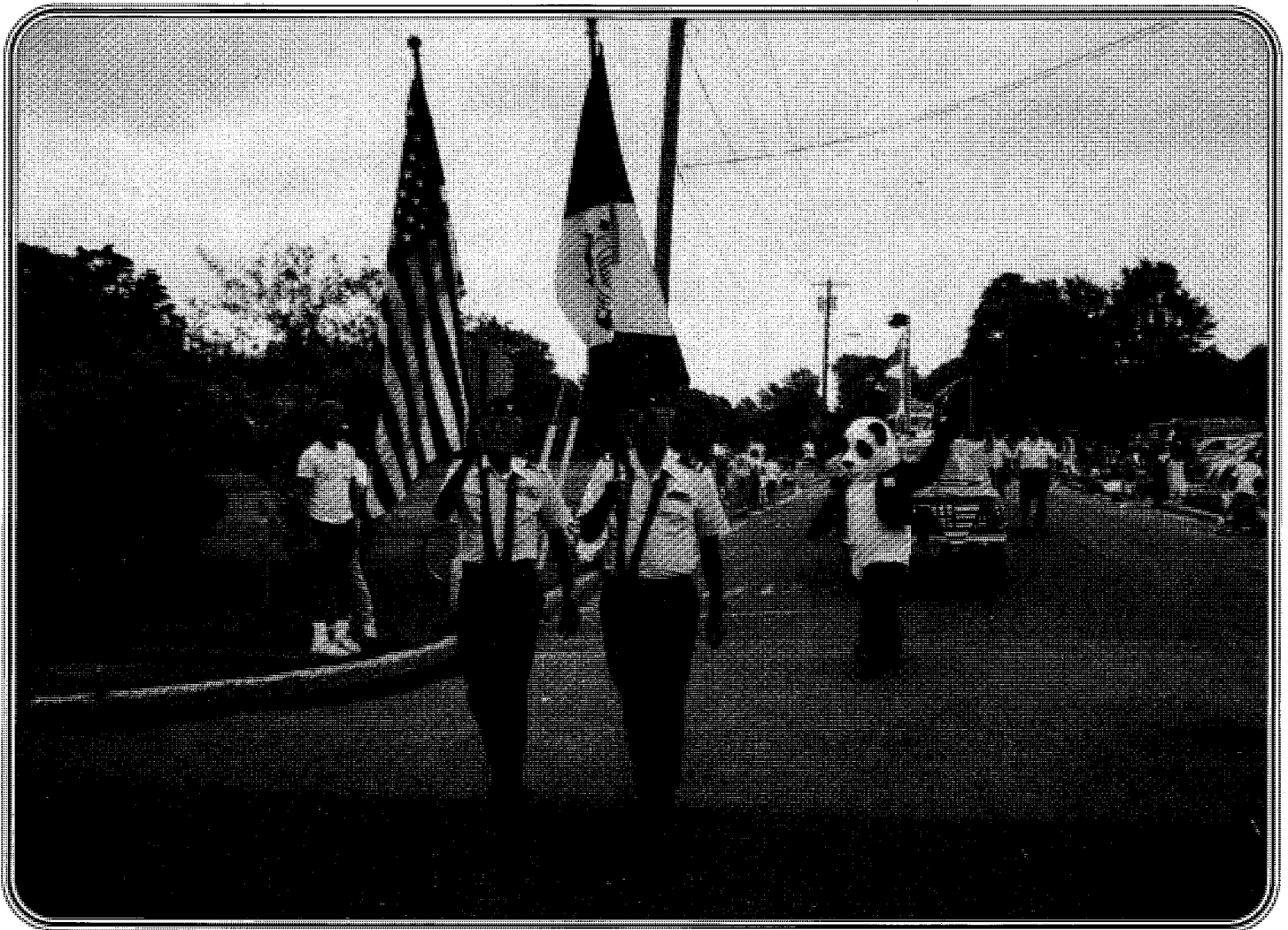


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**On the Cover:** Everyone Loves a Parade! - See article on page 29 for details. Flotilla 13-1 at New Jersey's Independence Day Parade. Color Guard R. Morris and R. Grier with PFD Panda in the background.

## DIRAUX

I am pleased to announce that the Coast Guard Authorization Act, which contained the new Auxiliary Legislation, was signed by the President on Saturday, 19 October 1996. I feel extremely excited over this milestone and fortunate to be a part of the CG Auxiliary at such a historical time. This Legislation validates the missions which were spelled out in the Auxiliary Business Description and Direction (ABD&D) and provides the necessary liability protection for the CG Auxiliary as you perform the numerous non-traditional missions in support of Team Coast Guard. I look forward to your continued support and thank you for your very important role in guiding our course towards being the Premier Maritime Service in the World. You are truly "Semper Paratus."

I have included a copy of the new Auxiliary Legislation for your viewing.

*Submitted by Robert J. W. Duld, LCDR,USCG, DIRAUX*

### Title IV Coast Guard Auxiliary

#### SEC. 401. Administration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

(a) IN GENERAL-Section 821 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 821. Administration

#### of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

"(a) The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a nonmilitary organization administered by the Commandant under the direction of the Secretary. For command, control, and administrative purposes, the Auxiliary shall include such organizational elements and units as are approved by the Commandant, including but not limited to, a national board and staff (to be known as the "Auxiliary headquarters unit"), districts, regions, divisions, flotillas, and other organizational elements and units. The rights, privileges, powers, and duties as may be granted to them by the Commandant, consistent with this title of the Auxiliary the authority vested in the Commandant by this section, in the manner and to the extent the Commandant considers necessary or appropriate for the functioning, organization, and internal administration of the Auxiliary.

"(b) Each organizational element or unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary organization (but excluding any corporation formed by an organizational element or unit of the Auxiliary under subsection (c) of this section), shall, except when acting outside the scope of section 822, at all times be deemed to be an instrumentality of the United States, for purposes of the following:

"(1) Chapter 26 of title 28 (popularly known as the Federal Tort Claims Act).

"(2) Section 2733 of title 10 (popularly known as the Military Claims Act).

"(3) The Act of March 3, 1925 (46 App. U.S.C. 781-790; popularly known as the Public Vessel Act).

"(4) The Act of March 9, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 741-752; popularly known as the Suits in Admiralty Act).

"(5) The Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740; popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act).

"(6) Other matters related to non contractual civil liability.

"(c) The national board of the Auxiliary, and any Auxiliary district or region, may form a corporation under State law in accordance with policies established by the Commandant."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT - The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 821, and inserting the following:

#### "821. Administration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary"-

#### SEC. 402. PURPOSE OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

"The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard as authorized by the Commandant, in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission, or operation authorized by law."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT - The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 823 the following new section:

"Sec. 823a. Members of the Auxiliary; status

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary shall not be considered to be a Federal employee and

shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, Federal employee benefits, ethics, conflicts of interest, and other similar criminal or civil statutes and regulations governing the conduct of Federal employees. However, nothing in this subsection shall constrain the Commandant from prescribing standards for the conduct and behavior of members of the Auxiliary.

"(b) A member of the Auxiliary while assigned to duty shall be deemed to be a Federal employee for the purposes of the following:

"(1) Chapter 26 of title 28 (popularly known as the Federal Tort Claims Act).

"(2) Section 2733 of title 10 (popularly known as the Military Claims Act).

"(3) The Act of March 3, 1925 (46 App. U.S.C. 781-790; popularly known as the Public Vessels Act).

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"(5) The Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740 popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act).

"(6) Other matters related to noncontractual civil liability.

"(7) Compensation for work injuries under chapter 81 of title 5.

"(8) The resolution of claims relating to damage to or loss of personal property of the member incident to service under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964 (31 U.S.C. 3721).

"(c) A member of the Auxiliary, while assigned to duty, shall be deemed to be a person acting under an officer of the United States or an agency thereof for purposes of section 1442 (a) (1) of title 28."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT - The table of sections for chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following new item after the item relating to section 823:

"823a. Members of the Auxiliary; status."

#### SEC. 404. ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

9a) TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSE-Section 830(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

(c) BENEFITS FOR INJURY OR DEATH-Section 832 of title 14, United States Code is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

#### SEC. 405. COOPERATION WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AGENCIES, STATES, TERRITORIES, AND.

(a) IN GENERAL-Section 141 of title 14, United States Code, is amended (1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

"Sec. 141. Cooperation with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions";

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by inserting after "personnel and facilities" the following: "(including members of the Auxiliary and facilities governed under chapter 23)"; and

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following new sentence: "The Commandant may prescribe conditions, including reimbursement, under which personnel and facilities may be provided under this subsection"-

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT- The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 141 and inserting the following:

"141. Cooperating with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions."

#### SEC. 406 VESSEL DEEMED PUBLIC VESSEL-

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any motorboat or yacht shall be deemed to be a public vessel of the United States and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law."

#### SEC. 407. AIRCRAFT DEEMED PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

Section 828 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

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## DISTRICT COMMODORE



The Summer is gone and we have switched from patrols and Courtesy Examinations in favor of Training and Public Education. We have been fortunate these past two years by having several instructor schools and therefore graduating numerous qualified instructors. A great amount of time was spent, not only by the students, but by the instructors as well. You new instructors have an obligation to put your newly acquired knowledge to use and be part of the Public Education Program. There will be a demand for classes

this Fall, because of the New Jersey requirement for all persons to have a boating class in order to operate a PWC.

The Fall and Winter are ideal times for Flotillas and Divisions to hold indoor classes for AUXOP, Boat Crew, Instructor or Examiner. In order to maintain the most qualified instructors for these courses, it is best that they be a division project, scheduled so that all flotillas can attend. I know of two divisions that constantly rotate the seven AUXOP courses throughout the year.

The Flotilla Commanders and Division Captains should be thinking about updating their Emergency Response Plans. This will have to be done every time there is a change, such as after the annual elections. The Emergency Response Plan will be a subject for the upcoming Elected Officers Course. I urge all Flotilla Commanders to make every effort to attend the Elected Officer training on the first weekend in January 1997.

This seems like an opportune time to thank all of you members for your activity during the past two years. Members and Staff alike did a superb job in their effort to keep 5 NR in the forefront. I urge you to give your utmost support to the incoming Commodore and his Staff.

Submitted by Harry L. David, DCO 5 NR

## VICE COMMODORE

How time flies when you are having fun! This is my final Topside article as Vice Commodore. These two years have been busy with District Training Schools, Conferences, meetings of all sorts at all levels. Keeping up with the changing times has provided a very busy schedule. The coming years promise more of the same for everyone.

Our training budget for 1997 has been submitted. The Elected Officers Training is set for 3, 4, and 5 January 1997. As soon as we know what funding is available, our new District Vice Commodore will inform us of additional schools being scheduled.

In my last article I told you about our Member Training Team being scheduled to do an IT school for Coast Guard Regulars. That is now history. There were seventeen graduates ranging from Commander to Petty Officer Thrid Class. There is a bonus in this for the Auxiliary. These Coast Guard Instructors are now available to assist the Auxiliary with any PE, MT, or PA missions. Not only are they available, they are eager for the opportunity as these missions put into their records credits which are very valuable at evaluation time. To avail your unit of this resource, requests are to be in writing through DIRAUX via the Vice Commodore.

One of our major projects for the future is AUXMIS II. The success of this system will depend on the input of us Auxiliarists. Let us all do our best to make it work.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity of having been the District Vice Commodore. It has been a busy but fun two years. It is a pleasure and an honor to be part of Team 5NR. The support and cooperation, the dedication, effort and creativity at every level are what makes our District one of the best in the Auxiliary. I am sure we will continue to do ourselves proud. Again, thanks for everything.

Submitted by: Clyde College, VCO, 5NR



## RCO-CENTRAL



In the last issue I wrote about getting ready for the Summer boating season. It seems like yesterday - where did the time go?

Since then we have regrouped and accomplished the following:

1. The National Conference in Baltimore where an entire new concept will be established for the National Bridge. All the old acronyms we knew are phasing out and new areas of responsibility are coming in their place.

2. Our District elections were held and a new board elected to carry us into this new system of Directorates. Complete details are in *Navigator*.

3. Division elections have been conducted to maintain present officers or change to new ones. At this level, we all have a greater say in what our future will be.

4. Down in the trenches, Flotilla elections are being completed at this writing. This is where all the work is done and the rubber meets the road. Too often we accept a "turn," instead of finding the best person for the job. With the new procedures, the Flotilla Commander has greater autonomy and responsibility. This will be covered in the Elected Officers Training.

We are now making preparations for:

1. Boating classes. PWCs are here to stay. Let's teach them how to boat safely. If we can't teach a 14-lesson course, can we do two seven lesson courses? Can we find the Sportsman's Clubs and tell them how important their PFD will become?

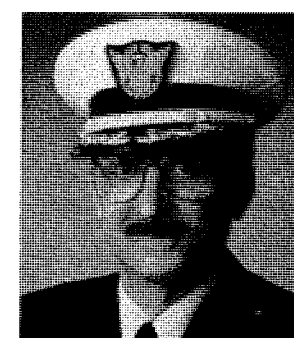
2. Two of the most important things to consider all year long and are often overlooked: Member Training and Fellowship! Successful Flotillas, Divisions, and Districts are the ones that are strong in both these areas. Think about these things - **Get Prepared - Have Fun!!!**

Submitted by Dudley Gallup, RCO(C), 5NR

## RCO-EAST

### Let's Never Forget

The pledge you are about to take is your commitment to support the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/you accept this membership as a volunteer, but as a member you are charged with certain responsibilities and obligations. These include your willingness to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its purposes and to participate in it authorized programs to the best of your ability. **Have We Forgotten?**



Keeping with the new ABD&D this year, Flotillas were asked to set their own goals and were provided with some suggested criteria. Goal = a measure of anticipated accomplishment and progress. Realize it or not, we are constantly maintaining, setting or reaching for goals in our everyday lives. Goals are an essential part of Auxiliary business and appraise our efficiency and current contributions to our missions. They provide incentive, direction for improvement and represent a positive tool in any successful operation.

Some Flotillas did a fine job; some were less than perfect; and one Flotilla because of some sense of righteous indignation, submitted all 0000000. As I remembered, we all raised our right hand and recited the above pledge to cooperate and support.

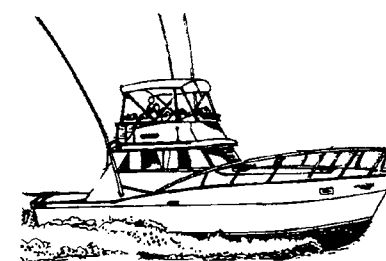
Over three months ago, a most vital and significant task was charged to us regarding our Auxiliary primary mission of Public Boating Safety. (EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.) Tedious, but not the most difficult chore assigned. Hurricane Bertha made it clear to all of us the plan (to have been completed by 1 July) is of dire necessity. Some Flotillas did an outstanding job; some less perfect; and sad to say some have not to this date responded at all. Sounds to me like a commitment to support a responsibility, an obligation and to participate in its purpose. **HAVE WE FORGOTTEN?**

Any military organization or like-so has to, and must function as a team to accomplish its missions. Be reminded we in the Auxiliary do not have Quarterback or Conductor privileges. We cannot under any circumstances initiate or establish conduct or procedures in conflict with Coast Guard or Auxiliary Policy. We are pledged to implement, support and administer that policy not originate it. This has its frustrations at times, but also its necessities. Goal = to make lemonade out of the lemon! When a member of a relay team is handed the baton, the task is to run with it. To run is not conditional on that person's opinion of the acceptable shape, size, color, or weight of the baton or who handed it off. The goal is to accomplish, to win. Team effort!

