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On the Cover: The tragic events of September 11, 2001 gave rise to a wave of patriotism not seen in many decades. "Old Glory" was flown from homes, car antennas, almost any place you could sink a flag pole. TOPSIDE thought it fitting for our flag, the symbol of our freedom and democracy, to grace the cover of this issue in honor and memory of those lives that were lost in New York City and Washington, DC. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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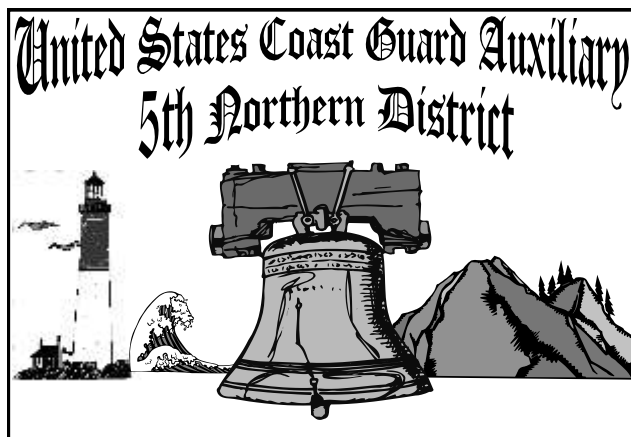
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Editor's note:

The deadline for this issue of TOPSIDE was 31 August 2001. This date preceded the events that took place on 11 September.

Since most of the articles that appear in this issue were written well before that date, no reference is made to the attack and its aftermath. This notice is to belay any appearance of insensitivity by those authors.

We at TOPSIDE extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those lost in the attacks on New York and Washington, DC.

We pay homage to the men and women who sacrificed their lives to save their fellow citizens during the havoc of that day. We also say Bravo Zulu to the fireman, police and other rescue workers who strived to save lives during the weeks that followed.

We support our President and our armed forces in the war against terrorism.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



ADMIRAL JAMES M. LOY COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD RESPONSE TO ACTS OF TERRORISM

On September 11th, The United States was savagely attacked by a brutal, elusive enemy, who is determined through terror to undermine our strength, weaken our resolve, and destroy the American way of Life.

Coast Guard forces, including Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary members, have responded expertly on all fronts to this attack. The immediate response of all commands was superb by any measure. Our forces aggressively protected the nation's ports and waterways, provided security to people and property, and assisted in rescue and recovery efforts. On top of everything else, many of our members in New York and Washington, especially our Chaplain Corps, waded in among the ashes to come alongside those who were mourning and in despair over the loss of loved ones who perished so mercilessly. I want to thank each of you who did so.

I have been hearing and reading so many stories of heroic efforts in the aftermath of the destruction. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, Coast Guard members have given their all in devotion to duty during a time of crisis. Even in the midst of a terrible event that few would have imagined, much less predicted, you have again affirmed that preparedness equals performance. Your readiness to respond has afforded the American people a much needed sense of confidence and helped restore a measure of security and stability to our ports and waterways despite the damage done. You have helped to minimize the potential economic impact to commerce that depends on the maritime transportation system.

Now it is appropriate to consider and plan how to sustain the good work that we've done. As we do so, it is important to reflect that two types of priorities determine the focus of our efforts: those we chose and those that were thrust upon us. We are now faced with urgent and important need to attend to issues of homeland security, which has been thrust to the forefront of our missions. The Coast Guard is a unique instrument of national security. We are more sure than ever that no other service or agency is so well equipped and prepared to provide the maritime security that our nation so desperately needs now from us.

I realize that all of you are working tremendously hard right now, perhaps harder than ever before. I want you to know that I am working diligently with the Secretary of Transportation and the area commanders to devise a plan to meet our current challenges and responsibilities in a way that will honor both the public trust and the needs of our service, today and tomorrow. While we work together, take care of each other and take care of your families. Though we might each remain willing, it is through mutual support that together we can remain strong and able.

One final thought. At no time in our modern history has the security of the United States been more directly threatened than now. At no time has leadership been more important to restoring and maintaining that security. The leadership of our nation and its armed forces will ensure that this present evil is soundly defeated, both at home and abroad.

As we do so, let us make certain that we do not mistake friend for foe, and that we honor and respect all members of our society and our service, regardless of race, creed, or religion. Islam is not our enemy, and neither are our Muslim brothers and sisters, both here and around the globe. Every leader, whether in charge of a District or a deck gang, must rise to the challenge now before us, and through compassion, commitment, and courage, lead the way as we strive to overcome our present trials.

In his address to the nation and the world before a joint session of Congress, President Bush said, "The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain." I share his fierce determination and his confidence in our final victory. We will stand united with him.

*Admiral James M. Loy
Commandant of the Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.*



NATIONAL COMMODORE

Colleagues,

Today I received a call from Admiral Loy, the Commandant of the Coast Guard. He called me to express his personal thanks and that of the Coast Guard for the response and service of Auxiliarists and the Auxiliary in providing the critical assistance needed for the Coast Guard to accomplish its missions and carry out its assignments during the last three weeks. He said, "We couldn't have done it without you."



Admiral Loy was anxious to have his thanks passed down the chain to each and every Auxiliarist, those who came forth to serve when called as well as those who were not called but were ready to respond when and if called, i.e. everyone of us in the Auxiliary. Please, make it so.

The Coast Guard and other planners continue to develop the policies and standards for conduct of operations and support of maritime security efforts for the future. When additional roles for the Auxiliary are defined we must be ready and we will respond.

To assure that the Auxiliary is not only ready but ready at an appropriate level and that Auxiliary Leaders have good knowledge on the status of their member Auxiliarists, I am initiating Operation Patriot Readiness to audit the total Auxiliary membership, determine the current state of readiness, identify training and qualification deficiencies, if any, plan for and initiate focused training where needed to bring to a higher state of readiness all Auxiliarists who are able and willing to serve when asked.

The Operation Order (OPORD) for Operation Patriot Readiness is in work now and will be available by the November National Area Planning Meetings for implementation shortly thereafter. You will be kept advised of this endeavor and your roles in making this a success.

Semper Paratus!

Thanks for all you and all Auxiliarists do in service to our country and the Coast Guard.

Respectfully,

Viggo Bertelsen, Jr., National Commodore



CHIEF DIRECTOR

At least for the moment, these are to some degree confusing times for the Coast Guard, and the Auxiliary as well. Clearly, the Coast Guard's number one priority now is maritime security, most specific to port, coastal, and waterways security. Much of our resources and attention will be devoted to this area. It's hard to say what the impact will be on our other traditional, core missions, viz., search and rescue, counter drug and migrant operations, aids to navigation, etc. Clearly, these mission areas will still need attention during these high op tempo times. We've also declared "war" on terrorism. So, by the book - that is, Title 14, United States Code - the question arises as to whether the Coast Guard will transfer to the Department of the Navy. Perhaps, but more likely perhaps not, for this kind of unconventional war. Also, how will this new Cabinet-level Homeland Defense Agency affect the Coast Guard? Is this more of a coordination effort, vice an organizational shift?



And how will this all affect the Auxiliary? Will the Auxiliary's primary role shift from RBS and PE to port security? Will the Auxiliary still focus on SAR and RBS to provide continued mission effectiveness while the Coast Guard devotes all efforts to maritime security? Will the Auxiliary be called upon for backfill in other areas, like administrative support? Do we need to look at existing policy and change or modify it to fit today's security environment?

The answers to all these questions are NOT CLEAR today. Rest assured, all these issues are being worked on, and worked on hard. This war needs to be defined, as does the current security environment. Then we need to work on the best ways to address the threat. Exactly where the Coast Guard and Auxiliary fit best will come. Maritime Security will have priority, but other missions need to be carried out, as best as possible. One thing clear to me is that the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue to be side by side, with the Auxiliary providing support for missions only the Coast Guard can do, and backfill in missions areas that the Auxiliary is trained and ready to do. It is likely to get interesting, over the next few weeks and months. The Auxiliary's part will most certainly be those support and backfill roles which are most critical to maritime security as well as traditional missions. Some Auxiliarists with particular skill sets might be asked to volunteer in a variety of different areas, i.e., areas in which the Coast Guard is short.

For now, the Auxiliary's focus needs to be on supporting the Coast Guard to the greatest extent possible. It is time to show the Nation just how valuable and important the Auxiliary is. Keep up the great work!

CAPT David Hill, USCG, Chief Director of the Auxiliary

DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY

In light of the extraordinary and tragic events that have recently occurred in our nation, it is understandably difficult for any of us to focus on what used to be casually referred to as "business as usual." But try we have, and try we must – for if there is any one single characteristic that personifies our citizenry across this land, it is determination.

It is determination that has permeated the American profile from our forefathers to our future generations that are literally being born today. It is determination that has driven the Herculean rescue and recovery efforts in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. And it is determination that will ultimately and fully restore all sense of security, purpose...and "business as usual" in this great country. Determination is no stranger amongst you – a notion that will not be lost amid the dust and debris caused by the agents of darkness anywhere on this Earth.

Coast Guard tasks are still at hand – and your determination is needed as never before. When I initially drafted this article, Operation Boat Smart was its principal vehicle – but that all changed with the passing of September 11, 2001. As that day's events sledge-hammered me into taking a good, long look at the grand scheme of life in these United States, like it did for every other American and our friends around the world, they also provided just cause to commit to all that we regard...as good.

What the U.S. Coast Guard does...is good. What the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary does...is good. If you can teach a single lesson in a local boating safety course because you are a concerned Auxiliary instructor and can even slightly suspect that you got through to as little as one of the students so as to make them a better prepared and knowledgeable boater, then rest assured...you have done good. If you can help a local group like the Propeller Club or Sea Scout Ship or community organization by speaking at one of their meetings and conveying the experience, service and value provided by this organization, then you, too, have done good. If you can offer even just a couple of hours visiting a few remote rod and reel stores and gaining their support in offering boating safety literature to their customers because you are a concerned Marine Dealer Visitor, then you have certainly done good.

These are only three, small examples of what it truly means to be part of the U.S. Coast Guard – there are many more, as you well know, and the goodness gained by them only serves to promote our desire to do that much more – because we are determined. Trust in it, and in our collective selves – and thank you for continuing to do so.

*Stephen J. Minutolo, Commander, USCG
Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR, Philadelphia, PA*



DISTRICT COMMODORE

The events of 11 September 2001 have truly caused us to realize how vulnerable our Nation is to attacks on our land, our citizens and collaterally to our economy. As was heard many times during the media coverage, "we are a resilient and determined Nation" and we will not be discouraged in our total rebuilding efforts.

As Auxiliarists, there are many lessons of which we are reminded and of which we must heed and practice on an ongoing basis.

First and foremost, we must be ***Semper Paratus***. We must maintain our preparedness and be ready to execute any operational and support missions assigned to us by the Coast Guard. These missions, while directed only by the Coast Guard may be many and varied and may be in support of state or local authorities that have requested assistance.

It is vitally important, therefore, that our officers maintain current information relative to the availability of resources that may be needed. Each member must immediately identify with their officers any times they would not be available for support operations so that valuable time is not lost attempting to contact someone who is not available.

I ask that every Auxiliarist honestly and truly evaluate their offer of assistance with particular regard to their degree of expertise, training and physical ability to perform the mission. There are always missions that can be done which will not jeopardize others as a result of someone's limitations in a mission they attempt to complete but for which they are not prepared.

Our member training must be ongoing, even to the point of redundancy, so that our missions will be performed in the most efficient, competent and professional manner. We must remember that any call for Auxiliarists must be in accordance with the chain of communication. Our District supports three Coast Guard Groups including an Air Station. All operational and support activities, therefore, must be coordinated and executed via the chain and with the knowledge of the Emergency Response Coordinator. A continued line of communication is to be observed in order to efficiently execute our missions.

We cannot forget that all of us are "immigrants" to this Country; we the Auxiliary, above all, must recognize the diversity of our Nation and act accordingly.

The Fifth Northern is and will remain in the forefront as a premier District in our great Nation. Execute your missions in a proud, professional and above all, a safe manner.

*Robert J. Perrone, District Commodore, 5NR
Hockessin, DE*



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VICE COMMODORE

GOALS

The Fifth District, Northern Region, is one of the most productive regions in the nation. We have many dedicated Auxiliarists who work hard to help the boating public. However, I believe we need to stretch our muscles. Have YOU achieved YOUR goals as an Auxiliarist so far this year? YOU as an individual Auxiliarist must set YOUR own goals. The National Commodore cannot set your goals, nor can the District Commodore or the Vice Commodore, or the Division Captain or the Flotilla Commander. Administratively we may suggest goals for the District, Division or Flotilla, but only you can set your individual goals. Some set goals that are easily attainable, others accept the challenge and stretch their muscles. Consider joining the group that "stretches the muscles".

We especially need to increase our efforts in the Vessel Examination program. The value of this program extends beyond the mere numbers of vessels examined. It was gratifying to me to be able to help a novice boater who had moored his boat using a strange "knot". I showed him how to tie a bowline and strongly recommended that he take a boating course. The next time I was at that marina I saw that he had used bowlines for mooring. Hopefully he will take a boating course. This is one of the features of doing a VSC that really makes the program worthwhile.

Unfortunately, we don't always get credit for what we have done, for one reason or another. These reasons are usually "people problems". Be sure to submit your paperwork in a timely fashion through the appropriate channels. This fall check to be sure all your activity has been recorded in AUXMIS before December so that appropriate corrections can be made, if necessary, before the end of the year. The job has not been done until all the paperwork is completed.

*Eugene A. Bentley, Jr., VCO 5NR
Newtown Square, PA*



REAR COMMODORE-EAST

COMMUNICATION

Communication is of prime importance in the Auxiliary. The ability to communicate properly is imparted in every phase of our member training. Total emphasis is offered through AUXCOM, the Communications Specialty Course, which, when successfully completed, is a step toward the coveted goal, AUXOP (Operational Auxiliarist).

The dictionary defines communication as... "the exchange of messages, thoughts or the like as by special signals or writing." Additionally, communication seeks... to make known... to spread... to transfer... to impact... to be connected.

Communications directly affects all of us. . . . "I didn't know that." "When did two vessel safety check forms become required?" "This Form was returned marked obsolete. How would I have known there is a new form?"... and so on... sound familiar?

Communication among District, Division and Flotilla staff remains an organizational gap. Too often at Division meetings, the statement is repeated... "No reports from the Flotilla Staff Officer (FSO)". Likewise, FSOs indicate no information has been received from their Division Staff officers (SOs). District Staff Officers (DSOs) complain of the lack of reports from the SOs but do they regularly receive information from above and thus are able to communicate "down the line" appropriately?

Consider removing the "C" gap now! Fall is typically the season for beginnings. Our elections will be certified and mission activities for 2002 planned. What a perfect time then to place renewed emphasis on communications including a resolution to monitor such throughout the year. Transfer of information "up the line" can be simply accomplished. Require written reports. A duplicate FSO report is forwarded to the SO who compiles a Division report for the DSO. From the DSO report, National is kept current both of the accomplishments and needs of our programs.

As we improve inter-Auxiliary communications, don't forget the local scene. How about a phone call or e-mail relating highlights of the agenda to a member who has missed a meeting. Tell them they were missed and that we value their input. Fraternal communication might prevent longer absences and hopefully bring back members who have not attended meetings for longer periods.

Many other suggestions are certainly viable to improve communications. The point remains, we all must consciously recognize the need to conscientiously eliminate the communication gap by whatever system will do this for your Unit... make known... spread... transfer... impact the information. We will then be truly connected!

*Regina R. Stretch, RCO-E 5N
Brigantine, NJ*



Gene Bentley, VCO 5NR (L) and Bob Myers, D-AA 5NR, share a moment at NACON 2001.
Photo M. Borofsky, DSO-PB

REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL

PLANNING

Now is the time to re-evaluate our operations and vessel safety check programs as we wind down the season. Did we work our plan as we planned our work? What went wrong, or more positively, what went right? Would we do some things differently? Lest we forget -WRITE THEM DOWN NOW, and next year incorporate them into your planning. For example: Did everyone on your patrol wear the same uniform? Did you as "Captain" prescribe the uniform of the day? Did you and your regular crew make a trip to Cape May to shop at the "Lucky Bag"? You can't beat their low prices. Hours are limited. At this time the hours are 0800 to 1200 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The phone number is 1-609-898-6227. On the way to or from Cape May you'll pass by Woodbine, N.J. and the Uniform Dist. Center. 1-800-874-6841. If you know your size and don't need to try on just phone your order in. However, for try-ons do stop in. Call for hours.



Why not have a "Uniform Night" at a flotilla meeting. This is member training. Have your members "donate" Auxiliary items they no longer use. New members will especially appreciate this since they are buying so much initially. In fact, why not put a new member in charge of the "Uniform Box" and have it brought to every meeting?

Let's not be a "One Man Band." Encourage everyone to participate and do his or her share for the flotilla. Bring a member who can't drive at night; make the coffee and bring the donuts; call and encourage someone to attend; whatever it takes to let someone know you care about them and enjoy their company. In our busy world, the little niceties still mean a lot.

If there is a problem in your flotilla, please try to resolve it at this level. If this is not possible, use the chain of command: letter to Flotilla Commander, from there to Division Captain, then up to Rear Commodore. Hopefully, somewhere along this route the problem will be resolved. Talk it out. Usually there is a misunderstanding. Something easily clarified to those who are willing to LISTEN. Communication in ALL our activities puts us all on the same page. Let's try to remember to say what we mean and mean what we say!

*Leon E. Kehr, RCO-C 5NR
Souderton, PA*

Errata:

At the Fall Conference, an Administrative Award was incorrectly awarded to Flotilla 53 when it should have been given to 52. This has subsequently been corrected and Dennis Rossiter, IPFC 52, received the well deserved plaque.

Editor

REAR COMMODORE-WEST

Boat Smart Program

The members of the 5 Divisions in the Western Area brought the "Boat Smart" program to inland Lakes and Rivers saving lives of 3 non-swimmers in a capsized canoe accident at Glendale Lake, saved one life at Shikellamy Pool at Sunbury when an exhausted PWC operator became hypothermic and couldn't reach shore after abandoning his sinking vessel. The message of Boating Safety was presented at the ramps, marinas, PA booths, fairs, sportsman shows, TV and radio programs and in the class rooms.



Auxiliary missions; patrols, vessel safety checks, PE courses and recruiting new members have exceeded last year's output. Division 9 has recruited 40 new members and chartered a new Flotilla (96) on July 7, 2001.

