff 5-6
- Robert V. Nemiroff 5-6
- Kay K. Swain 5-6
- Nelson H. Kile 5-15
- Arthur J. McHale, Jr. 5-15
- Evelyn Swetts 5-15
- Richard M. Swetts 5-15

**DIVISION VI**

- Jean C. Dowling 6-3
- William T. Dowling 6-3
- Christopher J. Doherty 6-9
- Mark Pillon 6-9
- Roy D. Sanner 6-9
- Charles H. Pillon 6-9

**DIVISION VII**

- Gary A. Brechka 7-9

**DIVISION VIII**

- Robert E. Krause 8-2
- Roland R. Pratt 8-2
- Paul J. Raube 8-5
- Robert Dreisbach 8-6

**DIVISION IX**

- Jeffrey R. Andreas 9-5

**DIVISION X**

- Michael E. Polinchock 10-4
- Anne Pollins 10-5
- James E. Pollins 10-5
- William L. Pursel 10-5

**DIVISION XI**

- Helen M. Daniels 11-1
- Philip S. Daniels 11-1
- Barbara D. Gangewere 11-1
- Dana W. Gangewere 11-1
- Jacquelyn L. Cress 11-3
- Halford L. Cress 11-3
- Anne M. Cupples 11-3
- Gary T. Cupples 11-3
- Sally C. Debenedictis 11-3
- Kenneth J. Debenedictis 11-3
- Marlene A. Heffner 11-3
- Donald P. Heffner 11-3
- Tod C. Whiskeyman 11-3

**DIVISION XII**

- Charles D. Burns 12-5
- Carol L. Nelson-Burns 12-5
- Eunice Duma 12-9
- Wayne D. Duma 12-9
- Edward W. Patchell 12-9
- Nelson C. Port 12-9

**DIVISION XIII**

- Al F. Minore 13-1
- Frank D. Nave 13-1
- Robert B. Morris 13-7
- Caroline Gager 13-7
- Henry L. Gager 13-7
- W. Michael Bowman 13-9

**DIVISION XIV**

- Joan M. Carpenter 14-1
- John Williams 14-1
- Robert M. Towers 14-1
- Connie F. Towers 14-1
- Robert E. Spangler 14-1
- Jill K. Spangler 14-1
- John L. Murr 14-1
- Terry L. Kline 14-1
- Wilma F. Jones 14-1
- Susan M. Getz 14-1
- Lester C. Fisher 14-1
- Scott P. Anderson 14-1

**REINSTATED MEMBERS**

- Darrell K. Grove 5-16
- Helen C. Villano 9-4
- Maurice W. Villano 9-4
- John W. Marnickas 11-4

**FROM THE EAST**

Update . . . . . Eugene M. Pester, RCO-E, 5NR



Chip Hoovler, our Operations and Training Officer, and I recently traveled around the District spreading the Coast Guard Auxiliary story. We traveled to Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, Atlantic City, Great Egg, and Cape May Stations. We presented a one-hour program to the Coast Guard personnel explaining the structure of the Auxiliary, how the Auxiliary interfaces with the Coast Guard, and the services that the Auxiliary offers to the public. The program

was well received. In fact we had a dog sit in on the presentation at Atlantic City, but he was unimpressed - he slept through most of what we had to say.

Chip and I used a team teaching technique. This way we gave them a double-barreled fast-moving load of what could have been very boring material. It worked out very well for us.

As an aside, I want you all to know that traveling with Chip is a real trip. Chip has a wealth of sea stories that will really catch and hold your attention - drug busts, monkey fists landing on expensive cars, and much, much more!

Back to business - The Personnel at the stations let us know that they really appreciate the help that the Auxiliary is giving to the Coast Guard. However, I would like to share one comment that we picked up that has really set me to thinking. One of the officers at one of the stations that we visited said, "The Auxiliary does an outstanding job when it comes to supporting the Coast Guard. I don't know how we would do it without them. However, I wish these dedicated people would pay closer attention to the proper wearing of their uniform." This comment from a Coast Guard Officer is really important. More and more of us are going on the bases and stations in the district for training, for BCQP activities, to stand communication watches, and for other activities. While we are engaged in these activities at the stations, the regular and reserve Coast Guard personnel have the opportunity to observe us. They see us wearing our collar devices improperly positioned, improper or un-shined shoes, incorrect uniforms, wearing improper sweaters, men unshaved or with their hair too long, etc., etc., etc. The Coast Guard personnel are very considerate of our feelings and generally don't say anything to us, but they sure wonder about our standards and pride. Don't we care? Aren't we aware of our uniform regulations? Why don't the Auxiliary leaders who see these infractions bring the errors to the attention of the persons who aren't in proper uniform?

I am well aware that this is an old subject and one that has been addressed many times in the past, but we either ignore, or just don't care how we look. I choose to believe that lack of knowledge is the prime reason for the improper wearing of the Auxiliary uniform. I have not been without sin in this matter. I can, however, assure you that I have appreciated the constructive criticism given to me when my errors were pointed out to me. (You can't get away with anything when you are in the same room with Andy Kratzer, Katherine Slayback, or Bill Pierce.) I think that we all want to be dressed properly and most of us appreciate it when someone points out any errors in our uniforms in a warm, supportive, and friendly way.

I suggest that we all concentrate on upgrading our uniform standards by conducting member training sessions at flotilla and division meetings. Once the uniform training session has been completed, why not designate someone who is knowledgeable to be the Flotilla/Division Uniform Officer in order to ensure that members are wearing their uniforms correctly? Maybe a small fine for each infraction would make the proper wearing of the uniform more challenging. If we made the number of years that the member has been in the Auxiliary a multiplier of the penalty, it might be

**FROM CENTRAL**

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



It has been said that in every organization there are three groups of people, **Those who make things happen** **Those who watch things happen** and **Those who wonder what happened.**

First there are the people that always make things happen. These members are always ready to take up a new challenge, whether it be their idea, or that of someone else. They are always ready to do the

CMEs, organize the PE classes or be on the water doing a patrol. These people are the backbone of the Auxiliary.

The second group are those who watch things get done by someone else. They sometimes have an idea but feel that it is too much trouble to follow through, and are content to let someone else carry it out. They stand back and watch as the CMEs are being done, after telling how they should be done, or listen to the reports being given without attempting to take part in the activities.

The third group are the people that just wonder what has happened. They are the members who just don't take part in any of the programs, or even know or care why they are being conducted. They never, or hardly ever, attend meetings to keep abreast of the current policies. They just pay their dues and belong.

Unfortunately, there are some members of our Auxiliary who belong to this last group, and just wander around asking "WHAT HAPPENED?" It is in the interest of all of us to make these members into Active Members. Bring them out to the meetings so they do know what happened. Too many belong to the second group, but by giving them a job to do and making them responsible for a project, we may be able to move them into the first group. We have many members in the Fifth Northern who make things happen, that is why we accomplish as much as we do, but our goal should be to eliminate the last two and make everyone a member who makes things happen.

WHICH GROUP ARE YOU IN???

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

even more fun. For example, a new member might be fined ten cents; a five-year member fifty cents; and a ten-year member fined one dollar for each infraction.

The whole purpose of uniforms is that we are all dressed the same. Let's work toward that goal. We have added many new folks to our organization and they, as will some of the older members, need education/reeducation in this subject. Most Auxiliarists do a very creditable job of wearing the uniform properly, but there are still some members who need help in this area. Look around you at the next flotilla, division or district meeting, or Auxiliary training session that you attend. You will quickly see what I mean. Remember, when you point out uniform discrepancies to a member, offer your comments in a constructive, supportive manner. Don't be offensive about it, be courteous and friendly. Above all, present your comment to an errant member privately.

All you need to know or ever wanted to know about the proper wearing of our uniform can be found in:

The Elected Officers Manual - Comdtinst M-16791-1A, Chapter 10, and Auxiliary Manual - Comdtinst M-1670.1A, Chapter 2-C.

Are you aware that there are 11 Auxiliary authorized uniforms for male and female? It would be nice if we all accepted the responsibility to see that our brother and sister Auxiliarists are all wearing their uniform correctly. Think about it.

*Gene M. Pester, RCO-E, 5NR*



**Public Education** ..... Alice Stamm, DSO-PE

The closed all day session of Public Education District Staff officers and National Staff was held in Clearwater, Florida at the Eastern Area Conference. It brought many items to light.

TIP: CHECK ALL TEXT BOOKS RECEIVED FOR B.S. & S. TENTH EDITION. You may find pages blank, upside down or missing. Better to do it now rather than wait for students to discover this later.

SAILING AND SEAMANSHIP V EDITION has been Coast Guard approved and it currently at NSBLA (National Safe Boating Law Administration) for approval. Then to the printers and to national store for sale. A BIG VOTE OF THANKS FOR THIS EDITION GOES TO OUR OWN ROBERT MYERS DIVISION VI. He will take all complaints now, but not after the books are issued. (cute Bob)

BASIC BOATING AND SEAMANSHIP X EDITION is in the field, mistakes et al. It is a complete rewrite of ninth edition. CORE COURSE LESSIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10. More on this at the Wilmington Conference when the Public Education workshop will cover the 10th edition B.S. & S. and TEAM TEACHING.

ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATION is in the field and to date 29 errors have been discovered. They are corrected in Speed-grams 9-87 & 10-87. I sent copies to all SO/PE's and FSO/PE's should have received same from their Flotilla Commanders. MAKE ALL CORRECTIONS NOW!!!

If students get tired and bored with homework, it might be they understand that portion of text, go on to the next thing to be studied. ACN is fully a hands on course. It is a challenge to students and teachers alike but it teaches coastal navigation, the same as AUXNAV, only a different exam.

Both Boats 'n Kids and a new 4 lesson course are in the planning stage. Do not hold your breath.

WATER 'N KIDS IS STILL AN APPROVED ONE LESSON COURSE!!!

Thanks for this goes to our new Director of Auxiliary, Capt. William S. Griswold and yours truly.

S. & S. and B.S. & S. have seven chapters in common. This will also be discussed at Wilmington. TEAM TEACHING will also be on the agenda for July. GET THE PICTURE, BE THERE!!!

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY, If you teach only approved courses and they are scheduled, you will have no problem. You will be covered by "Federal Courts Act." If teaching unapproved course material to the public, you are on your own. Blanket orders issued to all Instructors when teaching approved courses that have been scheduled. IF YOU GO OUT TO TEACH AN APPROVED BUT UNSCHEDULED COURSE, notify your F. C. or FSO/PE before hand and the class is then scheduled and covered. Any questions on the above and we will try, and cover that in Wilmington.

SEE YOU IN WILMINGTON!!!

Alice F. Stamm DSO-PE, 5NR

**WESTERN AREA MUTT - BCQP Program  
Beltsville - July 22, 23 and 24**

The Western Area Mutt team is running a BCQ program at Beltsville on the weekend of July 22, 23 and 24th. For more information and to register for this training session, please get in touch with George Smyth, the Western Area Coordinator and let him know that you want to participate and what levels you are interested in passing. Questionnaires were distributed some time ago covering this weekend training session. If yours was turned in - don't repeat. But if you are not registered and still want to participate - contact George as soon as possible. Time is running out.



**Member Training** ..... Nancy Sterner, DSO-MT

Let these words introduce you to a unique individual. His name is Joe. He is going to be 50 next year. Joe joined the Auxiliary to learn more about safe boating.

After B.S. & S., Joe started to attend Flotilla meetings. He enjoyed meeting boaters, liked the night out and planned to buy a uniform. "Real status stuff," he thought.

The meeting started to be painful. The other boaters were always talking about someone called Amos. "You do more CME's and we'll meet our goals. There is Joe. His joining brought us over the top in MR. Thanks Joe," they said.

Before and after the meeting Joe hoped his fellow Auxiliarists would ask him to do something, anything. They didn't. Joe wondered if joining was all there was. Why, they didn't even ask him to help schedule the summer outing, as if he had never been on the water.

"And in uniform, forget that," Joe decided as he sat alone half listening, half watching. "Those uniforms don't look so great . . . and the leader of the group doesn't often wear his."

Joe doesn't handle pain well. And why should he volunteer for pain anyway. So Joe slipped away before the first year birthday of his membership.

In the essay, "The Medussa and the Snail," Lewis Thomas states:

Nobody is really like anyone else: there are reminders here and there, but no exact duplicates; we are four billion unique individuals.

The unique capacity of Joe must be utilized if we want him to know 50 years of Auxiliary strength. We must communicate with Joe, determine and utilize his unique capabilities and interests.

Joe, despite his uniqueness joined the Auxiliary for the same reason as most of our 2600 members. He wanted to learn more about safe boating and he found the B.S. & S. class satisfying.

Member training is the answer for Joe. Try a member training topic on Auxiliary uniforms in Flotilla meeting. Try a CME class. Give Joe another night out to learn safe boating. Do something that will train Joe at every meeting, et cetera.

The Member Training programs are available. You and every member can keep Joe in the Auxiliary. Now that you have met him, celebrate Joe's 50th birthday within the Auxiliary.

Nancy Sterner, DSO-MT, 5NR

**".....AND THIRTEEN RETURNED — HAPPY!"**

Thirteen participants came to Wilmington, Delaware for the weekend of 20-23 May for BCQP Training and thirteen returned to their respective homes — satisfied and happy. Numerically, it does not look like much in terms of participants. However, the quality and quantity of training produced excellent results.

The final results produced one coxswain; one operator; and eleven crew members for coxswain task signed off. This was all accomplished by three QE's plus one new QE who came to assist and observe.

The weather cooperated, the students were well prepared and the rapport between students and QE's was outstanding. The receptiveness, enthusiasm and initiative of the students contributed immeasurably to the effectiveness of the weekend. The Mutt team concept is presently being carried out most forcefully and effectively in all three areas by their respective coordinators. You will find the approach in each area different, but the end result is common to all. This is your chance to achieve that level of training which will make you more valuable to yourself, the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. Step up and sign up for the Coast Guard needs good men and women in the Boat Crew Program today. Central Area "C-Dogs" will make available another weekend in Wilmington/Delaware City, Delaware on 29, 30, 31 July for all levels of training. Sign up today. Call Russ Appler, Coordinator at 215-935-0319 and reserve your slot.

Russ Appler, Central Area Mutt Team

**FROM THE BRIDGE**

Update . . . . .Richard L. Raudabaugh, IPDCO, 5NR



**SUMMER CLASSES**

Has your Flotilla ever conducted Public Education classes in the summer? Most of our units do not provide Summer Classes; but there are many indications that there is a great demand for classes in the Summer that remains unfilled. Considering that our Spring classes start in January or February for most Flotillas, there is an overwhelming number of potential students who do not even purchase a boat until sometime in the Spring

and then start looking for classes to learn how to boat safely. It is a real turn-off to new boaters who are so enthusiastic to ask them to "Wait until the Fall and come back to take our BS&S or SAS courses." They will go out without any classes instead and "learn" through trial and error. Now I ask you, "Is this the way we want them to get their first taste of boating, and is this the responsible way for the leading organization in the Boating Safety arena?" It would be much better if we were able to offer these students classes when they want them, in the very late Spring or Summer.

I've heard the usual excuses: "Our members want to boat themselves; The instructors are too busy in the summer; Classes would take the whole summer; Schools are closed in the summer; It's too hot, everyone's on vacation, etc., etc. But consider a six lesson course and invite the members back in the fall to complete lessons 7-13; Have classes two nights per week to complete the course in 3 or 7 weeks; Have classes at marinas or yacht clubs on weekends or through the week; Have weekend classes or complete more than one lesson per day to speed up the class (on weekends); Have classes on rainy weekend days at the marina or yacht club; use your own imagination and develop your own ideas.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is not an excuse making organization; it's a "Can Do" organization, that has always prided itself in coming forward to meet the needs of the time. Well it's time for us to meet the need for SUMMER CLASSES, and the time is NOW. Sooooooo SADDLE UP and get it on pardners — time and opportunity are a-wastin' . . . . .

Richard L. Raudabaugh, IPDCO, 5NR

**FLOTILLA 13-10 CHARTERED**

I can't think of a better way to celebrate National Safe Boating Week than the formation of a new Flotilla. Saturday June 4th was the official date that brought together months of hard work and expectations for the chartering of Flotilla 13-10. CONGRATULATIONS. WELL DONE! Out-of-town guests included Captain J. B. Coyle, USCG Chief of Boating Safety; his wife Sharon; the Director of Auxiliary (5NR) LT William M. Cherry USCG; VCO Bill Pierce; and IPDCO Dick Raudabaugh.

It is 5NR's first chartering in three years. The new FC Larry Drosnes achieved quite a goal with not only the chartering but with the addition of 16 new members to start a strong nucleus for growth. It was impressive to have a new flotilla with each member having his own uniform.

FC Drosnes presented certificates of appreciation to Flotillas 13-5, 13-6 and 6-5 for their helpful assistance and a posthumous plaque in honor of Norman Tew, past FC of 13-7 who gave his support and knowledge to assist in the formation of 13-10. FC Drosnes also presented plaques to LT Cherry and DCP XIII Caroline Sweigart for their guidance, patience and encouragement; and a Saleswoman-of-the-Year Trophy to Katherine Slayback, ADSO-MA, who helped to outfit the members. He also presented a

**FROM THE BRIDGE**

Update . . . . .William E. Pierce, VCO



**TRAINING**

That never ending battle of either starting a new program within the Auxiliary or becoming much better at what we are now involved in doing.

What? You say — another article about training from the Vice. But read on please.

Last year's board voted to task our corps of instructors to do something in the program in order to stay qualified. So you have to teach two (2) hours; or one (1) hour and

assist four (4) hours in order to remain a qualified instructor. As you may or may not know, this is the same as our counterpart in the Fifth Southern. They started one year before we did. Their results this year — a 40% loss of instructors. We can learn something from this and try to avoid the pitfall by getting our instructors active this year, or we too will be way down come 1989.

The Coast Guard is asking us to do more, not less, in the field of Public Education so the Director is asking our Member Training Department to run three (3) — one in each geographic area — instructor training schools before 30 September 1988 to qualify more new instructors. He is also aware of the fact that we need more vessel examiners and to that end wishes our Member Training Department to put on three (3) — one in each geographic area — VE schools to requalify and qualify new CEs.

Our Operations Training this year has, so far, been very successful and will, I'm sure, continue to be so.

We are, as you are all very well aware, the best D@e\*# Auxiliary District in the nation. Maybe not by statistics, but by desire.