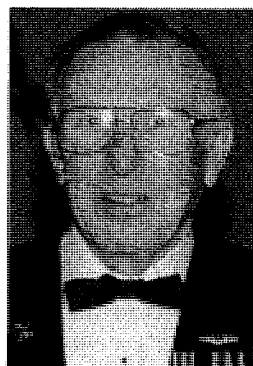
Fortunately, the less than perfect situations described above are not common in our District. Let us endeavor to resolve situations or issues we can control immediately, before they become a source of discontentment or unnecessary problems. Great for retention!

5NR has and will always take pride in the fact that we have some of the most outstanding membership in the Auxiliary. The talent, skills, unselfish dedication, time contributions, cooperation and mission accomplishments are our proud historical achievements. Almost to a member, you folks exemplify the Auxiliary. Continue the good work. You do make us proud!

Submitted by John Locasale, RCO-E 5 NR



### In Memorium



On June 30, 1988, James J. Dempster joined the West Chester Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

In his eight years of membership, Jim went far beyond the normal call of duty becoming involved in all of the authorized activities.

Jim quickly became certified as an instructor and demonstrated a talent for interacting with the students. Since

1988, he had participated in over 100 courses teaching the principles of safe boating to more than 2,000 students.

His interest in educating the public about safe boating, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary extended far beyond just the classroom. Jim was a frequent lecturer to community groups, participated in activities relating to Safe Boating Week, contributed articles to the local press and talked on local radio shows.

Within Jim's first two years of membership, he expanded his already extensive knowledge of boating by successfully completing all seven of the specialty certification courses that the Auxiliary has to offer. This earned him the designation of AUXOP - highest of the membership categories.

Jim used his knowledge and love of boating in direct support of the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue mission by participating in

the Operations program. In so doing, he quickly progressed from the level of Crewmember to Coxswain, the designation signifying the highest level of training.

Jim was also an active participant in the Vessel Examination program, each year examining pleasure boats to make sure that they met the necessary equipment and safety requirements.

Jim's many talents and leadership ability quickly became evident to the other members of our organization. As a result, Jim has served in many different appointed and elected offices.

At the local Flotilla level, he served as the Staff Officer for Public Education, Career Counseling, Member Resources, Public Affairs, Member Training and Operations. In addition, he was elected by the membership to serve two terms as the Vice Flotilla Commander and two terms as the Flotilla Commander.

At the Division level, Jim served as the Staff Officer for Member Resources. And at District level, Jim's contributions included being the Assistant District Staff Officer for Public Affairs and as the District Staff Officer for Member Resources. In this position, he was instrumental in instituting the "New Member Workshops."

For the past two years, Jim was elected as the Vice Captain of Division 4. Most recently in October, Jim was elected to the office of Division Captain.

For his multiple contributions and by the many friends he made, his presence will be sorely missed.

Submitted by Robert Charles, PDPC 4

### Auxiliary Act -

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the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law."

#### SEC. 407. AIRCRAFT DEEMED PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

Section 828 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: **Sec 828. Aircraft deemed public aircraft**

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any aircraft shall be deemed to be a Coast Guard aircraft, a public vessel of the United States, and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law. Subject to the provisions of sections 823a and 831 of this title, while assigned to duty, qualified Auxiliary pilots shall be deemed to be Coast Guard pilots."

#### SEC. 408. DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.

SECTION 641 (a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended - (1) by inserting after "with or without charge," the following: "to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including any incorporated unit thereof," and (2) by striking "to any incorporated unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary."



## RCO-WEST

## IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE

## MEMBER RESOURCES



### Recollections

To be honest with you, I wrote this article just before Labor Day when the temperatures outside were 77 degrees in the shade and about 100 degrees in the sun. It was a bit of a stretch to think about writing an article that you would be reading at the end of the year. Although only at the end of summer for some people I felt that we made living with a "son of AMOS" a lot easier for most members.

This year the budget decided that most of our member training would be done at the division and flotilla levels. Although we had fewer excellent courses at district level, many other units trained members effectively. One of these efforts produced a record number of coxswains this year receiving the CX badge. We increased new member enrollments this year, and were happy to welcome two new divisions in the eastern area. New flotillas were started and we expanded our service area to new communities. I was pleased to see ample evidence of new fellowship efforts with breakfasts, picnics, activity photos taken, car trips to Lucky Bag or to see historic lighthouses or boat stations. All of these events provided time for members to get together and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation.

Having the National Conference so close to our district enticed a large number of members to travel to Baltimore to see something different. Our members attended, participated in sessions or training and attended some of the functions. As we are about to close this year, I would like to join with the other District officers in thanking you for the tremendous accomplishments you have made for Team Coast Guard. Many of your silent efforts, have gone unnoticed, while other times you many have been singled out for an award. Either way, Team Coast Guard thanks you for all of your efforts on their behalf.

I hope this Thanksgiving you all reserved some time to reflect on the great work that District 5NR did this year. That we were thankful for our families and our Auxiliary friends who support our activities. Thanks should also have been given for our safe passage this year as we completed many missions for the team on the highways and waterways. We should remember those little kid's faces when we taught Water'N Kids and reminded them to always wear a PFD when on the water. What about those grateful adult students on the last day of the BS&S course, when it finally sunk in that you were not being paid to be the instructor. Remember the boaters on Lake Wherever, when they saw an Auxiliary facility for the first time there? How about the guy you towed at 1830 the day he ran out of fuel and you didn't take the tip? Can you recall when the Coast Guard helo made it in for your annual safe boating event? How about the night when you handed the high school graduate her appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in front of 300 parents and friends at the school's Awards Assembly?

In Pennsylvania, we say "Memories Last a Lifetime" and this is part of the satisfaction we receive as an Auxiliary Member, when we can sit in a comfortable chair for a while and recall those great memories of our mission together.

Well, hope you had a happy holiday! I hope to see you real soon.

*Submitted by Michael J. Ripton, RCO-W 5NR*

### Miles to Go

This will be my last commentary as the Immediate Past Commodore. Considering the changes that have taken place since I joined this organization, it's been an adventure and a challenging sixteen years. I've had fun, but as you may imagine, I have engrossed myself with many things. Quoting from Robert Frost, "The woods are lovely dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep."

Our organization's strength is rooted in the unwavering dedication of its members. Each of us must keep in mind that there is a great deal to be done and that the expectations of our parent organization are most challenging. We must also understand that in the quest for professionalism, increased educational requirements are necessary. Each of us must make up our minds that continuing education is a requirement if we are to continue in this organization, and if the one family image is to survive.

The services we offer and are asked to provide today as **volunteers** benefit not only the Coast Guard but the entire country since the needs of the citizens are greater today than any time in its history. We must all be prepared to go that extra mile and give just a little more of ourselves to benefit others.

Finally, my heartiest congratulations to all our incoming elected officers, District, Division and Flotillas. Also, best wishes to the entire membership for every success in all future activities. **SEMPER PARATUS.**

*Submitted by IPDCO Edward Rearick*

### 1997 EXCOM

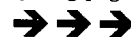
At the September Conference, the District Elections for 1997 EXCOM took place on Friday evening and the results were as follows:

Commodore	Clyde E. College
Vice Commodore	John Locasale
Rear Commodore East	Harry Peterson
Rear Commodore Central	Robert J. Perone
Rear Commodore West	Kenneth M. Bashore

Congratulations to all and may you have smooth sailing and a successful 1997.

Pictures on opposite page show the newly elected group - before and after --- election that is. One was taken Friday evening immediately after the election and the other was taken on Saturday evening after the swearing in ceremony.

*See photos on facing page*



### District Disenrollments

Attention DCPs and FCs: An analysis of all District disenrollments nationally since 1992 shows that each District is losing **ten (10) percent** of their members each year. This means we are experiencing nearly a 100% turnover of our member every ten years.

We are losing experienced instructors, vessel examiners, coxswains and crew members. We need to understand the costs involved in replacing these experienced personnel. I'm talking about time and particularly effort. Not to mention money! During the time that we are training new members, we have less production. As an example, CMEs have been in a steady decline since 1992. Why? We have fewer Vessel Examiners!

What can we do to increase retention?

- ★ - **First**, we must understand why people volunteer.
- ★ - **Second**, we must understand how to work with volunteers.
- ★ - **Third**, we must understand how volunteers view their work and realize that every person has different needs.
- ★ - **Fourth**, we must realize that people react to the way we treat them. Openness between the leader and the volunteer is the key to motivation.
- ★ - **Fifth**, we must seek the reason for a member's problem. Maybe it can be easily solved.

Have we really taken the time to analyze disenrollment surveys and taken the steps to change the common problems? Have we read and understood the words and reasons of those disenrolling? What is an acceptable disenrollment percentage? We should strive for **"ZERO DISENROLLMENTS"** with the exception of Death (which can't be helped), severe illness or improper action per Auxiliary Manual.

Make sure your appointment of either a Flotilla Staff Officer or especially a Division Staff Officer for the Member Resources position is the correct individual for the job. This person should be personable, experienced in the Auxiliary, truly likes to meet new people and makes the new members like him or her.

The MR Staff Officer should stay with the new member until a concrete relationship with the Flotilla is established. Don't give the slot to someone just to fill the opening. If you do, you will be doing a great disservice to both yourself and your fellow Flotilla members.

We have a really terrific MR Manual coming in 1997. Believe me, it's G-R-R-E-A-T!

*Submitted by Jim McCabe, ADSO-MR, 5NR*

### Hey, Mate! Can You Spare A Minute for Membership?

"Let me take a minute to tell you about just one part of the Auxiliary's main mission- support of the United States Coast Guard..."

That's the theme around which has been built "A Minute For Membership" a member recruiting aid developed by our district and now used nationally. Both the concept and the implementation are simple and straightforward: starting with the second class of each multi-lesson Public Education Course, devote a minute of each class to tell the students about just one phase of Auxiliary activity.

The nine one-minute talks are titled:

1. The Mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary
2. Public Education
3. Courtesy Marine Examinations
4. Operations
5. Opportunities for Training
6. Boat Crew Qualification Training
7. Special Academic Study (AUXOP)
8. Academy Introduction Mission
9. We All Serve

The concept of a series of brief messages - instead of just one 15-20 minute "recruiting presentation" - is based in part on accepted and effective practices of national (and sometimes even local) TV advertisers. That is, reach out to your audience many times - not just once.

The main objective of "A Minute for Membership" is to help attract new members, a function that is clearly in the Member Resources area. But since PE Course graduates are our most productive source of new members, Course Supervisors and Instructors will likely carry most of the responsibility for implementing this effort. They generally make most of the "recruiting" talks, and virtually always to their PE classes. MR Officers, Flotilla Commanders, and others make valuable contributions, too. But the important thing is that the "presenter" be able to get the message across with enthusiasm and vigor!

It's no secret that the Auxiliary must grow in strength if it is to maintain its position as a key player on "Team Coast Guard." By obtaining new, quality, contributing members, we enhance our resources to better serve the Coast Guard not just in our traditional areas of activity, but also in new and challenging areas that are bound to be asked of us in the future.

*Submitted by James J. McCabe, ADSO-MR, 5NR*

### 1997 Excom - Before and After



Sept. Conference - Friday Evening - Casual  
L to R: Harry Peterson, RCO-East Elect; John Locasale, VCO Elect; Clyde College, DCO Elect; Robert J. Perone, RCO-Central Elect; Kenneth Bayshore, RCO-West Elect



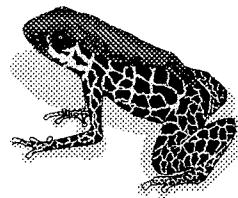
Sept. Conference - Saturday Evening  
after Swearing in L to R: Kenneth Bayshore, RCO-W Elect; John Locasale, VCO Elect; COMO Harry L. David, DCO; Clyde College, DCO Elect; Robert Perrone, RCO-Central Elect; Harry Peterson, RCO-East Elect



### ELECTED OFFICER TRAINING - JANUARY 3, 4, 5 1997

Hope by the time you receive this - every FC and DCP has made plans to attend or may be attending. An informative and full schedule has been planned for the school.

## Notes From the Pond



Fall PE classes are in full swing and the boating season is coming to a close. People are pulling their boats and getting them winterized. The public needs to know that the Auxiliary is not "going to sleep" like the ground-hogs and the trees. Now, more than ever, is a great time to be putting our name in front of the public's eye and to be offering information about boating and safety topics. Most people simply don't want to be bothered during the boating season, but now you have a captive audience. All Flotilla PA officer's should be offering small, monthly or bi-monthly articles to their local papers. The topics covered can range from specific pieces of safety equipment, boating laws and regulations, winter storage, to "If-You-Want-To-Know-More,-Please-Contact" type articles. Always be sure to include a contact name and phone number for each submission. Local cable stations are also very receptive to safety topics and regulations. Articles can be done by any member!

This might even be a good member training topic, to get together and generate ideas for Public Affairs offerings for the rest of the year. All I ask is that you let me know what you're doing or what you've done. I can't comment or congratulate your efforts if I don't know that they are happening. It's also a good idea to inform me before hand so that certain topics that may be misinterpreted can be cleared by the Director.

Also, remember that the Fall is the third phase of the National Safe Boating Week campaign with a focus on hypothermia for non-traditional boaters (hunters and fishermen).

PFD Panda is ready and waiting for all those parades and special projects. He is available to any flotilla in the District to borrow on a first-come-first-serve basis. Contact me for information and details on how to do this. I'll give you a hint - the suit would work very well in cold weather!

Please be aware of my new address: 2 Cinder Lane, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1011. My phone number is still the same: 610-783-0968.

Thank you for all your efforts... just keep me informed!

*Submitted by Ronald Boice, DSO-PA*

So, I hear your boats have been pulled, your PFDs packed away, and your thoughts of the next boating season put to the back of your mind. No more patrols; no more CMEs. And no more worries until the Spring PE classes start again. Let's not get too lazy out there! Now is the time for being creative; now is the time to venture into new realms. Well, I have a great realm for you to try. I know I'm just a frog, and when you get right down to it, I'm just a puppet, but I need your help. Most of you have either seen my presentation or at least read some of my articles in *Topside*. I love teaching children and adults about boating safety and helping out my Auxiliary friends, but I'm afraid my pond sweepers are getting run a little ragged. I would love to have my program shared by as many people as possible, but I need a few more Auxiliaries for my crew. My two current crew members would love to share the program and their ideas with anyone who would be interested in reaching out to all our young skippers out there. They would also be interested in having a professional video done of the program so that it can be enjoyed by even more people. It doesn't take a lot of talent, only a genuine enthusiasm and sincerity when it comes to teaching children. Is there anyone out there who would like to help? My pond sweepers, Ron and Linda Boice, can be reached at (610) 783-0968.

