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FROM CHIEF BOATING SAFETY

Update......CAPT Robert A. Melvin, III



During September and October I attended the Auxiliary National Conference, two District Conferences, and the National Meeting of Safe Boating Law Administrators. At all of these meetings the word is that the Auxiliary is doing great, performing a very worthwhile service to the boating public and the Coast Guard.

A special hearty "Well Done" to Division V for receiving an award at the National Conference for achiev-

ing over a 20% increase in membership.

Most Districts are implementing innovative programs in their areas which are enhancing service to the public and the Coast Guard. In the 5th Northern the AUXSARDETs, the private aid program, and the Tri-State education agreement are good examples of your innovative approach and forward thinking.

One District, the Seventeenth in Alaska, employed Auxiliarists to interact with the fishermen and perform a modified CME on these commercial boats. The fishing industry is a very dangerous profession. As the Commandant noted in a recent speech, "commercial fishing is seven times more dangerous than coal mining." We are working with the Marine Safety Division which has the responsibility for the commercial side of the boating safety program to develop a training syllabus to qualify selected volunteers from the Auxiliary to assist with a CME type program for commercial fishing vessels. We can do a lot of good with this program.

As a reminder for your fall classes/CMEs—be sure to include the Changes to Annex V of MARPOL, and the requirement to have FCC Ship Station License on board:

- (1) Annex V of MARPOL change requires vessels 26 feet or more in length, to affix one or more placards to their vessel. In addition to the placard, vessels 40 feet or more in length and engaged in commerce or equipped with a galley and berthing, to carry a Waste Management Plan if the vessel operates, or is certificated to operate, beyond 3 nautical miles from shore. Any questions contact Mr. Steve Phillips 804-398-6203 or me.
- (2) FCC License: The Federal Communications Commission and the Coast Guard have agreed to cooperate in a joint effort to enforce existing radio regulations. The Coast Guard is enforcing the FCC Ship Station License requirement. Applications available from the FCC office in your area.

As I write this (Oct.) it is hard to believe that I will not see many of you until the Jan. 91 (can you believe 91!) conference or the changes of watch. So have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!. Thanks for making 1990 a great year. It is a pleasure working and playing with such a super group of people.

Robert M. Melvin III, CAPT USCG



Next Topside Deadline 15 February 1991

Get your articles in as quickly as possible. This will be the Spring Conference Edition. Your being on time makes it more possible to get it out on time.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Update......William M. Cherry, DIRAUX, 5NR



The AMOS "PRE-PLAN!"
No...its not a method for outfoxing your Division Planning Group into giving your Flotilla the lowest goals in the Division. Rather, AMOS "Pre-Planning" is an effective management tool that will help your unit in several ways. First, Flotilla Commanders who use this tool will have time to discuss and project goals for the ensuing year with their members in a relaxed atmosphere without the

complication of impending DEADLINES! Second, your Division Planning Group Meeting will be much shorter and run more smoothly since you will only need to discuss elements projected to be less than the DPG recommendations for your Division. Third, the Flotilla membership can start on 1 January working towards the goals they projected while the formal AMOS process is completed thus avoiding TIME LOST due to "lack of direction." And, finally, every unit will have their final 1991 AMOS goals EARLIER than ever before!

The AMOS "Pre-Plan" suggested schedule of events is:

- 15 Nov Flotilla year-end 1990 forecast complete.
- 15 Dec Flotilla membership has reviewed the forecast, discussed relevant information (resources), and projected challenging yet attainable goals for 1991. Flotilla AMOS worksheet completed and mailed to the DCP.
- 31 Dec DCP totals Flotilla projections.
- 20 Jan DCP/FCs receive 1991 AMOS package with DPG recommendations. DCP compares recommendations to projections and highlights items which must be resolved at the meeting. ONLY FOR ITEMS WHERE RECOMMENDATION EXCEEDS PROJECTION!
- 31 Jan DCP conducts Division Planning Group Meeting in the usual manner, prepares Division/Flotilla worksheets, and sends them to DIRAUX.
- 7 Feb Within 48 hours of receipt of last Division package, DIRAUX/DPG will distribute final goals UNLESS A SECOND DPG MEETING IS REQUIRED.

Pre-Planning for 1991 is EASY. The program and worksheets are identical to those used in 1990. Regional goals will be year 2 of our present 5-year plan distributed to all units last year WITH-OUT CHANGE. The only question mark is you... will you be an effective leader and Pre-Plan for your unit's SUCCESS? Your predecessors did and 1990 will be the most successful year this region has ever had. We will make all 6 National goals and other recognition will surely follow! Will you follow their lead?

William M. Cherry, Director, 5NR

5NR WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 18, 19, 20 VALLEY FORGE HILTON

Are your reservations made? There is still time - get them in!

FROM THE BRIDGE

Update......William E. Pierce, DCO, 5NR



Elsewhere in this issue of *Topside* is a copy of the speech I gave at our September 1990 Conference. It was said from the heart and I meant every word of it. Thank you!

Mr. Cherry, I'm sure, will tell you how we are doing in 1990 (we all write these articles in either October or November before totals are complete). It looks like the best year ever. AMOS is starting to take hold of all of us; we are finally realizing

what Mr. Cherry has been telling us all along, that AMOS is a GREAT management tool. A management tool for who, you ask? First for our District Commander. He has, between Fifth Northern and Fifth Southern Auxiliaries about 6500 of us waiting for his direction. Where does he need us? What new projects does he want us to get involved in? In what areas does he need more effort from us to get his objectives accomplished? Does he see a need in an area of his district that needs a more concentrated effort in Patrols, Vessel Examinations, or Education? AMOS starts at the top of the District.

The Director receives the District Commander's Objectives and your District Planning Group, through much deliberation sets the intended Objectives for the Divisions. This is done with the Five Year Plan always in mind. If the District Commander wants us to do something that is not covered in our AMOS work sheet, we can add a line or if he sees too much effort in an area that no longer needs it, we can subtract a line item. In other words, use it at the District Auxiliary level as a management tool.

The Divisions receive their objectives and can manage their flotillas with AMOS. What Flotilla is strong in Patrols but weak in Vessel Examinations? Let's see if we can task them with getting maybe two or three more Examiners, but leaving the Operations at a maintain level. In this way a good Division Captain can work towards the perfect Division. This may be 1/3 VEs, 1/3 OPs, 1/3 ITs or any combination that meets his area of responsibility.

The good Flotilla Commander uses AMOS to manage his or her group. They see the needs, as presented by the Captain; they know their people and they know their Flotilla's strengths and their weaknesses. Through AMOS they can task their people in the right direction. This direction may not be to do more of what you have been doing, but get involved in a program that your flotilla has not done anything in.

Now the bottom line is (AS THE COMMERCIALS SAY), it works; it really does. From the District Commander all the way down to you and me, it works. Look at our production over the last four years. WOW!!!

Because I'm out there with you, I know it has been wonderful FUN doing it. It is a good feeling to know you have helped, even in a small way, to serve and sometimes save your fellow man.

I don't know about you, but for me I'm looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead. I've just been elected to the most important job in all of the Auxiliary —FLOTILLA COMMANDER.

Serving all you wonderful, great, fantastic, hard working, and dedicated people over the last 11 years on the District, especially the last two as your Commodore, has been — what can I say, a JOY. I love you all — Thank you for being the best — God Bless You.

W. E. "Bill" Pierce, DCO, 5NR



FROM THE BRIDGE

Update.....Eugene M. Pester, VCO, 5NR



The holiday season is upon us and most everyone is looking forward to family gatherings, seeing old friends, and just enjoying the warm friendly holiday spirit. It is truly a most joyous time of the year. It is also the time of the year when we should examine the happenings within our Flotilla/Division during the past twelve months. We should also reflect on the plans we made at the beginning of 1990 when first we took office as

Flotilla Commander or Division Captain. Were we able to fulfill our ambitions for our Flotilla/Division or did we experience:

- •LOW ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.
- •LACK OF MANPOWER TO ACCOMPLISH A SUCCESSFUL V.E. STATION, P.E. CLASS, PATROL, ETC.
- **●INEFFECTIVE MEETINGS.**
- •SHORTAGE OF LEADERS.
- •SAME SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE DOING ALL THE WORK.

If you experienced one ore more of these symptoms, chances are you are not alone. In my travels throughout the District, I have heard these same complaints time and time again. We often become discouraged because things fail to work out the way we would like them to. We all, as leaders in this great organization experience highs and lows. While things may not always turn out the way we would like them to, we still had probably the best year ever in the history of the Fifth Northern District. (This includes the old Third Southern as well.) Our AMOS goals were both ambitious as well as challenging. Some Auxiliarists thought we would not be able to accomplish these goals, but through hard work, creativity, dedication, and imagination, our District came out as one of the better, if not the best, performers in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. You should be proud of your accomplishments. You all have made it happen and we who serve on EXCOM are extremely proud of each and every one of you.

We must now look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 1991. Once again, your District Planning Group has met, reviewed our District goals, our five year projection, and arrived at what we consider to be fair and achievable District AMOS goals, We have examined each Division 1990 AMOS performance and used these figures to determine each Division's 1991 objectives. Very soon we will be meeting with each Division to discuss 1991 AMOS objectives and how these figures may be met. It is important that each Division Board member meet, prior to the final objective setting session with the District representative, and discuss a fair and equitable distribution of the Division goals to each of the Flotillas in the Division. Divisions, where this process was done in 1990, were better prepared to make a final determination as to how they would go about meeting their AMOS goals by fairly distributing the Division figures among their various Flotillas. I have had an opportunity to look over the 1991 District AMOS goals and their distribution to each of the Divisions. I honestly feel if each of us commit ourselves to doing the same excellent job we did in 1990, we will have little difficulty meeting these figures. As the old song goes, "We did it before and we can do it again."

We all did just great in 1990 and I have every confidence we will do even better in 1991.

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FROM CENTRAL

Update.....Paul D. Owens, RCO-C 5NR



With all the elections for 1991 behind us by now and along with many new, however well trained and qualified elected and appointed officers, I am sure we can anticipate an interesting and challenging coming year. For the newly elected or appointed officers anxiously counting the days until they can apply their talents and ideas, don't hesitate for a moment to seek the information from your predecessor when you have any questions.

Remember, the member before you acquired a vast amount of knowledge during the performance of his or her term in office.

It would be an understatement to say that the 5NR did the best they possibly could do to obtain the AMOS assignments directed to them during the past season, and I have every reason to believe with the team spirit represented within this organization we will again go over the top in 1991.

It has been a rewarding and gratifying experience as RCO-C working and associating with all the members of the district, but in particular the Captains and Vice Captains of the Central Area. I am also anxiously looking forward to working with the newly elected Captains and Vice Captains. All of our Bridge in the Central Area will be just coming aboard this new season. Good luck to all.

Paul D. Owens, RCO-C, 5NR

ELECTED OFFICERS WORKSHOPS HOLIDAY INN, LIONVILLE, PA JANUARY 4, 5, 6

FOR ALL DIVISION CAPTAINS,
VICE CAPTAINS AND
FLOTILLA COMMANDERS/VICE FLOTILLA
COMMANDERS.

