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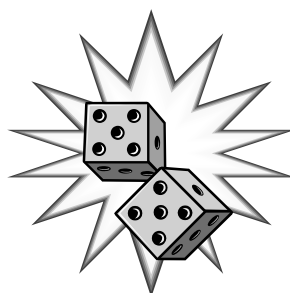
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# COMMANDANT OF THE US COAST GUARD

*Note: The following message was sent to all USCG Commanders. It is reprinted here, in it's original format, to allow each Auxiliarist in 5NR to realize the value the Commandant places on the Auxiliary. Attention is drawn to the closing words where the Commandant implores all CG Commanders to utilize the services of the Auxiliary to the fullest. Ed.*

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TO: ALCOAST  
COMDTNOTE 16790  
SUBJ: AUXILIARY SUPPORT OF COAST GUARD MISSIONS

1. IN 1999, MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY PROVIDED THE COAST GUARD OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND CONTINUED TO BECOME A MORE INTEGRATED AND RECOGNIZABLE COMPONENT OF OUR EVERYDAY WORKFORCE. ALSO, THE AUXILIARY CLEARLY REMAINS THE LEADER IN PROMOTING BOATING SAFETY TO THE BOATING PUBLIC. THE AUXILIARY'S SUCCESS IS DUE TO ITS GROWING PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND EMPHASIS ON ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE AUXILIARY MEMBER AND THE INDIVIDUAL RECREATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL BOATER. BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC THROUGH EVOLVING AND HIGHLY VISIBLE RECREATIONAL BOATER, PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY PROGRAMS, AUXILIARISTS CARRY OUT PREVENTATIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE AND SAVE LIVES. AUXILIARISTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED SOLID PERFORMANCE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN THREE MISSION AREAS.

A. RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY (RBS): LAST YEAR AUXILIARISTS CONDUCTED VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS ON NEARLY 140,000 VESSELS AND SPENT OVER 80,000 HOURS IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHING BOATING, SAILING AND NAVIGATION COURSES, AND MADE 34,000 VISITS TO MARINE DEALERS TO DISTRIBUTE BOATING SAFETY MATERIALS. ALSO, THE AUXILIARY HAS EXPANDED THE USE OF THE "COASTIE" ROBOT BOAT PROGRAM AT SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EVENTS TO INTRODUCE AND EDUCATE MORE CHILDREN ON THE BASICS OF WATER SAFETY.

B. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC): MANY AUXILIARISTS ARE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED AS PWC OPERATORS AND HAVE BEEN USING THEIR OWN PWC'S ON PATROL TO CONDUCT RESCUES AND TOW VESSELS. OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS SHOULD CONSIDER EMPLOYING AUXILIARISTS ON PWC'S FOR SAFETY OR REGATTA PATROLS AND OTHER SITUATIONS WHERE FAST RESPONSE ASSETS ARE NEEDED.

THE AUXILIARY NOW OFFERS A PWC SAFETY COURSE TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH MEETS THE PWC REQUIREMENTS OF MANY STATES. AUXILIARISTS OPERATING ON PWC'S ARE VERY VISIBLE TO THE BOATING PUBLIC, AND THE AUXILIARY SUCCESSFULLY USES THIS VISIBILITY TO

ENCOURAGE OTHER PWC OPERATORS TO OPERATE THEIR PWC'S SAFELY, TO TAKE PWC SAFETY COURSES OR HAVE SAFETY CHECKS COMPLETED ON THEIR PWC'S. IN 1999, AUXILIARISTS COMPLETED SAFETY CHECKS ON NEARLY 10,000 PWC'S.

C. COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY (CFVS): THE AUXILIARY HAS APPROXIMATELY 130 PERSONS QUALIFIED AS CFVS EXAMINERS AND CONDUCTED NEARLY 1,500 DOCKSIDE EXAMINATIONS LAST YEAR. AUXILIARISTS RECEIVE EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN THIS MISSION AREA AND CONDUCT THESE SAFETY EXAMINATIONS FOR OUR MARINE SAFETY OFFICES WORKING BOTH INDEPENDENTLY AND ALONGSIDE CG MARINE SAFETY OFFICE PERSONNEL. ALL MARINE SAFETY OFFICES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH LOCAL AUXILIARY UNITS IN ENCOURAGING MORE AUXILIARISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CRITICAL PROGRAM.

2. MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY ARE COMMITTED TO THE BOATING PUBLIC AND SUPPORTING CG MISSIONS, AND HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB. MOST AUXILIARISTS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH SMALL BOATS AND ON-THE-WATER OPERATIONS. THEY BRING WITH THEM A VARIETY OF SKILLS AND TALENTS AND ARE READY AND EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS.

I CHALLENGE ALL CG UNITS TO USE THESE VALUABLE RESOURCES TO REDUCE OUR WORKLOAD AND EXTEND OUR CAPABILITIES TO GET THE WORD OUT ON BOATING SAFETY. BY USING THE AUXILIARY, AND SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS IN PREVENTATIVE SAR, WE CAN SAVE MORE LIVES AND PREVENT MORE MARITIME ACCIDENTS IN THE YEAR 2000.

3. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

4. ADM J. M. LOY, COMMANDANT



# DISTRICT COMMODORE

## SPRING CONFERENCE KUDOS

My sincerest appreciation to all our members who contributed so much of their time and effort to the success of our Spring Awards Conference 2000. It was very well attended and I am pleased to report feed back from members and guests was extremely positive again. Kudos to the workshop leadership for outstanding presentations, to our membership for the their program displays, the Trade Show, Training Aids Contest, Color Guard, District Store and for the many miscellaneous meetings that were so productive.



Thanks to Jean David, Joanne Perrone and Jake Lincoln (space does not allow me to list the names of the many others who contributed, thank you all!) for the outstanding social activities available, and enjoyed by most. It was great, and very much appreciated.

In a special District Board election Regina Stretch was chosen to serve the interim term of RCO-E. Congratulations and we wish her well.

I am also pleased to report there is an evident sense of enthusiasm among our members to become involved and participate in the many exciting things scheduled this year. NSBW, Spring Awards Conference, Opsail 2000, Crew, PWC, QE schools and TCT training to name just a few. New member and selected workshops will again be available at our Conferences and plans to bring centralized area district training to the field are under way. Coming events, National Conference 2000 will be in Kansas City, MO, 1-3 Sept. and 5NR Fall Conference, at Host Farm, Lancaster PA, 15-17 Sept. Pass it on! All welcome!

Kudos again to all 5NR units for their outstanding

Auxiliary 60th Anniversary participation last year. Countless numbers of successful events and celebrations honoring this Auxiliary special occasion were held throughout the District that may, and can be duplicated this year. Please repeat the great PA efforts used to broadcast our 60th message of safe boating last year, this year, and every year. It was great time for all! Lets dedicate ourselves to continue the fun and fellowship we experienced in 1999.

We again share and support our National Commodores "Job One" Recruiting and Retention Program. Member Training is still our primary focus and I am very pleased to report 5NR was 1st nationally in MT per member production in 1999. Also be proud of the fact that because of our members' dedication to accomplishing goals, our district placed first in VSC and PE as well. Outstanding! Last but never least and most important to our Auxiliary, your concerted recruiting efforts last year, (and not since 1996) produced a plus in membership/retention for 1999. Super job! Let's do it again in 2000!

My deepest appreciation to the District Board, District Staff, Directors Office and all the folks who worked so hard to made all these good things happen in our 5NR. Lets keep this ball rolling into the New Millennium and on and on and on!

Summer is exciting, and the busiest time of our year. Be healthy, be safe and have fun!

"You Do Make Us Proud"

*John A. Locasale, DCO, 5NR  
Ocean City, NJ*

**We  
support  
"Job One"  
the  
Recruiting  
and  
Retention  
Program**

## PROUD AS CAN BE

Gathered at the 5NR Spring Conference in Lancaster PA, April 14-16, 2000:

(l to r ) Stephen J. Minutolo,  
Commander, USCG,  
Director of Auxiliary, 5NR;  
Robert J. Perrone, Sr.,  
Vice Commodore, 5NR;  
John A. Locasale,  
District Commodore, 5NR;  
Mark S. Kern,  
Captain, USCG,  
Chief Director of the Auxiliary

*Photo by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*



# DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY

## THE CLIMATE OF THE TIMES

The climate of the times remains remarkably dynamic - from the NASDAQ roller coaster to the Elian debate, the world around all of us seems as peppered and spiced as ever. It's no less different whether we are in uniform or out. During the past few months, a lot of groundwork has been laid to initiate or refine some key regional programs like aviation, personal water craft and Qualification Examiners (QE's).

**Challenges have arisen on all fronts augmented quite nicely by high fuel prices**

Challenges have arisen on all fronts, augmented quite "nicely" (nicely, as in like a bull in a china shop...) by the effects-of-high-fuel-prices-on-operational-tempos curve ball. But despite it all, considerable and significant progress continues to be made on all of those fronts - and the determination, spirit and ability of the D5-NR team are the reasons for it. No surprise there.



As of this writing, the impacts of higher-than-expected fuel prices on Coast Guard operational tempos have dominated regional concern. Although deliberate efforts have been made to minimize impacts on Auxiliary patrol efforts in the whole of the Fifth District, significantly reduced levels of patrol effort have become a budgetary necessity. While definite efforts are being made to get the Coast Guard the funds it needs to end this situation, it is not likely that circumstances will change until mid/late summer, at best. Key regional events like Opsail 2000 and the Boat Crew/Personal Water Craft training program in Cape May, NJ (both in June) have been kept on track and on DR. In general, proficiency and readiness, and the training it takes to sustain our service levels, will not be compromised. This situation has also prompted a closer look at, and overdue review of, regional patrol areas and the established patrol matrix. There are imbalances between expectations and reality - and those imbalances will be addressed by this region's Auxiliary and the operational commanders in Groups Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

**Deliberate efforts have been made to minimize impacts on Auxiliary patrol efforts**

In other programs, the dynamics are being equally met. In aviation, Mr. Don Vaughn has taken on the duties of DSO-AV following Mr. Fred Vitale's resignation a couple of months ago. Fred did a ton of program legwork and shepherding and got it founded and pointed in the right direction. Knowing that his personal commitments would overly conflict with continuing program development needs, he handed off to ADSO-AV Mr. Bob Layton, who most ably bridged the gap until Mr. Vaughn was in position to take it from there. In this program, the sky remains the limit (I know...Jay Leno and David Letterman have nothing to worry about my puns...).

Within the QE program, there are new members

training within the program and the bird's-eye view of it that stemmed from the March QE Review Board (the first in almost three years) was so valuable that a defined regional QE program policy is already near completion and QE Review Boards will probably become semi-annual events. Perhaps the most immediate change involved elevating the profile and involvement of the Area QE Coordinators to where they once had been...and should have been all along. Area QE Coordinators are the front line in QE program management. A wealth of experience, insight and talent is shared among these three distinguished regional members - Mr. Robert Wecker (West), Mr. Robert Perrone, Sr. (Central) and Mr. John "Andy" Kratzer (East). They must be kept in the loop, and likewise should be called upon for guidance and assistance at any time, in order to maximize the benefits of this region's boat crew and coxswain qualification programs.

**Area QE Coordinators are the front line in QE patrol management.**

You, the members of D5-NR, are to be congratulated for the outstanding interest, enthusiasm and participation collectively demonstrated during the past few months as preparations for the coming boating season were made. Your involvement and attentiveness in Area meetings, Divisional training sessions and preparatory workshops, not to mention the success in all venues of the recent Spring conference, will guarantee a few things: that D5-NR is ready; that its members are abreast of the issues, the policies and their program directions; and that they will deliver the best services that any member of the American boating public can hope to receive in this nation of ours. My hat and the hats of many others are off to you. Keep 'em sailing!

*Stephen J. Minutolo, Commander, USCG, DIRAUX 5NR*

Director of Auxiliary,  
Stephen J. Minutolo,  
Commander, USCG,  
sharing a pleasant  
moment at 2000 Spring  
Conference, Lancaster,  
PA.

*Photo by Mel Borofsky,  
DSO-PB*



## VICE COMMODORE

I often wonder why it is that no matter how hard we try to improve our performance, communication always seems to be on the bottom of the priority list.

We constantly train to excel in our operations evolutions, our vessel safety checks and our public education, yet we find it difficult to improve our communication skills.

As I travel around the District, I am amazed at how many times I find the members, our greatest asset, uninformed or misinformed about our programs, proper procedures, chain of communication, uniform etiquette and the like.

We must never lose sight of the fact that an informed member is usually an active member and that an active member is a satisfied member who will remain with us for a long time and constantly contribute to his or her Flotilla.

Communication means passing the information down the line to all members. Certainly resource cutbacks have made it more difficult in some cases to reproduce and provide hard copy to the members but we must find other ways to keep them informed.

**an informed member is usually an active member**

If each of our staff officers would summarize and report on the information which they receive, then our staff reports at our meetings at all levels would take on a whole new importance. The membership would be informed about our programs and be current on any changes, which may have occurred. Remember that the information should flow up and down the chain and that each staff officer is responsible for communicating with this counterpart above and below him.

Lack of proper communication not only feeds the "rumor mill" but also gives the impression that we are completely stagnant. Let's not let that happen! Pass on the information so that our members are as well informed as they can possibly be.

Have a great summer and remember to have fun in what you are doing but above all conduct your missions in a safe manner.

*Robert J. Perrone, VCO 5NR  
Hockessen, DE*



## REAR COMMODORE - EAST

Assuming the position of RCO (E) under untimely circumstances, evokes a range of sentiments. Among those, sadness in the sudden loss of George Leuck, with whom I established a fine rapport in my tenure as DCP 8; and gratitude for the confidence placed in me in the interim RCO (E) election. I shall endeavor to emulate my predecessor's dedicated service to 5NR.

All organizations face problems and challenges. Some have made the rounds previously; others are new. As the summer of 2000 mandates less on the water operational time, let's not allow this temporary curtailment become the "summer of our discontent". Consider giving time not spent on patrols to upgrade our vessel safety check mission. Travel in pairs, visit new locations. While checking vessels thoroughly, instruct owners in areas consistent with safe boating. Likewise, additional marine dealer visits, while speaking with the dealer and boater customers, will spread our message of safety and possibly be a source of new members.

Our other missions, if truly activated, will profitably fill time as we augment our relationship with fellow Auxiliarists and support the boating public. For the summer of 2000, let us know that, although temporarily diverted, we are "abiding by the governing policies established by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard".

*Jeanne Stretch, RCO-E 5NR  
Brigantine, NJ*

**Consider giving time not spent on patrols to our vessel safety check program**



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Newly elected Rear Commodore-East, Jeanne Stretch, receiving the oath of office from District Commodore, John A. Locasale at the 5NR Spring Conference, Lancaster, PA.

*Photo by Phil Stamm, VCP 10  
Wyncote, PA*



## REAR COMMODORE - CENTRAL

As a physician-pathologist employee of a hospital I have had to attend many meetings during the preceding 32 years. These have been either scientific or administrative in nature. Some meetings have included both aspects. Usually the scientific type meetings have been interesting and worthwhile. That has not always been true of the administrative type meetings and I have attempted to extricate myself from those committees or meetings. I believe there are parallels in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and will discuss some of my personal ideas about meetings. This was prompted by a short discussion we had at the last Central Area Meeting. If our Auxiliary meetings are not informative and worthwhile and accomplish a purpose, the members will not attend.



How frequently should a group of Auxiliarists meet? If the meetings are not interesting even very infrequent gatherings will seem to be held too often. On the other hand, if the meetings are exciting and informative, members will be anxious to attend more closely spaced meetings. If the meetings serve a useful purpose, members will want to attend; if the meetings are purposeless the Auxiliarists will resist. Sometimes tradition will determine the frequency of a meeting. We need to carefully evaluate this aspect of the scheduling of meetings. Sometimes, but not always, there is a good reason for the repetitive nature of meetings. This most probably applies to the monthly schedule of flotilla or division meetings. However, there are exceptions to this, the most notable being the month of December when many people are preparing for the holiday season.

One way to help make a meeting interesting is to prepare a written agenda and to follow that agenda. The agenda should be appropriate for the time allotted for the meeting. Preferably, if time permits, the agenda should be distributed in advance to all those participating in the meeting. Each participant (or speaker) should adhere to the time frame of the agenda. One good way to accomplish this is for each speaker to prepare a written report and to refer to this as the text of the presentation. He or she should only verbally present the very important aspects of the presentation or the ideas that should be emphasized. No one will mind if a meeting is shorter than scheduled; most will rebel if the meeting lasts much longer. The moderator will need to remind the speaker on occasion to bring the discussion to a close. However, the moderator will need to assign adequate time to properly discuss certain issues.

It is very important for us to retain, not just recruit, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. If our meetings are not of high quality, we will turn off our newer members. Some of the above ideas may be useful in producing an interesting, concise meeting. I must admit that I do not always accomplish this goal, but will continue to try. I will welcome constructive criticism.

*Eugene A. Bentley, RCO-C 5NR  
Newtown Square, PA*

## REAR COMMODORE - WEST

It is indeed with a saddened heart that I start this article for Topside. Saddened because of the untimely death of our RCO-E, George Leuck. My sincere condolences are extended to his Mother and friends. George was a true Auxiliarist and a great person. Nothing was ever too much for George and he will be truly missed by all.



Hopefully the last of the snow has fallen for this season, the flowers are beginning to bloom and the weather is warm. These are all signs that the "boating season" is upon us, or maybe I should say the "boating season" is here again.

This is that time of the year when we start to do the Vessel Safety Checks on the various ramps throughout the area. The time of the year when we get our facilities examined for use. The time when we get our vessels in the water and prepared to do those safety/regatta patrols as well as the many other activities the warm weather brings. I hope by the time you read this, that some of these projects are completed and the rest are well underway.

Effective 01 May the U.S. Power Squadron will be doing the Vessel Safety Checks along with us. Hopefully they will have been trained by knowledgeable Auxiliarists and will be helping us to do a much needed job on the ramps. We need all the help we can get to reach all those boats out there and to promote boating safety. I trust there will be no resentment on the part of any Auxiliarist by the intrusion of "strangers" into what until now, has been solely an Auxiliary function. The fact is we can no longer do it alone and we should welcome all the help we can get by qualified boaters such as the Power Squadron. Their bottom line is the same as ours and that is to promote safety on the water. A little friendly competition between organizations would not hurt the program either.