Let us continue — the training is available. Use some of your valuable time to take advantage of it.

Dan Maxim, our District Staff Officer for Operations, has made himself a promise that at every conference his workshop will be a training and learning session.

Alice Stamm has made the same commitment in PE and she is once again putting on a 3-day IT workshop in September '88. Sign up for it. I spent Sunday at the awards conference in her class and I know you will come away from this workshop a much better instructor.

Nancy Sterner has started this year's great member training workshops at the conferences.

Ed Rearick is once again off to a banner year in Vessel Examination, both in training and retraining.

By the way all of our District Staff lead by doing — Ed received a plaque for over 150 CMEs; Alice received a plaque for water 'N Kids; Dan made Coxswain along with flying patrols; and the list goes on and on.

Let's go — we have the people to train you, we have the students who want the training — in the classroom — at the ramps, and on the water.

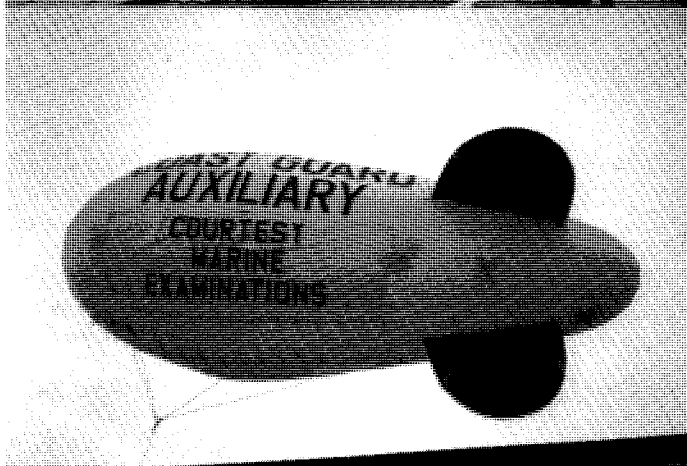
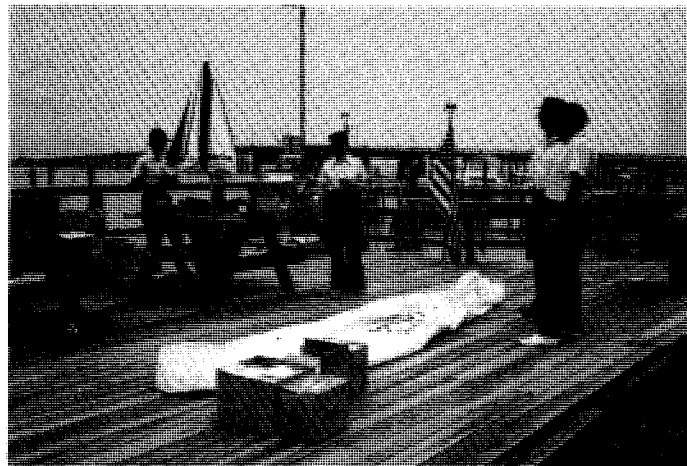
We, the Auxiliary, have set our goals for 1988 and they are challenging. Now let us accomplish them.

William "Bill" Pierce, VCO, 5NR

certificate to Barbara Noble for her patience and tolerance with the swearing in of the new members and the staff. FC Larry and his VFC Lew Sweigart have begun new traditions with the NEW 13-10 that will enhance and continue the traditions that have been started by our 5NR. Congratulations again. We enjoyed the 4th Cornerstone.

Caroline Sweigart, DCP XIII, 5NR



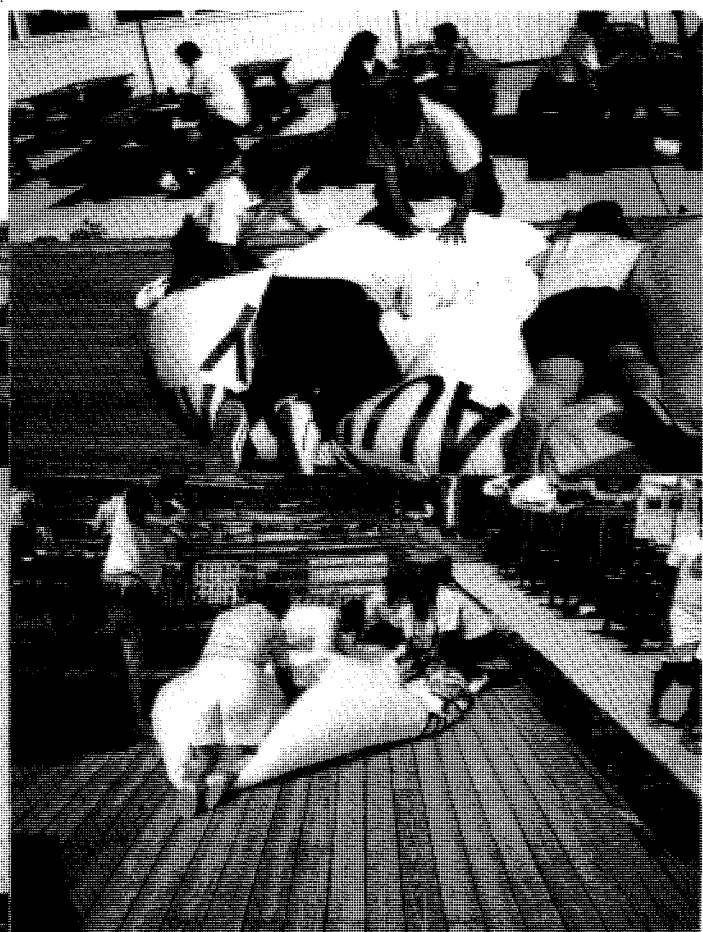


# Up, Up and Away

## CME STATION at the Deauville Inn Strathmere, New Jersey

Attracting attention is the first rule of good salesmanship. Flotilla 2-9's CME Station on June 18th was a perfect example of how such a station should be run. With announcements in the local papers, banners proclaiming the station and the Auxiliary "blimp" flying high, boaters in the area knew exactly where to come to get their boats examined. The blimp did its job well, but getting it "deflated" at the end of the day tested the mettle of all the participating Auxiliarists. Rolling on it seemed to be the only answer. But it prompted a remark from a passing boater that is a classic. "What outfit is this?" asked he. "Coast Guard Auxiliary," said I. "Wow, where do I sign up?" said he. "This looks kinky!"

Helen McCabe, DCP II



### From Chief, Boating Safety Continued from page 3

program with professionalism and enthusiasm. Later this season, some of your operational members will have the opportunity to join in a major military readiness evolution. Your valued support of Coast Guard missions, from the smallest station to the District level display your spirit and dedication as Auxiliarists. It also underscores the continuing trend in Auxiliary operations — from the realm of drills and theory to the realm of real-time Coast Guard operations. I assure you that your efforts are recognized and appreciated in Portsmouth.

Much work lies ahead. Newly-minted boaters take to the water by the tens of thousands each year. The job of educating those boaters, or examining their vessels (and of assisting them when misfortune strikes) are tasks which have no end. But the Auxiliary can — and long has — made a difference, which can be measured in the steady decline in boating fatalities. The Coast Guard Auxiliary now has become the front-line federal organization dedicated to boating safety. The Auxiliary now has taken up services once provided by Coast Guard BOSDETS, and the large Boating Safety organizations we once enjoyed. At the same time, Auxiliarists are being asked to contribute more time and talent to support Coast Guard missions — to an extent which would have been unthinkable just a few short years ago.

All this has its price. The growth in Auxiliary missions exerts unprecedented pressure on the need to recruit, train, and retain members (lest we hasten the "burn-out" of those already on board.)

While AMOS is off to a rousing start, this new program will continue to require effort and leadership before it becomes routine in the Auxiliary's lexicon. Boat Crew Requalification soon will be upon us — even though some members are only now acceding to the need for initial qualification. We face the perpetual challenge of updating our "tools" — courses, audio-visuals, patrol equipment, etc. The concerns spawned by the "privatization" issue (focused primarily on non-emergency assistance to date) are likely to persist... not overwhelm us... but persist. Each year we see the Auxiliary face new "competition" in delivery of several boating safety services, (but you may take pleasure in knowing that excellence invites competition.) All-in-all, the world in which we toil is no longer as simple as that which once existed, but I am absolutely convinced that the Auxiliary's future is bright. Today's challenges are great - but so are the rewards. The challenges to our elected and appointed leadership will be to lead our membership in complex taskings while preserving their freedom to enjoy the Auxiliary as volunteers.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary — now 49 years young — is a truly unique organization. No other wholly volunteer organization of the Auxiliary's size has flourished for so long. I believe that the Auxiliary's uniqueness and its longevity depend on three factors: needed and valuable services, its association with the Coast Guard, and its organizational structure — a network of many people who must communicate and interact to function. What all that boils down to, is good people with common interests doing a job that is important — together. Indeed, that "together" is the essence of "fellowship." The Auxiliary, like any big family is not immune to the occasional squabble. Like most successful families, however, the members themselves ordinarily resolve difficulties for the overall good of the organization. I hope that you are proud of your membership in this "family" — I am proud of you!

