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Scott Lippmann of the ABYC Foundation (left) is presenting the Bunzl award to L. Daniel Maxim (center) while Rear Admiral William J. Ecker, USCG, (right) looks on as Capt. William S. Griswold (above) reads the citation.

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Chief of Boating Safety
CPT. Richard J. Davison

Soon to be the new Chief, Boating Safety Division and District Director Auxiliary for the Fifth Coast Guard District

Captain Davison will be taking over as the Chief, Boating Safety Division and District Director of Auxiliary for the Fifth Coast Guard District shortly after Captain Bob Melvin retires this June.

Captain Davison is currently assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters. He assumed his current position as the first chief of the newly created Quality Management Branch of the Plans and Policy Division within the Office of the Chief of Staff. The branch was created to bring total quality management to the Coast Guard.

Captain Davison is a 1970 graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle, WA (bachelor of science degree) and a 1982 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA (master of science, operations research.)

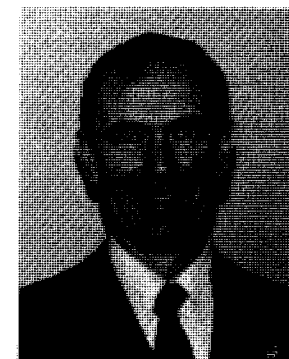
He has served in a variety of operational tours afloat and ashore including tours as communications officer on cutter Klamath out of Seattle, WA, duty watch officer at the Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center in Seattle, operations officer on cutter Midgett out of San Francisco, CA, and as executive officer at the Coast Guard's largest support center in Kodiak, AK (22,000 acres, 1000 military personnel and 1500 dependents, 8 tenant commands.)

Recent tours include technical analyst on the Technical Assessment Staff, Office of Research and Development, and Planning Officer for the Eleventh Coast Guard District in LA/Long Beach, CA.

He is a native of Seattle, Washington and is married to the former Gerri McKeon of Saugerties, New York. They and their two sons will be making their home in Elizabeth City, NC.

Since he was first notified of his new assignment in January, Captain Davison has been able to attend several Auxiliary activities including our Spring Awards Conference in Lancaster, PA this last April, the Eastern Area Conference in Houston, and the Annual BLA Conference at Fifth District. He reports that he is very much looking forward to his new job.

CPT Richard J. Davison



Director of Auxiliary
CDR. Albert C. Muccilli

I have just returned from the Eastern Area National Conference in Houston. After some monumental, but not insurmountable, problems with the C-130 transportation we were able to get everyone there who had originally been assigned seats. There was a lot of good information passed at the workshops and the trade show and it was unfortunate that more of you were unable to attend. There was also a great deal of group and individual recognition given for all of the efforts that all of the Auxiliarists throughout the area put out in 1992. As a group this District received the National Rear Commodore's Award for attaining the National Goal in five of the six areas. The only one you missed was for vessel examinations and not one District in this area made that goal. Congratulations and thank you for a job extremely well done.

Our own RCO-E L. Daniel (Dan) Maxim was presented with the most prestigious award given in the area of Boating Safety, the Bunzl Boating Safety Award. This was in recognition of his outstanding and sustained contributions in the Boating Safety field.

What a pleasure it was to be able to attend our own Spring Conference and see all of the awards given to individuals and units who expended so much time and effort in getting out to the public the very important message of boating safety. I am always astounded at how unselfish and willing so many of you are to do the work of the Coast Guard and of the Auxiliary. Please accept my sincere thanks for all you did last year.

This year should prove to be another busy year and I know you are up to that challenge. Hopefully the weather will cooperate on the weekends and there will be more opportunities for Vessel Examinations. Please continue your efforts from last year in all of the programs and try to keep the new members interested and involved. We need their support and efforts if this wonderful program is to continue for another fifty plus years. Boat Safe and have fun this summer.

CDR Al Muccilli



District Commodore

Edward W. Rearick

LET'S GO TEAM

Now that our Spring Conference is over and Summer is just around the corner, we should be preparing to enjoy our hobby-boating. This is of course assuming we have included the AMOS objectives in our plans. Ask yourself, how am I doing? Am I satisfied with the progress my flotilla or division is making toward its AMOS goals? Are we all doing all we can or are we waiting for someone else to do the work while we go out and play?

I certainly hope this is not the case. In order to successfully meet our commitments, we must all do our part and be part of the team. A team that is performing at its peak has synergy. In other words, one plus one is greater than two. That's why a team can achieve better results than individuals. Besides it's more fun and it's what we call our fourth cornerstone.

It is interesting to watch some one develop a team. Some managers believe that all they need to do is write a memo designating a group of people as team members, a person as the team leader, and the team immediately exists. To the contrary, the evolution of a team is a complex activity. There are several phases through which all teams must pass.

First is the Forming phase. This requires two steps, the first being the selection of a team leader. This leader must be committed to managing the team and not being a member of the team. I never saw a winning sports team who had a player manager. Players must play and managers must manage.

The second step is the selection of team members. This is basically done for us since all flotilla and division members are on the team. In any case, no amount of coaching, managing or leading can create a team if the players are not committed to the task.

Once the team is formed, the second phase is Storming. All teams require a shakedown period while the team members are establishing a shared perspective of where the team should head. In order to reach our agreed upon objectives, all team members must be committed to:

- * Shared vision
- * Shared goals
- * Shared expectations
- * Shared confidence
- * Shared responsibly

Needless to say, the team members will disagree over these issues until all members are on the same wavelength.

The third phase of team evolution is Resolution. This is where, due to the shared commitments which resulted from the storming phase, the spirit of cooperation grows. This spirit takes time and in most cases requires cultivation. As a team passes through this phase, synergism is developed and the team enters the fourth phase of Performing.

The performing phase is where real progress is made. As cooperation grows, synergism and success grows. The positive reinforcement of the team's success leads to greater growth and greater success. Once the performing phase is ignited, stand back as major progress will result.

It is important for us to realize that successful teams do not just happen; they must evolve.

So, how's your team doing? Have a successful National Safe Boating Week? How about that Wal-Mart initiative, recruit any members for your classes or your flotilla? Those Blitzes that were scheduled, did they generate the interest needed to attract the boating public? What did your flotilla or division do for Coast Guard Auxiliary Day? All in all, how do you think it going so far?

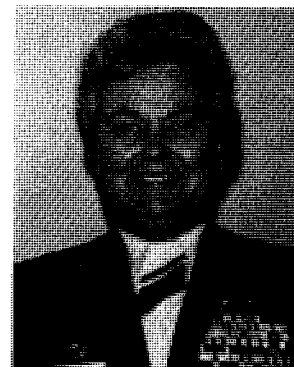
Well, if you're not satisfied with your team's progress, what are you going to do about it? It's not too late to regroup and get your team synergistic! It's up to you!

Ed Rearick, DCO

FROM THE HELM . . .



SAFE Boating Pays Off!



District Vice Commodore

Nancy K. Davis

It Can Be Done

How many of us have been excited, enthusiastic, and on fire about a new idea or project -- until someone squashes that excitement, dampens that enthusiasm, and "throws water on that fire"? Have you ever attempted to start something new in your flotilla or division only to have another member balk at the idea of anything new or different and want only to continue in the same manner as in the past?

Possibly all of us have faced this problem in the past and probably we will face it in the future too. Even though you will be reading this issue of Topside in June, at this time many Flotillas and divisions have received their AMOS goals for 1993 and are wondering how they can possibly attain each goal.

I'd like to suggest that the members of your flotilla all gather together and have a "brainstorming" session with each member of the flotilla contributing an idea on how a particular goal can be attained by something that member may want to do. For instance, a flotilla may want to plan a big weekend of patrols.

For something different, why not have several vessels patrolling on Saturday. Following their patrols, the vessels could gather in one area and perhaps raft together. Then the members could have a cookout Saturday evening (it's a good time for a debriefing and fellowship). Remember, members in training for the Boat Crew Qualification Program can learn a great deal about patrol work when the training is fun and also a great deal about the Auxiliary and the wonderful members that we have in our organization.

And then on Sunday the vessels would again patrol, continue with training, and enjoy fellowship.

The flotilla that arranges a weekend such as above would benefit from the patrols completed, the training of members, the good time and fellowship enjoyed, and trying something different. Other ways to work as a team: CME stations and a PA booth can be scheduled. Members can team teach and aides can help with the classes. How about having a cup of coffee

following the class? Or have a get together with the students and promote the Auxiliary and fellowship. There are many ways that our tasks can be made "fun" and we can enjoy the fellowship. Try it.

During a brainstorming session, your flotilla members will have many, many ideas and suggestions on how to do things and how to accomplish your AMOS goals. Just remember, when you have what you think is a great idea, don't lose your excitement or enthusiasm when someone says "It can't be done". Learn from the other persons experience and work together to improve your idea.

It Can Be Done

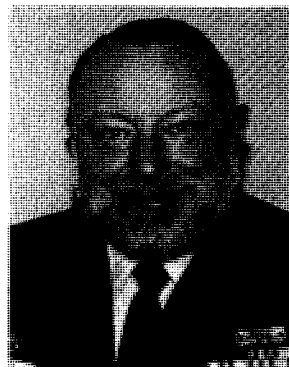
Somebody said that "It couldn't be done,"
But he with a chuckle replied,
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
on his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done -- and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that --
At least no one has ever done it."
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done -- and he did it!

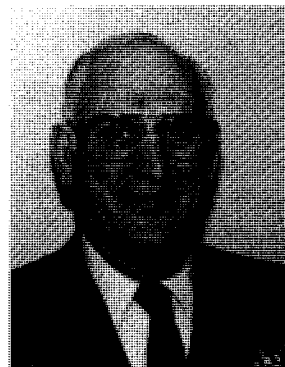
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done" -- and you'll do it.

Edgar A Guest

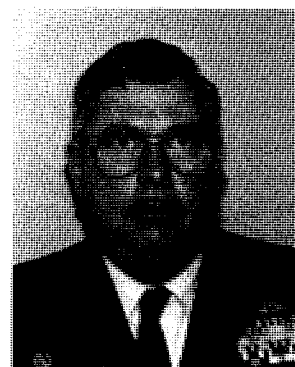
Nancy K. Davis, VCO



*Rear Commodore West
Clyde E. College*



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COMMUNICATIONS: AN IMPORTANT LINK IN AUXILIARY SUCCESS

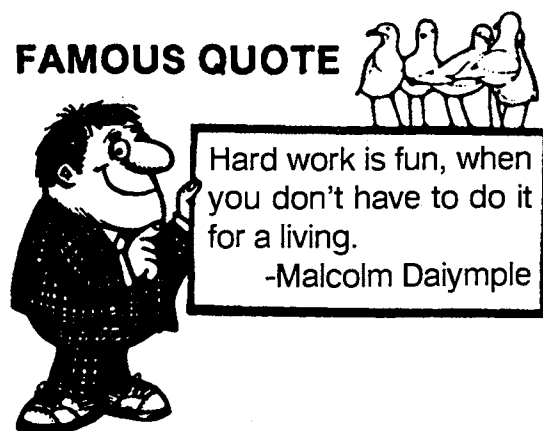
According to the dictionary on my desk, communicate is a verb meaning to give information by speaking or writing; to pass something along or to give another a share of what one has. It is of great importance in the Auxiliary that we maintain a good flow of communications from National to District to Division to Flotilla Commanders to members, as well as in the opposite direction. Equally important is the flow of communications along parallel staffing lines. Whenever a gap, or weak link in our communications develops we have uncertainty or confusion or ignorance of needed facts.