If you still have not had a chance to see what I have to offer, we hope to be presenting our program at the Elected Officers School in early January.

P.S. I had a wonderful time at the Fall Conference in September. I knew it would be easy for Auxiliaries to see my program through the eyes of a child. I would especially like to thank Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT and Rita Kratzer, DSO-SR for being the best "children" there!

*Submitted by Captain Croaker*

## Can You Tell a Whale from a Minnow?

I'm sure some of you can—and some of you can't. I know I can. The first thing that catches your eye is that the Minnow doesn't eat as much. The next thing you notice is the Minnow is far quieter than the Whale. You can also use a Minnow for bait, but try on your next fishing excursion to lure other fish to your hook using the Whale on your hook. A Whale likes to play, but the Minnow runs away. The Minnow likes to hang out in large social groups, while his larger friend only associates with a select group. Oh! I almost forgot the most significant difference—the whale has a much bigger tail and jumps from the water a lot. Hope I didn't forget anything!

Now, let's explore some subtle differences you may not have been quite so aware of: like the Minnow produces dozens of offspring, while our buddy the Whale only has one...could this be somewhat significant regarding the social structure of each group? The Whale can eat his enemies, but alas, the poor Minnow gets eaten by everybody, all the time. The last recorded incident of a Minnow attack on a Whale resulted in severe indigestion and death due to over-indulgence of that Minnow. Whales love long lengthy trips while not needing to eat much along the way because they carry enough girth to sustain themselves. But the wee Minnow can only afford to stay at home and dine on the local fare, for they know that a great and perilous journey into the unknown was filled with the uncertainty of the new feeding ground, or would they be shut out by more powerful fish?

Lastly in terms of strength, our friend the Whale fears nothing because the power to dictate the outcome of whatever situation is run across can be dispensed quickly and auspiciously. Yet on the other side of the pod, so to speak, the lowly Minnow fears all things and quickly makes an abrupt exit with blinding speed, needless to say not due to cowardice, but due to preservation takes. Meanwhile the whale has seen and tasted the world, but again the tiny minnow has only seen and tasted the immediate surroundings. Now one final item I could have easily overlooked in identifying the two species is how much bigger the Whale is compared to its counterpart, a factor often overlooked.

Once many years ago while on a fishing trip, I decided to try a Whale as bait. Don't try this at home...It took all six crew members just to hold the helm straight. So at the ends of our day we could proudly display our catch, but to no avail. After many hours and 6,000 gallons of fuel we decide to call it a day. We released our bait into the water fully, and found it was still alive and very angry for some reason and turned on us. After devouring part of our vessel he calmly sank and swam away. From the very day I promised myself I would use only my good old standby bait, SHARKS. So you learn from your mistakes. right!...If any of the above studies in biological make-ups resembles disparities of other groups, specific organizations or pods, it is purely and unintentionally coincidental.

*Submitted by: C. J. Packlaian, FSO-PE, FL 66, 5NR*

## Tips for Teaching

Hi Auxiliaries! This issue's "tip" starts with a personal story. It's the cold grey dawn following my first Instructor Training Class (in fact, the first class outside the District IT School that I know of). I have crashed! Yesterday's eight-hour class with five Auxiliaries seeking their Instructor rating was one of the most stressful days I have recently encountered despite my long time teaching. The challenge was to facilitate the development of these variably experienced teachers into instructors whose personal style was preserved (and hopefully enhanced) but whose overall approach would be within the bounds of Auxiliary-required methodology. Along the way, could I be supportive enough that my attempts to make them aware of effective preparation and presentation would not enhance their fear instead of bolstering their confidence!

Yes, I suffered the same fears they did...and in fact, the same fears we all do. I had carefully prepared, attended a district school to watch the more experienced, worked out my time-line, brought all the teaching aids I could find!...But would I be good enough? Would I offend someone in the class who might offer perspectives that I would need to gently refute? How many questions would they ask that I couldn't answer? Would I be able to accomplish an effective lesson?

Those are the same fears and wonders that we all face, especially those of us who are teaching a public education lesson for the first time (yes, even the "old-timers"). And so it will be, for all of us who would expand our teaching skills, risking failure as we try something new.

I came away exhausted, but exhilarated! The successes I saw outweighed the sadnesses...and the teaching tip comes from one of the class members: "take each course one step at a time, relax, get the audience involved and use visual aids to take some of the pressure off" - learning to teach is an evolving process, not to be complete in one lesson or one day. If we promise ourselves that we will do better each time and make small changes in the directions we deem valuable, our "evolutionary operation...(will) effect continuous improvement without jeopardizing present success." (Quote from DC-E, *The Navigator*, September 1996) Thanks class! You have contributed much to my education!

*Submitted by Lindy Harrison, ADSO-PE, 5NR*

Since the Summer issue of *Topside*, there has been a mid-year DSO-PE change. I would like to thank those involved with the extremely smooth transfer.

The change occurred in mid-July, which is the busy season for the Auxiliary. There was a conference report due, an article for *Topside*, a list of upcoming safe boating classes to compile and last, but not least, a workshop to conduct at the Fall Conference.

There are several issues that need to be addressed, but the most important one now is that we all use the same "Intent to Teach" form. We have not used CG 4691 for a long time. Each SO-PE received a mailing in mid-October with a new form and instructions not to use the CG 4691 form. Division Staff Officers - please filter this information down to your FSO-PEs.

The District Public Education staff is working to bring 1996 to a successful close. As of 4 October, we have graduated 1,693 students in our multi-lesson classes and an additional 6,749 students attended a one-lesson class.

These numbers are impressive, but we are barely scratching the surface. With the New Jersey personal watercraft regulation looming on the horizon (again) for 1997, we cannot relax our efforts to educate those who choose to operate personal watercraft, all the while satisfying the educational needs of the conventional boater.

The new *Skippers Safe Boating Course* is now available. For those of you who are unaware of this course, it is a home study course. In addition to being available through the Auxiliary sources, it will be sold over-the-counter at retail marine stores.

There were many who questioned the need for such a course at the PE workshop at the Fall conference. Most questions were discussed, but for the most part left unanswered.

All I can say is the course is here and we will have to live with it for now. According to the latest information, the course will not qualify for a State certificate in Pennsylvania. I have not received information from New Jersey and Delaware concerning their state certificates. I'm sure there will be additional comments and information concerning this course. Thank you for all the effort each and every one of you gave to the Public Education program during the year. We are reorganizing and preparing to make 1997 an even better year.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at the various area meetings and conferences.

*Submitted by Larry C. Whiskeyman, DSO-PE, 5NR*

## Technology Turf

If you are a technology buff and are interested in the Internet and Web sites, you can access the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Web site by using your favorite browser and going to <http://131.230.57.1> for a look at all kinds of Auxiliary information. In fact, if you would like to make a contribution, send a message to the webmaster at his e mail address [btetzlff@siu.edu](mailto:btetzlff@siu.edu) (name if Bruce Tetzlaff).

If the above makes no sense to you whatsoever, but you recognize the words Internet and Web page, here's a little more explanation:

There exists, throughout the world, an interlinking of big computers called the Internet (rather like the Interstate road system between cities). These big computers may be accessed by a bunch of people with little computers if they have a part called a "modem." Just ask for a "modem" for your computer from your favorite parts supplier. The last one I bought at a discount store cost \$99. You'll also need some communication software for it.

Many of the big computers have names (I guess so that if there are two at one location, you can tell them apart.). One at my school is named Eddie. When I want to write and electronic mail communication to a friend at another school, in the government, or at a commercial address, I use my modem and some communication software that I bought for it to call in to Eddie. I use the appropriate procedures to write my message, and, when I

press a button, the message is sent electronically to my addressee. When I write to another person at a school, their address will end in .edu and when I write to someone in the government, their address will end with .gov and when I write to a commercial set up the address will end in .com. As an example, my full e mail address is [Harrison@YCP.edu](mailto:Harrison@YCP.edu) because York College uses YCP as its address name for Eddie and our other computers.

Superimposed on this system of computers and using the Internet system is a network of computers (sort of like a spider web) which offer information and even buying privileges to people who have so-called Web browsers. A Web browser is computer software which recognizes the addresses of different Web sites. <http://> is the prefix to most web addresses and some have www as a part of the address (which stands for world wide web). Some Web browsers can bring both text and pictures to your computer while others can receive only text.

If you would like to visit the Coast Guard Auxiliary Web page, you must have a web browser...perhaps "Netscape." If you already pay an "on-line" service to do e mail, they probably offer a Web browser as part of their services to you. Our Web page has a lot of info about the Auxiliary, including listings of boating classes; so if you're curious about it, find out what you need and make your way to our site!

*Submitted by Lindy Harrison, ADSO-PE, 5NR*



## TRAINING AID CONTEST

On April 20, 1996, the District Training Aids Contest was held at the Four Points Inn in Cherry Hill, NJ. The competition was well received as many positive comments were expressed throughout the day. As expected, the quality of Training Aids this year was exceptional.

There were eight entries on display representing five different categories. The winning individuals and Division for 1996 are as follows:

- **Category 1** - Boat Handling - Merrill and Bill Allen
- **Category 6** - Marlinspike - Steve Benson
- **Category 16** - Youth/Water 'N Kids - Merrill and Bill Allen
- **Category 18** - Hypothermia - Merrill and Bill Allen
- **Category 19** - Administration/General - Merrill and Bill Allen
- **Best Participation** - Division 7

This year's awards shall remain the same as in past competitions. A "Certificate of Appreciation" will be awarded to the winners of each

category. A plaque for "Best of Show" will be awarded to the individual(s) with the best overall Training Aid. The Division which submitted the most Training Aids shall receive a "Best Participation" plaque.

I would like to thank all those who entered. Regrettably, not all participants could be awarded a prize. However, I'm sure many viewers took home useful information and ideas they may want to use in their education activities.

A special thanks should be given to the three judges: PDCO Eugene Pester, PDCO John McIntosh, PDCO Robert Wecker. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to encourage participation for next year's contest. Now is an excellent time to start planning and building those Training Aids you have been thinking about. I would also like to ask the FCs and DCPs to support this program. With your help, next year can be even more successful.

*Submitted by Thomas Diamond, SPO Training Aids*

### The battery battle continues in the 5th District

## Cleaner and Getting Greener

On a chunk of land in the Delaware River off the coast of New Jersey, BM3 Calvin Alexander trudges through knee-deep mud in search of old battery casings. The river bottom he is wading through is what used to be home to a Coast Guard-maintained light and is only exposed at low tide. His job is to mark the old batteries so clean-up crews can find them easier.

Armed with shovels and picks, a team of young Coast Guard men hops off Aids to Navigation Team Philadelphia's 55-footer and attack the battery burial ground. Donned in safety gear complete with face shields, rubber gloves and boots, and sky-blue smocks, the young men race to recover the batteries before the water raises back over the land. Their task is made more difficult by the fact that most of the batteries have been securely in their resting spots for more than 25 years.

As directed by Headquarters, the 5th District Aids to Navigation Branch in Portsmouth, VA, conducted assessments of all of their active and inactive lighted aids to navigation sites. In the winter of 1995, all ATON teams throughout the district responsible for land-based conducted site surveys.

"Out of 133 sites, 24 came back as positive, which meant that at least one old battery casing was spotted around the site," said LTJG Mitch Harvey, project coordinator for battery removal in the district.

In addition to the 24 terrestrial sites, there are a number of underwater sites which need to be cleaned. According to Harvey, cleanup of the terrestrial sites should be completed this fiscal year. But it will take years to finish the underwater sites. There are hundreds of aquatic sites in the district, and the cleanup process is much more difficult.

As of June 1, 5th District ATON teams have recovered nearly 1,100 batteries from ten land-based sites and 16 underwater sites in the upper Chesapeake Bay and Delaware River.

"I am extremely impressed by and very appreciative of the efforts of our aids to navigation teams," Harvey said. "We have accomplished more than I thought possible and now I am hopeful that all of the terrestrial sites will be completed by the end of fiscal year 1996."

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## Complying with Handicap Laws

Handicap laws apply to Public Education course students who are blind, deaf, mute, physically disabled or have other disabilities.

A request for accommodation by a handicapped person must be forwarded to the Director of Auxiliary immediately without using the Chain of Command.

The Coast Guard will pay for signers for the hearing impaired and the cost for other necessary accommodations.

Attempt to locate groups that provide signers free of charge.

Attempt to locate groups that provide other services to the handi-

capped free of charge.

Review physical layout of classrooms and buildings to determine if they are accessible to the handicapped.

Request for class accessible to physical handicapped persons must be forwarded to the Diraux without using the Chain of Command.

Other classes being conducted in the area that are handicap accessible may be an appropriate solution.

When the question arises, contact the Director immediately.

*National Legal Department, USCG AUXILIARY*

## NACONversations

*The following article contains some of the highlights of the NACON '96 as described by Harriet Howard, DVC-AL/NSBW in her publication "NACONversations."*

"The excitement of a national election plus the appearance of Hurricane Fran made NACON '96 a conference we'll remember. About 450 Auxiliarists, Coasties and guests attended the 1996 National Coast Guard Auxiliary Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, 4-7 September at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel. During the conference the Coast Guard Exchange from Yorktown was available to meet the members' needs.

"The popular trade show was held on Wednesday night and information on the national programs was given out for the members to take back to their flotillas. All training aids submitted were on display and many vendors exhibited their products. The trade show was followed by an old fashioned Baltimore-style picnic at the hotel.

"Thursday, "Business Day," began with a "Welcome to Baltimore" breakfast. NACON 96 was officially opened Thursday morning with greetings by National Commodore Peter W. Melera. The colors were presented by the Coast Guard Presidential Color Guard unit. The National Anthem was played by the Coast Guard Band from New London and sung by Ed Birrane, FC 12, District 5SR. National Vice Commodore Everette L. Tucker Jr. led the flag salute. Roman Ryterman, D5SR lay leader, gave the invocation which was followed by a memorial moment.

"U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski welcomed us to the State of Maryland...

"That morning, as arranged by the National PA Dept., the National EXCOM was televised doing a wave for "Good Morning America."

"National Elections: NACON '96 marked the first national election to be held under the new standing rules. Elected for 1997-98 Everette L.

Tucker Jr., National Commodore-Elect, Louis Wanicki, National Vice Commodore-Elect, Chief of Staff, Ralph L. Oberlander, NAVCO-Elect, Chief, Recreational Boating Safety Directorate, Oliver Brand, NAVCO-Elect, Chief, Member Services Directorate, George Jeandheur, NAVCO-Elect, Chief, Coast Guard State Support Directorate, Joseph E. Norman, NAVCO-Elect Atlantic Area, Robert W. Phifer, NAVCO-Elect, Pacific Area and Jerry Van Heltebrake, NAVCO-Elect, Central Area Transition Team Leader.