It is too early to know for sure, but do not be too surprised if you see some cut-backs in operations this summer due to the high cost of fuel. Everyone is aware how constrained budgets have been and I am sure that when this year's budget was approved no one had any idea that the price of fuel would be so high. It may not affect us at all, only time will tell. The cost of fuel is already starting to come down.

I highly commend all you dedicated volunteers for donating so much of your time to the Auxiliary. You are the people who make this organization one of the greatest volunteer groups in the World. Without members we are nothing, so keep recruiting those new members and getting them active.

Unfortunately the warm weather also brings out the necessity to do yard work in between our Auxiliary activities. You know, cut the grass, pull the weeds, plant the garden, things I hate to do but do anyway. That is where I am headed now. I wish you all the best of luck in your endeavors this summer and I sincerely hope you have a great boating season and more importantly a safe boating season. See you next issue.

*W. E. Weihbrecht, RCO-W 5NR  
Harrisburg, PA*



# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY

It is hard to believe that the boating season is already upon us. I hope that everyone will review the safety procedures before getting underway so as to make 2000 as safe as you did during 1999. Last year, we went from 14 Facility and injury claims to 3. I commend the membership for their efforts in making sure that safety was paramount. Last year's theme for National Safe Boating Week was "Boat Smart From The Start" - and we should all make it our permanent theme.



Since my arrival in this office, I have set two goals to accomplish for this region before I retire - and they are coming to fruition. The first goal was to get our region involved in the 7<sup>th</sup> District On-Line testing which allows members to take all Open Book examinations (with the exception of the New Member BQ exam). District 7 DIRAUX West is completely manned by Auxiliarists present in Venice, Florida. They have been providing this type of support for the District 7 Director of Auxiliary since May 1992. They have come a long way since these members just proctored examinations at the District Conferences. Our EXCOM has agreed to get our region involved and CDR Minutolo has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the District 7 to implement the service. All you have to do is log on to:

**5NR is involved in the 7th District on-line testing.....**

[www.DIRAUXWEST.ORG](http://www.DIRAUXWEST.ORG) or  
[www.DIRAUXANNEX.ORG](http://www.DIRAUXANNEX.ORG)

and follow the directions. Once you have taken the examination, the Auxiliary members at District 7 DIRAUX West will grade your exam and e-mail you the results by the next day. They will also notify this office with the results and send us hard copy for AUXMIS input. The outstanding thing that our involvement with this operation is that you, as a test taker, will receive feedback within 24 hours and if you had problem areas with the examination, District 7 DIRAUX West's e-mail will address those areas.

The other goal I set for myself was to standardize the Qualification Examiner (QE) Program for members qualifying in the Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP). We recently held a QE Review Board to screen applicants to add additional QE's throughout the region. An issue that was identified is that there were no written guidelines for members wishing to become QE's and how QE missions should be organized. Well, guidelines are under development and will be part of the new edition of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Northern Policy Manual. The QE Review Board, which included members of EXCOM, regional QE Coordinators and DIRAUX staff, have reviewed other existing QE Instructions and have made recommendations to sculpt our own guidelines. One of the key outcomes of the guidelines is that it should become easier for members who are qualifying

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to have QE's available because QE's will be required to do at least 3 QE missions a year and their workloads will be managed by respective Area QE Coordinators. QE missions will be coordinated through the ADSO-QE's for the appropriate region, this will make it easier for the FC and FSO-MT to get QE missions scheduled. Requests for QE services should be made at least 14 days in advance of the scheduled date.

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Our region is scheduled to hold a Personal Water Craft (PWC) and Boat Crew School in early June at Training Center Cape May. The members involved in the PWC school will participate in a 2-day school. CWO Jeff Gunn from D11 - Southern Region, a founder of Coast Guard Auxiliary PWC programs, will help lead this training event (CWO Gunn also gave a PWC demonstration at the National Conference in San Diego). He has volunteered to help other districts get their programs off the ground, and our goals have been to hold the school this year and get the program up and running. This should provide a challenging new program area for regional Auxiliarists and, perhaps, attract even more interested members of the boating public to become part of this great organization. This year is the second time that Training Center Cape May has hosted this kind of training event. Last year's school was outstanding and resulted in 22 members completing Boat Crewman qualifications - this year, we aimed for more and got 30 new boat crew members qualified. We are considering ways to broaden the program even more next year.

There have been many changes over the winter in the certification/recertification procedures that are meant to help you maintain your qualifications and proficiencies. These changes were put in place to make sure that members did not lose qualifications if they had an "off" year. I hope that everyone will recognize these changes, stay current and proficient, and set achievable goals for themselves.

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I look forward to meeting more members as we travel around the region. You, the members of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Northern Region Auxiliary, are the true meaning of SEMPER PARATUS and I look forward to continuing to serve with you in the future. Have an outstanding 2000!

*CWO4 Timothy J. Donovan, USCG, Assistant Director 5NR*

# IN MEMORIAM - GEORGE F. LEUCK



Ernest Hemingway once said, "All true stories end in death." Well, this is a true story.

In the early 1950's, an ambitious young man, like so many who had grown up through the second World War and knew the opportunities that a little hard work and the new world order could provide, set out from metropolitan New York to find that elusively better life. Fresh off two hitches in the Navy, in which he had served two years of the Korean War aboard the most powerful floating weapon system the world had ever seen, the USS New Jersey, he got back to school and earned a law degree from Fordham in the Bronx. And so it was off to the races.

But with the dynamics of the times, and the inevitable tendency to discover one's calling "later" rather than "sooner," this young man found that he had an innate sense for business and a genuine liking for the burgeoning media industry. It was the Golden Age of television and he soon found himself in the thick of finding ways to make that medium carry messages that could literally sway the country. As years passed and his own family grew, it was not uncommon for him to find himself shaping local, regional and national television advertisement be it for new household products or for Presidential candidates.

He had many other avocations and endeavors, all accompanied by the roller coaster ups-and-downs that go with lives lived by those who demand the most from them. Before he knew it, he had carved a family and a career and found that it was time to throttle back into true public service. He did that by joining the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary about eight and a half years ago. In that relatively short amount of time, he worked as hard as he had in business, rapidly achieving virtually every major Auxiliary qualification and resolutely seeking and earning every organizational position up to that of Rear Commodore. With a natural propensity to take on responsibility, not shy away from it, and a personal commitment to improve not his own lot but that of everyone with whom he worked and served, he was a catalyst in helping take the Fifth District - Northern Region to the lead in nationwide performance in several Auxiliary program areas and to the doorstep of several new and revitalized regional programs. And he helped innumerable people along the way as a mentor, counsel and coach.

And then, as quickly as this story was told, he was gone. The man was George Leuck, and he was one helluva' family man, Auxiliarist, shipmate and friend. His dedication, and commitment to doing good...and doing right...serve as beacons for all of us on our own personal journeys through life. Farewell, George - we're gonna' miss ya', buddy.

*Reprinted from the 5NR NOGI, DIRAUX and DCO 5NR*

## PUBLICATIONS

Hello Topsiders,

Sadly I must open my comments with a mention of the loss of two noted Auxiliarists since my last column. The sudden passing of Rear Commodore George Leuck shows how fragile our existence on this planet remains. As Captain of Division 7 I had the opportunity of getting to know George and marvel at his energy and talents. George had a love for the Auxiliary that knew no bounds. He will be sorely missed.

The passing of Past District Commodore Walter Rutkowski closes the page on another segment of 5th Northern history. I met Commodore Rutkowski a few times in his later life. A fine and soft spoken gentleman. I extend my most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these two Auxiliarists.

Now for some brighter stuff. Have you seen the new TOPSIDE ON THE WEB page? Hats off to Robert Munroe, our Webmaster and to Harry Dyer, who is the SPO-Web and my ADSO-PB Central. You will find the site at:

<http://www.5nr.org/topside>

If you have a computer, you must check it out. It's fun and it's us! LIVE ON THE WEB, who da thunk it!!

The membership rolls in the TOPSIDE "Press Corps" are growing at a steady rate. This is due to the fantastic support given to TOPSIDE by the Auxiliarists and Active Duty Coast Guard of 5NR. Keep those articles and photos coming in.

Summer is here and so is the boating season. Stay safe in all that you do. Take photos and share your activities with your fellow Auxiliarists across the District, and yes, around the world.

The Division and Flotilla newsletters I've been receiving are superb. They are professional in appearance and scope. The number of new publications crossing my desk increase each month. PBs of 5NR....keep up the good work keeping our members well informed.

*Melvyn A. Borofsky, DSO-PB 5NR  
Little Egg Harbor, NJ*



Mel Borofsky (L), DSO-PB and COMO John A. Locasale, DCO 5NR, look on as the Certificate of Appreciation from NACO Everette L. Tucker is read to those assembled at the Spring Conference awards luncheon.

*Photo by Phil Stamm, VCP 10*

## TOPSIDE GETS A HUG

### NATIONAL COMMODORE RELAYS HUG VIA DCO-5NR

National Commodore, Everette L. Tucker, sent a Certificate of Appreciation, and a "hug", to your TOPSIDE editor at the past Spring Conference 2000. The citation was read at the awards luncheon and truly caught me by surprise. Although the certificate is in my name, the sentiments expressed are to be shared by all TOPSIDE supporters. I hope most of you were there to witness Commodore Locasale relaying the hug. With my waistline, the Commodore had a monumental task to perform. Although it happened so fast, no photo caught the actual hug, but believe me, he did it! What follows is a copy of the letter that accompanied the citation. If you support TOPSIDE with your articles and photos, take the liberty of superimposing your name over mine. You earned it!

#### THE COMMODORE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Everette L. Tucker, JR  
610 Allen Mill Road, Yorktown, VA 23692  
757-898-8151, Fax: 757-898-1835

15 April 2000

From: Commodore Everette L. Tucker, Jr., NACO  
To: Mr. Melvyn A. Borofsky, DSO-PB 5NR  
Subject: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

When I received the latest issue of the TOPSIDE, winter 2000, it occurred to me that I had not given you "a hug" since our national meeting in 1999. The reason that caused this thought was the continued OUTSTANDING SERVICE you are providing Commodore John Locasale and all the members of the Fifth Northern.

Needless to say, I see and read a lot of district and other unit publications. In fact, all of the district publications! Your TOPSIDE magazine *always stands out!* It's informative. It's interesting and has lots of excellent photographs. Many of which show our members participating in and enjoying the Fourth Cornerstone. GREAT! I'm impressed at the excellent support you receive from the members in terms of articles and photographs. A well deserved BRAVO ZULU to you and all the members who support you so faithfully! This, of course, includes Michele.

Mel, I'm very disappointed that I'm not at your conference in Lancaster this weekend to give YOU a well deserved HUG. But, I hope you will accept this Certificate of Appreciation as a token of my respect and appreciation of the valuable service you provide.

I look forward to receiving the next issue of TOPSIDE and wish you continued success as DSO-PB 5-NR.

Warm Personal Regards,

Everette L. Tucker, Jr.  
National Commodore

# AIDS TO NAVIGATION

## VROOM KERCHUNK

Have you ever had the pleasant sound of your, or a friends, boat interrupted by a "KERCHUNK" as the vessel ran aground? Well I have, and it is not pleasant, especially when we were in the channel. A helpful fisherman on shore called to us "Go between the shore and the red buoy". "That is out of the channel," we replied. "Do you want to be aground in the channel, or safe in the deeper water outside the channel?" he replied. Well what would you do? Who or what would you trust? Well we went for a 3rd opinion. A bass-boat fisherman was passing by and he graciously surveyed the area, at our request, and proclaimed the shore fisherman was correct: Deeper water was outside the channel! We were able to free ourselves and continue our trip. A radio call was made to the Coast Guard and written reports (CG-5474(AUX) (Rev. 5-95)/ANSC# 7054 and NOAA 77-5 (Rev. 5-95)/ANSC# 7037 were submitted later. Within 15 minutes of the radio call, a Broadcast Notice To Mariners (BNM) was made to warn other boaters of the shoaling.

What are we asking you to do? I am sure that a lot of you Auxiliarists know of Chart Updates, Coast Pilot, Light List and Aids to Navigation discrepancies that could be reported - - - Well Do It! It just takes a few minutes to write the report, it is not difficult and any Auxiliarist or boater can do it. You are the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), US Geodetic Survey, US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the pleasure boater and others. If you know of, hear of or see any discrepancies or changes, let us know - report them.

How, you ask? Use the forms referenced in the first paragraph and available from your Flotilla Materials Officer (FSO-MA), BUT send a copy to the nearest Coast Guard unit, the District Staff Officer Aids To Navigation (DSO-AN) and keep one for yourself. They will be checked and a copy will be returned to the Division Staff Officer Information Systems (SO-IS) for Auxiliary Management Information System (AUXMIS) member credit. For multi copy forms, please send the extra copies to the DSO-AN. **DO NOT DISTRIBUTE THEM PER THE BOTTOM OF THE FORMS. THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED!** The SO-IS will return the copy to the FSO-IS for their records and/or submission to the FSO-AN. It is CG Auxiliary District 5NR policy that the forms be sent directly, by the observer, to the nearest CG unit and the DSO-AN, so that the reports may be handled in the most expeditious manner! The observer may tell the FSO-AN and FSO-IS that a form has been sent, but the report form will come back to the FSO-IS. The FSO-AN may tell or report to the SO-AN that a report is in progress, but if the FSO-AN, SO-AN & FSO-IS wait until the SO-IS enters it into AUXMIS, all records should agree. How the Aids To Navigation Officer handles this is up to the Flotilla and/or Division.

**Critical Discrepancies:** Must be reported by radio as soon as possible. These are any discrepancies that are dangerous or that could lead to an accident. A written report should also be submitted to the CG and DSO-AN.

**Urgent Discrepancies:** Must be reported by telephone as soon as possible. These are discrepancies that are not as dangerous, but still important. A written report should also be submitted to the CG and DSO-AN.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

## Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Station

To: 5 NR CG Auxiliary members holding an Amateur Radio license, also, any 5NR CG Auxiliary Member interested in communications.

This year we will be setting up an Amateur Radio "Special Event" station on Saturday October 21, 2000. This Station will be at Group Philadelphia in the Multi Purpose room.

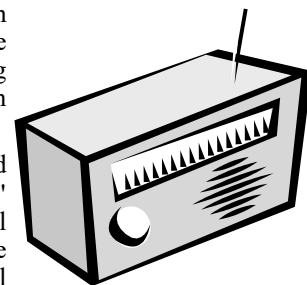
All amateur radio operators in District 5 NR are invited to operate the Special Event station. Operating hours are 0900 to 2100 hrs local on HF and VHF.

We are looking for interested amateurs to assist in "On Air" operations, station set-up as well as logging. All interested parties are urged to be a part of this "Special Event" Opportunity! We would like to know in advance the number of Amateurs attending to be sure you get "On the Air".

Don't miss a chance to be a part of this Special Event. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy. This is an opportunity for you to "Work the World" from inside U. S. Coast Guard Station - MSO/ Group Philadelphia!

All interested members please contact:  
ADSO - CM Central - Dan Amoroso  
DSO - CM - Joe Rzucidlo

*Joseph Rzucidlo, DSO-CM  
Trainor, PA*



**Routine Discrepancies:** Should be reported by mail to the CG and DSO-AN. These are not dangerous, but will need to be corrected.

For More Information or Want To Work with the Coast Guard: Contact your FSO-AN or SO-AN and ask about the Pocket Guide, Chart Updating videotape or how to join the team.