Good communications is vitally important in every aspect of the functioning of Auxiliary. Obviously our cornerstone programs depend heavily on quality communications. It is also especially important in respect to fulfillment of our AMOS goals. By this time half the year is gone. Fulfillment of AMOS goals should be well under way. It is critical that communication between Division Captains, Flotilla Commanders and members occurs regularly. Keep each other informed as to what is needed, where everyone stands, and what remains to be done. Share the information that you have so that it is easier to work together effectively.

Remember that good communication is like the old computer concept: what goes in is what comes out. So be a good communicator!

Clyde E. College, RCO-W

FAMOUS QUOTE



SPRING HAS SPRUNG, IS SUMMER ON THE WAY?

Last night we turned our clocks ahead one hour so I guess Spring is here and Summer cannot be far away. Please LORD give us good weather to go along with the season, and not like last year. The next question is, ARE WE READY? Ready to go to the ramps and give CME's and at the same time have a Public Information Booth manned and filled with the proper folders (I might add; up to date information) for the Boating Public-PFD's, flares, lights, fire extinguishers, proper display of numbers, and most of all the NEW Federal Requirements Booklet which tells the whole story, ARE WE READY to go on patrols? Are you still qualified? Did you attend the Workshops this year IT, VE, OPS, if not, why not? Also if you are Crew, Operator, or Coxswain are you in need of REQUAL? This is a tough one but five years pass very quickly. I almost forgot; how about Rules of The Road requalification? It is an open book exam but must be passed to keep yourself able to be a member of a boat crew. Please don't try to get orders and find at the last moment that you cannot serve because you are not on the qualified list. AUXMIS knows and will throw you out.

Another thought; How about classes this summer, BS&S and S&S or the new PC course? A lot of people would be happy to attend a course in the summer. Either at night or during the day if you have several instructors who would be able to teach. You would be surprised how many people have been looking for such a class. I even heard of one that supplied baby sitters for mothers who were attending the class.

Plenty of ideas have been presented so let's get STARTED and make this a banner year! CENTRAL IS EVENTFUL

Philip Stamm, RCO-C

THE "ELEGANT EAST"

As this is being written, our AMOS goals have been finalized, and we once again set for the upcoming year. My thanks to those DCPs in the East who helped "coax out" additional PE courses for 1993. Particular thanks to DCPs of VI and XIII who agreed to meet the DPG targets as given. Now, as the boating season is upon us, is the time to work hard to fulfill these commitments to the Coast Guard.

I would also like to publicly thank those DSOs and ADSOs who attended the spring Eastern Area Conference. Their reports were right on target. We are blessed in this--as well as earlier years--with a very good District Staff. In the brief lull before the season is fully upon us, take the time to complete seminars and to have your facility inspected.

"Team West" took up the challenge of the "Elegant East" to wager a case of champagne on the outcome of the Top Prop competition. Two years ago, the Top Prop crew came from Division XIV and they very much enjoyed "our champagne." Now it is my hope that the East will exact revenge. When asked which champagne tastes best, I have no hesitation in answering "other people's." Top Prop has attracted more Auxiliarists this year than ever before, so the competition should be keen. Contact Bill Pierce if you are interested.

The District SAR course was very well received and nearly all Auxiliarists who attended liked the idea of combining the course with a District Meeting. EXCOM has agreed to present this course at the fall conference. As before, we do not know if this course will be funded, but the outlook is promising. Please contact Nancy Davis, VCO if you are interested in attending. (This class fills up fast, so write Nancy promptly if you wish to attend.) First priority will be given to those "on stand-by" from the first course. CDR Muccilli has established the following priority scheme for funding additional students. First priority

goes to Auxiliarists active in the OPS program that have not previously attended and are either coxswain/ operator/ aircraft commander/ first pilot. Second priority goes to those who have not previously attended and are crew/ co-pilot. Third priority goes to those who have not attended previously and are interested in the course. Finally, fourth priority goes to those who have attended previously, but have not passed the Specialty Course examination.

I should also mention that the April conference was well attended and that the workshops and lectures were very well received. Please try to get to the Fall Conference for more of the same.

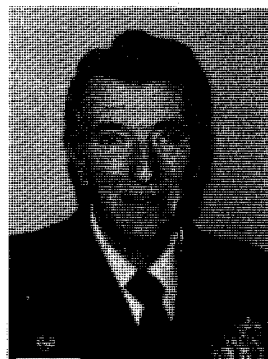
Consistent with funds availability, we will be offering on-the-water training in radar, Loran-C, GPS, and other aids to navigation. Contact me if you are interested. This activity will be integrated with regular BCQP patrols and we will be having a regular Friday night patrol out of Dredge Harbor--near Philadelphia. First priority will be given to QEs who are interested in sharpening their skills with these instruments.

The Coast Guard has issued a new Loran-C User Handbook (COMDTPUB P16562.6) that supersedes the old "Green Book" released in 1980, which you might wish to mention in your PE classes or consider for your own reference. It is detailed, but relatively user-friendly. This publication is available through the Government Printing Office, Washington, DC.

Have you tried teaching the new 4 lesson "Boating Safely" course? It is very well written and offers Flotillas yet another means to communicate with the boating public. The 4 lesson length makes it a good bet for summer courses and/or offerings to nontraditional boaters. Boating Safely is also being taught by the US Power Squadrons, the first course to be offered jointly by USCGAUX and USPS. Contact Barb Cunningham, DSO-PE, for details. I'm sure that she would be happy to put on a course overview at your Division meeting.

Finally, as many of you know, both Capt. Robert Melvin (Chief, Boating Safety Div. and District Director of Auxiliary 5th CG District) and Capt. William Griswold (Chief Director) will be leaving us in June 1993. I'm sure that I speak for all of our members in saying that they will be greatly missed.

L. Daniel Maxim, RCO-E



*Immediate Past
District Commodore
Eugene M. Pester, Jr.*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Here is an article that appeared in the monthly news letter for Public Affairs Staff Officers - Eleventh District-Northern Region - number 4-91. The article was published by Al Gabriel, DSO-PA, Eleventh District, NR. Al said he gleaned some of the information from communication briefings, a monthly idea source for decision makers, volume 9, 6 April, 1990. I was so impressed with it I thought I would share the article with our members. There are many important things included in the article which we all would do well to heed.

When you call someone and their recorder answers, **give your telephone number twice**. This gives the person the chance to get the number without rewinding, think about it.

To make certain you don't give away your original when you photocopy, place the original in a plastic sleeve. This not only protects it from stains but ensures it not being mixed up with the copies that were made.

If you are a competitive person, you should remember that competition is not the opposite of cooperation. Using cooperative strategies will often help you to be more competitive.

Do not strive to prove yourself in others' eyes. Learn to believe in yourself.

Send photos to editors in both vertical and horizontal formats. That gives editors more flexibility and could save time needed to crop.

If you are asked to write an article for a publication, include a photograph of yourself when you send it in. That adds a personal touch.

Some more "wordy" phrases we can do without when we write are:

- * make a decision -- (decided)
- * came to a realization -- (realized)
- * circle around -- (circled)

When giving a talk using a "Flip Chart", homemade or otherwise, to avoid air from pocketing under the chart paper when flipping to the next sheet, position the lower corner of the paper between your index and middle fingers. Then lift the paper in a slow, continuous motion to the top of the chart. Then pull it down the back without letting go. Keep the paper as close to the chart surface as possible on both the upward and the downward motions. This eliminates catching air under the paper, a problem that causes folding and buckling. Don't let go of the corner of the chart until it's completely turned and gently pulled snug. When a new page is exposed, face the audience before you begin talking again. **Do not talk into the chart.**

When you have to move a large, noisy group from a reception area to a meeting room or meal, try using chimes. Chimes are a pleasant way to attract attention and they work faster than "passing" the word. Simple hand held chimes are available for under \$25.00.

Avoid using the word "just" in many instances because it might suggest that you are unsure of yourself. For example;

* I'm just calling today to touch base, etc.

* I just wanted to see if you have received the literature that I sent.

Now read the sentences without the word "just" and see how much more confident you appear.

If you ever offer audience members an opportunity to ask questions, after a presentation, you might want to consider these suggestions:

* Pause and look thoughtful before answering a question. This gives the impression that the question was a good one.

* Repeat the question for the audience -- especially if many in audience did not hear it.

* Don't allow one person to dominate the session.

* Offer short answers. Emphasize one point in the answer.

* If someone wants to elaborate, allow him or her to ask another question.

* Don't debate. Provide information and clarify points in a confident fashion. If someone disagrees, say something such as, "We appreciate your views."

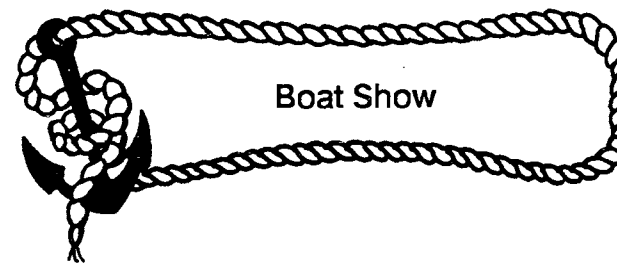
* Ask people to ask questions in no more than three sentences. (This can be difficult at times.)

* Don't "wing" it. If you don't know the answer, say so. Ask the person to put the question on a business card and explain you will get back to them.

Why not try some of these ideas. You may be surprised at the results.

Soon, most of us will be out on the water, enjoying the boating season. Let's all be careful - use good judgement - don't take any chances - and play it safe. After all we need every one of you to help us further boating safety. Let's stay in touch.

Eugene M. Pester, IPDCO



The Boat Show at the Philadelphia Civic Center

The "big" boat show in Philadelphia opened on 23 January 1993, the same weekend as the Winter Conference. With so many people attending the conference workshops, it wasn't easy getting workers for the boat show. But - Charlie Lyman was there, following his usual pattern of reliability, and not leaving us with an empty booth those two days. He setup the booth the day before, and has faithfully been in attendance throughout the entire nine days of the show.

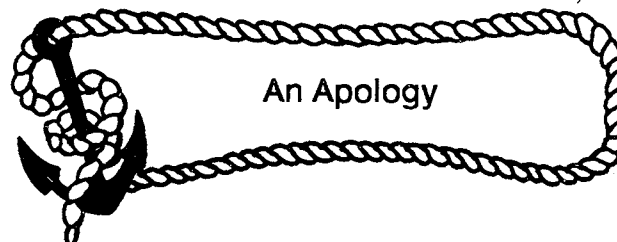
This show gives us tremendous exposure to the general public. The booth is set up in the lobby of the Civic Center, between the ticket sellers and the entrance to the show. Thus, everyone going in has to pass the booth, and if they don't stop by on the way in, they almost always stop before they leave the building.