*...Many reports were given by the National Board and Staff.*

"Thursday night was "Auxiliary Night" at the Baltimore Aquarium. We saw all the attractions, dined on the foods of Maryland and enjoyed the dolphin show....

*Friday was "Options Day" on which various forums were presented....*

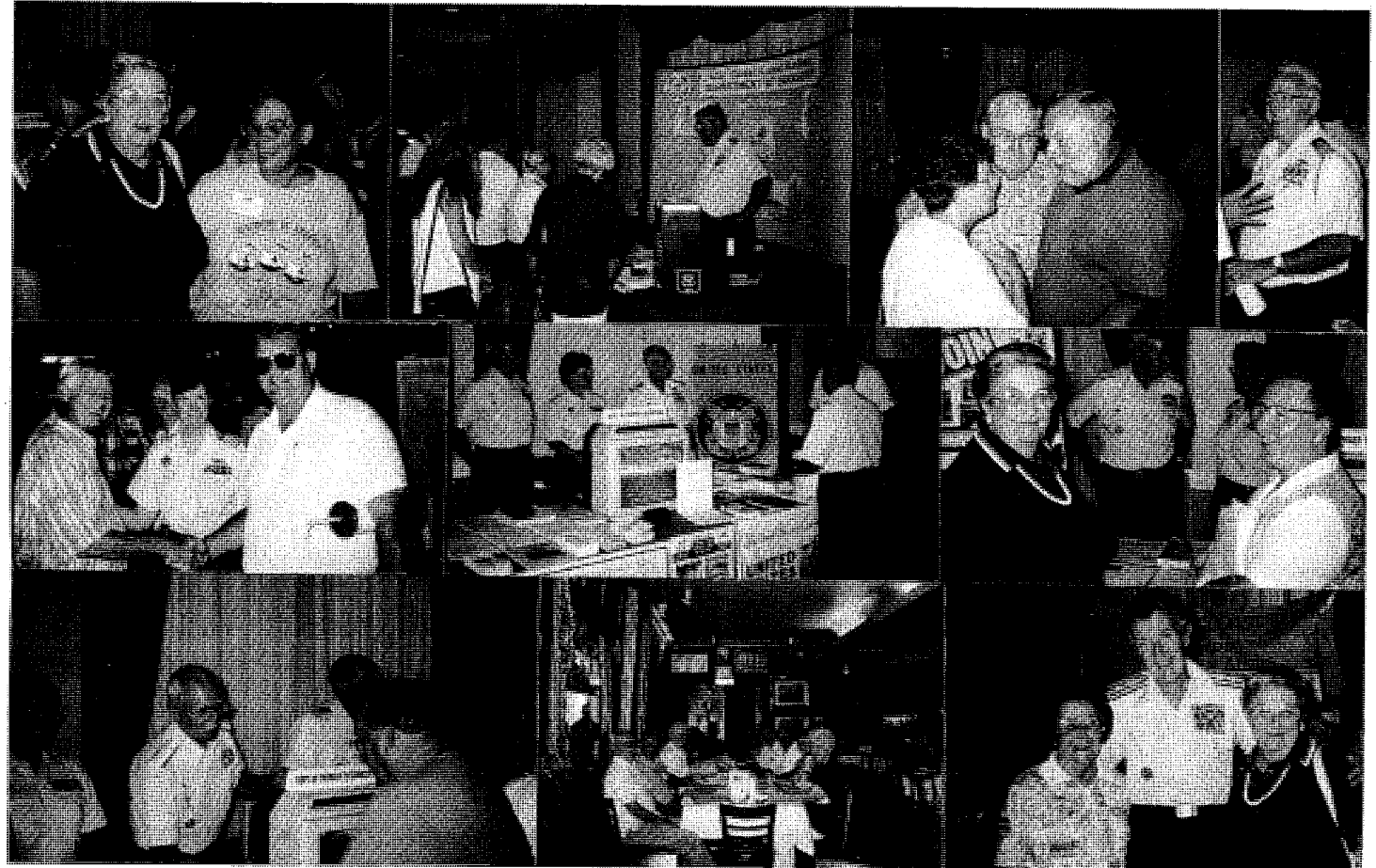
"Friday was "Coast Guard Band Day in Baltimore." The Coast Guard Band was scheduled to play at the Inner Harbor but due to Hurricane Fran the band performed for us at the hotel.

"Despite the bad weather, many Auxiliarists went to Oriole Park at Camden Yards to watch the Baltimore Orioles play the Detroit Tigers. The game was delayed until 2200. Only a few hardy Auxiliarists stayed till the end of the game at 0230. The Tigers won, 5-4."

*...On Saturday the results of the National Association of Past District commodores' election were announced and many major awards were presented. Division 14, 5NR was one of the recipients of a Public Affairs Awards...An "Ask the Brass" session was held on Saturday afternoon and the Commodores Ball on Saturday Evening...A slide show of Auxiliarists in action, prepared by the PA Dept., concluded the evening's events....*

The above is a condensation of "NACONversation" and the notes in italic are made by your *Topside* editor. You can see that the National Conferences are fully scheduled. The next one in 1997 will be in Dallas, Texas.

## Many 5NR Members Attended NACON



5NR was well represented at NACON. Above photos supplied by COMO Gene Pester pictures a few of them. The picture in the center of the bottom row shows a group of 15 who had a night out for dinner. This group consisted of John McIntosh, Kenny Bayshore, Clyde and Janet College, COMO Harry and Jean David, Lee and Irma Crossman, Mike and Jane Ripton, Dudley and Carolyn Gallup and Como Gene and Jane Pester. Some of the others who attended and are pictured above are Bob and June Layton, Rita and Andy Kratzer, Bob Meyers, Dan Maxim and Al Wenrich. There were many others - neither pictures or a list available to *Topside*.

# Cape May Crew Takes an Early Fall Cruise

By A.C. Bennett, USCG (reprinted from Herald Newspapers [Cape May County] with permission.)

Future Coast Guard officers get introduced to the sea on the decks of the U.S. Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* as they embark on a four month cruise from the Academy to Europe and back again.

But this year, there was a change in plans at the last minute, and Cape May had to reinforce the crew.

This year's cruise proved to be unique compared to past cruises. Instead of training just cadets from the Academy, the ship played host to 31 boot camp graduates after the cadets departed the ship when it arrived in England, leaving it without a training class.

For the first time in the ship's history, new graduates from the Cape May Training Center came aboard the service's oldest and only square rigger. From August 23 to September 21, the graduates got to experience the three-masted training ship first hand from Portsmouth, England, to the Azores, Bermuda and finally back home to New London.

The *Eagle's* commanding officer, Captain Robert J. Papp, Jr. said this cruise was a little different than most.

"I noticed a new enthusiasm with the permanent party crew when the recruit graduates crossed deck," he explained. "I think the term they used was *training their own*. These folks have the same roots as us. It's a chance for us to put our mark on them before they get into the field."

The crew had traveled more than 800 miles and were tired when the graduates came on board. They had trained more than 500 cadets, and visited several foreign ports. The miles, time and distance was starting to take its toll on the crew, but a trip home loomed ahead, and that meant a lot of work still needed to be done.

They may have been tired from training, but they gained a shot of vigor when the graduates arrived.

"The enthusiasm with which the Cape May graduates came on board," said LCDR Eric Jones, the *Eagle's* executive officer, "was very contagious. Our crew picked up on it very quickly. They



The United States Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* under sail.

enjoyed teaching specific seaman and fireman duties, whereas when the cadets are on board, they have this sort of regimented round robin."

Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Michael Harding, a company commander from Cape May, traveled from boot camp with the graduates, and sailed back with them.

"In boot camp," he explained, "I'm not allowed to let a recruit go up on a ladder for safety reasons. Even if I had 60 recruits around the ladder with a net and six guys holding onto the recruit going up the ladder, it would not be authorized. Yet the day after graduation, I and some of those same individuals were 180 ft. up in the rigging above *Eagle*. It was definitely an awakening. I think things we covered in basic training were enhanced by this trip."

"LCDR Michael McCloughan, regimental officer at Cape May was also

on board.

"I got to see my people perform," McCloughan said. "It felt good. They were very enthusiastic and motivated. *Eagle* is a great way for them to see the importance of the skills they have learned."

One of the graduates, Seaman apprentice Marshall Thompson is from Green Acres, Washington, and he first scaled the mast during a storm.

"I tried to ride bulls back home," he said, "but holding on to the sail was harder. I couldn't keep a grip on it. Everything that sail did, I did. It was pretty freaky."

"On *Eagle* we're charged with training the Coast Guard's future officers," said Jones. "So there's certainly no reason we shouldn't be training future first class petty officers and chiefs."

McCloughan was impressed with the training skills of *Eagle's* regular crew. "Eagle's crew trains for a living!"

## AIM WEEK '96

July 24 - 31, 1996, U.S.C.G. Academy, New London, Connecticut



One platoon marches out of the "Quad" at Chase Hall while another forms up. Competition among the squads was intense. Thankfully this was not one of those "killer heat" summers in Connecticut. Look how relaxed and neat everyone looks — this picture had to have been taken first thing in the morning judging by the rested expressions.

Four members of the "AIM Cadre" on Graduation night. This was a learning experience for the 2nd Class also.

All 219 AIM Week Attendees at Graduation on Saturday evening await the results of the competition that went on all week long. They learned what "team work" is all about — depending on each other!

Photos by Patricia Brown, SPO-CC

Helen McCabe, DSO-CC

The Fifth Northern Region sent 19 enthusiastic participants to Aim Week this year at the Coast Guard Academy. When they returned, I sent them all letters urging them to complete their applications and the next round of paper work so that they would be offered early appointments — maybe as early as Christmas!

Well, this group heeded my words and I am happy to announce that as of the list I received from the Academy on Nov. 20th [and then updated on Dec. 14th] one of our candidates has been offered a full appointment and eight (8) candidates have been offered Conditional Appointments!!! (Conditional means that they still have to pass the medical to be offered FULL appointments!!!)

Not only that, but four (4) have been listed as Alternates. That means that they don't quite have the 6500 points necessary for an appointment, but that could change to a conditional appointment if their score went up because they, for example, were elected captain of the baseball or basketball team, made Eagle Scout, etc.

Listed below are the names of the kids and their sponsoring division:

### Full Appointment

Div. 3 ..... Chris Armstrong

### Conditional Appointments

Div. 1 ..... Xavier Rivera

Div. 2 ..... Sheila Reiser

Div. 2 ..... Christopher Veentjer

Div. 4 ..... Kristina Thomsen

Div. 8 ..... Lindsey Gronlund

Div. 10 ..... Cathryn O'Connell

Div. 11 ..... Drew Eisenhoffer

Div. 15 ..... Brad McNally

### Alternates

Div. 4 ..... Ryan Zarnitz

Div. 5 ..... Nathan Irvin

Div. 6 ..... James Thompson

Div. 12 ..... Benjamin Morgan

(Incidentally, Ben now lives at Scott Air Force Base, IL.)



1997 WINTER CONFERENCE  
5th District Northern Region - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
4, 5, 6 APRIL 1997

Sheraton Berkshire, Reading, Pennsylvania



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS


<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>4 APRIL 1997</b>
1600-2100	Registration .....
2000-2100	Captains' Caucus .....
2100-2300	Welcome Aboard Reception (No Host) .....
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5 APRIL 1997</b>
0730-1000	Registration Desk Open .....
0800-1700	District Store Open .....
0800-1115	District Board Meeting .....
0800-1600	Trade Show & DSO Booths .....
0800-1600	Training Aids Contest .....
0830-1700	New Member Workshop .....
0900-1030	OP, CM, AN Workshop .....
0930-1100	Spouse/guest Coffee & Program .....
1000-1100	PA Workshop .....
1145-1400	Awards Lunch .....
1415-1700	District Board (Continues) .....
1430-1530	VE, MDV Workshop .....
1430-1530	IS Workshop .....
1830-1930	Cocktail Reception (No Host) .....
1930-2230	Banquet .....
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6 APRIL 1997</b>
0830-1000	Past Captains' Breakfast (Members & Guests Only) .....
1030-1200	EXCOM Meeting .....

(Dotted lines for your convenience in entering location of event)

## BANQUET MENU

Tri-color Tortellini  
Petite Caesar Salad  
*Entrees:*  
*Prime Rib of Beef*  
or  
*Sole with Imperial Crab*  
or  
*Chicken Wellington*  
Green Beans Almondine, Stuffed Baked Potato  
Rolls & Butter  
Carrot Cake and Beverage

## UNIFORM OF THE DAY

<b>FRIDAY</b>		Casual
<b>SATURDAY</b>	(Before 1800)	Tropical Blue Long or Appropriate Civilian Attire
	(After 1800)	Dinner Dress Blue (White shirt, black bow tie Miniature Medals) OR Dinner Dress White Jacket or Appropriate Civilian Attire
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	Casual

## ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Use this portion to make reservations at  
**SHERATON BERKSHIRE-READING**



1741 Paper Mill Road  
Wyomissing (Reading), PA 19610  
Tel: 610-376-3811

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5NR  
Spring Conference  
4-6 April 1997

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve: ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non-Smoking  
Rate: \$65.00 Single or Double  
Check In Time: 1500

**Deadline for Reservations: 21 March 1997**

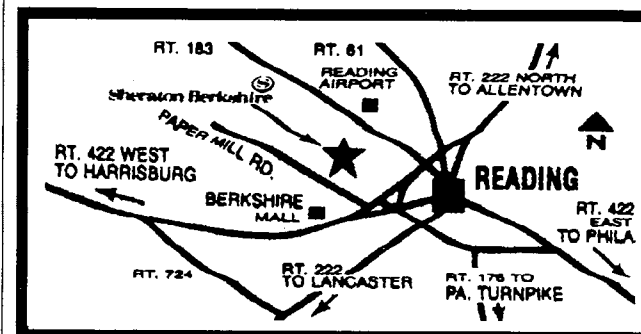
One night's deposit required to guarantee room.  
Make checks payable and mail to Sheraton Berkshire  
or call with major credit card.

State that you are with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_



From Trenton, NJ:

Take I-95W to NJ Turnpike S to PA Turnpike W to exit 22 Morgantown.  
Follow signs to I-176. Take I-176N to 422W to Paper Mill Road exit.  
Exit onto Paper Mill Road, Sheraton is straight ahead.

From Philadelphia, PA:

Take I-76W to PA Tpk W to Exit 22 Morgantown. Follow signs to I-176N 9 miles to 422W to the Paper Mill Road Exit. Exit onto Paper Mill Road, Sheraton is straight ahead.

From Harrisburg, PA:

Take PA Tpk E to Exit 21 Denver. Follow signs to 222N to 422 W to Paper Mill Road, Sheraton is straight ahead.

From Scranton-WilkesBarre, PA:

Take I-81S to 61S to 222S. Exit here, continue 2 miles thru 1st traffic light (do not follow signs to 422E or 222S which exits just before the traffic light). After light, exit onto Paper Mill Road, Sheraton is straight ahead.

