 During September and October
attended the Auxiliary National Con ference, 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, perform ing a very worthwhile service to the
boating public and the Coast Guard. A special hearty "Well Done" to Division V for receiving an award a 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 Coas
Guard. In the 5th Northern the AUXSARDETs, the private aid program, and the Tri-State education agreement are grod examprogram, and the Tri-State education agreement are good
ples of your innovative approach and forward thinking One District, the Seventeenth in Alaska, employed Auxiliarist to interact with the fishermen and perform a modified CME on these commercial boats. The fishing industry is a very dangerou profession. As the Commandant noted in a recent speech, "com mercial 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 includ the Changes to Annex V of MARPOL, and the requirement to have FCC Ship Station License on board:
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 o the changes of watch. So have a Merry Christmas and Happy working and playing with such a super group of people
working and playing with such a super group of people.
Robert $M$. Melvin III, CAPT USCC

## Next Topside <br> 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 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 complication of impending DEADLINES! Second, your Division Planning Group Meeting will be much shorter and run more moothly 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 will have their final 1991 AMOS goals And, finally, every unit will have their
EARLIER than ever before!
The AMOS "Pre-Plan"
15 Nov - Flotilla year-end 190 schedule of events is
15 Dec - Flotilla membership has reviewed the forecast, discussed relevant information (resources), and projected challenging yet attainable goals for 1991. to the DCP.
31 Dec - DCP totals Flotilla projections.
20 Jan - DCP/FCs receive 1991 AMOS package with DPG recommendations. DCP compares recommenda-
tions to projections and highlights items which tions 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
7 Feb - Within 48 hours of receipt of last Division pack 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

sewhere in this issue of Topside is
copy of the speech I gave at our a copy of the speech I gave at ou
September 1990 Conference. It was aid from the heart and I meant very word of it. Thank you! Mr. Cherry, I'm sure, will tell you
how we are doing in 1990 (we all how we are doing in 1990 (we al or November before totals are com plete). It looks like the best yea ofr. AMOS is starting to take hold hat Mr. Chery hat herr telling us all along, that AMOS is First for our District Commander. He has, between Fifth North ern 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 effor from us to get his objectives accomplished? Does he see a need 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 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 othe ords, use it at the District Auxiliary level as a management too 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, $1 / 3 \mathrm{OPs}$, 1 The good
r group. They see the nmander uses AMOS to manage his know their people and they know their Flotilla's strengths and their weaknesses. Through AMOS they can task their people in he right direction. This direction may not be to do more of what ou have been doing, but get involved in a program that your Now the bottom line is (AS
orks; it really does. From the Di COMMERCIALS SAY), it down to you and me, it works. Look at Commander all the way last four years. WOW!!!
Because I'm out there with UN doing it. It is a good feeling to know you have helped, even in 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 j
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
gene M. Pester, VCO, 5NR

most 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 xamine the yappenings within Flotilla/Division during the past twelve months. We should also reflect on he plans we made at the beginning of 1990 when first we took office as Captain. Were we able to fulfil 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.
THE SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE DOING ALL THE WORK.
If you experienced one ore more of these symptoms, chances re you are not alone. In my travels throughout the District, I become discouraged because things fail to time again. We often 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 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 991. Once again, your District Planning Group has met, reviewed ur 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 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 the Division figures among their various Flotillas. I have had an pportunity 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 oes, "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.解 4

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## FROM CENTRAL

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


With all the elections for 1991 behind owever well trained and qualifie lected and appointed officers, I am re we can anticipate an interestin and challenging coming year. Fo he newly elected or appointed offic ers anxiously counting the days unti, on't hesitate for a moment to seek he information from your predeces or 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 5 NR 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 believ 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 $\mathrm{RCO}-\mathrm{C}$ working and associating with all the members of the district, but in particular the Captains and Vice Captains of the Central Area elected Captains and looking forward to working with the newly Central Area will be just coming aboard this new season. Good luck to all.

Paul D. Owens, $\mathrm{RCO}-\mathrm{C}, 5 \mathrm{NR}$

## ELECTED OFFICERS WORKSHOPS

 HOLIDAYINN, LIONVILLE, PA JANUARY 4, 5, 6FOR ALL DIVISION CAPTAINS
VICE CAPTAINS AND FLOTILLACOMMANDERS/VICEFLOTILLA COMMANDERS.

This course contains valuable information specially 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 besi of the holiday season. May all of you have much luck, good health, and great appiness during 1991.

