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Scene from AIMsters visiting Coast Guard Vessels at Atlantic City.

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CHIEF OF BOATING SAFETY



Director's Business Plan

In the Fall of 1995, the 5th District Executive Council developed and published the Fifth District Executive Business Plan (EBP). The Plan is intended for use by the District Staff as the basic framework for their efforts in leading the D5 "corporation" in an environment of dynamic change. The Executive Council tasked the District staff to translate and apply the Plan in their respective business areas. The following is my translation and application of the Plan for the Auxiliary program.

The five goals below are listed verbatim from the EBP. The words following each goal are mine. The thoughts behind them should be familiar. They essentially incorporate all we have been trying to do over the past three years (at least) as well as the ABD&D, and other recent works.

I wanted to share this plan with you to ensure you understand my thoughts and intentions with respect to the Auxiliary program in the 5th District. I invite your thoughts in return.

EBP Goal 1: Maintain a strong response capability; always ready as a military service to meet national multi-mission requirements . . . Premise: The Auxiliary can be a valuable resource for attaining this goal, but the Auxiliary and Auxiliarists are an unknown entity for most CG personnel. This state of affairs is beginning to change with focus on non-traditional missions by the Auxiliary, by the CG's Auxiliary program and by several field units in D5. **Director's Objectives:** * Improved understanding of the purposes of the Auxiliary and its capabilities, and the needs of individual Auxiliarists by CG personnel at all levels. * Enhanced and strengthened relationships between the Auxiliary and the CG in D5. CG and Auxiliarists work together at all levels, sharing good ideas, best practices, etc. (Team Coast Guard) * CG at all levels regularly attend Auxiliary functions to learn, keep Auxiliarists up-to-date on CG initiatives and obtain a sense of how things are going in the Auxiliary. Auxiliary participates in appropriate CG conferences at all levels. * Auxiliary is considered up front in decision making. Auxiliary resources are considered during development of operational planning documents. * Increased Auxiliary resource and staff hours in support of non-traditional mission areas. Auxiliarists augment/supplement on a situational basis at CG units.

EBP Goal 2: Enhance and extend our reputation as the world's premiere maritime service . . . Premise: The Auxiliary's strongest suit has been the RBS mission: They have stood out above all others in boating education. As skilled boat operators, they have been a valuable resource for the CG's SAR mission. More recently, they have developed a widespread interest in the CG's marine environmental protection program. In the spirit of this goal and in response to the threat of competition, the Auxiliary has (independently) embarked on an effort to meet this goal for themselves in RBS. The Auxiliary can be a valuable resource to the CG in supporting this goal in other ways. **Director Objectives;** * Improved CME program: The CME is respected by CG boarding teams, marine police and the boating public. * Improved MEP program: CG and Auxiliary working together as a team. * Improved ATON program: CG and Auxiliary working together as a team. * Improved image: Auxiliarists wear the uniform properly and proudly, are effective representatives of the CG, and by their demeanor, help to improve both the Auxiliary's and the CG's prestige. * CG and Auxiliary alert for opportunities to meet this goal.

EBP Goal 3: Enhance relationships with states, local community and businesses we serve . . . Premise: Historically, the Auxiliary in D5 has enjoyed a close working relationship with RBS interests at all levels of government and local communities: The Auxiliary is included in all D5/State RBS MOUs, D5 Auxiliarists teach state boating classes, and patrol sole state waters. Recent efforts have been made to further develop the concept of partnerships with some success. Further work is needed. Additionally, in many parts of the several states, the Auxiliary is the only representative of the CG that citizens see, and it is critical to the CG's and the Auxiliary's prestige that Auxiliarists represent the CG and the Auxiliary properly. Work is needed to improve this representation. **Director Objectives:** * Mutually beneficial partnerships between the Auxiliary and national, state and local community boating safety focused organizations are developed, improved.

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DIRAUX



Well here we are more than halfway through the year and making great headway. As I look around the region I see enthusiasm and a lot of hard work taking place in support of Team Coast Guard. My discussions with the State Agencies and the surrounding Coast Guard units has confirmed your exceptional support. The initiative you have displayed has been exemplary. National Safe Boating Week was once again a big success thanks to you. I want to personally thank you and commend you for your efforts and team work in refining our 5NR Emergency Response plans, for the support you have provided our leadership and last but not least for your gracious financial contributions in support of our 1996 CG Mutual Assistance Fund Raising Campaign which totalled \$3,969.50.

One thing I have come to realize is that our job is never really done. We have a lot of projects in the works such as AUXMIS II, revising our private aid verification program, providing environmental prevention education in support of the Sea Partners Program, implementing a PWC pilot program not to mention all the PE, PA, VE, and MDV requests which come your way. The list goes on and on. Without your help none of this would be possible. The active duty forces are becoming more and more aware of that valuable resource called the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I had the recent opportunity to read the Commandant's State of the Coast Guard address which was published in the Commandant's Bulletin and if it wasn't so long I would have liked to publish the entire article, but I would like to at least take this opportunity to identify the Commandant's closing statement for your viewing. As follows:

Words from our Commandant: "Team Coast Guard,"

"In closing, let us remember all of the members of Team Coast Guard, our 43,000 active duty and civilian employees, our 8,000 reservists, our 35,000 auxiliarists. That's 86,000 people who identify themselves as members of Team Coast Guard. Whether they are at sea, or in the air or on watch, they are serving the American public everyday. I would like to share a short prayer with you to sum things up. God of many traditions, you've created us to live in a world of change by giving us history on which to build; intellect to learn, reason and create; a vision to reach into the future; and moral and ethical code to do the right thing for the right reasons. We give you thanks for all you've bestowed upon us and ask your guidance for the future. Be with our leaders, giving them wisdom and moral courage to make good decisions as they forge a path for us to follow. Be with each man and woman in the Coast Guard, giving them strength to achieve their goals. May they know how important they are to our country and to each one of us individually. Be with each one of our families, keeping them safe and healthy. Let them know that without their support and their efforts our jobs would be difficult. As the United States Coast Guard continues to respond to the needs of our nation, we pray that you will steady us in the storms, guide us through the reefs, and bring us into the 21st century stronger and healthier, and of more service than ever before. I want to personally thank all of you for your devoted, unselfish service, and most of all your support. I thank you for living the Coast Guard's vision and preserving our culture values of honor, respect and devotion to duty. I pass on God's blessing to you and I ask for God's blessing for the United States Coast Guard. Thank you very much."

Quite an article! If you get the chance, I highly recommend reading the entire address.

With this being an election year here in 5NR, I would like to close by giving my deepest thanks and appreciation to our leadership and to all of you for your never ending support. I ask for your continued support in meeting our future challenges and carrying out our mission.

Be Safe!

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

DISTRICT COMMODORE



Here it is Summer again and we should all be out doing Patrols or CMEs or some other warm weather outdoor activity, but here I am sitting at the computer about to write an article for the *Topside* Summer issue. I could write about the next phase of activity for the Fall, but that can wait.

I want to tell you how important we all will be to the Auxiliary in the next few months. Each of us will have a very important job to do. One that will impact on the Auxiliary as a whole and to our own Flotilla, Division and District in particu-

lar. What I am referring to is the annual elections at all levels that will occur this fall. We all must respond to Flotilla elections, some to Division and District and I to National as well as Flotilla and District.

Choosing our leaders for 1997 is a very important task that we all must think about and be prepared to act on. A change in the new Auxiliary Manual states that: "To ensure that members have sufficient knowledge concerning requirements of the various elected offices, the completion of a one year (12 months) regular term of office at one level (flotilla, division, district) is required before advancement to the next higher level." The following 2 paragraphs reproduced from the *Navigator* Legal page describe what this means to the Flotilla and Division elections.

"A member must have been Basically Qualified for an absolute minimum of twelve months, and have completed the APC or Elected Officers Course, before nomination for the office of FC or VFC, and in addition hold a current designation as a VE, IT, or current qualification in the operations program before assuming office. The term of office for both FC and VFC is one year with no limitation on the number of terms for FC or VFC.

"To be eligible for election as VCP or DCP, you must have been active during the immediate past twelve months. In addition, to be eligible to assume office as VCP or DCP, you must have completed one year as VFC or FC and must have served at least six months as FC, and hold a current designation of VE, IT or a current qualification in the operations program. The terms of office for VCP and DCP are one year, with no limitation on the number of terms for VCP. The DCP may serve a total of four one year terms, providing no more than two are consecutive."

For more requirements and responsibilities and eligibilities see Legal Article on page 21 of Summer *Navigator* by COMO Joseph A. Gordon, DC-L

When you select a member to serve as the Vice Commander, Vice Captain or Vice Commodore, you should also be looking for that member to move on up to the next level.

At the Flotilla level, the problem often is not which candidate to choose, but to find a suitable candidate to run for office. This should not be. There are many members in every flotilla that would make an excellent elected officer. It is their duty to respond. When there is a choice, as there usually is at divisions, we must look at their leadership in the various assignments that they have held. Weigh the facts carefully and vote for the most qualified.

In district this year, the Board will elect a District Commodore and Vice Commodore to serve two years as well as three Rear Commodores to serve one year each. Each of the three Rear Commodores as well as the entire District Board have done an excellent job this year and the Board will have a difficult chore in picking the right one to move up to Vice Commodore. Vice Commodore College has done an outstanding job in terms of "time, travel and dedication" - a dedicated Auxiliarist and always ready to do whatever is asked of him. In choosing the three new Rear Commodores, the Board will have to look within its present and past ranks for the most capable person to represent their Area.

In choosing a leader at any level, look for a member who gets things done; one who will give the job 100%. Now is the time to be looking for the next Flotilla Commander or Division Captain.

Submitted by Harry L. David, DCO, 5NR

VICE COMMODORE



Summertime! Summertime! The boating, patrols, CMEs, fellowship, work and play are the things to which we look forward all year. I hope you are having a wonderful summer and doing a lot for the Auxiliary.

First thing I want to share with you today is the success of the District IT School that was conducted this Spring. Among our fine students was one regular Coast Guard member. He praised the training so highly that our Member Training team has been requested to put on a session in July which will be attended by thirty Coast Guard members. *Congratulations for all the extraordinary efforts and success. Keep up the great work!*

There is one more member training school scheduled for this year. That is an IT School for 12-15 September. If you are among those planning to attend, please notify Mary Clare Bowlus if for any reason you cannot be there, even if as late as 11 September. There is a waiting list and your replacement will not be able to fill your slot if we have no notice that you will not be there.

Last but not least, I am very eager to share an evening of fun and fellowship with you at Casino Night in September at our Fall Conference. I hope you are having the best summer of your life to date!

Submitted by: Clyde College, VCO, 5NR

Chief-Boating Safety

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EBP Goal 4: Meet the mandate to streamline with no reduction in essential services. . . . Premise: Essential services within the Director's domain are lumped into four categories: 1) leadership; 2) member services; 3) administrative management and; 4) support services. The Director's mission is to provide the CG with an organized, reliable, trained and proficient low cost volunteer force able and ready to assist the CG in its pursuit of all domestic CG missions (with the exception of direct L/E). Streamlining has reduced the size of the Director's staff and funding to the extent that an intense review of capabilities of the Director's staff to accomplish the mission is required. Streamlining is impacting the Auxiliary in the form of reduced Federal funding available for Auxiliary activities and in other tangible and intangible ways. * Director Objectives: * Gaps in ability to provide essential services identified and means to fill those gaps developed. * Work load organized and shaped to provide efficient and effective response to customers and the Director is able (has the time) to provide necessary and appropriate leadership to the Auxiliary. * Auxiliary is fully aware of the impact of streamlining and reduced funding on the CG and the Auxiliary organization and in conjunction with the CG, is working to identify ways to overcome obstacles brought about by streamlining to meet the goal.