"Operation Enduring Freedom"

The tragic "terrorist attacks" of September 11th have energized Auxiliarists in the Western Area to join their colleagues in Central Area under "Team Coast Guard" to sustain the high alert level of service. Two western area facilities with coxswain and crew are maintaining day and night shifts for an indefinite period.

We welcome this opportunity for service. We regard it both a challenge and rewarding experience.

*Don Bowes, RCO-W 5NR
Lewisburg, PA.*

COMING OR GOING?



While enroute to an event in the western area of District 5NR the Director of Auxiliary came upon this set of signs. We have heard that some Flotillas in the west are miles apart...could this be a cause for some of the "lonnnnnnnng" drives?

Photo by CDR S. Minutolo, DIRAUX 5NR

WELCOME ABOARD

Mr. Operations Joins DIRAUX

Mr. Operations is CWO-BOSN4 **Joseph Hartline** of the US Coast Guard. "Joe", as he is known to everyone in the Auxiliary, was the Group Operations Officer for Group Philadelphia before moving "down the hall". At Group Philadelphia, he supervised the Operations Office. His duties included search and rescue missions, law enforcement, "Local Notice to Mariners" updates, ice operations, aids to navigation (ATON) discrepancies, assistance to other local agencies, and all Coast Guard missions. Also, the two harbor tugs assigned to Group Philadelphia, CGC CLEAT and CGC CAPSTAN, and the ATON Team, received their "sailing orders" from Mr. Hartline.



Auxiliarists who perform patrol duties on the Delaware River, C&D Canal, Delaware Bay south to Ship John Shoal, and the inland rivers and lakes of Pennsylvania came under the direction of "CWO-Joe" who issued their orders. He also conducted Team Coordination Training (TCT), pre/post-SAR briefings with coxswains, and meetings with those involved.

Along with wife Cathy and 12 year-old-daughter Melissa, Mr. Hartline resides in his hometown of Oley, PA, which is near Reading.

Mr. Hartline enlisted in the Coast Guard in September 1976, went to basic training in Cape May, NJ, and to Quartermaster "A" and Signalman "A" school upon graduation. In February 1977, he was re-assigned to CGC POLAR STAR in Seattle Washington, advanced from SA to QM2 while stationed there and was re-assigned to Group New York in August 1978.

He advanced to QM1 while assigned to Group New York and in July 1980 was re-assigned to CGC ALERT in Cape May NJ. In July 1983, he advanced to QMC and transferred to the Eleventh District Operations Center. While assigned there, he served aboard the USCGC VENTUROUS twice.

In June 1990, he was promoted to CWO-BOSN2 and re-assigned to the Director of Auxiliary Office (ISR) in New York, NY. While there, he was very involved in the Auxiliary participation in OPSAIL 92. In June 1994, he was promoted to BOSN3, and was re-assigned as First Lieutenant of CGC RED OAK in Philadelphia.

In March 1996, Mr. Hartline "cross-decked" to CGC RED WOOD, which replaced the CGC RED OAK when it was decommissioned. In June 1998, he was promoted to BOSN4 and was re-assigned to Group Philadelphia as Group Operations Officer in August 1998. He was a key factor in planning and executing the "never-ending" details of OpSail 2000 at both Wilmington and Philadelphia.

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Mr. Hartline replaces CWO4 Tim Donovan, who recently retired from active duty. He will be right at home in his new duties as Assistant Director since his previous position put him in daily contact with this region's Auxiliary. We know he will

# SMOOTH SAILING

There is a time in everyone's life when one has to chart a new course. Well, my time has arrived and I want to let you, the members know that it has been my privilege to have worked with and served you over the last 6 years in my duties at MSO/Group Philadelphia and the Director of Auxiliary office.



CWO4 Tim Donovan receives well wishes from Arline and Ira Dolich at a reception given in honor of his retirement.

*Photo by Don Bowes, RCO-W 5NR*

My approaching retirement has had me on the anxiety roller coaster; I guess the unknown of being outside the Coast Guard is something I haven't had to deal with since the early 70s. As excited as I am about my retirement, there have been and will be many more emotional periods ahead for me as I leave active duty and the Coast Guard Family.

I have met many outstanding people in my 29 years and I will have many great memories. The last 10 years will stand out in my mind since those years have been directly involved with members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I never had a clue what the Auxiliary did until I saw them in their own recreational boats patrolling the Barbour's Points Container Facility, Houston, Texas from August 1990 until February 1991. This was during the loadout of the 24th Mechanized Division and the Big Red 1 for Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

I can say since that time that I have seen the greatest group of patriotic volunteers provide services to this country that I am sure most Americans don't know about. I can now leave the Coast Guard and feel good that I do know what the Auxiliary does for this country.

All I can say is Thank You.

*CWO4 Tim Donovan, Asst. DIRAUX 5NR*

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be an asset to the Director's Office and will undoubtedly uphold the Coast Guard's motto and tradition of "Semper Paratus."

## Welcome aboard Mr. Hartline!

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

# NEW USCG COMMANDING OFFICERS

## Vice Admiral Thad W. Allen, USCG

Vice Admiral Thad W. Allen assumed command of Coast Guard Atlantic Area on June 27, 2001. He is the operational commander for all Coast Guard activities in an area of responsibility spanning five Coast Guard Districts, over 14 million square miles, involving 26,000 military and civilian employees, and 27,854 Auxiliarists. He serves concurrently as Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, and Commander U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic.

While Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District, Vice Admiral Allen directed all Coast Guard operations in South Carolina, Georgia, most of Florida and throughout the Caribbean. These operations included cocaine seizures exceeding 50 tons, 15,000 search and rescue cases, the salvage of Russian cement carrier SERGO ZAKARIADZE which grounded at the entrance to San Juan Harbor, security operations in support of Navy exercises on Vieques, Puerto Rico, and extensive alien migrant interdiction operations involving Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Peoples Republic of China.

In his previous assignment Vice Admiral Allen was the Coast Guard's Director of Resources, where he was responsible for formulating the Coast Guard's budget, developing long range plans, and managing the Coast Guard's performance plan. He also managed the execution of Coast Guard appropriations.

Vice Admiral Allen was selected for flag rank in 1995. A specialist in operations both in the coastal and offshore environments, Vice Admiral Allen has served in three Coast Guard cutters: ANDROSCOGGIN and GALLATIN, and command of the medium endurance cutter CITRUS. His coastal operations assignments include command of three units and their subordinate commands: Group Commander and Captain of the Port for Long Island Sound, CT; Group Atlantic City, NJ, and LORAN Station Lampang, Thailand. Vice



Admiral Allen's other assignments included a tour as search and rescue controller in the Greater Antilles Section, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Intelligence Watch Officer at DEA/INS El Paso Intelligence Center, El Paso, TX; Planning Officer, Third Coast Guard District, Governors Island, NY; Chief Budget Officer, Maintenance and Logistics Command, Atlantic, Governors Island, NY; Deputy Project Manager, Fleet Modernization and Rehabilitation (FRAM) Project, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC; and, Assistant Division Chief, Programs Division, Office of the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Vice Admiral Allen is a native of Tucson, AZ. He graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1971. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University and received the 2000 Distinguished Alumni Award. He also holds a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), a permanent Cutterman's pin and other unit and personal awards.

Vice Admiral Allen is married to the former Pamela A. Hess of Champaign, IL. She is a college academic advisor. They have three grown children, Amanda, Meghan and Lucas. Vice Admiral Allen is the son of Clyde and Wilma Allen. Clyde Allen is a retired Coast Guard Chief Damage Controlman and World War II veteran.

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## Captain Robert W. Durfey, USCG

Captain Robert W. Durfey reports to Group - Air Station Atlantic City from the Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Captain Durfey completed a year long course of post-graduate study at the Air Force Air War College. The only Coast Guard officer out of 260 other officers and civilians, Captain Durfey was studying such topics as joint operations, strategic planning, executive leadership, international relations, applied technology, employment of air and space power in support of national security and an overseas officer professional development tour.

Promoted to the rank of Captain on September 1, 2000, Captain Durfey completed a successful two-year tour as the Group Commander at Group - Air Station Humboldt Bay, headquartered near Eureka, California. He was responsible for all Coast Guard operations, personnel, and equipment in the northernmost quarter of California. Captain Durfey's group area of responsibility included 250 miles of some of the most rugged coastline and offshore waters along the West Coast as well as the most remote and rugged coastal



mountain terrain in the continental United States.

Born into a Coast Guard family, Captain Durfey grew up on both the east and west coasts. Moving six times before attending the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelors of Science in History/Government. In 1994, he earned a Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Captain Durfey has been blessed throughout his career with the opportunity to serve in many exciting operational assignments. Captain Durfey has flown over 4400 hours in helicopters and more than 400 Search and Rescue missions saving over 70 lives.

Captain Durfey is married to the former Carolyn Riordan of Rhinebeck, New York. They have a daughter, Sarah (14) and son, Joseph (12).

# NEW USCG COMMANDING OFFICERS

## Captain Douglas J. Wisniewski, USCG

Captain Douglas J. Wisniewski, USCG, is the new Commanding Officer of the US Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN), Cape May, New Jersey.

Captain Wisniewski is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He was commissioned in May 1979 following graduation from the United States Coast Guard Academy. He is a June 2001 graduate of the National War College in Washington, DC.

His background includes a variety of seagoing and staff assignments. His seagoing assignments include Operations Officer of USCGC SWEETGUM, Mayport, Florida from 1979-1981, Executive Officer of USCGC SASSAFRAS, Honolulu, Hawaii from 1987-1989, and Commanding Officer of USCGC SASSAFRAS from 1993-1996. His previous training assignments include Assistant School Chief, Coast Guard Leadership and Management School, Yorktown, Virginia from 1983-1985, Company Officer, Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut from 1989-1991 and Director, Cadet Leadership Program, Coast Guard Academy from 1991-1993.

Captain Wisniewski's engineering assignments were at Training Center Yorktown, Virginia from 1981-1983 and at



Base Honolulu, Hawaii from 1985-1987. Captain Wisniewski served the Coast Guard Chief of Staff as a Program Reviewer, and later as Chief of Personnel Allowance Division, at Coast Guard Headquarters from 1996-2000.

Captain Wisniewski holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with High Honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Administration from The George Washington University, and Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Captain Wisniewski is married to his high school sweetheart, Lori Hastings Wisniewski. Their two daughters, Teal and Jill, attend The College of William and Mary.



↑ Captain King receiving service award from Vice Admiral Thad Allen.



Photos taken at the Change of Watch Group Air Station Atlantic City July 2, 2001  
Captain Robert Durphey, Jr. assumes Command from Captain Thomas C. King, Jr.



↑ (l to r) Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB, DCP 7, Kathleen deFerrari, VCP 7, CWO Dave Bear, Operations Office Group Air Station Atlantic City, John McVey, FC 7-11



↑ (l to r) Lee Crossman (D-AD), his wife Irma and Robert Myers (D-AA).

← Captain King's farewell address to his staff as Captain Durphey looks on.

→ Formal Coast Guard Change of Command ceremony. (l to r) Captain Durphey, Vice Admiral Allen and Captain King.

Photos: Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB



# PUBLICATIONS

Hello TOPSIDERS,

The events of 11 September 2001 cast a somber pall on the gathering at the Fall Conference in Wilmington, DE. Prayers were offered and a few moments of silence was shared in memory of the lives lost on that fateful day. The business of the conference was conducted with resolve and respect. Unity of purpose became the theme of the weekend. Evidence of our unity was the spontaneous donations to the relief funds of New York City and Washington, DC. A planned "Casino Night" was cancelled and the Division-donated door prizes were auctioned off to an enthusiastic gathering at the Commodore's banquet. In all, over \$1000.00 was collected in cash donations and auction proceeds. **WELL DONE!**

Over the past few weeks, in my position as editor of SITREP, the National e-Magazine, ([www.teamcoastguard.org](http://www.teamcoastguard.org)), I was able to watch and report the aftermath actions of Auxiliarists throughout the nation. They rallied in support of our Flag, our Nation, our President and our Coast Guard. **WELL DONE!**

District 5NR was extremely active in these efforts. We had crews on the water, provided administrative support at our stations, stood radio watches, gave blood, money and flew "Old Glory" from every flagstaff we could find (and planted a few new ones while we were at it). Again, **WELL DONE!**

What was most evident to me was the way we, the Auxiliary, was able to channel our rage and anger into positive, creative and constructive efforts. Within hours of the havoc we reported to our Stations and offered up our services and assets. We really did nothing out of the ordinary...for that is what we do every day as a member of our great organization. We offer our time and assets, usually without question, in support of our Coast Guard. Attack or no attack, day after day.....we are always.....**SEMPER PARATUS.**

*Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB 5NR, Little Egg Harbor, NJ*

## TOPSIDE EARNS NATIONAL HONORS NAMED #1 DISTRICT PUBLICATION

I was pleased and honored to accept the National Publication Award from National Commodore Viggo Bertelsen. The presentation was made at NACON 2001 in Portland, OR, on August 31. TOPSIDE was named as the number one District publication in the nation.

National Publication Award is presented to Mel Borofsky [c] at NACON 2001. (l to r) Past National Commodore Ev Tucker, Mel, National Commodore Viggo Bertelsen and at the podium, Fred Gates, DC-A.



## HOW DO I WRITE IT?

Write an article..... But I never wrote an article. I've read them, but I have no idea how to write one. Well, thank you for asking. It is really not that tough. After all if I can do it anyone can. But before I give you some clues as how to write articles, let me tell you how you can get your message into print without writing an article. Sometimes, regardless of what we do, the paper just isn't interested. So, write your message in a "letter to the editor." That usually works.

Now to the subject at hand. Newspaper articles are pyramid shaped. The point is at the top. The first sentence tells the whole story. It should cover: who, what, when, where. An announcement for a safe boating course should start something like this. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 48 of Lower Mongolia announces the start of a Boating Safety Class, Friday 7:00 P.M. in the Catacombs of Rome.

After the first sentence, which can get fairly long sometimes, you start telling why and how, and adding more information to provide the broad base or the pyramid. When you state "why" or "how," follow that up with: who, what, when and where, as they apply. Need an example? OK, Boating insurance premiums are usually reduced by most carriers for students who satisfactorily complete the Course. Just notify your carrier and show them your certificate.

The article should be constructed so that you could take a pair of scissors and cut it off anywhere down the page, and it would still deliver the same message. The more important the segment is the closer it goes to the top. Editors like this because they can put an article written like that almost anywhere. They can make it fit the space available. Don't forget to put in your local contact phone number

USE ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES. In 1995 the Commandant gave us permission to use advertising techniques. That means we can make our article: ask a question then provide an answer, define a need, then fill that need, pose a problem then offer a solution, state a feature and then tell how it benefits the customer. We are now allowed to PUNCH UP our material. People are interested in saving money, effort, time and life. If you can make your article address all of these, well, you have a great article that will be read and remembered.

THE HEADLINE should wake them up. The guy sitting at his breakfast table reading the morning paper over a bowl of soggy corn flakes needs to see something of interest or he will not read it. "BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED" is dull. I won't even read it. "LOCAL CLASS OFFERS LIFE AND MONEY SAVING TIPS" will catch someone's attention.

Try to use short simple sentences. Remember that most of us prefer to read on a sixth grade level or below. Try to use as few comas and semicolons as possible. Make sure the folks understand our terminology. It is OK to use PFD as long as we put (personal flotation device) or better yet (life jacket) behind it.

Now, send us some of your thoughts and ideas that have worked for you so I can give others the benefit of your inspiration.

*from AUXPA, Nick Nicholson, DSO-PA D7, Edgewater, FL*

# DIVERSITY

In my travels through the District, I have met with many members and we shared our thoughts about "our similarities". Some of these included our previous work experiences, marital status, hobbies and education - of course, we also discussed our years and activities within the Auxiliary.

In speaking of "differences", many shared that their parents had migrated from European Countries or the British Isles and, this was the foundation of their linguistic skills. A spirit of "volunteer-ism" was taught to them by their parents as a "payback" of sorts to society for all that America had given to them and to us.

However, when the topic of DIVERSITY came up, there appeared to be "discomfort" in some, excitement in others and ambivalence in the rest. Because "we have always done it this way" will no longer satisfy the needs for the growth and diversity within the Auxiliary.

All we have to do is to look in our own mirror each morning or glance around the room at a Flotilla, Division or District Conference to discover the thinning or graying of our own hair as we advance to our senior years. It seems that many of us have just "taken another turn" to be Flotilla Commander or Division Captain. We can only be recycled so many times! Is this productive? Can we be innovative? Are we capable of being the "Change Agents" needed to meet the challenges at hand? Are we willing to be risk-takers who are creative, flexible and open-minded to try something new? Will we attempt to help launch new programs even though they are a bit different than those we have had in the past? How about new courses to teach? What about sharing our programs with "other" groups in the promotion of Boating Safety? Is our combined intent to satisfy our customers?

Many opportunities for "Change and Recruitment" are available to all of us who are willing to "wake up" and take notice! The recent census data has served to identify the many demographic changes taking place in the United States today. Due to ongoing revisions in Immigration, we have seen and will continue to see, many differences in the population mix -- a true mosaic of ethnic groups, religions and ages. No longer can we

expect to recruit and retain new members without regard to these population shifts.

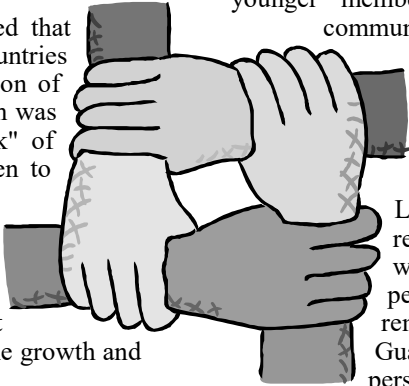
We must be aware of the need to implement a change in our recruitment and training process. We should consider younger members as well as new citizens within our communities. Many opportunities exist for all of us who are willing to share, to learn from each other as we recruit new members from our ever-growing diverse population. There will continue to be a "common thread", our membership in the USCG Auxiliary.

Let us consider our new partners as potential replacements for each of us. In doing this, we will surely be aware of the talents these new people have to offer our organization. If goals remain in unison with those of the US Coast Guard -- we will be mindful to include all of those persons who seek to help to promote Boating Safety through our four cornerstones. Each one of us has been gifted with many things and of these, we see the similarities and differences that exist in all of us. It is these differences, which have given momentum to the work and accomplishments of the Auxiliary in the past; it is in the similarities that we have oiled and greased the engines of good intent, activity and fellowship. Combined, these varying talents will provide the Auxiliary of the new millennium with the push forward that we will need if we are to continue in our quest to meet the needs of the ever-changing population around us.