This is the greatest place for informing the public about our classes. If the Notice of Intent to Teach has been submitted early enough, the classes will be on the list at the booth. So many people stop to chat, and wind up taking notes on where the classes are being taught. They ask many questions concerning boating regulations, etc., and are truly interested in the safety features.

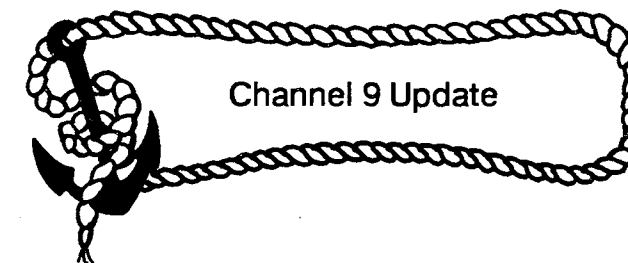
The National Marine Manufacturers Association has always been gracious in giving us this booth. We are placed among the other services that support the boating public, so that most questions asked can be helped by one or another of the units represented.

If you have never attended a boat show, or never worked at one, try it next year. It can be fun!

Muriel G. Lewis, SO-PA II



It is always my intention to produce Topside and distribute it on time. For this issue, I had a mechanical failure that delayed publication. I am sorry if this inconvenienced anyone and I am taking measures to have alternate means of processing. Thank you for your patience. Austin McGuire, DSO-PB

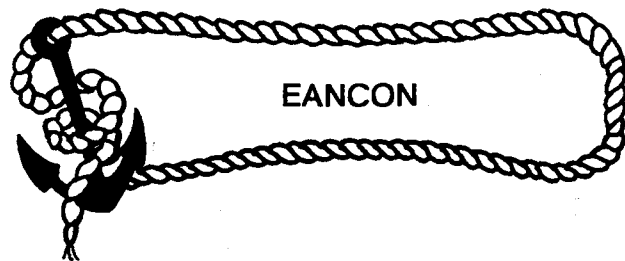


Channel 9 Update

In June 1992 VHF Marine Channel 9 became an alternate calling channel for non-commercial vessels. In order to properly serve the boating public, transmission of Coast Guard Marine Information Broadcasts (MIB and UMIB) and Marine Assistance Request Broadcasts (MARB) which are now announced on Channel 16 will also have to be announced on Channel 9 for the recreational boaters. At present, the majority of Coast Guard districts have radio high site equipment that does not have Channel 9 capability. Upgrading will be done on a district by district basis and it will take sometime to upgrade these high sites. Additionally, a nationwide program is just getting underway to upgrade many of the high sites from the current six channel capability to a twelve channel capability. Funding for this unscheduled change is also a big problem in most areas.

There are some districts that do not expect to be upgraded to fully cover Channel 9 until the 1995-96 time frame. Until this happens, the Auxiliary should make the public aware of the problem through PE classes, during VE's and at any other opportunity. It would be best if the non-commercial boater remained on Channel 16 until their district is ready for Channel 9 operation. Also, remember that the use of Channel 9 is not mandatory and only recommended in congested areas where the multitude of boaters on Channel 16 render it unusable most of the time and the Coast Guard can provide Channel 9 coverage for broadcast announcements. To the best of my knowledge, only the First Coast Guard District is fully operational on Channel 9 at this time. However, boaters from the First, and any other district that upgrades to support Channel 9, should be made aware that there are other districts that still use only Channel 16 and if they leave their home waters they may want to switch channels. Better yet, when possible scan both Channels 16 and 9.

Henry G. Pratt III, DC-O



EANCON

EANCON 93, Houston, Texas: 5NR AT TOP.

Everything seemed routine. The "Red Tail" airlines had confirmed the registrations and all was set. Then, the Friday before, the word came down from Washington, NO RED TAIL FLIGHTS. Based upon new guidelines, the we couldn't go to Houston by the C-130. It wasn't long before our Director, Commander Al Muccilli came to the rescue and procured commercial airline tickets for the entourage from the Fifth Northern.

The weather in Houston was great and the staff at the Stouffer Presidente was outstanding in their efforts to make us feel comfortable and welcome. Upon our arrival, we found the registration desk, the U.S. Coast Guard Uniform Store and the Eight District Materials center all open for Business. The Conference Committee did a fabulous job in planning and organizing the event.

Thursday was a very busy day. There was a meeting by the eastern area Directors with the Chief Director of Auxiliary, another with the Eastern Area Commodores and the National Rear Commodore, East, a Public Affairs and Publications Workshop; a Recruiting and Retention Workshop, an AIM/RAP Workshop, an Air Safety Workshop, and a National EXCOM meeting with Eastern Area DCO's and Directors and a meeting of the National Vice Commodore with the Eastern Area DCO's and Directors. All of the Workshops were well attended and well organized.

On Friday, opening ceremonies got underway at 0900 sharp with the Houston Highlanders Pipe Band piping in the Presentation of Colors by a local Coast Guard Color Guard. Following the introductions by NARCO-E, Everette L. Tucker, Jr. EANCON 93 was well under way. At this meeting, NOAA awards were presented. Our own Andy Ritzie was one of the top award winners. At lunch, we heard a super address by Cadet Charlene Downey, Regimental Commander, Corps of Cadets, The United States Coast Guard Academy. This young lady was most inspiring and was living proof of the value of the AIM program. She really made you feel great to be an auxilist.

After lunch, the members attended a number of workshops. They included, Public Affairs, Public Education, Information Systems, Legal, Member Resources, AIM/RAP, Recruitment and Retention, member training, operations and vessel examination, and the AUXSLO meeting.

After this long and hard work day, members retired to a wild, wild west BBQ fun Night. Nearly everyone became a cowboy or cowgirl that evening and it certainly was a fun night and great way to let down your hair.

In spite of the fun nite, EANCON '93 reconvened early Saturday morning with remarks from the Texas State Boating Law Administrator and remarks from RADM Wm. J. Ecker, Chief, G-N, Captain Wm S. Griswold, CHDIRAUX, Joseph J. Lanz, NACO and Everette L. Tucker, Jr. NARCO-E. Following the adjournment of EANCON, there was a trade show and the afternoon was FREE. That evening was the Commodores Banquet. RADM James C. Card, Commander, 8th Coast Guard District was the featured Speaker. Dan Maxim, RCO-E, 5NR, walked off with the very prestigious Bunzl Boating Safety Award made by the American Boat and Yacht Council. The award is given to that person who has made the most outstanding and significant contribution to Boating Safety from the members of the public, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, The U.S. Power Squadrons, and organized Yacht Clubs. IPDCOE EUGENE M. Pester was called forward to receive the National Rear Commodores awards for achieving five of the six AMOS goals of the 5NR. While we came close, we missed the goal for vessel examination. Notwithstanding that, 5th Northern received the greatest number of awards, five in all.

Fifth Northern was well represented considering the disappointment resulting from the cancellation of the Red Tail. Plans are being considered to hold EANCON 96 in the 5th Northern.

Otis Littleton, DSO-PA

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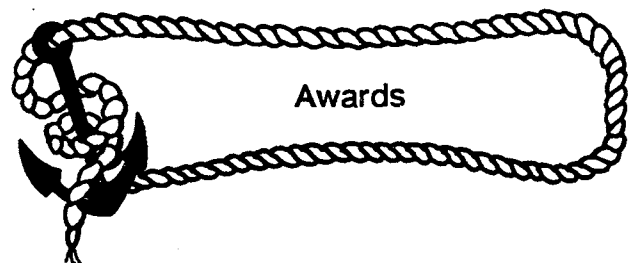
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Awards

BRAVO ZULU

Let me start off by offering my congratulations all those who received Awards at our Spring Conference. It is unfortunate that everyone receiving an award was not there to accept. However, the awards ceremony is always impressive and makes one feel proud to be part of it and the Auxiliary.

I also want to congratulate the staff for the great workshops they presented. Why, we even had a SAR course going on in the hotel during the conference weekend. Conferences are a time for learning, a time for giving and a time for fellowship. If you don't attend, you're missing a lot. A special thanks to all who made this conference a memorable event. May we have many more.

If there was a sad note to this conference, it was saying good-bye to a couple of the Auxiliary's old friends, Capt. Bob Melvin and Capt. Bill and Sam Griswold. We all wish them well in their retirement and hope their plans will include a visit to the Fifth Northern in the Future.

Ed Rearick, DCO

1992 Awards		
Training Aids,	Type I	Edward M. Hubbs
	Type II	Aston C. Smith
	Type III	James T. Emery
	Type IV	Anthony T. Battalia
1993 Awards		
	Type I	James T. Emery
	Type II	Howard Humphries
	Type III	Thomas Horan
	Type IV	C. Dane Alden
A/N-CU Award	Daniel G. Beall	
Topside Photo	M. Philip Stamm	
CME Award	Henry K. Wanner	
Instructor Award	William E. Stumbers	
Support Mission Award	Emanuel Greenwald	
Assist Award	Richard W. Nice	
Operation Program Award	Anthony T. Fimowicz	

Division Publication Award	Div. XIII, Robert M. Edmund
Flotilla Publication Award	Flo. 02-76, Muriel G. Lewis
Flotilla Membership Award	01-09
Flotilla OPS Support Award	07-12
Flotilla AN/CU Award	14-05
Flotilla Operations Award	07-11
Flotilla CME Award	14-03
William Ross McDonald Award	14-03
Massman Award for Performance	Div. XIII
Massman Award for Activity	Div. III
Past DCO Plaque	14-03
Past DCO Trophy	14-03
Directors Admin Award	

Flotilla	Flotilla Commander
01-01	Janet R. Corbett
01-08	Joseph W. Sartin
01-09	Robert L. Turner
02-09	William B. Canfield
03-02	William E. Pierce
03-03	James D. Clark
03-05	Nicholas M. Gribaudo
03-06	Robert V. DuBois
03-08	Dennis E. Conley
03-04	Clyde E. Croll
04-05	Orlando D. Maiocco
04-07	Dennis E. Porter
04-11	William Y. Lewis
05-03	William E. Weihbrecht
06-03	Dorothy H. Claeys
07-02	Robyn G. Norcross
07-12	Francis G. MacDonald
08-05	Leo E. Daley
09-03	Maurice M. Zechman
10-04	Leslie C. Richter
10-05	David O. Becker
10-06	Leon E. Kehr
11-03	Leon P. Scicchitano
11-06	Beverly A. Graeff
11-09	Carl R. Sheetz, Jr.
12-02	Robert A. Jopling
13-01	Bruce G. Long
13-03	John C. Kmiec
14-02	Robert C. Wecker
14-03	Richard C. Bordner
14-04	Steven R. Marchio
14-06	Robert R. Rock

Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award	14-03
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Awards

Pennsylvania Awards

Flo Water & Kids	05-03
Top Flo 5NR in PE	04-09
Top Flo 5NR in CME/MDV	06-03
Top Flo 5NR in OPS	14-01
Top Inst 5NR in CME	Eric L. Pennell
Top Examiner 5NR in CME	Henry K. Wanner
Top Aux 5NR in Operations	Anthony T. Fimowicz
Top Flotilla in PA	14-03

New Jersey Awards

Operations Winners	Education Winners
Flotilla 03-04	Flotilla 03-05
Flotilla 06-06	Flotilla 06-03
Flotilla 07-07	Flotilla 07-11
Flotilla 08-03	Flotilla 08-01
Flotilla 13-03	Flotilla 13-03

Delaware Awards

Division I	Division XII
Member with most hours as Operator/Coxswains	
Paul D. Owens Jr.	Robert G. Kepfer

Member with most hours as crew member	
Carol L. Owens	Robert J. Perrone

Member who did most CME's/Facilities	
Robert L. Turner	Donald McKnatt

Member with most hours on support missions	
Paul D. Owens	Lionel F. Crossman

Member with most hours as instructor in PE&MT	
Mary Clair Bowlus	William E. Stumbers

Outstanding Auxiliarist	
Robert L. Turner	William E. Stumbers

INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Plaque for 100 hours or more in the field of operations

Janet I. Churchill	John G. Kmiec
Paul D. Owens, Jr.	Daniel B. Charter
Luke Howard	Nancy K. Davis
Walter J. Moulder	Keith D. Raffell
Jane G. Brereton	Thomas M. Butler
Horace M. Eltonhead	Bonita M. Shumate

Judy Reardon
Eugene C. Henderson
William E. Pierce
Oliver D. Compton
Judith C. Dodd
Dorothy E. Collins
Leonard E. Karter
Clyde E. Croll
Richard P. Stabler
William K. Laird
Stephen R. Lang
Howard F. Guest
Irma J. Klabbatz
John R. Kratzer
Andrew D. Ritzie
Ira R. Dolich
Jay L. David
Robert R. Albers
Eric G. Stokes
Jean Pojnar
George J. O'Brien
Charles Tier, III
John Massaro
Raymond J. Panfile
Marylouise A. Cassell
Thomas Horan, Jr.
Joseph J. Cotellese
Gerald Dugan
Joseph A. Warner
Regina P. Stretch
Ralph C. Gilbert
Gladys G. Grubb
Paul Mackes
Shirley A. Murphy
M. Philip Stamm
Leon P. Scicchitano
Kenneth C. Thomas
Robert J. Perrone
Matthew B. Greenlee
Sally L. Griffith-Kepfer
Eugene C. Peters
David Berlin
John R. Devine
Richard Hudson
Carol L. Owens
Paul V. Eldridge
Alexander H. Svabs
Robert M. Brereton
Felix L. Mendla
Michael D. Reardon
Dudley D. Gallup
James D. Clark
Miriam Compton

Kris L. Gohn
Charles E. Sipe, Jr.
Michael R. Deitzler
Richard C. Bordner
Eugene Brown
Clair E. Paules
Richard Kelley
Stanley Wojciechowski
John D. Borzell
William A. Stuck
Marvin W. Johnson
Charles Maltbie
Robert E. Chenery
William C. Platter
Robert L. Turner
David E. Wick
Mary Jane Payne
Charles E. Lyman
Anthony H. Stanewich
George R. Collins
June B. Layton
Richard W. Nice
Nicholas S. Matchica
George E. Pupek
George J. Smyth
George Papacostas
Elizabeth E. Guest
Chester G. Klabbatz
Arthur T. Arena
William Tower, Jr.
Brogdan Jakubicki
Thaddeus Wieczorek
H. William Schmitz
David C. Crossley
George W. Smith
William J. Zotto
Chet Boreeck
William R. Allen
Alois J. Essig
Frank L. Dalley
James F. Whitmore
Benjamin F. Surrick
Daniel G. Beall
Leo E. Daley
Suzanne B. Wade
Mary E. Gilbert
Donna M. Zechman
Barbara S. Mackes
George A. Kanfer
Alice F. Stamm
Doreen J. Egoif
William E. Stumbers
Lionel F. Crossman

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Robert L. Layton
Darlene R. Liguori
George W. Ayars
Orlando D. Maiocco
William Y. Lewis
William E. Weihbrecht
William A. Gardner
Rodney M. Miller
Barbara Cunningham
Rita H. Kratzer
Arline L. Dolich
L. Daniel Maxim
Michael R. Ryan
Michael Gydos
Herbert E. Hoeger
Stanley J. Pojnar
Paul V. Deferrari
Helen Sweeney
Robert E. Almond
Byron J. Dial, Jr.
William G. Dages
James A. Johnson
John Emmel
Donald F. McGahn
Rita A. Wade
Donal W. Cardwell
Maurice M. Zechman
Michael B. Redmond
Gene Murphy
Herman C. Frese
William A. Bubnis
Beverly A. Graeff
William H. Richter, Jr.
Robert J. Perrone, Jr.
Harry W. Otto
Andrew Assimos
Edward W. Patchell

David L. Hermansader
Robert G. Kepfer
Robert Ormston
Charles Ebberts
Arthur R. Wentz
Patricia N. Charter
George A. Ryan
Audrey Markle
John M. Schetky
Henry L. Reeser
Robert L. Wecker
Glen R. Rider
Aline M. Harrison
John E. Brooks, Jr.
Harry F. Mallgrave
Terry L. Sprenkle
Stephen C. Paules
Raymond H. Hillman
Leo J. Deitz
George W. Comfort
Donald E. Bowes
Barbara A. Raffell
Robert D. Sheets
Kevin R. Garthwaite
Ura P. Shumate
Harold R. Bentz
Patricia A. Rider
Kenneth Bashore
Clyde E. College
Jack Horsfall
Kitt-Jo M. Sprenkle
Charles L. Kates, Jr.
Gomer Hillman
Donna S. Borzell
Robert R. Merrill
Thaddeus Piotrowski

Laurence Brooks
Joseph Higginbotham
Eugene Brown
Michael Gydos
Robyn G. Norcross

Plaque for 65 hours or more in the field of instruction

Richard W. Metzler
Orlando D. Maiocco
Anthony T. Fimowicz
Harry L. David
Henry W. Demler, Jr.
Jonas A. Levin
John T. Lincoln
Dorothy H. Claeys
Patrick Cunningham
Benjamin F. Surrick
William J. Riches
Doreen J. Egolf
Zachary Cienkowski
M. Philip Stamm
Leo E. Daley
Michael B. Redmond
Alice F. Stamm
Nancy K. Davis
Stanley J. Pojnar
David O. Becker
Charles Tier, III
Eugene M. Pester, Jr.
William E. Reimer, Jr.
Charles R. Yocum, Jr.
George E. Pupek
William E. Pierce
Elmer L. Thomas
John O. Stebbins
Edward M. Henry
Joseph A. Warner
Thadeous Wiczorek
Roger E. Scholer
Henry L. Reeser
George J. Smyth
Robert Schade
Ira R. Dolich
Ronald G. Cohen
Brendan V. Sullivan
John D. Borzell
William Y. Lewis
Robert Bansky
Edward H. McDermott
Joseph L. Cotellesse
Robert L. Wecker

Anthony Battalia
Rosa Neff
Victor J. Anderson
Herman C. Frese
Suzanne B. Wade

Jack Horsfall
Robyn G. Norcross
John D. McIntosh
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Clifford N. Duncan
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Ernest E. Karlson
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Suzanne Janson
Richard G. Kauffman
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Lionel F. Crossman
Donald F. McGahn
Stanley W. Packer
Robert E. Almond
L. Daniel Maxim
Edward B. Baskin
John C. Kmiec
Leonard E. Karter
Eric L. Pennell
Alois J. Essig
Robert L. Layton
James F. Whitmore
John A. Locasale
John R. Kratzer
Herman C. Frese
James J. Dempster
Richard W. Nice
George S. Van Dyke
Arline L. Dolich
Heather S. Bonner
Harry P. Petersen, Jr.
Stephen R. Lang
Daniel B. Charter
William J. Zotto
James S. Brennan
Arthur M. Talley, Jr.

Plaque for 150 or more Courtesy Marine Examinations

Leo E. Daley
Walter Price
Robert L. Strickland
Stephen R. Lang
Charles Tier, III
Edward W. Rearick, Jr.
Robert Neiman
Joseph A. Warner
Alice Drew
Gene Murphy
June Rutkowski
Donald F. McGahn
Donald McKnatt

Oliver D. Compton
David O. Becker
Robert M. Budd, Sr.
Regina P. Stretch
Eugene M. Pester, Jr.
Leslie Richter
Elliot F. Linsky
Rita A. Wade
Andrew Meighan
Anthony H. Marzcello
Helen Sweeney
Robert B. West
C. Dane Alden

Awards

Richard Hudson
Harry F. Mallgrave
Ura P. Shumate
Winter W. Wright
Charles E. Sipe, Jr.
Jack L. Shirk
Charles E. Lyman
Larry C. Whiskeyman
Rita H. Kratzer
William E. Weihbrecht
Earl J. Mitten, Sr.
Mary Clare Bowlus

Charles L. Gruber
H. William Schmitz
Thomas M. Butler
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Leonard Shuffstall
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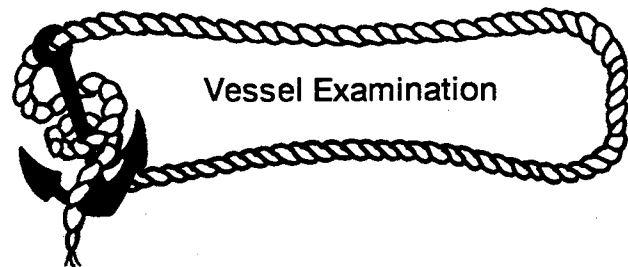


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We are starting a new Vessel Examination and Marine Dealer visitor year and our staff is here to provide all the assistance you may require. An introduction of our staff is appropriate at this time. I'm a member of Flotilla 8-2, Cape May, NJ and besides being DS0-VE, I'll also assume the ADS0-VE (E) duties. The ADS0-VE (C) is Gene Murphy, Flotilla 10-04; ADS0-VE (W) is "Jim" Peifer, Flotilla 5-1; and ADS0-VE (MDV) is John Petrone, Flotilla 5-3.