EBP Goal 5: Provide leadership and a working environment to enable all of our people to reach their full potential. . . . Premise: The Auxiliary organization is suffering from problems due to leadership and managerial and administrative techniques and activities. Auxiliary leadership is aware of this and is developing strategies to solve the problems. Using leadership and people skills, the Directory can provide valuable assistance to the Auxiliary leadership in these problem areas. Director Objectives: * Improved leadership at division and flotilla levels. * Reduced administrative burden on Auxiliary members. * Auxiliary organization aligned to meet revised needs and programs (restructuring/streamlining) as deemed appropriate. * Increased percentage of Auxiliary membership who actively participate in Auxiliary programs.

Submitted by: Richard J. Davison, CAPT, USCG

RCO-CENTRAL



IT'S HERE! The smell of Summer has finally arrived. It's been a long Winter.

As we prepare to "Go down to the sea in ships," let's reflect back on what we have accomplished. Did we teach as many classes as we should? Did we pass up an opportunity to take a Specialty course? Did we make an effort to befriend a member of the BS&S class and ask if they wanted to join the Auxiliary? Did we take advantage

of the workshops at the Conferences? Did we attend a Conference? As we search for answers to these and other questions brought to mind, are we preparing ourselves for the new boating season?

Of course our vessels are in Bristol fashion for Summer '96, Are we? The regular Coast Guard has asked for help in non-traditional missions. These will challenge us to use other skills and add to our activities. That is in addition to the normal Patrols and Vessel Examinations that we do.

We should look positively on these requests from the Regulars, and not feel it is an added burden. We joined the Auxiliary to learn more about safe boating and other aspects of seamanship. What better way than to serve under the guidance of accomplished seamen. We should approach these requests with this thought.

With this training and experience, we can become the "Premier Recreational Boating Safety Organization" in the world.

Submitted by Dudley Gallup,, RCO-C, 5NR

RCO-EAST



This *TOPSIDE* will precede the Fall edition and I feel it is a most critical time of the year for our Auxiliary. Success or less than average performances of a Flotilla is usually determined by the quality of their leadership. We all share this important responsibility by voting who will continue or begin guiding our units for the coming year.

Hopefully consideration as to potential candidates has been underway for all levels of elected and appointed offices. Some members will volunteer for advanced responsibility, but in some situations a concerted effort must be made to seek out eligible and willing candidates.

Efforts to elect qualified productive leaders will pay big dividends particularly during this time of many Coast Guard and Auxiliary SOP changes. Strong, cooperative, willing and knowledgeable leaders will smooth out the road for all our members.

Your vote IS important and be reminded that continued success of our Auxiliary is in the hands of the people YOU elect now.

Everyone please remember when elections are over, it is imperative to fully support the new leadership so they are able to function to the best of their ability. They will need our help, enthusiasm and cooperation to maintain the highest standards of our great organization - the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Submitted by John Locasale, RCO-E, 5NR

Fifth Northern Fall Conference

September 20, 21, 22, 1996

*Have you registered -
It's not too late*



RCO-WEST



NORTHERN LIGHTS

The light on the northern horizon these days is not the Aurora Borealis; instead, it is Division XV. Not yet five years old, this division has taken off with a solid foundation of members from what was at one time a very large Division V. I can remember when the expansion committee of the district recommended the creation of a new division. Some Flotilla Commanders complained that their most

active members lived in the northern territory and that they would be "lost" to the new division. That statement proved to be true. They were active then and they are very active today. (By the way, all the "losing" flotillas survived and slowly recovered their status.)

Earlier this year Division XV started a new unit within a stone's throw of the Pennsylvania-New York State line. It was to become a detachment at first and later climb to full flotilla status when enough members could be recruited. Ten new enthusiastic members joined and began their member training. The Division Captain Jim Ulrich and Vice Captain Don Bowes did most of the training. Training continued through most of the summer, not only in northern Pennsylvania on the triple lakes: Tioga, Hammond and Cowanesque, but also on Delaware Bay! Nobody could keep up with the fantastic pace these guys and gals set, finishing one course before they received certification of the prior course taught. Boat crew, vessel examination training was given on the heels of basic qualification. The division even ran out of AUX forms locally to enroll more members and to qualify them, until a quick supply was sent by an adjacent division. Please understand that some of the northern lights you see are from the glow of the classroom lamps as these men and women study for the next level of training in the Auxiliary.

Tioga county is an area where one Auxiliarist taught all the BS&S courses at one time. Located along US route 15, having Mansfield State University nearby and two Corps of Engineer projects, this area is a perfect spot for a new Auxiliary unit. Now a new "Team Coast Guard" has hit the beaches literally, with the assistance of the Past Captain's Association, Board, Inc., and the full cooperation of the Army Engineers. And WOW. What results! Good management, a little planning, a little luck with the weather, lots of enthusiasm and more fun that I have space to write about, put the whole thing together. No stopping them now. The northern lakes are covered and the Captain wrote to me on one of his Admin 9's, "now on to St. Mary's." St. Mary's is another near border town farther out to the Western limits of the district.

This is what keeps us going. A growing Auxiliary, pushing the borders; bringing the message to the boaters. So the next time you see a glow in the sky, no matter what direction, it just might be a group of busy members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary working into the night to get the job done.

Note:: Have you read your new AUXILIARY MANUAL yet? It's not the same book you read when you came into the Auxiliary. In fact it is not very much like the last edition. Pick it up and see how many changes you can find in the latest version. CHANGE 1 is out on the street and CHANGE 2" is at the printers."

There's some neat stuff in there; see if you can find it.

Submitted by: Michael J. Ripton, RCO-West, 5NR

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE

People are always neglecting something they can do in trying to do something they can't do. -Edgar Watson Howe

Boosting Personal Creativity

Creativity is a valued attribute at all levels of an organization - especially when times are tough or conditions are changing rapidly. Creativity is not reserved for artists or inventors. It operates in every sphere and can be enhanced in a number of ways:

- ❑ Forget about failure. Highly successful flotillas seem unaware of the possibility of failing. This strong self-confidence may be a key element of success. This doesn't mean throw caution to the winds. It means prime yourself for success, think positive.
- ❑ Keep pressure to a minimum. Start by considering all the tasks that we are asked to do and could be done and then pursue the most promising. Constraints often disappear in the face of a really good idea.
- ❑ Pursue your goals. Make sure they are realistic - along with a timetable for their accomplishment. Goals are not reached by waiting for chance events to take you in the right direction. You have to make things happen.
- ❑ Try again. I had an economics teacher in high school who always said, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." Babe Ruth held the record for strike-outs as well as home runs. He is remembered for his successes not his failures.
- ❑ Keep an open mind. Keep your ears open. With all the budget cutbacks, many of the items we are accustomed to receive free are no longer available. Look for information sources that are new to you. Be alert for developments in one area that may address problems or present opportunities in another. Not many people are tuned-in to more than one discipline in today's complex, fast moving, world. There are opportunities for those who make an effort to stay in touch with what others are doing.

Submitted by Edward Rearick, IPDCO, 5NR



ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS

Here are a couple of interesting ideas:

- ◆ See if you can put up a small Auxiliary display in your local library. Have some item of interest and a card indicating who and where to call for additional information.
- ◆ How about the same thing for selected shop windows (sports stores, Gun shops, etc.) Possibly an Auxiliary poster - again with who to contact and telephone number clearly visible.

Our "Minute for Membership" talks at the Public Education classes seem to be invoking substantial interest in Auxiliary Membership. Great idea, Bill Reimer!

Submitted by: James McCabe, ADSO-MR, 5NR

Sometimes More Than Muscle is Needed to Get the Job Done

The American President was the feel good movie of the '95 holiday season. A recurring theme of the movie is the difficulty the President has in trying to buy (without any help from his staff) flowers for his lady friend. The most powerful man in the world just cannot seem to get the job done! How many times have we all thought, I could get the job done if I had power and authority.

Indeed, while the President of the United States wields extraordinary power, even he must work and negotiate with people and groups over which he has influence but not absolute authority. And this is the key to the word management in the phrase total quality management. Getting the job done usually requires working with other people who often have agendas different from yours. You will have to work with, through and, sometimes around, associates to accomplish the tasks at hand.

Whether one takes a leadership role or a task assignment in an organization, be it a Fortune 500 company or the Auxiliary, all the power and authority won't get the job done if you overlook certain basics necessary to be a total quality manager.

❑ Communicate. It is not enough to do the right thing. One must work to ensure that people understand what is going on and what might be asked of them. A key to communicating is to determine a message and stick to it.

❑ Commitment. No idea or program - even a good one - sells itself. Part of any proposal or task assignment must be a plan to see it through.

❑ Competence. Know what you know so that you can find out what you don't know. What skills, information, and resources are required to get the job done? This requires a certain amount of personal discipline. How many of us like to admit that we don't know something?

❑ Comprehension. What can you do and what can others do to get the job done? You may have to delegate or drown in the details. However, delegation must be accompanied by clear guidance and a mechanism for monitoring what is being done.

❑ Challenge. Expert advice can be wrong. If you have competence and comprehension, you can most often sense that expert advice, is not always what you want to achieve a goal.

Harry Truman observed that the President is a glorified public relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing, and kicking people to do what they are supposed to do anyway. Mix in a little total quality management and things may go a little more smoothly.

Submitted by Ira R. Dolich, SPO-TQM

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 (name is 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 an 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

"Tips for Teaching"

Hi Auxiliarists! You have heard over and over that students love training aids! If you're like me, you may not have time or talent to make some of the wonderful ones we've seen in the contests at District Conferences. Thus, I thought I'd share with you a few simple ones that I have developed for certain lessons I've taught.

First night: Boat Nomenclature (What a bore!) You remember ... here is the bow, there is the stern, see Spot run! (or aren't you old enough to remember the last two from your first year's school reader? The 11th Edition of BS&S does a nice job of presenting definitions of boat parts. Since the students have supposedly read that, I have secured (from computer clip art) a picture of a boat and, after a little introduction of terms that I think may be new (abaft, for example), I give them the picture and ask them to label it, asking me any questions that they have as they go. Then I circulate among them and answer questions.

New boaters seem to feel more free to ask questions of me, individually, than they would in front of everyone (especially the first night). After I get the same question a few times or have collected a few different ones, I ask for class focus a moment and explain the answers to those I've received. This very simple aid (bet you can find a usable picture in one of our books!) enables me to focus on definitions they don't know and ideas they have, rather than spending time on segments that they know. Moreover, because of the talk and activity segments being intertwined, their attention seems to be more lasting ... and they tell me they like it! As an ice-breaker, ask them to work with someone in the class that they do NOT know and compare labels.

The more you can mix a class together with each other, the more friendly they will feel, the less likely they will be to drop attendance and the more likely they will be to ask questions leading to interesting discussions later on. People LOVE to talk ... just like we do! Let's take advantage of that to develop their vested interest in the class!

Cheers and more later!

Submitted by: Lindy Harrison, ADSO-PE-W

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 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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

I want to start out by saying a big Thank You and Job Well Done to all the Flotillas and Divisions that worked on getting out the safe boating message during National Safe Boating Week.