This is a time for a "Wake-up Call" for all of us -- Answer the Call! Open your eyes and your hearts as well as the windows and let some fresh air in. You will be surprised at the results. Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to us.

SEMPER PARATUS

*Sue Wade, DDA 5NR, Brigantine, NJ*



## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK-CELEBRATED PHILLY STYLE



PECO Tower of Lights (multiple exposures).....Photos provided by Thomas F. Cusack, SO-PA 3, Thorofare, NJ

# LEGAL

## STATE RULES & REGULATIONS

PowerPoint® Presentations Available for:  
Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware & Maryland

As all our public education instructors are aware, we are required to supplement our public education (PE) courses with a "State Rules" segment in order for our students to meet and satisfy Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware's requirements for a state certification card. To date, PE Instructors in Fifth Northern have essentially been left to their own devices as to the substance of this supplemental material and tools to present it. Recognizing this need, the Legal Department with the cooperation of Public Education Department has created a PowerPoint® presentation for "State Rules." The presentation covers all essential state rules and regulations for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and, in recognition that a large segment of our PE students boat on the Chesapeake, Maryland has also been included. These presentations have been approved for use with our PE material.



Recognizing that most Flotillas and Divisions may not yet have the technology to project a PowerPoint® presentation, two versions of the presentation have been prepared. One version is meant to be used with PowerPoint®; the second version (though in PowerPoint® format) is designed with a blank background for easy photocopying into overhead slides.



Both versions are available for downloading at Fifth Northern's web site. They are located in the "Member's Section" on the Legal Department page. The PowerPoint® version is 1,021 kb, and the overhead version (blank background) is 1,447 kb. As to those without the means to project an actual PowerPoint presentation, anyone with either the PowerPoint® program or the PowerPoint® Viewer program (free at Microsoft's PowerPoint® web site) can download and print out the slides for later photocopying into overhead slides.

It is the intent of the Legal Department to periodically make revisions to this material when laws change and make updated versions available on its District web page. Notifications as to any changes will be noted in future "Notices of General Interest (NOGIs)".

Floppy disks, CDs and hard copies of the presentations are not available at this time. The presentations currently are only available at the District Web site.

The Legal Department would like to acknowledge and thank Hank Demler, Dave Becker and Patrick Cunningham for their assistance in this project.

*John Bellenzeni, DSO-L 5NR, Media, PA*

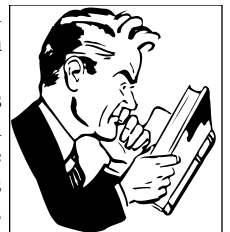
# MEMBER TRAINING

In my report to the District Board at the fall conference, I reviewed the 2001-2002 Member Training Department Objectives as:

1. Provide Expanded Member Training Opportunities throughout the District.
2. Present a broader selection of subject matter for that training.
3. Allow more convenient opportunities for that training.
4. Assist area and division staff to carry this program to the Divisions and Flotillas.

I am pleased to report that the following progress has been made toward those objectives:

1. The Auxiliary College Leadership Program will be available at the division level in early 2002.
2. The Boat Crew Training Program is now available and has been presented in all areas.
3. A Coxswain Training Program is currently in the development and trial phase. The Coxswain program should be available in 2002.
4. The New Member Workshop is available at the area or division level. The first area wide presentation in the East was offered to six (6) divisions and was attended by more new members than ever attended previous workshops presented at area conferences.
5. A Flotilla Commander Training Program has been developed and was presented for the first time at the 2001 Fall Conference. This program is now available for presentation in the areas or to divisions.
6. A Division Captain Training Program is in the discussion phase. Our goal is to present this program, for the first time, at the 2002 Spring Conference.



I believe the expanded Member Training Department is progressing well toward our objectives. We strongly advocate training as the prime method of involving new members in Auxiliary activities and productive Auxiliary careers. We will continue to listen to the comments of the membership and their suggestions to provide the training they desire to help them do the jobs they have assumed in the Auxiliary.

Now it's up to you, the member. Our efforts to provide these opportunities will be wasted if you, the members, fail to request your leadership to provide these programs for you. Remember, you will get out of this organization only as much as you put into it. You can sit around, not try to expand your knowledge and experience and complain that we never do anything or you can jump in, taking advantage of the opportunities to learn along with your fellow Auxiliarists, and have a ball doing it. A group of friends working and learning together, becoming safer boaters and passing the knowledge on to other boaters is a very satisfying way to give something back to boating for all we have enjoyed.

Let's hear from you. The MT Department will assist you in providing any or all of the training listed above! We are ready but now it's up to you!

*Harry P. Petersen, Jr., DSO-MT 5NR, Millville, NJ*

# NATIONAL TRAINING UPDATE

|                                                                  | TEXT                                                                                                                            | STUDY GUIDE                                    | INSTRUCTOR GUIDE                                                      | COURSE TIME (hours) | EXAMINATIONS                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>New Member Course</b>                                         | AUXMAN <b>5027</b> M16790.1E                                                                                                    | <b>5028</b> P16794.40A                         | <b>5025</b> P16794.39A                                                |                     | <b>5536</b> Code 482 Edition 9, Test 82                                                   |
| <b>Qualification Training</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                       |                     |                                                                                           |
| Instructor & Master Instructor                                   | Part A<br>Part B                                                                                                                | <b>5501</b> P16794.44<br><b>5500</b> P16794.45 | <b>5503</b> P16794.46<br><b>5499</b> Transparencies                   | 12                  | <b>5534</b> Code 488 Edition 3 Test 21 Open Book                                          |
| Vessel Safety Check                                              | <b>2001</b> M16796.8                                                                                                            |                                                |                                                                       | 10                  | <b>5544</b> Code VSC, Edition D, Test 99, Open Book                                       |
| Marine Dealer Visitor                                            | <b>5017</b> M16796.3B                                                                                                           |                                                |                                                                       | 6                   | <b>5550</b> Code 796, Edition 2, Test 02, Open Book                                       |
| Pilots & Air Crew                                                | <b>2008</b> M16798.5A<br><b>2007</b> M16798.3D CH 1 & 2                                                                         |                                                |                                                                       |                     | <b>5553</b> Pilots/Air Crew, Test 4                                                       |
| Air Observers                                                    | “” “”                                                                                                                           |                                                |                                                                       |                     | <b>5552</b> Observer, Test 3                                                              |
| <b>Specialty Courses</b>                                         |                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                       |                     | <b>(ALL CLOSED BOOK)</b>                                                                  |
| Administration (AUXMIN)                                          | AUXMAN <b>5027</b> M16790.1E                                                                                                    | INTERIM <sup>2</sup><br>Download from AUXWEB   | INTERIM <sup>2</sup><br>Download from AUXWEB                          | 12                  | INTERIM EXAM<br><b>5547</b> Code 492, Ed. 9, Test 52                                      |
| Communications (AUXCOM)                                          | <b>5504</b> P16794.32B <sup>3</sup>                                                                                             | Included in Text                               | <b>5505</b> P16794.32B <sup>3</sup><br>Lesson Plans<br>Transparencies | 14                  | <b>5538</b> Code 493 Ed. 5, Test 53<br><b>5538B</b> Test 54                               |
| Navigation (AUXACN-A) (AUXACN-B)                                 | <b>5526</b> AUXACN Text/<br>Study Guide                                                                                         | <b>5526</b> AUXACN Text/<br>Study Guide        |                                                                       | 32                  | (A) <b>5545</b> Code 495<br>(B) <b>5546</b> Code 496<br>Edition 2, Test 1                 |
| Patrols (AUXPAT)                                                 | <b>5506</b> P16794.28A                                                                                                          | Included in Text                               | <b>5507</b> P16794.27A                                                | 10                  | Code 494, Ed. 7, <b>5539</b> Test 51<br><b>5539B</b> Test 52<br><b>5539D</b> Test 53      |
| Search & Rescue (AUXSAR)                                         | <b>5508</b> P16794.35B                                                                                                          | Included in Text                               | <b>5509</b> P16794.36B<br><b>5509A</b> Transparencies                 | 12                  | Code 498, Edition 10<br><b>5540</b> Test 51<br><b>5540B</b> Test 52                       |
| Seamanship (AUXSEA)                                              | <b>5510</b> P16794.42<br>& Chapman's Piloting                                                                                   | <b>5510</b> P16794.42                          | <b>5511A</b> P16794.41 CH 1<br>Transparencies                         | 10                  | <b>5541</b> Code 498 Ed 4, Test 51                                                        |
| Weather (AUXWEA)                                                 | <b>5523</b> P18794.30A                                                                                                          | Included in Text                               | <b>5524</b> P16794.29A<br><b>5522</b> Transparencies                  | 12                  | Code 499, Edition 6<br><b>5542</b> Test 51<br><b>5543</b> Test 52                         |
| <b>AUXILIARY OFFICER TRAINING</b>                                |                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                       |                     |                                                                                           |
| Administrative Procedures Course                                 | AUXMAN <b>5027</b> M16790.1E                                                                                                    | New Guide to be issued shortly.                | New Guide to be issued shortly.                                       | 8                   | INTERIM EXAM<br><b>5549</b> Code 500, Edition 8 Test 51, Open Book                        |
| Auxiliary Leadership (AUXLEA)                                    | AUXMAN <b>5027</b> M16790.1E                                                                                                    | Included in Text<br>Transparencies             | AUXMAN <b>5027</b> M16790.1E                                          | 8                   | None                                                                                      |
| <b>BOAT CREW</b>                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                       |                     |                                                                                           |
| Qualification NAV RULES #485                                     | <b>5532</b> M16672.2D                                                                                                           |                                                |                                                                       | 20                  | <b>5554</b> Code 075 Series<br>Closed Book<br>Passing Grade 90%                           |
| Requalification <sup>4</sup>                                     | <b>5532</b> M16672.2D                                                                                                           |                                                |                                                                       |                     | <b>5555</b> Code 095 Series<br>Open Book Ed. 4 Test 02 & 03<br>Passing Grade 90% (4/2001) |
| Operations Policy Crew/Coxswain                                  | Manual <b>2007</b> M16798.3D<br>Manual <sup>5</sup> <b>2017</b> M16114.5B                                                       | Training/Qualification<br>Guide M16798.28      |                                                                       |                     |                                                                                           |
| Boat Crew Training BCQ Crew Member BCQ Coxswain BCQ PWC Operator | Manual <b>2018</b> M16794.51<br>Manual <b>2018a</b> M16794.52<br>Manual <b>2018b</b> M16794.53<br>Manual <b>2018c</b> M16794.54 | Cancelled, only CH 8 good until 12/31/01       |                                                                       |                     |                                                                                           |

## Notes:

- The four digit bold numerals are ANSC item numbers and when ordering, only these numbers should be used. Only DIRAUX or his/her designate can order exams.
  - An interim AUXMIN course is available on AUXWEB. Use INTERIM EXAMINATION (12/98)
  - Corrections incorporated in latest printing.
  - This examination supercedes Navigation Rules Examination for Coxswain series 095, Edition 3, Test 1. Renewal examinations Series 095, Edition 3, Test Nos. 2 & 3 remain in effect.
  - This is the new boat crew manual for both Auxiliary and Coast Guard.
- Unless otherwise noted, all open book exams have a 3-hour time limit with a passing grade of 90%. Closed book exams have no time limit and a passing grade of 75%, The Interim AUXAPC examination is open book with a 90% passing score.

**EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2001**

*John C. Molfetta, DC-T, Department of Training*



## MATERIALS

By the time you read this, the Fall Conference will be history. At the conference we featured the new "America's Volunteer Lifesavers" line of shirts, license plates and bumper stickers. There is also a new line of National Logo shirts available, the new "America's Boating Course" has been added to educational materials, and several new sizes have been added for the cardigan sweaters. (The cardigans are offered as an approved alternative to the wooly-pulley and are much easier to put-on and take-off.)

All of the above are in the October 1, 2001, edition of the Price List which you can view and/or print at the District website ([www.5nr.org](http://www.5nr.org)). If you don't have a computer, ask a friend, relative or fellow member to get this for you.

We have added and assigned numbers to several items that we are now offering. One of these is the new sew-on member insignia. Many members have asked for these in the past and we found a vendor that makes a nice sew-on member collar insignia.

You can also order anything on the Price List by using our new online *Direct Submit Order Form*. Thoroughly complete this form (instructions are available at the website) click on the "submit" button and your order is automatically sent directly to the store. You get a confirmation of the order and a copy that you can print for your records. We will include a bill with your order that we ask that you pay within 15 days after receiving the order.

You can order educational materials using the online form. We fax educational materials orders to National as soon as they are received and they ship the materials by the next day. However, they are shipped 4<sup>th</sup> Class U. S. Mail and it can take up to three weeks until they are delivered to your door. Please do not include shipping labels with book orders. We have them printed at AUXCEN.

We discontinued taking telephone orders August 1<sup>st</sup> because there were just too many problems. Some of our members were quick to criticize us when they received the wrong item or the price wasn't acceptable to them. We also had complaints that names were not spelled correctly and some people chose this method so they didn't have to do any paperwork. Therefore all orders must come in writing via the internet, fax or U.S. Mail. We will also require catalog item numbers, description and prices to be shown on the order form or we will return the form to you for completion. We have made the ordering process for our members as easy as possible by providing a price list and order form at the District website.

My wife, Rae and I are almost a year into our tenure as Storekeepers. We have decided that we want to return to full retirement after 2002, so we will only be doing this job one more year. We would like to add some ADSOs to assist us at the conferences next year. If you are interested or have questions about this position, please e-mail me at [Seaford@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Seaford@worldnet.att.net)

Likewise if you wish to have an interesting and sometimes challenging "job" at the District level, contact me.

*Dick Wolfe, DSO-MA 5NR, Seaford, DE*

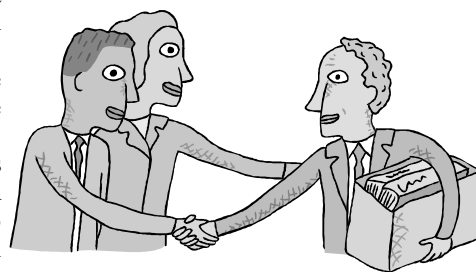
## PERSONNEL SERVICES

### Discouraging Membership

Over the past few years, I've looked at how some Flotillas consistently get new members while others seem to have difficulty with it. In talking with prospective members, I've learned that the basic questions in their minds are "What do you do?" and "How much time does it require of me?"

Answering what we do is relatively simple to answer and varies from flotilla to flotilla. However, the question of "How much time does it require of me?" in many cases appears to be either a long list of requirements on time, certain things the flotilla wants immediately from them or other items the interviewer says they should do in advance of joining.

I've heard "We want you to come to a meeting first," "We want you to take a boating course before you join," "We have social event coming up we'd like you to attend." None of which are required, and the ever popular, "There are others who want to join and we'd like to get you all together at the same time to take a test!"



I am completely baffled at why we take a prospective new member and make them wait to join! People who are interested in joining an organization, the Auxiliary or any other one, want to join right now! If you insist on holding them off or making immediate demands on their time, there's a good chance they'll find other ways to spend their time.

On the other hand, I know of a flotilla that received a referral from the National Web Site on a Tuesday, called the prospective member that night, and went through the paperwork and BQ test with the individual on the following Saturday! And, because of the enthusiasm of the interviewer, they attended the next meeting even before they received their acceptance from the Director's Office. If your meetings are interesting and informative, they will return. And, as far as the requirements on their time, one needs only to outline the different programs and the minimum annual requirements. If your programs are active and fun, they'll become involved and go well beyond the minimum.

Why do we insist in telling them that we want them to spend hours upon hours of their time? Why would we expect them to remain interested in joining when we have a laundry list of things we want them to do in advance? And, why do we ask them to wait until it's convenient for us to meet with them?

There are many people out there interested in joining the Auxiliary and we discourage them. In the words of Pogo the Great, "We have met the enemy and he is us!"

*Charles H. Matthews, DSO-PS 5NR, Scranton, PA*

# NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

The District has had a very successful program. This indicates that everyone was prepared to work on outstanding plans for this event. We were fortunate to get the NSBW kit very early this year, and it gave everyone a chance for an early start.

There were boat parades, blessing of the fleet, safety booths set up, VSC programs at launching ramps, marinas and boat yard, and in various commercial businesses the Auxiliary was able to set up a display for all who entered.

Many Flotillas included other organizations in their plans. The Power Squadrons, marine police, water firefighters, all cooperated with the Auxiliary. Open house was held at various nautical locations.

The SARDET stations were also part of National Safe Boating Week, and played a role in impressing the boaters how

important safety is when on or in the water.

All of this should give everyone an idea of how important it is to start on plans for next year. Get together with some of your participants and critique what you did for 2001. Figure out what, if anything, went wrong. Now is a good time to improve (if improvement is needed) on what took place, and start your program now for 2002.

But - remember that safe boating is not only for one week. It goes far beyond that. Spread your programs over the entire Summer, so that they will learn how to be safe when out on the water.

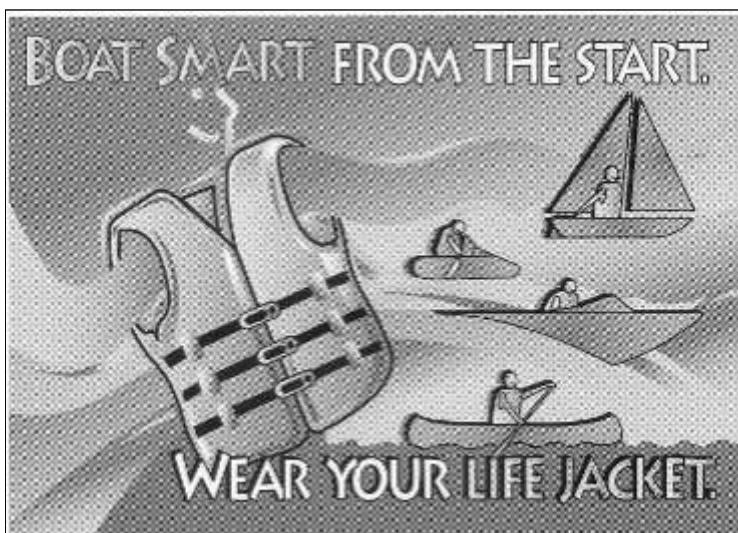
I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a success. Thanks and keep up the good work.