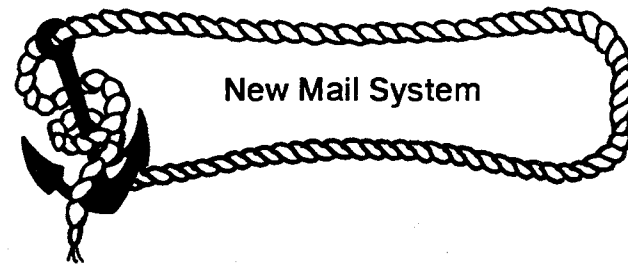
Our goals for 1993 have been announced and they are the same as last year - hit the mark - be the best! We have some ideas and suggestions for making your task easier and having a good time while doing your VE'S. Fellowship and organized activities should be part of this cornerstone and we will propose a few ways to help you do a better job and enjoy it! To this end, we will continue to publish a monthly district VE/MDV newsletter for distribution to all auxillarists in the 5th Northern. This newsletter will be your voice. Your input, suggestions and comments are requested. Lets spread the word around on your successes. Brag about your Flotilla/Division!

There will also be a section devoted to the MDV Program. The same emphasis will be afforded this great program. This section will be written by the ADS0-VE (MDV) and you can be assured that John will give us as great a job as did Hank Demler this past year!

Finally, to help you do a better job in working with the public, we hope to show you how to "improve your numbers, how to improve the quality of the vessel examinations and how to have more fun doing VE'S. My staff and I are ready and willing to help any Division/Flotilla that may need anything from a one lesson mini workshop (part of MT after the meetings) seminars if we need them. Another goal this year - NO ONE in 5NR on the VE drop list for lack of a VE Seminar!

Planning is well underway for a number of mini blitz's in the Western area by the five divisions. We're looking forward to a great happening. Other area divisions - take heed you're missing out on a lot of fellowship and service to our recreational boating public. We still have time to spread the work on boating safety and award the coveted Seal of Safety.

Ed Baskin, DSO-VE



Federal agencies to change mail system

All federal agencies are being mandated to change from the current penalty indicia mailing to an "accountability mail" system of the future.

The Coast Guard has instructed Ron R. Myrick, Coast Guard mail manager to oversee its conversion. This will also be affecting the Auxiliary as well.

Myrick, addressing Auxiliarists at EANCON said the deadline for the conversion is September 30, 1994.

A mail Conversion Committee has been formed by the National Commodore to work with the Coast Guard in planning developing policies and procedures. NARCO-E Everette L. Tucker, Jr., mail conversion chairperson said, "This action is the Auxiliary's number one priority in that it effects every member and everything we do. "Tucker said, "We must accomplish this conversion correctly."

Estimates indicate that the Auxiliary uses about 2 million mailings for AUXMIS and up to 3 million pieces for miscellaneous use: newsletters, correspondence, notices, etc. All total about 1- 1.5 million dollars annually, this figure is a rough estimate. The Mail Conversion Committee is surveying the Auxiliary nationwide to obtain the best possible statistics on mail use.

The Conversion Committee is now addressing the problems that have arisen due to this imminent conversion. New procedures for mailings being evaluated are:

* Mailings over 200 or greater and mailed at the same post office would be able to use "Official Postage Paid Permits," These permits would be perfect for national, district and similar bulk mailings.

* Mailings that would be 200 or less. The options are individual stamps, postage meters, business reply, or pre-stamped envelopes.

This conversion is still in the preliminary stages, and the different types of mailings systems are being used by selected Coast Guard units to judge their effectiveness.

A survey of Auxiliary mail will be conducted within each district during June to determine how much mail the Auxiliary

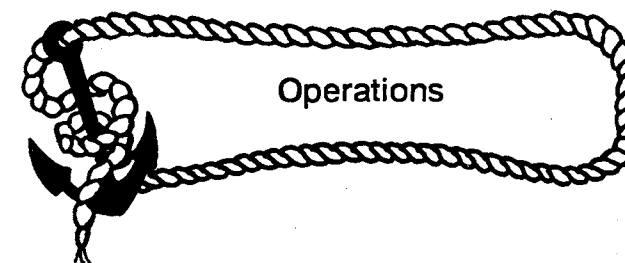
dispatches. Two divisions as well as two flotillas in each division will participate in this survey. The EXCOM and staff are also asked to support this action.

It is very important that this survey be conducted properly and that the results be returned to the Mail Conversion Committee not later than the end of July.

VCO Nancy Davis will be our districts Mail Conversion Action Officer and will be fully involved in the committee's actions and deliberations. Davis will be our member who will be fully knowledgeable of the "Why's, What's, How's, etc." of the conversion and will oversee the actual training of our members and implementation of the new mailing system.

Ed Rearick, DCO

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I remember, from many "IS" workshops, that the one person most responsible for keeping track of your input to AUXMIS is you. Keeping this in mind, when is your time to recertify as crew, operator or coxswain? This information is in your year end one page from National or from the two page roster. The two page comes out monthly, so how about checking with your FSO-IS for your date and write it down. Don't be caught with two or three weeks left to get your hours or to take the Nav. Rules test to recertify. We need you out there, so keep track!

Just a reminder; the most important reason for having a District Operations Dept. is to serve. First, the Coast Guard, Second, the Division Operations Dept., Third the Flotilla Operations Dept. How we serve is up to you. Do you want boats for a special event? Do you want crew for your boat? Do you want training for your Division or Flotilla? Do you need help in planning an up and coming event? Are you having any operational problems in your area? Do you need one of us to come and explain the operations program to your Division? If the answer is yes to any of the above, just give one of us a call we will be there.

Another reminder; please do not forget, no patrol can exceed eight (8) hours except in an emergency, or if you have a boat in tow. When your eight (8) hours are up. Tow the boat in safely, then secure.

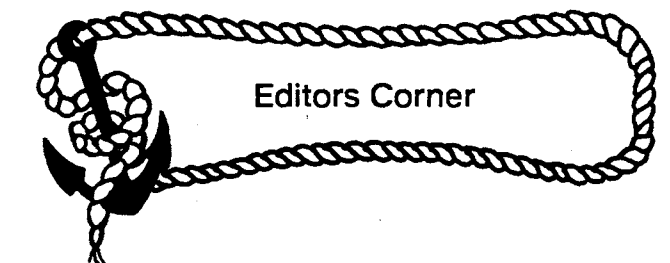
Andy Ritzie and I would like to thank you for the turn out at the April Workshop "Sun-Compass". From all we have heard you enjoyed the time spent. We hope you all used your Sun Compass and your boat is heading in a new and more reliable direction.

"Help" If any of you have an idea or a project you would like to see, build or hear about at any future operations workshop please write a rapid draft or call, we are here to serve, remember.

Please keep up the quality job you are doing for the Coast Guard. Do it safely, your prime duty is to your crew and your boat.

Safe Boating is no accident! See you on the water.

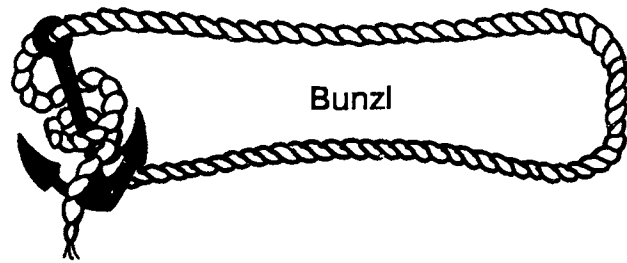
Bill Pierce, DSO-OP



As the editor of *Topside*, I get to talk to a lot of people and one of the nice things I get to talk about is the good that the Auxiliary is doing. For instance, I walked into an operations center one Sunday morning and was greeted with "Boy am I glad to see you. A couple of hours ago I had an oil spill report and I knew that one of your planes was up there and I could depend on a good search. I just want to let you and your people know they are appreciated." This is a nice way to start out on any morning. The way not to end a day is to have an exchange person tell you that an Auxiliarist in uniform was asking a regular Coastie to make a purchase of cigarettes for him. By the time the employee had finished with a customer and was ready to approach the Auxiliarist, he was gone. As one Auxiliarist to another, we work hard at what we do and appreciate the benefits that we get, please don't blow it.

EANCON produced a wealth of information that was sent to me from national since I was unable to attend and I appreciate that. One of the topics was our classified ads section. You will notice it missing from this issue. It was stretching the rules. Another point which is also available on the computer bulletin board is fund raising announcements. The PB officer authorizing the announcement would have to know Auxiliarists were involved and that all of the funds would be going toward official government business. Since this is very hard to control, please don't ask your PB officer to publish money raising plans going out Penalty Indicia. Put a stamp on it. See you on the water.

Austin J. McGuire, Jr., DSO-PB



Bunzl

Bunzl Award goes to L. Daniel Maxim

The latest recipient of the American Boat & Yacht Council's prestigious Bunzl Boating Safety Award is L. Daniel Maxim, a man who wears many hats--those of technical consultant, professor, commercial pilot, author and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Rear Commodore-East.

Maxim's many years of active service and achievements in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary were given well deserved public recognition when he was honored in mid-April at the Auxiliary's Eastern Area meeting in Houston, TX. Making the presentation was Rear Admiral William J. Ecker, Chief of USCG Office of Navigation.

Given by the ABYC Foundation, the Bunzl Award includes a special citation and accompanying Steuben crystal cup. It recognizes and rewards an outstanding volunteer who has worked for 5 years or more to promote and bring about safer recreational boating.

Maxim's Auxiliary background includes years of intensive work in diverse fields. He was Flotilla Commander, Division Vice Captain and Division Captain before being elected Rear Commodore-East earlier this year.

In addition to teaching a variety of Auxiliary advanced boating courses, he has authored the "U.S. Coast Guard Loran-C Handbook" and was principal author of the second edition of "Advanced Coastal Navigation" text and study guides. He has developed specialized instructional materials on such topics as radar for navigation and collision-avoidance, tides, tidal currents, loran and fuel planning for mariners and pilots. Altogether, he has written and published over 100 technical articles and books.

Among his numerous Coast Guard Auxiliary awards are Certificates of Operational Merit and of Administrative Merit, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and Special Operational Service ribbons. He also is a three-time winner of a Group Action Award.

Since 1980, Maxim has been president and chairman of Everest Consulting Associates, Inc. of Cranbury, NJ, and is a former visiting professor of industrial engineering/operations and research/economics.

His background includes a bachelor's degree in chemical

engineering, master's degrees in chemistry, forestry and management science and a Ph.D. in operations research. Much of his professional life was spent with Mathematical, Inc. of Princeton, NJ, where he rose from a senior consultant in 1968 to a senior vice president of the firm's Mathtech Division in the late 1970s.

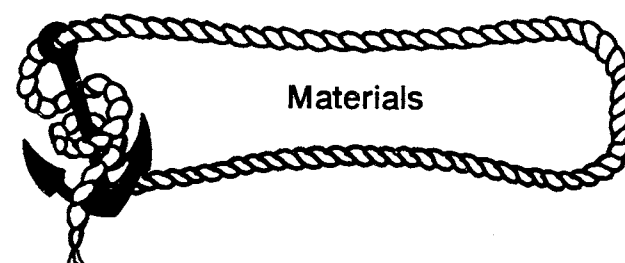
Certainly the Bunzl Boating Safety Award is an appropriate recognition for this author-teacher, man of many talents.