I am pleased that your talented and very hard working Director, LT Cherry will be remaining on board to work with you, and to represent your interests to the Coast Guard. I know also, that you will continue to offer him your cooperation. I feel confident also that you will prosper under the program leadership of Captain Bob Melvin, who will be relieving me as, Chief of Boating Safety. Captain Melvin comes from the Coast Guard

### FROM THE WEST

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



By the time these comments are in your hands we will have completed six months of the year 1988. The Fifth Northern Region has gone through two conferences in our region which were very successful! Plus the National Eastern Area Conference held in Clearwater, Florida—an affair which was strongly attended and enjoyed by 52 members of the Fifth Northern. Hard on the heels of the NEACON was the National Mutt Team coming to our Fifth

Northern Region for the first time. The training was hard hitting and effective. Students were high in praise of the training even though the hours in the day were long, from morning till night and a little more!

One of the three Fifth Northern Region Mutt Teams from the western area held a much needed training session at Lake Raystown. The turnout was terrific and so also was the training. The one outstanding thing beside the training was the Fourth Cornerstone. Students and instructors worked together in the training and found they were working not from a Division or a Flotilla but as a unit. Auxiliarists are friendly folks to begin with, or they wouldn't normally be in the Auxiliary.

These are just a few highlights of activities going on all over the Fifth Northern in the past six months, and we still have six more months to reach our goals. Our AMOS goals in most cases appear to be ahead of last year's goals and at this point in time, let's be optimistic and say "We Can Do It."

Good Luck in the next six months and let's have fun. You deserve it.

Frank J. Taylor, RCO-W, 5NR

*Success comes in cans  
Failure comes in cannots!  
Success is getting what you want;  
Happiness is wanting what you get!*

Air Station Savannah, where he has been Commanding Officer. His association with the Auxiliary is long and close.

For my part, I salute you — the EXCOM . . . the District Board and Staff . . . and each of your elected officers, staff officers, AND MEMBERS . . . out there in the divisions and flotillas. I have valued the opportunity to work with you — even for so short a time, AND I THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD AUXILIARISTS. Sharon and I also thank District Commodore Al Lewis and Muriel for their gracious hospitality and for their solidarity with the Southern Region. Although I must now end my official association with the Auxiliary — an association spanning nearly half of my 26 year career — I'm not turning in my blue suit yet. I'll be transferring to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, and you can rest assured that I plan to maintain contact with my Auxiliary friends and colleagues. Perhaps when I retire from the Coast Guard, some flotilla will offer me the opportunity to change the gold on that blue suit to platinum. So, until that day, I'll merely say: God Bless, good luck, and so long for now.

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

## DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM

Our April Conference is devoted to recognizing accomplishments of members and flotillas of the Fifth Northern Auxiliary. On 30 April 1988 for the forty-sixth time our District Awards were presented—this year's presentations being made at the Treadway Resort Inn in Lancaster, PA.

The luncheon program involved comments from each of our State Boating Departments. Delaware was represented by James Ramsey of the Delaware Marine Police, Pennsylvania by John Simmons, Pennsylvania Boating Law Administrator, assisted by Dan Martin of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. New Jersey was represented by Sergeant First Class William Gronikowski of the New Jersey State Police Marine Bureau. As part of their program Pennsylvania recognized members of the Auxiliary who had significant patrol hours on sole state waters. New Jersey presented awards to the flotillas in each Division most active in operations in New Jersey waters. The State of Delaware had previously presented awards to members of Division I and XII.

Our District Director of Auxiliary, LT Bill Cherry took over the podium and announced the Flotilla Achievement Awards.

In a special presentation Jean David was able to present to Commodore Al Lewis a copy of proclamation establishing Coast Guard Auxiliary Day in the State of Delaware.

The evening program started with CAPT David Corson, Chief SAR Branch, 5th CG District, and the District Commander's representative with LT Cherry and CWO "Chip" Hoovler presenting Coast Guard Qualification Awards to those present who had earned AUXOP and COXSWAIN Qualifications and to those members earning Forty Year Service certificates.

The Auxiliary awards were led off by Lenore Roush presenting her annual award to the leading instructor in the Water 'N Kids program to Alice Stamm. RCO-E Gene Pester next presented the Training Aid Awards. Winner of Type I was Howard F. Guest of Flo 5-6; the award for Type II went to William Stumbers of Flo 1-15; honors for type III went to William E. Reimer, Jr. of Flo 4-2; and RCO-C Harry L. David of Flo 4-11 was recognized as the winner of Type IV. RCO-C Frank Taylor had the pleasure of presenting the Individual Courtesy Examiner Award to Jack Horsfall of Flo 14-5.

The New Jersey representative present, SFC Gronikowski, presented individual Operations Program Award to Stanley J. Pojnar of Flo 7-7. The Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating Program Award was presented to C. Dane Alden of Flo 11-3 by CWO "Chip" Hoovler. RCO-C Harry David presented the Support Missions Award to Emanuel Greenwald of Flo 7-12.

The instructor award was presented to Lloyd Wilbert of Flo 5-1 by an old friend and an honored guest, CAPT Manuel Tubella, USCG (Ret), our Director of Auxiliary during the period 1969 to 1971. Vice Commodore Bill Pierce had the pleasure of presenting the *Topside* Photo Award to M. Philip Stamm of Flo 10-6. CDR Sutter Fox representing Group Cape May had the pleasure of presenting the Award for the greatest number of assists to Walter J. Smith of Flo 3-8.

The Edmund Morton Member Training Award presented each year by Division XIII for the member most active in the member training field was presented by Caroline Sweigart, DCP XIII to C. Dane Alden of Flo 11-3. Our Director LT Bill Cherry next presented the Division Publication Award to Division XIII's INTENDED TRACK, David Berlin, editor. Immediate Past District Commodore Dick Raudabaugh presented the Flotilla Publication Award to Muriel G. Lewis editor of Flo 2-76's LIFELINE.

The Flotilla Membership Award went to Flo 14-1 presented by Jim Ramsey of the Delaware Marine Police. CDR Fox returned to the presenter's podium to give the Flotilla Operational Support Mission Award to Flo. 7-12. Dan Martin, Pennsylvania Fish Commission assisted by awarding the Flotilla Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating plaque to Flo 13-5.

Capt Edward Roe, CO Base Gloucester and Captain of the Port of Philadelphia, recognized Flo 3-3 with the Flotilla Operations Award. VCO Bill Pierce did the honors for the Flotilla Courtesy Examination Award won by Flo 14-5.

John Simmons, Pennsylvania Boating Law Administrator, presented the William Ross McDonald Award to Flo 13-5. We called on our distinguished guest from the Fifth Southern Auxiliary, Commodore Jerry Dobrindt, to present the John R. Massman Memorial Award for Performance to Division XIV.

## Past Captains Association.....John McIntosh, PDCO

The Past Captains' Association breakfast meeting was held on Sunday 1 May at the Treadway as a conclusion to the District Conference. We had an excellent turn out that included three past Directors of Auxiliary: Lee Crossman, Jim Davis and Mike Sweigart. Unfortunately Manny Tubella had to leave early in the AM and couldn't join us.

Some of the highlights of the meeting: CAPT David Corson, Chief SAR Branch, Fifth CG District, who attended the conference as representative of the District Commander was able to join us briefly. He also was under the pressure of another commitment. CAPT Corson expressed his pleasure at being able to join the Fifth Northern for the conference and hoped to be able to join with us soon again. CAPT Ed Roe, our CO of Base Gloucester was with us and he led us through some of the elements of the move out of Gloucester and into Philadelphia. CDR Sutter Fox carried greetings from Group Cape May, and expressed his pleasure at association with the Auxiliary that goes back to his AIM days.

An always welcome visitor from the Fifth Southern, District Commodore Jerry Dobrindt, brought us up-to-date on the status of the planning of the Fifth Southern to recognize the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Auxiliary in 1989. Plans include a cruise ending at Portsmouth—gigantic rendezvous—many high level guests. Those able to make the run to Portsmouth, and to trail their boats down, should watch for more info on this splendid event.

We have been working on a program for the folks who can't get away for an extended period, probable location is Cape May.

Our Vice President-E Bill Dischert, wants us to have a party this year. Bill is thinking of a picnic in the fall on a Saturday or a Sunday in the Cape May Area. Those at the meeting were in favor, how about the rest of you? Drop a note to Bill indicating your choice of Saturday or Sunday.

DIRAUX Bill Cherry expressed his thanks for everyone's assistance, thought it had been another good conference.

Commodore Lewis expressed his appreciation to all for the contributions to make the conference outstanding and closed the meeting by wishing all a safe trip home.

John McIntosh, PDCO, President PCA, 5NR

Our own District Commodore Al Lewis made the presentation of the John R. Massman Memorial Award for Activity to Div IX. Commodore Lewis returned to the microphone to award the Past District Commodore's plaque to Flo. 7-12.

For the top District Award, the Past District Commodore's Trophy, CAPT David Corson, representing the District Commander had the pleasure of making the presentation to Flo 7-12.

The balance of the program was devoted to Coast Guard Awards. DIRAUX Cherry and OTO Hoovler passed out the Director's Administrative Awards to those Flotillas and Divisions meeting the criteria. The largest group ever received the Award this year - list elsewhere in this issue.

LT Cherry presented Director's Staff Support Awards to the members of the District Office Staff who have done an outstanding job of providing assistance to the Auxiliary.