REMEMBER-LET'S HAVE FUN IN '91.

## FROM THE WEST <br> Welton J. Fischer, RCO-W, 5 NR

 As I write this, Division elections
have been completed and Flotilla Elec-
tios 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 nextyear officers, we frequently find our 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, may be step one in losing a good member may be step one in losing a good member.
Doing the same old routine over and
boring and boredom is a pune over and over can become very possible try to get your active people in newd burn-out. Where lenges 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 bette 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 traine officer to take over-all good.

Welton J. Fischer, RCO-W, 5 NR
FROM THE EAST
Update........................Caroline K. Sweigart, RCO-E, 5NR


Many thanks to you the Auxiliar membership for granting me the oppo tunity to serve you and the CG Aux iliary in the 5th Northern - Eastern Area.
I sincerely appreciate the assistance that you gave me and the honor you extended to me through or selection. I will continue to serve erent hats. If I can help you at any time, please let me know.
The Auxiliary celebrated its 50 th and 51 st anniversaries and is till laying found tion ton for future Every idea is streng ned and built upon so that we the Auwiliary can serve every part the Coast Guard family. Together we offer much to Co Guard as well as to each other

Past NAVCO Bill Gary stressed that in 1990 the motto "I esolve to" be a base to build upon. Let us all have plans for 1991 1996 and resolve to fulfill them to the best of our ability. How etter to serve each other and the organization than to build a better foundation.
Happy holidays to all and a healthy and prosperous New Year you and your families. - Safe Boating

Caroline K. Sweigart, RCO-E, 5 NR

## 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 We are going to start early this year. The theme is the same as last year. You should have your NSBW

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 even
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 wh any ideas-at any time. Just get in touch with me,

Muriel Lewis, NSBW Chairman, 5 NR

FROM THE PAST CAPTAINS ASSN.

dnor Miller, President, PCA, 5NR
Our newly elected District Com-
modore Gene Pester thought it modore Gene Pester thought it would be nice for the Past Captains Association to sponsor some new pres. First would be Flea Mar ket which would be held at our ket which would be held at our
July 1991 conference in Lionville, Pa. The tentative plan for the day (Saturday) would be as follows
ard meeting
AFTERNOON: Picnic to be held at Brandywine Park A
The Flea market would be set up in one of the large rooms at participant to cover expenses. This would be open to all Auxiliary members who wish to participate.
The second project would be en Arts and Crafts exhibit at our
September conference with prizes and ribbons awarded to the September conference with prizes and ribbons awarded to the
winners. Our Commodore feels we have many members who work
with crafts like woodworking ceramics paintin 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 Ed Mill
17201

Ed 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
history.
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. submitted, a first, second and third place winner in each grade
The Division will
Pububmit the winners to the District Staff OfficerPublic Affairs prior to the Winter conference for display and
judging at the Conference. Flotilla Commanders and Division udging at the Conference. Flotilla Commanders and Division
Captains could review Chapter V, Section D of their Policy Captains could review Chapter V, Section
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 have not had a large number of entries, yet the Trianing Aids
coming from our District have scored high in the National Conference. The program has several purposes. First is to recog-
nize the best Training Aids, and also to encourage the use of Aids, nize 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, Section C.
Well used these two activities touch on many of our programs.
The Poster Contest gives our PA staff a chance to contact the The Poster Contest gives our PA staff a chance to contact the
schools and the children on the boating safety topic. The local schools and the children on the boating satety topic. The local
judging is a press release possibility followed by the District
judging as another public information possibility. The Trianing judging as another publice informmation poossibilitity The Trisining
Aid Competition not only recognizes the existing Aids, but the Aid Competition not only recognizes the existing Aids, but the
display itself serves to provide examples of what can be done in display its
this area.