There were numerous press releases, radio spots, television spots, billboards, boating safety booths and day-long or weekend-long affairs. The number of people that were reached is beyond counting at this point. We all did a great job...can we keep it up? The National Safe Boating Week kits that were distributed actually outline three separate target dates for promoting boating safety that go beyond the NSB Week. The next target dates were the Fourth of July Weekend and then the Labor Day Weekend. During holiday weekends we need to saturate the boating public with news releases and PA booths that show the effects and dangers when alcohol and boating are mixed. We don't want to preach but we do want to educate with the facts. On the third target date of Labor Day Weekend the boating season may be starting to wind down but there are still many people out on the waters, especially hunters and fishermen who we normally classify as "non-traditional" boaters. At this time, our efforts should focus on PFDs, Boating and Alcohol, and Survival in Cold Water (Hypothermia). Using the same means as outlined above, let's get these messages out to as many people as possible. Remember, this is not just a job for the PA or NSBW officers. Anyone can do it and everyone should help. The NSBW kits (in the hands of your NSBW or PA officer) has some wonderful examples of Press Releases already prepared. Let's all work together to get these messages out.

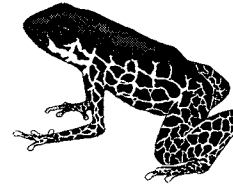
I have a new friend to introduce to all of you. Early in June I received a PFD PANDA suit that can be used by any Auxiliarist in 5NR. This suit will fit a moderate to overly moderate sized adult that is approximately 5'6" or taller. This suit would be a great addition to parades, boating safety booths, and for children's programs. Because there is only one suit, and demand may be great, I am putting together a property request and receipt form to be used. It will mean that advance notice will have to be given and very strict care will have to be taken in the using and shipping of the suit. I hope to have the details worked out by the Fall Conference and I also hope to have PFD PANDA on hand for introductions at that time. If you have any questions or would like information, I can be reached at (610) 783-0968.

Please note: as of June 1, 1996 my wife, Linda and I have a new address: 2 Cinder Lane, King of Prussia, PA 19406. As of now, the phone number remains the same.

Remember: Every job is a self portrait. Autograph your work with excellence.

Submitted by: Ron Boice, DSO-PA, 5NR

ON THE POND



National Safe Boating Week, Marine Safety Days, 200 children and a new friend. What do all of these have in common?

ME! My fly catchers and I have been busy this past Spring. National Safe Boating Week and Marine Safety Days at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia were a huge success. My Auxiliary friends from Flotilla 43, 44, 49 and 4-11 were on hand to help me talk to approximately 200 children and adults over the weekend of June 1 and June 2. I even got some support from a friendly Coastie who wanted to join in and see what all the excitement was about. For me, it's my whole reason for being. The children were genuinely interested in learning about proper fitting PFDs and how to safely balance a boat full of bears. They even sang the PFD Song loud enough that people passing by were enticed to stop and listen. One of the best things that happened was that the program was finally videotaped in the hopes that more people (especially Auxiliarists) can be made aware of just who Captain Croaker is and what I'm all about. I want people to share my program. All it takes is the desire to reach the children and a little creativity. Call my flycatchers any time and they'll be happy to talk it over with you.

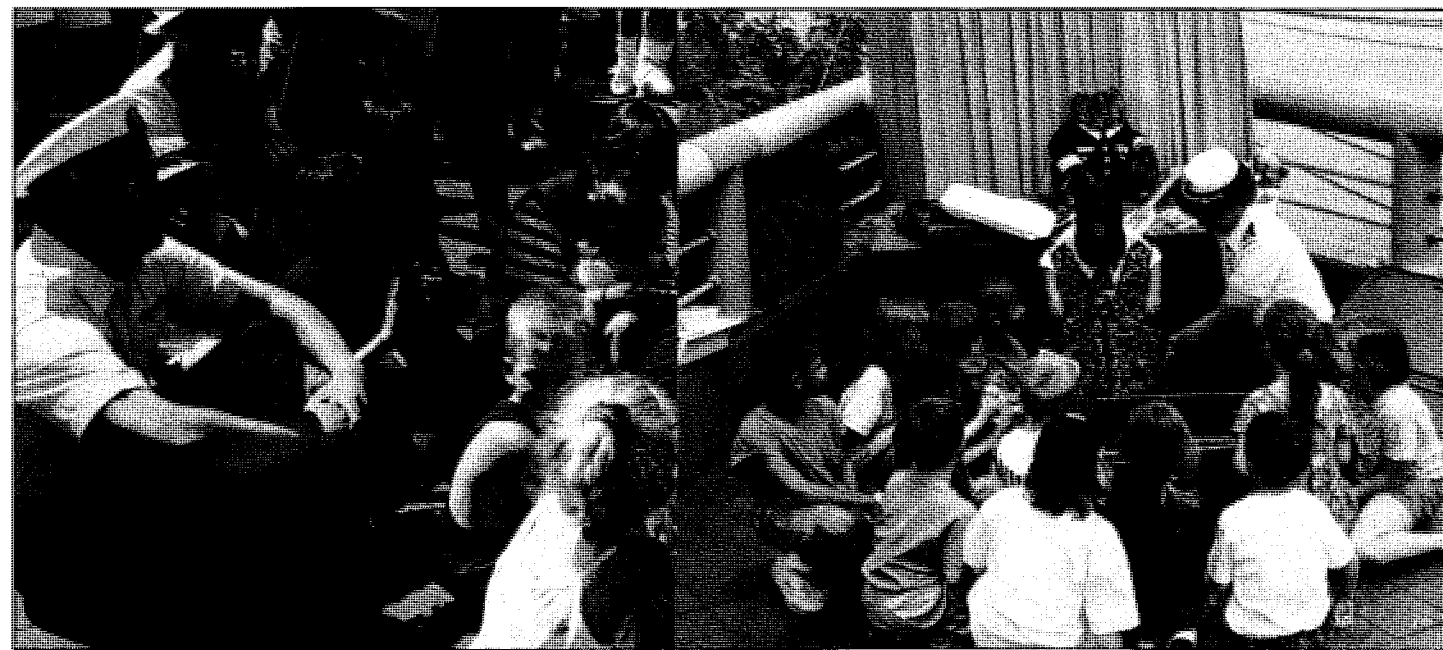
I would also like to point out that my program tends to reach beyond just the children. Early in May I was invited to attend the Division VIII meeting in Brigantine, New Jersey. As far as physical age goes, there wasn't a child in the bunch, but there sure were a lot of smiles and hearty voices when I started to sing the PFD song! All it takes is to be young at heart. I hope to see more of you soon, and I hope more of you will be seeing more of me! Remember, keep your feet wet! See below for some scenes of the action!

P.S. I have a new friend who is coming to spend time at my pond. Look for more news about him in the DSO-PA article.

P.P.S. My flycatchers, Ron and Linda Boice can be reached at (610) 783-0968.

Sincerely, Captain Croaker.

Pictured below - children learning properly fitting PFDs - including Fireman Pennington of the CG Vessel Redwood enjoying Capt. Croaker along with the children.



VESSEL EXAMINATION

Let's hope that by the time you read this, things will still be in full swing, as far as Courtesy Marine Examinations and personal watercraft examinations are concerned. The weather this past spring did not help, what with all the rain and winds.

We had some heartening news from the Central Area. We understand that the flotillas in the Central Area have submitted their goals for 1996 and they look good. Way to Go Central Area. By the time you read this the other areas should also have completed their goals. We may look good in 1996.

We may not have "AMOS Goals" but we do have a goal to be the best. There is no reason why we cannot outdo Fifth Southern in all categories, especially in Courtesy Marine and Personal Watercraft examinations. You Can do it, you know you Can do it.

Had a slight problem getting PWC decals. We had to resort to asking all the divisions to return some of the decals that were not being used.

Let's hope that by the time you read this, everything will be all straightened out.

The Summer '96 Navigator spells out the new distribution plan for distribution of decals. It seems that if the new plan is followed, many of our past distribution problems will be solved.

Submitted by: H. William Schmitz, DSO-VE, 5NR

"Last one out - turn out the lights and close the doors" - quoted from the newspaper published on Governor's Island in July of 1996 at the time of its closing. Governor's Island in New York opened as a Coast Guard Facility in June of 1966 and closed in July of 1996 - after 30 years of service. Many of us who attended classes or functions there have fond memories of this facility and were sorry to see it go

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The following message was sent over AUXMIS II test lines for use of all participants and is printed here for your information.

AUXMIS 2 ALL USERS

Orig: Auxmis 2 Hotline Date: 07/18/96 Time: 2340Q

Msg: The Implementation Team has defined the following event schedule:

10/01/96	AUXMIS II system activation in parallel with AUXMIS I (Available to all enablers for test & evaluation until 12/15/96)
11/07-08/96	DirAux AUXMIS II implementation & Operation Training.
11/09-11/96	DSO-IS & Aux Enabler AUXMIS II Operation Training. (both training sessions under orders at Xerox University)
12/15/96	SO-IS data input stops to I and II until 01/15/97.
01/01/97	Official conversion (changeover) date to AUXMIS II.
01/15/97	Users begin data entry to AUXMIS II "for real".

It looks like good news at last - at least dates have been set for the changeover.

HISTORIAN

LOOK FOR.....SEEK OUT.....FIND THE HIDING PLACE

Staff Historians should be actively looking for, accumulating data, researching and collecting history in your areas and from those who have been in the Auxiliary for many years. There are many important items out there. Where have their papers and materials and old uniforms been placed? If they are in the garage or attic maybe the value of having them sent to the 05N Historian would make a lot of sense.

If sending photos remember to put names, dates, places and any other information to identify them.

Uniforms, insignia, plaques, flags and other museum display items go to U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Materials Center: Attention: Historical Collection, 9449 Watson Industrial Park, St. Louis, MO 63126 and may be shipped any time.

Auxiliarists and Auxiliary units may want to consider donations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Endowment at East Carolina University as a place for permanent memorials for departed members. All such memorials are permanently recorded. As legally established, one half of the annual endowment income must be reinvested. This ensures that the endowment will grow to provide even more support for the permanent preservation of Auxiliary history in future years. Checks should be sent to the Endowment, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353.

May the wind always be at your back

Submitted by: John T. Lincoln, Historian, 5NR

U.S.C.G. Auxiliary National Conference

*Omni Inner Harbor Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland
4-7 September 1996*

For all details See Spring 1996 Navigator

Since this conference is in 5NR's backyard--now is your chance to visit a National Conference and meet people from all over the United States, even if you can only go for one day!! Read the daily schedule and pick your date. Try it - you might like it!

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

AN ATON PROGRAM FOR ALL OF US

Do you do your patrolling on Pennsylvania sole state waters? Do you do your boating or some of it there? If the answer is YES then the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and everyone who boats on these waters needs your help. The Fish & Boat Commission maintains its own ATONs and is also responsible for issuing permits for any private ATONs placed on waters under its jurisdiction. They need to know on a continuing basis (as much as three times a year) that these ATONs are in good condition and that they are where they should be. Here is where we Auxiliarists come in to the picture.

There are two very nice aspects to this program. First, the paperwork is minimal—one page per visit per lake or area. And second—all Auxiliarists can participate; no prior experience is necessary. This is in sharp contrast to the Auxiliary's Federal Private ATON verification which requires considerable training. You don't even need to be in a boat—some of this can be done from ashore. We do ask though that you use common sense and follow a few basic rules that also apply to the Federal program.