This course contains valuable information especially for those of you who are newly elected.

Be sure to attend!

VCO - Continued

To all of the newly elected and appointed officers I offer my sincere congratulations. I also offer you my help and support in what ever way I can. I am looking forward to working with all of you during the coming year.

Jane joins me in wishing all of you the best of the holiday season. May all of you have much luck, good health, and great happiness during 1991.

REMEMBER—LET'S HAVE FUN IN '91.

Gene M. Pester, VCO, 5NR

FROM THE WEST

Update......Welton J. Fischer, RCO-W, 5NR



As I write this, Division elections have been completed and Flotilla Elections are under way. Next, those who are successful must choose their staff for 1991. By the time this is circulated, that task will have been completed, so no advice written here will be useful in that task. However, let me share some thoughts with you which may be useful in getting the most out of your staff, keeping your personnel and preparing for next year.

When most of us look for officers, we frequently find our positions outnumber our volunteers. In this situation, we may jump at the opportunity to hang onto last year's officer. If he will stay, we have solved two problems, we have filled the position, and the officer knows the job. If this is familiar, be careful. This may be step one in losing a good member.

Doing the same old routine over and over can become very boring and boredom is a powerful step toward burn-out. Where possible try to get your active people in new things. New challenges can sustain interest—and membership.

In addition to the foregoing, give some thought to appointing assistant staff officers. Having an assistant offers the obvious benefit of someone to share the burden, but it also affords an excellent opportunity to train next year's staff. Nothing is better than supervised On the Job Training. This is a great way to involve new members. They can become involved—this is good, inexperienced personnel do not have to be totally responsible for the position—this is good, and next year you have a trained officer to take over—all good.

Welton J. Fischer, RCO-W, 5NR

FROM THE EAST

Update.....Caroline K. Sweigart, RCO-E, 5NR



Many thanks to you the Auxiliary membership for granting me the opportunity to serve you and the CG Auxiliary in the 5th Northern — Eastern Area.

I sincerely appreciate the assistance that you gave me and the honor you extended to me through your selection. I will continue to serve in the Auxiliary in 1991 wearing dif-

ferent hats. If I can help you at any time, please let me know.

The Auxiliary celebrated its 50th and 51st anniversaries and is still laying foundation stones for our future. Every idea is strengthened and built upon so that we the Auxiliary can serve every part of the Coast Guard family. Together we offer much to the Coast Guard as well as to each other.

Past NAVCO Bill Gary stressed that in 1990 the motto "I resolve to" be a base to build upon. Let us all have plans for 1991 to 1996 and resolve to fulfill them to the best of our ability. How better to serve each other and the organization than to build a better foundation.

Happy holidays to all and a healthy and prosperous New Year to you and your families. —Safe Boating.

Caroline K. Sweigart, RCO-E, 5NR

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK, JUNE 1991

Let's go, Fifth Northern! You all did a super job in making National Safe Boating Week 1990 a huge success. You were innovative. You were creative. You brought many ideas into play, and helped to spread the word on boating safety to a great many people in our District.

We are going to start early this year. The theme is the same as last year. You should have your NSBW Manual left over from last year. If you are new in the job for 1991, be sure to get the 1990 manual from your predecessor.

There are many good ideas in the Manual. You can also be a winner by thinking up some good ideas of your own. There are excellent copies of news releases in the Manual, which should be of tremendous help to you in your writing. Just be sure to get the releases written and sent out early. Newspapers would want at least 2-3 weeks of advance notice. If you are planning to use a magazine, get your articles to them at least 2-3 months ahead of your event.

There are many ideas to work on, and now is the time to start. Some things can be last minute, of course. But many need hard planning.

Remember that although National Safe Boating Week is the first week in June, we can put on a presentation at any time, for that event. It can be in May, it can be in July. Safe boating is something we practice 12 months of the year (depending on our location), and such activities always serve the purpose of reminding the boater to be safe!

Good luck! I wish you all great success in this undertaking. Pleae know that I am available to answer any questions and to give help with any ideas—at any time. Just get in touch with me.

Muriel Lewis, NSBW Chairman, 5NR

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FROM THE PAST CAPTAINS ASSN.

Update.....Ednor Miller, President, PCA, 5NR



Our newly elected District Commodore Gene Pester thought it would be nice for the Past Captains Association to sponsor some new projects at two of our conferences. First would be a Flea Market which would be held at our July 1991 conference in Lionville, Pa. The tentative plan for the day (Saturday) would be as follows:

MORNING: District Board meeting AFTERNOON: Picnic to be held at Brandywine Park EVENING: Flea market back at the hotel

The Flea market would be set up in one of the large rooms at the Holiday Inn. A nominal charge would be paid by each participant to cover expenses. This would be open to all Auxiliary members who wish to participate.

The second project would be an Arts and Crafts exhibit at our September conference with prizes and ribbons awarded to the winners. Our Commodore feels we have many members who work with crafts like woodworking, ceramics, painting, etc.

If anyone is interested in either of the projects, please contact Ed Miller P-PCA, 138 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17201Ed Miller, President, Past Captains Assn. 5NR

AWARDS

Most of the work leading to Awards has been completed and I am sure every flotilla has compared their printouts with their own records to correct any errors. Our 1990 activity is now part of our

Two areas of our District Awards Program not yet reaching their potential should be high on our list for the coming year. Let's review these two programs.

The District Poster Contest is an annual competition for school children in the grades one to twelve. Each flotilla may submit to the Division a first, second and third place winner for each grade. The Division will then select from the posters submitted, a first, second and third place winner in each grade. The Division will submit the winners to the District Staff Officer— Public Affairs prior to the Winter conference for display and judging at the Conference. Flotilla Commanders and Division Captains could review Chapter V, Section D of their Policy Manual with their PA Staff for full details.

The Training Aids Competition is another program where we have not had a large number of entries, yet the Training Aids coming from our District have scored high in the National Conference. The program has several purposes. First is to recognize the best Training Aids, and also to encourage the use of Aids, both in the Public Education and in Member Training. The judging takes place at the District Summer Conference, where the Past Captains Association has all of the contenders on display. The outstanding displays are forwarded to the Fall National Conference for entry in that competition. Again, your Flotilla Commander has full details in the Policy Manual, Chapter V,

Well used these two activities touch on many of our programs. The Poster Contest gives our PA staff a chance to contact the schools and the children on the boating safety topic. The local judging is a press release possibility followed by the District judging as another public information possibility. The Training Aid Competition not only recognizes the existing Aids, but the display itself serves to provide examples of what can be done in this area.

John McIntosh, PDCO, Chairman Awards Cmte., 5NR

FROM THE OPS & TRNG OFFICER

UpdateKen M. Edwards, CWO2, USCG, 5NR



Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines COMMITMENT as an agreement or pledge to do something. Being that we are all volunteers and have made a commitment to the missions and ideals of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, we have assumed a responsibility. That responsibility is to do the best we possibly can with the resources available to us. Failure to do what we are

responsible for burdens others who depend on our talents and knowledge. Keep in mind, we all volunteered for what we are doing. We committed ourselves. The active duty Coast Guardsman, the Auxiliarist.

Elections are drawing to a close. All new elected and appointed officers have accepted a responsibility. They have said they are willing to do a job. To do that job, they will need your help. Volunteer to teach a PE Class, man a CME station, crew a boat. Offer your talents; we all have something to give. Don't allow a few to do the job of many.

Remember—COMMITMENT. We in the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary depend on one another. More than that, the boating public depends on us. Let's not rest on our laurels until the last person has perished and there will be no more.

I offer my CONGRATULATIONS to all in 5NR for a fantastic year. Your commitment is very evident. SMOOTH SAILING and SUCCESS.

K.M. EDWARDS, CW02, USCG, OTO (5NR)

CHANGE

"Change makes life interesting."

"The only thing change does is create more problems."

"There is no progress without change."

"We haven't learned the old way yet. Why change?"

These are just some of the responses—felt and spoken people have about change. Some people live for change; some create change just for the sake of it; others dread it.

Like it or not, change is part of our personal and Auxiliary lives. Going from Division Captain to RCO-E will be my change! One anonymous thinker who specialized in expressing profound thoughts in basic terms once said, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." He delineated our three options. Let us opt for Number One or at worst, Number Two. The third option—get out of the way and watch the world pass by-offers few rewards and little fun.

By now the third quarter is history and all the talk seems to be about AMOS and the economic climate. Well, I guess both could be better—but if we as a group give in—things could get even worse! Now is the time to work a little smarter and "pound the streets" looking for students (prospective members) instead of waiting for them to come to us. We have an excellent product to sell and therefore in times like these we must all market ourselves better and plan for the future in order to survive. Do not cancel classes or cut back on boating booths. It's times like these that offer opportunities for those who are willing to take a positive attitude about the future and set/accept goals that are reasonably attainable. Let's not be short sighted because of the low numbers in our PE classes and the possible turn down in boating. Look more long term and do what is necessary to achieve those goals. Number One isn't everything, it's the only thing!

GOOD LUCK IN '91.

Ed Rearick, DCP-XIII, 5NR

DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL (WITH NATIONAL SANCTION)

TNT, Gig Lines and Communication were the watchwords for the 18 Auxiliarists who attended this stimulating school. It may have been the "dog days of Summer," but the timing was perfect for inspiring and enhancing the skills of this mix of new and experienced instructors as they prepared for their Fall PE classes.

Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT, was Team Leader for the Instructors who included David Becker, ADSO-MT, Bill Stumbers, ADSO-MT, and John Collier, DVC-TW, from the National staff. John Collier had been, previously, sufficiently impressed with the quality of instruction by 5 NR instructors that he joined the team, provided National sanction and enabled all participants to receive the coveted silver S for their IT ribbons. These were presented at the graduation ceremonies by DCO William Pierce.

Each class member received a somewhat daunting and heavy schedule for the weekend, as they registered for their rooms. Creating a "Scrounge Training Aid" sounded like fun, but the "Two Minute Impromptu Presentations" served to tighten already existing abdominal knots relevant to the prospect of video taping and critiques of the "Ten Minute Presentations!"

The full schedule included a Power Walk and Fitness Workout (optional) at 0500 each day. It was rumored that DSO-MT Bowlus slept through her alarm on Friday morning. VCO Pester maintained that he was positively "gazelle-like" among the trees near the swimming pool. Some aspects of the school had to be taken on faith!

Participants in the class included members from Divisions I, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, X, XII and XIII. This school was fortunate to include Auxiliarist Bob Melvin, otherwise known as Captain Robert Melvin, USCG. Captain Bob ably switched between the mind sets of gold and silver insignia and functioned both as a fellow student and in his Coast Guard role as District Director of the Auxiliary and Chief of Boating Safety for the 5th Region.