From Dover, DE:

Take 13N to Wilmington to 141N to I-95N to 202N to 100N to PA Tpk W to exit 22 Morgantown. Follow signs I-176N, 9 miles o 422W to Paper Mill Road Exit. Exit onto Paper Mill Road, Sheraton is straight ahead.

*Editor's Note: There were some complaints the last time the Sheraton Berkshire instructions ran in Topside that they were incorrect. These are supplied to us by the Sheraton along with the map. If there is anything wrong this time because they are different, please let me know. Thank you.*

## U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5NR Spring Conference 4, 5, 6 April 1997

**Sheraton Berkshire - Reading**  
Use this portion to make your meal and Auxiliary  
Conference Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: (for each person over  
.. 17 years at \$5.00 per person) ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Luncheon \$11.00 ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Night Banquet Buffet:  
.. Prime Ribs \$24.00 ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
.. Chicken Wellington \$19.00 ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
.. Sole w/Crab Imperial \$22.00 ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
.. Past Captains' Breakfast:  
.. Member(s) (PCA) ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
.. Guest(s) at \$10.00 ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## WORKSHOP RESERVATION

Please check boxes and indicate the number of people who  
will be attending each workshop/program.

- ☐ New Member Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ OP, CM, AN Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ PA Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ VE, MDV Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ IS Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if attending:

- ☐ Spouse/Guest Program \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

**21 March 1997**

(add \$5.00 after this date)

Send this form and check made payable to  
USCG Auxiliary (5NR) to:

Jean David  
Pine Run Community, 15 Beech Cluster  
Doylestown PA 18901



## SAFE BOATING WEEK

The following information is applicable to 1997 National Safe Boating Week.

I received the letter, listed below, from Otis Littleton, and am hoping this can answer some of the questions you might have.

"The National Safe Boating Council did not receive the 1997 grant award from the Coast Guard to conduct 1997 Safe Boating Week activities.

"The award for 1997 was made to the National Safety Council with HQ in Washington, DC The tentative Washington HQ contact is a Chuck Hurley, Tel: 202:293-2270.

"The theme for 1997 will once again be related to the wearing of PFDs.

"In 1997 plans are already underway to kick off NSBW in February at the Miami Boat Show, and will feature singing star Gloria Estaban."

To date, this is the only information I have received. We are told to proceed with our own plans for any time at all that is feasible for you. Evidently, it will be Safe Boating all year round, according to the type of weather where you live.

As soon as I receive more information, it will be passed on to all Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders.

In the meantime - very joyous holidays to everyone, and a healthy and happy 1997.

Submitted by Muriel G. Lewis, SPO-NSBW

## HISTORIAN

The mission of the History Division is to maintain excellence through the Coast Guard History Program; to collect and preserve the evidence of Auxiliary history to include document, publications, sound recordings, and graphics together with artifacts such as flags, uniforms, insignia, awards and so forth; to encourage and assist in the preparation and dissemination of Auxiliary history using all appropriate means to include museum exhibits, and to inform, encourage and assist Auxiliary unit historians and others with Auxiliary historical matters. The mission was established in 1989 and remains current.

In some eight years (or about 15%) of the Auxiliary's 57 year life span it has been possible, through starting inordinately belatedly, to build an Auxiliary history program worthy of the name. But much remains to be done to make this a fully useful tool to inform a broad public, to enlighten the parent service and to inspire those who belong to the Auxiliary, and there are lessons to be learned from the Auxiliary history by leaders and their staff members as the organization evolves and moves forward into the 21st Century.

Sometimes the Division and Flotilla historians will complain that they are not often paid attention to, that history is given a lower priority than getting elected or some such. All this is true, but they and we cannot be shrinking violets. We must make ourselves noticed. We historians must all cultivate the movers and shakers. We must toot our own horn. Keep these points fresh in the minds of the district historians.

Lest I become tempted to adopt the role of a sage in a rocking chair, I expect each of you to do your part to rock the boat and keep it going forward in all weather to include the inevitable storm and dead calms too.

It should be fun! Keep in touch.

Best wishes for good historical hunting!!

"May the Wind Be On Your Back"

Submitted by: John T. Lincoln, BC-AHA & Historian, 5NR

## PAUL D. OWENS, JR.

January 16, 1938-November 2, 1996

Paul was taken from us suddenly on November 2. Both a gentleman and a gentle man, he was always there, not only for 1-4, but for the Division and District as well.

Paul served in a number of capacities during his 16 year tenure with the Auxiliary, serving as Rear Commodore Central, Captain of Division 1, District Staff Officer-Operations, and many offices in the Flotilla, most recently, as Flotilla Operations Officer.

The Wilmington Sartet owes its being to Paul's dedication and he acted as Sartet Coordinator of this station since its establishment except for the one year he was DSO-OP. He got things done in a quiet fashion. Although Heaven already has an Operations Officer, we can be sure that Paul has his sleeves rolled up, ready to pitch in. The Flotilla and all his friends in District as well extend their condolences to Carol, their three daughters and eight grandchildren. We will miss him greatly.

Submitted by: Frank J. Osawa, Jr. FSD-PB, FI 14, 5NR



## Awards Presented at the September Conference

### Coxswain

William T. McMeekin	34
John M. Kennard	35
James S. Brennan	48
Judith A. Redlawsk	52
John B. Mitchell	56
William E. Morrison	79
Charles E. Ellner	82
Rita A. Wade	85
Aston C. Smith	10-6
George A. Morabito	12-1
Walter E. Hollowell, Jr.	14-2
Frederick J. Reck	14-4
Karen S. Moser	15-1
Charles H. Mathews	15-4
William A. Stuck	15-5
Robert J. Hoffman	17-7

### Pins Only

James T. Bifferato	18
Charles R. Andree	74
William A. Weneker	82
Lewis G. Hause	86

### AUXOP

Linda C. Crowe	13
Ronald S. Schnack	17-2

### Membership Awards

#### 25 Years

Henry Patchak	1-1
Paul Blackman	23
June Rutkowski	65
Orrin Burmeister	84
Kenneth Steinmann	12-2
Roger Haines	13-3
Marie Chase	13-7

#### 30 Years

Louise D. Ruff	12-4
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#### 40 Years

Robert Green	36
Scott A. Green	10=5

Judith C. Dodd	34
Robert A. Charles	43
Leon S. Keever	51
Dale N. Hoover	54
George M. Stewart	56
John J. McGovern	7-11
Francis M. McDermott	8-2
Walter Price	86
William A. Bubnis	10-6
Robert P. Amort	12-5
John E. Brooks, Jr.	14-3
Sandra K. Reck	14-4
Kerry L. Moser	15-1
Zim E. Lawhon	15-4
James M. Lonergan	16-1

Howard H. Scott	24
Kenneth C. LeQuier	7-11
Brendan V. Sullivan	85
Robert J. Herr	14-1

William C. Plater	18
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Maryclare Bowlus	13
John R. Frank	24
Anthony Battalia	69
Margaret Keiper	10-2
Charlotte M. Hunt	12-5
George Swindell	13-3
David Groft	14-2

Thomas S. Cooper	13-6
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Walton E. Porter	47
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Robert B. Campbell	34
Ronald G. Cohen	43
Paul V. Shaver	51
William T. Reed	54
Joseph P. Cherichella	79
Arthur A. Brittan	7-11
Thomas Catterall	8-4
Donald R. Merriman	10-2
Joseph Witkoski	10-6
Harold R. Bentz	14-2
Earl R. Weaver	14-3
Harold N. Miller	15-1
Richard F. Lord	15-2
Eileen J. Gambucci	15-4
Don S. Voorhees	16-2

Melvyn A. Borofsky	72
Herman T. Altobelli	82
Edward A. Petterson	85
Robert D. Christopher	14-3

Robert B. Campbell	34
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Samuel Kirk	14
George Upton	27
Elmer Pastor	79
Paul Mackes	10-2
Robert Ormston	12-9
William Mormann	13-5
Steven Marchio	14-4

#### 35 Years

Richard Willis	11
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Ronald Swain	63
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Clyde F. Culver	34
Larry Faden	43
Clair E. Snelbaker	52
Joseph M. Steppy	54
Chet Borek	79
James E. Frederick	7-11
Robert A. Pope	8-4
Leon V. Lohrman	10-2
Gene Murphy	10-9
Robert M. Owen	14-2
David J. Snee	14-4
Ross R. Hawn, Jr.	15-1
Barry L. Juda	15-3
Cameron P. Dierrerrick, Sr.	15-5
Robert E. McCutcheon	16-2

James T. Emery	74
Robert A. Myles	82
George A. Smith	86
R. H. Goodwin	15-5

Marc J. Infantino	53
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Frank J. O'Bara, Jr.	14
Eugene Bently, Jr.	42
Marie Pastor	79
James McCabe	10-8
George Dowd	13-1
Charles Chase	13-7

John A. Lindsay	38
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Charles Gallant	74
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## PUBLICATIONS

Don't know how far the information traveled to announce there would not be a separate fall issue of *Topside* and that the winter and fall issue would be combined and come out in December, but now you know.

I am sure that you all do not realize that it takes me approximately one month to prepare *Topside* for publication and then it goes through four other locations before you get it. 1. It needs the Director's approval; 2. it goes to the printer; 3. it goes to the mailing house; and 4. it goes to the Post Office. Each one of these four things can take up to a week to accomplish which results in an overall two months time from the deadline date before it gets to you the member.

I wish to thank everyone who has supported *Topside* with their articles, I get more articles from individuals all the time and hope you will keep this up. This issue has twelve pages of the "Around The District" articles which I know from your comments that you all enjoy. Remember you can send me articles several ways - on disk as Text Only, ASCII, Word Perfect, or Microsoft Word; you can fax it as typewritten copy and I now have an e-mail address which is [elsie@voicenet.com](mailto:elsie@voicenet.com). Of course your photos have to be mailed directly. They can be color photos or black and white. However, please make them original photos—NOT newspaper, or colorcopy prints (they tend to darken details). If you want them returned, please indicate that. Also please provide the name of the photographer so he/she can receive credit for the picture.

Wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and hope you keep those articles coming.

Elsie Nichols, DSO-PB, 5NR

Note: Many of you have asked about the small directory --when will it be distributed since there is no winter conference? It will be distributed at the Elected Officers Weekend. Your flotilla commander will have some.

Check with him/her for your copy



*Topside* 5NR Fall/Winter 1996

*5NR Spring Conference*

*4, 5, 6 April 1997*

*The Sheraton Berkshire Reading, PA*

*Hotel Reservation deadline is 21 March 1997*

*Registration forms and schedule in this Topside page 15*

*This is the Awards Conference - So get your reservations in early*



### The "Brass"



### Awards



### PFD Panda Goes Visiting



### Banquet





## Casino Night



## Captain Croaker attends classes



## Meetings



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### Division 2—Flotilla 2-76

Flotilla 2-76, USCGAUX, held its 19th observation of National Safe Boating Week at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, PA on 1 and 2 June 1996.

Opening the event was the presentation of the NSBW proclamation, presented by Deputy Mayor Jerry Murphy, representing the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Mayor of Philadelphia. This was presented aboard the USCGC MATINICUS, up from Cape May for the weekend.

On Saturday, 1 June, the Maritime Exchange held its first annual Marine Day, also at Penn's Landing. Their event was a commercial one, but we worked together on Saturday. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary participated in regatta patrol while the Maritime Exchange held five boat races on the Delaware River.

The CGC MATINICUS and the CGC CAPSTAN held open house both days for the many thousands who visited Penn's Landing. Also, the Atlantic Strike Team came up from Fort Dix, also holding open house. They had many visitors aboard these three vessels.

Many sidewalk displays drew the crowds, and the "safe boating" theme was passed on to everyone.

The Cape May, NJ helicopter came up both days, and did two rescue demonstrations each day. Everyone was impressed by the way the crew members aboard the helicopter performed their demonstrations, with apparent ease drawing much applause from the crowds.

On Sunday, a boat parade was held, winding up in a "blessing of the fleet" held in the basin at Penn's Landing. This is an ecumenical blessing, performed by a priest, a minister and a rabbi. Wallet-sized cards were passed out to each boat, indicating they had received an ecumenical blessing for the boat and its crew. The parade was led by the Philadelphia Fire Dept. Fireboat, with beautiful displays of shooting water. The fireboat also ran up and down the river in front of Penn's Landing both days, adding to the festivities.

One of the big drawing cards both days was the Captain Croaker puppet show, with the four little bears. This was put on by Linda and Ron Boice, and was done mainly to impress the youngsters about the need for life jackets. However, the adults were just as much in evidence because the show is so excellent.

Among the sidewalk displays, we had the Visiting Nurse Association who checked everyone's blood pressure. They were extremely busy! Not only did the visitors want their blood pressure checked, but all the exhibitors managed to put them to good use.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission had a booth set up, and answered many hundreds of questions concerning boating laws - even helping out with some of the New Jersey laws!

The Bristol Dive Team had underwater events, with visitors talking via telephone to the divers who were underwater and had their van with all their equipment on display.

The Pilot House Book Store and the Philadelphia Boat Supply set up booths that contained items that should or could be used on board. They, too, answered many questions.

Both Delaware River and Main Line Power Squadrons had displays demonstrating various items needed for safe boating, such as life jackets, flares, etc.

The Bristol Flare Company had a display showing the different kinds of flares needed aboard, and pointed out the proper way to use them.

The Naval Sea Cadets and the Sea Explorers set up booths informing the public of their activities. They also were available to help the other exhibitors put up or take down their displays each day.

The YMCA, interested in water safety, had their display stressing the importance of knowing how to swim, etc.

The Independence Seaport Museum was busy explaining just what the museum represents, and giving out passes for those who want to visit there.

The Penn Distributors, for Anheuser Busch, sent over boxes of literature on water safety, stressing the "do not drink" adage. These were very well received and hopefully, will educate the public against the hazards of "boozing and cruising."

Helping out both days to keep the divers safe during the helo ops was the Philadelphia Marine Police Unit, along with Auxiliary boats and Coast Guard boats.

There was a booth with jet skis, plus lots of literature and talk about being safe on the water, and not endangering other boaters.

The Auxiliary had a communications center set up, and was able to be in touch with everyone via the radio. This was manned by Andy Kratzer and Joe Rzcudlo, with Rita Kratzer as communicator for the chairman.