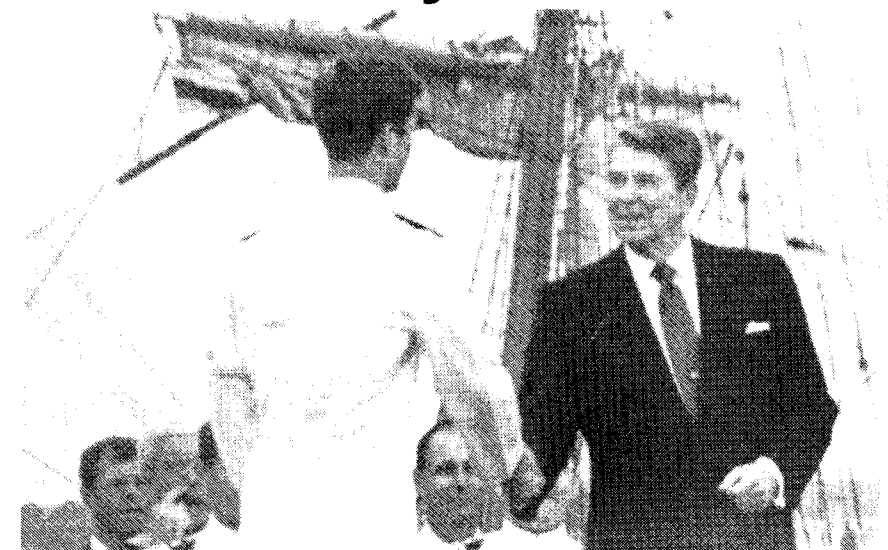
LT Cherry and CWO Hoovler joined forces in the presentation of Director's Personal Service Awards to: Lee Crossman, George Smyth, Karen B. Nice, Roy M. Gunsalus, and George A. Ryan.

CAPT Corson and LT Cherry called Flo 1-1 front and center to receive the Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award. Then our Past District Commodore Dick Raudabaugh was called forward to receive the Award of Administrative Merit for his activities with Board, Inc. Another Fifth Northern Auxiliarist was honored when Caroline Sweigart was presented with the Certificate of Administrative Merit for services rendered as DSO-GR(now MR).

That finished the Awards Program. Thanks were expressed to the following individuals: Lee Crossman who did an outstanding job with statistics, contacts with engraver, picking up and setting up the area; all participants, guests, EXCOM, our Conference Coordinator (who did an excellent job) and the Workshop Leaders.

John McIntosh, PDCO, Awards Chairman, 5NR

# President Visits Academy Graduation

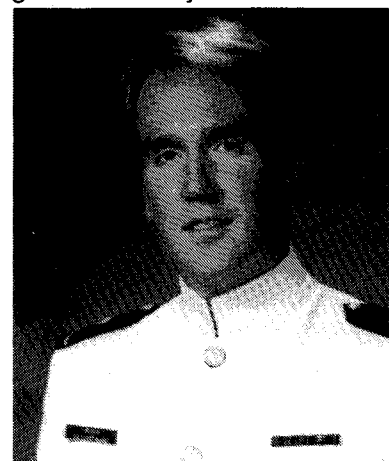


President Reagan broke a 24-year dry spell at the Academy, becoming the first president since Lyndon Johnson to address a graduating class.

"You know," he said, "as President I have a military aide from each of the five services. My Coast Guard aides have been excellent. One of them taught me that 'the Coast Guard is that hard nucleus about which the Navy forms in time of war.'

"Today," he continued, "one of the Coast Guard's most important missions is to fight the importation of illegal drugs. In the last ten years you have arrested more than 8,500 drug smugglers. For that, America salutes you. It is time to make illegal drugs 'public enemy number one.' It is time to say America's tolerance for illegal drugs is zero. By keeping deadly drugs from reaching our communities, you've given us another good reason to call you the life saving service."

The graduation site had to be moved from the traditional location on Cadet Memorial football field to the Academy's lower athletic field on the bank of the Thames River to accommodate a much bigger crowd. The change meant a mini-stadium had to be built on an otherwise grassy Nitchman Field. The Academy was given nine days advance notice.



ENSIGN THOMAS RYAN

At the Superintendent's Ball the night before graduation Admiral Cueroni told me, "Helen, there is no 'Plan B.' Hopefully, the pouring rain will stop; if not, we're all going to get very wet." Thankfully, although the skies were overcast most of the day, it never rained 'til very late the evening of graduation day.

Since this was my first Academy graduation, the day was very special for me. Tom Ryan, my personal recruit and Flotilla 2-4's first graduating AIM candidate, looked all grown up and exceedingly handsome in his 'whites.' Five years ago when I first recruited him, he was a gangly teen-ager; now he was a 6'3" man with shoulders like a football player.

Another big thrill for me was seeing many of our other AIM candidates from the old 3 (SR). Charles Ryan, Tom's brother will graduate next year. And Sean Ryan is entering the Academy this month. Sorry to say, there are no more left to recruit from the Ryan family. **We got 'em all!** Also graduating was Frank Genco, an AIM candidate from Division X. He squeaked in to the Academy by virtue of the 'brownie points' he received from being an AIM recruit. A really neat kid whom I was very proud to endorse when I was DSO-CC. I just *knew* he'd do us all proud — and he did!

When the hats went in the air at graduation, the kleenex came out. At that moment, they were all *my kids* and I was an exceedingly proud 'mom.'

If you haven't been involved in the AIM program, why not? It's probably the most rewarding project in the whole Auxiliary! Nothing beats it for satisfaction and knowing you've helped a young person find a truly rewarding career with a lifetime of benefits.

Oh, I almost forgot. As I stepped up to congratulate Tom on becoming a new ensign, I snapped him a smart salute which he returned and then handed me a silver dollar. Seems that the first person to salute a new ensign receives a silver dollar from him.

Next year when I go up to the Academy for Charles Ryan's graduation, perhaps I'll make expenses!

— Helen McCabe, DCP II



## National Safe Boating Days—Penns Landing

Plans for our 1988 National Safe Boating Weekend began as soon as activities for 1987 were over. These activities take place at Penn's Landing, the water showplace of Philadelphia. Each year we try to add to our list various groups and organizations who are interested in promoting water and boating safety.

Taking part in the event were Auxiliary Flotillas from Divisions II, IV, VI, and XIII; the United States Coast Guard; the Delaware River Power Squadron; the Philadelphia Marine Police (representing the Delaware Valley Safe Boating Council); the American Red Cross; the New Jersey Marine Police; the Pennsylvania State Police; the Bristol Dive Team; the Philadelphia Fire Department; the Federal Communications Commission; Task Force 100 (a radio-controlled model boat club who came last year for the first time and were eager to return this year), who put on demonstrations of Rules of the Road with their model boats (models of U.S. Naval warships); the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation of Wilmington, DE, who brought their LITTLE KEY, an 18' model of a 1600's ship's tender, etc.

The Cape May helicopter gave two different demonstrations each day of air-sea rescues, in conjunction with the Bristol Dive Team, and also the Philadelphia Marine Police. In addition, we had several boat crews training on the river, and they demonstrated the helo-ops activities for the benefit of the spectators, meanwhile getting Auxiliarists checked off on boat crew training.

The Bristol Dive Team also did man-overboard demonstrations, and grappeling off the Port of History Building, to the delight of the crowds.

Flotilla 2-3 brought along a trailer boat, completely outfitted to pass a Courtesy Marine examination, and explained all the things needed for this, to those who passed by.

Flotilla 6-3 had a pop-up trailer, equipped with boating safety literature and items needed while on patrol.

There was an ongoing hypothermia display, which had everyone absorbed in what cold water can do to one. Using a large jar with ice water (thermometer and stop watch), and coins on the bottom, people could immerse their hands in the water (about 40°) for no more than 60 seconds, and then try to remove the coin. Not an easy task!

The American Red Cross had their van set up for any emergencies, and also did blood pressure checks for those who requested it.

The Delaware River Power Squadron had a safety booth set up, with many displays and literature concerning their education courses, etc.

Our noted canoeist, Vic Tenaglia, and his 3 helpers (2 sons and a daughter) demonstrated the proper ways of handling canoes, how not to turn one over, how to right it if it has turned over, and how to get back into an overturned canoe once it is straightened.

The Courtesy Examination Station was open both days, and was able to get several boats examined while the activities were going on. This in-the-water station allows boaters to drive up to the floating dock, be checked for safety, and take off — a painless way of having one's boat checked while enjoying the day. This station was manned by Flotillas 2-76, 4-11, and 13-5.

The Philadelphia fireboat provided entertainment, going up and down the river with its fantastic water displays, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

New Jersey sent a water patrolman up to answer all the many questions on the new boating regulations in New Jersey — a tremendous help to all those who live in Pennsylvania and nearby, and boat at the Jersey shore.

The Pennsylvania State Police sent one of their State Troopers, with an item called the CONVINCER. If you have never worn a seat belt, and you try the CONVINCER, you will be "convinced" that seat belts are a "must." Very few, if any, walked by this exhibit without stopping to take advantage of the lesson taught.

Units from the Coast Guard bases at Cape May and Gloucester (now Group Philadelphia) held open house, with several thousands boarding. The USCGC RED OAK, a buoy

tender, drew mobs, and the new 110' island class, USCGC MATINICUS, had everyone in awe of this magnificent ship. Also, the USCGC CATENARY, a tug from Group Philadelphia, entertained many who came aboard.