Do not put yourself or others in danger. For example, if you are checking on an ATON that marks a boat exclusion area then don't go in the controlled area. If you are checking on ATONs that mark a dam or shoals then keep these hazards uppermost in mind. Remember, if a buoy is off station then the hazard will not be where it indicates. Be particularly careful in approaching rocks or shoals—as someone once said, "It could be new prop time." Binoculars are strongly recommended for inspecting the condition of buoys and beacons from a safe distance.

Don't trespass on private property. Get the owner's permission or keep out. You are not authorized to trespass.

You don't have police powers. If you are in uniform on patrol then people may assume that you have these powers and be mighty upset later when they find out that you didn't. If this could become an issue be sure to let them know up front.

Know what the ATONs mean. They will be from the Uniform State Waterways system that we have been teaching for years as part of our course. The new 11th edition describes them as follows:

1. **Diamond with Cross Inside** marks a boat exclusion zone such as a beach and swim area or dam
2. **Diamond** marks a danger area such as rocks or shoals approach to a dam
3. **Circle** marks a controlled area such as no-wake zone or a speed-limited area
4. **Rectangle** gives information
5. **All Black (or Green)** - lateral system. Keep marker to port when going upstream or toward headwaters.

6. **All Red** - lateral system. Keep marker to starboard when going upstream or toward headwaters. (Note Difference from IALA: This buoy is not necessarily nun shaped)

7. **White with Blue Stripe** is a mooring buoy.

The following three are obsolete and not used in Pennsylvania

1. **Red + White vertically striped** means don't pass between this buoy and the shoreline. (Note the Big Difference from IALA: This buoy is not a Safe Water Buoy)
2. **White with Black Top** - cardinal system. Pass to the North or East of this buoy.
3. **White with Red Top** - cardinal system. Pass to the South or West of this buoy.

If you are interested there is a place near you where you can participate. This program is available on most Pennsylvania lakes that are open to boating by the general public and on impoundments behind dams on the Susquehanna River. There are also sites on the Schuylkill River. It may not be quite so obvious though that some of the smaller buoys along the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River or in coves and inlets just off the river are also a part of this program. If you want to know about a particular body of water then ask your ATON officer.

So you're interested—now how do you go about it? First, get a copy of the Fish & Boat Commission "ATON map" for your body of water either with your patrol orders or from your ATON officer. The ideal way to do this is as part of the multi-mission concept on patrol. The Fish & Boat Commission would be just as happy if you were to do it in the course of your private boating activities but you forgo any of the Auxiliary's protections. Now, while on patrol cruise by the ATONs and verify that they are there, in position, and in good condition. Tick off each ATON that you check. If there is a discrepancy then mark that buoy on the "ATON map" with a number and briefly explain that discrepancy on the back side of the "map." Binoculars are invaluable. Also note that the ATON positions are not given on these "maps" with great accuracy. GPS or a sextant is not necessary; just use your experienced seaman's eye. It is obvious that you will be most useful in checking waters that you are familiar with—after a while you will know your ATONs like children. It is most important to check on them early in the season and after floods.

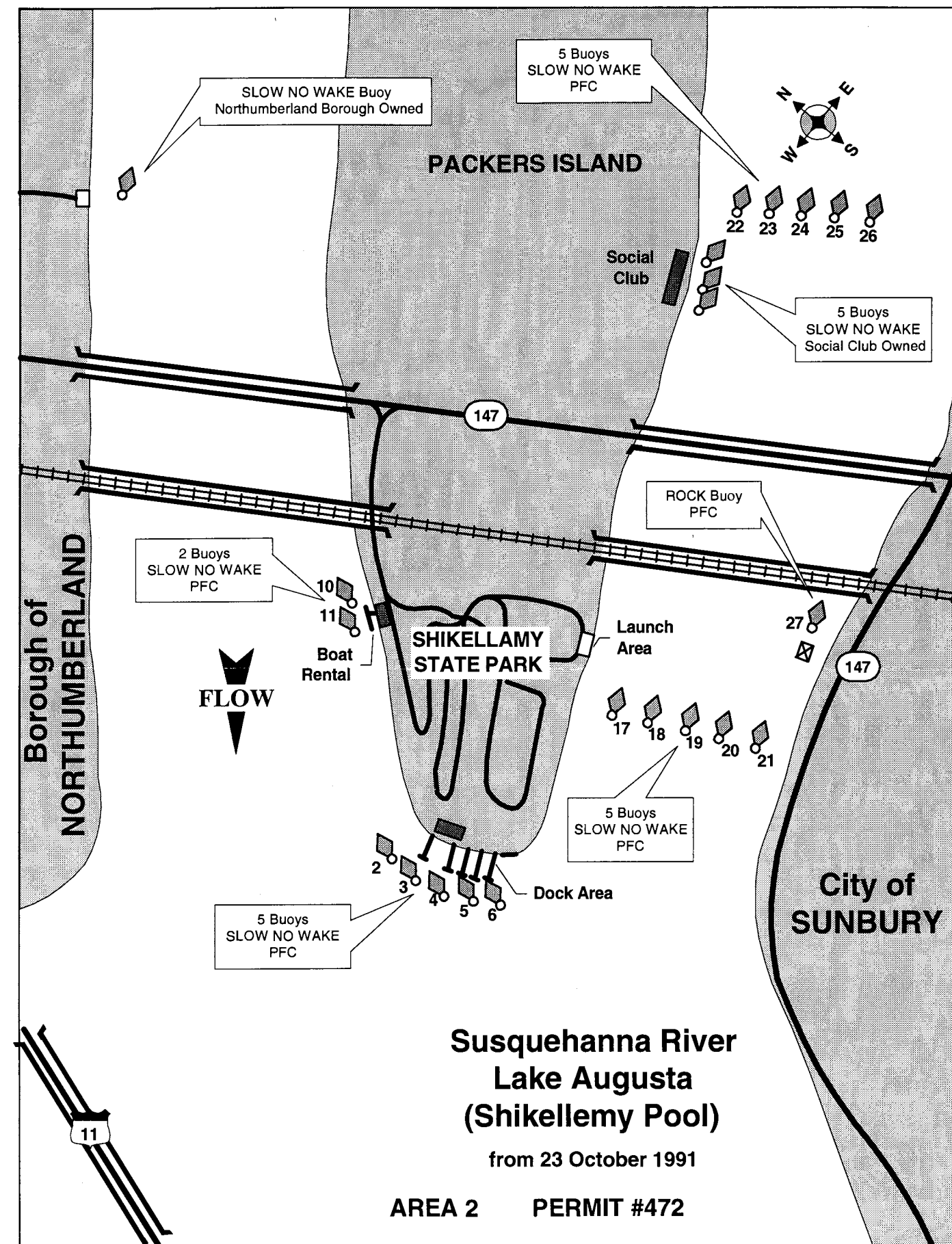
As the last step, send in the form to the Fish & Boat Commission whether or not you found any problems. It is just as important for them to know that the area has been checked and that everything is OK. A Sample "ATON map" and the form printed on the reverse side are both shown on the following two pages. Go out and have some fun with this, and help your fellow boaters in the process. After all—that is why we are all a part of this outfit.

Submitted by: Ronald T. Gibbs, ADSO-AN, 5NR

CASINO NIGHT RETURNS

After an absence of many years, a CASINO night will return to the fall conference this year in Frazer, PA. Following the Saturday Night Banquet a separate CASINO room will open for the pleasure of all conference attendees. Funny money will be issued to all to play the exciting games of chance such as Black Jack, Poker, Roulette, Craps, Chuck-o-Luck, etc. If you go broke quickly, additional funny money can be purchased for a small sum. Later in the evening, an auction will be held using the funny money won to bid on more than 25 valuable prizes. This is a great opportunity to have a good time without pain of Atlantic City's losses. A general solicitation of "CASINO" workers is being conducted, so if you'd like to be a dealer, croupier, banker or auctioneer, contact PDCO Dick Raudabaugh or Juanita to get on board.

submitted by: Richard Raudabaugh, PDCO, 5NR
Note: Dick Raudabaugh's phone number is 717-795-7442



Susquehanna River
Lake Augusta
(Shikellemy Pool)

from 23 October 1991

AREA 2 PERMIT #472

AIDS TO NAVIGATION REPORT

FEDERAL AND STATE WATERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Observer's Name, Address &
Telephone Number:

Crew Members Name & Member Number:

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Member #:

Body of Water:

Date Observed: _____

Ownership: Coast Guard _____ State _____ Private _____ Other _____

DISCREPANCY OR PROBLEM TO REPORT

(Include Permit Number (if known) when reporting discrepancies)

(Note: Phone reports are required if a dam, rock or shoal buoy is off station)

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: _____ DATE: _____

Mail Report to:

Fred Menke, Bureau of Boating
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission
P.O. Box 67000
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000
Telephone No. (717) 657-4434

Examples of

Discrepancy/Problem:

Aid Missing
Aid Has No Permit Number
Aid Needed
Aid Damaged
Aid Faded

This form is submitted voluntarily by the Observer as a service to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the boating community. If no discrepancies or problems exist, so indicate, and submit for patrol credit. A copy of this report will be forwarded to George Smyth, DSO-AN, 5th Northern Region.

MEMBER TRAINING

The District Member Training Staff has been extremely busy in the first half of this year.

In February an instructor school was held at the Great Valley Sheraton. Many of the participants ended the weekend as qualified instructors while others only needed to finish their two hour lesson plan.

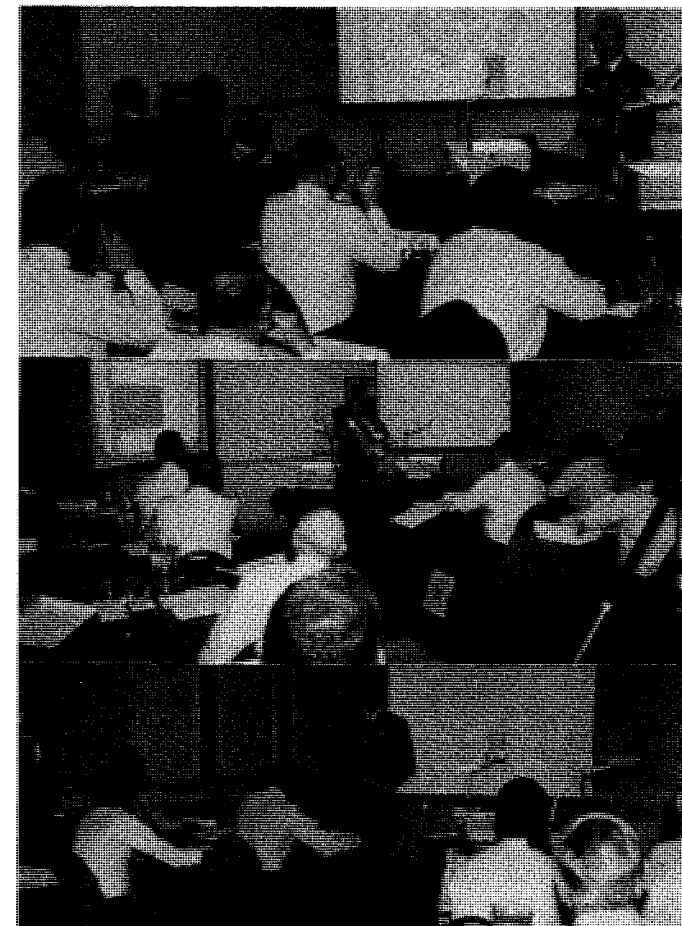
In March AUXCOM (Auxiliary Communication) was held at the Great Valley Sheraton. Saturday was exceptionally interesting with CWO2 Bill Benning, Communication Officer MSO-Group Philadelphia, on hand to guide the practical experience and discussion of the group.