*Muriel G. Lewis, SPO-NSBW, 5NR, Haverford, PA*

## STATE LIFE JACKET (PFD) REQUIREMENTS

| State        | Mandate Wearing PFDs | Circumstances and Age Requirements                                                           |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Delaware     | Yes                  | Children 12 and under; all PWC operators and skiers.                                         |
| Florida      | Yes                  | Children under 6 on vessels under 26 feet while underway; all PWC operators and skiers       |
| Maryland     | Yes                  | All PWC operators and passengers; all skiers; certain whitewater rivers at designated times. |
| New Jersey   | Yes                  | 12 and under not in an enclosed cabin while underway; all PWC occupants                      |
| New York     | Yes                  | Under 12 years of age on all boats less than 65 feet; all PWC occupants.                     |
| Pennsylvania | Yes                  | 12 years of age and under; all PWC occupants, skiers and sailboards.                         |

We celebrate  
it once  
a year...



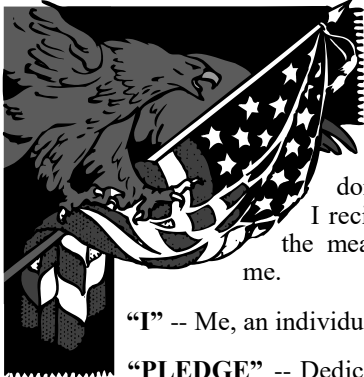
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day!

# STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

| Item                                                                                                                                                                   | Pennsylvania                                                                                                                                                  | New Jersey                                                                                                                            | Delaware                                                                                                                  | Maryland                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Agency                                                                                                                                                                 | PA Fish & Boat Commission<br>Bureau of Boating                                                                                                                | N. J. State Police<br>Marine Bureau                                                                                                   | Dept. Natural Resources &<br>Environmental Control                                                                        | Maryland Dept. Natural<br>Resources                                                                                                                                                          |
| Courses                                                                                                                                                                | All under 16<br>All PWC operators                                                                                                                             | Born after 1/1/79 must<br>possess certificate to boat in<br>NJ                                                                        | Mandatory for all persons<br>born after 1/78                                                                              | All boaters born after 7/1/72<br>must complete                                                                                                                                               |
| Operators<br>License                                                                                                                                                   | none                                                                                                                                                          | yes for non-tidal waters                                                                                                              | none                                                                                                                      | none                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Age<br>restrictions                                                                                                                                                    | Can't operate if under 12 and<br>greater than 10 HP, 12-15<br>with course or with age<br>greater than 16                                                      | 13-15 may operate 12V<br>trolling motor and or <10 HP<br>Other power boats require<br>16+                                             | 14-16 if sup by parent PWC<br>at least 16 with course; 16 or<br>less if comp course                                       | No min age PWC at least 16<br>and if born after 7/1/72 with<br>course                                                                                                                        |
| Boat #                                                                                                                                                                 | Required if using state waters                                                                                                                                | Req. on all power vessels and<br>all vessels over 12'                                                                                 | # on all power and<br>all over 12 ft                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| # if<br>documented                                                                                                                                                     | Registration not required                                                                                                                                     | State decal req. if in state ><br>180 days                                                                                            | NO                                                                                                                        | State use decal required                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Titling                                                                                                                                                                | Inboard mfg. after 97 and<br>outboard > 14 ft, PWC                                                                                                            | All over 12 ft                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                           | all motorized and not<br>documented                                                                                                                                                          |
| Noise                                                                                                                                                                  | 88 db                                                                                                                                                         | 90 db                                                                                                                                 | no                                                                                                                        | 90 db                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Water Ski                                                                                                                                                              | 80 ft line limit Observer, life<br>jacket, 100 ft from docks or<br>shore                                                                                      | 75 ft line limit, observer,<br>PFD, 100 ft from shore, 12"<br>square orange flag                                                      | Observer or mirror, PFD,<br>100 ft from shore                                                                             | 75 ft line limit, PFD,<br>observer, opr. & obs. must be<br>12 yrs +, 100 ft from shore                                                                                                       |
| Accident<br>reports                                                                                                                                                    | If injury, immediate followed<br>by written within 48 hrs.<br>\$500 within 10 days                                                                            | If injury, immediate followed<br>by written within 48 hrs.<br>\$500 within 15 days                                                    | If injury, immediate followed<br>by written within 48 hrs.<br>\$100 within 10 days                                        | If injury, immediate followed<br>by written within 48 hrs.<br>\$500 within 10 days                                                                                                           |
| Registration<br>expiration                                                                                                                                             | Mar 31 every two years                                                                                                                                        | End of mo, 1 year<br>after date issued                                                                                                | Mar 31 each year                                                                                                          | End of mo 1 year after date<br>issued                                                                                                                                                        |
| Additional<br>PFD                                                                                                                                                      | 12 & under + nonswim. Must<br>wear when underway on<br>canoes, kayaks and boats<br><20ft. Sailboards, PWC<br>must wear. Wearable for<br>each person all boats | Skiers must wear PWC<br>must wear, 12 and under<br>must wear                                                                          | 12 and under must wear<br>when underway                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PWC                                                                                                                                                                    | No one 11 or younger, 12-15<br>with course, no passengers<br>15 or younger, daylight only,<br>all operator course, cut off<br>switch, fire ext, sound device  | Keep 100 ft from vessel, min<br>speed 50 ft from swimmer,<br>daylight only, all oper course,<br>carry certificate,<br>at least age 16 | Daylight only, at least 14 yrs,<br>minor with adult on board,<br>100 ft from any vessel, min<br>speed 300 ft from swimmer | Daylight only, at least<br>16, carry cert., max 6 knots<br>100 ft from anything, no<br>jump wake 100 ft from any<br>vessel, No operate within 300<br>ft of swimmer, not disturb<br>waterfowl |
| Blue/White<br>Alpha flag on<br>boat and Red/<br>White Diver<br>Down flag in<br>water for all<br>dive areas in<br>all four states.<br>All PWC<br>operators<br>must wear | YES                                                                                                                                                           | YES                                                                                                                                   | YES                                                                                                                       | YES                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PFD<br>Oper under<br>influence<br>prosecuted by<br>all four states                                                                                                     | YES                                                                                                                                                           | YES                                                                                                                                   | YES                                                                                                                       | YES                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                           | mary year 2001                                                                                                                                                                               |

Information supplied by: Dave Becker, DSO-PE 5NR

# OUR PLEDGE



After having listened to and having said the Pledge of Allegiance for many years, it seems as though it becomes monotonous. Something one says, just because you have done it from habit. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning that each word has for me.

**"I"** -- Me, an individual, a committee of one.

**"PLEDGE"** -- Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

**"ALLEGIANCE"** -- My love and my devotion.

**"TO THE FLAG"** -- Our standard, old glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because you, through loyalty, have given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

**"OF THE UNITED"** -- That means that we have all come together.

**"STATES"** -- Individual communities that have united into 50 great states. Fifty individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to common purpose, and that's love for country.

**"OF AMERICA"** -- These wonderful and glorious United States.

**"AND TO THE REPUBLIC"** -- A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

**"FOR WHICH IT STANDS"** -- Representing a symbol of individuality but yet a togetherness.

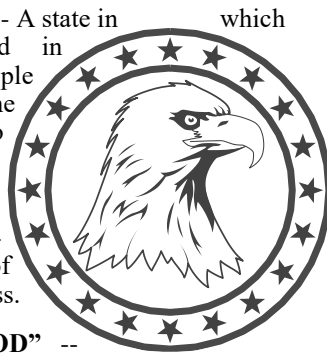
**"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"** -- Meaning, so blessed by GOD. That GOD to whomever one looks for guidance and understanding.

**"INDIVISIBLE"** -- Incapable of being divided.

**"WITH LIBERTY"** -- Which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

**"AND JUSTICE"** -- The principle of quality of dealing fairly with others.

**"FOR ALL"** -- Which means it's as much your country as it is mine.



*Author unknown*

# "ON MONDAY"

On Monday, September 10th, we e-mailed jokes;  
On Tuesday, September 11th, we did not.

On Monday we thought that we were secure;  
On Tuesday we learned better.

On Monday we were talking about heroes as being athletes;  
On Tuesday we re-learned who our heroes are.

On Monday we were irritated that our rebate checks had not arrived;  
On Tuesday we gave money away to people we had never met.

On Monday there were people fighting against praying in schools;  
On Tuesday you would have been hard pressed to find a school where someone was not praying.

On Monday people argued with their kids about picking up their room;  
On Tuesday the same people could not get home fast enough to hug their kids.

On Monday people were upset that they had to wait 6 minutes in a fast food drive through line;  
On Tuesday people didn't care about waiting up to 6 hours to give blood for the dying.

On Monday we waved our flags signifying our cultural diversity;  
On Tuesday we waved only the American flag.

On Monday there were people trying to separate each other by race, sex, color and creed;  
On Tuesday they were all holding hands.

On Monday we were men or women, black or white, old or young, rich or poor, Christian or non-Christian;  
On Tuesday we were Americans.

On Monday politicians argued about budget surpluses;  
On Tuesday, grief stricken, they sang *God Bless America*.

On Monday the President was going to Florida to read to children;  
On Tuesday he returned to Washington to protect our children.

On Monday we had families;  
On Tuesday we had orphans.

On Monday people went to work as usual;  
On Tuesday they died.

On Monday people were fighting the 10 commandments on government property;  
On Tuesday the same people all said "God help us all" while thinking "Thou shall not kill."

It is sadly ironic how it takes horrific events to place things into perspective, but it has.  
The lessons learned that week, the things we have taken for granted, the things that have been forgotten or overlooked, hopefully will never be forgotten again.

*Author unknown*

## 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.

|                  |               |                      |               |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Charles Ambrose  | Flotilla 7-10 | James P. Marinell    | Flotilla 23   |
| Harold Ash       | Flotilla 7-11 | Marvin Moser         | Flotilla 12-1 |
| Charles Bowen    | Flotilla 13-1 | Stanley Pojnar       | Flotilla 77   |
| Donal Cardwell   | Flotilla 86   | Robert A. Popo       | Flotilla 84   |
| Howard Humphries | Flotilla 79   | Richard W. Swetts    | Flotilla 15-3 |
| Donald W. Immler | Flotilla 53   | Mark Touni           | Flotilla 23   |
| Robert T. Leahy  | Flotilla 16-3 | Charles Valentas Jr. | Flotilla 82   |

Sailors Rest Your Oars

### Rest in Peace

The men and women of the  
5th Northern District  
Pay their respects to the memory of the  
Souls who lost their lives during the events of  
11 September 2001

# WELCOME TO 5NR

*Commodore Robert Perrone, DCO 5NR and Commander Stephen J. Minutolo, Director of Auxiliary 5NR, welcome the following new members to Team Coast Guard and the 5th Northern Family*

|                         |       |                       |      |                        |      |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Martin I. Abelkop       | 13-6  | Donald F. Harrington  | 91   | Mary V. Murphy         | 72   |
| Stuart I. Abramsom      | 85    | William H. Harris     | 86   | James E. Murphy        | 72   |
| Edwina Amoroso          | 48    | Gordon Heckler        | 13-1 | Steven R. Myers        | 14-5 |
| Matthew P. Arnold       | 16-7  | Raymond G. Heffeman   | 24   | Clifford W. Newcomer   | 69   |
| Harold D. Asbell Jr.    | 94    | Eugene E. Hendrzak    | 24   | Dennis E. Nield        | 12-9 |
| Michael J. Bader        | 24    | Paul W. Hinderliter   | 26   | Nicole M. Noakes       | 15-4 |
| Stephen P. Bakajza      | 91    | Amy J. Hinner         | 53   | Allen J. Nordt         | 83   |
| Harry J. Barnes         | 12-9  | Dennis R. Home        | 91   | Bruce A. Olson         | 43   |
| George Beck             | 91    | Marian S. Houston     | 43   | Eugene J. Palleschi    | 7-12 |
| Kim A. Beckley          | 14-2  | Arthur J. Hucy        | 15-4 | Robert D. Phillips     | 12-3 |
| Bryan E. Beish          | 94    | Mark Humbert          | 14-1 | Michael J. Plesnarski  | 14-6 |
| Marc S. Bianchini       | 85    | John M. Ickes         | 91   | Licas J. Pollits       | 15-4 |
| Michael O. Bielen       | 74    | Vickie L. Ickes       | 91   | John M. Powell         | 42   |
| David P. Biller         | 94    | Larry W. Irvin        | 91   | Richard J. Price       | 14-5 |
| Vernon L. Black Sr.     | 14-5  | Russell C. Johnson    | 7-10 | William T. Reed        | 54   |
| Jerome F. Bollettieri   | 7-11  | Walter J. Johnson     | 14-4 | Robert J. Robinson     | 12-1 |
| Doug K. Bonner          | 82    | John W. Jurgensen Sr. | 85   | Robert F. Roetz        | 4-11 |
| Patricia L. Bossone     | 83    | Susan Keenan          | 16-6 | Kevin F. Rooney        | 16-7 |
| Alfred D. Boyd Jr.      | 14-2  | Brian K. Kehrer       | 12-3 | Russell N. Sackett     | 24   |
| Jay J. Brandinger       | 69    | Kenneth P. Kehrer     | 12-3 | Gerard R. San Antonio  | 16-7 |
| John P. Brummer         | 72    | Carol A. Keifer       | 91   | Angelo N. Sauro        | 16-6 |
| Leann E. Campas         | 12-2  | Edward R. Kennedy     | 74   | Jason R. Scales        | 14-1 |
| Aran G. Campas          | 12-2  | Scott Kennedy         | 74   | Robert E. Schneider    | 52   |
| Gerald F. Clair         | 9-4   | Donald F. Kerry       | 82   | Bryan A. Schumacher    | 15-4 |
| Thalia C. Cook          | 14-2  | Andy S. Kerry         | 53   | Lena C. Scrivani       | 72   |
| William J. Cook         | 14-2  | Carla Kiwior          | 15-4 | Paul B. Segura         | 15-8 |
| Joseph Cotignola        | 16-10 | John M. Kiwior        | 15-4 | David C. Shreiner      | 43   |
| Michael T. Crannell     | 16-10 | Anthony Kledas        | 11-4 | Michael C. Simpson     | 14-5 |
| Ryan E. Deason          | 94    | Renee I. Kowalski     | 91   | Gerard H. Skelly       | 72   |
| Richard A. Deason II    | 94    | Scott A. Kowalski     | 91   | Marie Skelly           | 72   |
| William C. Deaver       | 82    | Norman D. Krause      | 15-4 | Stephen H. Smyk        | 12-2 |
| Salvatore Desiderio Sr. | 18    | John Kristoff         | 91   | Edward G. Snow         | 13-7 |
| Leroy F. Dewyer         | 15-7  | Patricia L. Kristoff  | 91   | Marianne A. Sokolowaki | 2-76 |
| Scott A. Distefano      | 85    | Corry D. Lansberry    | 94   | Ethel E. Solinski      | 91   |
| Lisa M. Epright         | 47    | Eleanore P. Laus      | 72   | Dennis Solinski        | 91   |
| Andy N. Farina          | 15-4  | Kenneth W. Lightfoot  | 66   | Andrew T. Stanley      | 12-5 |
| Laura L. Farina         | 85    | Jane Little-Poulliot  | 82   | Michael J. Strenkoski  | 15-4 |
| Jeffrey D. Ferguson     | 47    | Stephen J. Litwa      | 47   | Robert V. Suskie       | 24   |
| Antoinette V. Fimowicz  | 15-3  | Roy O. Lloyd          | 91   | Howard B. Taylor       | 16-6 |
| Randy S. Finelli        | 10-2  | Michele A. Long       | 53   | Katherine J. Taylor    | 10-5 |
| Nevin W. Fisher II      | 14-5  | Joseph J. Mack        | 12-1 | David R. Taylor        | 10-5 |
| Jason C. Flynn          | 14-5  | Patrick B. McColgan   | 7-11 | Gust D. Tsikalas       | 91   |
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| Terry L. Fuller         | 14-5  | William R. McLean     | 36   | Rudy Valentino         | 16-7 |
| Robert A. Fumanti       | 15-3  | William P. McPhail    | 12-5 | Ernest Vandenberg      | 83   |
| Alla N. Gallagher       | 21    | Charles P. Meckley    | 91   | Malcolm N. Wagner      | 24   |
| Edward M. Gallagher     | 47    | George A. Melillo     | 12-2 | James H. Weidner       | 65   |
| Eileen M. Garrity       | 48    | Richard B. Melvin     | 12-3 | Roger L. Whitacre      | 14-2 |
| Bernice D. Geier        | 82    | David G. Michael      | 12-3 | Brian J. Wiachuck      | 14-1 |
| William L. Gibbons      | 14-5  | Allen W. Miller       | 91   | Harold S. Witmer       | 12-1 |
| Kermit A. Gladtelter    | 14-2  | Pamela S. Miller      | 91   | Steven G. Wukovitz     | 24   |
| Stephen J. Gunn         | 48    | Steve J. Minutolo     | 47   | Edna J. Yount          | 91   |
| William F. E. Hanby III | 24    | John H. Morrill       | 12-9 | Fred Yount             | 91   |
| Nabil K. Hanna          | 83    | Kyle E. Murphy        | 15-8 |                        |      |

Prepared by DSO-FN Linda Unger, as of 30 August 2001

# PROFILES IN SERVICE

## ALBA D. THORN SO-PB 14

In April of 1999, Alba and her husband Ron completed the 13-lesson BS&S course and decided to join the Auxiliary. In June of 1999, Alba and Ron were sworn in as new members of Flotilla 14-2. During her first year, Alba became crew qualified and in January 2000, she was appointed as SO-PB for Div 14.



As ADSO-PB(W), I have the privilege of reading numerous Flotilla and Division newsletters sent to me from publication staff officers in the Western Area of 5NR. This year, as I read the submissions, I noticed that quite a few were from Division 14. With closer scrutiny, I realized that all seven Flotillas and the Division publish a newsletter, for a total of eight newsletters being produced and distributed in Division 14. I am not aware of the percentage realized in other Divisions but, to my knowledge, 14 is the only one with 100 percent participation in the publication of unit newsletters. An accomplishment of this magnitude deserves some recognition, therefore, Alba Thorn, SO-PB 14, was given a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Robert Perrone, DCO 5NR, for outstanding efforts in promoting the publication program of the Auxiliary. A Letter of Appreciation from me, with an endorsement from Donald Bowes, RCO(W), was also given to Alba and the following FSO-PBs in Div 14: Ruth Toms, Alba Thorn, Michael McCaffrey, Joe Diodato, Willard Roush, Laura Bodwell, and Enid Niquette.

Each year, I make contact with all Western Area SO-PBs, providing them a copy of my sample newsletter with instructions and guidance. Alba followed through and extended her support down the chain to the FSO-PBs, who then completed the cycle by publishing newsletters and sending them back up the chain. Parallel staffing at work!!!