As always, the Federal Communications Commission had a representative present who was able to hand out applications for people who wanted licenses, or needed additional information. The information was forthcoming and accurate, and we were pleased to have them represented.

The Coast Guard Recruiter was present, and had many stop to ask about joining the Coast Guard — a worthy endeavor.

The Communications Center at Penn's Landing — the nerve center for all of the activities was ably handled by Andy Kratzer, assisted by Jim Weiler. Rita Kratzer ably assisted the chairman as "communicator" and kept on top of each event.

Al Lewis was on hand to act as "trouble shooter" for any problems that might arise.

Safe Boating Days at Penn's Landing was a huge success, with tremendous news coverage before and after. Everything went off smoothly, everything was fast-moving, the displays were attractive and appealing, the demonstrations very explicit — and most importantly, the boating safety message was delivered to the public in an easy-to-learn manner.

Everyone left knowing that water and boating safety are vital to one's existence when in or near the water.

Very special thanks to each and everyone who participated, and helped to make these two days so very successful.

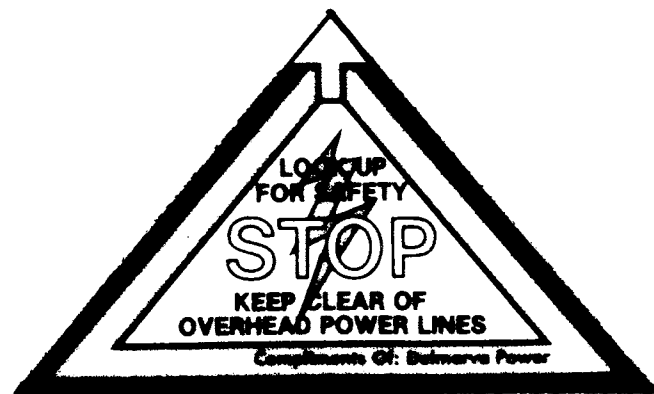
Muriel G. Lewis, Chairman  
Safe Boating Day's Penn's Landing  
Flotilla 2-76 5NR

### Safety For Sailors

Through the generosity of the Delmarva Power Company, Courtesy Examiners of Division I are distributing a pamphlet "Power Line Safety For Sailors" along with a self adhesive sticker which may be affixed to the mast as a constant reminder. The distribution of this material has been well received by the boater. In addition, it has provided the examiners with another opportunity to discuss boating safety. Several recipients of the handout have expressed an interest in furthering their boating experience by enrolling in a USCGAUX public education class this fall. Membership Retention and Public Education Officers will follow up on these contacts. It may indeed prove to be another excellent tool whereby the Auxiliary may increase its membership.

R. B. "Dick" Hudson, PRCO-C, 5NR

Shown below is a reproduction of the self adhesive sticker

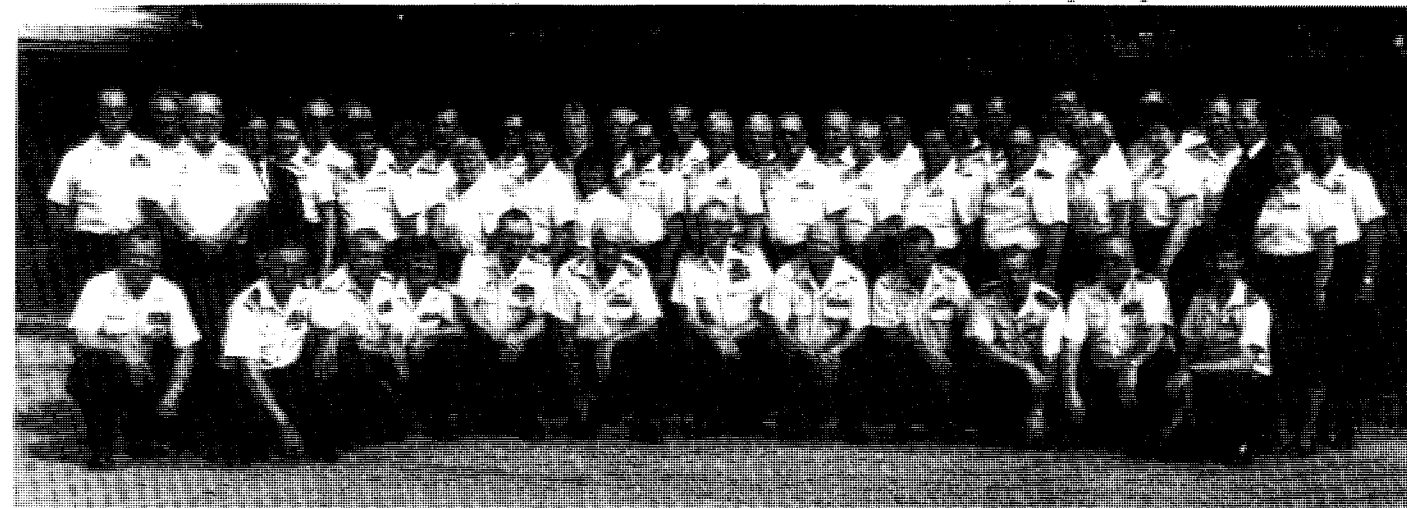


The above reproduction is slightly smaller than the one size available and is the best obtainable since the sticker is black, red and orange.

## National Mutt School — Lake Clarke

The National Mobile Unit Training Team's (MUTT) Advanced Operator School was a complete success. Lake Clarke was filled with floating debris because of flooding upstream and the on-the-water portion of the school had to be canceled but, ten of the twenty-eight students have been, or soon will be, advanced to operator because of the motivation instilled in them by the school. Many others, I suspect all of them, will soon complete the tasks, advance and start patrolling. More importantly, the Fifth Northern support staff learned how to put on a quality school. A Fifth Northern school, much like MUTT, will be offered again next year. Thanks MUTT and good luck with your other schools throughout the nation.

Shown below is a picture of the entire group. If you are not there and should have been, or wish you were - how about joining the next such group. There are district MUTT training teams with sessions in various areas. Why not participate?



### No Report

While attending EANCON the following was overheard by me while the participants were at poolside. They were enjoying the Florida sun trying to work out problems in their respective flotillas. John Doe from one District and Jane Smith from another District were discussing the difficulties John was having with one of his FSO's who always gave a NO REPORT answer at his meetings. Both Jane and 5NR have also experienced this same problem.

Why are we not more prepared to give at least a few lines to our members to keep them current on What's Happening? John and Jane went over various reasons that staff use when they resort to NO REPORT and tried to offer each other solutions to improve their own meetings.

A NO REPORT at the flotilla level is not supportive of our membership. When a Staff Officer agrees to take a job assignment he also agrees to assist the flotilla. By keeping our members involved and informed we are participating in the 4th cornerstone. It is the 4th that maintains the Auxiliarists and keeps them active and participating. This in turn promotes our other cornerstones.

Jane and John decided that there was no single answer for the NO REPORT SYNDROME. A private request to the FSO is sometimes enough for the following month. Try encouragement when the reports are given. There should be no slack. Let the staff understand that they are the backbone of our meetings and we depend on them.

If the Staff Officer is absent and there is no information from him there will be a 2 month break in effective message transfer at the flotilla level. Flotilla publications help with this empty space but we don't all have publications. Counteract this with communications. Urge your FSO's and SO's that reports do not have to be lengthy but should answer: who, what, where, when, how, and why.

This exchange of ideas between John and Jane demonstrates one importance of our Conferences. We can and do help each other at every level. Plan to attend the next 5NR Conference in Wilmington and lastly make sure that NO REPORT SYNDROME isn't invading your flotilla.

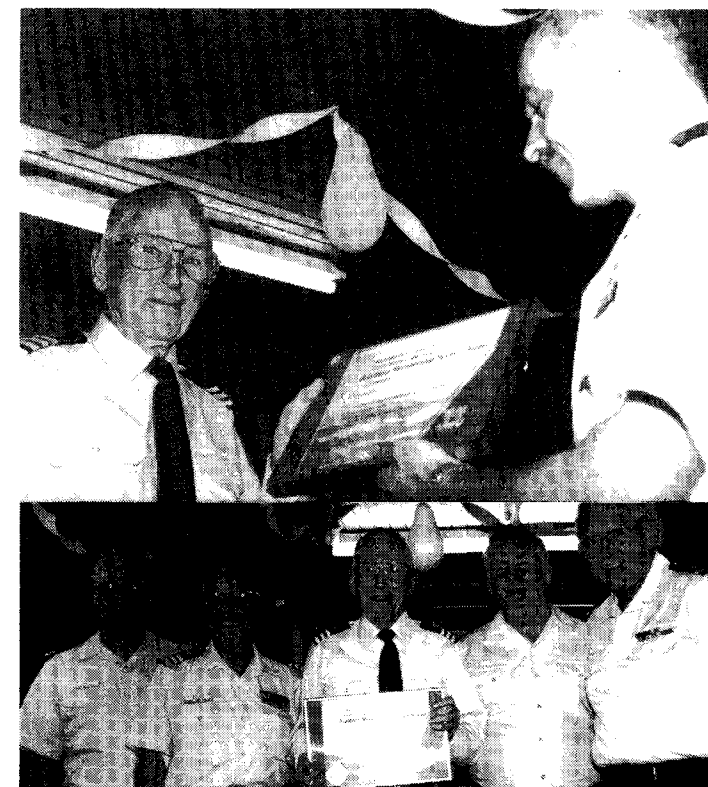
Caroline Sweigart, DCP XIII, 5NR

### Awards Ceremony - Division VIII

On April 28th Flotilla 82-Division VIII, held an awards ceremony at out headquarters in Cape May for past Captain Andrew Knopp on the anniversary of his 45th year as an active Auxiliarist.