So join us, become part of the team, help to keep our records up to date, our courses true and safe and have fun doing it!

~~~~~ WATCHING ~~~~~  
~~~~~ PROPERLY ~~~~~  
~~~~~ DSO-AN 5NR ~~~~~  
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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ALL**

*John (Andy) Kratzer, DSO-AN  
Delran, NJ*

# MARINE VISITOR

## The Silent Service?

No, the Marine Visitor program is not supposed to be the silent service, but the way some of us communicate, sometimes you would never know it. Though not loud, our function is supposed to be vocal but professional. We need to be getting out there and communicating with our marine dealers about the virtues of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary on a regular and timely basis. Aren't you proud to be part of a great maritime organization? Well, let the world know it.

And, speaking about communication, how about communicating up and down the line with your Staff Officers and Assistant District Staff Officers? Let them know how you are doing and what's new. It's important for all of us at each level to know what is going on, not only for the proper management of the program but for our own feeling of self worth. Haven't you ever complained, "nobody ever sends the information down to the members"? I've heard that comment many times. Well, don't be one of the people that are guilty of that. Do your part and send your information and reports in and let's know what is going on.

We are working with the member training people in the district to try to organize a Marine Visitor Training Class in order to qualify more visitors. Let me know if you are interested in this program and if you think you would have people to send into this class.

Many of you are doing a fantastic job out there in supporting our program. I would like to thank you all and encourage you to continue to support our Auxiliary programs.

No, we are not the silent service, but we are the Ambassadors of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

*Joe Barcelo, DSO-MV  
Forked River, NJ*



**BOAT  
SMART  
FROM THE  
START**

# MARINE SAFETY

## Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Workshop

**Saturday, September 16, 2000**

### Fall District Conference

Once again, the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Department (MS) will be conducting two workshops at the Fall Conference to better familiarize members with the Sea Partners or Environmental Education portion MS. These workshops are open to all Auxiliarists interested in conducting children's or adult environmental education programs and lectures. This workshop is highly recommended for all MS officers. You do not have to be instructor qualified to take part. These workshops will be hands-on and full of many ideas that can be pulled from in order to put together a program for a specific situation.

Workshop I (8:00 am to 12:00 PM) Children's Programming

Workshop II (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM) Adult Programs

Each workshop is open to 25 participants. You may sign up for one or both, but you must fill out the enclosed separate registration form and send it to the ADSO-MS, Janet College, 230 Palmyra- Bellgrove Rd., Annville, PA 17003. A confirmation will be sent to you when your registration is received. You must still fill out the regular conference registration and enclose your \$5.00 registration fee.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Linda Boice, DSO-MS (610) 783-0968, [captcroaker@juno.com](mailto:captcroaker@juno.com).

*Linda Boice, DSO-MS  
King of Prussia, PA*

### MS Workshop, September 16, 2000 Registration

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

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Office (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Workshop I - 8:00 am to 12:00 PM Children's Programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop II - 1:00 to 5:00 PM Adult Programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration to:

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## MATERIALS

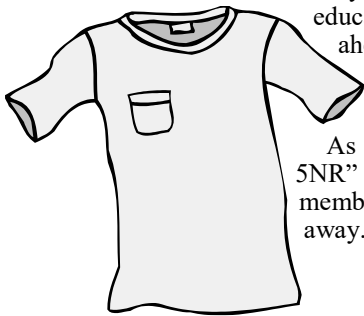
In April, new District Material's Center price lists were mailed to Division SO-MAs for distribution to all Flotillas. Hopefully, the list will be taken to Flotilla meetings so that members, who have not visited the 5NR store will be acquainted with the increasing variety of uniform and other items available. Practical new items include:

A soft attaché case capable of holding a lap top computer.

A zippered, padded folio with tablet.

Summer "T" shirts in navy, ash, red & natural all with embroidered Auxiliary logo.

Call to check availability of sizes. Remember, order educational materials sufficiently ahead to insure delivery in time for your public education courses.



As always, the "Merchants of 5NR" are here to serve all members.....just a phone call away.

*Sue Wade, DSO-MA  
Brigantine, NJ*

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

### SAFE BOATING WEEK MATERIAL KITS

Are you pleased with the way this has turned out? Did you get your materials on time? Even more important, were they of help to you?

In the kit you received, there is a form for you to fill out, asking for your thoughts and reactions as to how everything turned out. Be sure to fill this in, and return it to the National Safe Boating Council.

I am looking forward to getting your reports. Be sure to mail me a copy of the report which you send to National.

As of this writing, I have not heard how or what anyone is planning, since it is being written to meet a TOPSIDE deadline, and April isn't even over. I hope, when I do get the reports, that they are glowing, and that everyone has done an outstanding job. This is a top District in the Auxiliary, and can be proud of what we accomplish, and without your input and assistance, we find it difficult to be even better.

Thanks for your help and support. I hope you have a fabulous summer and are all set for the fall and winter season. I hope to see you at the Fall Conference, and hear all about the things you have done.

And - if anyone has any questions or problems or suggestions, I will be available.

*Muriel G. Lewis, SPO-NSBW  
Havertown, PA*

## PERSONNEL SERVICES

### UNLOADING THOSE ATTIC TREASURES

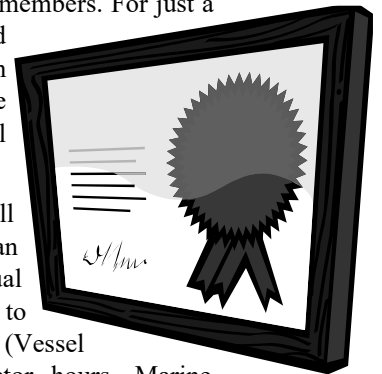
Well.. they really may not be "treasures." And they may not even be in the attic. More likely they're in the back of a closet somewhere. Or in that pile of "stuff" in the garage or the basement.

What treasures? Those Auxiliary plaques you received years ago. The ones that you took down from the wall so you could mount your newer ones. Or the ones you never did mount.

Throw them out? Never!!!

Recycle them? HUH?

Yes. RECYCLE 'em. Simply give them to your Flotilla Commander or Division Captain for use in making up new awards for your members. For just a few bucks each, the old engraved plate is taken off and a new one prepared by your local trophy dealer.



And there are all kinds of awards that can be made to individual members as well as to Flotillas. Most VSCs (Vessel Safety Checks), Instructor hours, Marine Dealer Visits, hours on safety patrol. Most new members. And "most" can be within the Flotilla or in the entire Division. Use your imagination. But watch out. You may be volunteering for Chairperson of the Awards Committee. Not a bad job, actually. In fact, you'd probably enjoy it - and do real well at it, too.

Awards and other types of recognition are the members' "paychecks." We can't pay the rent with them - but they can sure say "Thanks" for a job well done.

So dust off those "treasures" and let 'em serve double duty. Just don't blow the whole cache the first time out.

### NOAA WEATHER RADIO

NOAA Weather Radio Broadcasts on 162.40, 162.475, and 162.55 MHz can usually be received 20-40 miles from the transmitting site, depending on the terrain and the quality of the receiver used. Where transmitting antennas are on high ground, the range is somewhat greater, reaching 60 miles or more. The VHF-FM frequencies used for these broadcasts require narrow-band receivers. The National Weather Service recommends receivers having a sensitivity of one microvolt or less and a quieting factor of 20 decibels.

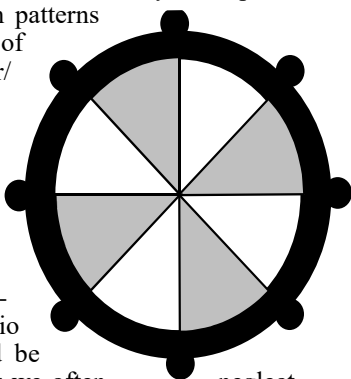
Some receivers are equipped with a warning device that can be turned on by a tone signal controlled by the National Weather Service Office involved. All stations broadcast 24 hours a day.

# OPERATIONS

## CHANGE IS CONSTANT

Change is constant! In fact, by the time you read this you will have experienced it twice. First, in the new way orders were to be handled in the Eastern and Western Areas, and then the modification of patrol schedules due to the fuel crisis. Hopefully the latter will not last the entire season; but it will challenge our resourcefulness and adaptability and, at the same time, provide us with opportunities.

I'm confident that you've figured out how to make the best of a bad situation. You've undoubtedly already undertaken more dockside training and practiced other skills while at anchor minimizing your fuel consumption. If you haven't gotten that far, however, you should utilize your "operational support" time to review search patterns and procedures, nav rules, use of heaving lines, first aid for hyper/hypothermia as well as other likely boating injuries, and even the new Boat Crew Seamanship Manual to get caught up. And then there's always socializing at the dock with recreational boaters (read public affairs and recruiting)--while someone maintains radio watch, of course! We should be doing these things anyway, but we often neglect them.



There's an interesting implicit connection between the two changes noted above. In part, while the revised system of handling orders was intended to facilitate expense reimbursement (something many have groused about), it also improved the management of obligated funds to provide fuel for more patrols which otherwise would have been curtailed. Adaptability and flexibility (terms you know from TCT) are important here. If adversity promotes opportunity, we must take advantage of the reduction in underway time to improve ourselves and our program. This can all turn out to be a win-win situation after all.

It wasn't my intention to dwell upon training, but I must emphasize again the need to schedule TCT classes in the fall. It's required, as you know, and the Coast Guard is closely monitoring the qualification and certification of all operations personnel (boat crew, comms and QEs). So urge your OPS and MT officers to set up a one day class after the boating season, and combine units whenever possible to make it more worthwhile. With six facilitators in the region, scheduling shouldn't be a problem.

Finally, I'm reminded of the Chinese Proverb: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." Helping is what we're all about. So let's make every attempt to be the best we can.

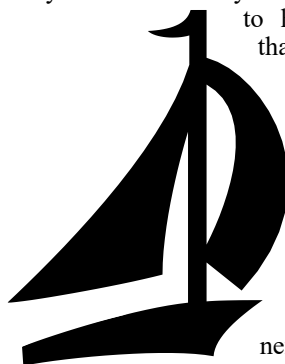
*Ivan E. Levin, DSO-OP  
Laurel Springs, NJ*

# OPSAIL 2000

## THE TALL SHIPS ARE GONE

Well OpSail 2000 is over and most of us had a good time, learned a lot, had some problems and swore not to participate in the next one. But, that is exactly what happened the last time and will happen in the future. But it was worth it, what a sight to see! Those majestic tall ships and the men and women who sailed them were superb. I'm sure that each and every one of us would like to have had the opportunity to sail on one. What a great feeling we have that we could participate.

Our tapes and films have not fully recorded the awesome sights that we saw, but our eyes and memories have. To those of you who said "My boat, my engine and I are getting too old to help this time", we understand and thank you for your past participation and memories.



A lot of work and time has been expended to support these parades of tall ships. A lot of work and time will be expended to support the next parades of tall ships. If you did not participate, you missed a great event. Prepare yourself and your vessel so that you do not miss the next one.

The Coast Guard and the OpSail 2000 Committee have extended a hardy thank you, for a job well done, to all of the members who supported the event and to their spouses who allowed them to do it. To those of you who wanted to participate, but could not, a thank you also. A Coast Guard thank you has also been extended to the OpSail 2000 Committee for their participation and support. Till the next time, smooooth sailing!

*Andy Kratzer, SPO-OpSAIL 2000  
Delran, NJ*

## REQUIRED REPORTING OF DAMAGED U. S. AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Aids to navigation are often damaged, destroyed or dragged off station in collisions with passing vessels. When this occurs without the Coast Guard's knowledge, repair or replacement of aids is often delayed. The result is a danger to the mariner. This danger is attributable in large part to the failure of the masters of vessels involved in such collisions to promptly report the incident to the Coast Guard as required by federal law (33 CFR 70.05-20, 46 CFR 136.05).

Whenever a vessel collides with any federal aid to navigation or Coast Guard authorized private aid to navigation, the master of the vessel must report the event to the nearest Coast Guard station immediately and to the nearest Marine Safety Office as soon as practicable. Failure to make required reports can lead to civil and criminal penalties under federal law.



# PUBLIC EDUCATION

## THE BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP AND BOATING SAFELY COURSES

The information in the 2000 Instructor Workshop indicates these courses will be replaced in 2000. I am pleased to announce a change; These courses will be reprinted and will be available into 2001, possibly longer. This information from National Department Chief, Education, John VanOsdol. Both books are currently available.

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of two new youth safe boating texts. The first text is a 16 page coloring book titled BOATING FUN - ADVENTURE ON THE WATER. It is designed for students in grades K-3. It contains a guide for use as well as a list of activities and demonstrations.

The second text, which will be available from ANSC (order #3011) after June 1, 2000 is also 16 pages and in FULL color. It is titled WAYPOINTS - A GUIDE TO BOATING SAFELY. This course is designed for students in grades 4-6 and includes the main safety points found in our basic adult course, BOATING SAFELY. A Facilitator Guide will be packaged with each 50 books.

Both of these books were developed in a joint project with the Army Corps Of Engineers and have been fully field tested in Auxiliary, public school, and Army Corps of Engineers instructor lead, classes. These books are designed to be used for several traditional, instructor led, classroom situations as well as stand-alone study by a single user.

We are printing 450,000+ BOATING FUN, and 200,000+ WAYPOINTS books. While this may seem to be a large number, they will not last long if they are given out, in large quantities. **A WORD OF CAUTION!** At present there are NO additional funds to reprint. Thus members are asked to use their good judgment and distribute these free books in an environment that will foster good learning and fully utilize the their educational power. Usually this will mean an Auxiliary, public school or other instructor led course.

Additional pertinent (and important) information, such as instructor guidance, graduation certificates, packaging/ordering information and overhead support is contained in a downloadable eight page publication, INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION - YOUTH COURSES. This may be found on the Auxiliary Web site by looking in the Public Education section. A new Certificate of Participation, usable for both courses, is available from ANSC, order #6040.

We trust these modern and attractive courses will stimulate renewed vigor in our long-standing and successful youth boating safety efforts.

The Department of Education solicits your feedback on what you like, what works in the classroom, how you would change what doesn't seem to work so well and what further support you need to successfully teach. Please return your comments and suggestions regarding Auxiliary Public Education Courses through your SO-PE's.

*Hank Demler DSO-PE  
Lebanon, PA*

# VESSEL EXAMINERS

The Tiger Team assigned to write and publish the new VSC Manual (now called) the VESSEL SAFETY CHECK HANDBOOK is very proud of the fact that the text was delivered to "National" a few days early and will go through an "on line" review process for technical and other corrections. Once at the printer, the text will be embellished with colored illustrations and some new and easier ways to find the answers to technical questions.

The pocket-sized JOB AID is being finished and sent to the printers later this month. The AUXILIARY SUPPLEMENT to the handbook is ready too and going to the printers. In the meantime, use the training aids on the Auxiliary websites to assist you with the training necessary for the transition period.

It is critically important for Vessel Examiners to get a current copy of the state boating manual or booklet (given each year with boat registrations) and compare the federal requirements with the state requirements. They are NOT always the same. Example: In Pennsylvania, the fire extinguisher needs to be mounted, although the federal requirements do not say that it has to be mounted.

The supplies for the period 1 May through 30 September have been distributed. Your unit should have enough decals and new 204s to get through the season. Remember, the old CME decals are good with a 2000 date sticker until 31 December 2000.

If you are asked to train a U.S. Power Squadrons unit; go ahead. Keep a record of what you do and administer the current test to the new examiners to get them qualified. A new test is forthcoming, but at this writing, I do not know the issue date. Just use what you have and remember they are boaters, just like you. The USPS members are very anxious about helping us with the task, and you should invite them to assist wherever they can.

Our year has gotten off to a great start. Almost everyone is pleased with the changes. If I can be of any help, call me or e-mail to mikeripton@aol.com.

The National Goal for VSCs this year is 200,000! We have to do more exams in D5N this year, if the whole country is going to do better. Here's one way to increase your production. Forget the minimum. Nobody ever won the Olympics by doing the minimum. And this year, we are in the Vessel Safety Check Olympics.

Schedule VSC Stations in busy areas. ADVERTISE that the examiners will be there at least 30 days in advance. Ask your examining TEAM to go with you that day. Meet scheduled commitments, & the boaters will be there. Take my word for it.

Devote at least five half days to your goals this summer and if you go to busy boating places to do your examinations, you can do at least 10 examinations per person per half day. This will give you and the District at least 50 exams per examiner this year. That's how goals are made. That's how boater's lives and property are saved. Thanks for all your help.

Have a great VSC season and stay safe. I'll see you at your VSC Station.

*Mike Ripton, DSO-VE  
Mechanicsburg, PA*

# DIVERSITY

## AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH

June Smith Bryant in the May 2000 issue of *Diversity and the Bar* commented in her article "Bar Associations Get Serious About Diversity" that "though diversity has become the latest tool in the expansion of world race relations, a spotlight on its effectiveness is still raised by many in corporate America. For the past two decades, companies focused on affirmative action policies to remedy race relations issues in the workplace. But, as the backlash of affirmative action is felt, diversity has been introduced as the alternative approach."