When Alba was asked for her formula of success, she stated: "Whenever I contact the FSO-PBs, they always cooperate with any requests. They get their newsletters out each month. They are the ones who should get the applause! A very special 'Thank You' to these wonderful people who make my job easier and successful."

I would also like to add my thanks to these publication staff officers for a job well done! This exceptional endeavor should also be recognized as an example of the results that can be achieved when the line of communications is open and information is flowing. It does work!

*Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB, Fayetteville, PA  
Photo taken by Diane Houseman, FSO-PA 14-2  
York, PA*

## CAROL OWENS ADSO-OP 5NR AND COORDINATOR OF SARDET WILMINGTON

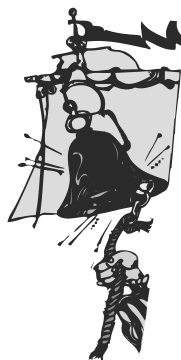
SARDET (Search and Rescue Detachment) Wilmington, DE, is responsible for Coast Guard Auxiliary patrols on the Delaware River - from Raccoon Creek to Ship John Light, Christina River - from the Delaware River to the first fixed bridge upstream, and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal - from Reedy Point to Summit Bridge. The hours of operation are Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 0900 to 2100 May through October.



Carol Owens is the coordinator of SARDET Wilmington and spends every weekend and holiday (May - October) at that facility. She also was the person in charge of the project to build a new facility when the previous building needed replacement. Her participation in that project earned her recognition from VADM Shkor and the gratitude of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Carol joined Flotilla 14 in 1981 and was promptly appointed FSO-SR (she still holds this position). Along the way she served as: Flotilla commander, 1988-1990; SO-SR, 1983-1984 and 1993-1996; DSO-VE, 1991-1992; Assistant SARDET Coordinator, 1998. She presently serves Division 1 as SO-OP (since 1992) and District 5NR as ADSO-OP (since 1996).

The awards for her outstanding service include: 3 Operational Coast Guard Ribbons for War Games in North Carolina and OpSail, New York; District Operations Service Awards for every year since 1990; 4 Sustained Service Awards; State of Delaware Operations Awards for every year since 1990; State of Delaware Auxiliarist of the Year for 1996 and 2000; Division Auxiliarist of the Year for 1995 and 1999.



Her duties as SARDET Coordinator include: maintaining close contact with the Operations Officer at the Coast Guard Base, Group Philadelphia, to coordinate patrol activity; schedule patrols; schedule communication watches; facility maintenance supervision. Her dedication and professionalism has won the respect of all who have worked with her.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is proud to have Carol as a member. Along with all the recreational boaters on the lower Delaware River, we thank you for your dedication to the service of promoting boating safety and saving lives.

*Harry Dyer, ADSO-PB, Warminster, PA*



# MARINE RADIO DISTRESS CALLING

## *Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!*

Those are the words that grab everyone's attention, especially The United States Coast Guard! Every vessel Captain or operator knows, (or should know) those are the words that get you the assistance that you need during a medical or other life threatening emergencies at sea. Without a doubt the marine radio is one of the most important items of safety equipment available to recreational boaters.

Let's say your family and/or friends are out for a nice pleasure cruise or fishing trip, and one of your passengers experience a life threatening emergency. As a knowledgeable skipper you know how to immediately contact the U.S. Coast Guard for assistance on Channel 16, using your marine radio. Ah, but wait a minute, let's suppose that it is you (the skipper) who is the victim of the emergency and are now unconscious or may have even fallen overboard. Do your passengers know what to do? Do they know how to operate your marine radio? Who to call? What to say? Let's hope that you are one of those Captains who have briefed your passengers on procedures in the event of such an emergency. Unfortunately, even if you have done so, in times of an actual emergency, people become very excited and sometimes confused regarding what they should and should not do. To avoid a possible tragedy, you should post the following instructions near the radio.

1. MAKE SURE RADIO IS ON.
2. CHANNEL 16
3. PRESS/HOLD THE MICROPHONE BUTTON
4. CLEARLY SAY: MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY
5. ALSO GIVE:
  - Vessel name or description
  - Position / location
  - Define the emergency
  - Number of people on board
6. RELEASE MICROPHONE BUTTON
7. WAIT FOR TEN SECONDS - IF NO RESPONSE

REPEAT "MAYDAY" CALL.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary encourages all boaters to have and learn how to use a marine radio. They are not very expensive, they take up little space, some are even hand held, and will provide you with instant access to the USCG in times of an emergency. We all know how important time can be, especially when your boat is taking on water or you have a medical emergency on board! Emergencies can occur any time, any where. The marine radio is much more reliable and faster in an emergency than are cell phones or CB radios.

Most pleasure boaters use VHF-FM marine band radios designed for short range communications. You are not required to have a Federal Communications License (FCC). Marine radios manufactured today are nearly as simple to operate as your telephone.

Channel 16 is designated as a "hailing and distress channel" and as such is monitored 24 hours per day, seven days per week by not only the U.S. Coast Guard but by other vessels, merchant ships, coastal commercial stations and other stations both on shore and afloat. You may conduct non emergency conversations on designated channels other than channel 16.

NOTE: Intentionally broadcasting a false "MAYDAY" call on your marine radio is a federal offense subject to prosecution which may result in a fine or imprisonment as well as for all costs incurred by the U.S. Coast Guard for any searches that may have been initiated as a result of such a call.

*Jeremy Smith, Public Affairs,  
U. S. Coast Guard Station Islamorada*

## NATIONAL OPERATIONS SCORECARD

For all, for info - the following brief scorecard of the national "Ops" that are in play (or are no longer in play) involving the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (effective October 7, 2001):

1. OPERATION INFINITE JUSTICE: This was an initial DOD code name and quote from public affairs: "IT SHOULD NOT BE USED IN ANY CONTEXT"
2. OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE: Refers to U. S. Military Operations associated in the U. S.
3. OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM: Refers generally to U. S. Military Operations associated with the war on terrorism OUTSIDE the United States. Other names may be assigned and announced to refer to specific activities that are part of ENDURING FREEDOM.
4. OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS is an Auxiliary code name: "...To assure that the resources of the Auxiliary are brought to the desired state of readiness that will enable the Auxiliary as an organization and Auxiliarists as individuals to be available for acceptance of missions and assignments in support of U. S. Coast Guard activities in connection with the larger United States effort identified as Operation Noble Eagle." This partial quote is from National Commodore V. C. Bertelsen's memo of 26 Sep 2001 on the topic of Operation Patriot Readiness

*CDR Steve Minutolo, USCG, DIRAUX, D5-NR*

# FALL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*The keynote speaker at the Fall Conference Commodore's banquet was Captain Thomas Paar, Atlantic Area, 5th Coast Guard District, Chief of Staff. His inspiring remarks to the conference are reproduced here so you can share his kind thoughts of the Auxiliary. Ed.*

Commodore Perrone, Vice Commodore Bentley.

Good evening, I bring the warmest regards from the Fifth District Commander, Vice Admiral Thad Allen, who thought he would be on duty in Mexico City, but is now overseeing Coast Guard efforts in support of the World Trade Center attack. Please know that if he could, he would be here this evening... the Auxiliary is near and dear to his heart.



It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here this evening. At every opportunity, I enjoy sharing with my Coast Guard Auxiliary shipmates the wonderful support and many wonderful experiences we have shared. And I have known the Auxiliary well since 1974 with my service in Coast Guard recruiting and wonderful collaborative spirit and efforts recruiting shared with our career candidate partners. And as a Group Commander in Miami, FL from 1994 to 1997... All the magnificent operations we were able to successfully accomplish only with the contributions from the entire team... Active, Reserve and Auxiliary. By the way, these operations included mass migrations from both Cuba and Haiti, and even an invasion of Haiti.

Early on as I was preparing for this evening, my dialogue with you was intended to touch upon what I consider the positive outcome of Coast Guard streamlining, and that was an increased spirit of cooperation and collaboration from within Team Coast Guard. And I wanted to further highlight those individuals who I term quiet heroes that serve within the Coast Guard Auxiliary. However in light of the events of this week, I have adjusted my remarks to address the anticipated greater need for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the need for greater cooperation within the team that will be required in the future.

As many of you know, the Coast Guard active component was reduced by 4,000 personnel and over \$400,000,000 between 1995 and 1996 without any decrease in missions despite our best efforts to reduce work. That meant that virtually the same amount of work needed to get done with fewer teammates. To me, sitting in Group Miami at the time, I watched the Active, Reserves, Auxiliary, Civilians and even Retired begin to increase communications and work together both better and smarter to get the job done superbly. The "heavy lift" operations that could not have been accomplished without Coast Guard Auxiliary assistance included the mass migration efforts and enforcement of domestic laws in support of that endeavor; the many annual air-sea shows and boating

events that safely occur year round in that part of the country involving millions of spectators ashore and thousands of boats on the water; and then special events...One of which, the Summit of the Americas, had then President Clinton hosting 32 heads of states from throughout the western hemisphere...Without the Coast Guard Auxiliary, these events would be virtually impossible to support.

And as the pressure to get the work done well increased, we continued to work more efficiently and effectively as a team and as a family. For the Auxiliary, this involved ventures into what were termed non-traditional areas. Again, at Group Miami, we had Auxiliary volunteers helping in medical, in administration and computer support as well as Coast Guard operations. After personally observing and understanding Team Coast Guard for over 27 years, from my perspective, Team Coast Guard was only getting better... Better connected, better coordinated and the bottom line, it's achieving better results. And I enjoy telling audiences, Team Coast Guard is people...The boats, the ships, the stations, the MSOs...They don't get things done. It is the people that get the work done superbly. People like:

Auxiliarist **John "Jake" Lincoln**, Flotilla 86 - North Cape May, NJ who serves as the region's Historian. He is also a Qualifications Examiner for boat crew program trainees and serves as his Flotilla's Aids-to-Navigation program manager. Jake joined the Auxiliary in 1970 and has served it dutifully in several regional staff officer positions as well as a Division Captain. He has mastered virtually every Auxiliary training specialty and consistently logs several hundred hours of Auxiliary operations and program support each year. Most notably though, in his capacity as the region's Historian, Jake has tirelessly searched for, gathered, stored and preserved bits and pieces of D5-NR's rich history of Coast Guard mission support. He can reliably be found at regional events with display tables full of D5-NR historical material, photos and memorabilia. His care and appreciation for history are labors of love, serving to educate and remind all members of its Coast Guard Auxiliary heritage. And there is a very light side to Jake - he invented and has served as keeper of "The Award of the Rubber Duck" which is literally a yellow rubber duck at the end of a ribbon and worn around the neck - an award he initiated in 1986 to show appreciation to active duty Coast Guard personnel in and around Cape May for their services rendered to humanity. The award brings great spirit and humor to the local Coast Guard active duty and Auxiliary personnel - and it has been awarded to the likes of RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara and the 2000 Jarvis Award winner, LCDR Tracy Wannamaker.



(l to r) CAPT Paar, Joe and Helen Diodato, Jake Lincoln and John Bernath.  
*Photo Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*

Then there are Auxiliarists **Helen and Joseph Diodato**, Flotilla 14-4, Hanover, PA. As relatively new Auxiliarists, having joined in 1997, Helen and Joe have set outstanding examples of member involvement and program participation. They have progressively completed qualifications in a wide variety of programs and disciplines including Auxiliary

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Instructor, Vessel Examiner, boat crew and most recently, both of them have successfully completed the rigorous requirements to be recognized as Operational Auxiliaries, "AUXOPs". Beyond program qualifications, Helen has dutifully served as her Flotilla's Public Affairs and Personnel Services Officer while Joe, in his capacity as the Flotilla's Publications Officer, has consistently published an excellent Flotilla newsletter - "The Anchor Dipper." their enthusiasm and concern to serve others set standards for all new members.

And there is Auxiliarist **John Bernath** Flotilla 12-2, John serves as the Flotilla's Staff Officer for Public Affairs. A retiree, John has been an Auxiliarist for 12 years. He has served as a Flotilla Commander and as a Staff Officer for Public Affairs and Publications. He channels his remarkable enthusiasm and care for the welfare of others into increasing public awareness of boating safety and of Team Coast Guard. John spearheaded the coordination of a dozen local agencies, including Power Squadron, local police, Park Service and Red Cross, to hold a National Safe Boating Week kick-off open-house event at Station Indian River Inlet last May. In just a few hours, several hundred men, women and children living in and visiting the area stopped by to learn more about boating safety and the agencies who serve them. Through his attention to every detail, this event had broad media coverage and was attended by the local State Representative and representatives of U.S. Senator Tom Carper's office. Its success was typical of John's dedicated effort and interest that he puts toward the Coast Guard on a daily basis.

And then there is Auxiliarist **Chester Klabatz**, Flotilla 61 who serves as the SARDET Bordentown Coordinator. Literally working out of a converted sea-van shipping container, Chester has effectively served as a Unit Commanding Officer of the SARDET for several years. He has insured that the SARDET was fully manned and equipped, ready to support Auxiliary training needs and MSO/Group Philadelphia's mission needs on the Delaware River from May through October of each year. His leadership and hard work have been typically instrumental in achieving a 100% readiness record this summer season.

A great job and many, many thanks to these and all of the quiet heroes of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fifth District, Northern Region.

Which leads me to the events of the past week and what does it mean to our Coast Guard.

First understand that September 11, 2001 is a date that will be forever etched in the history of the United States of America. The magnitude and significance of this attack are immense. Through the course of this week, the Fifth District staff has dialogued frequently with the Department of Transportation and Coast Guard leadership. I think it was Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, who coined the phrase, "the new normalcy" when referring to the need for heightened security for our transportation system, and heightened security for our borders, two arenas in which the Coast Guard plays significant roles.

And to our credit, once again when disaster strikes, your Coast Guard is Semper Paratus. Operating in and managing New York harbor is a flotilla of Coast Guard ships, boats and aircraft under the capable leadership of Activities New York,

Rear Admiral Dick Bennis. But more importantly are the hundreds of Active Reserve, Civilian and Coast Guard Auxiliary members who respond to the call for assistance, and are now ably and professionally executing Coast Guard missions and duties. These duties are critical given that the best and quickest access to Lower Manhattan today is by water. And throughout the country, the Coast Guard has positioned its units and people to protect America's citizens and vital assets. Once again, you the Coast Guard Auxiliary, are critical and integral to your Coast Guard's positive response.

At this time, the greatest concern in the Coast Guard is for sustaining the current heightened level of Coast Guard services both to New York City and throughout the country.

Again, I harken back to Secretary Mineta's term "the new normalcy." What will it be and what will be the Coast Guard's role. Well it is too early to tell in any kind of detail. However, my sense is that owing to our outstanding efforts and response to the current emergency, and our military, maritime and multi-mission nature, we will have more to do...This time with adequate resources. Admiral Allen has already talked with Commodore Perrone regarding the increasing involvement of the Auxiliary in the days ahead. I am encouraged by that prospect, because as in streamlining, I see greater, more efficient Team Coast Guard arising.

I would like to conclude by simply thanking all of you, the 3000 members strong, Fifth District, Northern Region, for the exceptional efforts, the exceptional work, the exceptional service that you provide America in this most distressing time. It is critical to our Coast Guard.

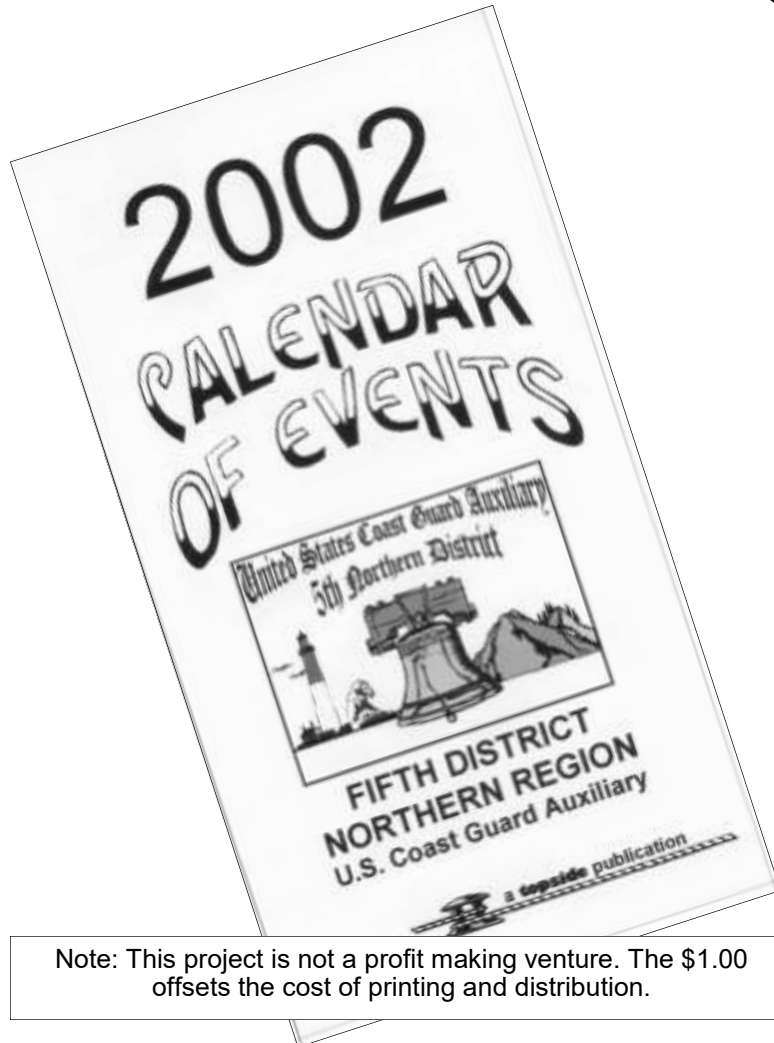
**God bless the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Semper Paratus.**



Commodore and Mrs. Perrone listening to Captain Paar's address.

## 2002 5NR POCKET CALENDAR

# The time is now.....



Every Auxiliarist can use this handy pocket calendar. It lists all national holidays and special 5NR dates to remember.

**Flotilla  
Commanders  
and  
Division Captains  
should order one  
for each of their  
staff officers!**

Note: This project is not a profit making venture. The \$1.00 offsets the cost of printing and distribution.

Send to: Melvyn A. Borofsky, DSO-PB 5NR  
24 Lake Singleton Court  
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087-1115

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "USCG AUXILIARY 5NR"**

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

Number of copies: \_\_\_\_\_

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

at \$1.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Flotilla: \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2002**

## CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

Although not without its problems, we were planning to return to the Hershey Inn & Conference Center for our Spring '02 Conference. At the eleventh hour, however, they declined to accept our business. This put us in "shoal water" almost immediately as hotels previously contacted were fully engaged for our conference date. We were able to locate only two sites that met most, but not all, of our conference requirements.