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


FROM THE OPS \& TRNG OFFICER Update.....................Ken M. Edwards, CWO2, USCG, 5NR
 Webster's New Collegiate Dictioan agreement or pledge to do something. Being that we are all olunteers and have made a com mitment to the missions and ide
als of the Coast Guard and Coas Guard Auxiliary, we have assume a responsibility. That responsibil ity is to do the best we possibly to us. Failure to do what we are
responsible for burdens others who depend on our talents and nowledge. Keep in mind, we all volunteered for what we are oing. We committed ourselves. The active duty Coast Guards man, the Auxiliarist
Elections are drawing to a close. All new elected and appointed 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 $w$ to do the job of many
Remember-COMMITMENT. We in the Coast Guard and public depends on us. Let's not rest on our laurels until the last erson has perished and there will be no more.
Ioffer my CONGRATULATIONS to all in 5 NR for a fantastic year. Your commitment is very evident. SMOOTH SAILING an
SUCCESS.
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 spokenpeople have about change. Some people live for change; som reate change just for th
Like it or not, change is part of our personal and Auxiliary
ves. 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 By now the third quarter is history and all the talk seems to be 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 reets" looking for students (prospective members) instead of selling 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 ffer opportunities for those who are willing to take a positive ttainable. 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. GOOD LUCK IN ' 91 .
GOOD LUCK IN '91.
Ed Rearick, DCP-XIII, $5 N$

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 Mary Clare Bowlus. DSO-MT was Team Leader for the Instructors who included David Becker ADSO-MT, Bill Stumbers ADSOMT, and John Collier, DVCC-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. the coveted silver Sor their rim 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 Impromptue Presentations" served tod tighten already existing
abdominal knots relevant to the prospect of video taping and critiques of the "Ten Minute Presentations!" 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 . 1 was 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 fithl swimming pool. Some aspects of the school had to o ester taken on fainth! that he was positively gazelle-like among the trees near the
Participants in the class included members from Divisions I. III, IV VII VIII, X XII and XIII This 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 Mevin, otherwise known as Captain Robert Melvin, USCG. Captain Bob abby switched between the mind sets 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 Chief of Boating Safetey for the 5hth Region.
Captain Melvin said that he had two reasons for taking part in this IT School. As an Auxiliarist, affiliated with the 7 th Captain Melvin said that he had two reasons for taking part in this IT School. As an Auxiliarist, affiliated with the 7 th 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 tow trards 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 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 The shool was exciting, informative and fun. Saturday evening, with the "Ten Minute Presentations" finally recorded and 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," $\ldots$ a and that same e lady came to Philadelphia and."." ". 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





SEMINARS FOR 1991: National has now announced mandatory eeminars for Operations, Vessel Examination, and Public Education Director and will not appear in "The Navigator" as they have in the

BCQP STANDARDS MANUAL a shortage of these manuals (COMDTINST M16798.9A) at ANSC and suggested units order one to be used for local reproduction as 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. 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 NOGIII
PB Officers should review Section 5 . . of the Auxiliary Manual for PB Officers should review Section 5 . J. of the Auxiliary Manual for guidance with regard to commercial davertising, What elle do you
look for during your review? There should be no public floggings' of
either individuals or units either individuals or units. Information offered should be accurate.
Cartoons or jokes included in the publication must be in good taste. 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.,
hould not be approved. Finally, if the publication contains advertisshould not be approved. Finally, if the publication contains advertis-
ing OR YOU ARE IN DOUBT, forward it to the Director for review
GROUP PHILADELPHIA SEEKS HELP?: At our Fall ConferBoating 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! COMMONPROBLEMS
han having a highly qualified and motivated "military oriented" high chool 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 uust 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 FACILITY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: The "AuxiliaryVessel Facility Inspection Check-Off Sheet", form CG-4951, was
revised $3-90$ and is now being provided by ANSC. You may use either evised $3-90$ and is now being provided by ANSC. You may use ither
he old or new form as there has been no change to the vessel tequipment requirements stated in the 5 NR Auxiliary Policy Manual. If requirements change, you will be advised!
RECRUITER INFORMATION: The following information is pro-
vided for those of you in 5 NR 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
Eastern Regional Recruiting Command
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ANOTHER NEW FORM: The "Basic Qualification Certificatio Record", form CGAUX-BQ (old CG-3616), was revised 1 1-90 and is
now available from ANSC. You may use either the old or new form. 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 dupl information found on the Enrollment Application form CG-2730 Submit either form in accordance with instructions contained in th 5NR Auxiliary Policy Manual.
FROM THE PA FISH COMMISSION: Auxiliarist and the PA There have been 108 recreational boating accidents with a total of 7
Thisict injuries reported to the Commission so far in 1990.16 of thes accidents have resulted in 22 fatalities ( 2 are presumed). As usual th
majority of the accidents occurred in unpowered craft ( 15 of th victims were on boots not under power at the timed of the accident),
Typically, at least 14 of the victims were not wearing PFDs A more yypically, at least 14 of the victims were not wearing PFDs. A mor
detailed analysis of boating accidnts with a recap of all fatalities wil detailer 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 Reguirements 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 yeart 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 years, please contact me (Phone $717-657-4368$ ) at this office. We
promise to take good 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 28DEC90 will be credited to the 1991 Data Base. DONTT DELAY
Yeur Your input may make the difference this yea 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 Comman fant on 9 NOV 1990:
FLARE GUN: In the October issue of "Practical Sailor", an article appeallet or shotgun shell. Yes, sadly this is getting press, and present interesting legal questions. Advice to anyone asked about this should be, don't even think boout it. First, the device could blow a hand of
Second, it could be judged contr band and cuss seizure of your bo Third, it's DUMB; so tell your instructors and examiners to inform people to avoid this awful device.
HOTLINE: With the expanded
we're seeing more calls asking about internal Auxiliary information. had a seance with the operators, who are very sharp, and shared thes thoughts. Many questions concern CME's and MDV's. It told them if
the caller is an Auxiliarist, the caller should use the Chain of 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 deach
the COMMUNICATIONS WATCHSTANDER COURSE. Class siz should be limited to 15-20 (minimu 10) students. If your Division
wants the training, contact DSO-MT for assistance in arranging a wants the training, contact DSO-MT for assistance in arranging a
course. TRASH DISPOSAL PLACARDS AND "OUR WATER IS TEACH YOUR TRASH TO SWIM)" BROCHURE: ANSC now