The Bunzl Award, presented one or two times a year by the American Boat and Yacht Council's Foundation, is the cornerstone of a 20-year program to encourage and reward volunteerism in the cause of safe boating. The award was initiated in 1990 when Richard Bunzl of Atlanta, himself a long-time volunteer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, pledged over \$500,000 to the ABYC Foundation.

Editors note: The above article is the official press release from the American Boat and Yacht Council, Inc.



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Materials

With three Conference Stores and the preparation entailed now history, the "Merchants of 5 NR" feel increasingly knowledgeable and comfortable in the total Materials Operation. We're even able to match faces with names!

In anticipation of the Auxiliary's busiest season, the DISTRICT STORE has in stock CME Banners, Patrol Signs, Operational, Auxiliary and U.S. Ensigns and Officer's Pennants. We can mail a new Ball Cap and, should you need a Whistle for your Mustang's pocket, we have these too.

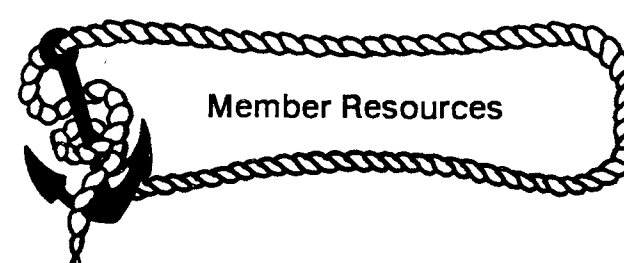
As an addition to your summer reading, Auxiliarists both new and seasoned, will find *The Volunteers*, A History of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, enjoyable. An invaluable booklet for new members and Boating Safety students is *A Glossary of Marine Terminology*.

If you are thinking of purchasing a Formal Jacket, don't forget you'll need a Cummerbund, Cuff Links with Studs and a Chain Assembly. Let us send these to you in ample time for the Fall Conference banquet.

Why not join the growing number of Auxiliarists who are looking really sharp sporting our removeable Blazer Patch?

AND -- REMEMBER ---

The DISTRICT STORE is for your use
so, don't delay; there's no excuse,
To be without Ball Caps, Ties or Pins,
or Vessel Ensigns that unfurl with the wind.
Think about Enhanced Boards, both large and small,
and, of course, we have Collar Devices for one and all.
So, just send your order with a check to us;
we'll expedite it promptly without a fuss.
And, to the Coffers of 5 NR ---
You'll be giving support thru the DISTRICT STORE.



Member Resources

In 1939, a volunteer unit was created to assist the United States Coast Guard. A volunteer unit that has been helping the Coast Guard in the performance of their duties ever since. Because of the excellent work the Auxiliary was doing, the Coast Guard PERMITTED the Auxiliary to wear a uniform similar to a Coast Guard Officers uniform so that people may know that this person is a volunteer part of the Coast Guard.

To make everything easy for the volunteer, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary Officials put together a set of rules and regulations to govern the Auxiliary, most important of which is how, when and what to wear in the uniform line. They drew pictures and said when you wear this type uniform, you WILL wear this type necktie, shoes, shirt, etc. This was done to keep things consistent, in that, if you want to be recognized as a Coast Guard person, then you should be most cooperative in dressing like a Coast Guard person.

What this means is that you don't wear brown shoes with dinner dress blues, dress blue Bravo or dress blue Alpha; you don't wear an army flight jacket with undress blue; you don't wear Coast Guard blue winter shirt under a dress blue alpha or bravo uniform; and most of all you should be neat and clean, if not as a Coast Guard person at least for personal pride.

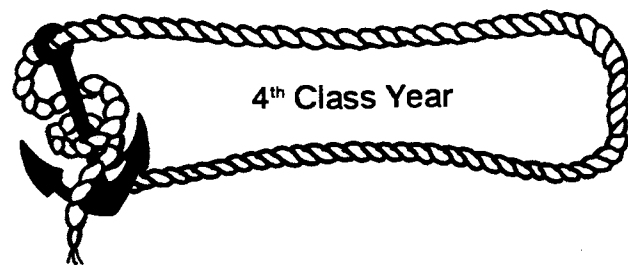
There is, in our Auxiliary Manual, on pages E1-18 thru page E1-33 a most explicit set of drawings and complete and thorough explanation of the uniform, combinations of and when and how to wear the uniform.

Perhaps you will say I don't have all these combinations and can't afford to buy them. In this case the Coast Guard has opened a back door for us - after most instructions on what to wear at a particular function there is usually a statement which says "APPROVED CIVILIAN ATTIRE", which means simply, if, for some reason you can't look like a Coast Guard person, dress as you would present yourself in civilian attire.

Next, some will say, "how would anyone know I'm representing the Coast Guard if I dress in civilian attire" and the answer to that is that you have an identification card.

Please, let us not give the organization that we are representing a "black-eye" by presenting ourselves at any function in a shabby or unprescribed uniform.

Jim Dempster DSO MR



4/C year is finally coming to an end. It has been a long, hard journey but it's been worth it. I have already been issued my 3rd Class stripe although I can't wear it yet. As RADM Matteson put it, "The light at the end of the tunnel is not another train."

This year has not been all work. I did have a lot of fun. In the Fall I was part of the Windjammers. They are the Academy's drum and bugle corps. We traveled all over. My first trips were Montreal, Seneca, NY, and Arlington, NY. Montreal was fun. We played at the McGill University home coming football game. The crowd went nuts. We received a loud response from Seneca and Arlington also. On later trips we played at the New York State Band Championships, and various high schools including Catasaqua HS, right here in 5NR. Between the home shows and the road trips I had a lot of fun. The funny thing about me joining Windjammers is that I don't play an instrument. I started working with their color guard carrying the Coast Guard Ensign and am now the captain of the color guard section.

Windjammer season came to a close. But it was far from dull around here as long as you stay involved which I did. I tried out for the musical Brigadoon and was selected as one of the dancers. For over four months we practiced. We started off just learning lines to songs and simple dance steps. But as we got closer to show time we started putting it all together, and that is where the real fun began. Doc Newton was our director. He's a great guy but sometimes a little uptight. Like when stage crew rolled out an orange bridge for the 1790s setting. It was repainted quickly. There were other times when Sam Johnson walked across the stage like Charlie Chaplin. After a while all the characters knew all the lines of every other character. This made things interesting when someone would forget a line. The entire cast would say the line for that person.

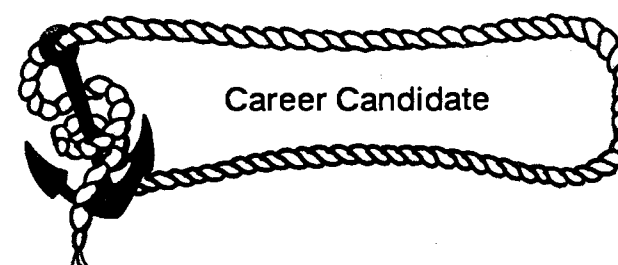
While working on the play I decided to work light crew also. This was hard, but worth the work. The way I was set for the dancing numbers, I always exited stage right. Everybody knew to stay clear of the aisle right there. As soon as I got off stage I ran all the way up above the balcony to jump on the spotlights. The light crew manager got someone else for spots two days before opening night. Not only did light crew make rehearsal busy but it made the rest of my day busy. My morning began every morning before 0600 hrs. I had breakfast and was at light crew before 0700. I had classed from 0800 to 1600. At 1600 back to rehearsal till 2000. From 2000 till 2200 I worked on setting the stage lights. At 2200 I started my homework. And you thought you had a busy day!

Finally it was opening night. I was given the dubious honor of being the bearer of the rubber chicken. In the middle of the biggest scene in the whole play I went walking across the stage the rubber chicken in my arm. Although it was one of the harder scenes to choreograph, the wedding party was the most fun to do. Doc figured that since it was a wedding party we would probably be drunk. And drunk we were (acting). We were always where we were supposed to be at a given moment, but we did not always face the correct way.

While all this was going on I was part of the Precision Trick Drill Team at the Academy. I have had a lot of fun learning the different tosses and spins. This team teaches you courage. As every logical cell in your body is screaming at you to run from the spinning blade of the bayonet you put out your hand to stop it and the rifle with a loud smack. While this internal battle is going on, one must maintain their military bearing in addition to counting beats.

Fourth class year has been fun. There are things that can only be experienced not explained, like 100th day. I hope this picture helps to show you what I mean. If you have any questions for me about the Academy you can send them to the editor and he will forward them to me. Till next time.

Austin McGuire, III, FI 02-10



By now fifteen of our 1993 A.I.M. Candidates are eagerly looking forward to A.I.M. Week at the Coast Guard Academy, 29 July through 4 August 1993, having been selected from an outstanding group of young men and women juniors in high school.

Also, this is the time that those AIMers from last year, who were successful in obtaining and accepting appointments to the academy - Class of '97 - are anxiously and apprehensively looking forward to starting "swab summer" and one of the toughest experiences of their lives. We are fortunate again this year in 05N to have at least five (at the time of writing) and possibly seven 1992 AIMers in this class of 1997.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE, IN AND OUT OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, WHO HELP TO MAKE AND KEEP THE AIM PROGRAM THE SUCCESS IT IS!

What is "swab summer"? It is not a summer camp! (AIM Week is a short "taste" of swab summer). It is physically demanding, mentally challenging and an emotional shock. Most swabs often feel as if they want to quit the first day, which seems like the longest day of their life. The standards are high; the goal is to make excellence a habit, and prepare the swabs to take their places as members of the Corps of Cadets at the beginning of the academic year. The training is INTENSE. The highlight for many is a one week "cruise" aboard training ship EAGLE.

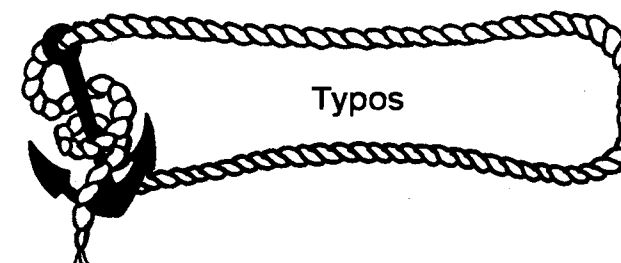
While we are now finished with the Class of '97 (except for continued follow-up and support), and are working hard with our '93 AIMers to get them into the "Class of '98", it's not too early to be looking for excellent candidates for the Class of '99! Can you imagine that?

We need to be prepared to get busy by the time school starts again in September. IMPORTANT: We have been promised that there will be a new COMDTINST 1100.4A Career Candidate Officers Guide in September '93. There is a new AIM Pre-Application (ANSC # 7049) and AIM poster (ANSC #3515) available, and should be ordered now. Get a good start for our 1994 program.

Your Career Candidate (CC) officers need everyone's help to find these exceptional young people who are interested in making the Coast Guard their career.

A.I.M./R.A.P. is a year-round program!
Get involved with the future!

Allen E. Wenrich DSO-CC
Donna K Carpenter ADSO-CC



TYPOS
by Robert P. Anderson

The typographical error,
Is a slippery thing and shy,
You can hunt it 'til you're dizzy,
But it somehow will get by.