And so, the Spring Conference (15-17 March 2002) will be held at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center in York, Pennsylvania. This is a brand new facility with first class accommodations (\$55 room rate) and food. However, should we have a large turnout similar to April of this year, some attendees will have stay at a nearby hotel. Transportation and program schedule arrangements have been made to minimize any inconvenience.

The Fall 2001 Conference brought out more attendees than past conferences in this time frame. Yet, 30% of the registrations were received one week after the deadline. This will not work for the upcoming Spring 2002 Conference. As meeting space at Heritage Hills is very "tight", there will be no exceptions to the 18 February 2002 registration deadline.

Please note that conference registration form has a space for your email address if you have one. This will expedite any questions we may have about your form. And folks, please remember that your Division Number is not 05N; that's our District Number. We need your correct Division Number for entry into our conference database.

Activity at the Spring 2002 Conference will be interesting and informative. In addition to the awards and acknowledgement for the hard work of our members, there will be workshops for Operations, Public Education, and Information Services... all programs with wide ranging changes and updates.

*Arline & Ira Dolich, Conference Coordinators 5NR  
Cherry Hill, NJ*



### **SPOUSE & GUEST PROGRAM**

The Spouse/Guest program will again be in two parts:

- 0900-1145 Coffee with a Speaker  
Topic: "Banquet Designs" presented by the catering department of the Heritage Hills Hotel.
- 1215-1330 Lunch (awards luncheon or otherwise)
- 1330-1600 Outing -- Historical Tour, Shopping, etc.; yet to be determined

*Joanne Perrone*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SPRING CONFERENCE

15-17 March 2002  
Heritage Hills Golf Resort  
York, PA 17402

#### **Friday, 15 March 2002**

- 1600-2100 Registration Desk Open (Lobby)  
1800-2000 Members' Dinner  
2000-2100 Division Captains' Caucus  
2000-2100 District Staff Officers' Meeting  
1900-2300 District Materials Center Open  
**2130-2330 "Welcome Aboard" Party**

**Featuring the  
"World's  
Greatest"  
SANDWICH &  
SALAD BUFFET**



#### **Saturday, 16 March 2002**

- 0630-0800 Members' Buffet Breakfast  
0730-1145 Registration Desk Open  
0800-1600 District Materials Center Open  
0800-1200 District Board Meeting  
0830-1200 New Member Workshop  
0830-1100 Operations Workshop  
0900-1130 Spouse/Guest Program (Speaker)  
0900-1200 Training Aids/Trade Show  
1000-1015 General Coffee Break

#### **1215-1330 Awards' Luncheon**

- 1330-1530 New Members' Workshop  
(Reconvene)  
1330-1600 Spouse/Guest Program (Tour)  
1330-1530 Public Education Workshop  
1330-1530 Information & Communication  
Services

#### **1730-1830 Cocktail Hour**

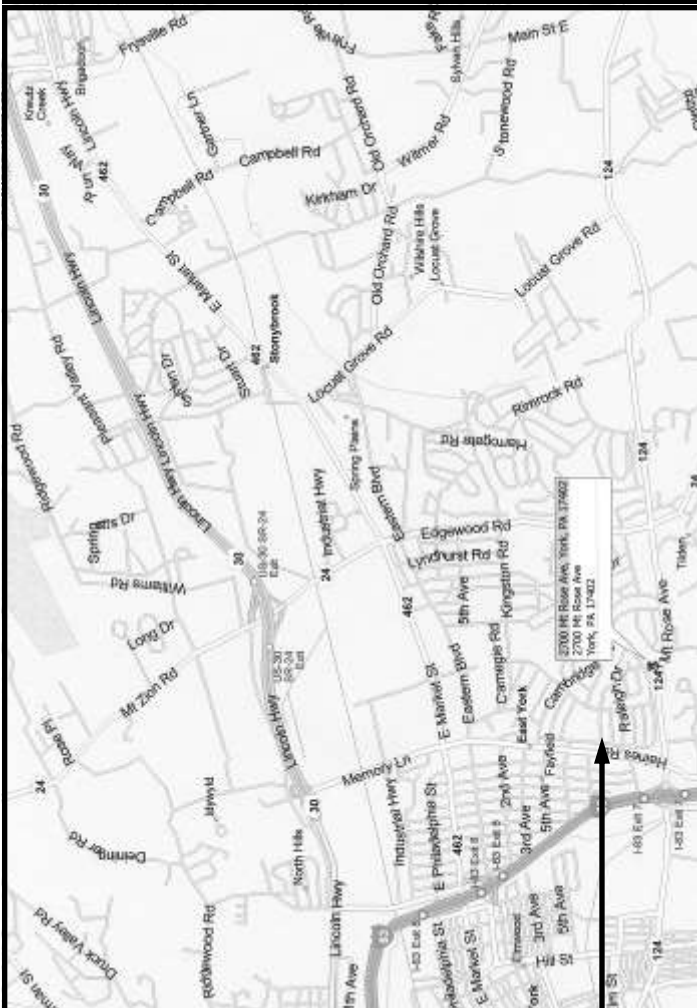
#### **1830-2200 COMMODORE'S BANQUET**

#### **2200- Hospitality/Commodore's Suite**

#### **Sunday, 17 March 2002**

- 0700-0900 District Materials Center Open  
0800-0930 Members' Breakfast  
0830-1000 Past Captains' Breakfast  
1000-1200 EXCOM Meeting

# SPRING 2002 CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATION



## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM

**Heritage Hills Golf Resort  
and Conference Center**  
2700 Mt. Rose Avenue (PA Rte. 124)  
York, PA 17402

Phone: Toll Free (877) STAY-PLAY  
Fax: (717) 757-5708

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non Smoking

☐ I have **HANDICAP** requirements.

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

**Rate: \$55.00 Single or Double**  
**Check in time: 1500**

If you wish to arrive earlier,  
please check with the hotel for availability.

**Deadline for reservations: 18 February 2002**

*One nights deposit required to guarantee room.*

Make checks payable and mail to the  
Heritage Hills Golf Resort, **with this form**,  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

### UNIFORM OF THE DAY

|                       |                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday Evening:       | Casual                                                                                                                                       |
| Saturday before 1800: | Service Dress Blue or<br>Appropriate Civilian Attire                                                                                         |
| Saturday after 1800:  | Dinner Dress White Jacket <b>OR</b><br>Dinner Dress Blue (White Shirt,<br>Bow Tie, Miniature Medals <b>OR</b><br>Appropriate Civilian Attire |
| Sunday:               | Casual                                                                                                                                       |

# SPRING 2002 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

## SPRING 2002 AWARDS' CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM NON-FUNDED ATTENDEES 15 - 17 MARCH 2002

Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conf. Center  
2700 Mt. Rose Ave., York, PA  
TollFree (877) STAY-PLAY

Use this form to make your conference and meal reservations.

Note the name, meal and function selection for each attendee, total the cost, and submit a check for that amount.  
Please use additional forms for more than two (2) attendees.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **USCGAUX 5NR**.

Mail to: **Dolich, Conf. Coord. 5NR, 108 S. Mansfield Blvd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-3613**

Division Number:

|                                                                  | #1 | #2 | Amount \$ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------|
| Name                                                             |    |    |           |
| E-mail Address                                                   |    |    |           |
| Registration fee for each person 17 years of age & over @ \$5.00 |    |    |           |
| Friday Night Buffet @ \$21.00                                    |    |    |           |
| Saturday Buffet Breakfast @ \$9.00                               |    |    |           |
| Saturday Awards Luncheon @ \$13.00                               |    |    |           |
| Saturday Commodore's Banquet                                     |    |    |           |
| London Broil @ \$20.00                                           |    |    |           |
| Chicken Marsala @ \$20.00                                        |    |    |           |
| Sunday Breakfast Buffet @ \$10.00                                |    |    |           |
| Past Captain's Breakfast                                         |    |    |           |
| Member of PCA (No charge)                                        |    |    |           |
| Guest @ \$10.00 (A PCA member must make PCA guest reservation)   |    |    |           |
| <b>Check made out to USCG AUX 5NR for the TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>      |    |    |           |

### Workshop/Event Selection

|                                                                   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| New Member Workshop (Must have letter of acceptance from the DCO) |  |  |  |
| Spouse/Guest Program AM Session (Speaker)                         |  |  |  |
| Spouse/Guest Program PM Session (Tour)                            |  |  |  |
| Operations                                                        |  |  |  |
| Public Education                                                  |  |  |  |
| Info. Services & Communications                                   |  |  |  |



# FALL CONFERENCE 2001 - WILMINGTON, DE



*2001 FALL CONFERENCE  
5th District-Northern Region  
Wyndam Wilmington Hotel  
Wilmington, DE  
14-16 September 2001*



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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 1

### Northern Delaware

#### WORKING TOGETHER

A maritime accident on the Delaware River, at the mouth of the Chesapeake & Delaware (C&D) Canal, brought together people from all sides of the Coast Guard family.

A tugboat had sunk in the mouth of the canal. It was run over by the barge it was towing, loaded with 500,000 gallons of liquid sugar. Its forward momentum carried it into the tug which sunk with the loss of one of its crew members. Four other crew members were rescued by vessels from the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Division, members of the Fort Delaware staff as well as a privately owned sailboat. The sailboat was first on scene and relayed information to the responding units, staying on station until everything was under control. Coast Guard units from SARDET Salem, Group Philadelphia and local fire companies also responded.



The bow of the sunken tug boat is visible forward of the CG Cutter.

As soon as the news was on the air, Carol Owens, ADSO-OP, started making calls to organized Auxiliary facilities, if they were needed. On Mother's Day the first Auxiliary facility launched from the Delaware City boat ramp and reported on the scene, relieving the USCG Cutter *Cleat*. Their function was to keep all commercial traffic out of the Canal while allowing recreational boats to pass at no wake speed. Notably, the crew included two Mothers, Carol Owens and Jane Brereton, with husband



(L to r) Jane and Bob Brereton, Carol Owens

Bob Brereton along as helmsman. **What a way to spend Mother's Day... ten hours on patrol.**

On 16 and 17 May the Auxiliary again answered the call to duty. This time a combined Division crew relieved a tired Coast Guard vessel. John Stebbins (Div 4) was at the helm with Victor Tenaglia (Division 2) and Carol Owens (Division 1) serving as crew. Their duties were similar to those from the previous day. While there, they kept Group Philadelphia advised of any changes in the position of the overturned tug and maintained lookout for any leakages from the tug.

*Photos and article by Paul Eldridge, FC 15, Newark, DE*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 2

### Philadelphia, PA

#### NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK AT PHILLY WATERFRONT



Father James King (USCG AUX) blessing the USCG Cutter CLEAT.  
Photos by Muriel Lewis, FC 2-76, Haverford, PA



Hypothermia Booth...Chester Klabbatz and Betsy Levy encouraging people to try the ice water, with their hands in it.



Setting up our display at the start of the weekend. (l to r) Jim Weiler, Charlie Lyman, Janis Hawkes and Muriel Lewis.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3  
West New Jersey

## OPEN HOUSE USCG STATION FORTESCUE, NJ 14 JULY 2001



(l to r) Janet Bentley, Harry and Jenny Petersen in front of Station Fortescue, NJ.



USCG Jet Fireboat demonstration.



↑ Harry Petersen, DSO-MT, in discussion with Rutgers representative.

→ Division 3 vessel examination vehicle on display.



Photos by Gene Bentley, VCO 5NR

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5  
Harrisburg, PA

## Flotilla 56 Hosts 21-Day Flag Retreat



Marine Corps League, Chambersburg, PA was the site used by Flotilla 56 when they hosted the Flag Retreat on 29 Jun.

For 16 years, Flotilla 56, Chambersburg, PA, has participated in this yearly event comprised of 14 veteran organizations that share in hosting the daily Flag Retreat Ceremony from Flag Day (14 June) through the closing ceremony on the 4th of July. During the 21 days, each organization had numerous members who traveled every day to a different retreat site throughout the Cumberland Valley as the various organizations hosted this patriotic tribute to the Flag. Though the closing is traditionally held on 4 July, this year it was postponed due to rain and the finale was held on 7 July. The closing ceremony, held at Chambersburg's Municipal Park, follows a daylong celebration ending with a concert in the park and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

*Photographer: Pat Marthouse, Flotilla 56  
Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB, Chambersburg, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5  
Harrisburg, PA

## FLOTILLA 53 IN HEALTH FAIR



Flotilla 53 of Harrisburg participated in a "health fair" sponsored by Community Life Team Ambulance Service. The fair was held on August 18th at Community Life Team's headquarters building in Harrisburg, PA.

The health fair provided all types of health tests such as diabetes and blood pressure screenings as well as vision testing. In addition bicycle and in-line skating clinics were held for the youngsters attending.

A Public Affairs and Informational Booth was set up and manned by Flotilla 53 during the exposition. Several people were signed up for the BS&S classes scheduled for the Fall and safety information pamphlets were distributed to all interested attendees. The picture shows George Popacostas, FC-53 on the left and Bill Weihbrecht, PRCO-W on the right of the display.

*Bill Weihbrecht, PRCO-W, Harrisburg, PA*

## An Unusual Assist

This was only the second weekend so far this season at Raystown Lake, PA, to be predicted to be clear and pleasant. I was monitoring the VHF in the cabin and relaying messages for the Rangers' office to the far reaches of the lake.

A third party came on requesting assistance for a boat taking on water close to the midpoint of the lake. Since there was no Auxiliary facility on patrol, I relayed the message to the Ranger in their communications center. She advised that the boat be beached at an overnight camp site, assess the cause of the leak and report back.

It was decided that the bellows was the culprit and his bilge pump was inoperable, so he needed a method of dewatering. I informed him that I had a portable dewatering pump on my vessel and could bring that to him if his batteries could handle the task. He assured me that they were fully charged and could do the job.

There is a dirt service road to the camp, which I told him I would use if the gate were open. At this point the Ranger came in to say the gate was locked and it was a three-mile uphill hike on foot. She asked that I stand by. All her Rangers were at the heavily patronized ramps and not available to assist. However, she was able to gain the cooperation of one at the closest ramp and he would meet me there to let me pass through the gate.

I immediately procured the pump from the boat and moved with dispatch to the access road where he had the gate open and was waiting. He said that he had better lead me, which was not the favor he thought, as the dust in following him was terrible.

In due time we arrived at the camp and I thanked the cooperating boater for his VHF service and went to view the problem. The owner of the boat returned with the Ranger, who was now at the end of his shift, to seek parts. In the ensuing time the occupants of the boat had determined that the exhaust manifold plug had not been replaced during dewinterizing.

Now with the engine at rest, he dewatered the boat with my pump and waited for the owner to return with the needed plug. I said that I could do no more and wished to return to monitoring the VHF. He thought awhile and it clicked that I wished to take the pump and gear with me. When he handed me the pump, leads and tubing, it was covered with oil! We immediately had a long discussion centered on NO overboard discharge of oil and NO oil in the bilge. I am sure he got the message.

As I was locking one of the gates, another Ranger drove up



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7  
Southern Ocean County, NJ

## NEW JERSEY ENACTS PFD LAW DIVISION 7 RECEIVES GRANT

The State of New Jersey enacted a PFD law in 2000 that requires youngsters 12 and under to wear a PFD on any vessel underway (unless in an enclosed cabin). Division 7, under the direction of SO-PE Joe Lupa applied for and received a \$1000 grant to post permanent signs informing the public of this new legislation.

Over 100 of these vinyl signs have been produced and are being posted on our waterways, marinas and fuel docks.

*Mel Borofsky, DCP 7, Little Egg Harbor, NJ*

## TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL VISITS DIVISION 7

The traveling wall visited Division 7 and set up at the Miller Air Park in Berkely Township, NJ. On May 27-28, the names on the wall were read aloud by volunteers from throughout the area. Two members of Division 7 were chosen to assist in that honor. Photos below, [L] Ellen Voorhees, SO-SR 7 and [R] Edna Frederick, SO-PA 7 reading the names.

*Unknown photographers*



## WEARING TWO HATS

The "Lady" is sixty one years old. She has known thousands of men in her day. Some refer to her as, "their first love." Their romance lasted as little as a few months, others several years.

It takes an Admiral to get her going and a complement of officers to get her to behave. Time has not been kind and many are on hand to rectify this situation. She has been given a second chance to inspire, astound and bewilder.

Boys took her to war; Now men, mostly older than she, get her ready for her big date. There are some women in this group of volunteers. This Auxiliarist has the opportunity to wear two hats. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary and Battleship NEW JERSEY Alliance Volunteers.

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



A paint splattered Marie McGlynn, FSO-CC 79 was one of many hundreds of volunteers who helped refurbish the USS New Jersey on the Camden, NJ/ Philadelphia waterfront. The ship, the most decorated US Navy vessel ever, is now a museum on the Delaware River.

*Photos by Joe McGlynn*



Above, [L] Joe Barcelo, FC 72 and [R] Wally Wubbenhorst, VFC 72, preparing to install the "PFD" signs on the waters of the Great Bay.

*Photo by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB.*

Above, [Inset] A "PFD" sign installed by Flotilla 7-11 on a bridge crossing the NJ Intracoastal Waterway.

*Photo by Tim Bonsper, VFC 7-11*

Right, [l to r], Tex Gydos (74), NJ State Trooper John Schriener, Jon Bomenger (74) and Charles Andree, FC 74 exhibiting the "PFD" sign at their National Safe Boating Week booth.

*Photo by Walt Domanski, FSO-PA 74*



## FLOTILLAS POOL RESOURCES FOR NSBW



Three Division 7 Flotillas, 79, 7-10 and 7-11, joined forces to man a Safe Boating Booth outside a well visited department store. They estimated speaking to over 1500 people that weekend.

(1) Edna Frederick (2) Rosalie Brittan, (3) Lawrence Volz, (4) Elise Carson, (5) Susan Hartung, (6) John Larkin, (7) Kathleen deFerrari.

*Photos by Jeff Frederick (7-10)*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7  
Southern Ocean County, NJ

## A DAY AT LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER, LIBERTY PARK, NJ

When Claire LoVoi and Vince Maciborka of Flotilla 77 began planning for a Safety Booth at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, they knew it would have to serve a wide range of interests and ages. The themes they selected for the booth were Safe Boating, Water Safety and A Healthy Marine Environment. While this may sound a little ambitious for a Safety Booth, they were selected to capture the attention of the diverse population that would be visiting Liberty Science Center on June 13, 2001. Among the 2700 visitors expected, there would be urban residents, inland suburbanites and inner-city groups, as well as boaters, water-lovers and landlubbers. A challenging mix!