## Update

## Nancy 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 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 and the corrected charts were provided to each Coast Guard Group, Station, and vessel and to the Auxiliary SARDETs in our area of responsibility
qualify franing sessions were held for members who wished to qualiny for the designation of Private Aids Veritier.
AUXMS 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."

| DIVISION | $\frac{\text { NUMBER OF }}{\text { PATROLS }}$ | $\frac{\text { HOURS }}{\text { ON PATROL }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text { NUMBER OF }}{\frac{\text { REPORTS }}{\text { RECEIVED }}} \end{aligned}$ |
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| I | 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 |
| X | 4 | 21 | 10 |
| XI | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| XII | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| XIII | 2 | 10 | 26 |
| XIV | 3 | 15 | 5 |

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 $t$ hese $i$ items will not be issued to vessels less than 26 ft. in length. The items must be ordered either by
he FC or FSO-MA as a write in item on the "Flotialla Supply Requisition" form Maximum order is 50 each Requisition" form. Maximum order is 50 each.
CME DECAL NEWS: If a vessel which has pas
no window, console or suitable place to mount the decal inside the
vessel, would it be permissible to place it on the ext 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 federala and state lewan 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 helow the
onwale. It should be placed in a location that will not 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
Way. 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

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 each Division is being planned as a cooperative effort with the SO-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
 places atter 1 January 1991. During 1991, each Division staff ficer for Aids to Navigation will receive at the beginning of each rath, a listing of corrections for the NOS charts used in their mation from the SO-AN and und can obtain this correction inforerforming CU/ATON padrol Also, charts they use prior to ograph a the palr. Also, we will again be issuing the oders for paps on the wath follow the instructions on these maps and to coll hem to me immediately following their patrol.
I want to thank all of the members in this District for their upport of the Aids to Navigation program. When visiting Divi sions 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 avigation to all who will listen. With your help, our District will have another wonderful year in 1991.
Nancy K. Davis, DSO-AN, $5 N R$

Ttappy THolidays to $\mathcal{A l l}$

TOPSIDE (5NR) WINTER 1990
....Helen McCabe, DSO-PA, 5NR
Below is a summary of the rules and regulations for the District 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 Paint, fabric, colored markers or crayons may be used. Size must
be between $9^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ and $14^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$. Please insure that the be between x . sponsoring flotilla is printed on the reverse side of the poster.

## CHAPTER V SECTION D

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 1 st , 2 nd , and 3rd place poster for each grade. The Division will choose, from the posters submitted by its flotilias, a 1 st , 2nd, and 3rd place winner 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
at the beginning of the school year.
at the beginning of the school year.
(3) To issue a certificate or letter to winner in each grade, 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 leve competition.
(5) To forward all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place posters of each 6) Flotille level to the Division
their winners at their own discretion
Division responsibilities: Same as 1 . Flotilla... except notify winners that their posters are being forwarded to District level competition, forward all winnin posters to DSO-PA, and give awards at your own discretion.
c. District responsibilities:

District responsibilities:
(evel from among posters submitted by Divisions. evel from among posters submitted by Divisions.
(2) To issue a certificate or letter to each entrant.
(3) To notify all 1 st , 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 $9 \times 12$ and $14 \times 22$ inches. name, rrade side of the poster must include the entrant's 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.
. Selection process
(1) Selection Committees shall be comprised of 3 member appointed by the Flotilla Commander, Division Captain, or tion 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

## Update.

Allen E. Wenrich, DSO-CC, 5NR Yes, that's who we're searching for right now-qualified, inter-
ested young men and women who are considering attending the ested 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 participated in the A.I.M. program. Experience and past history 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 officerNOW!! 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 Prowiect A.I.M., the young man or woman must meet the 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. . 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 a $21 / 2$ year period.
error not to exceed +5.50 diopters. Astigmatism not to error not to exceed
3.00 diopters. NOT color blind 6. Understand the objectives of the U.S. Coast Guard and be interested in them.
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". "college boards"
appointments to the Class of '94, and it looks like we have some appointments to the Class of '94, and it looks like we have so
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. RRACEN, in Cape May, New Jersey in May.
Remember, the Coast Guard Academy is the only federal 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. $5 N R$
Donna K. Carpenter, ADSO-CC, $5 N R$

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

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 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 50 th 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.
Happy holidays to all.
Harry L. David, Conference Coordinator, VCO-Elect
you received your mailer - specifically the
time of the seminars in the afternoon.

TOPSIDE (5NR) WINTER 1990

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| Registration Desk. | .. Lobby | Frid | 500-2030 |
| Store. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Satur | 1000-1 |
| FRIDAY - 18 JANUARY 1991 |  |  |  |
|  | Captains Meeting. |  | 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 | Ladies Coffee \& Program. |  | .......Paine Room |
| 1000-1600 | District Store. |  | ........Room 206 |
| 1000-1015 | District Board Coffee Break |  |  |
| 1000-1200 | Instructor Seminar |  | Grand Ballroom |
| 1200-1330 | LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN |  |  |
| 1330-1530 | Vessel Examination (VE) SEMINAR. |  | ....Grand Balliroom |
| 1545-1745 | Operations (OP) Seminar ...... |  | ......Grand Ballroom |
| 1900-2000 | Cocktails - No Host Bar |  | Grand Foyer |
| 2000-2300 | Banquet |  | ...Grand Ballroom |
| SUNDAY - 20 JANUARY 1991 |  |  |  |
| 0900-1015 | Past Captains' Association Breakfast Meeting | MBERS \& GUESTS ONLY) | Adams Room |
| 1030-1100 | Staff Officer Workshop. |  | Hancock Room |
| 1100- | Divide into Breakout Rooms for SO Workshop |  | To be announced |
| 1200-1300 | Lunch for SO WORKSHOPS |  | ...Franklin Room |

## BANQUETMENU

Fresh Salad Greens
Green Vegetable
Choice of:
Boneless Breast of Capon/Wild Rice Panache
or
Grilled Salmon Steak/Boiled Potatoes Dessert

## UNIFORM OF THE DAY

FRIDAY EVENING SATURDAY

AFTER 1800

SUNDAY

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

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

 VALLEY FORGEHILTONRates: Single or Double $\qquad$ ..... $\$ 65.00$ per night
 By Check or Credit Card Make your Reservations early

## CUT-OFF DATE - 4 JANUARY 199

 FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS$\qquad$
RESER VATION FORM FOR SPECIAL RATES AT VALLEY FORGE HILTON

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1991 \text { WINTER CONFERENCEOJANUARY } 18,19,20,1991
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NAME:

ADDRESS: $\qquad$

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ARRIVALDATE: $\qquad$ DEPARTUREDATE: $\qquad$
REQUIRE ONENIGHT'S DEPOSITBY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD
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## CONFERENCE RESERVATION

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—— overistrations 17 yrs . Fee for each person
___Tickets — Saturday Night Banquet

__Members (Past Captains)
___Guests PCA Breakfast@ \$10.00 ea....... \$ $\qquad$
GRAND TOTAL.......... $\$$ $\qquad$

## LAST DATE FOR RESERVATIONS

## 11 JANUARY 1991

## RESERVATION FOR WORKSHOPS

THEFOLLOWINGNUMBER OF PERSONS WILLATTEND WORKSHOPS

OPERATIONS SEMINAR
__VESSELEXAMINATIONSEMINAR
__INSTRUCTORSEMINAR


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

SONNY WACHTER
CONFERENCE COORDINATOR
59 CARLTONAVENUE
MARLTON, NEWJERSEY 08053

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## CONFERENCEREPORTS

District Conference reports are due in the Director's office on or before 31 December 1990. Just a reminder to all newly elected tains and newly appointed Dis REPORT which will be sent out by the Director some time January 1991, prior to our January Conferenc. NOTE; -Th
 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 eports on the date of the conference. Division Captsins, please prepare hist showing your deceased member 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 or me.