The recent introduction of "diversity" and "diversity management" agenda into the U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary joins the efforts of government agencies, corporate and professional America to maximize the human resources of the nation and to address the longstanding moral mandates of "freedom and justice for all." The ultimate goal of diversity is unity. This unity refers to the relationship between the Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard in fulfilling their mission and to the relationship of the members within each organization in carrying out their assigned duties. All American races, colors and creeds are welcome and encouraged to join in this mission.

In this and subsequent articles, rather than giving a pep talk or resurrecting overused moral platitudes (usque ad nauseam) about the virtues of diversity, I want to share a worldview from my academic profession that situates diversity in a larger context. While it is easy to say that unity is the ultimate goal of diversity, the exact nature of this truth has fascinated philosophers as far back as Parmenides, Heraclitus and Socrates. The Greek thinkers titled this issue "the problem of the one and the many." Is reality constituted by a fundamental oneness or by a fundamental multiplicity? Looking at the world, we can see a vast array of individuality and diversity, or we can see an existential unity and commonality among the many entities. Philosophers, and the worldview they seek to articulate, shift between the poles of unity and diversity as history proceeds, periodically seeing everything as one and then swinging to the other side which sees everything as individuated and diverse. Both poles of the swinging pendulum have their merits and demerits. The teaser of the problem is not to select the correct side, but to hold onto both at the same time.

The "solution" to the problem seems to lie in claiming the truth of both positions, i.e. that reality is simultaneously both one and diverse! Reality, like the swinging pendulum, collapses when one pole is eliminated.

The flow of history can be read as the shifting of focus between the one and the many along with the preoccupations of persons and governments. The Eastern worldview has tended to see the unity of the world, while the Western worldview has favored its diversity. A holistic worldview dominated our Western world until the rise of science in the 16th and 17th centuries culminating in the Principia of Isaac Newton. The progress in science unfortunately led to a severe reductionism that dissected reality into its minutest pieces in a search for truth. In the 20th century with the work of Einstein, Bohr and colleagues, the pendulum has shifted to seeing everything as interrelated, i.e. the world is an interconnected web of relationships. This view currently describes the orientation of quantum mechanics/physics, cosmology, evolutionary biology, ecology, process theology and even the social sciences.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary finds itself in this same paradigm shift. The exigencies of dwindling membership, which on the surface drive the focus on diversity, more properly signal a change in worldview that sees the world as interrelated and inclusive because it is one rather than many. The beauty of our organization is that we work in a nation and on behalf of a nation that, notwithstanding its flaws, stands as a beacon to the world for its unity in the midst of diversity. The experiment of democracy has basically been successful in America; unity and diversity function fairly well. Our work now is to enhance the positives and reduce the negatives.

Thomas M. Knadig, SPO-Diversity  
Ocean City, NJ



## The Merchants of 5NR

will retire effective January 2001. Energetic, imaginative storekeepers are needed to take over management of the District Materials Center. Here is an opportunity to meet great people while serving the needs of all members. The transition will be less burdensome as educational material, postage and name tags will be retained by the present ADSO-MA. For more information or your questions answered please call.....

**Sue Wade, DSO-MA, 609-266-0894**

# PROFILES IN SERVICE

## JOSEPH B. LUPA

Joseph Lupa is not a driving instructor, but he does teach people to cruise on the information superhighway.

Lupa, of Manahawkin, is no stranger to computer technology and helping seniors learn to use personal computers to access e-mail, discover the World Wide Web and enhance their quality of life. After working for AT&T for 45 years, he became an active volunteer, teaching computer classes.

"Computers really do open doors to a wide variety of things that we could only imagine when we were kids," he says. "I look forward to helping people open those doors and discover what can be accomplished through computers and the Internet."

Lupa recently helped The Family Resource Center at Southern Ocean County Hospital establish the area's first SeniorNet Learning Center, which offers computer education designed exclusively for seniors. The program offers two-hour classes during the morning and afternoon. The total course includes six two-hour classes.

In addition to exploring the Internet, the course will cover introduction to computers, the use of word processing programs as well as Microsoft Works and Windows 98. All classes will be held in The Family Resource Center, located on the third floor of the Medical Arts Pavilion adjacent to the main Hospital entrance.

"SeniorNet brings a quality, easy-to-follow computer course tailored to the specific needs of seniors in our community," says Lupa, program coordinator of SeniorNet at the Hospital. "Each class will have an instructor as well as a coach to encourage and support all of our students."

The Hospital is currently looking for computer-savvy members of the community who are interested in serving as volunteer instructors or coaches.

SeniorNet ([www.seniornet.org](http://www.seniornet.org)) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching older adults about computer technology, and how it can enhance their lives.

*Reprinted, with permission, in art from "a healthier you" a publication of the Southern Ocean County Hospital Manahawkin, NJ*

*Note: Mr. Lupa is the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 7-12. He currently serves the Auxiliary as the ADSO-PE (5NR) and the SO-MT, Division 7. Mr. Lupa is a Coxswain and Vessel Examiner/Marine Dealer Visitor.*



Volunteer, Joseph Lupa (standing) directs a recent SeniorNet computer education class in The Family Resource Center of Southern Ocean Hospital.

## THEODORE G. ALTENEDER

Meet Theodore G. Alteneder, Auxiliast, Arrivals Office in Port Operations, MSO/Group Philadelphia. Ted helps with computer input for commercial ship arrivals at the Port of Philadelphia. When the call came, in the summer of 1994, for volunteers to assist at the Coast Guard Base in Philadelphia, Ted signed on and has been helping one day a week ever since.

Advance arrival (24 hours) notice is required for every commercial vessel entering the Port of Philadelphia. The ship's agent phones or FAXes the ship's name, registry number, radio call sign, ETA at Delaware breakwater, destination in port, cargo, last port-of-call, next port-of-call, and estimated departure date. Ted then records that data into the computer and the ship's history is printed.

Commercial (freighter, tanker, and passenger) vessels are required to have annual exams. If the ship's history indicates that an exam is due or a discrepancy is not resolved the vessel is scheduled for a boarding exam. Also, an annual exam or a follow-up re-exam may be required. When all exams, etc., are completed, the vessel's history is updated.

In the late summer of 1980, Ted went on a Sea Scout cruise with his son, down the Delaware River and through the C&D Canal to Elk Neck State Park. This cruise encouraged him to learn more about boating and he enrolled in the Auxiliary's BS&S Course. In February 1982 he joined Flotilla 26 and then qualified as an instructor. He has served Flotilla 26 as Flotilla Commander, Vice Commander, FSO-Public Education/Marine Safety, and Division 2 as Vice Captain (3 times), and Division Captain.

*Article and photo by Harry Dyer, ADSO-PB Warminster, PA*



Ted Alteneder on the job at Marine Safety Office, Group Philadelphia.

## PROFILES IN SERVICE

Do you know someone in your Flotilla, Division or District 5NR who should be recognized and honored with a column on this page? This person should stand out from the rest, truly one of the best of the best. Criteria for this honor should be based on significant service to the Community and the Auxiliary. If so, send your one column article and photo of your honoree to TOPSIDE (See inside front cover.)

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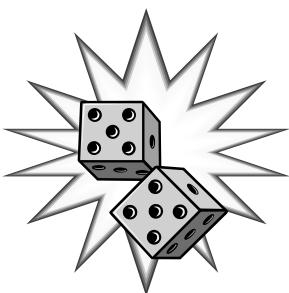
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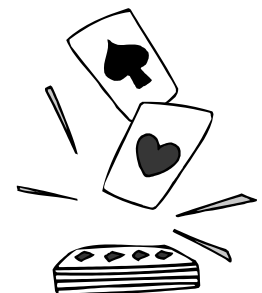
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# 1999 AWARDS - SPRING CONFERENCE 2000



## DISTRICT AWARDS

Recognition of Individual Achievement

### Training Aid Awards

Best of Show.....Linda S. Boice (44)  
Best of Participation.....Division 1

### Courtesy Marine Examination Award

Greatest number of exams in the District.....Henry Wanner (14-3)

### Marine Dealer Visitor Award

Greatest number of dealer visits in the District.....Rosa Neff (24)

### Operations Program Award

Greatest number of operations exclusive of  
support missions and chart updating.....Stanley J. Pojnar (77)

### Aids to Navigation/Chart Updating Award

Greatest number of ATON/CUs reported.....Charles R. Andree (74)

### Support Missions Award

Greatest number of support missions.....John R. Kratzer (65)

### Instructor Award

Greatest number of education missions.....Regina Stretch (85)

### Topside Photo Award

Best photograph in TOPSIDE depicting  
Auxiliary activity.....Seth B. Shafer (56)

### Assists Award

Greatest number of assists in the District.....Marc S. Brody (85)

### Amos Hope Award

For the most outstanding assist in 1999.....Not awarded in 1999

### Edmund Morton Member Training Award

For outstanding membership training.....Regina P. Stretch (85)

### Flotilla Publication Award

Best regular flotilla publication.....Harry F. Dyer (26)

### Division Publication Award

Best regular division publication.....Jenney A. Petersen, Division 3



# 1999 AWARDS - SPRING CONFERENCE 2000



## DISTRICT AWARDS

Recognition of Flotilla and Division Achievement

- Flotilla Membership Award**  
Flotilla with greatest membership increase.....Flotilla 12-5
- Flotilla Operational Support Award**  
Flotilla with greatest number of support missions.....Flotilla 23
- Flotilla Operations Award**  
Flotilla with greatest number of operational missions.....Flotilla 51
- Flotilla AN/CU Award**  
Flotilla with the greatest number of aids to navigation missions.....Flotilla 12-1
- Flotilla Courtesy Marine Exam Award**  
Flotilla with greatest number of CMEs.....Flotilla 15-5
- Flotilla Marine Dealer Visit Award**  
Flotilla with the greatest number of marine dealer visits.....Flotilla 52
- William Ross McDonald Award**  
Flotilla with greatest number of public education missions.....Flotilla 43
- Past District Commodore's Plaque**  
Flotilla which won the PDCO Trophy in 1998.....Flotilla 12-2
- Past District Commodore's Trophy**  
Flotilla with the greatest number of missions overall in 1999.....Flotilla 15-5



## COAST GUARD AWARDS

### Director's Administrative Awards

Flotilla and Divisions meeting specific program goals:

Flotilla 23	Flotilla 35	Flotilla 43	Flotilla 51	Flotilla 62
Flotilla 11-2	Flotilla 11-3	Flotilla 11-6	Flotilla 11-9	
Flotilla 12-1	Flotilla 12-5	Flotilla 12-9		
Flotilla 14-2	Flotilla 15-2	Flotilla 15-5		

### Director's Personal Service Award

For outstanding service to the Director's office:

Lionel F. Crossman                      Dudley D. Gallup

### Flotilla Meritorious Achievement Award

The superior Flotilla in the 5th Northern Region.....Flotilla 16-1



# 1999 AWARDS - SPRING CONFERENCE 2000

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Adrian Teaf  
Alice Drew  
Oliver D. Compton  
John A. Lindsay  
Arthur M Talley, Jr.  
Joseph E. Zeleznick  
Donald S. Blankley  
Joseph F. Farber  
William P Ruppel  
Paul V. DeFerrari  
John T. Plasket  
F Kenneth De Soo

Elliot F Linksy  
Donald R. Merriman  
Herman C. Frese  
George L. Hartman  
Jack K. Korbobo  
Samuel K. Pascarello  
John Williams  
Donald E. Bowes  
Ronald J. Vanzile  
Clarence Diciara  
Samuel S. Wright  
Rosa Neff

Harry P. Petersen, Jr.  
Saul Robbins  
Laurence Brooks  
J. Donald Coggins  
Michael J. Ripton  
Allen R. Johnson  
Vincent Maciborka  
James E. Frederick  
Raymond O. Bartell  
Robert Neiman  
F. Neil Wannen  
David O. Becker

David J. Holeman  
Francis C. Doyle  
Lionel F Crossman  
Lester C. Fisher  
Robert J. Herr  
Thaddeus Piotrowski  
Herbert A. Gomberg  
John W. Sneddon  
John R. Kates  
Harold M. Ford  
Russell M. Galson  
Clyde Reynolds, Jr.

Charles D. Lamarr  
Lawrence F. Cripe  
John D. Adams  
Melvyn A. Borofsky  
Frank Baron  
Aldo Guerino  
Patricia A. Wood  
Leo E. Daley  
Zane C. Irvine  
Bernard W. Armstrong  
John M. Lenhart  
Robert A. Jopling

George Dowd  
Edward W. Rearick, Jr.  
Eugene Brown  
Roland J. Duperron  
Roderick E. Griffin  
Bernard F. Olszanowski

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - INSTRUCTION

Adrian R. Teaf  
Theodore F. Hassell  
Eugene C. Henderson  
Vincent J. Paone  
Charles E. Lyman  
William E. Pierce  
Harry P. Petersen, Jr.  
William E. Reimer, Jr.  
James S. Brennan  
Richard P. Stabler  
Michele R. Borofsky  
Stanley J. Pojnar  
Raymond C. Jackey  
Morton H. Perlman  
Leo F. Daley  
David O. Becker  
Helen M. McCabe

Lionel F. Crossman  
Charles L. Grubar  
Francis A. Lombardi  
Aline M. Harrison  
Skip Bowers  
Anthony T. Fimowicz  
Donald F. Bowes  
Ross R. Hawn, Jr.  
Fredric Vespe  
Thomas A. Egizi  
Frank A. Dantonlo  
Paul A. Teliha  
Paul V. Fldridge  
Maron M. Murray  
Rosa Neff  
Philip Heisler  
Emil A. Milano

Karen B. Pierce  
Russell M. Galson  
Raymond T. Sims  
Richard P. Giduck  
William A. Gardner  
Edith R. Hopkin  
Paul V. DeFerrari  
Joseph N. Lupa  
Inez Troiano  
Marc S. Brody  
Leon E. Kehr  
Eugene C. Unger  
Kenneth Steinmann  
Daniel B. Charter, Jr.  
Donald J. Shields  
Henry L. Reeser  
Frederick J. Reck

David G. Edinger  
Thaddeus Piotrowski  
Harold N. Miller  
Darlene M. Convert  
Herbert A. Gomberg  
Brenda J. Moscatello  
John R. Kates  
Debra J. Taylor  
Howard H. Scott  
Patrick M. Cunningham  
Maurice J. Keegan  
Carmen F. Degregorio  
Leonard E. Karter  
Kenneth A. Chandler  
Eric L. Pennell  
Melvyn A. Borofsky  
Jean Pojnar

Kathleen C. DeFerrari  
Francis G. MacDonald  
Marcellino Troiano  
Suzanne B. Wade  
Aston C. Smith  
George Morabito  
David Berlin  
Patricia N. Charter  
John Williams  
Robert L. Wecker  
Ura P. Shumate  
Charles H. Mathews  
Mary Kay K. Hawn  
Ronald J. VanZile  
Raymond D. Miller  
Donald E. Welker  
John S. Witemeyer

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - OPERATIONS

Carol L. Owens  
Michael J. McKenzie  
Howard F. Guest  
Melvyn A. Borofsky  
Russel J. VanLuvender  
Stanley J. Pojnar  
Raymond C. Jackey  
Rosalie Brittman  
Elliot F. Linksy  
Gilbert E. Finkelstein  
Edward A. Patterson

George A. Smith  
Herman C. Frese  
Robert P. Amort  
David Berlin  
Lester L. Early  
Eileen J. Mathews  
Diane N. Reed  
George F. Leuck  
Nicholas S. Matchica  
Robert J. Fritz  
Michael R. Ryan

Charles R. Andree  
Stanley B. Butler  
Paul V. DeFerrari  
Raymond J. Panfile  
Alois J. Essig  
Robert V. Balke  
Donald F. McGahn  
Brendan V. Sullivan  
Clarence F. Deemer  
Leon E. Kehr  
Andrew Assimios

Edward J. Ross  
Anthony T. Fimowicz  
Donald E. Bowes  
Lester L. Reed, Jr.  
Paul A. Teliha  
George A. Greeby, Jr.  
John O. Stebbins  
Fred Vitale  
Joseph Raup  
Michael J. Maneri  
Byron J. Dial, Jr.

Arthur A. Brittman  
Morton H. Perlman  
Marc S. Brody  
Zane C. Irvine  
John T. Lincoln  
Paul R. Mackes  
Aston C. Smith  
Emanuel Greenwald  
Todd J. Shreve  
Charls H. Mathews  
Grace E. Bowes

Ronald J. Vanzile  
William G. Dages

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - MARINE DEALER VISITORS

Adrian R. Teaf  
Lester C. Fisher  
James F. Frederick  
Edward Davis  
Jack K. Korbobo

Theodore F. Hassell  
Cynthia J. Adams  
Eugene C. Unger  
Eugene C. Henderson  
John D. Borzell

Vincent Maciborka  
Anna M. Herman  
Joseph L. Barcelo  
Henry A. Wood  
Russell M. Galson

Ronald A. Long  
Marcellino Troiano  
John A. DeMartino  
Thomas E. Critelli  
Herbert C. Archdeacon

Melvyn A. Borofsky  
Thomas R. Gangemi  
Charles A. Woolson, Jr.  
Dona C. Turner  
David O. Becker

Miriam Compton  
Denis P. Rossiter  
Kenneth M. Bashore  
Leo E. Daley

## state awards

### Delaware Awards by Division:

Most Coxswain Hours

Most Crew Hours

Most Support Mission Hours

Most Public Outreach Hours

Most Vessel Safety Checks

Outstanding Auxiliarist from Division 1.....Adrian R. Teaf (11)

Outstanding Auxiliarist from Division 12.....Robert P. Amort (12-5)

Division 1.....Robert M. Brereton (19)

Division 12.....Andrew Assimios (12-9)

Division 1.....Carol M. Owens (1-4)

Division 12.....Rinaldo Didaniele (12-9)

Division 1.....Adrian R. Teaf (11)

Division 12.....Rinaldo Didaniele (12-9)

Division 1.....Adrian R. Teaf (11)

Division 12.....Richard O. Hays (12-2)

Division 12.....Walter F. Brown (12-2)

Division 12.....George Morabito (12-1)

Division 1.....Adrian R. Teaf (11)

Division 12.....Jack Korobo (12-2)



# 1999 AWARDS - SPRING CONFERENCE 2000



## auxop members

Charles E. Lyman (2-76)

Russell White (16-6)

Bernard F. Olszanowski (16-10)

John J. Hanf, Sr. (16-1)

Dona C. Turner (16-8)



## COXSWAINS

Eugene J. Morris (32)

Henry A. Wood (81)

Lewis S. Hazell (82)

Michael R. Stefanick (77)

Morton H. Perlman (81)

Vincent W. Hatala, Jr. (12-1)

Thomas M. Knadig (81)

Donna K. Hammaker (81)



## state awards

### Pennsylvania Flotilla Awards:

Public Education.....Flotilla 49

Vessel Safety Checks/Marine Dealer Visits.....Flotilla 14-3

Operations.....Flotilla 15-5

Water & Kids/Boats & Kids.....Flotilla 48

Top Flotilla in Pennsylvania.....Flotilla 14-3 (Lebanon, PA)

### Pennsylvania Individual Awards:

Public Education.....Eric L. Pennell (49)

Vessel Safety Checks/Marine Dealer Visits.....Henry Wanner

Operations.....Donald E. Bowes (15-5)

### New Jersey Flotilla Awards, by Division:

Operations (Assists)..... Flotillas 34, 61, 79, 85, 16-8

Public Education (Nr. of classes)....Flotillas 34, 66, 79, 83, 13-5, 16-7

VSC and MDV..... Flotillas 34, 61, 77, 84, 13-5, 16-1

**Delaware Awards are on the next page**



# FALL CONFERENCE INFO & SCHEDULE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE FALL 2000 CONFERENCE

**Be sure to read before making  
your reservation.**

Reservations for the Fall Conference will be different than last year. Please look over the reservation form carefully before filling it out. The first thing to note is the deadline date, yes, it is three weeks prior to the start of the conference. This is because there will be a lot of coordinating between the funded members and the non-funded members. The deadline date, 25 August, corresponds with the date the Coast Guard must have their information to the hotel.

Funded members will have their own reservation forms sent out by the Director's office, well in advance. The registration forms in TOPSIDE, both for the hotel and the Conference, are for non-funded members and guests.