In April at the spring Conference, the Member Training Staff teamed up with the Member Resource staff to put on the new members program. Approximately 50 members who had BQ'd within the last year were given instruction and practice in continuing their involvement with the Auxiliary.

More MT events are scheduled for the balance of the year - check the upcoming schedules for dates.

Submitted by: Linda Boice, ADSO-MT, 5NR

Pictured below some of the member training classes - top two Instructor School in February of 1996 and the bottom picture shows CWO2 Bill Benning Communication Officer, MSO/Group Philadelphia instructing at the AUXCOM School.



COMO Eugene M. Pester, Jr. was promoted in July from National Staff Deputy Dept. Chief (DC-MX) to Department Chief, (DC-M) Dept. of Member Resources replacing COMO Kenneth Leppich of Utah who resigned. Congratulations Gene! Gene also has a new address as follows: 15 Redwood Center, Pine Run Community, Doylestown, PA 18901.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Standing Rule Revisions

For some time our District has been very faithful in reviewing all of our unit's standing rules and in making sure these rules reflect current Coast Guard and Auxiliary policy.

With recent changes in Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary policy and programs as indicated in the new Auxiliary Manual and in Change 1 to that publication, a number of changes in our Flotilla and Division standing rules will be necessary for our District to remain in step.

We have revised sample standing rules for the guidance of our membership. One new provision requires that certain sections must be included in each unit's rules, just as provided in the sample set. Some of these reflect sections we have included, but involve more detailed legalistic language to prevent misinterpretation. Some formalize customs that have not previously been included in our rules, that's probably good for customs can be forgotten. Some sections are new. Another new requirement is that the proposed standing rules have to be approved by District Legal Staff and by the District Commodore before submission to the director's Office, the writer as Parliamentarian is also serving as ADSO-LP will provide the legal staff review, thus our process will continue as it has in the past.

Flotillas presently involved in updating their standing rules have been provided with samples for their guidance. It is suggested that those planning a review contact the Parliamentarian for a copy before they start their work. Meanwhile each Division will be receiving a copy of the division sample standing rules for their use.

Submitted by: John D. McIntosh, Parliamentarian/ADSO-LP,

REPRODUCED FROM NATL DEPT OF MEMBER RESOURCES NEWSLETTER -
THE INTERCHANGE DATED MAY 1996

PLEASE WELCOME JOHN D. MCINTOSH, THE NEW DVC-MF

As mentioned in the February issue of *THE INTERCHANGE* the department has established a new division which is tasked with promoting esprit de corps in the membership, providing work-life opportunities and formalizing an Auxiliary awards program, in addition to some other duties as well. Welcome aboard John.

Congratulations JOHN from all your many friends in 5NR

WANTED

Captain Croaker is looking for you! Sunday morning at the Fall Conference, Captain Croaker and his pond sweepers, Linda and Ron Boice, will be presenting his boating safety program for children (and interested Auxiliarists). Those present will see the Captain through the eyes of a child. It will be fun and educational for those of you looking to present children's programs in a new way for either Public Education or Public Affairs. You will also get to meet the new guy in the district, PFD Panda. Look for details at the Conference Registration desk. Hope to see you all there!

Sunday, June 2, 1996 • Atlantic City Coast Guard Station • Atlantic City, NJ

Picture perfect weather greeted the almost 90 candidates, parents, and Auxiliarists who arrived at 10 a.m. for the 1996 Eastern/Central AIM Satellite Program. Tours were given on the 82-ft. Point Batan and a helo from Cape May.

Featured guests were ENSIGN Austin McGuire, III, former AIM candidate; 1/c Cadet Christine Fern; 1995 successful AIM candidate from Div. II, Robert Rimer; as well as LT Laurie Mosier, a former AIM candidate from Div. VII.



LT Laurie Mosier, Commanding Officer at AC CG Station, points out to candidates and their parents some of the points of interest at the station.



LT Mosier, Jerry Fuqua, SPO-AIM, Patricia Brown, SPO-CC and Helen McCabe, DSO-CC pose with some of the candidates at the end of the program.

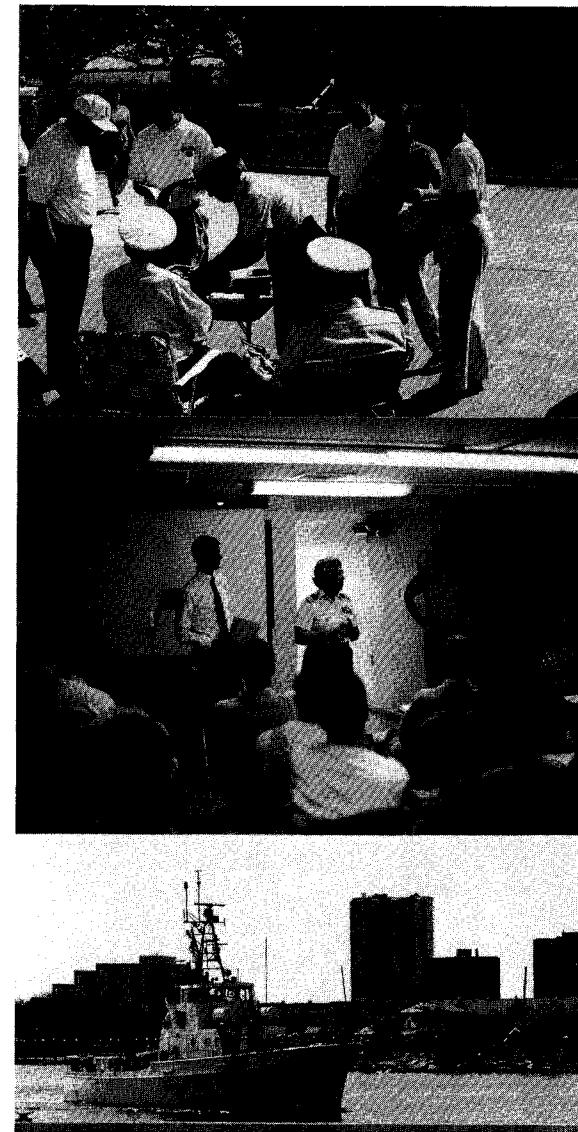
This year we did a program in the Western Area on April 28th and had 33 people in attendance. In 1995, our Satellite Program at Base Phila. yielded 55 candidates, parents, and Auxiliarists. So, you can imagine my surprise when we had 93 people sign up for the Atlantic City Satellite program. (Actually 83 showed up.) Now the boat house in AC where we planned to do the orientation, only holds about 55 people. *Time to go to "Plan B!"* We split the group into two and had one group touring the boats and helo while the other was in the Academy orientation session and then just reversed the process after lunch.

Photos below (top to bottom):

Jim and Helen McCabe hand out the Satellite booklets and instructions to the candidates and their parents.

Robbie Rimer, Helen McCabe, Ensign Austin McGuire and 1/c Cadet Christine Fern answer questions about the Academy.

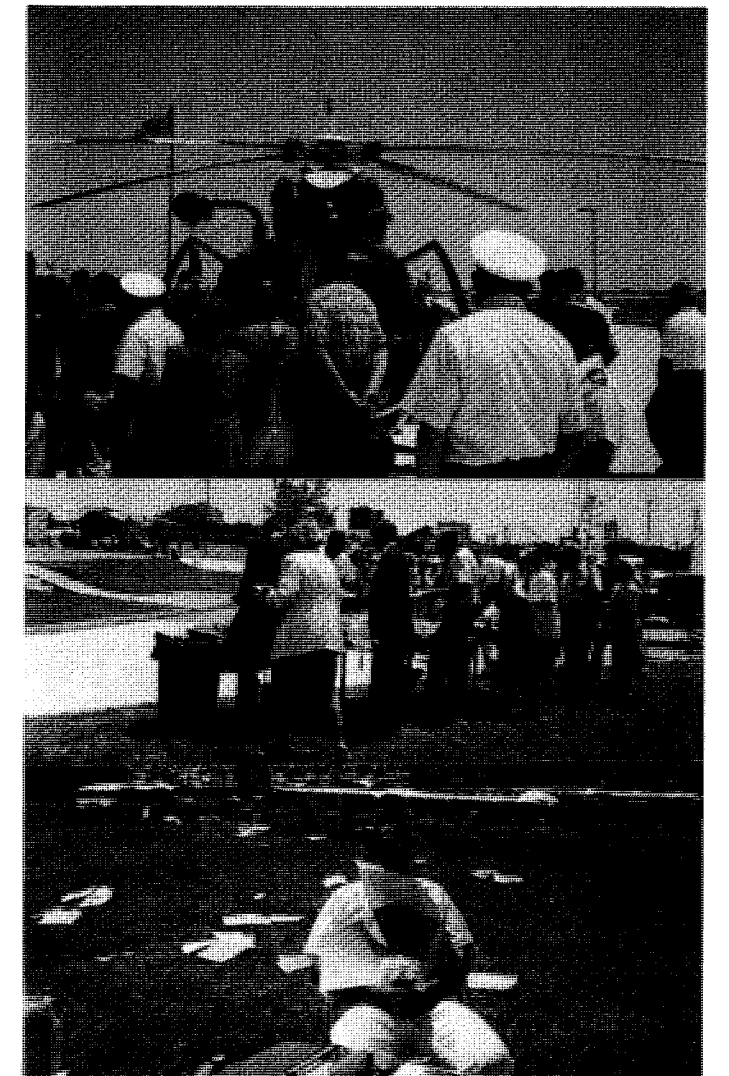
USCGC Point Batan lands at Atlantic City Coast Guard Station for the AIM Satellite Program. CO BMCS F. Applegate, XPO BM2 Endicott and their crew led the tours and impressed all with the knowledge of their mission and their obvious expertise.



We picniced on hot dogs, macaroni salad, chili, chips, pretzels, brownies and soda at lunch. Then it was back to the boats and helo or up to the second deck in the boat house for the orientation. The Thursday before the program, I found out that the Coast Guard Academy was going to send the letter of congratulations to the primary candidates. The Academy gave us no clue as to when this letter would be going out. Rather than keep the kids hanging, I announced the names of the Primary and Alternates at Atlantic City. By the end of the next week, the Academy faxed me a list of our primary candidates and they selected two of our alternates. Only 11 alternates were chosen nationwide, so I'm thrilled that 5NR had two selected.

LCDR Francis with his crew LT Carroll, AM2 Rush and ASM3 Camp briefed us and even let the kids sit in the helo. Helen McCabe had one comment — "No touch!" Even with the admonition, the kids were thrilled!

"Just call me Shaggy," said the cook at the station. Here he is (3rd from left) dishing out lunch for all our participants. And here is 'Shaggy' showing us what happens when the helo takes off and you haven't secured everything ahead of time. Jim McCabe and cohorts managed to get the mess picked up before the boss reappeared. "Not a booklet or paper was lost," he said. Better planning was definitely needed here!