Gene Pester, DCO-Elect, 5 NR

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. Kabbatz, 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. It might sound like a new network TV series or one ore gadget for the muscleboat boys. But it's neither
Top Prop is the handle bestowed upon the U.S. Coast Guard mbers-only competition.
According to Dan Maxim, District Staff Officer for Operations
the Fifth District Northern 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 held this past July. Winners there went on to compete at the Area
level in August Top Area crews were then invited to the recen Region finals.
Although no standard criteria were set forth for the Flotilla, Division or Area competitions, organizers recommended that th
contests cover all the But in all cases each crew had to consist of four people. And, a 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 sam Flotilla. (Ed. Note: This was later changed to the same Division.) The competition itself was comprised of several differen
The first was personnel inspection. This consisted of a military type inspection of the uniform and its insignia, condition of PFD Add
portant in that, to the gener

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 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 and demonstrate the appropriate fire-fighting technique.
In the man overboard drill, the crew was instructed to recove 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 boa with a running snap line, tow the boat astern, make a 180 -degree urn, cast off the tow and pull away.
In another part of the towing test, the vessel passed a tow line 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 somehing 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 invorved the plotting and running of a "creeping line" In marlinsp
In marlinspike seamanship crews were instructed to demontrate their abilities to tie five knots, including the bowline, timber hitch with half hitches, round turn with two half hitches, sheet or Fecket 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

> naneuvering board piloting problem Another part of the exam dealt

Ammunications, 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.

DCO BILL PIERCE BIDS FAREWELL
he following speed Puas given by DCO Bill Pierce at the fall onference and is being reprinted here so all district members can the speech.


How do I write and read a oodbye speech to the mos onderful group of people have ever known? You hav given me so much joy in last begin.
Do I start by saying thank Dou for being the best, most dicated and trained? Do hank you for doing the impos year? Do I thank you for bein here every time I needed you? Do I thank you for not allowing personalities to get in the way and for not permitting the project from them, to serve the Coast Guard for tens of thousands of ours year after year? Do I thank you for taking advantage of the nember training that your district works so hard to provide? Do hank you for standing in temperatures exceeding 100 to conduct vessel examination, or trudging through the snow to teach th public, boating safety or going in your boats in all kinds of eatherk th ga, thank you for the privilege you gave to me, allowing me hank you for all of the above and more.
I have to thank the staff, the whole staff, from FSOs to DSO 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 take I, or should I say we, have to thank your director Bill Cherry 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 he 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 thank you for being ther
Isee a stif Northern. You hav hosen another great team to work for you, Gene Pester ha is a great Vice Commodore, and I am looking forward to his reign s our commodore. My goodbye statement at the national confer ence 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 hat lay ahead. With Gene at the helm of the Fifth Northern, I know that this great Auxiiiary District will be ation 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 ant. Im not going anywhere, Ill be here for as many
gain thank you for being you, God bless all of you I love you
Bill Pierce, DCO, 5NR


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, 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 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 re highights 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 5 th Northern on the cruise but we had delightful dining companions Auxiliarists from California. Catalina Island was the highlight tour of Catalina Island and also in Ensenada, Mexico

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

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At the right is the group on the bow of the Azure Seas as we were eaving Mexico. Yes those are mountains in the background. After the photo we had a special tour of a special tour of the brigge by Captain Fokos. ble 4 days.

Elsie Nichols
DSO-PB $5 N R$



## THE EXAMINER

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

## FACILITYINSPECTIONS

The sunbelt areas are into the 1991 Facility Inspections now. Everyone should be using the new form CG-4951 ( $\operatorname{Rev} 3-90$ ) with 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

Also remind boaters there is a valid radio license required for he 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 s on the boat.

## COMMUNICATION

Have we solved the communication problem? NOT YET. For years, examiners complained that they never received any inforto 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
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1991 VESSEL EXAMINER/MDV SEMINAR
There WILL be a VE/MDV seminar for 1991. This is contrary to previous notice,s but too many new items came along. ALSO, stributed when The seminar is being processed and will be di
complete. You have until May 31, 1991 to attend.