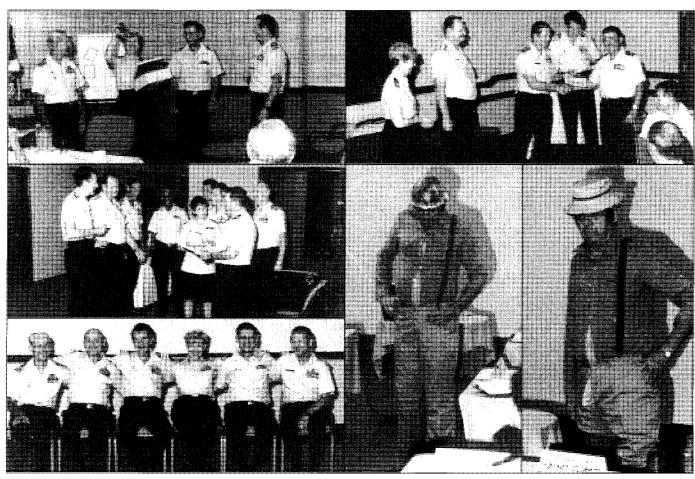
Captain Melvin said that he had two reasons for taking part in this IT School. As an Auxiliarist, affiliated with the 7th District, he wanted his IT certification and, wearing the gold braid, he wanted a working knowledge of the training schools. "I was very, very pleased to see the quality of the students, with their professional motivation, positive attitude towards PE and enthusiasm for Region 5." He concluded by saying that he had nothing but praise for the proficiency and dedication of the MT staff.

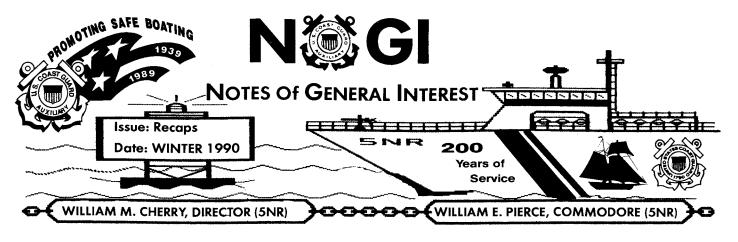
The school was exciting, informative and fun. Saturday evening, with the "Ten Minute Presentations" finally recorded and

critiqued, the class relaxed. Raconteur John Collier, whose reputation as an instructor is only matched by his collection of anecdotes about Cajun neighbors and international friends, almost met his match in class member Dick Pyle, 01-01. It should be noted that VCO Pester was no slouch with his interjections of, "... and that same lady came to Philadelphia and ...

In summary, it was an outstanding school. If you want a definitive explanation of a "Gig Line," check with Sandy Sandstrom, 12-01. The instructors made it clear, sometimes with a bit of legerdemain, that informed, effective communication is the bottom line. John Collier conveyed, in a variety of ways, that real "TNT" is Trying New Things! This class completed the IT School ready to Go And Grow while teaching from a base of thoughtful, careful planning.

Carolyn S. Royce, DSO, PA-1991
Pictured below some of the activity at the school. Left to right and top to bottom: 1) An apple for the teacher — Capt. Robert A. Melvin, III (the Class President) presents an apple to Mary Clare Bowlus, (DSO-MT) (center) and her staff William E. Stumbers, ADSO-MT (left) and David O. Becker, ADSO-MT (right). 2) Presentation of certificates. The Silver "S" and a final kiss. L to r. Mary Clare Bowlus, DCO William Pierce; Capt. Robert A. Melvin; VCO Eugene M. Pester, Jr, Richard G. Pyle, FL 1-1. 3)Hanging out at Break Time. 4 and 5) John A. Collier, DVC-TW expounding on the Dos and Don'ts of a good instructor. Pictures illustrate the Don'ts. 6) The instructors with Capt. Melvin and VCO Pester. L to R. William E. Stumbers, ADSO-MT; JohnA. Collier, DVC-TW; VCO Pester, Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT; David O. Becker, ADSO-MT; Capt. Robert Melvin, Bagting Safety Division District Directors of Aux 5th CG District The picture of the whole sleep is any the book severe. Melvin, Boating Safety Division/District Director of Aux. 5th CG District. The picture of the whole class is on the back cover.





SEMINARS FOR 1991: National has now announced mandatory seminars for Operations, Vessel Examination, and Public Education next year. The seminars will be distributed upon receipt by the Director and will not appear in "The Navigator" as they have in the past.

BCQP STANDARDS MANUAL: Last issue we told you there was a shortage of these manuals (COMDTINST M16798.9A) at ANSC and suggested units order one to be used for local reproduction as necessary. It appears that "shortage" means "out of stock"...so, if you can't get a blank one to photocopy, you may order 1 copy for that purpose from the Director!

APPROVAL OF UNIT PUBLICATIONS: We announced policy which delegated publication approval authority to PB Staff Officers. Based on the number of comments I've received, I believe that we have finally found a group of Auxiliarists who really do read NOGI!! PB Officers should review Section 5. J. of the Auxiliary Manual for guidance with regard to commercial advertising. What else do you look for during your review? There should be no "public floggings" of either individuals or units. Information offered should be accurate. Cartoons or jokes included in the publication must be in good taste. The bulk of the publication must be official business of the Auxiliary, i.e., a publication that includes only stories, recipes, cartoons, etc., should not be approved. Finally, if the publication contains advertising OR YOU ARE IN DOUBT, forward it to the Director for review and approval!

GROUP PHILADELPHIA SEEKS HELP!: At our Fall Conference, Captain Murdock, announced that the Delaware Valley Safe Boating Council had recevied a BOAT U.S. grant to produce a video about "Big Boat—Little Boat" interactions on the Delaware River. If any of you talented members our there would like to help on this project, give the Director a call!

COMMON PROBLEMS ... COMMON ANSWERS: What's worse than having a highly qualified and motivated "military oriented" high school student turn down the Coast Guard Academy after participating in Project AIM? ANSWER: Losing them to another service academy without ever getting the opportunity to acquaint them with the Coast Guard! I ask that all Auxiliarists, not just Career Candidate Officers, keep their "eyes open" for potential AIMERs! If you know one, refer him or her to your local CC Officer or to DSO-CC Allen Wenrich. Don't trust that our CC Officers will reach every school with our program (they can't). Rather, be a Coast Guard Recruiter, one and all!

FACILITY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: The "Auxiliary-Vessel Facility Inspection Check-Off Sheet", form CG-4951, was revised 3-90 and is now being provided by ANSC. You may use either the old or new form as there has been no change to the vessel equipment requirements stated in the 5NR Auxiliary Policy Manual. If requirements change, you will be advised!

RECRUITER INFORMATION: The following information is provided for those of you in 5NR who are active in the AIM/RAP Programs. If you encounter difficulties contacting the nearest recruiter, contact the Eastern Regional Recruiting Command for assistance.

EASTERN REGIONAL RECRUITING COMMAND

Commander U.S. Coast Guard Eastern Regional Recruiting Command 1226 Progressive Drive, Suite 102 P.O. Box 2370 Chesapeake, VA 23320-2370 Phone: (804) 441-6259

RECRUITING COMMANDS IN AND AROUND 5NR

RECRUITING COMMANDS Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office Harrisburg Pt. Shopping Center, Suite 236 I-83 & Union Deposit Road Harrisburg, PA 17111-2883 Phone: (717) 782-3438

Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office Pittsburgh 105 Mall Blvd., Suite 384 W Monroeville, PA 15146-2229 Phone: (412) 644-5811 Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office Philadelphia 2 Penn. Plaza Concourse Philadelphia, PA 19102-1723 Phone: (215) 597-7282

Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office Glen Burnie 95 Aquahart Road, Suite 218 Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3974 Phone: (301) 768-5454

Supervisor U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Detachment Newark Military Park Building 60 Park Place, RM. 613 Newark, NJ 07102 Phone: (201) 465-2635

ANOTHER NEW FORM: The "Basic Qualification Certification Record", form CGAUX-BQ (old CG-3616), was revised 1-90 and is now available from ANSC. You may use either the old or new form. If you use the new form, you must complete Sections I, II, V and VI. Section III is optional. Section IV is not necessary as this duplicates information found on the Enrollment Application, form CG-2730. Submit either form in accordance with instructions contained in the 5NR Auxiliary Policy Manual.

FROM THE PA FISH COMMISSION: Auxiliarist and the PA Fish Commission's Auxiliary Liaison Officer, Dan Martin, "sends"! There have been 108 recreational boating accidents with a total of 76 injuries reported to the Commission so far in 1990. 16 of these accidents have resulted in 22 fatalities (2 are presumed). As usual the majority of the accidents occurred in unpowered craft (15 of the victims were on boats not under power at the time of the accident). Typically, at least 14 of the victims were not wearing PFDs. A more detailed analysis of boating accidnts with a recap of all fatalities will be forwarded to you in the beginning of 1991. Please use the 1989 recap for your Fall PA Legal Requirements classes.

As in years past the Commission will have a large display at the 1991 Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show in Harrisburg in February. This year the theme of the exhibit will be the Commission's 125th birthday! The Commission has many photos and artifacts from the past with one major exception, boating. If you possess, know of, or have access to any photographs that depict boating in PA over the years, please contact me (Phone 717-657-4368) at this office. We promise to take good care of anything we borrow and would very much appreciate your help in making the display truly represent PA's history of boating since the Civil War.

OK, BOATERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS . . . CAN YOU GIVE DAN A HAND?

AUXMIS DEADLINE: The Last AUXMIS inputs for CY-90 will be sent from the Director's office on 28DEC90. All inputs after 1400, 28DEC90 will be credited to the 1991 Data Base. DON'T DELAY! Your input may make the difference this year.

TOPSIDE ARTICLE ALERT: This issue of *TOPSIDE* for Annual (1991) Non-reimbursable Specific Duty Travel Order. Members should

retain for their own "Peace-of-Mind".

CAPTAIN GRISWOLD SPEAKS: The following articles were taken from the "ITEMS OF INTEREST" published by Commandant on 9 NOV 1990:

FLARE GUN: In the October issue of "Practical Sailor", an article appeared describing a "machete stopper", adapting a flare gun to fire a bullet or shotgun shell. Yes, sadly this is getting press, and presents interesting legal questions. Advice to anyone asked about this should be, don't even think about it. First, the device could blow a hand off. Second, it could be judged contra band and cause seizure of your boat. Third, it's DUMB; so tell your instructors and examiners to inform people to avoid this awful device.

HOTLINE: With the expanded hotline, now handling boarding info, we're seeing more calls asking about internal Auxiliary information. I had a seance with the operators, who are very sharp, and shared these thoughts. Many questions concern CME's and MDV's. I told them if the caller is an Auxiliarist, the caller should use the Chain of Command and to refer the call to the DIRAUX. We'll give the operators Auxiliary uniform info; but, it's too much to expect them to direct calls to DSO's. SO's or FC's!

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING: ADSO-CM Chuck Yocum is back in harness and ready to go. During the Eastern Area Meeting he informed everyone that he is ready to come to your Division and teach the COMMUNICATIONS WATCHSTANDER COURSE. Class size should be limited to 15-20 (minimun 10) students. If your Division wants the training, contact DSO-MT for assistance in arranging a course.

TRASH DISPOSAL PLACARDS AND "OUR WATER IS BECOMING POLLUTED WITH PLASTIC DEBRIS (DON'T TEACH YOUR TRASH TO SWIM)" BROCHURE: ANSC now

has a limited number of these materials available. Materials will be issued to Flotillas only for use at their CE Stations. These items are to be issued to recreational craft 26 ft. in length or greater at the time of examination. Due to limited stock these items will not be issued to vessels less than 26 ft. in length. The items must be ordered either by the FC or FSO-MA as a write in item on the "Flotialla Supply Requisition" form. Maximum order is 50 each.