You will also note that there is a wide choice of meals that you may sign up for. Friday night dinner, three meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast. The funded members will receive all of these meals. The spouse/guest program will be listed elsewhere. Remember, if you are participating in this program, do not sign up for lunch. The TCT workshop will be an all day workshop.

Election of District Officers will be conducted Friday evening.

Please get your reservation in early, watch the deadline dates.

### **BRING YOUR MEAL VOUCHERS TO ALL MEALS**

#### **UNIFORMS OF THE DAY:**

**Friday** Casual

**Saturday** (before 1800) Tropical Blue Long or appropriate civilian attire.  
(after 1800) Dinner Dress White Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (white shirt, bow tie, miniature medals) or appropriate civilian attire.

**Sunday** Casual

*Submitted by Jean David, Conference Coordinator 5NR  
Doylestown, PA*

## FALL CONFERENCE 15 - 17 September 2000 Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster PA

### Schedule of Events

#### **Friday, 15 September 2000**

1600 - 2100	Registration in the Lobby
1800 - 2000	Commodore's Dinner
1800 - 1930	Buffet Dinner
2000 - 2130	DCP Caucus
2130 -	DSO Meeting (District Elections)
2130 -	Materials Center
2200 - 2400	"Welcome Aboard" Get Together

#### **Saturday, 16 September 2000**

0700 - 0900	Breakfast
0730 - 1200	Registration
0800 - 1200	District Board Meeting
0800 - 1600	Materials Center
0900 - 1100	Career Candidate Workshop
0800 - 0930	Personnel Services Workshop
0830 - 1600	New Member Workshop
0830 - 1600	TCT Workshop
0900 -	Spouse/guest Program Meet in lobby
0900 - 1100	Photo ID
1000 - 1015	Board Coffee Break

#### **1200 - 1300 LUNCH**

1330 -	Specialty Test Proctoring
1330 -	Board reconvenes (if necessary)
1330 - 1430	Grants Workshop

1730 - 1830	<b>Cocktail Hour</b>
1830 - 2100	<b>Commodore's Banquet</b>
2100 - 2400	Casino Night

#### **Sunday, 17 September 2000**

0700 - 0900	Breakfast
0830 - 1000	PCA Breakfast
1000 - 1200	EXCOM

**FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET \$18.00**  
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**BREAKFAST MENU \$9.00**  
*Saturday and Sunday*  
Breakfast Buffet

**LUNCHEON MENU \$15.00**  
Deli Buffet  
Coffee Tea Assorted Desserts

**COMMODORE'S BANQUET MENU \$18.00**  
Choice of.....  
Sliced Sirloin of Beef  
Grilled Chicken Breast



# FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORMS

## 15 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2000

### Room Reservation Form

**Lancaster Host Resort**  
**2300 Lincoln Highway East**  
**Lancaster PA 17602**

Phone: (717) 299-5500 FAX: (717) 295-5116

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

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

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

Please reserve ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non Smoking

☐ **I have HANDICAP requirements.**

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate: \$69.00 Single or Double**  
**Check in time: 1500**

**Deadline for reservations: 23 August 2000**

*One nights deposit required to guarantee room.*

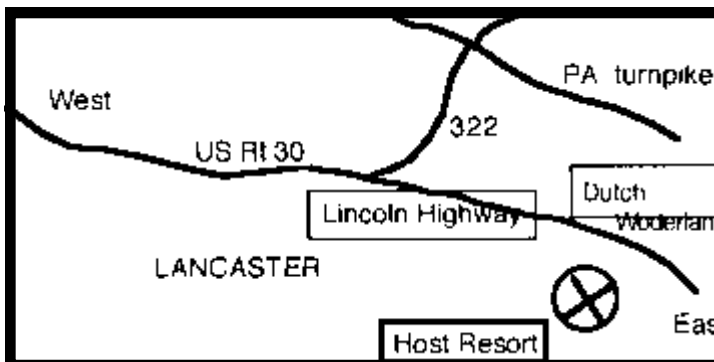
Make checks payable and mail to the  
 Lancaster Host Resort at the above address  
 or call with a major credit card.

**State that you are with the  
 US Coast Guard Auxiliary**

Arrive Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: A/E \_\_\_\_\_ DISC \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expire: \_\_\_\_\_



#### Directions:

From the West—US Rt. 30 East to the hotel, or, PA Turnpike East to Exit 21, the South on PA 322 to US 30 East, to the hotel.

From the East—PA Turnpike East to Exit 21 and PA 322 South to US Rt. 30 East, to the hotel.

OR From the East—take US Route 30 West to the hotel.

### Conference Reservation Form

**USE THIS PORTION TO MAKE YOUR  
 CONFERENCE AND MEAL RESERVATION.**

**Division Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem. # 053 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem. # 053 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** (for each person 17 years of age and over) @ \$5.00 .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Night Buffet @ \$18.00** .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buffet is served from 1800-1930

**Saturday Breakfast @ \$9.00** .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Buffet Lunch @ \$11.00** .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Breakfast @ \$9.00** .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday Commodore's Banquet

Sliced Sirloin of Beef @ \$18.00..# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grilled Chicken Breast@ \$18.00..# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Past Captain's Breakfast

Members of PCA.....# \_\_\_\_\_  
 (no charge)

\*Guests @ \$9.00.....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*PCA guest reservation must be made by a PCA member.*

**Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Career Candidate Workshop
- ☐ Personnel Services Workshop
- ☐ TCT Workshop
- ☐ Grants Workshop
- ☐ **New Member Workshop must have a letter of acceptance from the DSO-MT.**
- ☐ Spouse/Guest Program
- ☐ Photo ID Card (in AM only)
- ☐ Testing for \_\_\_\_\_

(All courses: Testing @ 1300 - Excluding NavRules & AUXNAV A or B)

**Registration Deadline**  
**25 AUGUST 2000**

**Reservation requests arriving  
 after this date will be returned.**

Send this form and a check made payable to:

**USGCA 5NR**

Send to: Jean W. David, Conference Coordinator  
 Pine Run Community, 15 Beech Cluster  
 Doylestown, PA 18901

## NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP

### TRY IT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!

Being a new member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and not clearly knowing what the Auxiliary's sole purpose is and what they really expect from me as a part of their team. I accepted their offer to go to their "New Members Class" in Lancaster, PA.

Rather than to drive there early Saturday morning, I accepted an invitation from a fellow Auxiliarist to come on Friday night, stay in her room and have a fresh start on Saturday morning. I really did not know what to expect as I drove into Lancaster, arriving there around 1800 hours or so. It was quite a welcome. I had the feeling that I was an Auxiliarist for many years. It was truly a good start to my new experience and would add adventure in my life.

After talking for hours I felt quite comfortable with my new friend and fellow Auxiliarist. The wake up call Saturday morning came at 0600 hours getting washed, dressed and ready to experience a new opportunity.

We had our breakfast and signed in at 0745 hours. We walked down a long corridor and passed many rooms which were marked for other classes for the CGAUX. Finally a room marked "New Members." I am usually uncomfortable in these situations but so far so good. I was greeted by a smile and hello from Harry Petersen, DSO-MT. We were introduced to each other. And then we were introduced to the overview of what the Coast Guard Auxiliary was all about. We learned the Personnel Services and how it affects you. Then there was the Auxiliary structure. We were also told the legal matters by John Bellenzeni, DSO-LP.

We followed with the Auxiliary manual and learned the responsibilities, civil rights, intermediate training, advanced training and possible interests of what you as an Auxiliarist might be interested in the "Marine Safety Program." Each Topic was discussed by an instructor who was very experienced in their field. You had a chance to ask questions at any time. There was one aspect where Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB and TCT Facilitator, had the unexpected happen, just to show us how things happen unexpectedly and how you can work as a team, in an emergency rescue mission.

I have to say besides enjoying my weekend with my fellow Auxiliarists, I feel I now have a better understanding and outlook of the purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Their

*continued in next column*

## GROWTH AWARDS

### NEW DISTRICT & NATIONAL AWARDS

A realignment of Membership Growth Award sponsors has been announced by the National Personnel Department and by 5NR District Commodore John A. Locasale.

**1. The District Commodore's Award** - a new District certificate presented to each member who is responsible for recruiting **three** new members during the calendar year 2000.

**2. The National Commodore's Award** - a National certificate presented to each member who recruits **five** new members during the year 2000.

**3. The Auxiliary Recruiting Service Award** - a new Auxiliary certificate and **ribbon** will be presented to each member who recruits **seven** or more new members during year 2000. Winners of this award also get the District and National Commodores' awards.

Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders have received copies of the application form, which must be initiated at the Flotilla level by the member, FSO-PS or the Flotilla Commander. Flotilla Commander and Division Captain signatures are required on the application when it is sent to District Staff Officer - Personnel Services.

Flotilla and Division Awards will be awarded by the National Commodore on the same basis as in 1999. That is, to Flotillas which show a NET increase in membership for 2000 vs. 1999 of at least two members; and to Divisions which show a NET increase in membership (2000 vs. 1999) of at least two times the number of Flotillas in the Division. In all cases, transfers and deaths do not count.

Elsewhere in this issue of TOPSIDE is a list of National Commodore Membership Growth Award winners for 1999 - 42 individuals, over 20 Flotillas and two Divisions.

Congratulations and a hearty Thank You! to all.

*Bill Reimer, DSO-PS  
Berwyn, PA*



leadership and training, their do's and don'ts, made me understand how the CG auxiliary works as a team.

I encourage all new members to attend this class to get a better overall perspective of how you can fit in with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and be part of the team. As a new member I certainly can say I will not be making this my last Conference.

I want to thank all involved in this conference for giving me the opportunity to attend and learn at a better level what the CGAUX is all about.

*Mary Spinelli, Flotilla 79  
Waretown, NJ*

# MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD

## NATIONAL COMMODORE'S ROLL OF HONOR

The following members and units were awarded the National Commodore's Membership Growth Award for 1999 for their efforts in enrolling new members during the year.

### Member Awards - for enrolling three or more new members:

Raymond T. Sims, 42  
Herbert A. Gomberg, 16-1  
Franz P. Azuolas, 16-1  
Donald Welker, 16-1  
Robert F. McSweeney, 16-1  
Dorothy E. Clark, 16-1  
Harvey D. Monter, 16-1  
Kevin W. Pace, 16-5  
Gabriel P. Gulino, 16-5  
C. E. Skip Bowers, 14-4  
Charles E. Baumgartner, 77  
Jeannie L. Brenner, 56  
Harry P. Petersen, Jr., 34  
Harold N. Miller, 15-6  
Robert P. Amort, 12-5  
Vincent J. Paone, 2-10  
Edith R. Hopkin, 72  
Raymond C. Jackey, 79  
Louis Keating, Sr. 16-8  
Aldo Guerino, 7-12  
Gerald E. Miller, 15-6  
David O. Becker, 10-5  
Darlene M. Covert, 15-7  
Donald E. Bowes, 15-5  
Brenda J. Moscattiello, 16-7  
Donna M. Schleuss, 16-7  
Harold T. Moscattiello, 16-7  
Gary Schmidt, 16-10  
Paul Teliha, 16-10  
John Sneddon, 16-10  
Charles. H. Mathews, 15-4  
Jack K. Korbobo, 12-2  
Ruth Sokolowski, 12-2  
Ruth A. Jopling, 12-2  
Marc S. Brody, 85  
Marcellino Troiano, 83  
George L. Zarecki, 15-1  
Arthur A. Brittman, 7-11  
John A. McVey, 7-11  
Linda Gibson, 12-4

Lester L. Early, 15-1

Henry L. Reeser, 14-2

### Flotilla Awards for net increase of two members at 12/31/99 vs. 12/31/98.

Flotilla 16-5 - Kevin W. Pace, FC  
Flotilla 14-4 - Frederick J. Reck, FC  
Flotilla 77 - Vincent Maciborka, FC  
Flotilla 56 - George M. Stewart, FC  
Flotilla 53 - Anne E. Nash, FC  
Flotilla 61 - Charles W. Stewart, FC  
Flotilla 15-6 - Ronald J. VanZile, FC  
Flotilla 12-5 - Nancy L. Otto, FC  
Flotilla 2-10 - Vincent J. Paone, FC  
Flotilla 15-5 - Richard E. Dobeck, FC  
Flotilla 79 - William E. Morrison, FC  
Flotilla 16-7 - John S. Witemeyer, FC  
Flotilla 16-1 - Herbert A. Gomberg, FC  
Flotilla 34 - Clyde F. Culver, FC  
Flotilla 15-1 - Lester L. Early, FC  
Flotilla 7-11 - Harold Ash, FC  
Flotilla 12-4 - Wayne E. Hickman, FC  
Flotilla 16-10 - Juozas Juska, FC  
Flotilla 15-7 - Darlene M. Covert, FC  
Flotilla 82 - William A. Wenker, FC  
Flotilla 81 - Harold B. Phillips, FC  
Flotilla 15-4 - Charles H. Mathews, FC  
Flotilla 14-2 - Jay H. Schulz  
Flotilla 85 - Tad E. Stern, FC  
Flotilla 14-3 - Henry W. Demler, FC  
Flotilla 42, Donald C. Carty, FC

### Division Awards for net increase 1999 vs. 1998 (The number of Flotillas in the Division times two).

Division 15 - Donald E. Bowes, DCP  
Division 16 - Robert P. Myers, DCP

*Compiled and Submitted by William E. Reimer, DSO-PS  
Berwyn, PA*

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS

# PWC Folks!



**Could you picture yourself on patrol  
on your own Personal Watercraft?  
If you could, we need YOU !**

The 5th Northern is committed to this program.

We will train you, test you, certify you.

Bring the Coast Guard presence to areas where  
the "big boats" wouldn't dare to go!

**INTERESTED?**

Contact DSO-OP Ivan Levin  
via DIRAUX Office @ 215-271-4934  
or e-mail direct: [sailorski@juno.com](mailto:sailorski@juno.com)

# HOAX CALLS

## ATLANTIC CITY COAST GUARD RESPONDS TO CALLS FOR HELP... REAL OR HOAX

Atlantic City, NJ. April 28, 2000- In the past three days, the Coast Guard has responded to two separate calls for help in the vicinity of Waretown, New Jersey. Unfortunately, these calls were classified as hoaxes, originating shoreside, and cost the taxpayer nearly \$15,000 in search costs.

During the evenings of April 25th and April 27th, the Coast Guard received distress calls, believed to have come from youths, claiming that the boat was sinking with up to 25 people on board. Coast Guard policy requires every distress call to be taken seriously, and in both cases, helicopters and boats were launched to search. Without other information, the search efforts were suspended and classified as a hoax.

Since the beginning of the year, the Atlantic City Coast Guard has received 46 "uncorrelated maydays"; that is, distress calls or electronic beacons without amplifying distress or validating information. With boat, cutter, and helicopter patrol hours reduced due to rising fuel costs and the inability to adequately determine the position of a mariner without their assistance, the Coast Guard must preserve every resource hour for actual search and rescue cases. Sending out crews to search based on a prank is wasteful and puts unnecessary risk and stress onto Coast Guard men and women. Hoax calls may also preclude us from receiving a real call for help.



Like calling 911, parents should teach children how to call the CG on their marine radio before going on a boating trip. Calls for help should include the boat's position, the nature of distress and the number of people on board. Boaters can also dial \*CG from their cellular telephones.

Making false calls is a crime and carries penalties up to \$250,000 and 6 years in jail. If anyone has information on this, or any false mayday call, contact the nearest Coast Guard unit or the FCC.

*LCDR Cari Thomas, Operations Officer  
Group Air Atlantic City*

# SEARCH & RESCUE

## SEARCH AND RESCUE IS NO JOKE!

*"MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY!  
Please help me, my boat is sinking!"*

For over 200 years the U.S. Coast Guard has responded to distress calls at sea. But lately, more and more of those calls are found to be false - hoaxes sent by people looking for kicks.

In 1990, the first year we began keeping statistics on rescue hoaxes, U.S. Coast Guard units responded to 205 hoaxes. This number has increased steadily every year.

The U.S. Coast Guard, along with the Federal Communications Commission and other agencies, is very concerned about the increasing number of search and rescue hoaxes.

### Hoaxes hurt everyone:

- The U.S. Coast Guard by placing our people in danger by operating ships, boats and aircraft, responding to these false distress calls;
- The taxpayer by wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars annually; and
- Those really in distress at sea by interfering with legitimate search and rescue cases.

Are there penalties for issuing a false distress call? Check it out:

- 6 years in prison
- \$250,000 criminal fine
- \$5,000 civil fine
- Reimbursing the U.S. Coast Guard for the cost of performing the search

How much does the U.S. Coast Guard spend on its search and rescue cases? Plenty:

- Each hour a U.S. Coast Guard aircraft is aloft costs about \$3,700 - and several may be used in a single search.
- Our medium size ships, referred to as cutters, cost roughly \$1,550 an hour to run.
- Even a U.S. Coast Guard small boat costs between \$300 and \$400 per hour to operate.

Is there a way you, as a law-abiding taxpayer, can help? **Yes!** If you hear a hoax call, or you have information which might lead to the perpetrator of a hoax, call the nearest U.S. Coast Guard unit or contact the Federal Communications Commission.

*from the website, [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)*

Group Air Station Atlantic City is located on the grounds of the Atlantic City International Airport. Access to the site is via the FAA Facility main gate. Auxiliaries may visit and tour the site and are heartily welcomed. Due to its location, advance notice is required well in advance of your visit. Contact the Duty Officer with your request and, if possible, try to arrange



a "group" visit. No visit to the "shore" this summer should be without a visit to the station. See the heart of our area's search and rescue center and get a feel of the daily life of the personnel who put their life on the line each and every SAR mission.

*Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*

## USCG STATION ATLANTIC CITY

### FORMER LIFESAVING STATION

The first Coast Guard station, then called a Lifesaving Station, was constructed in Atlantic City in 1849 and was located at Pacific and Connecticut Avenues. Over the next 150 years the station was moved twice, and since 1938 has been prominently located at the junction of Clam Creek and Absecon Inlet. At the time of its dedication, the unit was purported to be the largest LifeBoat Station in existence.



The Station is presently commanded by Lieutenant Richard Condit and crewed by 41 active duty men and women, as well as 20 enlisted Reservists. The unit draws support from 5 Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas.

The unit also operates a seasonal rescue station (Station Great Egg) in nearby Ocean City, NJ. Together the units conduct approximately 400 search and rescue cases a year. The unit provides Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Environmental Protection for a area of approximately 250 square miles of ocean, back bays and inlets. It does so with 5 rescue craft. Three of the craft are 21' orange inflatable RHI's. The other two are a 41' Utility Boat (UTB) and a 44' Motor Lifeboat (MLB).

Local archives indicate that the first government boathouse in the area was constructed in 1849 at Connecticut and Pacific Avenues. Although it contained a boat, it was dependent upon volunteers for manning. In 1871, a regular crew was established for the four winter months. Seven years later in 1878 following an act of Congress mandating an improved federal maritime lifesaving system, the station was moved to the base of the Absecon Lighthouse and called a "Life Boat Station."