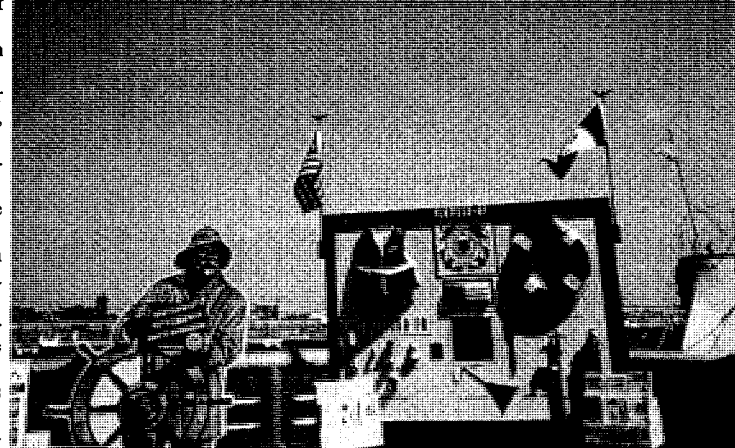
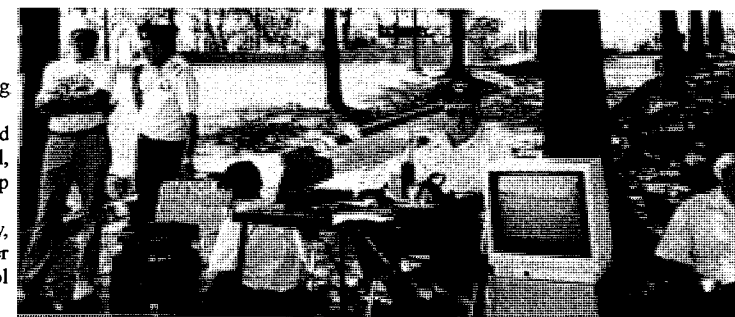
The fact that we had four Divisions participating made the event even more noteworthy. To Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 6—a very heartfelt thank you for helping to make the weekend successful.

And to Penn's Landing, we are most appreciative of your cooperation in letting us "take over" Penn's Landing every year, and for being so helpful with all our requests.

Certificates of Appreciation and covering letters of thanks have been sent to everyone who took part in this successful weekend.

To the news media, also, our sincere thanks for the coverage we received.

Submitted by Muriel G. Lewis, Chairman, NSBW, 5NR



Top to bottom  
Comms Center-Andy & Rita Kratzer, Joe Rzcudlo  
Rick Hersey, CO, MATINICUS and Dpy Mayor Jerry Murphy with Proclamation  
Helo Rescue  
Flotilla 6-1



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### DIVISION 3

#### Press Release:

**BS&S:** We will double the number of students taught in the year 1995. This is mostly due to the new personal watercraft law in New Jersey. Classes continued throughout the Summer. The law has been changed and will now not go into effect until July 1, 1997.

**Operations:** Operations started at Station Fortescue in May with the Auxiliary operating the station for two weekends. The same thing was done in October with a considerable amount of boat crew training taking place. We have continued to maintain a high level of patrols even though our high producer had over a month of down time.

**Vessel Examination:** We may not reach the goals we set for ourselves. However, I understand as of the end of September we were No. 3 in the district for vessel examinations.

**Public Affairs:** We have had a great year in Public Affairs which included the Wawa milk carton production, PECO "Crown of Lights," the Phillies scoreboard along with Delaware Bay Day, wherein five of six Flotillas assisted.

We hope to average two new members a month for the year 1996 and presently are close to this goal.

In addition we have several pinned coxswains.

We had approximately ten Fall BS&S classes throughout our three county area and it appears to be moving in the right direction for all cornerstones.

We hope in 1997 we will be able to achieve additional results.

*Submitted by: Thomas F. Cusack, DCP3, 5NR*



From Top to Bottom

The Coast Guard and Auxiliary in action. Auxiliary Facility 17192 the Ken-Du was called to retrieve a couple of small pieces of lumber. You will note the dock is much longer than the facility. Operator Coxswain Tony Stanewich, Flotilla 33

Auxiliary Radio Long Reach operating during Delaware Bay Day. Radio operator Judy Dodd, 34 Delaware Bay Day, Public Affairs booth manned by I to r: John McIntosh 33; Gerry Keagar, 32; and Don Grabert, 35

Photos: Thomas F. Cusack, DCP 3, 5NR

### DIVISION 4



From Top to Bottom

Walton Porter, Flotilla 47, receives his 40 year certificate Eugene Bentley, Flotilla 42 receives his 25 year certificate from Dudley Gallup, RCO-C. Michelle Polyk, Flotilla 44 (far left) Jim Dempster, 49, Ron Boice, 44 and Ross Lorop, 44, Practice stern towing with sailboats during a training patrol on the Upper Chesapeake. Photos: Ron Boice, DSO-PA & Dennis Newbury, 44

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### DIVISION 5



Jonathan Andrechik receiving his appointment certificate to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy from Patricia Brown, SPO-CC. Jon, who was sponsored for AIM in 1995 by Division 5, wowed the new AIMsters at the Satellite Program in Mechanicsburg on April 28th. His presentation skills were flawless and he answered all questions with a high degree of expertise. A dream candidate!

*Submitted by Patricia Brown, SPO-CC, 5NR*

### Flotilla 5-6

#### A Month with a Landlocked Flotilla

Fifth Northern's Flotilla 56 of Chambersburg, PA is like a fish out of water. To get to navigable waters, they must travel by road about two hours. This drive will get them to Lake Raystown, Huntingdon, PA, or to the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. They have not allowed this to deter them from their Auxiliary activities. Over the long hard winter, plans were set into motion for the upcoming boating season. The following story is an account of their events during June of 1996.

On 2 June their activities began with the "56 Blitz," a day of training and/or qualification at Lake Raystown with 15 members in attendance along with a Qualification Examiner (QE) from Division 5. Many coxswain and crew-qualified members were able to be signed off on the currency maintenance requirements. The trainees were also given instruction and then signed off on some of their requirements for crew. To sustain everyone in attendance, the Fellowship Committee organized a covered-dish picnic. While a lot of serious training was accomplished, everyone also found time for socializing and having fun. Some of the Vessel Examiners in attendance even found time to perform Courtesy Marine Examinations.

The following weekend (7, 8 and 9 June), began on Friday with members returning to Lake Raystown for their Regatta. Raystown Country Visitors' Bureau was the host for this 3-day event which included P.R.O.P. Formula 1 Power Boat Racing, concert, exhibits and fireworks. DCP 9, Michael Redmond, was the US Coast Guard Auxiliary's coordinator for this venture. The Auxiliary members were available as VEs on the docks for CMEs, a public appearance booth was set up to distribute information to spectators and patrol vessels were on the Lake to maintain the integrity of the course by keeping spectators at a safe distance. Flotilla 56 had 17 members supporting this event for Division 9. They had six of the ten patrol vessels for both days of the race, with one vessel arriving Friday to assist in checking for debris on the Lake and setting up buoy markers. Two of their members also manned the communications center for the weekend. Though this assignment was rather unexpected, the communication specialists (new graduates of the 1st District AUXCOM class in March of 1996) had a thorough indoctrination. Auxiliaries from different

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### Flotilla 56—The Challenge

"You haven't lost it" were Henry W. "Hank" Demler's opening remarks to the members of Flotilla 56, Chambersburg, PA, during the Flotilla's Change of Watch ceremony. Henry was referring to the exuberance of displayed fourth cornerstone, fellowship. And, in particular to the Flotilla's annual summer corn eating contest.

Henry's remark was triggered by the poem read by Edgar S. Wolfkill, FSO-PA (events MC) prior to presenting the trophy to the winning human corn cob kernel stripper. Jeannie L. Brenner, FSO-SR/SO-SR says it best with her poem as follows:

#### The Challenge

*by Jeannie Brenner*

On the 30th day of August, Auxiliaries all did meet:  
not for official business but to socialize and eat

A challenge has been issued, who would be the best?  
For this was the night of the "corn-eating contest."

Due to an early season, corn was hard to get,  
but the committee came through with the best we've had yet!

To the surprise of our Flotilla, the Division came to call,  
And they brought a corn eater who planned to shame us all!

It became a matter of honor (5-6 couldn't be beat)  
so everyone left the corn for those willing to eat.

Les was in the running with Jack by his side,  
Rod filled a few bags, he kept trying to hide.

To slow the competition Les spiced up the game,  
but the stranger kept on eating, (what is that guy's name?)

All the pots were emptied, time to make the count.  
Seth was asked to monitor as we watched the cobs mount.

Jack checked in at 31 - the winner of the game,  
the competition had 23, John Adams was his name!

Rod came in second, with help from his friends,  
Les had an honorable mention, though the rules he did bend.

By his weird calculations, his new form of addition,  
cake, beans, dogs and ears equal more than the competition's.

We'll all be looking forward to the challenges this year.  
To what lengths will people go to up their count of ears?

#### SERIOUS CONTESTANTS - statistics

Jack Mitchell - 31 ears - 1st place

Rod Miller - 26 ears - 2nd place

John Adams - 23 ears - 3rd place

Les Abbott - 4 helpings beans, 3 slices cake, 2 dogs = 33 ears? - honorable mention

21 people present, 8 dozen ears of corn consumed, 40 hot-dogs along with the food bought by members and guests.



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### DIVISION 5 - Flotilla 56 *Continued*

#### The Challenge *Continued from page 23*

Divisions within 5NR all worked together providing support for the event. This was a prime example of the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary's working together to achieve success.

The third weekend in June found Flotilla 56 members again at Lake Raystown providing a safety patrol while other members went south to the Chesapeake for a course check. The Flotilla had "A Day on the Bay" scheduled for 22 June and some of the committee members were confirming launch sites and making notes for the cruise into Baltimore Inner Harbor.

On 21 June some members returned to the Bay to prepare for the cruise on the 22nd. One boat was towed from Chambersburg and launched from Curtis Bay Coast Guard Station. Another boat already housed on the Bay, needed to cruise north to the Maryland Yacht Club, where arrangements had been made for participants to spend the weekend. The third boat was moored at the Yacht Club, so they were awaiting the arrival of the others. On the 22nd, 11 members of Flotilla 56 embarked on their tour. Numerous points of interest were noted including the site where Francis Scott Key wrote the *Star Spangled Banner* while gazing toward Fort McHenry. After the informative tour, the boats then returned to the Yacht Club for a picnic, organized by the Fellowship Committee. One of our members, Seth Shafer, was instrumental in turning the trip into a public relations tour for the Auxiliary. During the entire weekend, people were gathering around his "homemade" launch, *The Mockingbird*. The boat's extraordinary craftsmanship was drawing people like a magnet to admire the boat and ask questions, which always led to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, since the participants had their Auxiliary flags displayed for all to see.

While these members were enjoying the Bay, another group of Flotilla 56 members were again at Lake Raystown performing safety patrols. They were utilizing a Board, Inc. boat made available for patrols during the month of June at Lake Raystown.

On 28 June, Flotilla 56 was host for the 21-Day Retreat Ceremony sponsored by the Cumberland Valley 21-Day Retreat Organization. Opening ceremonies were held on 14 June '96 at Memorial Square, Chambersburg, PA. Since 1984, representatives from numerous Veteran and Fraternal organizations have participated in the 21-Day salute to our Colors by holding a daily flag retreat service from 14 June through 4 July. Each organization hosts one or more "Retreats" using the military manual for ceremonies. A military march is played followed by a formal call of units. When the bugle sounds "To the Colors," all participants salute the Colors as they're lowered ceremoniously. Then the flag detail folds the Flag and presents it to the Host Commander, who then dismisses the members. On 4 July, the program is expanded and held at Chambersburg Municipal Park. It begins with a community day of games, food, entertainment for all ages. The final "Retreat" is then held, followed by a band concert and fireworks. Representatives from the Flotilla were in attendance at most of the Retreats throughout the month. Also this weekend found the Flotilla's coxswain and crew members back at Lake Raystown on 30 June for safety patrols.

Throughout the month, along with the aforementioned activities, VEs were doing CMEs, and an Administrative Procedures Course was held for three members and two new members were enrolled. To ensure that nothing was missed, members also attended the scheduled monthly meeting for the Flotilla and the required members were in attendance at Division 5's monthly meeting.

Though there are no large lakes, rivers, etc. in the immediate area, this Flotilla always finds their way to water. The next time you pass a boat in your area flying the Auxiliary flag, take a closer look. It just might be a member of Flotilla 56. They are not content with grass growing under their feet (or should I say boats).

*Submitted by: Jeannie Brenner, FSO-SR 56, 5NR*



Pictured above: Top to Bottom:

Formula 1 race boat at Lake Raystown Regatta with Auxiliaries (l to r) Edgar Wolfkill and Seth Shafer in foreground.

Patrols for Lake Raystown Regatta (l to r) Steve Marthouse, William Gardner and Rodney Miller (l to r) Rita Mitchell and John Mitchell

Cumberland Valley 21 Day Retreat Opening Ceremony at Memorial Square, Chambersburg with USCGAUX FL 56 and other Veteran and Fraternal Organization's representatives  
Photos: Jeannie Brenner, Walter Brenner and Pat Marthouse.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### Division 6—Flotilla 6-1

A trivia question submitted by Charles Stewart, Jr., FSO-SR 06-01 (5NR), was recently chosen by Tam Communications, producers of the TV show *Coast Guard - The Series*, for their CGTV World Wide Web home page. The winning question and answer was:

Q. When did the Coast Guard first begin to use the red slash on its cutters, boats and aircraft?

A. The industrial design firm of Raymond Loewy/William Smith, Inc. first recommended the slash in 1964 as part of a government image enhancement program. On 6 April 1967, the slash was instituted throughout the Coast Guard.

The WWW address for the CGTV World Wide Web home page is: <http://www.tamcomm.com/CGTV>

*Submitted by Charles Stewart, Jr., FSO-SR 06-01, 5 NR*

### Flotilla 6-5

The photo below was taken by the Baltimore City Harbor dockmaster on 6 Sept '96 at 1630 hours. It shows Rita and Andy Kratzer, FL 65, returning to the operational facility 533160, *Brigadoon*, at the left of picture. The facility is owned and operated by Charles and Norma Jean Maltbie, FL 13-6.

Hurricane Fran visited the Natl Conference at Baltimore. After three days of attending meetings we got the extreme easterly winds and rain of the hurricane. Local knowledge stated that the water never comes higher than six inches below the docks—WRONG! There was some concern about boarding the vessel under these conditions, because the PFDs were on the boat! After determining that all dock power was turned off, the Maltbies and Kratzers simply took off their shoes, rolled up their pants, strolled down the dock and went aboard. There was more concern as to how everyone was going to get ashore the following evening for the Commodore's Ball, if the tide did not recede by then. There was no low tide that night, but the tide did recede after the next day's high tide and allowed us to disembark in style.

The dinghy on the right was owned by a non-Auxiliarist, who offered to transport us and CG personnel from the USCG Cutter *Staten Island* (on the adjacent dock) to shore for recreation.

Auxiliarists Ira and Arline Dolich, FL 66, aboard operational facility 363975 and Dan and Karen Maxim, FL 66, aboard operational facility 423862 also attended the conference by boat. Since they were at another marina with floating docks, they didn't experience similar difficulties.