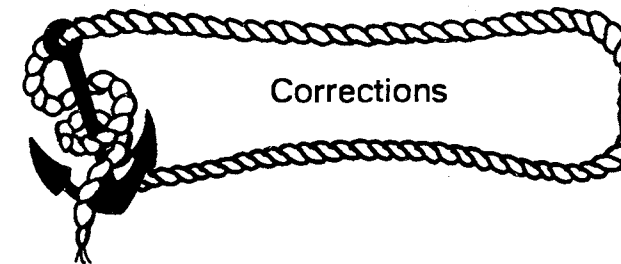
Til the forms are on the press,
It is strange how still it sleeps.
It shrinks down in a corner,
And it never stirs or peeps.

The typographical error,
Is too small for human eyes,
Til the ink is on the paper,
Then it grows to mountain size.

The boss just stares in horror,
Then grabs his hair and groans,
The copy reader drops his head,
Upon his hands and moans.

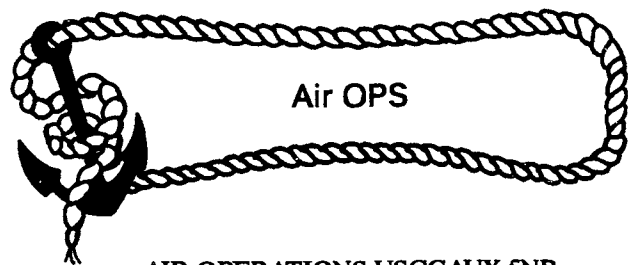
The remainder of the issue,
May be as clean as clean can be,
But the typographical error,
Is the only thing they'll see!

Editors note: Copied with permission from and thanks to
The Mariners Weather Log, NOAA



The following people had incorrect information in the last issue of Topside for 25 years of service. I apologize.

Betty Moran Flotilla 05-03
Paul Astor Flotilla 08-06



AIR OPERATIONS USCGAUX 5NR

Air operations plays a vital role in the United States Coast Guard and the execution of its missions. Air operations is becoming as important to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. With the Auxiliary Air Operations program, we are enhancing the capabilities of the surface craft search and rescue units to reach the scene of a disaster faster. A faster response time means that there is a greater probability of saving the lives of those in danger.

Like the surface craft operator, the air operations pilot must be trained and qualified to perform the tasks expected of him. Also, like the surface craft operator, the pilot usually needs the help of a crew member to act as an observer. The pilot and the observer act together as a team looking for signs of life at a SAR scene to which they can direct the surface rescue craft.

For the most part, the air operational facilities are member owned resources that, like their surface vessel counterparts, are on loan by the owner to the Coast Guard for a specific duration. Just as the Auxiliarist who offers his boat as a facility must maintain it in accordance with standards established by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, so must the owner of the air facility.

During the 1992 operations season, the Air Operations program was a great success. "Air ops" completed 63 patrols. At this time we have 7 pilots and 32 observers who are active in the program. Our aircraft are all fixed wing facilities. In this respect, we do not have the capability of rotor craft to hover over a scene and effect rescues directly.

The air operations are not restricted to search and rescue activities. Included in the missions of the air ops program are flights for the Environmental Protection Agency, location and identification of abandoned watercraft, port orientation flights and transportation of VIP's. We also take time for training missions. Two of our aircraft participated in the Raystown Blitz in August of 1992.

Our goal for 1993 is to conduct in excess of 80 operational patrols and increase our participation and training with Auxiliary surface operations. We are hopeful of recruiting additional aircraft and pilots as well as air observers. We may be small by comparison of numbers with the other elements of the Auxiliary, but we are part of the team and we also soar with the eagles.

Ken Laird, ADSO OPA



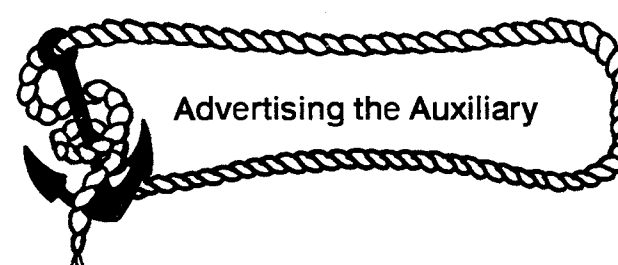
In Memoriam

We of the Coast Guard Auxiliary mourn our loss:

Rachel Zabko Popotowicz	02-09
Nicholas Gribaudo	03-05
Joseph Palermo	08-02
Roy Crider	09-03
Clair Holtzapple	14-02
Harold Conners	14-06

"When our sailing nears its ending
 When our course is all but run,
 When the scenes of past endeavor
 Crowd upon us one by one,
 When we see in true perspective--
 Knowing wrong and knowing right,
 May we say, like Saul of Tarsus
 'I have fought a noble fight'.
 May we find our life-long courses
 Have not been steered in vain,
 Lest the bearings we have plotted
 Must be reckoned out again.
 When we leave our earthly bodies
 Buried deep in sea or sod,
 May our endeavors be our glory
 When we go to meet our God."

We bid you 'Hail and Farewell', shipmate, until we drop anchor beside you at the last great Rendezvous.



Advertising the Auxiliary

"It pays to advertise", a cliché common in the business world, proved to be true for Flotilla 53 of Harrisburg, PA. Through the efforts of the Flotilla Vice-Commander, William K. Laird, a Harrisburg business man and frequent user of billboard advertising, the Flotilla was able to advertise its Spring BS&S course. Ken was able to procure three billboards for the Flotilla at a very nominal charge, from the advertising company. The signs were placed along major highways entering the city of Harrisburg, thereby providing maximum coverage for "53". The Flotilla plans to use the signs again in late summer to advertise its Fall courses.

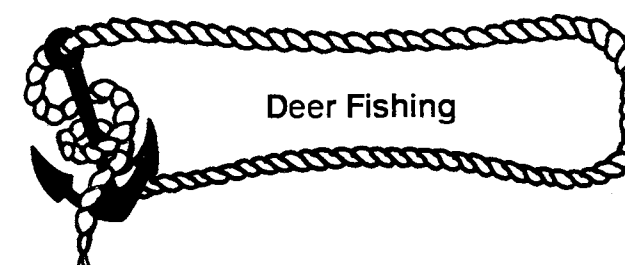
The benefits are two-fold; not only do they help to fill up the PE classes but they also help to increase the PA missions required for AMOS.

The photograph shows one of the billboards that was used to advertise the BS&S course with William K. Laird, VFC on the left and George J. Smyth, past RCO-W and present FSO-OP on the right, admiring the sign.

W. E. Weihbrecht, FC, 05-03



Photo by W. E. Weihbrecht



Deer Fishing on the Chesapeake

The Blues were not running but the deer were. While out on his 34' sportfisherman, "Jack-in-the-Box", a member of Flotilla 6-10, Jack Brandow, spotted what first appeared to be a piece of driftwood. Being just off the mouth of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay, he went over to investigate. The driftwood turned out to be a deer that had undertaken a farther swim than anticipated.

It was apparent the sound of the engines was frightening the deer. As soon as Jack turned off his engines to observe, the tired animal swam right to his boat and placed its head on the swim platform to rest. He was able to then get a line on the deer and tow it to shore.

We now have a new meaning for "Search and Rescue".

Jack Brandow, FL 06-10

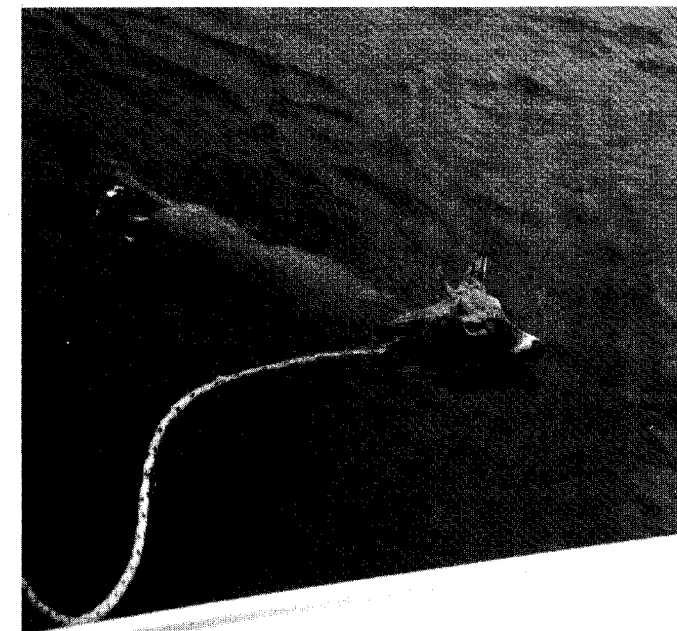
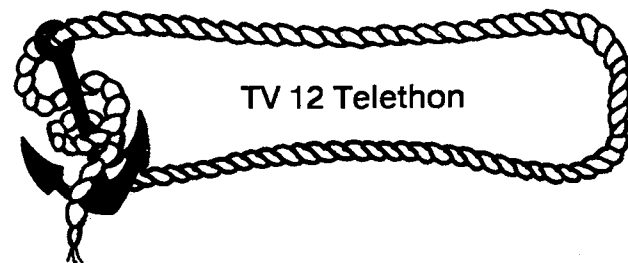


Photo by Jack Brandow



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DAY - PBS

Another first occurred for the 5th District, Northern Region when they volunteered to assist Public Broadcasting, TV-12 to kick off their fund drive on Saturday, March 6, 1993.

This was not previously done by the 5th Northern District and investigation would reveal that other districts have likewise not performed this function.

This particular event was named Coast Guard Auxiliary Day for the beginning of the fund drive as indicated and was staffed by 54 auxiliaries from 7 of the 13 Divisions in the 5th Northern Region.

The day started with training and briefing of the group by Cara Schneider, Development Assistant of TV 12. The first announcement of our arrival really turned some heads. We were announced as being from the Coast Guard Academy instead of the Auxiliary

and after everyone caught their breath they realized most of us were a tad bit old to be in college. This was really an attention getter for all present and probably also for the many viewers who were watching.

TV 12's goal for the overall fund drive was \$1.5 million for the year and the Auxiliary was able to assist them in obtaining pledges in the amount of \$112,748 for the day. We have been advised pledges overall totalled \$1.8 million.

In addition, they had live during the fund drive nationally famous cartoonist Bruce Blitz, who also gave out many autographs to the auxiliaries on hand which included their own personal cartoon. Auxiliaries also had an opportunity to visit the set of the new Bill Cosby show "You Bet your Life" which is filmed at TV 12, as well as touring the entire area and we had a great luncheon.

Numerous press releases on this matter were presented to sixteen media sources in the 5NR Region, many of which were printed. Division 12 of Southern Delaware was not able to furnish any auxiliaries to participate in view of the distance involved,

but did obtain favorable publicity for us on local radio stations in the area.