In 1884, a larger station was built at the base of the lighthouse and completed in December of that year. The manning of this station extended to ten months of the year in 1894. The Atlantic City Atlas of 1908 shows a Life Saving Service Station at Pacific Avenue and the beach. Since this building was only three blocks from the station at the lighthouse, it was probably a boathouse. In 1908 a boathouse was built at 416 Carson Avenue in historic Gardner's Basin, which served the Station until the present facility was established in 1941.

Coast Guard Station Atlantic City is the host for the local Sea Cadet program, and has an active role in working with the Auxiliary in providing class room space for Public Education classes throughout the year. The Station has for many years been the keystone for Auxiliary National Safe Boating Week activities in Division 8 supplying site and logistical support for the event.

*Article and photo by Gil Finkelstein, DCP 8  
Linwood, NJ*

## PHOTO ARCHIVES

It's a visual world and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is looking for images. Mr. Harry McBain, BC-APP, has been named the Auxiliary's photo librarian.

Mr. McBain will collect and oversee photographs of all Auxiliary activities. Any photos, especially those used in newsletters, should be sent to him to include in an archive of Auxiliary people, events and activities. Units keeping their own archives should send any duplicates they have. Members with scanners can make digital copies.

Photos will be accepted from ANY Auxiliarist, not just Public Affairs and Publications officers. Digital, as well as processed photo images will be accepted. Send them, with all pertinent information - who, what, when, where, why and how, and the name and address of the photographer - to:

Harry McBain  
3918 Tricia Way North  
Highlands, CA 95660-5387

*Fred Gates, BC- ANE Navigator, Deputy Editor  
Carlsbad, CA 92008*

### An Average Day in the Coast Guard Auxiliary 1999

- Completes 67 Safety Patrols
- Completes 6 Regatta Patrols
- Completes 4 Chart Patrols
- Performs 13 Assists
- Participates in 203 Operational Support Missions
- Saves \$210,000 in Property
- Saves One Life
- Participates in 50 Administrative Support Missions
- Completes 16 Recruiting Support Missions
- Educates 594 People
- Performs 404 Courtesy Marine Examinations (VSC)
- Attends 69 Public Affairs Functions

#### Our Resources, Missions, and Volunteers:

- 4,945 Operational Vessels and 179 Aircraft
- 2,474 Communications Stations
- 32,876 Members
- 95,799 Hours of Public Affairs
- 156,360 Hours of Safety Patrols
- 8,865 Hours of Air Patrols
- 318,660 Hours in Support of Coast Guard Missions
- 78,133 Hours of Public Education Instruction
- 48,377 Hours of Member Training
- 5,473 Auxiliary Coxswains
- 7,201 Boat Crew
- 220 Pilots and 358 Air Observers
- 9,224 Instructors
- 7,329 Vessel Examiners
- 1,839 Marine Visitors

Source: 1998, 1999 AUXMIS II National Data, Unaudited

*Data provided by Jan Robert Munroe, DSO-IS  
Wayne, PA*



# AWARDS REVIEW

## INDIVIDUAL AWARD REVIEW

1. A review of the individual accomplishments of our members as reflected by the 1998 AUXMIS printouts indicate some shift in numbers is needed to maintain the established award levels in Courtesy Examination (Vessel Safety Checks), Instructor activity, Operations and Marine Dealer Visitor activity.

2. These awards were established to recognize the top 12% of our performers in each program with a plaque, a certificate with seal was presented to the next 12% and the next 21% was recognized by a certificate.

3. For comparison the figures used in our 1999 program are shown as current and the figures for 2000 are labeled as proposed.

### Courtesy Examination Program

	Current	Proposed
Plaque	52 examinations	51 examinations
Certificate w/ seal	31 examinations	27 examinations
Certificate	17 examinations	18 examinations

### Operations Program

	Current	Proposed
Plaque	99 Hours	120 hours
Certificate I seal	59 hours	74 hours
Certificate	32 hours	32 hours

### Instructor Program

	Current	Proposed
Plaque	74 hours	54 hours
Certificate w/ seal	50 hours	34 hours
Certificate	26 hours	15 hours

### Marine Dealer Visitor Program

	Current	Proposed
Plaque	30 visits	40 visits
Certificate w/ seal	14 visits	20 visits
Certificate	6 visits	10 visits

*COMO John D. McIntosh, PDCO 5NR, Awards Committee  
Newfield, NJ*

# BULLETINS

## DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETINS FROM NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

A number of the National Staff Departments publish monthly bulletins for all staff members at all levels in their Departments - Flotilla, Division and District.

The bulletins currently published (listed in no particular order):

“The Interchange” by Personnel Dept.

“The Quest” by Training Dept.

“Waves” by Dept. of Boating

“Safety Seal says...” by Vessel Exam. Dept

“SUBS” - sport & Utility Boating Safety by Vessel Exam. Dept

“Up Top In Operations” by Dept. of Operations

“The Dealer Visitor” by Vessel Exam. Dept.

“UPDATE” by Dept. of Marketing & Public Affairs

“PE Speed Gram” by Public Education Dept. when needed

Bulletins are published on a somewhat irregular monthly basis at the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN), then shipped to District Directors for distribution. A section of each bulletin indicates to whom it is to be distributed initially, and by and to whom subsequent distribution is to be made.

Typically, copies go to the members of the District Executive Committee (EXCOM), to the appropriate District Staff Officer and to all Division Captains and Flotilla Commanders. The Captains and Commanders are then to make distribution to their appropriate Staff Officers. Those officers are responsible for communicating the information from those bulletins to their members. These bulletins also provide a readymade source of good “copy” for Flotilla and Division newsletter editors/PB officers.

So when you get your copy, be sure to pass the information on. That way, everyone benefits. Note that these bulletins are also available on the Auxiliary website.



*Bill Reimer, DSO-PS  
Berwyn, PA*

## A TYPICAL DAY IN THE COAST GUARD

In a Typical Coast Guard day..... Saves 32 lives..... Assists 308 people..... Saves \$8 million in property value..... Conducts 142 SAR cases..... Responds to 34 oil or hazardous chemical spills..... Boards 90 large vessels for port safety checks..... Inspects 64 commercial vessels..... processes 120 seamen's documents... investigates 17 marine accidents..... Conducts 128 Maritime Law Enforcement boardings and identifies 97 violations of the law..... Seizes 84 lbs of marijuana..... Seizes 148 lbs of cocaine...(Street value of all contraband: \$8.4 million per day) ..... Services 150 aids to navigation..... and Interdicts 22 illegal migrants.

# WELCOME TO 5NR

Commodore John A. Locasale, the District 5NR Bridge and Staff are pleased to welcome the following new Auxiliarists to 5NR. You are now members of *Team Coast Guard*, joining one of the largest volunteer organizations in the United States. Wear your uniform smartly and fly your ensign proudly. We look forward to one day meeting and greeting each and every one of you as we strive to promote safe boating to the American public. We welcome you with the slogan of The United States Coast Guard, *Semper Paratus, Always Ready*.

*List, as of 30 April 2000, prepared by Linda Spayd, DSO-FN*

Vincent S. Amaot	21	Richard P. Mazur	85
Stephen M. Ay	85	Frederick J. McCarthy	16-7
Roland F. Breffitt	6-10	David R. McIntee	42
Thomas L. Burns	12-1	James F. McNulty	24
Robert W. Burns	66	Erby E. Meador	85
Eugene B. Calmon	12-9	Tony J. Melo	16-1
Michael J. Cavanaugh	15-6	Philip J. Miller	10-6
Thomas A. Christopoulos Jr.	66	Eric W. Mitcheltree	15-5
Helen Cottrell	15-4	Kathleen Mitcheltree	15-5
David A. Cottrell	15-4	Marvin E. Moser	12-1
Susanna Cottrell	15-4	Bill N. Nees	13-1
Beverly A. Cottrell	15-4	Robert C. Olivieri	86
Willard E. Cottrell	15-4	Matthew L. Peck	52
Susan A. Didaniele	12-9	Michael M. Phillips	12-1
Joseph A. DiMambro	13-10	Francesco A. Piserchia	16-1
Andrew A. DiPalma II	85	R. John Poirier	10-6
Thomas L. Dunston	16-1	Linda L. Pressel	14-2
Walter Dyciewski	16-1	Robert L. Preston	86
Jeffrey S. Ellis	15-5	Margaret A. Quinn	24
Joseph M. Farrell	16-1	David L. Sagers	82
Brian P. Feury	16-7	Jonathan R. Sanderson	15-7
Arleen Franco	83	Robert F. Sauers	16-1
John P. Gallagher	82	Walter R. Schulze	2-10
Keith J. Hagarman	14-2	Raymond R. Sedorchok	15-3
Karen M. Hagarman	14-2	George D. Severn	24
David C. Hartnett	12-9	Benjamin Shamburger	12-5
Christopher J. Hayes	14-4	Marianne Sheikholeslami	8-6
William J. Hempstead	79	Marianne W. Simpkins	13-10
David R. Hess	13-3	Joseph D. Skawinski	15-4
Fred H. Hicks	13-3	Marlene M. Sloboda	16-1
Harry P. Hinderliter Jr.	26	Robert J. Sloboda	16-1
Thomas E. Hopely	65	George Spadea	82
Keith A. Humphries	61	Mary R. Spinelli	79
Dennis A. Hurchalla	10-6	James S. Stalford	86
David L. Inglis	14-4	Walter J. Stepek	61
Connie M. Inglis	11-4	Neil T. Sullick	85
Gerald Jacknski	12-1	John H. Swyter	13-6
Bruce W. Jacobs	82	John W. Tice	8-2
David C. Kapp	15-5	James V. Tokarz	11-3
Dyan M. Karstens	61	Scott A. Ulland	8-5
Bernadette R. Klein	16-7	Michael A. Walizer	7-11
James S. Lavalley	12-9	Allen D. Wanner	14-3
Carl Letizia	32	John R. Webster	42
Scott V. Leusner	35	Thomas A. Wilson	24

## IN MEMORIAM



It is our sad duty to report that the following members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have departed our shores and crossed over the bar.

Donald L. Grabert	Flotilla 35
Gysbert J. Van Veek	Flotilla 45
Harry L. Altman	Flotilla 44
Betty J. Peifer	Flotilla 51
George B. Dintiman	Flotilla 53
Clarence Shingara	Flotilla 54
I rma J. Klabbatz	Flotilla 61
Charles Gallant	Flotilla 74
Annie Smith	Flotilla 77
Henry J. Schneider	Flotilla 7-10
James R. Eckersley	Flotilla 7-10
Donald A. Hartje	Flotilla 7-12
Howard J. Chase	Flotilla 83
Glenn W. Blough	Flotilla 92
Mary C. Colna	Flotilla 11-1
Earl Heffner	Flotilla 11-2
Lothar H. Meyhofer	Flotilla 12-2
John Seacord	Flotilla 12-2
Kenneth Thomas	Flotilla 12-3
J. Norman Bennett	Flotilla 12-9
Nelson C. Port	Flotilla 12-9
William J. Yost	Flotilla 13-3
Edmond Kwiatkowski	Flotilla 13-3
Neva K. Wecker	Flotilla 14-2
Paul B. Graybill	Flotilla 14-6
Norman J. Wettig	Flotilla 14-7
George Leuck	Flotilla 16-7
Harold P. Weiner	Flotilla 16-7

### Wal ter Rutkowski

It is with deep regret that we must report that Past Commodore Water Rutkowski crossed over the bar on April 22, 2000. Commodore Rutkowski, Flotilla 65, was a member of the Auxiliary for 34 years and served the 5th Northern as our Commodore. Our condolences to his wife June, his family and friends.

## COURTESY & PROTOCOL

**T**he hand salute is a long-established form of greeting and recognition exchanged between persons in the armed services. Saluting between Auxiliarists is not usually the custom. On occasions, when in uniform and covered, courtesy and custom indicate that a salute is in order: for example, when returning a salute rendered by a member of the Armed Forces. It is also customary to exchange greetings such as "good morning, good afternoon, good evening," etc. along with the salute. Obviously, if the other person is a senior officer the salute should be originated by you and the greeting should be followed by "sir" or "ma'am." The exchange of greetings should also be accompanied by a smile or a cheerful expression.

When out of doors and in uniform and addressing the National Ensign or whenever the National Anthem is rendered, a military salute is given. This particularly applies to the respect paid at Morning or Evening Colors ceremonies aboard a ship (not underway) or aboard a Coast Guard or other military installation. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, those present in uniform should come to attention and render the military salute. The same applies if the flag is passing in a parade or in review. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. During a rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all those present in uniform should face the flag and render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.

When out of doors and not in uniform, the "civilian salute" is rendered for the same situations. The "civilian salute" is made by standing at attention and placing the right hand over the heart. Any male civilian headdress should be removed, held in the right hand over the heart.

When on a Coast Guard or other military installation in a vehicle, at the time of colors, and traffic safety permits, you stop and sit at attention, but do not salute. If a passenger in a boat, remain at attention, seated or standing. The boat officer or coxswain salutes for the boat.

When indoors and the flag is presented and/or the National Anthem is played, all should stand at attention. When the Pledge of Allegiance is given, all, in uniform or not, should place the right hand over the heart.

When covered in uniform, the hand salute is correctly executed by raising the right hand smartly until the tip of the forefinger touches the lower part of headdress or forehead, above and slightly to the right of the right eye, thumb and fingers extended and joined, palm down, hand and wrist straight. To complete the salute, the arm is dropped to its normal side position and eyes are turned to the front.

Some of the more frequently observed saluting errors are: failing to hold the position of the salute until it is returned by the person saluted; failure to look at the person or colors being saluted; failure to assume the position of attention when saluting; and failure to have the fingers, hand and arm in the proper position for saluting as mentioned in the previous paragraph. Gross errors include saluting with a cigarette in the hand or mouth, saluting while the left hand is in a pocket or returning a salute in a casual manner.

## AMERICAN SAILING ASSOCIATION

### VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PLEDGE

The American Sailing Association (ASA) has pledged to have all of their training vessels receive a Vessel Safety Check by a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary beginning this year and to continue each year thereafter.



(l to r) Aboard the *Castaway* during the VSC Bob Myers, SO-VE 16; Bruce Fox, boat owner; Mike Landers, Owner, NJ Sailing School; Harry Munz, Executive Director, American Sailing Association.

*Photo by Tom Critelli, FSO-VE 16-6  
Toms River, NJ*

To kick off National Safe Boating Week, the first ASA boat to receive a VSC was *Castaway*, a Catalina 34 owned by Bruce Fox of Bangor, PA. The VSC was conducted on Saturday 20 May by Bob Myers, SO-VE 16 in Point Pleasant, NJ. On hand were Bruce Fox, the boat owner, Mike Landers, Owner of the New Jersey Sailing School, Harry Munz, Executive Director of the ASA, and Al Kruthers and Tom Critelli of Flotilla 16-6.



(l to r) Mike Landers, Bruce Fox, and Bob Myers SO-VE 16.

*Photo by Al Kruthers, Flotilla 16-6*

*Submitted by Bob Myers*

*IPDCP 16, SO-VE 16  
Point Pleasant, NJ*

### COAST GUARD AUXILIARISTS

*As members of the Auxiliary,  
there are rules we must abide.  
But we may wear the uniform  
and fly the Ensign with pride*

*We've volunteered our services,  
which is needed for success.  
As the Coast Guard is expected,  
to do more with less.*

*The members of the Auxiliary,  
will continue the tradition.  
Of doing their very best  
To assist with the Coast Guard's mission.*

*Poem by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB*



## GUEST'S CHECKLIST

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Introduce your guests to the importance of shipboard requirements with the following checklist. Suggestion: make a duplicate of this checklist, laminate it and use it when welcoming guests aboard your vessel.

*Source: Training Department newsletter "The Quest 2000"*

*Milton R. Entwistle, DVC-TS, Editor  
Santa Cruz, CA*

(Vessel Name)

(Radio Call Sign)

### GUEST' FAMILIARIZATION CHECK LIST

LOCATION OF PFDs ⊕

(INCL. TYPE IV THROWABLE DEVICE)

*YOUR SIZE - SAILOR'S - SAFETY HARNESS - FIT PROCEDURE*

LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ⊕

*TYPES AND HOW TO USE THEM*

LOCATION OF VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS ⊕

*PROCEDURE FOR USE*

LOCATION OF FIRST AID KIT ⊕

VHF RADIO KNOW HOW ⊕

*DISTRESS PROCEDURES*

BAILING DEVICES KNOW HOW ⊕

*BILGE PUMP/BUCKET*

LOCATION OF TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS ⊕

ANCHOR AND LINES

NAVIGATION LIGHT SWITCHES ⊕

*FLASH LIGHT*

LOCATION OF SOUND DEVICE ⊕

*HORN - BELL - WHISTLE - ETC.*

COMPASS - NAVIGATION CHARTS ⊕

*FAMILIARIZATION OF LOCATION - DESTINATION*

### BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

- Understand the effects of alcohol, drugs (including medication) on judgment and reflexes.
- Understand the importance of balancing the load in a small boat.
- Understand the importance of maintaining a lookout at all times.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 1  
Wilmington, DE

## OPSAIL 2000-23 JUNE

This will be a first for "The First State" Delaware and the first for Auxiliary operation members. It is a beginning for a lot of changes for people who live close to the Delaware River. Some of the vessels in OPSAIL 2000 will be using the Liston Range Front Lighthouse in Bay View.



The Liston Range Lighthouse  
Photo by Paul Eldridge, VFC 15  
Newark, DE

The lighthouse was laid out on a portion of the Bay View farm with the appropriate right-of-ways, the land having been purchased by the United States government from Sarah Ridgeway Burbidge, owner of the farm, in 1904.

Plans were developed and contracted for a lighthouse, oil-house, outhouse and barn in 1905. A temporary light was mounted on a wooden pole to guide the newly directed river traffic. The house, barn and oil house/privy were built from 1906 to 1908. The records of the United States Lighthouse Service listed George Washington Duncan as the first Keeper.

In the early 1930's a lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows developed a club house on the Bay View Improvement Company just south of the lighthouse. The club was called "The Triple Link Club." Many social activities were held at this club, dinner and dances, as well as the many activities that would be associated with a waterfront club, swimming and boating.

During World War II, troops from Battery C, 261st Coast Artillery Battalion (Harbor Defense) (Separate), a Delaware National Guard Unit from Sussex County, were stationed at the lighthouse using the Triple Link Club, south of the lighthouse, as their headquarters, day room and mess hall. The troops lived in pyramidal tents west of the Club. Two permanent gun emplacements on lighthouse grounds to guard against attack from any effort by the enemy approaching Wilmington or Philadelphia from the river. A range finder tower was also erected on the lighthouse property.

When electric service became more dependable around 1950, a steel tower with the navigational light mounted on top

was erected in the front yard. The house was abandoned from 1952 to 1954. It became private property when Kathleen Skelton, later Herbert, purchased the property by auction from the United States Government. Her niece, Eleanor Hardin, inherited the property on Mrs. Herbert's death. In 1998, William Herbert Duncan, Keeper George Washington Duncan's grandson and son of S. B. I. Duncan purchased the property from Mrs. Hardin. Dr. Duncan and his wife Doris plan to preserve the Liston Range Lighthouse as a historic property.

William H. Duncan M.D. an early life member of the Port Penn Historical Society is a native Delawarean who was raised in Old Castle and Wilmington. He graduated in 1947 from P.S. Dupont High School and from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He retired from the Delaware National Guard as a Major General and from St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, as Vice President of Medical Affairs. Bill has served on the Board of Directors of the Bay View Improvement Company. In addition to his research on lighthouses, Bill pursues his hobby of military research and has had several magazine articles published about World War II. Bill resides at the Liston Range Front Lighthouse in Bay View and in Wilmington with his wife Doris.