*Submitted by: John and Rita Kratzer, FL 65, 5NR*

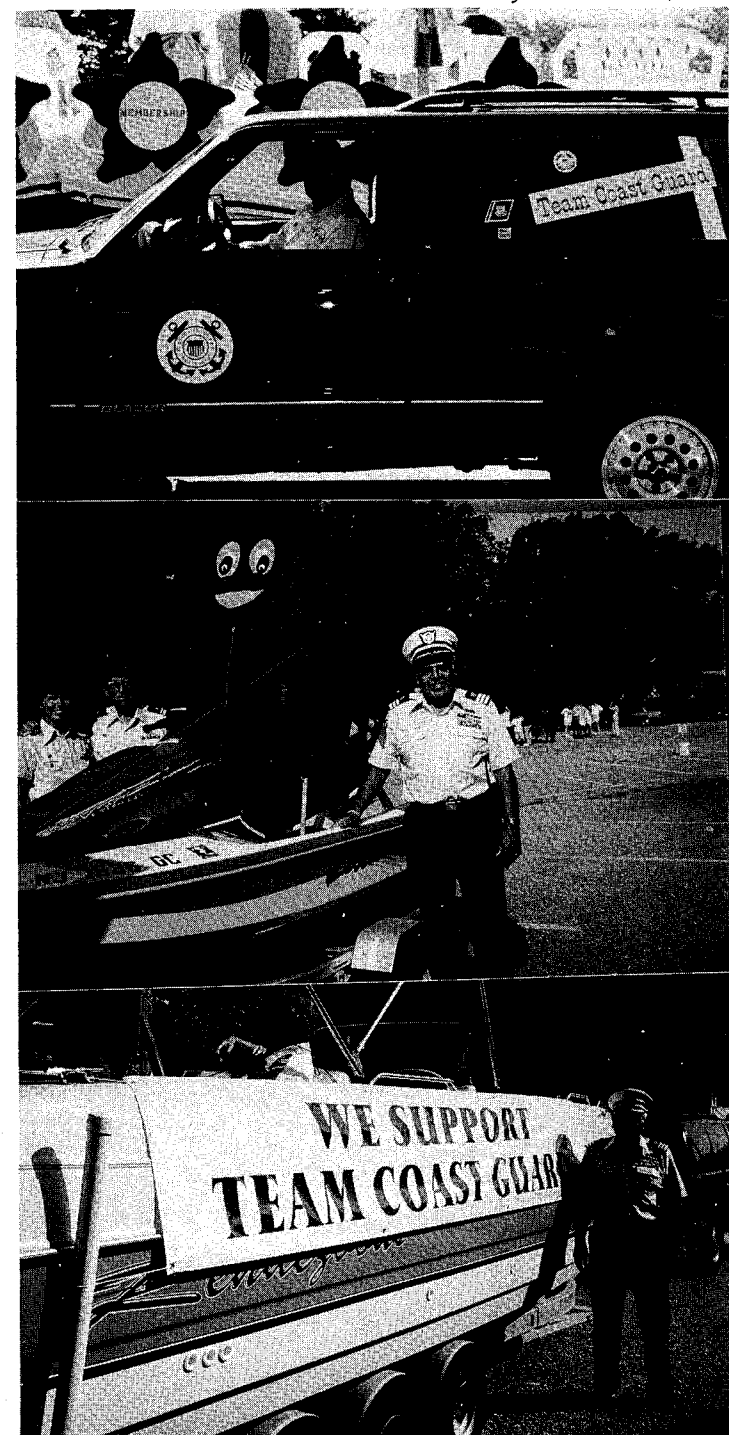


### Division 7—Flotilla 79

Flotilla 79 had a busy summer. In addition to the required duties that all Flotillas perform, this year 79 took on all kinds of local civic public relations activities which called attention to the role that the Coast Guard Auxiliary plays in the Area.

Pictured below scenes from one of these activities—the Lacey Township Anniversary Parade.

*Submitted by: Fred P. Hallowell, FL 79*



Pictured above top to bottom:

Team Coast Guard van driven by parade chairman Joe Bacelo led the way; The Flotilla Theme Giant IFD with Nancy Hepburn, Val Podmolik and Division Captain Bill Zotto One of the floats in the parade, on loan from Bennets Marine in Manahawkin, with Flotilla Vice Commander Kathleen (Micky) deFarrari and Bill Zotto.



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 8—Flotilla 8-2

### Big Band Concert

During a recent big band concert by the Cape May Flotilla 8-2 Auxiliary Band, Patricia Brown spoke about the programs offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. (See photo at the right)

A new state law requiring personal watercraft operators to take an approved safe boating course has peaked interest in classes offered by the Auxiliary tremendously, said Brown.

Brown also had a public affairs table set up with information and hand-outs on phases of the Auxiliary including the Academy Introduction Mission of which she is Special Projects Officer.

"Plan ahead," she said, "to get your certificate by July 1, 1997, by attending one of our courses." The Auxiliary courses comply with all New Jersey regulations.

Submitted by Patricia Brown, SPO-CC, 5 NR



## Division 10

### 30th Annual Governor's Cup Race Lake Wallenpaupak, Sept. 14 & 15, 1996

At 0900 Paupak radio was in operation with Ed Thomas, 10-2, on station.

At 0930 Skippers met to discuss the plans of the race.

At 0945 Sectors were assigned to the Regatta Patrol Vessels. Richard Lore and Crew, 15-2—SW Sector; David Edinger and Crew, 15-2—NW Sector; Donald Merriman and Crew Barbara Mackes, 10-2—SE Sector and Jack and Donna Borzell 15-3— NE Sector

At 0945 call on the radio for the On Scene Commander Paul Mackes aboard 241994 to report to the dock to pick up the Director of Auxiliary 5NR - LCDR Duld to observe the race. The first race started at 1000. LCDR Duld was pleased with the Auxiliary's professional manner in the covering of the regatta Patrols, also the professional manner of the operation of Paupak Radio by Ed Thomas.

The 30th Annual Governor's Cup Race had three races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday morning. Sunday the Sports Advisor to the Governor, Vernon Ross and Melvin Gardner, the regatta coordinator, were on board Donald Merriman's Patrol Vessel. This was the first sailboat race that Mr. Ross had ever seen and he was impressed because it is a family oriented sport and the Governor is very interested in sports the family can participate in.

On both days the Regatta Patrols performed perfectly, keeping the recreational vessels out of the race area.

Pictured below the Governor's Sports Advisor, Vernon Ross and Regatta Coordinator, Melvin Gardner, presenting the Trophy to the winner of the 30th annual Race- Jack Jones and crew from Adams, NY

Submitted by: Paul Mackes, SO-OP 10/ADSO-Ops, 5NR



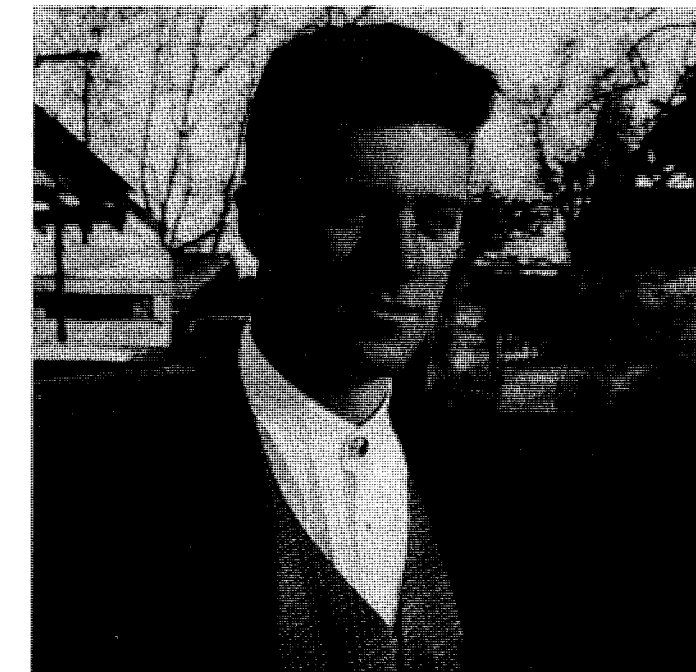
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## Division 10 Continued

The pictures below are scenes from one of the regular weekly patrols on Belzville Dam in Pennsylvania utilizing the Board, Inc. 22 foot jet boat.

Photos: M. Philip Stamm

The group in the one picture is comprised of: (l to r) Don Ball, C. Aston Smith, William Bubnis, Flotilla 10-6 and Gene Murphy, Flotilla 10-9; the crew for the day.



Pictured above Matthew Heron, Div 10's successful AIM candidate from 1995 reported to the Academy on July 8th.



Helen McCabe & Joe Nastasi, Jr. of Flotilla 10-8 enjoy all the comforts of home (motor home, that is) at 309 Marine in Hatfield, Pa.

## DIVISION 12

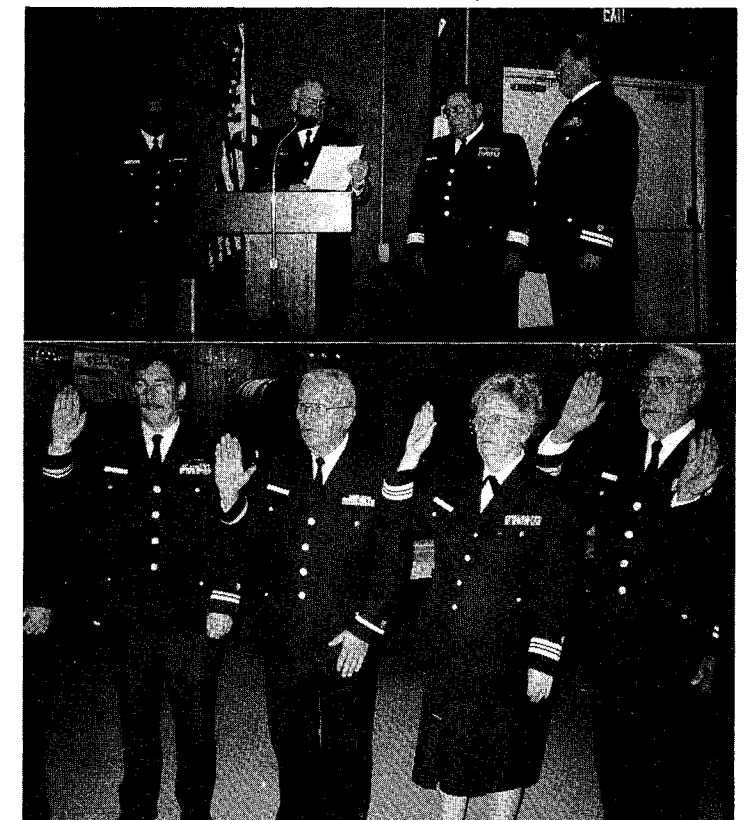
Division 12 held their Change of Watch on 15 Nov. 1996 at the firehouse in Felton, Delaware. A great turnout of 96 members and guests attended. Special guests were Captain Dale E. Goodreau, Commander, CG Group Cape May, NJ; CWO2 Theodore D. Short, Asst. Director of Auxiliary, 5NR; BMCN Lou Fisher, OIC, CG Station Ocean City, MD; QMC Thomas Peck, Auxiliary Liaison, CG Group Cape May, NJ; BM1 Robert Jackson, Supervisor, CG Station Indian River, DE; COMO Harry L. David, DCO 5NR; COMO William Pierce, PDCO 5NR; Sgt. John Hennessey and Cpl. Joyce Hennessey, Delaware Division of fish & Wildlife.

Robert Amort, SO-MT, was our Master of Ceremonies. Fellowship Hour was at 1800; Pledge of Allegiance by Ruth Sokolowski, VCP and Invocation by Ken Steinmann, 12-2; was at 1845. After the dinner the Change of Watch Ceremonies were conducted. The swearing in of Elected Officers Prologue was performed by CAPT Dale E. Goodreau and the Pledge by COMO Harry L. David. The newly elected officers are Robert G. Kepfer, DCP and Alfred O. Grimminger, VCP. Swearing in ceremony for Flotilla Elected Officers was performed by COMO William Pierce. The ceremony for Division Staff Officers was performed by Shirley Stumbers, PDCP 12.

CWO2 Theodore D. Short, Asst. Director, presented one of the Auxiliaries best honors--the Coxswain device. Receiving the Coxswain device were Ken Steinmann and John Bernath, 12-2; and John Wallo and Eugene Gomolka, 12-9.

Charles S. Gerber, 12-5, was presented award for Auxiliarist of the Year in Div. 12 and Elwood Williams, 12-1, was presented award for Auxiliarist of the Year for CG Station Indian River Inlet for all the CM watches he stands.

Submitted by: John Bernath, SO-PA 12, 5NR



Pictured above top to bottom  
L to R, Robert Amort, MC; CAPT Dale E. Goodreau; COMO Harry L. David; Robert G. Kepfer, DCP Elect.  
L to R; Walter Brown, VFC 12-1; John Gernath, VFC 12-2; Ruth Sokolowski, FC 12-2; George Morabito, FC 12-1





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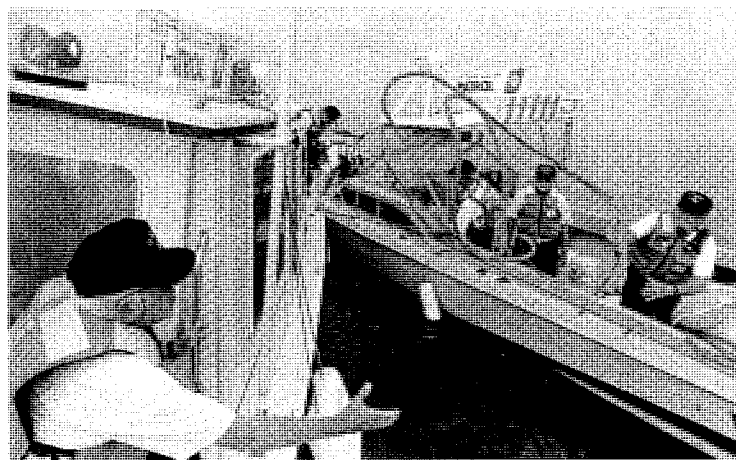
### Division 12 *Continued*

#### Flotilla 12-2

Flotilla 12-2 of Lewes, DE did patrol and training exercises on the Delaware Bay with the assistance of Flotilla 15-5 of Lewisburg, PA on 4 August 1996. We had a reporter Jeff Johnson and a photographer on board from the Delaware Coast Press.

Flotilla 12-2 had four members on the Seven Year Itch II. They were Ken Steinmann, Coxswain; John Bernath, and Len Leschinsky, Crew; and Bob Mutch, Crew Trainee. The Amazing Grace II had two members from 15-5—Don Bowes, Coxswain; and Ted Piotrowski, Crew; and from 12-2, Bob Jopling, crew.

Picture at right shows - Boat on Left - The Amazing Grace II with crew and boat on right the Seven Year Itch II and crew during line throwing exercise. Photo: Coast Press.



#### NSBW Activities

Flotilla 12-2 conducted an open house at USCG Station Indian River Inlet for NSBW on Saturday 18 May; also this was Armed Forces Day. They kicked off the day with a ribbon cutting ceremony by State Representatives George Bunting and John R. Schroeder.

Flotilla 12-2 had nine different safety booths, including CME, ATON, PE, PFDs, PWCs, Ops, Fire Extinguishers, VDS, and Water 'n Kids plus patrol boats from the USCG and Auxiliary. With all this exposure, the public got a better perspective on safe boating.