Claire and Vince began assembling materials and equipment appropriate to the booth and visitors. The Flotilla banner was #1 on the list! Coloring and activity booklets were selected to attract children, though they proved to be a powerful magnet for parents and grandparents. Brochures, pamphlets and booklets on water safety, safe boating and the marine environment



A few young visitors seem to enjoy their lesson on the importance of a proper fit for a PFD. They adopted the "PFD Dog" as their mascot.

Water safety rules and posters were taken off the Coast Guard Web site and a collection of large PFD posters (Snoopy et al) was added. Next, they filled a trash bag with all types and sizes of

PFD's, as well as a scruffy-looking stuffed dog in his own PFD. The latter proved to be the most popular item on the PFD table. Claire's car when fully loaded resembled that of a traveling salesman and migratory worker combined.

Meanwhile Nancy Conti, an Interpretive Associate at Liberty Science Center, handled all the in-house details and mechanics for setting up the booth. This included locating the booth in the Estuary, a living exhibit which replicates estuarine zones and marine life. The Estuary also contains a Stream Table and a Touch Tank, all of which reinforced the Auxiliary's relationships to a safe and healthy marine environment. Two

large tables were set up, one for information and the other as a PFD table.

The day began with an enthusiastic reception from Center personnel. Staff members came by to express their approval and support with a few of the supervisors and coordinators taking pictures of the booth. Many of them lingered to collect some booklets and to try on PFD's.



[L] Nancy Conti, Associate at the Liberty Science Center, and Claire LoVoi pause for a minute as they set up the safety booth.

The booth was manned by Claire and Nancy with occasional help from other staff members for traffic control and back-up. Children and adults picked up items of interest from the display of literature. Many tried on PFD's and talked about their boating experiences or lack of. Others stopped by out of idle curiosity and left with a better understanding of water safety. During the day, Claire took the time to conduct two 20-minute training sessions: one for 6 teachers on the use of "Inky the Whale" and "Captain Clearwater" before giving them copies for each of their classes; the other for 8 middle school children and interested onlookers on the 6 rules for water safety. She also made up what she calls "CARE PACKAGES FOR BOATERS" in response to visitors' requests for information for a friend (relative or neighbor) who just bought a 29 (24 or 32) foot boat and doesn't know much (anything) about boats. As she gave out the packages of information, she urged them to tell the would-be skippers to take a safe boating course.

A sure sign that the booth had done its job well was the depletion of materials at the end of the day. What had taken two young men and a hand truck to deliver was easily handled by Claire and Nancy in two small cartons plus the PFD's in the trash bag. The themes of Safe Boating, Water Safety and A Healthy Marine Environment selected for the Safety Booth were well-served. Both boaters and non-boaters took away something of value as a result of their visit with Flotilla 77 on June 13 at Liberty Science Center.



A youngster waits patiently while being fitted for a PFD.

*Claire LoVoi, FSO-MT 77, Mystic Islands, NJ*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7

Southern Ocean County, NJ

## FLOTILLA 72 HOSTS NJ TRADE ASSN.

The kick-off to the 2001 Clean Boating Campaign by the NJ Marine Trades Association included a gathering on July 6th at the Tuckerton Seaport, Tuckerton, NJ. Flotilla 72 under the direction of Joe Barcelo, FC 72, hosted the event and organized the presentations. Speakers represented the Tuckerton Seaport, Marine Trades Association of New Jersey, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and the NJ Marine Police. The Mayor of Tuckerton also spoke as did Captain Bob Durfey, Commanding Officer of Group/Airstation Atlantic City and Commander Steve Minutolo, DIRAUX 5NR.

## PHOTO SCRAPBOOK OF THE DAY



Photos by Sue Wade, SO-PS 8, and  
CDR Steve Minutolo, DIRAUX 5NR

## AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARDS



**A combined 60 years of service.....** Horace and Nancy Mathis of Flotilla 77 are awarded their 30 year Auxiliary Service Certificates by Mel Borofsky, Captain, Division 7. Both of the Mathis' are very active in their Flotilla and Nancy serves as a most enthusiastic SO-CS for the Division.  
*Photo by Kathleen deFerrari, VCP 7*

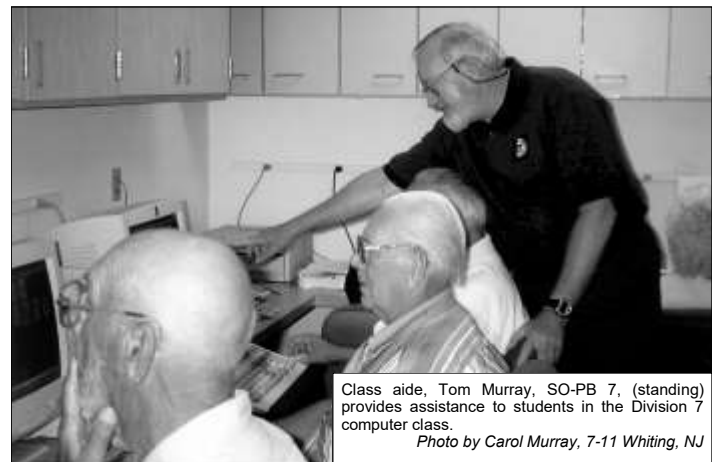


← [R] Charles Andree, FC 74 receives his 10 year Auxiliary Service Certificate from DCP Mel Borofsky at a recent Division 7 meeting.

*Photo by Edna Frederick, SO-PA 7*

## COMPUTER INSTRUCTION OFFERED

Recognizing that the electronic age has hit us square in the face, SO-PE Joe Lupa, with kind permission to use the classroom facilities at the Southern Ocean County Hospital, taught basic computer skills to Division 7 members. Those attending walked away with a new respect for the utility of computers and some of their "computer" fears were stashed away forever.



Class aide, Tom Murray, SO-PB 7, (standing) provides assistance to students in the Division 7 computer class.

*Photo by Carol Murray, 7-11 Whiting, NJ*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7  
Southern Ocean County

## FLOTILLA 72 INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS



Flotilla 72 FC Joe Barcelo [r] installing new members (l to r) Marie and Gerard Skelly, Eleanor Laux, John and Mary Murphy. Missing from the photo were new members John Brummer and Lena Scrivani.  
*Photo Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*

## NEW CREW MEMBERS FOR FLOTILLA 7-10



Flotilla 7-10 FC Ray Panfile [r] presents new crew certificates to (l to r) Steve Zuzic, Virginia LaVelle and Angelo Caruso.  
*Photo by Edna Frederick, SO-PA 7*

## DIVISION 7 TAKES ANNUAL CRUISE TO A.C.



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southeast New Jersey

## FLOTILLA 82 ENJOYS "PIG ROAST"



Capt. & Mrs. Wisniewski chatting with John Burns

Flotilla 82 members, families and guests enjoyed the festivities at CG Cape May amidst the sand dunes and views of the ocean. Base Commander Captain & Mrs Wisniewski were the honored guests.  
*Photos by Thom Weber, FSO-PA 82*

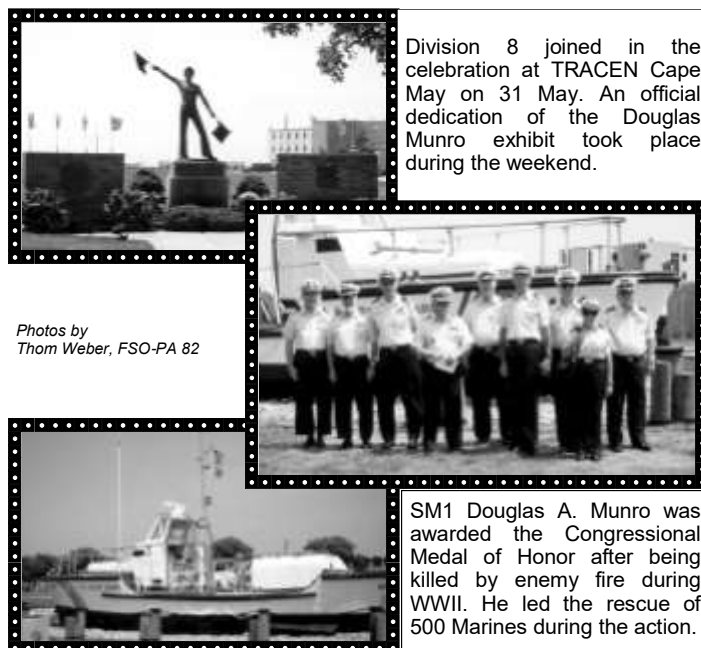
Charlie Keister & Bruce Long bring on the corn.

## FLOTILLA PARTICIPATES IN HEALTH FAIR



Flotilla 82 participate in the Lower Township Health Fair on June 9 in North Cape May. Approx. 1000 people visited the fair and viewed the displays manned by (l) Gordon Schmidt and Thom Weber.  
*Photo submitted by Thom Weber, SO-PA 82*

## 53rd ANNIVERSARY CG TRAINING CENTER



Division 8 joined in the celebration at TRACEN Cape May on 31 May. An official dedication of the Douglas Munro exhibit took place during the weekend.

Photos by  
Thom Weber, FSO-PA 82

SM1 Douglas A. Munro was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor after being killed by enemy fire during WWII. He led the rescue of 500 Marines during the action.



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southeast New Jersey

## OPEN HOUSE, USCG STATION ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

Division 8's annual fete featured tours, displays and SAR demonstrations. Over 500 people toured the station this day.

June 9, 2001



Chief Cook, Gil Finkelstein, DCP 8



Michele & Mel Borofsky, Leo Daley and Jean Stretch



Mel Borofsky in AutoBoat



Howard Friedman and Martin VanWickel



Division 8's FINEST

Photos by:  
CDR Steve Minutolo, DIRAUX  
Gil Finkelstein, DCP 8  
Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB

## FLOTILLA 82 FLOWER BOAT

May 28, 2001

The flower boat has been part of a history for 52 years by Flotilla 82 of Cape May, NJ. The Flotilla has launched the boat every year on Memorial Day in honor of the veterans who served our Armed Forces throughout the years.

For the past ten years a Coast Guard Helicopter from Group Atlantic City has dropped a wreath on the flower boat.

Pictured are (l to r) Mike Dineen, VFC 86, on the left, Ritchie, PVFC 82. John "Jake" Lincoln, District Historian.

*Photographer unknown*





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southeast New Jersey

## OPEN HOUSE - NAS WILDWOOD, NJ



An Open House was held at Naval Air Station Wildwood this summer. Jake Lincoln's group had a good set up and staff. We watched as people checked out the information. Guess you could call NAS Wildwood an adopted member of Team Coast Guard since Jake's group has been supporting their efforts for some time.

*Photo by Robert Fritz SO-CM Div 4*

## FLOTILLA 85 IN NIGHT EXERCISE



"Misty Blue" in night rig.

This past June, Flotilla 85, Brigantine, NJ performed a joint night exercise along with a Coast Guard Cutter from Station Atlantic City. A 45 minute briefing and search and rescue (SAR) training session was held at 2000 hrs. A drill radio message was sent over VHF at 2100 hrs to Station Atlantic City by Auxiliary vessel *Misty Blue*, "that a man was overboard and we could not locate him in the dark." Five of our newer members were aboard the CG Cutter to observe how the SAR case was handled. A search pattern was established and run by the cutter. The Auxiliary vessel, with 8 crew aboard, maintained communications with the cutter, assisted in the search pattern and discussed the scenario as it progressed. It was valuable training with good cooperation between the SILVER and GOLD.

*Article & photo by Gil Finkelstein DCP 8*

## NEW MEMBERS FOR FLOTILLA 83



(l to r) Ernest Vandenberg, Nabil Hanna, Allen Nordt, Pat Bossone receiving their new member certificates from FC Inez Troiano.

*Photo Bud Troiano, IPFC 83*

## CPR TRAINING IN FLOTILLA 83



Training was received at *Rescue 4* training center in Wildwood Crest, NJ. Janet Kipp, FSO-FN, receives guidance from Frank Accardi, Senior Red Cross instructor.

*Photo by Bud Troiano, IPFC 83*

## AUXOP AWARD PRESENTED AT CAPE MAY

Captain D. Wisniewski (l) presents the AUXOP certificate to **Wolf Vieth**, VFC Flotilla 82, during ceremonies at the CG Training Center, Cape May, NJ.  
*Photo by Thom Weber, FSO-PA 82*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9  
Western Lakes, PA

## DIVISION 15 ASSISTS DIVISION 9 TRAINING AT GLENDALE LAKE, PA



1. Frederik B. Paulsen Jr, FSO-PE 15-5, instructing David T. Heckman, Flotilla 96, on line handling techniques.
2. Len Soderberg [c] receiving navigation instruction from [r] Don Bowes, RCO-W, as Ralph Covert, FC 15-7, looks on.
3. Sharpening side tow skills are (l to r) Frederik B. Paulsen, FSO-PE 15-5, John Ickes, Flotilla 96, Mrs. Dorle Heckman on "towed" vessel.

*Photos by Jim Gotthelf, VFC 15-5, Herndon, PA*

## FLOTILLA 96 RECEIVES CHARTER

A ceremony for the establishment of Flotilla 96, Glendale, PA (focused on Prince Gallitzen State Park in western PA) was held yesterday, Saturday, Jul 7, at Sir Barney's Restaurant in Flinton, PA. Commodore Perrone administered the pledge to the newly elected FC David Heckman and VFC Richard Deason. Vice Commodore Eugene Bentley administered the pledge to new members and appointed officers, and Commander Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX, presented the chartering certificate.

*Photos by various photographers*



## FLOTILLA 91 INSTRUCTS CUB SCOUTS



Flotilla 91 members presented a Water & Kids program to very energetic group of Cub Scouts, their parents and leaders at Cub Day Camp, Camp Anderson, Tyrone, PA. Over 100 attended the workshop held in the Camp's messhall. (above) FC Allen Mitchell explains the right and wrong way to wear a PFD. (below) Cubs waiting to enter the mess hall for the workshop.

*Photos by Allen Mitchell, SO-PB 9*





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9  
Western Lakes, PA

## DIVISION 9 PEOPLE



IPDCP 9 Al Mitchell with a videotape of his recent boating safety interview on local Altoona television. *Photo CDR S. Minutolo, DIRAUX*



DCO Bob Perrone welcoming Flotilla 91's newest member, Larry Irvin, aboard. *Photo CDR S. Minutolo, DIRAUX*



Division 9's newest boat crew members - John and Vicki Ickes of Flotilla 91. *Photo CDR S. Minutolo, DIRAUX*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10  
Allentown, PA

## COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM SOLVED

Communication at Beltzville Lake, PA, for Division 10 patrols has been solved. A donation of a 20 foot tower and space for the radio has been received. We purchased a new antenna and lead in cable to complete the job. We should now be able to cover the lake in case of an emergency. The Park Rangers at the lake do not use channel 16 causing the problem. We will now have a Watchstander at the base and complete communications.

*Philip Stamm DCP-10, Wyncote, PA*

## PHOTOS FROM BELTZVILLE LAKE

On Sunday, 29 July, I rode on an Auxiliary surface patrol on Beltzville Lake, east central PA, with coxswain Phil Stamm, DCP 10, and crew Clarence Smith and Dennis Hurchalla and John Tough all of Flotilla 10-6, Lansdale, PA. PA Fish and Boat Commission officers were also underway - and I would be very remiss not to mention Alice Stamm who dutifully manned the patrol's shore side communications post.

There were plenty of boats on the lake, but I could see the potential for many more had the weather been a little better and the Pocono 500 car race not been running nearby that afternoon  
*Article & photos by Commander Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX*



Dennis Hurchalla  
at the helm



During the refueling break - left-to-right: John Tough, Clarence Smith Phil Stamm, (DCP 10 - seated) and Dennis Hurchalla.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## HARRY OTTO RECEIVES AWARD



(L) Harry Otto, D5-NR Auxiliary State Liaison Officer for the State of Delaware and National's Legislative Liaison for Delaware, recently returned from the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Nashville, TN. [R] Bill Gossard presented him the prestigious Award of Merit from the National Water Safety Congress during its 50th Anniversary Award Luncheon. The award recognized his countless hours and tireless efforts to provide invaluable liaison between the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary and the State of Delaware - way to go, Harry!

*Photo & caption by Carolyn J. Otto, SO-PB*

## DIVISION 12 PROVIDES PLATFORMS

On May 27 Division 12 provided the first Auxiliary platform for the Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) out of Roosevelt Inlet, DE, for the purposes of boarding a tanker on the Delaware Bay. The mission was a great success, the Coast Guard boarded a tanker doing lightering operations for inspection. Flotilla 12-5 provided the platform for the Coast Guard. We picked up the MSD people after the inspection was complete and it all went quite smoothly. By the Auxiliary acting as a platform for the MSD it saved the Coast Guard considerable money. Had we not provided the transportation, they would have had to take a pilot boat out at a cost of \$150 dollars per trip. It was also a great experience for the crew and coxswain that did the job.

*Bob Amort DCP 12, Dover, DE*

## HAND IN HAND...



## ADMIRAL ALLEN VISITS DIVISION 12

On August 31, Vice Admiral Thad Allen, Commanding Officer of the 5th Coast Guard District CG Station visited Roosevelt Inlet, DE. He was accompanied by Captain Gregory Adams, CO of Group/MSO Philadelphia.

The Admiral toured the area aboard an Auxiliary vessel with Coxswain Joe Phillips (12-2) and crew persons Ralph and Elaine Gilgenast (12-1). It was an exciting event having such distinguished Officers aboard their vessel.

*Article and photos by Elaine Gilgenast, FSO-PA 12-1*



Admiral Allen (l) in discussion with Captain Adams aboard the Auxiliary vessel.





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## OPEN HOUSE AT USCG STATION INDIAN RIVER, DE

This past May the Division held an open house in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Indian River, Delaware. The event was a great success. We reached over 450 people of all ages throughout the course of the day. This year's event focused on boating safety and the Flotillas in the Division supported this effort by setting up booths on the grounds of the Coast Guard Station.

The event was nothing short of superb thanks to the hard work of all of you and John Bernath (12-2) for organizing the Division's participation.

*Photos by Bob Amort DCP 12  
Carolyn Otto, SO-PB 12, Dover, DE*

### Memories of the Day to Share with You...



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## OPERATION INLAND BAYS

On August 11, 2001 four boats from Division 12 assisted the Coast Guard Marine Safety (MSD) office at Roosevelt Inlet in a "get out the information" campaign. This joint venture was intended to educate the public on "Operation Boat Smart" and keeping our waters clean of boat induced pollutants.