## NEW AMOS ITEM FOR THE CME AWARD

tarting 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 nd be published in advanc

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 here 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 he visit. The Mission Hour card CG-4947 needs to to tre all part of 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 ctivity current

## MANY DEALERS NOT GETTING MAIL

e discussed this in back issues of The Marine Dealer Visit ewsletters. Believe me when I say that they are getting mail and re on the list IF the paper work was done right. You control this y how you fill in this form. Read the instructions carefully. I rror a new CG-5093 can be submitted by you to correct any hange needed. Take into consideration that it takes $60-90$ day or a new or corrected CG-5093 to show any results. This should ee number one (\#1) topic at your CE/MDV Seminar for 1991 lease 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. double dose of CE/MDV seminar is needed to keep abreast year. Don't just attend the seminar, particinate, ask question bout everything you do not understand. Don't leave confused

## MDV REQUALIFYING-IDLE MDVS NEED

 ACTIVITY$95 \%$ of the visits are being done by less than $50 \%$ of the MDVisitors. In fact more than half of the MDVisitors are no
 . Mision our visits in the next 6 weeks and have them subm he Mission Hour cards into AUXMIS

IPS STATION LICENSE There is a need to inform and remind the boating public about the ecessity for having a FCC Ship Station License on ra
The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U 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 unin spected vessels disregard FCC maritime radio licensing and usag rules, or are even unaware rules exist. The Coast Guard will begi radio-equipped vessels during boarding inspections. Violaters wil be prosecuted based upon evidence presented by the Coast Guarc Under FCC rules, operators of radio equipment capable of ransmission (VHF maritime radio, VHF Handheld, EPIRB radio or radiotelephone) must have a clearly legibly copy of IR of each station, or if it cannot be pos If a copy is posted it must Those who fail to obtain an FCC licens misdeameanor or penalty of up to $\$ 10,000$ are liable for a crimin both.
CB radio, cellular telephones and receive-only equipment are exempted.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will remind boaters of these fact Thu Courtesy Marine Examinations
blicity as possible in our publications give this item as muc cooperation is important.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. IT IS APPRECIATED. Kenneth Winfield, DVC-AL

TOPSIDE (5NR) WINTER 1990

## 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 , 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 William E. Reimer, Jr., and William E. Stumbers. Our long rambling talks provide the stimulus to keep me motivated. Best wishes for he Holiday season to all of you.
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



## 1991 YE SCHOOL - REGISTRATION

In addition to the above scheduled training, there will be a Ne School on the weekend or 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 examination immediately.
If you desire to become a Vessel Examiner or to improve your skills at VE, complete the following registration and return it to Harry If you desire to become a Vessel Examiner or to improve your skills at VE, complete the following registration and return it to Harry PA 19083.

Name: .
.Member No $\qquad$
Address:
Home Phone: .Business Phone:

How long have you been in the Auxiliary? (Base Enrollment Date)
Are you a Qualified Vessel Examiner?
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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(b) CG Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINSTM16790.1B
(c) AUXMIS Flotilla Roster, Report KiEE515B
(e) Fifth District (NR) Auxiliary Policy Manual
 (b) All BQ/AX members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (5NR) listed ( ${ }^{\text {n }}$ ), 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), wand to perform such other 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

Director of Auxiliary (5NR), and to members newly elected or appointed Do office upon the effective date of election or appointment.
3. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ A member must attain and maintain any necessary qualification in particip participate in authorized programs. Authorization to
qualification terminates on the effective date of loss of the required qualification. The required qualification must appear on the current the member ts personnel record held by the director of Auxiliary ( 5 NR ).
4. Members and officers must schedule their activities in advance by notifying the appropriate elected or appointed officer of the
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 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 a a qualification with of benefits or
protection otherwise provided by coast guard orders.
d orders
6. Members are authorized to travel on official business in conjunction with the performance of their duties. Upon completion of
7. This authorization is on a non-reimbursable basis. No part of any expense incurred under this authorization will be paid by the expense, the member will consider this authorization cancelled.