We also had help from Flotillas 12-1, -3, -4 and -9 as well as other organizations. They were the Marine Police with boats, US Power Squadron, Division of Fish and Wildlife, DARE boat (drug alcohol resistance education) with the State Police, Milton DE Command Truck and Rescue Boat and the best USCG from Indian River Inlet. We had a great turnout with free soda, coffee and cake all day.



#### Life Saving Station & Shorts Marine

On Labor Day Weekend Flotilla 12-2 had a safe boating booth set up at Shorts Marine on Longneck Road, Millsboro, DE. We delivered our message to about 1500 people. A lot of the public signed up for safe boating courses, CMEs and received a few new members. *See pictures at right.*

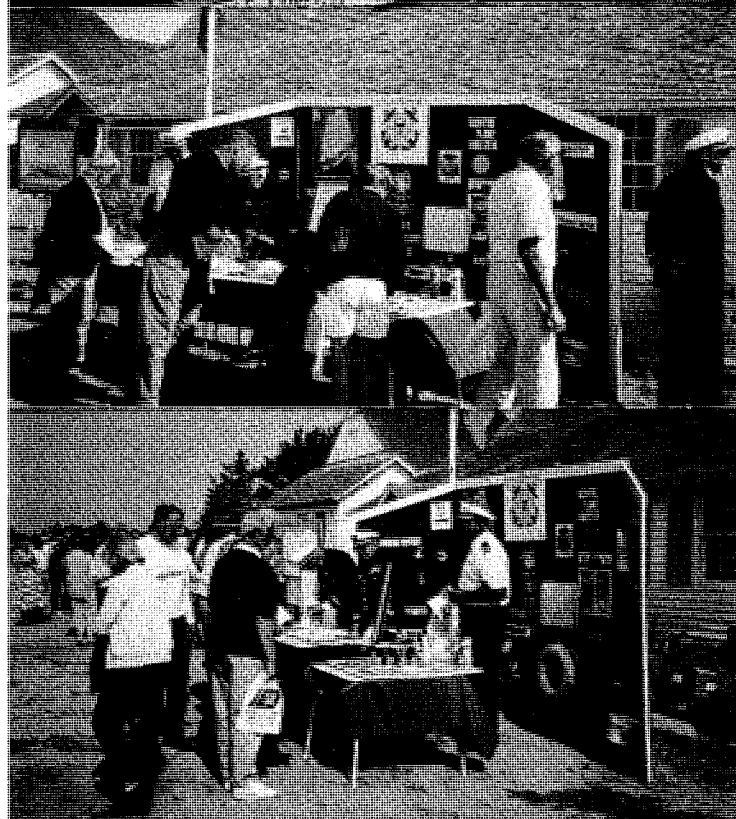
We also had a safe boating booth on the 13 of October for an open house at the Old Lifesaving Station near Indian River Inlet in Delaware. About 2,000 people visited the old station and stopped at our booth. This was another good day for signing up the public for safe boating courses. Members who worked the booth were Jack Korbobo SO-MDV, Robert Jopling FSO-VE, Len Leschinsky FSO-AN and John Bernath FSO-PA.

A group of individuals from coastal Sussex County recently joined forces to save this East Coast's historic landmark. It was built in 1878 and is the oldest eastern shore U. S. Lifesaving Service building still standing in its original location. The station closed and was turned over to the state of Delaware in 1962. Until recently

It was being used by the Dept of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Members of the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation plan to conduct a fund-raising program that would help turn the station into a museum featuring the history of the coastline it served. *See pictures at right.*

*Submitted by John Bernath, FSO-PA, 5NR*



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### DIVISION 13

Joseph Famularo, Jr. SO-CC 13 presenting Certificate of Appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy to Adam Nowicki of Bishop Eustace Prep, Pennsauken, NJ.

*Submitted by: Joseph Famularo, SO-CC 13, 5NR*



### The Benefits of Adoption

Earlier this year Division 13 adopted the 157 foot USCG Cutter *Redwood* (WLM 685), stationed at Group Philadelphia, to assist the crew in carrying out the cutter's missions. We focused initially on two activities that we were prepared to undertake: ATON maintenance patrols and a Quartermaster support Team to keep the operational charts and other navigation publications up to date.

Two ATON maintenance patrols were conducted last Fall using VCP Mike Henry's operational facility as a small boat platform for the *Redwood*. The Cutter's crew brought a computer and differential GPS receiver aboard, along with stick-on numbers and reflective patches to be replaced on some of the Delaware River buoys. Buoys were also checked to verify that they were on station and watching properly. Because Auxiliarists pay taxes like everyone else, we also realized a personal financial benefit in helping the Coast Guard save some real money—about \$17,000—since it costs about \$845 an hour to operate the cutter and only about \$5 an hour to operate the Auxiliary vessel. In addition to Mike Henry as coxswain, crew members consisted of FSO-OP Anne Henry and FSO-MR Bob Carr of Flotilla 13-10, and myself.

The success of these patrols prompted the commanding officer, LT Adam Shaw, to offer special Coast Guard training in ATON maintenance to members of the Division. As a result, VCP Mike Henry, SO-CC Joe Famularo, FC 13-3. Vic Paterno and I participated in the field training conducted by the 5th Coast Guard District staff from Portsmouth, Virginia. This will enhance our capability and value to the Cutter *Redwood* next season; and enable us to further augment the work of the crew and save even more taxpayer money.

Working on the Quartermaster Support Team also has its rich rewards. Among them a pleasant working environment with a penthouse view of the Delaware River waterfront from the cutter's bridge, the camaraderie of an appreciative crew who have less overtime work to do, some good food, and occasional underway trips. In addition, correcting the vessel's charts also provides a lot of vicarious travel and an increased familiarity with our division's patrol AOR, as well. Flexible evening hours add to the convenience and enjoyment of the work. At present, the Quartermaster Support Team consists of Vince Huffnagle FC 13-5, Walt Peterson VFC 13-5, Vic Paterno FC 13-3, Bill Riches SO-OP 13, Mike Henry VCP 13, and myself.

Other division members are joining us aboard the *Redwood* as a way of further supporting the Team Coast Guard program and developing their knowledge and skills as Auxiliarists and recreational boaters.

*Submitted by: Ivan E. Levin, DCP 13, 5NR*

### Flotilla 13-10

#### Everyone Loves a Parade

Flotilla 13-10 participated in Stratford, New Jersey's Independence Day parade. Here is one participant's account of the day . . .

##### The Day

It was a perfectly lovely sunny day - not too hot - only about 75 degrees. Perfect!

##### The Parade Entry

Our entry consisted of Bob and JoAnn Carr's pickup towing their 18-ft. Buccaneer sailboat, *The I-Panic*. The truck was decked out in red, white and blue pennants and a wind sock of the same colors flew from the radio antenna.

In the bed of the truck were spreaders wired to a PA system in the cab, blaring military marches and other marching music by John Phillips Sousa. The red and white-hulled boat was adorned with a red, white and blue "mast," a blue sail, decorative nautical safety banners and Auxiliary Safety Patrol banners.

##### The People

At 0830, participants assembled at Bob and JoAnn's home where a continental breakfast of pastries, orange juice and coffee was available. The color guard rushed through a 15-minute drill practice. And at 0915, the participants piled into vehicles and proceeded, with boat in-tow to the starting point of the parade route. The group was joined by PFD Panda at 0945.

##### The Parade

The parade began at the IGA parking lot on Warwick Road and wound its way through residential areas for about 2 miles until it reached its stopping point, a park on Vassar Avenue. Other entries included Mickey and Minnie Mouse, classic cars carrying beauty pageant winners, kids - lots of kids (scouts, sports teams, etc), a jazz band and a group of horses brought up the rear.

People carried patio chairs and coolers and lined the streets of Stratford. They cheered! Many respectfully removed their hats and placed their hands over their hearts as the colors were carried past. Candy was thrown to the children waiting anxiously on the roadsides. Auxiliarists marched alongside the boat, distributing Auxiliary and boating safety information packets to on-lookers. And PFD Panda marched along (sometimes dancing or even running) shaking hands with the elderly folks, hugging wide-eyed children, and flaunting his bright orange PFD all along the way.

It is the humble opinion of this author, that we were a hit! The music was uplifting, the colors received the respect they deserved, the kids eagerly grabbed up the candy, adults received information packs openly and PFD Panda brightened the hearts of many people on that day. Yes, I believe it to be true . . . Everyone loves a parade!

*Submitted by PFD Panda*

##### Sincere thanks to the following for their contributions:

JoAnn Carr for planting the seed for this event  
Bob Carr for taking the ball and running with it  
Mike Henry for not driving over the bear  
Dick Grier and Bob Morris for carrying the colors  
Linda Foster for throwing 20 lbs. of candy to the kids  
Mike Foster and Bob Carr for mingling with the crowds while passing out the literature  
Melissa Kreutz for not letting PFD Panda pass out  
And above all, thanks to this great Flotilla for your support!!!

*Reprinted from "Hot Air and Windy Tales"  
13-10's Publication, Editor: Melissa Kreutz*

*See Front Cover for picture*



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### Division 13 *Continued*

### 911...Fire...Send the Fire Boat!

When the Camden, New Jersey, Fire Department acquired a surplus 32 foot Ports and Waterways Boat from the Coast Guard, they also requested assistance in training the firemen in boat operations. So Group Philadelphia forwarded this request to Auxiliary Division 13. After several meetings with the CFD training staff, a special course was developed. Their objective was to train the greatest number of firemen to provide maximum flexibility among their personnel, and to complete the training and utilize the boat operationally in the shortest possible time. The result was a highly customized training course emphasizing nomenclature, boat handling, navigation rules, aids to navigation, and charts and piloting, along with some search and rescue, towing, weather, marlinspike and radiotelephone. The course was presented in several full-day sessions over a period of weeks to accommodate personnel schedules. Seventy firemen completed the training and received certificates from Fire Chief Kenneth Penn.

At the vessel's commissioning ceremony, Chief Penn addressed attending members of the State's congressional delegation, the state legislature, the city council, community groups, and Coast Guard representatives. He proudly noted that Camden residents and their riverfront industries were now better protected against the loss of life and property from disasters on the Delaware River resulting in waterfront fires and environmental damage. He generously praised Coast Guard Group Philadelphia for its assistance in helping to procure the vessel, and complimented the instructors from Division 13 for their meaningful effort and outstanding contribution.

VCP Mike Henry, SO-MT Dan Charter and I provided the instruction. SO-OP Bill Riches examined the vessel and affixed a CME decal. Together we were pleased to join forces with the Coast Guard in assisting the City of Camden fulfill one of its essential needs.

*Submitted by: Ivan E. Levin, DCP 13, 5NR*



The photo taken at the commissioning ceremony, from l to r are: Ivan Levin, DCP 13; Fire Chief Kenneth Penn, Fire Captain George Tips, and Mike Henry VCP 13. The Camden fire-rescue boat is seen in the background. The other photo shows Bill Riches SO-OP 13, affixing the CME decal with Fire Capt. George Tips on the left and Ivan Levin, DCP 13 on the right.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

### DIVISION 14



### York Technical Institute Honored by U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Shown at left is Jack Schofield, Education Officer for Flotilla 14-5, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, presenting Harold Maley, President of the York Technical Institute with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Certificate of Appreciation. Jack Horsfall, Past Division Captain and Eugene Brown, Past Flotilla Commander look on. YTI was honored for outstanding cooperation and assistance in furthering the purposes and principles of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Institute recently hosted an eight week class in safe boating, conducted by the Flotilla. Twenty-nine students completed the course.

*Submitted by Jack Schofield, SO-PA, Div 14, 5NR*

### Division 17—Flotilla 17-10 Celebrates 20th Anniversary on "Treasure Island"

Flotilla 17-10, 5th Northern District based at Manasquan Inlet Coast Guard Station (NJ), celebrated its 20th anniversary on 24 August 1996 with a "raft up" and party on historic Osborne Island in the Manasquan River.

The island, known as "Treasure Island," was once visited by author Robert Louis Stevenson and is said to have helped to inspire the classic story. While neither pirates, casks of rum, nor "pieces of eight" was anywhere to be found, there was plenty of "treasure" in the form of fun and fellowship.

The flotilla also used this occasion to honor four of its members who were celebrating their Auxiliary Service Anniversaries: H. Jon Burdack (25 years), Robert Mesaros (25 years), Brian Hopkins (20 years) and Gary Schmidt (20 years). Clyde College, VCO 5NR presented the four members with certificates recognizing their years of service. CWO Kenneth Holmes, Commander, Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet also attended as an honored guest and did a fine job of keeping the pirates off the island for the afternoon!

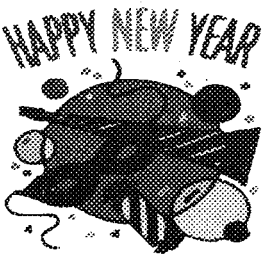
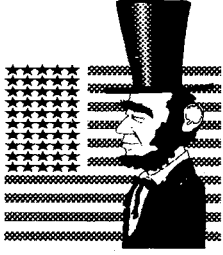
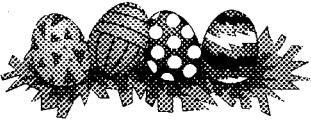
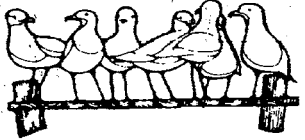
*Submitted by Robert Mesaros, FSO-PA 17-10, 5NR*



Flotilla 17-10 celebrates its 20th Anniversary on "Treasure Island" in the Manasquan River (NJ) on August 24, 1996.

# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Fifth Northern District - 1997 Calendar of Events

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
<p>1 New Years Day</p> <p>3,4, Elected Officers 5 Training, Frazer, PA</p> <p>5 EXCOM Mtg</p> <p>15 Unit Mtg &amp; PA Rpts Due</p> <p>20 Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>31 Finance Rpt CG 4750 due</p> 	<p>1 <i>Topside</i> Deadline</p> <p>3 EXCOM, Phila</p> <p>12 Ash Wednesday and Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>15 Unit Mtg &amp; PA Rpts Due</p> <p>17 President's Day</p> <p>22 Washington's Birthday</p> 	<p>1 Central Area Mtg.</p> <p>3 EXCOM Phila</p> <p>15 Unit Mtg &amp; PA Rpts Due</p> <p>15 Western Area MTG</p> <p>17 Conf Rpts Due Diraux</p> <p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>20 Spring Begins</p> <p>22 Eastern Area Mtg</p> <p>23 Palm Sunday</p> <p>28 Good Friday</p> <p>30 Easter</p> 	<p>1 Summer Uniforms Begin</p> <p>4 5NR Spring 5 5 Conference, 6 Reading, PA 6 EXCOM</p> <p>6 EDST Begins</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting &amp; PA Reports Due</p> <p>22 Passover</p> 



*A Happy, Healthy, Successful New Year to All*

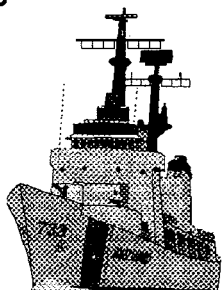


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