This was a great opportunity to publicize the Auxiliary. The Master of Ceremonies mentioned the Auxiliary between 40-50 times during the course of our six hour stint. Continually throughout the program the Auxiliaries were shown in action, taking pledges, etc. and our new Commodore Edward Rearick was interviewed on the air for approximately 3-4 minutes. It is our opinion our image was greatly enhanced.

Initially, many Auxiliaries were reluctant to volunteer, but all had a good time. Following the program, Program Coordinator, ADSO Thomas F. Cusack, received many requests to handle another program in the Fall. However, this has been cancelled as they exceeded their goal. We will be again scheduled to assist in the Spring of 1994.

Subsequent to the TV-12 Fund drive, it was also arranged to perform the same function for the NJ PBS, Channel 23. This was ultimately assigned to our friends in the 1st Southern District who received it with great enthusiasm. However, due to the blizzard of 1993, this was a wash out and subsequent arrangements are being formulated.

At this point our friends in the western part of the District are attempting to arrange similar type function with Channel 39 which is PBS in Harrisburg, PA.

This is a great source of publicity for the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard as we were on the air before the public's view for a number of hours in dress blue Bravo and thanked many times on the air by our host.

TV 12 is aired in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and parts of New York and Maryland. Viewers total 1.5 to 3 million depending on the time of day.

It would be a great idea for all Districts throughout the country to attempt to arrange a similar function with the PBS stations in their area. I am quite certain all the major cities in the U. S. have PBS stations and at least there is probably a PBS station for each of the 50 states. This would be a great Public Affairs activity for the Auxiliary as a whole and in addition to all the publicity, potential new vessel exams, etc., there is a potential for recruiting new membership.

In addition to all the indirect benefits we feel the Auxiliary received, the #1 priority was to help the Public Service Broadcasting obtain pledges to allow their continued operation from which the entire public sector-including both boaters and non-boaters benefit.

This was also rewarding from our own standpoint to be involved in an event such as heretofore described.

Thomas F. Cusack, ADSO-PA

TV 12 WHYY 91FM

INDEPENDENCE MALL, WEST, 150 NORTH SIXTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106, 215-351-1200
625 ORANGE STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801, 302-888-1200

March 26, 1993

Mr. Tom Cusack
Coast Guard Auxiliary
Route 1 Box 269-8
Queen Street
Thorofare. NJ 08086

Dear Tom:

Our March fundraiser was marked by unexpected excess - with a foot of snow on the ground our staff and volunteers managed to raise an astonishing 1.8 million dollars well above our goal of 1.5 million. Our success was due in large part to our own Things That Aren't There Anymore, a program about lost local hot spots. Thank you so much for being a part of this effort. Your help allowed us to raise \$112,748 on March 6.

Now that all the studio work is done I am asking for your assistance in some post-fundraiser paperwork. We need to record all of the contributions made to WHYY throughout the year. Some of our funding is contingent Upon the amount of community support we receive. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed in-kind giving form and mail it back to me in the return envelope as soon as possible. I would also appreciate a copy of the list of volunteers who were here with you if you have one.

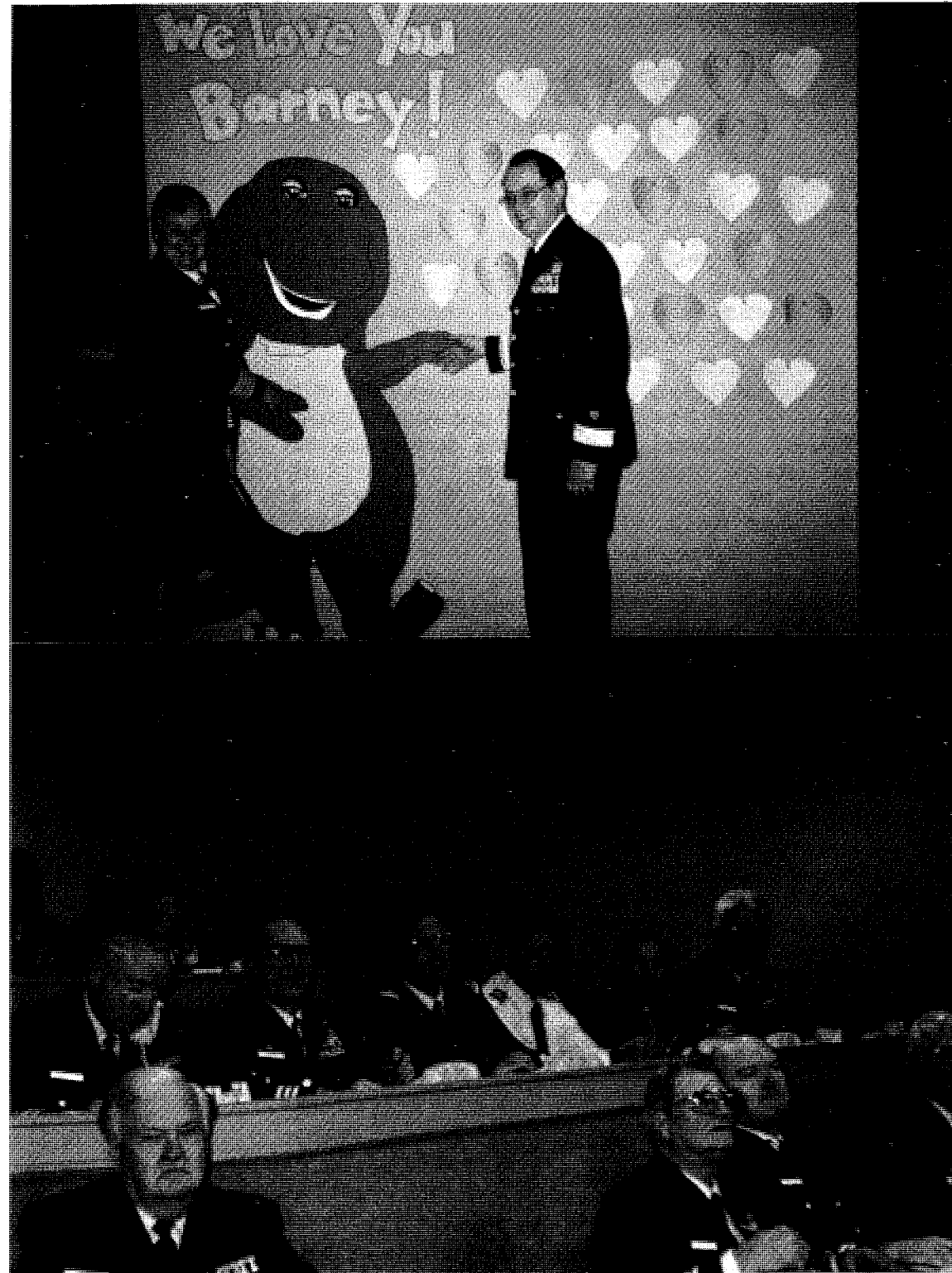
We really enjoyed having you here. I hope everyone had fun while also seeing what goes on behind the scenes. If you do a newsletter story about your experience at TV12 I would love to see a copy. Your stories help entice new groups to get involved and we appreciate any comments you have about the fundraiser recruiting volunteers or what you did while you were here.

Thanks again for your help and enthusiasm -- we look forward to your return next year. In the meantime I hope you have some extra room on your desk for the mug headed your way.

Sincerely,

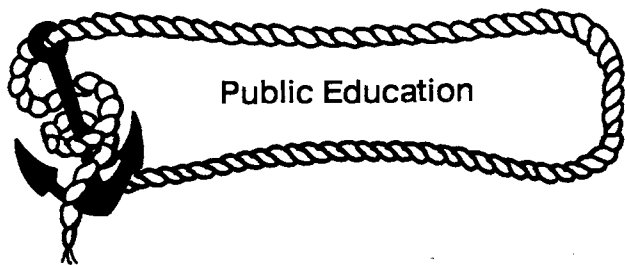
Cara Schneider
Development Assistant

Coast Guard Auxiliary Day - PBS



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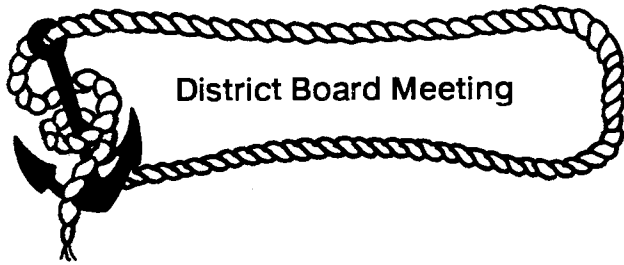


This winter we distributed a new input form, Auxiliary Notice of Intent to Teach Public Education Course, to replace the old multi-form CG-4691. Flotillas have been cooperating very well in using the new form, which is much easier to read than the old one. If information could be sent to me sooner about upcoming PE classes, however, the classes could be publicized more effectively, both in the list PE Classes in 5NR, which I distribute, and in the Fifth District Local Notices to Mariners. Six weeks' lead time is sometimes required. Many flotillas plan well ahead, but others seem to be scheduling their courses on the spur of the moment.

At the Spring Conference in Lancaster, the PE staff, which includes myself and ADSO-PEs Lindy Harrison and Isabel Jones, gave a seminar on the new four-lesson Boating Safely course, which is now available. A few flotillas have scheduled this course, which is an ideal interim course for giving during the summer months when people are often reluctant to commit to a longer course. Please let us know if you have any experiences with the new Boating Safely course, which is designed for "non-traditional" boaters, for example, hunters, fishermen or teenagers.

We attended all of the Area Meetings in March, as well as the Spring Conference, and I got to go to EANCON in Houston in April. During the summer months we hope to visit the various Divisions and discuss the PE program. Please contact any of us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Barbara G. Cunningham, DSO-PE



TO: The 5(NR) District Board, District Staff Officers, and All Members of 5(NR)

You are cordially invited to the Summer 1993 District Board Meeting on Saturday, 17 July 1993 to be held between the hours of 1000 and 1630 at MSO/Group Philadelphia. The prescribed uniform is Tropical Blue Long.

Board members traveling a long distance will be issued orders so that they may arrive on 16 July.

All Members of the Fifth District Northern Region who do not receive orders will be authorized a free lunch and dinner at the Group Philadelphia galley. Members, other than Board and Staff, who eat in the galley should be prepared to pay \$2.10 for each meal.

Members must register with our Conference Coordinator, Arline Dolich prior to 1 July 1993 so that we have a count of the number of members who will be attending the meeting and the number who will be eating lunch or lunch/dinner at the galley. Without registration, members will be required to pay for their meal(s). Write to Arline at 108 S. Mansfield Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, or call her at (609) 795-5491.

District Board Meeting Schedule

0930 -1000	Coffee and Danish	Multi-purpose room
1000 -1100	District Staff meeting	Ward Room
1000 -1100	Division Captain's meeting	Multi-purpose room
1115 -1215	District Board meeting	Multi-purpose room
1215 -1315	LUNCH	Galley or your choice
1315 -1630	District Board meeting	Multi-purpose room

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