We had 100 packets of information made to distribute to the boating public that contained Federal and State requirements, oil spill reporting information, an illegal dispersant use pamphlet information on vessel safety checks along with a list of Vessel Examiners's to contact. The goal for the day was for each of the four boats to make 25 safety contacts.

Each of the vessels had an Auxiliary crew and at least one active duty Coast Guard MSD officer on board. We rotated through marinas all day making contact with as many boaters as possible. We took great care when on land to separate the activities of the active duty Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

main goal was to educate the boater about not polluting our waters with oils and fuel. Overall, I think that was also a great success.

This program has great potential. If carried out the way this one was we will manage to get a tremendous amount of VSCs accomplished, and our waters will be a lot cleaner and safer for all boaters. Working with the MSD personnel has been a tremendous experience for the people in Division 12. Station Commander, Lt. Wazlavek has charged up our membership by giving us new purpose. We have formed a partnership with the MSD that has rejuvenated the members of Division 12. This program has added intensity and a new sense of excitement to our mission.

"Operation Inland Bays" has more purpose than most of our operational missions, since we cover both on land work and patrol duties. We are available for search and rescue missions if needed but are also trying to educate the boating public at the same time. I would like to see more of these types of missions



Plans for the day are discussed with DCO Robert Perrone.



DCO Robert Perrone gets a briefing from Lt. Wazlavek

Basically, we went in separate directions on land so that Coast Guard personnel were not present when an Auxiliarist did a Vessel Safety Check (VSC), and an Auxiliarist was not present during refueling education performed by the Coast Guard. The entire day went quite well, with the boating public being very receptive to our mission.

The Auxiliarists participating in this event spent their time in each marina talking to boaters about boating safety and doing VSCs where the boaters would allow. With the combined efforts of the Auxiliary and the Active Duty Coast Guard we made close to two hundred boating safety contacts and did a total of 32 VSCs. The operation ran all day, and during that time one of our boats managed to tow a vessel in distress.

The Active Duty Coast Guard personnel wrote some tickets and a few warnings to boaters, but that was not their goal. The

added to our tasking of boat crews, not only in Division 12 but also the 5th Northern Region.

As Division Captain, I feel this is a successful mission that I would like to see continue. Our ties with the Coast Guard make us feel good about what we are doing and give us a real sense of purpose.

I commend Lt. Wazlavek in his handling of all aspects of this mission.

*Article and photos by Robert P. Amort, DCP 12, Dover, DE*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13  
Central New Jersey

## AUXILIARIST RECEIVES TWO WORLD WAR II DECORATIONS

An award presentation ceremony was held at Flotilla 13-5's monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall in Cherry Hill, NJ on 11 June 2001. On the initiative of Flotilla Commander Mel Kleinfeld, this recognition ceremony was in honor of Mr. Charles Peterson, a World War II veteran who served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Farragut, NJ Flotilla during the war but who, until now, had never received two awards to which he was entitled.



Mr. Charles Peterson receiving one of the two medals he earned during WWII from CDR Steve Minutolo, DIRAUX, 5NR.

Mr. Peterson was among the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who, during the war, became temporary members of the Coast Guard Reserve. At the war's end, all Temporary Reservists were authorized to wear the World War II Victory Medal and, if they served 365 days or more, were also authorized to wear the American Theater of Operations Medal.

As part of the Farragut Flotilla, Mr. Peterson was part of the unsung protective forces in America's coastal cities and harbors. He unselfishly did a job that had to be done, whether it happened to be boat patrol on the Delaware River, radio watch, gate and dock duty at riverfront piers or sentinel duty during the nights. It was a pleasure and an honor to pin these long-overdue medals on him. Kudos to Flotilla 13-5 and Division 13 for their care and concern for a distinguished Auxiliarist.

*CDR Steve Minutolo, USCG  
DIRAUX, D5-NR*

## OPERATION "BOSS LIFT"

LT Shawn McGlinchey, USCG Reserve, called me and requested my boat and crew for "Operation Boss Lift". So on a Saturday morning I gathered my crew, Bruce Holton VFC 13-6 and Butch Simpkins FC 13-10, and headed for Group Philadelphia. We would meet with Linda Nelson, a Reservist and an Auxiliarist for further instructions.



At the Station a Reservist loaded a smoke machine and an AC generator onto my boat. The Coasties came along to operate the equipment. The sign board and Auxiliary flag on my boat were removed so we would appear to be civilians.

We moved into position off the dock and started the smoke machine. When the smoke became intense, we frantically called the Coast Guard for help. A 41 foot Coast Guard boat appeared and sprayed water to put out the simulated fire. The smoke machine was then turned off, and we were taken in tow by the 41 footer.

After anchoring, a Coast Guardsman was transferred from my boat to the 41 ft boat. A helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City appeared and lowered a litter to the Coast Guard boat. The Guardsman was strapped in and lifted into the departing helicopter. The helicopter returned and began lowering the Guardsman. Unexpectedly, the litter was dunked in the river, an initiation ritual. The operation ended after the Guardsman was lowered back onto the 41 footer.

This exercise was part of a demonstration for the civilian employers of the Reservists. They witnessed some of the activities their Coast Guard employees do during their two week drill time and week ends.

*Dave Berlin, DCP 13, Mt. Laurel, NJ*



**Charles "Chuck" Bowen**, was the Commander of Flotilla 13-1. Chuck's health took a turn for the worst, and he passed away June 22, 2001. He was 64 years old.

Not only was Chuck the Commander for 2000 and 2001, but he was also the Commander back in 1980. He had a zest for life and was a person we all admired. He was married to Sandra (Sandy) for 37 years. He was a pharmacist and owned his business.

Chuck's hobbies were boating and fishing. In 1977, he and Sandy realized that they needed a boating course. Shortly afterward they both joined the Auxiliary. In 1978, Chuck became a Vessel Examiner and an instructor for public education classes. He was an active instructor for many years.

When Chuck's health took a downturn, he couldn't walk and was bound to a wheelchair. Members from his Flotilla made a ramp at his home so that he could go to the bus that took him to the hospital for his medical treatments.

Members of Flotilla 13-1 and the Division will miss Chuck. It was a pleasure to have worked and served with him. Our condolences to his wife, Sandy.



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14  
Susquehanna, PA

## FLOTILLA 14-2 INSTALLS NEW BRIDGE

Photos by  
Alba D. Thorn,  
SO-PB 14



John Houseman and Ron Thorne are sworn in as Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander of Flotilla 14-2 by DCP 14 Hank Demler.

## FLOTILLA CRUISES THE CHESAPEAKE



Several members on three vessels of Flotilla 14-2 took a boat trip to Gibson Island, MD this past June. (l to r) Todd, Colleen and Colin Shreve, Diane and John Houseman, Ron and Alba Thorne.

*Photo by Alba Thorne, SO-PB 14, Hanover, PA*

## SARDET LONG LEVEL WEEKEND

→  
SARDET Facility  
is launched by  
Bob Bentz, Jake  
Frederick and  
Ron Thorne.



←  
SARDET Long Level  
Staff pose for their  
"class" picture.



↑ Coxswain John Houseman and crew Jake Frederick and Diane Houseman guide their facility into the dock.

← Lindy Harrison mans the console while showing off her new "leg anchor" to John Houseman.

## HANOVER, PA MAYOR PROCLAIMS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK



### "SAFE BOATING WEEK" PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The Hanover Flotilla 14-04 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary works year round to ensure the safety of boaters of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, The said Flotilla, in cooperation of the Rangers Staff at Codorus State Park will be holding boat safety checks and demonstrations on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to further the education and safety of those individuals who enjoy boating and to the public in general; and

**WHEREAS**, The campaign theme for 2001 is "Boat Smart From the Start...Wear Your Life Jacket" is being proclaimed in partnership with many groups for the purpose of stressing the life saving value of wearing a life jacket;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Margaret Hornel, Mayor of the Borough of Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania declare May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup> as "Safe Boating Week" and urge all boaters to "Boat Smart From the Start...Wear Your Life Jacket".

In witness whereof, I hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 2001



Receiving proclamation are (l to r) David Inglis, Jr., NSBW Chairman, FC David Snee and Mayor Margaret Hornel.

*Helen Diodato, FSO-PA 14  
Hanover, PA*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15  
Frontier

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK STATION



David C. Kapp, FSO-VE 15-5, Milton, PA conducts vessel safety checks at a local marina. Dave made arrangements with the marina operator to post the station for the day. Good initiative, Dave.

*Photo Jim Gotthelf, VFC 15-5, Northumberland, PA*

## SAFE BOATING BOOTH AT MALL



Flotilla 15-5 manned a booth May 19-20 during "Family Public Safety Days Expo" held at the Susquehanna Mall

*Photos by  
James Gotthelf, VFC 15-5*



"PFD Panda" is Diane Reed,  
FSO-SR 15-5



Pictured in photos:  
Lester Reed, Jr.,  
Kathy Mitchell Tree,  
Bill Stuck,  
Jim Gotthelf,  
Grace and Don Bowes,  
Bill Chancellor

## SAR Incident at Glendale Lake

Jim Gotthelf, John Ickes and Rik Paulsen were conducting routine patrols aboard Don Bowes 25' cabin cruiser on the weekend of 30 June/1 July, 2001. On both mornings, with several trainees aboard, we practiced combined side tows and man overboard exercises.

At noon on Sunday we returned to the marina to pick up another crewmember. While docked we observed 3 rather large people (1 man and 2 women), in their mid 20's depart the rental dock in a 17' aluminum canoe. None were wearing PFDs.

A cold front was coming into the area and weather was deteriorating quickly. At noon one of us commented "those people are in trouble and don't know it" so we decided to put out and escort them back to the dock.

The canoe was obviously overloaded for the weather and sea conditions (wind from the south at approx. 15 kts and seas of 1 1/2 to 2') - although the capacity plate was determined later to allow for 750 lbs. and 4 people max.

We proceeded about 1/4 mile to the canoe and approached from downwind at a distance of about 15' so as not to swamp them. We advised the people that they were overloaded for the weather conditions and immediately asked them to put on their PFDs and head into the seas. The two women were in the process of putting on their PFDs when they broached and the canoe capsized spilling all three into the lake. At this point we were approx. 200 yds from the nearest shore and according to our fathometer, in 18' of water.

Because they were not properly secured the two women's PFDs immediately slipped over their heads and floated away. We called to them asking if they all could swim and only one of them responded "yes." We had great difficulty in getting to them because of the swamped canoe. Its now floating contents were blocking the Coxswain's view of the scene. At one point the Coxswain was under the impression (later proven to be incorrect) that one of the women had gone under the facility and he turned off the vessel's engine.

Once the victim was sighted, we repositioned the facility upwind of the scene placing the victims in our lee and began the process of bringing them aboard. At that time, one of the women yelled to us that one of the men was "freaking out" because contrary to what they had said earlier, he, in fact could not swim.

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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Division 15 Frontier

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The two crewmembers reached over the side in an attempt to bring the male victim aboard over the transom. Because of his size and the fact that he had a "death grip" on their hands, they had considerable difficulty in maintaining their balance and not falling in themselves. The two women were brought aboard without any complications.

Conversations with the victims afterward revealed that they were not advised by the rental concession to wear their PFDs or even how to properly put them on if necessary.

We took the swamped canoe in a side tow, recovered as much of the victims' personal effects, PFDs, paddles, etc. as we could and proceeded back to the rental dock after advising them of the incident via VHF radio.

### Lessons learned

Train, train, train!

Train to react without thinking.

Regular man overboard drills are not enough, we have to be able to quickly triage unfavorable situations where there are multiple victims in the water and debris which complicates rescue efforts.

Continue efforts to make the public aware of the fact that PFDs are only good if they are worn and worn properly.

*Don Bowes, RCO-W, Lewisburg, PA*

## COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED



Harold Miller and Ron Duperon (15-6) discussing radio procedures and log entries on the new radios purchase for use during weekend patrols at Cowanesque and Hammond Lakes in Tioga County, PA.

*Photo Astrida Miller, SO-PB 15 Covington, PA*

## BEING A MENTOR

What is a mentor? My dictionary defines the word as trusted counselor, guide; tutor; or coach.

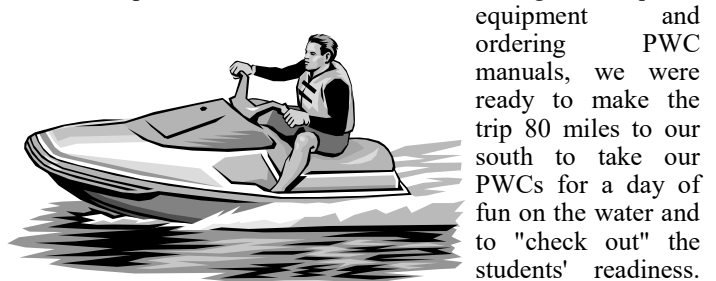
My husband Harold and I were "bitten" by the personal watercraft (PWC) bug several years ago, completed the CGAUX PWC training last year and received our PWC qualifications. We found that just one PWC was not enough so we purchased another. Now equipped with 2 facilities and 2



Lindy Harrison discussing required equipment with Rex Stackhouse, Claudia Kellogg, (hidden) Les Early Flotilla 15-1 and mentor, Harold Miller Flotilla 15-6

certified operators we are patrolling our lakes on PWCs. The positive responses we have received from the public, The Corps of Engineers and our Flotilla members have made us believers in the value of PWCs for patrols on our small, inland lakes.

Now comes the mentoring part. Flotilla 15-1 to our south had several members interested in PWC qualifications. After numerous phone calls and e-mails, discussing the required



equipment and ordering PWC manuals, we were ready to make the trip 80 miles to our south to take our PWCs for a day of fun on the water and to "check out" the students' readiness.

We found members who were enthusiastic and ready for training in the skills needed for certification.

Several weeks later we returned to Sayers Lake, PA, for a day of training and mentoring. Demonstrating the on-the-water tasks was much more effective than reading the manual and looking at the diagrams. We conducted a pre-underway check and then launched the PWCs. Everyone took turns being picked up in the water, towing and being towed, getting off the PWC and remounting, and maneuvering through a buoyed slalom course. Harold and I were the guides, the tutors, and coaches and what fun we had all working together. We left feeling satisfied that we had been able to impart the knowledge we had been taught to a new group, knowing that they would be practicing to improve their skills and be ready for the QE.

*Astrida Miller SO-PB 15, Covington, PA*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16  
Northern Jersey Shore

## DIVISION 16's EVENTS

It has been a long spring/summer and the patrol and safety programs are coming to an end. Division 16 has had a successful year in doing 45 patrols and still counting with 3 Regattas. We completed 572 Vessel Safety Checks.



All of the Flotillas are preparing for the public education classes for the fall/winter session. Thus far we have completed 100 classes.

Member training is completed for crew and coxswain for the Division.

We had a great turnout for our TCT Class on 21 April at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, NJ.

30 June, we held the Blessing of the Fleet in Silver Bay. Various members participated in this successful event.

15 July, we attended the "Blueclaws" baseball game in Lakewood. We served as the Honor Guard. There were 40 members attending the event.



4 August, the Open House at Station Manasquan Inlet was held. Many thanks to the committee. Frank A. D'Antonio DCP 16-5, Kevin Pace VFC 16-5, Jack Witemeyer VCP 16-7, Terry Bearce FC 16 -10, Mary Holihan VFC 16-8 and Thomas Kindre SO-PA 16-10. All the media was contacted via flyers we printed and distributed throughout the area. The visitors toured the Station's 47 foot patrol boat, 33 foot boat, 21 foot inflatable and the State Police Patrol Boat, Flotilla 16-5, 16-7 and 16-10 had displays in the boat house. Some 300 visitors toured the Station from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

9 September, our Division held Memorial Services at Station Manasquan. The Services honored deceased Coast Guard, Reservists and Auxiliary. The services were conducted by Frank A. D'Antonio, DCP 16, Robert Belluscio, BM 2, Coast Guard and Robert G. Witham, Chaplain Division 16. After the land ceremony Chaplain Witham led the Coast Guard and Auxiliarists on the 47 footer out to sea for a special prayer. Unfortunately we had 2 members cross the bar; James J. Early Sr. and Robert T. Leahy.

### Future Events:

2 December Change of Watch at Crystal Point in Point Pleasant, N. J.

*Frank A. D'Antonio DCP 16, Cranford, NJ*

## OPEN HOUSE

### USCG STATION MANASQUAN INLET, NJ

Division 16 sponsored an open house event at CG Station Manasquan Inlet on Saturday, 4 August. This was the third annual event of its kind, originating two years ago as part of the celebration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's 60th anniversary.

Division 16, Station Manasquan Inlet and Station Small Shark River combined to arrange and provide displays on boating safety education, local Coast Guard history and static assets (eg - small boats, 47-footer, Law Enforcement Detachment Portsmouth deployable patrol craft) - a nice opportunity for the local community and visitors to see a great slice of Team Coast Guard.

*Article & photos by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX 5NR*








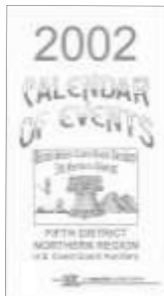




## SCENES OF THE DAY





# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Fifth Northern District - 2001-2002 Calendar of Events

| NOV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DEC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | JAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | FEB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>1 All Saints Day</b><br><b>2 Central Area Meeting</b><br><b>3 Western Area Meeting</b><br><b>5 EXCOM Meeting</b><br><b>6 Election Day</b><br><br><b>10 Eastern Area Meeting</b><br><b>11</b><br><br><b>Veteran's Day</b><br><br><b>15</b> | <b>3 EXCOM Meeting</b><br><b>10 First Day of Hannukah</b><br><br><b>15 Unit Reports Due</b><br><b>16 Deadline Election Results to DIRAUX</b><br><b>16 Winter Board Reports to DIRAUX</b><br><b>25</b><br><br><br><b>Christmas</b> | <b>1 New Years Day</b><br><br><br><b>15 Unit Reports Due</b><br><b>21 Martin Luther King's Birthday</b><br> | <b>1 Div/Flotilla Finance Reports Due to DIRAUX</b><br><b>1-3 NTRAIN-St. Louis, MO</b><br><b>4 EXCOM Meeting</b><br><b>12 Lincoln's Birthday</b><br><br><b>13 Ash Wednesday</b><br><b>14 Valentine's Day</b><br><br><b>18 President's Day</b><br><b>22 Washington's B'day</b><br> |



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