A special thanks to William H. Duncan M.D. and the Port Penn Area Historical Society Newsletter for information which was used in this article.

Article by Roz Schwebel, SO-PB 1  
New Castle, DE

Wilmington, DE  
27 April 00

Dear Mel,

While chatting at lunch at the Spring Conference I mentioned to you, that the year 2000 has become for me a year of significant round figure anniversaries.

50 years ago, on 26 February 1950, Nora and I set foot in America at New Orleans, LA. 5 years later we became citizens of the USA in Dallas, TX. 20 years ago, on 20 March 1980, I was enrolled as a member of the USCG Auxiliary in Wilmington, DE.

A friend at work and a passed away member of the Auxiliary told me a lot about this organization, its aims and its unselfish volunteers. I then conceived an idea. That by also becoming a member, I may be able, in a small way, to compensate for our fortunes. It became a reality.

This country and it's people were and are good to us!  
Our sincere gratitude!

Regards  
Lex Svabs, FSO-AN 18

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2  
Philadelphia, PA

## DIVISION 2 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Harry Dyer (L), ADSO PB, receiving Division 2 Auxiliary of the Year Award from District Commodore John Locasale.

*Photo by Cheryl Munroe, FSO-PE 4-11 Wayne, PA*

## AUXILIARIST RECEIVES HONORS



Sandra Orkin, FSO-SR 2-10, is installed into the Holy Family College Chapter of the Sigma Beta Delta honor society. The society was established to honor students who have attained superior records in business administration in schools and colleges with regional accreditation. **Congratulations Sandy!**

*Photo and caption by Neil L. Orkin, FC 2-10 Philadelphia, PA*

## FLOTILLA 24 CHANGE OF WATCH



Front: Rosa Neff, FSO-MT; FSO-PB; Cliff Dunn, FC, Jane Wolf, VFC; Stan Morantz, FSO-PA; Alice R. Drew, FSO-IS; John Kratzer, DSO-AN  
Rear: Stacy Everson, FSO-SR; John Folz, FSO-MS; Eugene C Henderson, FSO-OP, FSO-AN; Alfred Trasatti, Jr., FSO-VE; Ed Robinson, FSO-CM; Howard Scott, FSO-PE, FSO-FN

January 15, 2000 marked a new era in Flotilla 24. The annual swearing in of the new officers and award presentation took place in Lahaska, PA.

*Caption and photo by Stan Morantz, FSO-PA 24 Huntington Valley, PA*



Don't  
Even  
Ask!



John Kratzer, DSO-AN and Bob Strickland, DCP 2 hamming it up at Flotilla 24's change of watch dinner.



Flotilla 26 prepares for National Safe Boating Week as (l to r) Pete Fuhrman, FSO-VE; Harry Dyer, ADSO-PB; and Joe Manusov, PFC, review literature for their display.



Joe Manusov, PFC 26, describes his adventures cruising "The Horn" of the South Atlantic and the Falkland Islands

*Above 2 photos by Edward Horahan, VFC 26 Roslyn, PA*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3  
West Jersey

## DIVISION 3 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Miriam Compton, Division 3 Auxiliarist of the Year

On January 29, 2000 Division 3 held its Change of Watch in Deptford Township, New Jersey. The night was cold, the ground was snowy but all was warm and well within the confines of the dining room. The cocktail hour was enhanced by harpist Mark O'Connell followed by Piper Tim Gallagher who continued to set the tone for the evening.

After a delicious dinner and the welcoming speeches, the highlight of the evening was upon us. The announcement of the Division's Auxiliarist of the Year, Miriam Compton.

Miriam has been an Auxiliarist for 19 years and has been active as a Marine Dealer Visitor with Flotilla 34 for that time. She is crew qualified and has logged over 5000 hours on patrol, a very commendable record. She has done all of this and managed to stay married to "Sir" Bud Compton for lo these last 64 years. We, at Division 3, wish her our heartiest congratulations and hope she continues on with her great cooking for the next 20 years with the Auxiliary.

*Gene Morris, FC 32  
Wenonah, NJ*

## MY FIRST PATROL

I awoke to a brilliant sunny day with the enthusiasm that, I imagine, every first time patroller looked at for the sixty years the Auxiliary has been in existence. I picked up my fellow confederate and together we made the drive to Fortescue, first stopping for breakfast, to embark on our initial patrol. Upon our arrival at Station Fortescue we were met by our Coxswain, who was also the boat owner and his crew person. Together we made all the necessary arrangements prior to shoving off on what I had hoped would be an "adventure". After completing the compilation of provisions and the necessities, i.e. ice, sandwiches, drinks (soda, of course) and the very needy thermos of coffee, I was assigned to the bow line and my confederate was given the stern line and we dutifully tended these lines even though the boat was still on the trailer. Our coxswain backed the boat down the ramp and we took up slack and brought the boat to the assigned position on the dock and tied her up in a very professional manner. Unfortunately we had tied the boat up right squarely in the loading area and had completely blocked any other boats from being launched.

After finally moving the boat and placing it out of the way of those that wanted to launch and feeling a little sheepish, after trying to be so impressive, we stood quietly off to the side and listened to the pre-patrol briefing given by the coxswain. We were shown locations of fire extinguishers, fuel shutoffs, locations of PFDs, charts, ad infinitum. After what seemed like another AUXOP course we were finally told to prepare to get underway.

Contrary to what you are already thinking, we cast off flawlessly and prepared to cure the ills of the world by protecting the boating public from whatever harm may attempt to befall them. We moved out from the dock into the channel and then into the Delaware Bay to take our place in our patrol area following in the wakes of those Auxiliarists who went before us.

We were on patrol for about an hour before the weather began to deteriorate. First a few clouds, then they began to darken and the wind picked up. Then the sky got extremely nasty looking and it began to pour. I sat in the rear of the boating, watching the water run off the brim of my hat wondering why I ever volunteered for this. Just when I began to feel really sorry for myself and figuring that it couldn't get any worse the wind picked up more and waves began to break over the bow of the boat causing me to be even wetter than I was. Now, not being a fisherman, I couldn't understand why people did this under the guise of having fun. Why would fish want to get caught in this kind of weather or even place themselves in jeopardy to be caught. Stay on the bottom and let this nasty weather get out of the way and then come back and allow the fisherman to lie about the size of the one that got away.

Finally, the squall abated and we were left with a cloudy day and a very choppy sea. We proceeded on with our patrol, not really getting caught up within the fishing fleets but just moseying around on the outskirts. I noticed that not only myself but my other shipmates seemed to have there heads on a swivel

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← Attendees at Division 3's award night checking out the awards and displays.  
*Photo by Evelyn Galson, VCP 35*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3  
West Jersey

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as we constantly scanned the area for possible trouble areas. As the noon hour got close the cox'n brought our vessel to idle and dug into his, quite large, lunch bag. He pulled out some of the nastiest looking sandwiches I had ever seen. As we sat there tossing around in these large swells and I began to catch a whiff of those sandwiches, my most feared thought struck me at this time. I was getting seasick. Needless to say, within the next few bites of his sandwich accompanied with the fuel smell from the outboard that was keeping me company in the rear of the boat, I became uncontrollably seasick. I don't believe the bout of seasickness bothered me near as much as did the poor jokes and lack of pity from my shipmates accompanied with the laughing coming from the nearby fishing fleet

The weather didn't cooperate and the wind picked up. Another squall was shortly upon us, which I was, at this time, grateful for as it helped to clean me up somewhat. The fishermen continued to fish, the cox'n continued to eat those vile sandwiches and I, stiff upper lip, continued to feel terrible. Shortly, we eased the throttle forward and moved back on to our assigned area of patrol, gaining a slight headway into the wind and waves. The afternoon passed uneventfully with the radio interrupting our quiet with calls checking if all was well. The silence was occasionally broken by some bit of local lore disseminated by our helpful, sated cox'n interspersed with info regarding points of interest to those who boated in the area.

We passed what seemed like hundreds of boats during our patrol time and nary a call. I thought to myself, as the afternoon passed on, that this was indeed a very dull and uneventful way to pass a Saturday afternoon. As we continued on in our patrol area, I took stock of the day's events and came to the conclusion that yes, it was a dull and uneventful day for us on patrol but to those hundreds, maybe even thousands of fishermen, boaters, pleasure seekers of all kinds, we were there to render any assistance to anyone in need. The feeling of satisfaction came to me as we successfully and uneventfully made our way toward our take out point. After trailering and cleaning up our faithful vessel, making our thanks and goodbyes, I made my way to my vehicle, got out of those nasty, wet clothes and started the engine of my car to get the heater going. My pal and I sat in the car and chewed the fat about the days activities. We decided that although at first glance it appeared this day was wet, uneventful and not much to talk about, in retrospect we fulfilled our mission as is so succinct stated so briefly by the Coast Guard. Semper Paratus... Always Ready.

*Eugene Morris, FC 32  
Wenonah, NJ*

## DIVISION 3 STAFF OFFICERS WORKSHOP

Under the direction of Division Captain Mike Keegan and Vice Captain Russ Galson, Division 3 held their annual Staff Officers Workshop at Millville High School, Millville NJ on March 18, 2000. Guests from outside the Division included Director of Auxiliary CDR Stephen Minutolo, George Leuck RCO-E and Mel Borofsky DCP 7, DSO-PB.

Captain Keegan acted as the moderator. Each Division Staff Officer gave a rundown on what was needed, how it should be done and what reports to submit through the chain of command. The Power Point as a teaching aid was illustrated on Public Education. Captain Borofsky also gave an abbreviated course on TCT, as well as other details on who needs this class, how often, etc. Our Director and RCO-E Leuck brought the group up to date on recent changes along with some items that could be anticipated in the future.

The workshop was about five hours long and included a working break for lunch. Approximately one third of the Division was in attendance and our Captain considered the workshop a success.

*Submitted by Thomas F. Cusack, SO-PA  
Thorofare, NJ*



## DIVISION 3 AWARDS NIGHT

*Photos by Evelyn Galson, VFC 35  
Turnersville, NJ*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 4 Southeast PA

### DIVISION 4 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR DAN AMOROSO

At the Division 4 Change of Watch, the Auxiliarist of the Year Award was presented to Dan Amoroso of Flotilla 47. Dan was honored for his commitment both to the community and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In 1999, Dan served in several offices. He held the offices of Finance Officer, Communications Officer and Communication Systems Officer for Flotilla 47. He assisted the BS&S instructors at Penncrest High School as class supervisor. He served on the Change of Watch Committee for Flotilla 47, Division 4.

At the Division level, Dan held the office of Staff Officer for Communications. On July 19, 1999, he planned a Special Radio Event to commemorate the Coast Guard Auxiliary's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He obtained a special call sign from the Federal communications Commission for the event. Dan coordinated 11 volunteers from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Delaware County Amateur Radio Group of which he is a member. During the Special Radio Event at Group Philadelphia, the volunteers communicated with 35 states, 7 foreign countries and even two U. S. Navy ships. The event was recorded and viewed by logging onto a special website. To commemorate the Special Radio Event, everyone involved received a postcard, called a QSL card, with CG boats on the front and the date and time of the contact on the back. As further testament to Dan's leadership and communications skills, three new members were recruited for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Dan has diligently applied himself and qualified as a crewmember in the Operational Program in record time. He has completed four of the seven Auxiliary Specialty Courses and is currently undergoing Coxswain training. Dan often assists fellow flotilla members with crew qualifications. He enthusiastically welcomes prospective members at flotilla meetings. Dan's service highlights what is best about Team Coast Guard. He leads by encouraging others to do their best.

Division 4 held its annual Change of Watch on Saturday, January 22, 2000 in Essington, PA. Flotilla 47 served as host of the event. Committee members were Dan Amoroso, Jim Holefelder, Joe Rzucidlo, Mary Rzucidlo and Cherie Wienzcek.

The guest speaker was Tom Lamaine, KYW News personality. Mr. Lamaine spoke of his military service in the U. S. Navy as a pilot. Mr. Lamaine commented on the value of his military training and how it has served him in civilian life. He also spoke of his respect and admiration for the activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Honored guests were Commander Steve Minutolo, DIRAUX, Commodore John Locasale, and RCO(C) Gene Bentley. During the Change of Watch, Rick Stabler and Ron Boice reaffirmed their oath of office as Captain and Vice Captain of Division 4, respectively.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 5 Harrisburg, PA

### DIVISION 5 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Jack Ruggles (Flotilla 53) was the recipient of the Auxiliarist of the Year Award, which he graciously accepted from John Locasale, DCO. Jack's known for being willing to assist others with any and all tasks. He serves as ADSO-OP (W).



Anne Nash, IPFC 53, was recognized as Div 5's Flotilla Commander of the Year. Vice Commodore 5NR Robert Perrone, presented the award. When needed, she willingly stepped in to pull the Flotilla together.



Jane Turnau (Flotilla 56) was honored as Staff Officer of the Year for her work as SO-PB. Her persistent efforts resulted in a much-needed newsletter and roster for Div 5. William Weihbrecht, RCO(W), presented the award. LeTort Community Center, Carlisle War College, Carlisle, PA was the site for this year's Div 5 Change of Watch.

*Above photos and captions by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB  
Fayetteville, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5  
Harrisburg, PA

## AN UNUSUAL ATON PATROL

During a past summer, my wife and I were asked to do an unusual AtoN patrol (AtoN = aid to navigation). We had our 34' trawler docked in the Seneca Creek near Baltimore. Because we were members in the 5NR and our facility was in the 5SR, the then-Director of our District requested that we do a buoy survey of the lighted buoys from the Patapsco to the C & D canal. Being amenable to try anything new, we replied in the affirmative.

Because this endeavor was to take place in 5SR waters, I requested that I be permitted to use the AtoN qualified staff from the 5SR, and was granted permission. I was impressed with the expeditiousness with which the arrangements fell into place from the 5NR office. It was very easy to gather the two 5SR Auxiliarists and we were ready to do the task within a week of the conception.



Because we were to place the technician on each buoy and then retrieve him once his replacements, calibrations and tests were performed on each, I quickly made long "lock fenders" to protect the sides of SUNBEAM from the vicious steel lifting eyes protruding from the sides of each buoy. Because these were AtoN patrols we would run them during the week and avoid all that pleasure boating traffic of the weekends.

### *"And away we go"*

As planned the crew and the technician assembled dockside in the Seneca Creek and we agreed upon a course of action for the project. We would start with the first lighted buoy east of the Francis Scott Key bridge in the Brewerton channel and work our way east to the Bay and then north to the beginning of the Chesapeake & Delaware canal. Obviously this would take several days.

The first day we finished the buoys up to Tolchester, MD, on the Eastern shore. Because the technician had relatives in Tolchester, I agreed that he spend the night with them and we placed him ashore for the night. The next morning found fog on the Bay and we carefully (I had not yet equipped the facility with radar) made our way to Tolchester where we retrieved our technician. By now the fog had cleared enough that I felt it was safe to put him on a buoy beside the main shipping channel with safety.

### *The procedure we followed*

Let me describe the procedure we put in place to assist the "servicing" of each buoy. Very carefully I placed SUNBEAM against the buoy being mindful to make a gentle contact between the lifting eyes. He stepped off onto the superstructure of the buoy. Then one of the crew handed him his tool bag. We backed off and lay to about 200 feet off where we could

maintain voice communications. After he had replaced the burned out bulbs, checked the photoelectric plate/s and serviced the other systems on the light mechanism, he was ready to run his tests. Now we were able to assist him in providing time parameters for his tests as well as visual confirmation of the light and its characteristics. Once all was within specifications, we approached the buoy once more and the technician rejoined us aboard SUNBEAM.

It is worthy to note here that several of the pilots running the passing freighters would reduce speed when they realized what we were doing. I would later note on the Tennessee-Tom Bigbee waterway, that the tow boat captains would extend the same courtesy to us. That is a significant action for these men and women pilots and captains to do for their steerage and maneuverability is diminished during the passage.

One of the crew's tasks was to scan the channel (both north and south) for an approaching ship, in which case we lay off the channel until the wake had passed and then put him on the buoy. Remember, 12 to 15 feet above the water line on a bobbing, weaving, tossing buoy would be an unusual and memorable experience I was certain he would prefer to miss. Also, another unrealized fact of buoy life: the seagull guano you casually note from your passing boat is in reality a very odoriferous and pasty substance with which he had to contend. I disposed of the brand new Auxiliary PFD I had loaned him for the project when he finished.



Other experiences we encountered were: several buoys had been claimed by the ospreys for residency and their lights were obscured or restricted by the nests and a temporary buoy had been chained to each of them. We did not even approach those buoys. They would be reclaimed for service after the nesting season had passed.