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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 Powe Squadron. Pennsway Power Squadron and an unknown boater's wife.

 on June 3rd. The Top picture shows Left to Right Dave Berlin,
FC 13-3. Eugene Milberger FSO-VE. Mulford Crim FC 13-3; Eugene Milberger, FSO-VE; Mulford Crim, FSO-OP LT. Wayne Gallent, N-Kingsway Power Squadron; P/C Keith The bottom picture shows left to right Lt. Wayne Gallent, N; $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$ Eugene Milberge


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 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 arted. She has many plans for her workshop at the winter is doing publications and may have a computer at home, why not try to attend her workshop. She has many good
can be a big help in accomplishing your tasks.
She has also asked that since the manner of preparing Top-
Shan sidewill be by IBM PC rather than traditional typesetting, it ould be more logical to have members make their submissions
where possible) in machine readable format in either of the two where possibele in mach
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.
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are with the USCGAUX and your access rights will be upgraded.
If you have a modem, call Annette, she will give you the necessary 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 everything; and to Helen McCabe, who has done my proofreading 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 been there to labs.
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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 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 L have not published your pi
dark or muddy to reproduce.
Please remember to change your distribution list for Pour publications - they will now go to Annette Keating 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 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. Unfortu-
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nately I cannot continue as Goorge is doing - my time does not nately I cannot continue as George is doing - my time does not the issues out late. I hope you will enjoy this article as much as I
did because it is typical of George's style. the issues out late. I hope you wilg enjoy te.
did, because it is typical of George's style.

## EDITORIAL

"This issue of the Bent Prop is the 144th consecutive monthly 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 sommething less than a full knowledge of the ways of the Auxiliary. Some 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 that he hat 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 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 newsletter in the District. Since nobody would touch it with such
a reputation, the VFC, who was us, was stymied (forgive the 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 "Possibly he was a bit naive, but he thought a newsletter had more purpose than just being a billboard of coming events or training aid for some lazy FSSO. He fellt that the newsletters he had seen were redundant with superficial announcements and exhor-
tations to do better in some sphere of endeavor without any tations to do better in some sphere of endeavor without any
specifics, just be better, absolutely the worst way to improve specifics,
anything. The editor-to-be, on the other hand, believed that a
newsletter should be the glue that bound the diverse personalities newsletter should be the glue that bound the diverse personalities
in the membership together with a purpose. That it must have the in the membership together with a purpose. Thatit must have the
ability to focus attention on problems and solutions and away
from distracting nitpicking and negativism. Above all it must from distracting nitpicking and negativism. Above all it must
have a character of and by itself of which the members can be 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 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 anything since their pride had been severely admit, but within the
started, very tentatively at first, he must a
year he had a bear by the tail. At the next election when he wa 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 propsed for hiotitla Commander he gave them a choice on what
they wanted him to do that time he could not do both. His mey wanted him tod
mours of work per month Bent and heo had could neveloped do into about 60
justice to both hours of work per month and he could not do justice to both
positions. The membership did not hesitate in their decision even positions. The membership did not hesitate in their decision eve
a little bit, they promptly removed his name from the ballot.
"While he was doint "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. Fach year, in those days while he went on before the membership and ask them if they railly wanted him to continue, that maybe the newsletter was getting a
little stale and maybe someone else would be more interesting little stale and maybe someone else would be more interesting
The answer was always the same. No! They did, finally, become thed, not at the Bent Prop but at the editor for asking if the
didn't want another editor. They then told him very calmly tha didn't want another editor. They then told him very calmy tha
they wanted no more arguments that he had it for life, and that they wanted no more arguments that he had a thar and counting
was that. So here he is with the count standing at 12 an
By this time Old Father Time has had his licks on him and h 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 would not have been fishing him out of the drink ever
boat hit a three inch wave. So maybe it is just as well.
"We have some little pride in this record of 144
"We have some little pride in this record of 144 consecutive
ues and to the fact that it has always been produced on time. 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 thi werld. We had been asked to do some work for our ourd company
and had to travel from Philadelphia to Albany, Detroit, Chicago, and had to travel from Philadelphia to Albany, Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati and that issue was
30 and 35 thousand feet in the air on planes.
"But that pride is small compared to th
"But that pride is small compared to the admiration and appreciation that we have for the membership of riotila 65 fo
their support. We also appreciate all those other good readers 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. beyond any that we could possibly have expected. 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 and I might not like you. Ignore me and I may, not forget the
slight. slight. "You have given nothing but encouragement to this editor and
we never can or will forget yout " nevo 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
Year.

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

## 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 publish. One of them is the one he used for the one on the front Henry



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

## Ot wery happy and prosperous New Year to all

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