Awards Presented at the Spring Conference The Sheraton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey April, 1996

Training Aids Award

Best of Show: Charles A. Pfeiffer, FI 12-5
Best Participation: Divisions 6,7,& 12

Courtesy Marine Examination Award: Henry K. Wanner, 14-3
Operations Program Award: John M. Kennard, 35
Aids to NAV/CU Program Award: John T. Lincoln, 86
Support Missions Award: Emanuel Greenwald, 13-5
Instructor Award: Donald F. McGahn, 85
Topside Photo Award: M. Philip Stamm, 10-6
Assists Award: John M. Kennard, 35
AMOS Hope Award: Charles M. Maltbie, 13-6
David A. Wick, 82; Robert A. Myles, 82
William A. Wenkler, 82; Francis M. McDermott, 82
Ed Morton MT Award: Donald F. McGahn, 85
Flotilla Publication Award: Muriel G. Lewis, 2-76
Division Publication Award: Robert M. Edmund, Div. 13
Flotilla Membership Award: 42
Flotilla Operational Support Award: 35
Flotilla AN/CU Award: 7-10
Flotilla Operations Award: 35
Flotilla CME Award: 10-9
William Ross McDonald Award: 11
Past District Commodore's Plaque: 85
Past District Commodore's Trophy: 35

Award of Merit ("D" Award)

John R. Kratzer, Rita Kratzer, 65; Norma Jean Maltbie, 13-6

Award of Administrative Merit ("C" Award)

Charles M. Maltbie, 13-6

Director's Administrative Award

Roy E. Hager 11 David A. Mellish 35
James R. Barsuglia 33 Herbert J. Schneider 42
Clair E. Snelbaker 56 Charles A. Tier III 7-10
Gene Murphy 10-9 William C. Lewullis 11-3

Director's Personal Service Award

Lionel F. Crossman, 12-3; Leonard E. Karter, 35

Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award 35

Coxswain

Leo E. Daly, 84 Gilbert E. Finkelstein 85

AUXOP

William C. Platter 18 Oscar A. Siso 42
George M. Stewart 56 George A. Kanfer 10-9

Membership Service

20 Years

Richard L.M. Rice 13 Juanita B. Raudabaugh 53
Eugene M. Pester, Jr. 6-10 Mabel C. Hollowell 14-3

30 Years

Walter Rutkowski, 65

50 Years

Ralph Kaufman, 11-3

Group Action Award

Catherine R. Emmel 83 John J. Emmel 83
John D. McIntosh 33 Richard L. Raudabaugh 53
Eugene M. Pester, Jr. 6-10 Robert L. Wecker 14-2
Helen M. McCabe 10-8 Mary Clare Bowlus 13
William E. Reimer, Jr. 42 Alexander H. Svabs 42

New Jersey State Awards

Flotillas, by Division in NJ, Who Had Most Assists:

Division 3 - FI 35, David A. Mellish, FC
Division 6 - FL 61, Arthur T. Arena, FC
Division 7 - FI 79, Paul V. deFerrari, I FC
Division 8 - FI; 85, Gilbert Finkelstein, FC
Division 13 - FI 13-5, Daniel B. Charter, Jr, FC

Flotillas, By Division in NJ, Who Taught Most State Courses

Division 3 - FI 32, Thomas F. Cusack, FC
Division 6 - FL 69, Stewart D. Warren, FC
Division 7 - FI 74, Pasquale D. Turi, FC
Division 8 - FI 86, Joseph F. Olszewski, FC
Division 13 - FI 13-5, Daniel B. Charter, Jr., FC

Delaware State Awards

	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 12
Member With Most Hours As Operator/Coxswain	Robert M. Brereton	Robert G. Kepfer
Member With Most Hours as Crew Member	Christopher Kissell	Robert Amort
Member Who Did Most CME's/Facilities	Adrian R. Teaf	Jeffrey Peterman
Member With Most Hours on Support Missions	Christopher Kissell	Lionel Crossman
Member With Most Hours as Instructor in PE	James T. Biofferato	Robert Amort
Member With Most Hours as Instructor in MT	Mary Clare Bowlus	Ruth Sokolowski
Outstanding Auxiliarist	Ralph A. Gilgenast	John Bernath

1995 AMOS Award Winners Attained 1 AMOS Goal (Flotillas)

15	25	34	42	43	45	48	51
82	83	91	92	93	94	10-2	10-6
13-6	13-9	14-2	14-7	15-2	15-5		

Divisions

3,4,8,9,13,14

Attained 2 AMOS Goals (Flotillas)

13	18	44	10-8	11-2	12-2	12-4	13-5
13-7							

Divisions

1,10,12

Attained 3 AMOS Goals (Flotillas)

11	19	24	33	66	72	74	77
79	7-11	86	12-9				

Attained 4 AMOS Goals (Flotillas)

21	32	35	47	7-10	10-9	12-5	13-10
14-3							

Divisions

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PA State Awards

Top PA Flotilla in 5NR for Water & Kids /Boats & Kids Programs 10-6
Top PA Flotilla in 5NR for Public Education 10-6
Top PA Flotilla in 5NR for MDV/Courtesy Marine Examinations 14-3
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Top PA Auxiliarist in 5NR in Public Education Eric L. Pennell

Congratulations To Everyone for a Job Well Done!

Scenes from Spring Conference The Sheraton, Cherry Hill, NJ April, 1996

Photos: M. Philip Stamm



Keywords to Guide You for 1996 (and Beyond.....)



U ndaunted P roprietous
S trong R eadiness
C oncerned I nnovative
G enerous D edicated
A lert & Aware E nergetic

These are the words we dedicate ourselves to each and every day.....

The next time someone says to you, "You people are just C.G. flunkies," think of these words and say: "If I said you were off base, I couldn't be further from the truth than you are."

But it's interesting you said that. Most people don't realize just what it is we do...Well, *we're there* for you when you sometimes need a tow...*We're there* when you are up or downstream and you have an emergency and assist you along with the authorities...*We're there*, and ready to lend an experienced hand during all natural disasters...*We're there* to help you summon for help, as with an onboard fire...*We're there* to guide and teach new boaters how to properly conduct themselves on the water, as well as the right way to operate their vessel, be it yacht or PWC...*We're there* to administer first-aid if needed, and comfort you with concern and confidence...*We're there* to make sure your vessel has all the necessary gear and is safe for you and your family...*We're there* making sure the dealer you buy your supplies from knows what's the proper equipment for your type of boating...*We're there* when no one can get to you in time to rush you to a waiting ambulance at the nearest port...*We're there* when you need a calming voice at the other end of your radio who helps to get your thinking back on track...*We're there* when and where needed day or night, we ask for no reward except your thanks...And my friend, if that's not enough, then how about the life we pull from the water, and with capable hands, keep the elements from them until help arrives. The saving of one life, which we do every day of the year, and so much more, is what most people like you don't know about. You see we don't seek fanfare or notoriety. we don't run fund raisers or ask for contributions, the expense is ours, and so is the sheer joy and fulfillment we feel when somebody says THANK YOU!! - THANK YOU!!

WE'RE THE MIGHTY RIGHT ARM
OF THE U S COAST GUARD
...AND WE LOVE OUR WORK!!!
TEAM COAST GUARD IS THERE FOR YOU...

Submitted by: C.J. (Chuck) Packlaian, SOMV, Div 6; FSO-PE/MV 66

Next Issue: Can You Tell a Whale from a Minnow?

PUBLICATIONS

As usual I leave writing my article until everyone else's is in and paged and I get the space that is left. Hope I get the important things in.

You all have probably noticed the change in the way Division and Flotilla numbers appear in this issue. There have been instructions from National to do it this way. It appears again in the Summer *Navigators* in the Pub Talk article on page 21. We are to discontinue using Roman numerals for the Division numbers and remove hyphens from Flotilla numbers unless either the Division or Flotilla number contains two digits. For example Division 2, Flotillas 2-76 and 24 OR Division 10, Flotillas 10-6 pr 10-9.

Hope you will all start using the numbers in this manner. It is hard to break former habits, but you can if you try.

This issue is a little late coming out - but it is still Summer. It seems most everyone was late getting their articles in which of course made me later than usual getting done. But most importantly there weren't as many articles as usual.

Please there are stories out there! Many of you must have things to write about and information to pass on to your fellow members. It does not take that long to write an article, especially if you have pictures to go with it. Remember a picture is worth 1000 words. Make sure to identify your pictures and advise whether or not you want them returned. They don't have to be Black and White, but cannot be newspaper pictures or other reproductions. Must be photos!

This is your newsletter - support it with your submissions.

This is for all members, not just officers and staff. Please make my job easier and more rewarding by sending in articles to be published for all members benefit. Let's make the next issue a great one. Deadline may be August 15, ;but don't let that stop you--if it is too late for one it can go into the next issue.

Elsie Nichols, Editor Topside

5NR Fall Conference

20, 21, 22 September 1996

The Sheraton Great Valley Hotel
Frazer, PA

Hotel Reservation deadline is
30 August 1996

Registration forms and schedule in
spring Topside

Join the Fun and enjoy Casino Night!

MATERIALS

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- A List of Educational Material to find:
1 U.S. Postage for small items
2 Weight for Cases of Books, etc. to determine UPS Charges
- B Zone Chart to determine:
1 Shipping Cost for Item or Case based on Weight.
2 Residential or Commercial Shipping Rate

Residential Only		Commercial only	
Weight LBS	Zone 5	Weight Lbs.	Zone 5
1	\$3.76	1	\$3.03
2	4.05	2	3.32
3	4.29	3	3.55
4	4.48	4	3.74
5	4.60	5	3.86
6	4.67	6	3.94
8	4.80	8	4.07
15	6.21	15	5.46
25	8.71	25	8.00
30	10.05	30	9.31

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If shipment is going to residential address use Residential Rates above. However, if Shipment is going to a COMMERCIAL ADDRESS, i.e. Insurance Office, Marina, Beauty Parlor, Machine Shop, etc., use Commercial rates only and please CLEARLY INDICATE --COMMERCIAL ADDRESS-- on the order form in the "Ship To:" Area

Submitted by Regina Stretch, DSO-MA, 5NR

ANSC #	Item (with Qty in paren)	Postage Weight in lbs.
10015	BSC Boating Safely Course(20).....	15
10016	BSC Instructor Kit (1).....	1
10017	BSC Extra Certificates (10).....	.96
10018	BSC Extra Student Cards(10).....	.32
10019	BSC Supplement (5).....	1
10022	BS&S Boating Skills and Seamanship Course with workbook (10).....	25
10026	BS&S Supplement Package (5).....	4
10028	BS&S Instructor Kit (1).....	4
10029	BS&S Extra Certificates (10).....	.96
10030	BS&S Student Cards (10).....	.32
10035	BS&S Slides (set).....	1
10039	BS&S Overhead Masters (set).....	3
10050	BCN Basic Coastal Navigation w/workbook, etc.(10).....	30
	Charts shipped separately (20).....	6
10052	BCN Supplement (4).....	5
	Charts shipped separately (8).....	3
10055	BCN extra certificates(10).....	.96
10064	ACN Advanced Coastal Nav w/workbook, etc. (10).....	30
	Charts shipped separately (20).....	6
10065	ACN Supplemental Package (4).....	5
	Charts shipped separately (8).....	3
10066	ACN/BCN Instructor Kit (1).....	5
10067	ACN Extra Certificates(10).....	.96
10068	Extra ACN 1210TR Charts (5).....	2
10069	Extra Coastal Piloting Charts (10).....	2
10085	S&S Sailiung & Seamanship Course w/workbook, etc. (10).....	25
10086	S&S Supplement Package(5).....	3
10088	S&S Certificates(10).....	.96
10089	S&S Extra Student Cards (10).....	.32
10090	S&S Instructor Kit (1).....	4
10095	S&S Slides (set).....	1
10100	PWC Personal Watercraft Course no slides, no registration material. Contains all Boating Safely Material required (10).....	8
1801	PWC Extra Certificates (10).....	.96
1802	PWC Extra Student Cards (10).....	.32
1803	PWC Slides (set).....	1
10160	BS&S/S&S Combination slide Set.....	1
10164	BS&S Grad Decal (stick-on glass decal)(1)....	.32
10165	BS&S/S&S Grad Patch (sew on type)(1).....	.32
10166	ACN Grad Patch (1).....	.32
10167	Quik Ref, Marine Electronics Guides (1).....	.96
10168	Radio and General Logbook (1).....	2
10169	Quik Ref Navigation Rules Chart (1).....	.96
10162	15" Parallel ruler (1).....	1.60
10170	Marine Navigation Kit (1).....	2
10171	TSD Estimator (1).....	.64
20161	Water 'N Kids Slides (set).....	.96
20168	The Volunteers (origin & history of the Aux)(1).....	.96
20170	Glossary of Marine Terminology (1).....	1

AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 1

Flotilla 14

Of all the public education experiences, one of the most rewarding is conducting a Water 'N Kids class at your local elementary school. Members of Flotilla 14 have been conducting such classes in Delaware and in surrounding elementary schools in Maryland.