CME DECAL NEWS: If a vessel which has passed examination has no window, console or suitable place to mount the decal inside the vessel, would it be permissible to place it on the exterior of the hull port side? This would alleviate any interference with the vessel numbers as required by federal and state law and allow the decal to be readily visible. The answer is in the Auxiliary Manual. The Manual states that at no time is the CME Decal affixed to the craft ahead of or following the registgration numbers or on the hull below the gunwale. It should be placed in a location that will not interfere with the operator's view, and will be readily visible to authorities while underway. On boats with no windshield, windows or console, the decal may be affixed to the dashboard or the back of a seat. If none of these areas are available, the decal can be placed inside the hull under the gunwale and between the frames so that it is visible from the Port side. Remember: Only one decal may be displayed at anytime. So, if you have been placing the CME Decal on the exterior of the hull, it's time to STOP and re-evaulate what you are doing. Let's do it the right

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR: This is the last issue of NOGI for 1990. The next NOGI will go out around 31 January 1991. We extend to all the best during the Holiday Season and for the New Year.

s/ W.M. Cherry

UpdateNancy K. Davis, DSO-AN, 5NR

1990 has seen a great deal happening in the Chart Updating/Aids to Navigation Program. The members of the Fifth Northern Region have done themselves proud. A new Pennsylvania Sole State Waters program was born. Private aids to navigation on navigable waters were verified. Discrepancies of federal aids to navigation were reported. Chart updating was performed. And, finally, all Divisions were visited during the year.

Several chart correction parties were held during the spring and the corrected charts were provided to each Coast Guard Group, Station, and vessel and to the Auxiliary SARDETs in our area of responsibility.

Two training sessions were held for members who wished to qualify for the designation of Private Aids Verifier.

AUXMIS statistics as of 28 September indicate the following number of patrols and patrol hours. A manual count of the ATON reports received the numbers listed under "reports received."

			NUMBER OF
	NUMBER OF	HOURS	REPORTS
DIVISION	PATROLS	ON PATROL	RECEIVED
<u> </u>	6	44	41
II	3	15	11
III	2	12	33
IV	3	16	10
V	4	31	9
VI	8	44	18
VII	9	36	37
VIII	2	6	24
IX	2	8	9
\mathbf{X}	4	21	10
XI	1	5	2
XII	0	0	26
XIII	2	10	26
XIV	3	15	5

Plans are being formulated for 1991. A training session for members desiring the designation of Private Aids Verifier will be held. Chart corrections will be made to provide the Coast Guard and Auxiliary SARDETs with corrected charts. A training session for each Division is being planned as a cooperative effort with the DSO-OP for all members in Operations and Aids to Navigation. Watch in *Topside* and in NOGI for information on all of the above and ask your SO-AN for the date of your Division training session. I'll also be writing to each SO-AN with dates, times, and places after 1 January 1991. During 1991, each Division staff officer for Aids to Navigation will receive at the beginning of each month, a listing of corrections for the NOS charts used in their area of responsibility. Members can obtain this correction information from the SO-AN and update the charts they use prior to performing a CU/ATON patrol. Also, we will again be issuing the topographic maps of the sole state waters with each set of patrol orders for patrols on the sole state waters. Operators are asked to follow the instructions on these maps and to complete and mail them to me immediately following their patrol.

I want to thank all of the members in this District for their support of the Aids to Navigation program. When visiting Divisions you've always made me feel welcome and your hospitality was great. Thank you for interest in this very necessary program. It's been a pleasure working with all of you in this program for the past two years, and I'm looking forward to again teaching Aids to Navigation to all who will listen. With your help, our District will have another wonderful year in 1991.

Nancy K. Davis, DSO-AN, 5NR

Happy Holidays to All



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UpdateHelen McCabe, DSO-PA, 5NR

Below is a summary of the rules and regulations for the District Poster Contest. The District competition will be held at the Winter Conference in January.

All Divisions are encouraged to participate and to give the winning posters to the DSO-PA NO LATER THAN SATURDAY MORNING OF THE CONFERENCE.

The judges (Selection Committee) will be appointed by the District Commodore.

The poster theme should relate to boating and/or water safety. Paint, fabric, colored markers or crayons may be used. Size must be between 9" x 12" and 14" x 22". Please insure that the entrant's name, grade level, age, address, telephone number and sponsoring flotilla is printed on the reverse side of the poster.

CHAPTER V SECTION D

- 1. District Poster Contest. The District Poster Contest is an annual competition for children in the school grades of 1 through 12. Each flotilla may submit to the Division, one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place poster for each grade. The Division will choose, from the posters submitted by its flotillas, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each grade. The Division will then submit the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners to the DSO-PA in sufficient time so that the District judging may be held at the Winter District Conference. Flotilla competitions should be held in the month of November. Division competitions should be held in the month of December. The District competition will be held at the Winter Conference.
- a. Flotilla responsibilities:
 - (1) To initiate the poster contest in the schools of their area at the beginning of the school year.
- (2) To select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each grade.

 (3) To issue a certificate or letter to all participants not
- (3) To issue a certificate or letter to all participants not selected as winners in 1.a.(2) above.
- (4) To notify 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners that their posters won (1st, 2nd or 3rd, as applicable) in the Flotilla Poster Contest and are being forwarded to Division level competition.
- (5) To forward all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place posters of each school grade level to the Division.
- (6) Flotillas may award trophies, plaques, ribbons, etc., to their winners at their own discretion.
- b. Division responsibilities: Same as 1.a.(2) through 1.a.(6) for Flotilla... except notify winners that their posters are being forwarded to District level competition, forward all winning posters to DSO-PA, and give awards at your own discretion.
- c. District responsibilities:
- (1) To select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade level from among posters submitted by Divisions.
- (2) To issue a certificate or letter to each entrant.
- (3) To notify all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
- (4) To select type of awards to be given, procure same, and deliver to applicable DCPs for further distribution to award winners.
- d. Poster criteria:
- (1) Size must be between 9 x 12 and 14 x 22 inches.
- (2) The reverse side of the poster must include the entrant's name, grade level, age, address, telephone number, and sponsoring flotilla.
- (3) The poster theme should relate to boating and/or water safety OR to a specific theme announced by DSO-PA.
- (4) The poster may consist of paint, fabric, colored markers, crayons, etc.

- e. Selection process:
 - (1) Selection Committees shall be comprised of 3 members appointed by the Flotilla Commander, Division Captain, or District Commodore as appropriate for the level of competition being judged.
 - (2) No specific criteria is established for choosing the winning posters. Committee members should consider the age and grade level of the entrant, the effort put into the poster, the safety message communicated, and the overall appearance of the poster.

Helen McCabe, DSO-PA, 5NR

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

Yes, that's who we're searching for right now—qualified, interested young men and women who are considering attending the Coast Guard Academy—Class of '96—and becoming career officers in the U.S. Coast Guard.

The A.I.M. program nationwide is an integral part of the admission recruitment effort for the Coast Guard Academy. For the Class of '94 (1989 "AIMers")—61 out of 300 + new cadets participated in the A.I.M. program. Experience and past history indicate that cadets who participated in A.I.M. are less likely to drop out because they came into the Academy with a good understanding of the rigors of the training.

Everyone's help is needed to secure capable, qualified applicants. Put them in touch with any Career Candidate officer—**NOW!!** There are deadlines, required interviews and minimum requirements.

To submit a "Preliminary Application" (available from high school guidance counselors and Career Candidate staff officers) for Project A.I.M., the young man or woman **must** meet the following **minimum** requirements:

- 1. Be not over 18 years or under 15 years of age and a U.S. citizen.
- 2. Be in their **Junior Year** (11th grade) of high school.
- 3. Have NO physical handicaps or defects. In good health.
- 4. Have a good scholastic record 3.0—(B) grade point or better or scholastic average of 85 over a 2½ year period.
- 5. Have visual acuity correctable to 20/20 or better, refractive error not to exceed ± 5.50 diopters. Astigmatism not to exceed 3.00 diopters. NOT color blind.
- 6. Understand the objectives of the U.S. Coast Guard and be interested in them.
- 7. Have taken or scheduled to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test), the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or the ACT (American College Testing Assessment)—the "college boards".

From '89 05N "AIMers", seven (7) were successful in obtaining appointments to the Class of '94, and it looks like we have some excellent possibilities from A.I.M. '90 for the Class of '95.

Your CC officers cannot do it alone; we need everyone's help and understanding.

Although not everyone submitting a "Preliminary Application" can be chosen to attend A.I.M. Week in New London, all are invited to attend the A.I.M. "Satellite Program" at the U.S.C.G. TRACEN, in Cape May, New Jersey in May.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP—GET INVOLVED!

Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC. 5NR Donna K. Carpenter, ADSO-CC, 5NR



The 1991 Winter Conference will again be held at the Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, Pa. — 18, 19 and 20 January 1991. The Hilton is easy to reach from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the Schuylkill Expressway or Route 202 north from the Wilmington Area.

In addition to the District Board and Staff Meetings, the mandatory seminars for instructor, vessel examiner and operations will be given on Saturday. Although you may register at the hotel on Saturday for the seminars, it will cause less confusion to pre-register by mail. There will be a \$3.00 registration fee. Remember, these seminars are required to keep your qualification as instructor, examiner, operator or comms watchstander.

On Saturday from 0800 to 0930, Annette Keating will conduct a workshop concerning Flotilla and Division Publications as well as Topside for 1991. If you are interested in assisting Annette with Topside (especially if you have a pc and can supply articles on disks or can assist by inputting articles on your pc for Annette), attend this conference.

As many Flotillas and Divisions have hospitality rooms at this conference, there will not be a luncheon. Flotillas and Divisions should deal directly with the Hilton concerning their hospitality requirements.

The Saturday evening Banquet will feature the installation of the 1991 District Elected Officers and staff, followed by a roast of our new Immediate Past Commodore, William Pierce. Don't miss the fun and fellowship.

On Sunday, beginning at 1000, the District staff will conduct workshops for all of the Division staff officers.

A word about our forthcoming Summer Conference in July at the Holiday Inn, Lionville, Pa. In addition to the regular meetings, on Saturday 20 July, we will have a picnic at Brandywine Picnic Park, about 30 minutes from the hotel. If you remember our 50th Anniversary Picnic—there will be even more to do and eat... Back at the hotel in the evening, we will hold a flea market open to all... and fellowship... watch for more information, but be sure to mark the date of 20 July 1991 on your calendar.

It seems like only yesterday that Jean and I began as your Conference Coordinators. The year has gone by swiftly but it has been a very rewarding 12 months for us, due mainly to your cooperation and support... We appreciated the many letters and "Thank You's" that you gave us after a conference. They made us feel that we had succeeded in what we were doing — for these we will be ever grateful.

And now that I am moving on to another position, I feel confident that the job I leave will be in good hands. Bev and Sonny Wachter will be great Conference Coordinators. I trust that you will give them the support that you gave us.