Capt. E. King, USCG Group Cape May, made the presentation. Pictured below (top picture) Capt. King presenting the award certificate. Bottom Picture, left to right E. Baskin, FC-82; Mel Ellis, DCP VIII, A. Knopp, Past Captain; K. McClarren, FSO-VE; and R. Davis VFC-82.

Submitted by E. B. Baskin, FC82, Div. VIII, 5NR





## Spring Awards

They seem to be getting better and better. The Awards Conference held at the Treadway Resort Inn was bigger and better than ever. More people in attendance, more good fellowship, more awards, more good food and just a good time was had by all. All the workshops, AN and OP, VE, MT, MR, and the PA legal requirements Instructor training sessions were well attended and very interesting. Much new material was presented at these sessions.

The Board approved the selection of The Admiral Royal Hotel and Conference Center of Atlantic City, located in Pleasantville New Jersey as the location of the Fall 1989 Conference. It is a great site for our meeting.

The awards banquet chaired by Past Commodore John McIntosh and assisted by Lee Crossman as Master of Ceremonies, did a fantastic job and kept the whole agenda moving along. Many surprises were in evidence during the evening. A list of the awards appears elsewhere in TOPSIDE.

Many thanks to all who assisted me with the conference, The Roushes at the desk, Frank MacDonald for taking care of the reservations and complaints, my dear wife Alice for handling the checks and reservations. If you were there you know what a good time you had. If you weren't present you missed a good conference.

*Phil Stamm, Conference Coordinator*

## First Timers

Although many more were in attendance, only four first-year members registered for the "First Timers" drawing at the Lancaster District Conference, They were:

Joseph Sartin	1-8	Frank E. Ferguson, Sr.	5-3
Pamela J. Sartin	1-8	Blaine B. Brillhart	14-4

Frank Ferguson was the winner of the drawing and thus gets a "free ticket" to the Wilmington Conference on July 16.

"First Timers" are those members in their first year of membership who are attending that particular District Conference for the first time. The "free ticket" entitles the drawing winner to free registration, luncheon and dinner banquet at the following Conference.

For the Wilmington Conference, a special "First Timers" greeter will be at the Auxiliary registration desk to help assure that all eligible members register.

**First-year members: let's see YOU at Wilmington!**

## Fifth Northern's Own "Bag Lady"



Shown above a lady with whom you are familiar—if not you should be. Katherine Slayback, ADSO-MA, who is affectionately called our "bag lady," is shown above at a recent area conference conducting her usual sales pitch and collecting money for her wares. All joking aside, Katherine does a tremendous job of making money for our District and if there is anything you need — she will obtain it and see that you get it.

## Commodore's Growth Award

District Commodore Al Lewis presented membership growth awards to 21 Fifth Northern members during the Saturday luncheon at the Lancaster District Conference. The award — which recognizes "... outstanding efforts in promoting the Growth of the Auxiliary" — goes to members who were responsible for enrolling three or more new members during any 12-month period. Future awards will be presented at each District Conference.

Congratulations ... and "Well Done" to all 21!

Janet M. Hubbs	1-1	Robert Almond	7-11
Patricia Belz	2-3	Robert Donahue	7-4
James Legensky	2-10	Thomas Fischer	7-7
Felix Mendla	2-3	Dorothy Matz	7-4
Michael D. Reardon	2-3	Carl Matz	7-4
Earl J. Mitten, Sr.	3-5	Melville Ellis	8-2
William Y. Lewis	4-11	Norman Miller	9-3
John D. Borzell	5-15	Charles Frederick	10-5
Jonas Levin	6-9	Alice Stamm	10-6
Eugene Pester	6-3	Arthur Achey	11-1
	Carol Wilusz	13-1	

## District Training Aid Competition

The Fifth Northern's Training Aid Competition is scheduled for the Summer Conference in Wilmington, DE on 15 and 16 July.

This is your chance to demonstrate what you have been doing in providing visual or hands on support in your training activity.

The District competition provides for four classes of aids:

Type I — involves electronic/electrical circuitry and requires details, material lists and instructions. Cost not to exceed \$100.

Type II — does not involve electronic/electrical circuitry, but does require construction details, material lists and instructions. Cost of reproduction not to exceed \$100.

Type III — No instruction needed, details of construction and operation are obvious.

Type IV — may be Type I or Type II with construction cost over \$100.

Those having Training Aids for the competition please notify John McIntosh, P.O. Box 348, Newfield, NJ 08344 of your intention to submit a display. We would also like to know if you will need electric power, if your aid is self standing or if you will need a table.

For previous winners, why not bring your aid back for display. One of the purposes of display is to give people ideas that they can use or build on.

New this year is National's competition which plans to give recognition in 12 categories. These will be

1. Boat handling, seamanship or locks and dams;
2. Legal requirements or CME;
3. Marine engines;
4. First aid, hypothermia or life saving techniques;
5. Navigation rules;
6. Patrols, air operations, SAR or communications;
7. Piloting or aids to navigation;
8. Sailing;
9. Weather;
10. Water 'N Kids;
11. Administration and general training aids such as magnetic boards, back lighted screens, overlays, etc.;
12. Video.

More information on this program is in the ED-VANTAGE 3-88. Think about it maybe you can send your aid to the National Conference in Hawaii. First step is Wilmington.

*John McIntosh, PDCO, 5NR - Training Aids Committee*

## Career Candidate.....Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC

### What a great bunch of kids!

That's the response we always get from people involved with the AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) Program—and it's true. At this time final arrangements are being made for our Candidates to attend AIM week at the Coast Guard Academy, 3 August through 9 August, where they participate as a cadet for an entire week. It certainly is not "Camp Coast Guard" and they get an honest experience of cadet life. Unfortunately, we cannot send all our qualified applicants, since we can only send fourteen (one from each Division).

However, seventeen of twenty-seven applicants, and eleven dedicated Auxiliarists (SO-CCs and FSO-CCs except two) had an informative and enriching experience during the "AIM satellite weekend," Friday evening and Saturday, 13 and 14 May '88, at the Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN), Cape May, New Jersey.

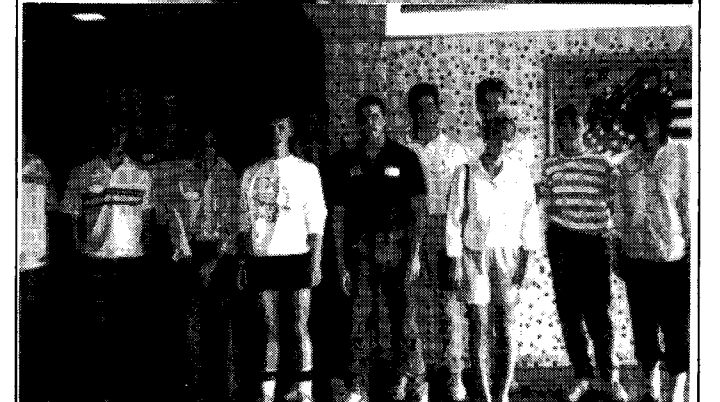
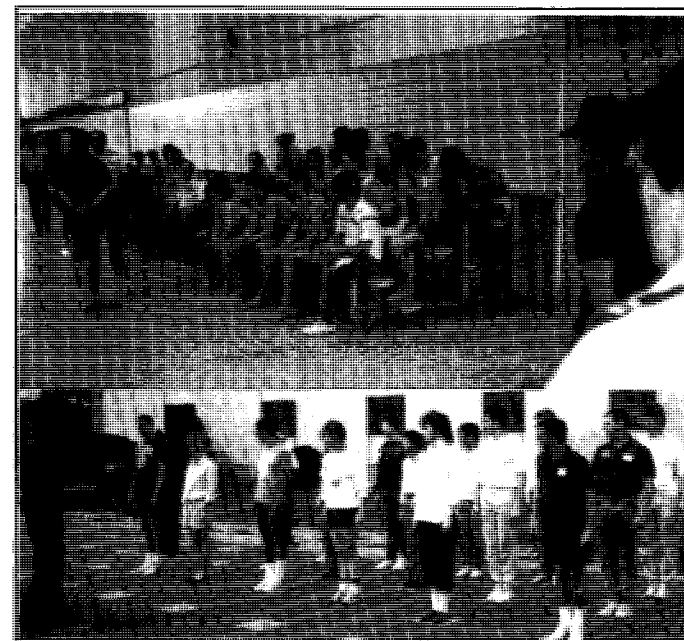
Captain M. K. Cain, the Commanding Officer of the TRACEN, gives us his full cooperation. We have been fortunate to have had the same liaison officer, LT Mary Ellen McCaffrey, Instruction and Training Officer at the TRACEN (herself an Academy graduate), for the past three "Satellite weekends." She has always done an outstanding job coordinating and arranging our program, as well as being there to answer questions about the Coast Guard, the TRACEN and the Academy. We give her our best wishes for a fulfilling tour of duty as a Staff Officer at the Coast Guard Academy as of July.