Pictured are John R. Nisky, FSO-VE and PRCO Richard (Dick) Hudson conducting a recent Water 'N Kids program at St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Wilmington, Delaware.

This year marks the 14th year the flotilla has presented this program at St. Elizabeth's. Proof that youngsters, at this age retain the knowledge of the experience was most evident when a young lady in our recent Boating Skills and Seamanship class remarked: "I remember when you came to our school and presented a boating safety class!" It was payment in full.

If your flotilla has not participated in this program, they are missing a great opportunity. Try it, you'll like it. It is an hour well spent.

Submitted by R. B. "Dick" Hudson, PRCO, 5NR



WANTED

Articles for *Topside*. There are many stories out there - about your special functions, accomplishments or just informational which you might want to share with the members. Why not take a few minutes to write down the information and send it to the editor for inclusion in the next issue. It's nice to hear each time from the bridge and staff, but it is your paper too. Please participate by sending in that article you have thought about, but just never got around to writing. And by all means include a picture or two if you have them. Colored pictures if bright and sharp are acceptable, they need not be black and white. Think about what you like to read in *Topside* and you can probably come up with something you too can write about which would be of interest to the total membership.

Help the editor by submitting more articles and help yourself by becoming good examples of a job well done. Think of the compliments you will get from others - try it, you might like it!

The Editor

DIVISION 6

Shown below Division 6 Change of Watch pictures from 1995. Top picture shows Barbara (Cunningham) Gilbert, Captain and Isabel Jones, Vice Captain. Second picture shows COMO Edward Rearick, IPDCP, presenting George Brobyn, editor of the *Bent Prop* with the award for Auxiliarist of the Year. Third picture shows the full bridge of Division 6. The Editor's apologies for the lateness of publishing these pictures, but they were received too late for last summer's issue and since the two women who are Captain and Vice Captain must have done everything right because they were elected again this year, it seemed appropriate to include them in this issue. Belated congratulations to Barbara and Isabel on both your election and reelection and for being the only Division in 5NR with two women at the top and maybe one of the few if any throughout the Auxiliary. Congratulations also to Barbara who became Mrs. Frank Gilbert over the past year.

Submitted by Horace S. Jones, Sr., FC 65



DIVISION 7

On April 18, 1996 a unique gathering took place at Station Barnegat Light, NJ. The focal point of this meeting was new laws and requirements on PWCers enacted recently by New Jersey. The Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, New Jersey State Police and a group of about 20 local marine dealers met in near perfect harmony to discuss the new laws and their implementation.

The meeting was used by the State Police as a platform to inform the dealers and the public about the new laws, their implementation, individual and dealer responsibilities, education opportunities, and importantly, to field questions from those gathered. Local press and radio (TV was invited but didn't show) provided pre and post-meeting publicity.

One of the marine dealers present provided the use of a PWC. It was used for the demonstration of, and the publicity of PWC CMEs.

The tremendous success of the meeting was due in large part to the joint efforts of the Commander of Station Barnegat Light, LT M. Wilbert, and his staff and many Division 7 Auxiliarists, headed up and coordinated by Joseph Lupa, FC 7-12. The Auxiliarists, Marine Dealer Visitors, Watchstanders, and Staff Officers (PA, PE and MT) teamed up to organize and publicize the meeting.

The aftermath and effect of the meeting has already been felt in Division 7. The number of phone inquiries about public education classes and requests for PWC CMEs has dramatically increased over prior years. A superlative example of the Coast Guard family, both silver and gold, working as a well oiled machine and getting the job done right.

Change-of-Watch

Division 7 has honored their own for many years and this year was no exception. Division 7's annual awards dinner was held in Barnegat Light, NJ on Friday evening, May 31. A warm and sociable group of about 150 Auxiliarists and regular Coast Guard cadre shared a night of fellowship, honor and a few surprises. For over six years, Division 7 and Stations Barnegat Light and Beach Haven have presented awards to those Auxiliarists who distinguished themselves in the four cornerstones of Auxiliary life.

On behalf of Division 7, Division Captain Bill Zotto presented golf style shirts and T-shirts, fire extinguishers, life jackets and certificates of appreciation to 30 honored Auxiliarists. LT Mark Wilbert, Commander of the Long Beach Island Stations, presented awards to 12 Auxiliarists in the form of beautiful reproductions of the mural that is painted in the mess deck at Station Barnegat Light. A delicious spaghetti dinner was prepared and graciously served by the mess staff of the station. COMO Harry David graced us with some brief remarks and then surprised LT Wilbert with a special award honoring him for his outstanding relationship with the men and women of the Auxiliary. Rear Commodore East John Locasale was his usual cordial self and shared a few anecdotes and historical facts with us.

CAPT D. E. Goodreau, Commander of Group Cape May was the keynote speaker of the evening. His comments bespoke his admiration of the Auxiliary and his thanks to the Auxiliary, for their good work, were most sincere. It should be noted that on that night, Captain and Mrs. Goodreau celebrated their wedding anniversary night with us. Mrs. Goodreau was presented a bouquet of flowers in honor of the occasion. CAPT Goodreau singled out one very special Auxiliarist, Bill Dages of Flotilla 7-12 for his untiring work at Station Beach Haven. Bill was cited for his cumulative 13,000 hours of radio watchstanding at the station.

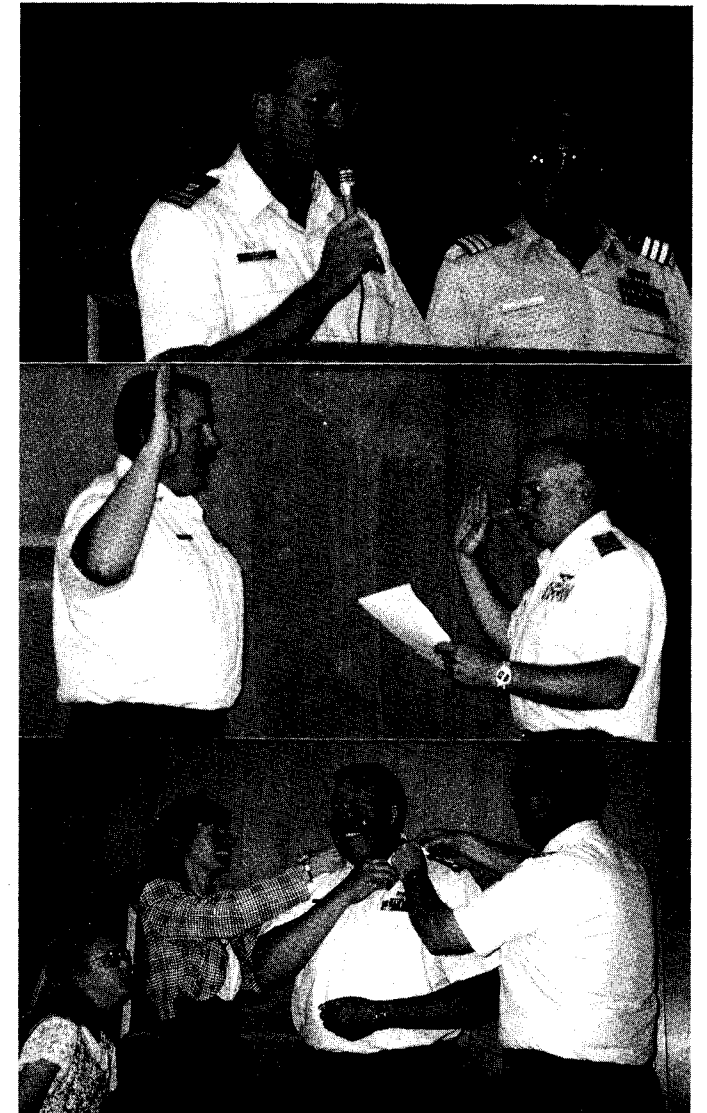
Another highlight of the evening was the promotion ceremony of CPO James Paton to the rank of Warrant Officer. The fact this ceremony was chosen by Chief Paton to take place at an Auxiliary affair demonstrates the relationship that exists in Division 7. CAPT Goodreau and CMDR M. E. Benjamin, Deputy Group Commander, Cape May, conducted the promotion ceremony and gave the oath of office to Chief Paton in the company of his fellow Coast Guard men and women. Chief Paton's wife and children assisted in the traditional "pinning of the boards."

A special tribute was paid to the Auxiliarists who passed over the bar in 1995. An award earned by Flotilla 7-10 was presented to Mrs. Mary Tier, widow of Past Division Captain Charles Tier III, who took leave of us since the prior awards dinner.

A wonderful night was had by all.

Article and Photos submitted by: Melvyn A. Borofsky, SO-MT 7/VFC 72

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Top picture: LT Wilbert and DCP Zotto presenting awards. 2nd Picture - CWO Paton taking the oath of office from CAPT Goodreau. 3rd picture: Pinning on the boards ceremony with Mrs. Paton and daughter and Commander Benjamin assisting.



Above left - Mrs. Goodreau receiving bouquet of flowers in honor of wedding anniversary; and right, Michele Borofsky, SO-PA with her PE award.