Happy holidays to all.

Harry L. David, Conference Coordinator, VCO-Elect

Please note there are some corrections in the schedule since you received your mailer - specifically the time of the seminars in the afternoon.



1991 WINTER CONFERENCE 5TH DISTRICT NORTHERN REGION — U.S.COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

18, 19, 20 JANUARY 1991 VALLEY FORGE HILTON, KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration Desk	ć	Lobby	Friday	1500-2030
District Store		Room 206		0800-1400
FRIDAY - 18 JA	NUARY 1991		•	
2000-2130				Revere Room
2000-2130	District Staff Meeting	***************************************		Washington Room
2130-2300	Welcome Aboard (No Host)	•••••		Paine & Jefferson Room
SATURDAY - 19	JANUARY 1991			
0800-1200	District Board Meeting			Revere & Jefferson Rooms
0800-0930	Publications (PB) Workshop	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Washington "A"
0900-1500	QE Exams - Qualifying	•••••		Washington ''B''
0930-1130				Paine Room
1000-1600				Room 206
1000-1015	District Board Coffee Break			
1000-1200		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Grand Ballroom
1200-1330				
1330-1530	Vessel Examination (VE) SEMINAR			Grand Ballroom
1545-1745	Operations (OP) Seminar			Grand Ballroom
1900-2000		••••		Grand Foyer
2000-2300	Banquet	•••••		Grand Ballroom
SUNDAY - 20 JA	SUNDAY - 20 JANUARY 1991			
0900-1015		st Meeting (ME	MBERS & GUESTS ONLY)	Adams Room
1030-1100				Hancock Room
1100-				To be announced
1200-1300	Lunch for SO WORKSHOPS			Franklin Room

BANQUET MENU

Vegetable Soup Bread and Butter

Fresh Salad Greens Green Vegetable

Dressing Beverage

Choice of: Boneless Breast of Capon/Wild Rice Panache

Grilled Salmon Steak/Boiled Potatoes Dessert

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

FRIDAY EVENING **SATURDAY**

Casual

AFTER 1800

Service Dress Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire Dinner Dress Navy Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (White Shirt, Black Bow Tie, Miniature Medals, No Name Tag)

or appropriate Civilian Attire.

SUNDAY

Service Dress Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire

Note: Tropical blue long is authorized in lieu of Service Dress Blue.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS VALLEY FORGE HILTON

251 W. Dekalb Pike (Rt 202) King of Prussia, PA. 19406 215-337-1200

Rates: Single or Double.. ..\$65.00 per night* plus state sales tax

ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED By Check or Credit Card Make your Reservations early

CUT-OFF DATE — 4 JANUARY 1991 FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

USE THIS PORTION OF PAGE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS

RESERVATION FORM FOR SPECIAL RATES AT VALLEY FORGE HILTON

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 5TH NORTHERN 1991 WINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 18, 19, 20, 1991

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
ARRIVAL DATE:DEPARTURE DATE:
REQUIRE ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD
NASTERCARDVISA
DINERS CLUBAMERICAN EXPRESS
#OFCARD
EXPIRATION DATE:

I DESIRE RESERVATIONS FOR:



SIGNATURE:

- ☐ SINGLE @ \$65.00 PER NIGHT + TAX
- ☐ DOUBLE @ \$65.00 PER NIGHT + TAX

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL TO:

VALLEY FORGE HILTON

251 WEST DEKALB PIKE KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406

PENALTY INDICIA NOT AUTHORIZED FOR **RESERVATIONS**

CONFERENCE RESERVATION

Use this portion of the form for your meal and Auxiliary conference registration for the Fall Conference at the Valley Forge Hilton in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, January 18, 19 nd 20 1991

vame:
lotilla No:
Registrations — Fee for each person over 17 yrs .attending (\$3.00)\$
Tickets — Saturday Night Banquet
Capon Dinner @ \$27.50 ea\$
Salmon Dinner @ \$27.50 ea\$
Members (Past Captains) who will attend PCA Breakfast
Guests PCA Breakfast@ \$10.00 ea\$
GRAND TOTAL\$
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RESERVATION FOR WORKSHOPS

LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS

11 JANUARY 1991

THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF PERSONS WILL ATTEND WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR THIS CONFERENCE:

OPERATIONS SE	MINIAR
O: LEANIONS SE	

_VESSELEXAMINATION SEMINAF

_INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR



__PUBLICATIONS WORKSHOP

QETESTING

For this portion of the Reservation Form Make checks payable to U.S.C.G. Auxiliary 5NR and mail to

SONNY WACHTER CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

59 CARLTON AVENUE MARLTON, NEW JERSEY 08053

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Division V - William A. Gardner, 2656 Falling Spring Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17201

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Division Charles Tier III, 1508 Ariend Road, Forked River, NJ 08731
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Left to Right, RCO-West Bobby Carter; RCO-East Ed Rearick;
RCO-Central Paul Owens

CONFERENCE REPORTS

District Conference reports are due in the Director's office on or before 31 December 1990. Just a reminder to all newly elected Division Captains and newly appointed District Staff officers. ALL ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A ONE PAGE WRITTEN REPORT which will be sent out by the Director some time in January 1991, prior to our January Conferenc. NOTE; -The



Individual who holds office at the time of the conference (this means you) is responsible for submitting said report. If you haven't already done so - why not sit down now and complete your report and mail it in. Please let's not have any distribution of reports on the date of the conference.

Division Captsins, please prepare a list showing your deceased members

who have passed away since our September conference. Give the list to Harry David — VCO elect at the conference. We will devote a portion of our Winter Conference by remembering each of them by name.

If you have any questions get in touch with either Harry David r me.

Gene Pester, DCO-Elect, 5NR

SEPTEMBER 1990 — FALL CONFERENCE — WILMINGTON SHERATON

The Fall Conference was held September 14, 15, and 16 at the Wilmington Sheraton. The District elections were held on Friday evening. I am sure by this time you all know the results - DCO Eugene Pester, VCO Harry David, RCO-Central Paul Owens, RCO-East Ed Rearick and RCO-West Bobby Carter. Congratulations and great success to all.

Pictured below are some of the award recipients. Among the awards presented were the following: AUXOP - W. Leroy Miller, Flotilla 8-1: COXSWAIN: Oliver D. Compton, Flotilla 304; Harry Peterson, Flotilla 3-4; David L. Hocker, Flotilla 5-1; Arline L. Dolich, Flotilla 6-5; Ira R. Dolich, Flotilla 6-5; Edward B. Baskin, Flotilla 8-2; Larry C. Whiskeyman, Flotilla 11-3; Robert G. Kepfer, Flotilla 12-5. Captain Robert Melvin "Pinned" and presented the plaques. In addition the following members also earned the staltus of Coxswain, but chose to receive their pin and plaque at their Division Meeting: Chester G. Klabbatz, Flotilla 6-1; Doreen J. Egolf, Flotilla 11-1; Linda L. Zerbe, Flotilla 11-7 and Edward R. Zerbe, Jr., Flotilla 11-7.

The conference lasted well into Sunday with the Past Captains breakfast and election in the morning and the workshops which continued until after lunchtime. The results of the Past Captains — Ed Miller, President; Lenore Roush, VP West; Caroline Sweigert, VP East and Walt Porter, VP Central.



TOP PROP COMPETITION LETS USCGA CREWS TEST SKILLS

The following article by Ira Black, Mariner Editor submitted by Michael D. Reardon, FSO-PE 2-3, 5NR is being reprinted from "The Mariner" dated September 21, 1990. The pictures below were taken and show the activity described in the article.

Top Prop. It might sound like a new network TV series or one more gadget for the muscleboat boys. But it's neither.

Top Prop is the handle bestowed upon the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's new members-only competition.

According to Dan Maxim, District Staff Officer for Operations in the Fifth District Northern Region, "The overall purpose of this Top Prop program is to encourage training within our ranks by having a friendly competition involving various aspects of seamanship, navigation and operational proficiency."

Simply put, it's something that allows Auxiliary personnel to put their training to the test and have some fun at the same time.

On Saturday, September 8, The Mariner cruised over to just off Herring Island to witness the first annual contest—the wrap-up to what the Auxiliary figures will become an every-year event

Said Maxim, "We had people throughtout the district compete in the run-offs. Today, we'll find out who's the top crew in the district."

Earlier in the season, teams competed at the Flotilla level to decide who would then move up to Division-level competition held this past July. Winners there went on to compete at the Area

level in August. Top Area crews were then invited to the recent Region finals.

Although no standard criteria were set forth for the Flotilla, Division or Area competitions, organizers recommended that the contests cover all the segments outlined in the District meet.

But in all cases each crew had to consist of four people. And, as per competition rules, one of these people had to be a trainee.

According to Maxim, "This encourages further training. So we made it a requirement of the Top Prop competition."

Rules regarding team selection were equaly simple. Provided the vessel used in the competition had a qualified operator and crew, anyone, regardless of qualifications, could be a member of the team. However, all team members had to be from the same Flotilla. (Ed. Note: This was later changed to the same Division.)

The competition itself was comprised of several different parts.

The first was personnel inspection. This consisted of a militarytype inspection of the uniform and its insignia, condition of PFDs and proper method of wearing them.

Added Maxim, "This is important in that, to the general public, we're virtually indistinguishable from the Coast Guard

and it is necessary that we reflect their high standards of dress and appearance."

In the vessel inspection, equipment was checked for being neat and shipshape. In addition, crews had to have all the gear required as a USCGA facility.

The boat handling portion of the competition required the crew to bring the boat to the dock within certain specified limits, then tie up, cast off, retrieve fenders, coil down lines, etc.

In addition, the boat had to leave the dock, do a 180-degree turn, back into a finger slip between pilings and tie up, then do the same thing bow first.

Out on the water, the crew would take a floating piling in tow, move it to the dock and secure it.

On a signal, the "rescue" boat approached a vessel in distress that was adrift and and on fire, and demonstrate the appropriate fire-fighting technique.

In the man overboard drill, the crew was instructed to recover a man overboard—actually a dummy—treat him for injuries and return him to the dock.

The towing part of the competition involved a number of maneuvers. In one, the vessel had to pick up the anchor of the other boat with a running snap line, tow the boat astern, make a 180-degree turn, cast off the tow and pull away.

In another part of the towing test, the vessel passed a tow line to the disabled boat by means of a heaving line across a minimum 50-foot distance. Half the total possible points could be lost for each missed throw.

Yet another segment involved taking a boat in stern tow, changing to an alongside tow and maneuvering 180 degrees right and then 180 degrees left prior to docking the towed vessel.

One of the more difficult parts of the competition was something called precision anchoring.

Maxim explained: "The crew is given a set of exact coordinates in latitude and longitude and told to anchor there. To do this they must use horizontal sextant angles, complete with the mathematics that go with it. They take a sight—not a sun sight—from landmarks to determine their position. They're not judged on where the boat is after they place the anchor; they're judged on where the boat is after they anchor. That's the trick. And it's a lot harder than it appears."

In this drill, a point could be subtracted for every yard the vessel, not the anchor, was off the mark.

Search and rescue made up a large part of the total competition and involved the plotting and running of a "creeping line" search pattern.