So we proceeded to finish the assignment, returned the technician to Seneca Creek and we each (the four Auxiliarists on board SUNBEAM) received a coffee mug from the skipper of the RED OAK. This experience has never been written up before this so it has been unknown to the world except for the four of us and the technician. Think of the money this saved the USCG! Our memories were richly enlarged by the experience.

*Howard and Betty Guest, Flotilla 56  
Chambersburg, PA*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6  
West Trenton, NJ

## DIVISION 6 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Division 6 Captain, Bill Schmitz, presents Doreen Nemiroff, SO-MS 6 with the Auxiliarist of the Year Award. The presentation took place at the Division's Change of Watch, January 16, 2000.

*Photo and caption by Robert L. Layton, ADSO-AV, VCP 6  
Wenonah, NJ*



## DIVISION 5 AUXILIARIST JOINS CG AFTER COXSWAIN AWARD



Commander Stephen J. Minutolo, USCG, Director of Auxiliary, 5NR [r] presents Matt Strubhar, Flotilla 56, his Coxswain pin during ceremonies at the Division 5 Change of Watch. Matt has recently been accepted as a recruit with US Coast Guard. Matt will be starting his training at Training Center, Cape May.

**CONGRATULATIONS MATT  
AND SEMPER PARATUS**

*Caption and photo by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB  
Fayetteville, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7  
Southern Ocean County, NJ

## LET 'EM KNOW ABOUT IT

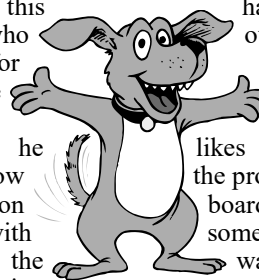


Edna Frederick, SO-PA 7, pointing to Flotilla 7-10's billboard on actively traveled Route 9 in Waretown, NJ. FC Jim Mulcahy stated, "Since installing the sign, the number of students has increased tremendously".

*Photo by Jeff Frederick, FSO-MS 7-10  
Whiting, NJ*

## HEY PET LOVERS

Ever have this happen to you? Lots of us who own pets like to take them out for a ride with us. Then the inevitable happens, "Rover" sees something that he likes or dislikes and over he goes. Now the problem begins; how to get him back on board. What with high freeboards and with some boats being so high out of the water, it presents a problem. By leaning over the side, you may fall into the water (hopefully you're wearing your PFD). Now there's two to get out of the water.



A few of us were "boat talking" and this subject came up. One of the suggestions was to get a bicycle or motorcycle inner tube (depending on the size of the dog), put a small amount of water or sand in it (enough to submerge the bottom of the tube a little). As Rover is paddling alongside of the boat, hold onto one end and place the tube in the water, in front of the dog. Get his front legs into the inner tube; slide your other hand down and around the tube, tightening the loop around him. Lift and scoop him into the boat. This also can be used on small children.

**Try it, you may like it.**

*John A. McVey, FC 7-11  
Bayville, NJ*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7

Southern Ocean County, NJ

## THEY ALSO SERVE WHO PACK AND STOW

Summer is upon us and the boating season begins. Marinas are alive with the sound of men and boys sanding and polishing their vessels. From the smallest, oars or a sail, to the largest twin screw, the polish and paint is applied. They are getting each boat ready for launching after spending the winter on land.

The meeting for all Captains is posted. The charts are spread out, and the Captains bend to the task. True and magnetic and set and drift become the topics of the day. Tides, bridges, inlets and canals become the focus of conversation.

After most of the difficult decisions are made; the mate, female and related is hailed aboard. She is given a general idea of where they will be heading so as to pack the proper clothing. She is given the time to be spent at sea so the meals can be planned, bought and stored. The port of calls are named so she can familiarize herself with laundry facilities. Then the Captains return to the important matters, generally retelling adventures experienced, getting better with each telling.

The journey begins at first light. Mugs of fresh brewed coffee appear on the bridge, later muffins, jam, fruit are produced. Rain slickers as needed are at hand. The mate spells the captain at the wheel, to keep him from becoming fatigued, keeps on course and completes her watch. About noon sandwiches are produced with gallons of ice tea with fresh lemon, pickles and chips. To get her out of the galley after everything has been cleared and stowed away the mate is encouraged to come up to the bridge and stand watch at the wheel for a few hours. This task completed she goes below.

The day ends with the boat tied up safely and another meal is on the table. Men folk are topside exchanging tales. Fresh from the shower, smelling of after shave, skin sun-bronzed, resplendent in gleaming white shorts and a beautifully tailored knit shirt, mug in hand getting embroiled in the social mingling that is so much a part of a new port o call for the boats and their masters. This can be safely logged as a daily routine for the length of the cruise.

The length and beam of the vessel, her propulsion, age, make, model, handling are fuel for conversation. I have never heard discussed where you could find room to store 14 rolls of toilet paper, 10 cakes of soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, and all the items needed for 10 days of meals with scant refrigeration.

The extra sweater, the warm, the cool, the sunblock, toothpaste, shampoo have been put away out of sight. The bedding is dry, the towels are clean, and the ship is in shape, the Captain is happy. He is glad he talked his spouse into coming along for the ride. After all we all know that being at sea is good for the sole!

*Marie McGlynn, FSO-PB 79  
Lanoka Harbor, NJ*

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AUXILIARY



Mel Borofsky, Captain, Division 7, (L) presenting the Auxiliary 30 year service award to Tom Connelly, Flotilla 7-10.

*Photo by Edna Frederick, SO-PA 7  
Whiting, NJ*



John Schmelzle, FSO-PE 7-11 demonstrating Aid to Navigation models to a recent safe boating class..



At center photo, Station Cape May Executive Office, Commander Curtis Odom and TRACEN Cape May CO, Captain Sally Brice-O'Hara accept Flotilla 7-11 contributions for a Coast Guardsman injured in an auto accident. From right, Tim Bonsper, FSO-FN; John McVey, FC; Tom Murray, FSO-PA; and Arthur Brittan, VFC.

*Above 2 photos and captions by Tom Murray, FSO-PA 7-11  
Whiting, NJ*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southeast New Jersey

## NEW VESSEL EXAMINER PROGRAM

By now I'm sure that all of you have been bombarded with notices about the new changes to the Vessel Examiner Program. This program has taken extreme measures to make it "user friendly" for the Auxiliarist. With the setup of the program as it now stands, no one should lose his standing in the Vessel Examination program.

With this in mind, we should concentrate on the boater on whose boat we are performing the Vessel Safety Check. Let's spend a little time with him. Let's sell the Auxiliary and the work we do as the civilian arm of the regular Coast Guard!!

Discuss our programs with the boater. Ask him if he took a boating course. Can he read a chart? How about operating his GPS? Is he at ease talking on the Radio? Does he know what to do if he gets in trouble on the water? If he says "No" to any of these questions, he is a good candidate for our BS&S course. Let him know that the answers to these questions can be gotten by taking a boating course. Extend an invitation for him to come to a Flotilla meeting and observe firsthand the work we do. Make him understand that you will be happy to send a notice of our meeting night to him as a reminder.

Each and everyone of you are salesmen and teachers every time you perform a Vessel Safety Check. As an old Gillette Razor commercial went "Be sharp, look sharp, feel sharp". This can go a long way in helping the Auxiliary meet its goals for 2000 and your time and energy spent with boater will result in an inner feeling of a job well-done.

Make a friend on your next Vessel Safety Check.

*Bud Troiano SO-VE/MDV 8  
Wildwood Crest, NJ*



Bud Troiano, FC 83, presenting the Auxiliary Seamanship Award to the winning Coast Guard recruit at graduation ceremonies, TRACEN Cape May. Standing next to Bud is Captain Sally Brice-O'Hara, Commanding Officer, TRACEN Cape May.



Bud Troiano, FC 83 with BM2 John Cowden, USCG, presenting graduating certificates to the graduates of a Boating Skills and Seamanship course.



Bud Troiano, FC 83 and Inez Troiano, VFC 83, during "Thunder on the Lake" motor boat races in Wildwood Crest, NJ.

*Photo submitted by Bud Troiano, FC 83  
Wildwood Crest, NJ*



A man of many talents, Bud Troiano, FC 83, entertaining the members of Flotilla 83 at their annual Christmas party. Looking on are Joan and Bud Armstrong, FC 86, and Inez Troiano, VFC 83.

*Above 3 photos submitted by Bud Troiano, FC 83  
Wildwood Crest, NJ*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10  
ALLENTOWN, PA

## DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH SCENES



## PENNSYLVANIA BOAT SHOW



Safe Boating Booth manned at the Pennsylvania Boat Show by Alice Stamm, FSO-SR 10-6 and Aston C. Smith, VFC 10-6.

*All photos on this page by M. Phillip Stamm  
Wyncote, PA*





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 11  
Reading, PA

## DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH



Vice Commodore Robert Perrone administering the oath of office.



Receiving the oath of office are William Lewullis, DCP 11 and Diane Bossler, VCP 11.



Rear Commodore-West William Weihbrecht (L) congratulates newly elected Division 11 Captain William Lewullis on his reappointment.

Division 11 celebrated its new bridge with their annual Change of Watch banquet, held at the "River Edge" convention center in Reading PA. A wonderful evening of fellowship was shared by all.

*Article and photos by  
John Lenart, SO-PA 11  
Birdsboro, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## DIVISION 12 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Robert Perrone, Vice Commodore 5NR presents the Division 12 Auxiliary of the Year award to Louise D. Ruff, SO-PE 12.

*Photo by Carolyn Otto, SO-PB 12  
Dover, DE*

## NEW FLOTILLA BRIDGES



(L to R) Richard Smith, FC 12-9; John DeMartino, VFC 12-2; Linda Gibson, VFC 12-4; Wayne Hickman, FC 12-4; Joanne DiGiovanni, VFC 12-5; Nancy Otto, FC 12-5; Wally Brown, FC 12-2; James Klaas, FC 12-1; William F. Earl, FC 12-3.

*Photo by John Bernath, 12-2  
Millsboro, DE*



District Commodore John Locasale presenting the Flotilla "Recruiter" award for most new members to John Bernath, IPFC 12-2.

*Photo by Tom O'Dore, FSO-MA 12-9  
Lewes, DE*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## SAFETY EXPO



Over 1000 customers visited this Boating Safety Booth at Lowe's Home Center on 4-5 March, manned by Flotilla 12-2. (L to R) Leonard Leschensky, FSO-FN; Ruth Jopling, FSO-PE; "Smokey"; Richard Hays, Wally Brown, FC; and Joseph Phillips.

*Photo by John Bernath, FSO-PA 12-2  
Millsboro, DE*



Al Grimminger, Captain Division 12 receives Membership award from District Commodore John A. Locasale.



At the Division 12 award ceremony, (L to R) Bob Amort, VCP 12; Al Grimminger, DCP 12; the late George Leuck, RCO-E; Robert Perrone, VCO 5NR; and John A. Locasale, DCO 5NR.

*Above 2 photos by Tom O'Dore, FSO-MA 12-9  
Lewes, DE*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14  
Susquehanna, PA

## DIVISION 14 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR Kenneth M. Bashore

Ken began his Auxiliary service with Flotilla 55, Lebanon, Pa. in 1969. Flotilla 55 became Flotilla 14-3 when Division 14 was formed. Mr. Bashore has served almost half of his Auxiliary career as an Elected Officer; including several terms as Vice Flotilla Commander, four terms as Flotilla Commander. On the Division Level, Ken has served as Vice Division Captain, and three terms as Division Captain. On the District level, he has served two terms as Rear Commodore West.



During his Auxiliary career Mr. Bashore has served a variety of appointed offices at all levels. Ken is a Coxswain and Qualification Examiner in the Boat Crew Program, a Vessel Examiner, and a Marine Dealer visitor. Ken is an AUXOP member and is Instructor Qualified.

In addition to his service to his Flotilla and Division, Ken has worked with other Flotillas in the Division. Ken is always available to answer questions for any Auxiliarist, and if he doesn't have the answer he will get the answer. Ken never fails to answer the call to help his flotilla with any Public Affairs activity and is first to volunteer for social activities.

Ken was elected for a fourth term as Division Captain of 14 for the year 2000, again answering the call.

*Submitted by: Hank Demler FC 14-3, DSO-PE  
Lebanon, PA*

Todd and Colleen Shreve, Flotilla 14-2, proudly present their newborn son Colin to the Flotilla at the first monthly meeting of 2000. Colin was born during our one and only snow storm in Dover, PA this year. We believe "Storm" is just the right moniker for the tyke. His unofficial status with the Flotilla is that of "Junior" member. We welcome Colin into the Auxiliary with lots of hugs and kisses.

*Caption and photo  
submitted by  
Alba Thorn, SO-PB 14  
Dover, PA*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14  
Susquehanna, PA

## WORKIN' MEN



(L to R) Phil A. Watkins, FC 14-5, Edward J. Ross, Jr., Base Susquehanna Administrator, Todd J. Shreve, FC 14-2 and Henry "Hank" Demler, FC 14-3. Four untiring Division 14 Auxiliarists stop working on the construction of a new dock for the SARDET at Long Level, PA, on the Susquehanna River, long enough to have their picture taken.

3 photos, above and below, submitted by Alba Thorn, SO-PB 14  
Dover, PA



## AWARDS PRESENTED AT DIVISION 14's CHANGE OF WATCH BANQUET

## A TRUE STORY

A few years ago, a friend Dan and myself were fishing in roughly the middle of Delaware Bay. It was a beautiful day although the fish were not cooperating in the way you would like but we continued to fish. As a good Auxiliarist, I had my VHF radio turned on and set on channel 16 just as the book says. We noticed that we didn't hear the usual banter and messages that pour out of the radio but really didn't think anything of it.

When the fishing gets slow, we often observe what is going around us which on this day included a CG helicopter far off on the horizon. I pointed out to my fishing buddy that it seemed to be circling in ever decreasing circles. "Dan, I'll bet he is looking for someone" I stated. "Yea it looks that way," said Dan.

About that time one of us hooked a fish so we kind of forgot about the chopper. All of a sudden I looked up and the chopper was hovering about 100 feet or so directly above the boat. I don't know what happened to the fish. I looked up and saw a Coast Guardsman standing in the open door and he was holding his ears with both hands. I immediately thought that something had gone wrong at home (which was 150 miles away) and the chopper wanted to speak to me. It turned out that he did want to speak but not for that reason. I grabbed the mike and when I keyed it, I must have let go of it too, for I heard the chopper pilot say "Small boat Angler, (Angler is the name on the side of my vessel) you are blocking out communication all over Delaware Bay". Then I realized that the key on the mike must have been stuck in the on position, which explains why we had heard nothing on the radio. I sheepishly turned off the radio and the chopper flew away. Soon thereafter I replaced the radio with another.

But the lesson learned from this experience is to check your radio when you turn it on not just for reception but also for transmission. Make sure your mike key isn't sticking in the on position. I hope this embarrassing episode didn't cause any serious harm or other problems on Delaware Bay that day. I also hope the chopper pilot didn't see my facility sticker.

David F. Snee, FC 14-4  
Spring Grove, PA



On Patrol, Dave Snee, FC 14-4 and Fred Reck, VFC 14-4



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15

Frontier

## FLOTILLA 15-2 ON PARADE



Nine members of Flotilla 15-2, Stroudsburg, PA, participated in the town's St. Patrick's Day Parade. They had 2 facilities and three vehicles, along with "PFD Panda" who drove the two mile route making the public aware of boating safety. (L to R) Helga Lowe, Simer Lowe, FSO-VE; Richard Lord (Panda), DCP 15; Les Sharp, FSO-AN; David Edinger, FSO-OP; and Richard Bull, IPFC.

*Article and photo by George D. Butts, VFC 15-2  
Stroudsburg, PA*

## NEW BRIDGE AND STAFF INSTALLED



IPDCP Don Bowes installs the newly elected officers of Flotilla 15-5.

## BOATING SAFELY COURSE



IPDCP Don Bowes and William Stuck, VFC 15-5 conduct this class at the VFW in Mt. Carmel, PA. Making more knowledgeable boaters.

## SAFE BOATING MISSIONARIES



Reaching the boating public, in the far corner of Division 15 (right next to Montana), Grace and Don Bowes, 15-5, and Kevin Holzwarth, 15-7, display Auxiliary information and do Vessel Safety Checks at Willow Bay Camping Area and Boat Launch on the Kinzua Dam. This site is in the northwestern corner of Division 15.

*Photo and article by Adtrida V. Miller, SO-PB 15  
Covington, PA*

## WILLIAMSPORT BOAT SHOW



Manning the Safe Boating Booth are James Gotthelf, FSO-PA 15-5 and Edward Davis, SO-PA 15.

*Above 3 photos and captions by Jim Gotthelf, FSO-PA 15-5  
Herndon, PA*

## SAFE BOATING MISSIONARIES



Flotilla 15-3 Auxiliary instructors Donna and Jack Borzell instructed the Duryea Junior Girl Scout Troop 897 in earning their boating/small craft badges. The girls participated in class and in demonstrations with their instructors.

*Submitted by Donna  
Borzell, FC 15-3  
Falls, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16  
Northern Jersey Shore

## DIVISION 16 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



District 5NR Commodore John A. Locasale presents the Division 16 Auxiliary of the Year award to Brenda Moscatiello, Flotilla 16-7.

*Photo by Ted Hall, FSO-PB 16-7  
Allenwood, NJ*

## FLOTILLA HOLDS COMPUTER CLASS



Flotilla 16-1 held a computer training class and invited all Auxiliaries to join in. Members from Divisions 7 and 16 attended and either brushed up their skills or finally climbed on the new technology bandwagon.

*Thomas A. Egizi, FC 16-1  
Freehold, NJ*


## SCENES FROM DIVISION 16's CHANGE OF WATCH 2000

*All photos by Ted Hall, FSO-PB 16-7  
Allenwood, NJ*



# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Fifth Northern District - 2000 Calendar of Events

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP
<p>2-5 District PWC School</p> <p>7-11 Eastern Area Boat Crew School</p> <p>12 Board Inc Meeting</p> <p>14 Flag Day</p>  <p>15 Unit Reports Due</p> <p>18 Father's Day</p> <p>21 First Day of Summer</p>  <p>22-24 OPSAIL 2000 PHILADELPHIA</p> <p>26 Conference Report Due to DIRAUX</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>  <p>7 Central Area EXCOM</p> <p>10 Board Inc. Meeting</p> <p>15 Unit Reports Due</p> <p>22 District Budget Meeting GRP Phila</p> <p>24 AIM Week Starts</p> 	<p>7 EXCOM-PHILA</p> <p>10 Eastern Area EXCOM</p> <p><b>14 Board Inc Meeting</b></p> <p>15 Unit Reports Due</p> <p>18 Western Area EXCOM</p>  <p>25 Conf Report to DIRAUX</p> <p>27 NACON 2000 Kansas City</p> <p>30 <i>TOPSIDE DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>4 Labor Day</p>  <p>11 Board Inc Meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>15-17 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE</b></p> </div>  <p>22 1st Day of Autumn</p> <p>30</p> 



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