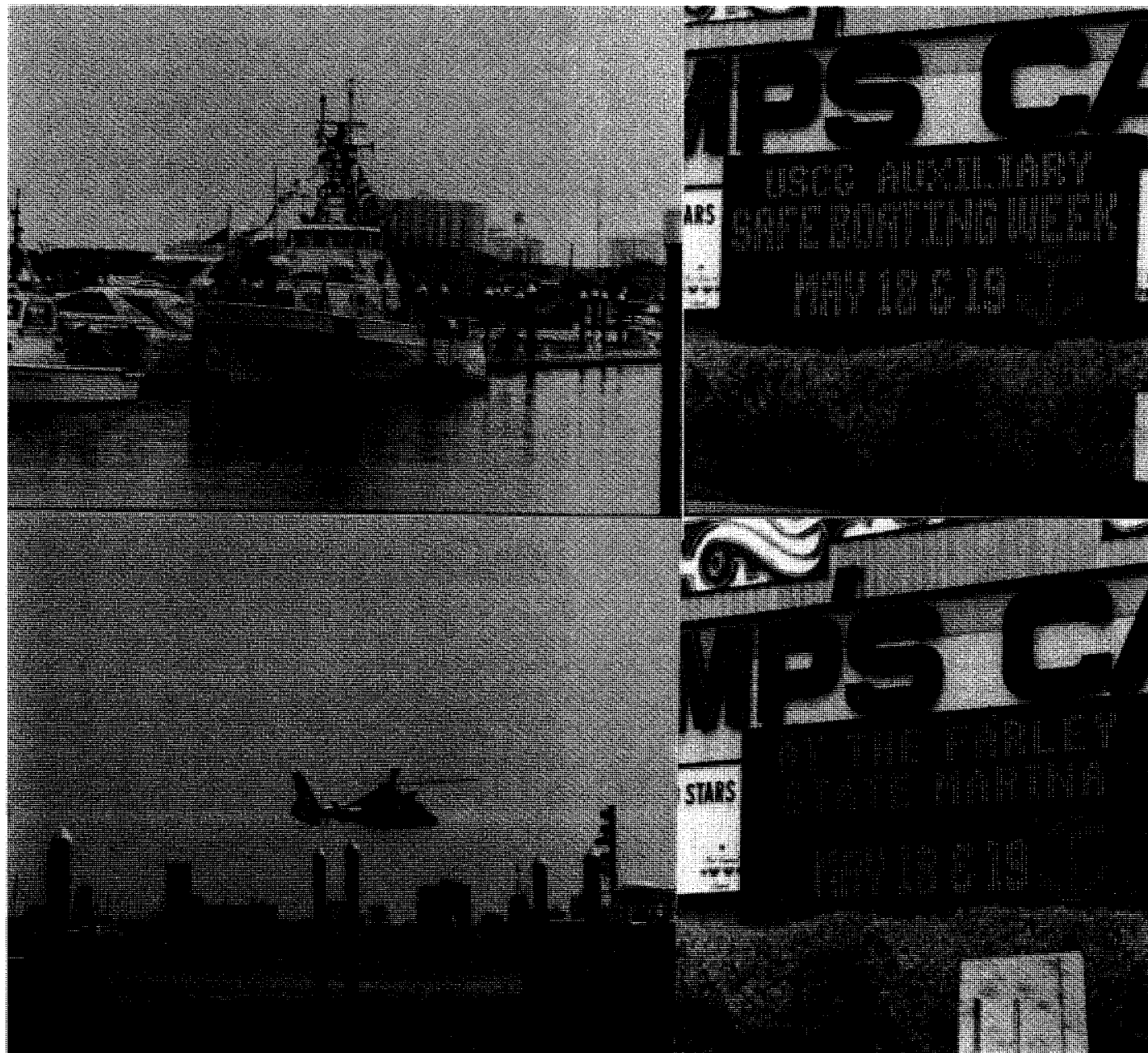
AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 8

Flotilla 85 NSBW Program at Farley State Marine in Atlantic City

If you missed this event then you'll never know what a great PR program Glen Westervelt, SPO and his staff produced. The Coast Guard had the Point Batan dock at the marina, and its crew did everything to inform, demonstrate their skills, and talk with everyone who visited their facility. The National Weather Bureau had a booth. The Auxiliary had a CME station, a recruitment booth, a Marlinspike demonstration booth manned by Joe Warner. VCRs were setup and played Auxiliary and USCG video tapes. A PWC was on display on Saturday and on Sunday the Auxiliary put on a "pyro" demonstration at the Atlantic City Coast Guard Station. There were dozens of Courtesy Marine Examinations given to the many vessels requesting our services. The highlight of the event was the helo rescue demonstration in front of Farley State Marina. TV Channel 40 was there to record the event which appeared on the 11 o'clock news. We had good weather, great cooperation from the Marina staff, CG Stations Atlantic City and Cape May. A special thanks to the crew of the Point Batan, and to all of the Auxiliarists that gave of their time to make this event outstanding.

Submitted by: Gil Finklestein, FC 85, 5NR



DIVISION 8

"This year's NSBW activities were better than ever," as expressed by Ned McDermott, SO-PA for Division 8, 5NR. "The leadership exhibited by Mike Hause, SPO-NSBW for our Team Division 8 was excellent. The entire program was efficiently planned, implemented and controlled in a consummate manner by Mike," McDermott said.

Leading off the week long celebration held in each flotilla, was a public show of cooperation among our U. S. Coast Guard, its Auxiliary and the U. S. Congress to promote boating safety. Division 8 has in the past found it most rewarding to establish this strong tie with our legislative branch in their efforts to obtain the attention of our recreational boating public in Southern New Jersey.

On opening day, Saturday May 18, 1996, at Station Great Egg in Ocean City, NJ, US Representative Frank LoBiondo officially proclaimed NSBW '96. On hand to officially receive the proclamation from Congressman LoBiondo were Captain Dale Goodreau, Commanding Officer Group Cape May and Marcellino "Bud" Troiano, Division 8 Captain. Also in attendance were PO Kenneth R. Post, Supervisor, Station Great Egg, Mike Holse and Ned McDermott along with key personnel from the Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

CAPT Goodreau stated, "The NSBW 96 motto is Life Jackets--They Float, You don't," as he kicked off our 96 safety campaign while saying, "Tragically, 1994 statistical data indicated that 613 out of 784 boating fatalities were by drowning. Unfortunately, the boating public still does not consent to wear PFDs to protect themselves from that risk. It is our collective intention to improve this communication."

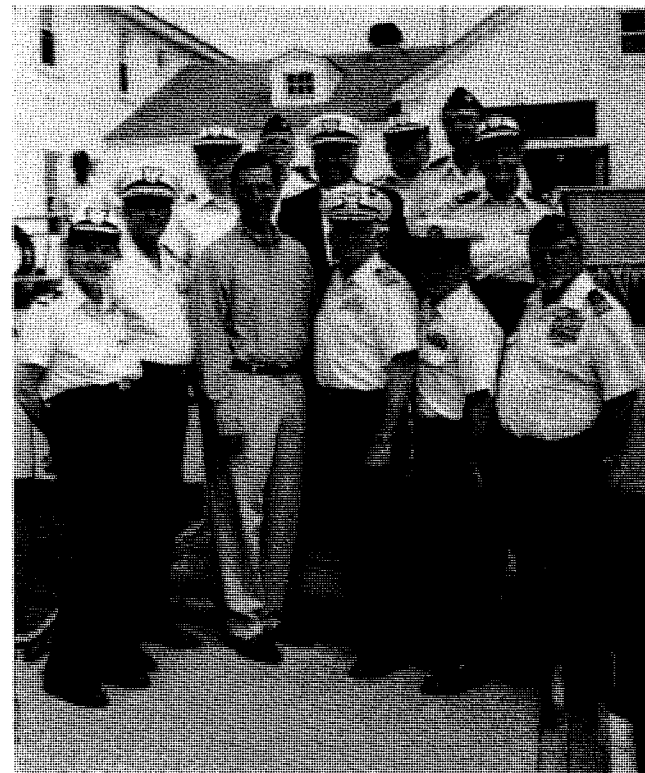
Photo shown below:

Far rear - unidentified station personnel

Front Group - l to r: Catherine B. Emmel, Past FC 83, Marcellino "Bud" Troiano, DCP; Regina P. Stretch, VCP; Congressman LoBiondo, Joe Violi, FSO-VE 86; Ned McDermott, SO-PA; CAPT Dale Goodreau, Commanding Officer, Group Cape May; Suzanne B. Wade, SO-FN.

Shown in front row: Petty Officer Kenneth R. Post, Supervisor, Station Great Egg; Lewis "Mike" Hause, SPO-NSBW; Beverly Ryan, SO-PE; and John J. Emmel, Past FC 83.

Submitted by E. H. McDermott, SO-PA 8, 5NR



AROUND THE DISTRICT

DIVISION 12

Change-of-Watch

The Change of Watch Dinner for 3 Feb 1996 was cancelled due to inclement weather and was combined with our Division 12 Dinner Meeting on 22 February at Bonanza, Milford, DE. Thirty-five members and guests attended. Special guests were LT Wayne Stacey and CPO Robert McVey of U. S. Coast Guard Station Indian River Inlet, DE and from 5NR --Commodore Harry L. David, Vice Commodore Clyde E. College, and Rear Commodore Central Dudley Gallup.

COMO Harry L. David conducted the prologue and pledge for Robert J. Perrone, Sr as Division Captain and Ruth Sokolowski as Vice Captain of Division 12. Vice Commodore Clyde College conducted the prologue and pledge for the commanders and vice commanders; and Rear Commodore Dudley Gallup conducted the Staff Officer ceremony.

Ruth Sokolowski, VCP, received the William Stumbers Award for dedication to Member Training presented by Shirley Stumbers, IPDCP 12. John Bernath of Flotilla 12-1 received the Division Auxiliarist of the year certificate by COMO Harry L. David, as well as a plaque presented by LT Wayne Stacey for Auxiliarist of the Year from the U. S. Coast Guard.


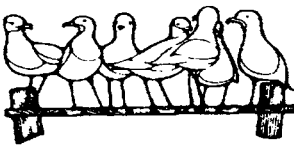

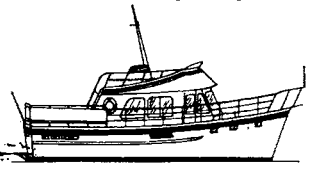
Submitted by John Bernath, FSO-PA, 5NR

Pictured below COMO Harry L. David swearing in Robert J. Perrone, SR, DCP 12 and Ruth Sokolowski, VCP 12 for 1996. (In background VCO Clyde College and RCO-C Dudley Gallup) Bottom picture from left to right: Division 12 Auxiliarist of the Year John Bernath 12-2 with COMO Harry L. David, Robert J. Perrone, DCP 12 and Ruth Sokolowski, VCP 12. Photos: Jack Korbobo, SO-MT



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Fifth Northern District - 1996 Calendar of Events

AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
<p>9 Central Area EXCOM</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting & PA Reports Due</p> <p>16 Western Area EXCOM</p> <p>23 Eastern Area Meeting EXCOM</p> <p>23 Conference Report Due to DIRAUX</p> 	<p>2 Labor Day</p> <p>4-8 NACON Baltimore, MD</p> <p>13-15 Instructor School</p> <p>14 Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting & PA Reports Due</p> <p>20-22 5NR Fall Conference Frazer, PA</p> <p>23 Yom Kippur</p> <p>30 End</p> 	<p>1 Start VE & OP Seminars Start new FY Facility Inspections</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting & PA Reports Due</p> <p>26 Western Area MTG</p> <p>31 Halloween</p> 	<p>1 Winter Uniforms Begin</p> <p>5 Election Day</p> <p>8 Central Area MTG</p> <p>11 Veterans' Day</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting & PA Reports Due</p> <p>16 Eastern Area MTG</p> <p>21 Thanksgiving</p> 



Plan to attend NACON and 5NR Fall Conference in September

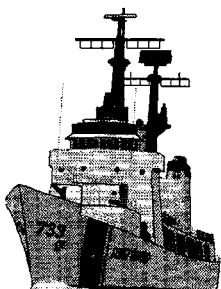


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