In marlinspike seamanship crews were instructed to demonstrate their abilities to tie five knots, including the bowline, timber hitch with half hitches, round turn with two half hitches, sheet or double becket bend, and the clove hitch.

Finally, there was a written test. Questions on this exam centered around a multitude of practical matters pertaining to Coast Guard Auxiliary activities.

These included navigation rules, aids to navigation, chart up-dating, private aids to navigation, piloting and a 30-minute maneuvering board piloting problem.

Another part of the exam dealt with patrolling, seamanship, communications, search-and-rescue, helicopter operations and first aid.

When it was over, the crew aboard Michael Reardon's 25-foot Privateer "Claddagh" emerged victorious. Crew members were David Wick, Jim Marinell, Felix Mendla and Dimitri Peperyis.

For their expertise, they were awarded the Top Prop trophy.

DCO BILL PIERCE BIDS FAREWELL

The following speech was given by DCO Bill Pierce at the fall conference and is being reprinted here so all district members can appreciate his feelings for this district. The picture was taken during the speech.



How do I write and read a goodbye speech to the most wonderful group of people I have ever known? You have given me so much joy in last two years I don't know where to begin.

Do I start by saying thank you for being the best, most dedicated and trained? Do I thank you for doing the impossible and doing it year after year? Do I thank you for being

there every time I needed you? Do I thank you for not allowing personalities to get in the way and for not permitting the project to fail? Do I thank your families for allowing you the time away from them, to serve the Coast Guard for tens of thousands of hours year after year? Do I thank you for taking advantage of the member training that your district works so hard to provide? Do I thank you for standing in temperatures exceeding 100 to conduct a vessel examination, or trudging through the snow to teach the public, boating safety or going in your boats in all kinds of weather from calm to gale; from clear to raining in tarrents? Or do I thank you for the privilege you gave to me, allowing me to represent you? The answer, of course is yes, yes, yes, my God thank you for all of the above and more.

I have to thank the staff, the whole staff, from FSOs to DSOs without their dedication could any of our work be accomplished? We have, I feel, the best all around knowledgeable staff in all of the Auxiliary, I think the reason for this, as I stated before, is the acceptance of the wonderful training made available and taken.

I, or should I say we, have to thank your director Bill Cherry. He is the best director this or any district or region has ever had. I know there are past directors however in the room and I do not wish to offend them; they were good for their times, but times and the Auxiliary have changed and our director has not only kept up with the times but through his wisdom, knowledge, and love of the Auxiliary has been a major influence to those changes. There is not a week that goes by that another director or the chief director does not call for advice or wisdom on one point or another. Bill, thank you for being there.

I see a shining future here in the Fifth Northern. You have chosen another great team to work for you, Gene Pester has proven himself ready for the challenge of serving you. He was and is a great Vice Commodore, and I am looking forward to his reign as our commodore. My goodbye statement at the national conference was a challenge to the National Excom and board to look into the future and tell us where we should be and what we should be doing in the years that lay ahead. With Gene at the helm of the Fifth Northern, I know that this great Auxiliary District will be there; there being sometimes light years ahead of the rest of the nation in new and inventive ways to serve the Coast Guard. Gene congratulations to you and the rest of your and our Excom.

I started this by saying how do I write a goodbye speech, well I can't. I'm not going anywhere, I'll be here for as many years as the good lord lets me and for as long as I feel I can help.

Again thank you for being you, God bless all of you I love you.

Bill Pierce, DCO, 5NR

NACON — ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA - SEPTEMBER 1990

Anaheim, home of Disneyland and the California Angels was the site of the 1990 National CGAUX Conference. Over 600 people attended. The C-130 from the East Coast brought 55 Auxiliarists, a group of which were from 5NR. Note: We even had an iguana on board in case you wonder what the one photo on the opposite page depicts. The conference opened on Thursday Morning, 13 September, with the Marine Corps Band. Stanley Y. Kennedy was elected National Commodore.

Friday's highlights included a ladies coffee program with the accent on fashion and a Friday luncheon. Friday evening there was a Mexican Fiesta followed by a bus trip to the Anaheim Stadium where we watched the California Angels play the Seattle Mariners. It was a great game. Saturday was the awards luncheon. No we weren't even in the running for the PB Award. It went to the Fifth Southern's Blinker. Saturday Evening was the Commodore's Banquet with the installation of the new excom and a roast for Henry Pratt the outgoing National Commodore. The Eagle centerpieces were outstanding. On the opposite page are highlights of the events.

In addition to the right are pictures of Anthony Batallia of Flotilla 6-9 proudly displaying his winning training aid. He came in 2nd for the overall award and 1st in his class. Tony was very proud of his display and well he should be — it was outstanding.

After the conference there were 102 Auxiliarists who took the NACON Cruise to Mexico with stops in San Diego and Catalina Island on the way. Bob and I were the only members of 5th Northern on the cruise but we had delightful dining companions — Auxiliarists from California. Catalina Island was the highlight of the trip. We also had side trips - Sea World in San Diego, a bus tour of Catalina Island and also in Ensenada, Mexico.

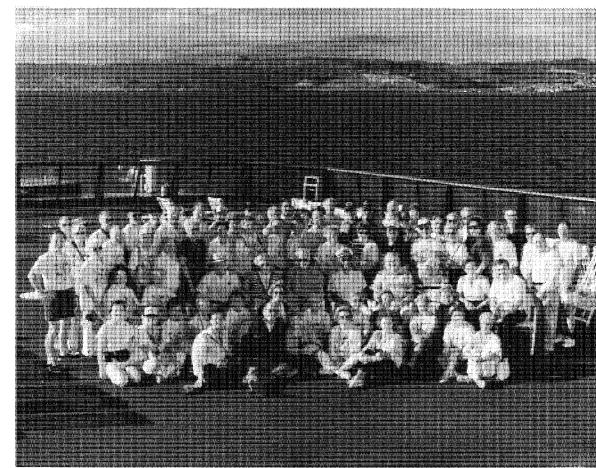


Anthony Battallia, VFC Flo 6-9, 5NR shown above displaying his winning training aid; and below being congratulated by DCO "Bill" Pierce.



At the right is the group on the bow of the Azure Seas as we were leaving Mexico. Yes those are mountains in the background. After the photo we had a special tour of the bridge by Captain Flokos. A truly memorable 4 days.

Elsie Nichols DSO-PB, 5NR

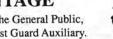


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The ED-VANTAGE

To respond to the needs of the General Public, the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



No. 11-90 November 1990

William Garry, BC-EPP, Edito

For the first time we'll comment on a PE not having taken a boating course would be alive speed-gram in The ED-VANTAGE—to be spe-cific, PE Speed-gram 5-90 which reminds instructoday if they had taken a boating course. But, cific, PE Speed-gram 5-90 which reminds instruc-tors of a federal regulation that requires the there are hundreds of thousands of our fellow posting of a 9-by-4 inch placard on boats 26 feet in

The subject of the Speed-gram was the legal requirement for posting the placard. While the Speed-gram and the illustration of the placard cifically stated that, "It is illegal to dump ■ I had reached this stage in putting The EDplastic trash anywhere into the ocean or navigable waters of the United States," the placard VANTAGE together when the mailman delivered ted, too, that local restrictions may also apply to garbage discharge in regional, state and local ju- Chief Director of Auxiliary, Bill's remarks were risdictions. Obviously, a prudent skipper will retruly in Eastern/So on the placard regardless of whether or not they comments paralleled his remarks at the recent are boating in waters that are regulated.

Has the number of students enrolled in your PE courses this fall declined? Are you blaming the decline in enrollment, as some in the Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons are, on the drop in boat sales? Counter the decline, if it exists, by more agressive public relations efforts to increase

Actually, there is no real excuse for a declining enrollment in boating courses. There is a big reservoir of likely candidates for a course just waiting to be convinced. In 1989, of 459 fatalities wantiarists are members of like organizations for which the information is available, only 29 of the fatalities involved victims who had taken a coast Guard Auxiliary, U. S. Power Squadron, the fatalities involved victims who had taken a coast Guard Auxiliary, U. S. Power Squadron, the fatalities involved victims who had taken a coast Guard Auxiliarist to infiltrate them, and rican Red Cross or State boating course. 373

Those figures tell you something important. Are you game to Many of those who turned up as fatalities and as infiltration plan?

boaters who have not taken a boating course. Do them a favor, extend the opportunity for them to take a course by making courses available in un

nal letter from Captain Bill Griswold, our comments about an article authored by yours

Lifting quotes from his letter, they went like this: "I tried to impress on the assemblage that previous efforts to educate fishermen had not eded. However, someone was doing the job, se I saw that a majority of bass fishermen on Lake Wheeler, AL, were wearing PFDs. Quesng Auxiliarists there, I learned that many of the sport clubs required wearing PFDs in their tournaments. Wow, what an idea!

Bill went on to hazard a guess that many uxiliarists are members of like organizations icket. I urged Auxiliarists to infiltrate them, and help lead them to safe habits.

Are you game to be part of Captain Griswold's

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Just about now you're in the midst of your Holiday preparations. Sometimes it's difficult to make a list of gifts for those close to you. Is it too much to ask you to [extend your gift list to include people you don't look to recreational boating

seasons of safety on the water. Perhaps you can't deliver contained an excellent example. It told of three fisherthis life assurance in time for Christmas. You can, men whose disabled boat flipped and tossed them into however, get the wheels in motion now for delivery of the Atlantic Ocean, where they were intimidated by the gift soon after the new year gets underway. That's an sharks. flotilla's public education cadre. The gift, of course, is the opportunity for the people who deserve the opportunity to enroll in an Auxiliary public education course to

education courses for years may not have thought of spare tires being rolled to drowning victims as well as yourselves as life savers. However, look at it this way. Twenty years ago there were only about 7 million boats, but there were 1350 boating fatalities. On the other hand, in 1989, with nearly 18 million boats on the water, nal boating fatalities dropped to 896.

Obviously, because the 1989 figure marked a trend that developed over the years, it is reasonable to believe that Coast Guard Auxiliary public education courses played a big part in the reduction of boating fatalities in the face of the greatly increased use of our waterways Yes! It's highly possible that your contribution to our

William Garry, BC-EPP, Editor

public education program resulted in your being a 'life saver.'

With the holiday spirit in mind, help give a gift of life. Help offer more courses backed by a greater effort to innts in those courses. The

While in Key West, FL, in mid-November a news item in the Key West Citizen caught my eye-an item deserving mention in The ED-VAN-

What, you ask, would be appropriate to give to a TAGE. As I teach in the PE courses, I like to offer stance or a total stranger? The answer- examples the students can relate to. This news item

The key point to be made was-the owner of the boat proceeded to make a makeshift raft of coolers, life jackets and marker floats. The happy ending to the story was that all hands were saved. A little ingenuity under adverse conditions comes in mighty handy. We've all Those of you who have taught the Auxiliary's public probably heard other stories about people being saved by coolers being emptied and used as flotation devices. Relating such stories captures a student's attention.