A thank you and well done to all the dedicated Auxiliarists who have and are helping with the AIMers this year. It's contagious—get involved. We need to continue to reach out in all Divisions to find excellent candidates to become future Coast Guard officers.

To dispel a common belief—AIM is **not** a summer program — AIM is an **all-year 'round** program and the responsibility of every Auxiliarist. There are schools to visit, counselor contacts, interviews, career nights, public relations and promotion plus, plus, plus, and then you work with the finest young people around who end up making you look good. **WHAT A GREAT BUNCH OF KIDS!**

*Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC, 5NR*

Shown on the balance of this page are some of the photo scenes taken during the weekend at Cape May.



**Vessel Examination** .....Ed Rearick, DSO-VE

**CARPEDEIM II**

If Rambo can do it why can't I? Last summer my article was titled "Carpe Deim." Remember what it meant? Well, it is Latin and means "Seize The Day." It means opportunity arrives neutral and pervasive. It means history is not so much a matter of determination as a matter of individual wills in action. It means success is written by the bold and creative people inspired by visions of the future.

Are we not bold and creative with visions of the future? Your darned tootin' we are! We, the Vessel Examination Department, have taken on the Marine Dealer Visitation program and made a success of it. I recently returned from EANCON where I heard the good news.

Now that don't mean we should slow down, it means we are on a roll. Opportunities are literally all around us. The Marine dealers are looking for us. Some are asking us to schedule CME stations on their parking lots. That's an opportunity for both of us. We get to advertise our wares, Public Education and Vessel Examination and they get to sell theirs.

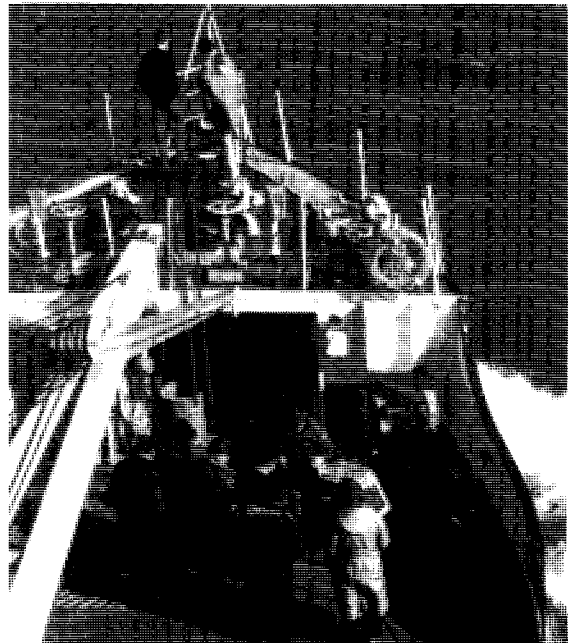
There are still dealers that need "Visitors." The program can still use some recruits. Remember, You do not need to be a CE to be a Visitor! You will however, need to know all the aspects of the Auxiliary, be willing to share your enthusiasm with others and request to be one. Obviously, you will need to have free time during the day to make your visits. Notice, I said visits. One is not enough. Interested? Good. Talk to your Flotilla Commander and join the winning team. You deserve it! "Seize The Day."

*Edward Rearick, DSO-VE, 5NR*

**A DAY ON THE RED OAK**

Fifteen Auxiliarists from Flotillas 82 and 86 participated in an open house aboard U.S.CGC RED OAK at the City of Burlington, NJ on November 9, 1987. The trip familiarized them with CGC RED OAK's aid to navigation (ATON) mission on the Delaware River. During the two-hour transit from Base Gloucester City to Burlington, the Auxiliarists were provided instruction on the vessel's capabilities, function of ATON equipment, aid positioning, and navigation. Upon arrival at Burlington, some Auxiliarists provided tours of the ship for the 380 visitors. Don Cardwell, Flo 8-6, provided support to persons embarking and debarking the ship. Some visitors thought he was the "Captain." Fun was had by all. It was a pleasure to have members of Flotillas 82 and 86 aboard.

*CWO Tom Dickey, First Lieutenant, USCGC RED OAK*



*BMC Mike Cosmo demonstrating ATON Equipment to members of Flotillas 82 and 86 aboard CGC Red Oak*

**VE SCHOOL - 22, 23, 24 April 1988**

Our VE weekend was held at the Holiday Inn in Lionville, PA on the weekend of 22-24 April. Shown below are a few scenes. Photos by Ed Rearick.

Our second annual VE weekend is now history. I'm proud to say we now have 41 more knowledgeable and hopefully more confident Courtesy Examiners. Once again we all had the opportunity to try out the newest PFD (in the pool), put out an oil fire and light some flares. We also had hands on boat examinations and problem solving. What can I say, we did it all and that includes some BCQP signoffs. The food, accommodations, and 4th cornerstone fellowship was outstanding, everything was just great.

I want to thank Harry Bickel and Jim Peifer for bringing their facilities and assisting in the demonstrations. Harry also arranged for the Fire Department. Thanks to my capable ADSOs, Carol Owens and Jim Peifer for their assistance. Thanks also to George and Katherine Slayback, a pair of tireless workers who are always there when you need help. Also a special thanks to Caroline Sweigart and Nancy Sterner for their most valuable help.

As you can see, this was a team effort and with a team like this it had to be good! I've said it before and I'll say it again. "We couldn't have done it without you, the attendees." THANKS

*Ed Rearick, DSO-VE, 5NR*



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**5th DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION — U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**15, 16, 17 JULY 1988**

**WILMINGTON HILTON, CLAYMONT, DELAWARE**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration Desk .....Lobby .....Friday .....1700-2000  
 Saturday .....0700-1500  
 District Store—Annapolis Room .....Saturday Open through Lunch .....1000-1600

**FRIDAY, 15 JULY 1988**

1800-2000 District Staff Meeting .....Dover East  
 1900-2000 Captains Meeting .....Richmond Room  
 2000-2130 District Board Meeting .....Wilmington Room  
 2130—? Advisory Committee .....Richmond Room  
 2130-? No Host Welcome Aboard Party .....New Castle Room

**SATURDAY, 16 JULY 1988**

0800—1145 District Board Meeting .....Wilmington Room  
 0815—1000 Operations (OP) Workshop .....Dover Room East  
 0815—1000 Public Affairs (PA) Workshop .....Dover Room West  
 0900—1600 **BOAT CREW CHECKOFFS** .....Richmond Room  
 0900— Ladies Program and Get Together .....Tower Club-7th Floor  
 1000—1015 Break  
 1015—1145 Public Education (PE) Workshop .....Dover Room East  
 "THE NEW BS&S and S&S Courses, and Team Teaching"  
 1015—1145 Member Resources (MR) Workshop .....Dover Room West  
 1200—1330 Luncheon .....New Castle Room

**AFTERNOON FREE — GO TO THE POOL**

1830—1930 Cocktails — No Host Bar .....Foyer — Sussex Kent Room  
 1930 Banquet .....Sussex Kent Room  
 2200—?? Following Banquet "Country HO-Down Dance" .....New Castle Room

**SUNDAY, 17 JULY 1988**

0900 Past Captains' Association Breakfast/Meeting .....Dover Room

**MENUS**

**LUNCHEON**

Cold Deli Buffet  
 Assorted Cold Cuts  
 Assorted Sliced Cheeses  
 Potato Salad, Cole Slaw  
 Tomatoes, Onions & Pickles  
 Assorted Breads & Rolls  
 Assorted Cakes & Pies  
 Coffee, Tea, Sanka



**BANQUET**

Roast Top Sirloin of Beef  
 or  
 Baked Boston Scrod  
 Tossed Dinner Salad  
 Fresh Vegetable and Potato du Jour  
 Rolls and Butter  
 German Chocolate Cake  
 Coffee, Tea, Sanka

**UNIFORM OF THE DAY**



**FRIDAY EVENING**

**SATURDAY-**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Casual

Tropical Dress Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire

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

Casual

# FIFTH NOTHERN REGION CALENDAR — 1988

## DISTRICT 5NR CONFERENCES

July 15-17, Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, DE  
September 23—25, The Embers, Carlisle, PA

## DISTRICT 5NR AREA MEETINGS

### CENTRAL AREA

August 22, October 29  
Locations to be announced

### EASTERN AREA

August 31, November 19  
Locations to be announced

### WESTERN AREA

August 20, November 19  
Locations to be announced

## NATIONAL CONFERENCES

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

### TOPSIDE DEADLINES

July 30      November 10

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

## TWO DOWN — ONE TO GO!

On 19 April 1988 Governor Michael N. Castle signed a proclamation, naming 23 June 1988 as Coast Guard Auxiliary Day in the state of Delaware. This, along with a proclamation signed by Governor Robert Casey of Pennsylvania, makes two of the three states in the Fifth Northern Region that so recognizes the Auxiliary. Pictured below with Governor Castle at the signing is Jean W. David who was instrumental in obtaining both proclamations, Division I and XII Officers, and Commodores Alexander Lewis and Harry David.

Jean's next goal is to add New Jersey to the list, then proceed to have the Auxiliary recognized Nationally on 23 June, the anniversary date of the Auxiliary.

*Submitted by: Harry L. David RCO-C, 5NR*



*Since the above article was written Jean has received the proclamation from New Jersey - more later.*

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