> To all readers of The ED-VANTAGE the National Staff in the Public Education Department sends its



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

P R Speed-gram

Number 6-90 20 September 1990



for either course. There is no

charge to students or flotillas

These booklets--and the Water

'N Kids, available from the

Auxiliary National Supply Cen-

ter (ANSC)-are to be used

Your Materials Officer does

nust order this course directly

from ANS by sending a Rapi-

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Store

9449 Watson Industrial Park

St. Louis, MO. 63126

not stock this course. Flotillas

for classes, not as handouts.

BOATS 'N KIDS YOUTH COURSE

A limited supply of the Boats 'N Kids course is now available from the Auxiliary Nationa Store (ANS). The course has been developed for children approximately 5-10 years of age (slightly older than the target udience for Water 'N Kids) and consists of a booklet suitable for coloring, along with an illustrated Instructor Guide.

BOATS IN KINGS

This course stresses the fou basic messages which we need to get across to every boater, young and old: draft to:

Wear a proper fitting PFD: Understand how to safely load and balance a small boat;

Keep a proper lookout, and Understand the effects alcohol has upon judgment and balance.

As with Water 'N Kids, the course is intended All orders should include a preaddressed mailing to be taught to small groups of children in label. approximately one-hour. There is a space for reporting the course on the revised PE Course The course is packaged 25 to a bundle. There Completion Report Form, CG-4954. If the is a limit of 50 booklets per order. Instructor new reporting form is not yet available in your Guides are not automatically packaged with area, you can report this course by circling the booklets. Instructor Guides will be shipped

Water 'N Kids, and writing Boats 'N Kids in the' only upon request. Please order only the amount "Remarks" section. AMOS credit is the same you will need

Education

ents about PE, write: William Garry, BC-EPP, 106 Lakedale Drive, Trenton, NJ 08648.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS** Editor: R. B. Hoots, DVC-OP -Vero Beach, FL 32963

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION The editor is getting a lot of complaints about our Operations people in the Districts and Flotillas not receiving this outstanding publication. We'll check into this, but remember, our distribution only calls for one copy per Flotilla at the Flotilla level. It's up to the FC to make sure that his FSOs for Operations,

COMMUNICATIONS

The increase in the number of Auxiliary communications facilities has caused unnecessary hardship on the few authorized examiners. To reduce the work load on communication staff officers and to utilize the extensive training and experience of a large group of Auxiliarists, effective immediately, AUXOP members are also authorized to conduct inspections of fixed land, mobile and VHF-DF communication facilities. Inspection requirements will remain as published in section 4.f of the Operations Policy Manual. Remember, guys, that this does not affect operational vessels and aircraft who will continue to be inspected as before.

OPERATIONS SÉMINAR

We just received a sad statistic from May Chin, AUXMIS Manager. Seems that this year, we dropped 2904 BCQP and/or Air Ops from the rolls. A few of these were due to deaths, resignations and disenrollments, but most were due to their ailure to attend the required Operations Seminar. We urge all FSO-OPS to follow their qualified personnel closely to ensure that all of them attend the 1991 Seminar edule extra sessions-maybe even in advance if you know of many conflicts Contact each person individually who does not attend your principal Seminar. We cannot afford to lose our trained personnel because of schedule conflicts.

BALL CAPS AND OFFICE INSIGNIA to the clutches used to affix the office insignia to the Ball Cap, as is now required. A bump on the head in the right place could cause a painful laceration. One suggestion was to simply bend over the pins to hold the insignia in place, not using the clutches. At any rate, be warned and take whatever steps are best for you-including DUCK!

CARBON MONOXIDE

Here's a more timely discussion. We in the Auxiliary do not spend enough time warning people about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO). Boating is considered to be a hot weather pastime, with all windows and ports open to catch the slightest preeze. Not always true, and now approach frost-bite cruise time. CO can come from a fuel heater, gas or diesel engines. Fumes can aaccumulate in an enclosed area, such as a cruiser cockpit. Exhaust systems can leak.. Symptoms can b headache, dizziness, ringing in the ears, watering and itching eyes and cherry pink skin color. Get the victim to fresh air—if this does not bring immediate relief, get

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Above reprints of the latest PE newsletters and some excerpts from the latest Operations Department news.

THE EXAMINER

The following are highlights from recent Examiner Newsletter published by National Dept. Chief Donald Smutz

FACILITY INSPECTIONS

The sunbelt areas are into the 1991 Facility Inspections now Everyone should be using the new form CG-4951 (Rev 3-90) with modification by your District Commander to satisfy local require-

Please remember to also check for the trash disposal placard required on boats over 26 feet, in all navigable waters except the Great Lakes and sole state waters and lakes.

Also remind boaters there is a valid radio license required for the marine radio.

These two items are not on the CG-4951 but are part of the CME program and as such are legal requirements that are a must on all Facilities, depending on size of the boat or if a marine radio is on the boat.

COMMUNICATION

Have we solved the communication problem? NOT YET. For years, examiners complained that they never received any information from National. Finally we started sending the newsletters to the Flotilla commanders and we still have a problem.

These newsletters are for the benefit of ALL members of the CME family. They are not intended to be"more of the junk mail received by Flotilla Commanders." Please pass the letters on at Flotilla meetings or by direct mail to all CEs.

1991 VESSEL EXAMINER/MDV SEMINAR

There WILL be a VE/MDV seminar for 1991. This is contrary to previous notice, but too many new items came along, ALSO, many of you asked that the seminars be continued, we listened. The seminar is being processed and will be distributed when complete. You have until May 31, 1991 to attend.

NEW AMOS ITEM FOR THE CME AWARD

Starting in 1992 (not 1991) to receive the Flotilla CME award, each Flotilla must have a minimum number of scheduled CME/ Dock stations. The stations must be staffed by more than one VE and be published in advance.

Now is a good time to get in practice during 1991. Many units have regular CME stations but the majority do not. It has been shown that organized CME activities will give better service to the public. The public is looking for us, so why not let them know where our stations are located and when we will be a on duty?

THE MARINE DEALER VISITOR

PROBLEMS IN REPORTING

Remember after a quality visit the proper reporting needs to be done in order for you and your Flotilla to get credit. It's all part of the visit. The Mission Hour card CG-4947 needs to be completed and processed, only then will it show up on your AUXMIS printout. AUXMIS will not accept any reports over sixty (60) days old. So as not to forget-make out your CG-4947 the same day you make the visit and send it in. Keep your reporting of activity current.

MANY DEALERS NOT GETTING MAIL

We discussed this in back issues of The Marine Dealer Visitor Newsletters. Believe me when I say that they are getting mail and are on the list IF the paper work was done right. You control this by how you fill in this form. Read the instructions carefully. If there is a possibility that it was filled out wrong or there was an error a new CG-5093 can be submitted by you to correct any change needed. Take into consideration that it takes 60-90 days for a new or corrected CG-5093 to show any results. This should be number one (#1) topic at your CE/MDV Seminar for 1991. Please discuss this subject locally.

CE/MDV SEMINAR FOR 1991

The new seminar will be out shortly. If the seminar is conducted on a Division level it should also be repeated on the Flotilla level. A double dose of CE/MDV seminar is needed to keep abreast of all the changes and new information that has come out this past year. Don't just attend the seminar, participate, ask questions about everything you do not understand. Don't leave confused.

MDV REQUALIFYING—IDLE MDVS NEED

95% of the visits are being done by less than 50% of the MDVisitors. In fact more than half of the MDVisitors are not active enough to requalify unless we get them out and make a minimum of four visits in the next 6 weeks and have them submit the Mission Hour cards into AUXMIS.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS SHIPS STATION LICENSE There is a need to inform and remind the boating public about the necessity for having a FCC Ship Station License on radioequipped vessels during Coast Guard boarding inspections.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Coast Guard have agreed to enforce existing radio regulations to help reduce the growing number of hoaxes, interference with distress operations and other maritime safety problems.

Evidence shows that many boaters and operators of uninspected vessels disregard FCC maritime radio licensing and usage rules, or are even unaware rules exist. The Coast Guard will begin checks for the presence of the FCC Ship Station License on radio-equipped vessels during boarding inspections. Violaters will be prosecuted based upon evidence presented by the Coast Guard.

Under FCC rules, operators of radio equipment capable of transmission (VHF maritime radio, VHF Handheld, EPIRB, radio or radiotelephone) must have a clearly legibly copy of a SHIP STATION LICENSE posted at the principal control point of each station, or if it cannot be posted, kept where it will be readily available for inspection.

If a copy is posted, it must indicate the location of the original. Those who fail to obtain an FCC license are liable for a criminal misdeameanor or penalty of up to \$10,000, one year in prison, or

CB radio, cellular telephones and receive-only equipment are

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will remind boaters of these facts during Courtesy Marine Examinations.

Thus, we strongly suggest that we give this item as much publicity as possible in our publications and in the media. Your cooperation is important.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. IT IS APPRECIATED! Kenneth Winfield, DVC-AL



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TRAINING SCHOOLS — SPRING 1991

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SCHOOL - 1991

Instructors are the backbone of our Auxiliary programs. Without good, dynamic instructors the knowledge and information contained in our membership training and public education programs is not transferred from instructor to student successfully.

Elsewhere in this issue Carolyn Royce has given an account of her experience at the nationally certified District IT School held at Lionville, PA this past August, I hope Carolyn's enthusiasm for the school will prompt you to register for the 1991 IT School to be held 4, 5, 6 and 7 April 1991.

Much training has taken place in 1990, and I've learned much from the members I taught. This interaction between student and instructor is what keeps my imagination on alert. Thanks to all of you, but most especially to my wonderful staff David O. Becker, William E. Reimer, Jr., and William E. Stumbers. Our long rambling talks provide the stimulus to keep me motivated. Best wishes for the Holiday season to all of you.

Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT, 5NR

If you wish to enroll, please complete the following registration form and return it to Mary Clare Bowlus, DSO-MT no later than 14 February 1991.

1991 IT SCHOOL — REGISTRATION

Name:	Member No	••••
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1991 VE SCHOOL — REGISTRATION

In addition to the above scheduled training, there will be a VE School on the weekend of March 8, 9 and 10 also to be held at Lionville. Upon completion of this training and the accompanying test - you will be a qualified VE and will be able to start examinations

If you desire to become a Vessel Examiner or to improve your skills at VE, complete the following registration and return it to Harry David, VCO elect by no later than the Winter Conference on 20th January 1991, Harry's address is 152 Merrybrook Drive, Havertown, PA 19083.

Name:	Member No	
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How long have you been in the Auxiliary? (Base Enrolls	ment Date)	
Are you a Qualified Vessel Examiner?	Yes	N
If yes, when did you qualify?		•••••

Send in your registrations as quickly as possible - the classes are limited in size and they fill up fast!

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- Fifth District (NR) Auxiliary Policy Manual (d)
- (e) Fifth District (NR) Auxiliary Telephone Directory
- 1. In accordance with the authority contained in references (a) and (b), all BQ/AX members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (5NR) listed on the current edition of reference (c) are authorized to participate in the various Auxiliary programs promulgated by references (b) and (d), to perform the duties of any office to which they are elected or appointed as listed in reference (c) or (e), and to perform such other duties as may be necessary in carrying out their responsibilities as an Auxiliarist or as an elected or appointed officer during the period 1 January through 31 December 1991.
- 2. This authorization extends to new programs promulgated by competent Coast Guard authority, to new members upon enrollment by the Director of Auxiliary (5NR), and to members newly elected or appointed to office upon the effective date of election or appointment.
- 3. A member must attain and maintain any necessary qualification in order to participate in authorized programs. Authorization to participate in Auxiliary programs which require a specific qualification terminates on the effective date of loss of the required qualification. The required qualification must appear on the current edition of reference (c) or, for a newly acquired qualification, in the member's personnel record held by the Director of Auxiliary (5NR).
- 4. Members and officers must schedule their activities in advance by notifying the appropriate elected or appointed officer of the date, time, and place of the intended activity. Notification can be accomplished verbally or in writing. Written notification includes meeting information contained in reference (e), activities authorized by patrol or travel orders, and other scheduled activities reported in unit newsletters or on the monthly Unit Meeting Report (CG-3615).
- 5. Failure to properly schedule activities in advance and/or participation in an activity which requires a qualification without the required qualification may result in a loss of benefits or protection otherwise provided by Coast Guard orders.
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- 7. This authorization is on a non-reimbursable basis. No part of any expense incurred under this authorization will be paid by the Government. If the member does not desire to bear the necessary expense, the member will consider this authorization cancelled.

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DIVISION XIII - NSBW RAMP- ACTIVITIES

The pictures shown below cover activities in cooperation with the Pennsway Power Squadron and the Kingsway Power Squadron and were submitted by Ed Rearick, Captain- Division XIII. They were too late for the last issue and even though a little late have been included in this issue. Thanks Ed for your submission and your patience. Sorry for the delay.



The above two pictures were taken at the Linden Avenue Ramp on June 10, 1990 - Top picture left to right - Edward Rearick, Captain-Division XIII and P/C Anton Graff, N-Pennsway Power Squadron.

The bottom picture shows Commander William Taylor, AP - Pennsway Power Squadron and an unknown boater's wife.



The above two pictures were taken at the Burlington City Ramp on June 3rd. The Top picture shows Left to Right Dave Berlin, FC 13-3; Eugene Milberger, FSO-VE; Mulford Crim, FSO-OP; LT. Wayne Gallent, N-Kingsway Power Squadron; P/C Keith Young, N-Kingsway Power Squadron; and Ed Rearick.

The bottom picture shows left to right Lt. Wayne Gallent, N; P/C Keith Young, N; Ed Rearick; Dave Berlin, Mulford Crim and Eugene Milberger.







Update......Elsie M. Nichols, DSO-PB, 5NR

It does not seem possible - this is the last page of the last issue I will be doing. It has been eight years since I took this job. In some ways the time has gone very rapidly and in others it seems I have been doing it forever.

I am sure I will miss being a part of District Staff, but I will still be around and doing what I can to help Annette Keating get started. She has many plans for her workshop at the winter conference. If you are a PB Officer or any other staff member who is doing publications and may have a computer at home, why not try to attend her workshop. She has many good ideas for you and can be a big help in accomplishing your tasks.

She has also asked that since the manner of preparing *Topsidewill* be by IBM PC rather than traditional typesetting, it would be more logical to have members make their submissions (where possible) in machine readable format in either of the two methods detailed below:

Method 1.On computer floppy discs in sizes of either 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch in IBM PC format. Both low and high density discs are supported. File formats supported include plain ASCII Text files, most popular word processor program files, PageMaker files and many others. Just tell her what you have.

Method 2: The Bulletin Board System. This system (BBS) requires a modem. The telephone number is 302-984-2238 and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The first time you dial in you will have limited access. Please leave a message stating you are with the USCGAUX and your access rights will be upgraded. If you have a modem, call Annette, she will give you the necessary details.

Once again thanks to all of you who have supported me with articles and with any other help. Particularly I would like to thank Phil Stamm who has always been there to take pictures of everything; and to Helen McCabe, who has done my proofreading - much of it at the last minute. I would also like to thank another non-Auxiliarist — my son Bud who for the most part has always been there to label the issues as well as help with the labeling of Topside Juniors.

To those of you whose articles I may not have published (very few), I apologize but there was undoubtedly a good reason - lack of space and untimeliness for the following issue; or inappropriate subject matter. I only once remember losing copy. However, on occasion I have not received something which was mailed to me. If I have not published your pictures it was because they were too dark or muddy to reproduce.

Please remember to change your distribution list for your publications - they will now go to Annette Keating P.O. Box 111, New Castle, DE 19720-0111. I will miss reading them very much.

In fact the following article is being reprinted here from the Bent Prop, editor George Brobyn, Division VI, Flotilla 65. It is so typical of a PB Officer who is dedicated to his/her job, and does it really well. It seems you almost have the job for life. Unfortunately I cannot continue as George is doing - my time does not permit me to get it done, and it is not fair to all of you for me to get the issues out late. I hope you will enjoy this article as much as I did, because it is typical of George's style.

EDITORIAL

"This issue of the *Bent Prop* is the 144th consecutive monthly issue of this publication by the same editor. It was not meant that way, it just happened.

"Some 12 years ago this editor was elected to the Vice Commander's position by the membership of his Flotilla with something less than a full knowledge of the ways of the Auxiliary. His election only postdated his joining by the minimum time for qualifying for that post. Much to his surprise he was informed that he had to select his Staff Officers. This went rather smoothly until he reached the last one which was the office of FSO/PB and here he hit a snag.

"Coincidentally the committee that judges newsletters had officially or unofficially stated that the *Bent Prop* was not only bent but cracked as well and was without a doubt the worst newsletter in the District. Since nobody would touch it with such a reputation, the VFC, who was us, was stymied (forgive the golfing allusion) and he offered to try his hand at it providing the

membership would give him a free hand in setting it up as he desired.

"Possibly he was a bit naive, but he thought a newsletter had more purpose than just being a billboard of coming events or a training aid for some lazy FSO. He felt that the newsletters he had seen were redundant with superficial announcements and exhortations to do better in some sphere of endeavor without any specifics, just be better, absolutely the worst way to improve anything. The editor-to-be, on the other hand, believed that a newsletter should be the glue that bound the diverse personalities in the membership together with a purpose. That it must have the ability to focus attention on problems and solutions and away from distracting nitpicking and negativism. Above all it must have a character of and by itself of which the members can be proud. As a corollory to this it must be read but it won't be, unless it is interesting enough to make the readers want to read it.

"At that point the membership would have agreed to almost anything since their pride had been severely mangled. Your editor started, very tentatively at first, he must admit, but within the year he had a bear by the tail. At the next election when he was proposed for Flotilla Commander he gave them a choice on what they wanted him to do since by that time he could not do both. His method of producing the *Bent Prop* had developed into about 60 hours of work per month and he could not do justice to both positions. The membership did not hesitate in their decision even a little bit, they promptly removed his name from the ballot.

"While he was doing the first 60 issues he still retained some thoughts of trying to get someone else interested in the editorship while he went on to other higher posts. Each year, in those days, he would go before the membership and ask them if they really wanted him to continue, that maybe the newsletter was getting a little stale and maybe someone else would be more interesting. The answer was always the same. NO! They did, finally, become tired, not at the Bent Prop but at the editor for asking if they didn't want another editor. They then told him very calmly that they wanted no more arguments that he had it for life, and that was that. So here he is with the count standing at 12 and counting. By this time Old Father Time has had his licks on him and he would not have been fishing him out of the drink every time the boat hit a three inch wave. So maybe it is just as well.

"We have some little pride in this record of 144 consecutive issues and to the fact that it has always been produced on time. We remember well the time when we wrote it literally out of this world. We had been asked to do some work for our old company and had to travel from Philadelphia to Albany, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati and that issue was written at between 30 and 35 thousand feet in the air on planes.

"But that pride is small compared to the admiration and appreciation that we have for the membership of Flotilla 65 for their support. We also appreciate all those other good readers, who while, not affiliated with Flotilla 65, have given us praise beyond any that we could possibly have expected.

"As we stated in last month's issue, we will be at the old stand again and it is our only hope that we can serve you again as well as in the past. As was said by William Arthur Ward, "Criticize me and I might not like you. Ignore me and I may not forget the slight. Encourage me and I will never forget you."

"You have given nothing but encouragement to this editor and we never can or will forget you.

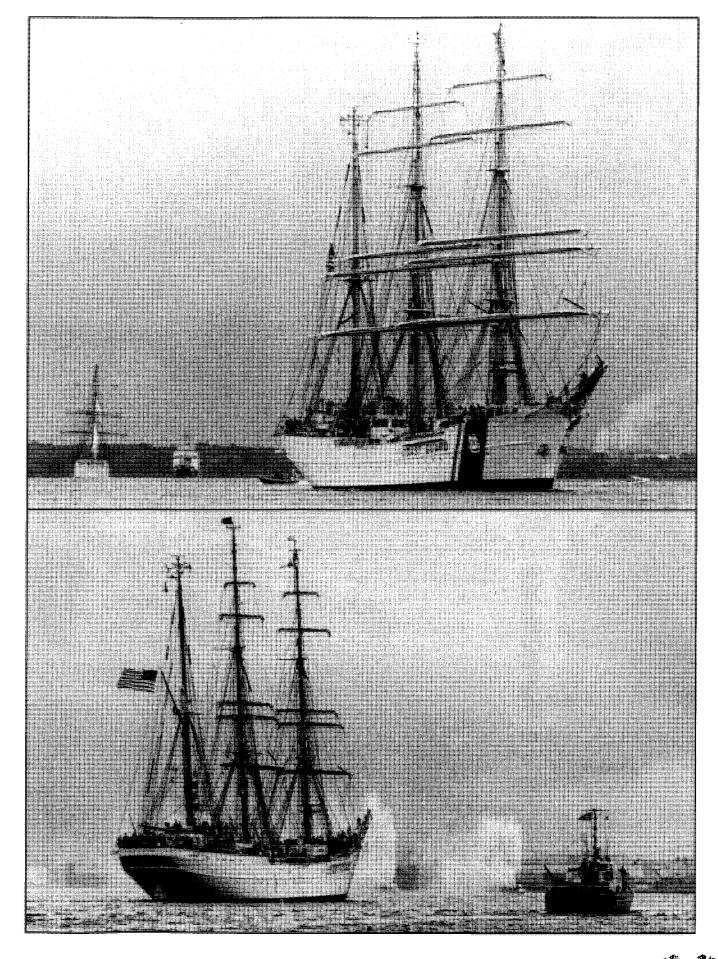
"So to each of you wonderful, wonderful readers, a huge THANK YOU, and a sincere wish for a very Happy Holiday Season from your *Bent Prop* and its Olde Editor."

And to add to George's sentiments - One big thanks to all of you and my wish for a very happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Elsie M. Nichols, DSO-PB-retired, 5NR

THE EAGLE VISITS PHILADELPHIA

The pictures on page 27 opposite were submitted by Henry Schweber, Division VI - too late for the fall issue, but too good not to publish. One of them is the one he used for the one on the front cover which was merged with the Philadelphia skyline. Thanks Henry





Attendees at the National Instructors Training School held at Lionville, PA in August 1990

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all

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