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Spring Conference 2003 Spouse and Guest Program Sat. March 15th

9:00 AM



Hospitality Coffee and
Sweets

9:30 - 11:30 AM

The history of old and
new quilts with a mini
quilt show provided by
the speaker and
members of the
Auxiliary.



2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

What Makes A Doll
Collectable?
Presented by the
White Rose Doll
Collectors.



3:00 - 3:30
Refreshments

Please Join
Us...

DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY

“We must place our immediate action on strengthening our maritime security capabilities, with a watchful eye on our entire mission set and the need to “hang together” with all other actors that contribute to the nation’s security.” Pop quiz – who made that statement? It’s not a trick question...it was part of the closing of Admiral Thomas Collins’ article entitled, “Constancy Amid Great Change” in last August’s edition of the U.S. Naval Institute independent forum for the sea services, *Proceedings*. A brief breakdown of the Commandant’s assessment has pertinence and applicability for the times and circumstances in which D5-NR finds itself.



Actions to strengthen regional maritime security capabilities began last year and have continued to build ever since. Captain of the Port Philadelphia, Captain John Sarubbi, has principal marine safety and environmental protection purview throughout the entire D5-NR area. In the past half year, he has designated and tasked Marine Safety Office Philadelphia’s own Liaison Officer for Auxiliary interaction (LTJG Eric Carrero) and has begun the export of training in marine safety, security and environmental protection missions to regional Auxiliarists. Additionally, working together with Excom and new DSO-MS Lyn Thomas, a formalized set of operating procedures to help define Coast Guard and Auxiliary interaction in marine safety and security missions is nearly complete and Auxiliary resources and capabilities are included as elements of the Coast Guard’s regional plans for contingency responses and operations. Similarly, D5-NR’s Auxiliary Liaison Officers (ALO’s – all of whom can be found in the 2003 D5-NR Directory) provide ideal avenues to follow for the arrangement and coordination of Auxiliary support to all Coast Guard units in this region.

A watchful eye on the Coast Guard’s entire mission set also hinges greatly on continued Auxiliary leadership in recreational boating safety. A basic tenet of Operation Boat Smart is that an educated boater makes for a safe boater. Your efforts are essential to heightening the awareness of recreational boaters not just to the benefits of being careful on the water but also to aspects of homeland security that pervade every citizen’s daily activity. Informing boaters whom you encounter through patrols, classes, vessel safety checks, marine dealer visits and outreach programs about things like naval vessel protection zone parameters and how to properly report suspicious maritime activity help multiply the overall effectiveness of the entire Coast Guard’s efforts to meet its homeland security responsibilities.

As far as the need to “hang together” with all others involved with the nation’s security, D5-NR interaction with state partners (e.g. – Delaware’s DNREC, Pennsylvania’s PAF&BC and New Jersey’s Marine Unit) and organizational counterparts (e.g. – USPS and Sea Cadets) has enjoyed excellent cooperation, involvement and understanding. The region’s Auxiliary Liaisons to these entities (all of whom can also be found in the 2003 D5-NR Directory) make great conduits to keep us all informed of each other’s priorities and efforts and how to best support each other.

Our collective ability to stay aware of how these elements effectively combine and supplement each other will ensure the success of D5-NR’s contribution to the Coast Guard’s “constancy amid great change.”

*CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, USCG
Director Of Auxiliary D5-NR*

DIRECTOR HONORS 30 YEAR AUXILIARISTS



Commander Minutolo (L) presents 30 year service certificates to (top) Aristide Cecchi, 13-6 and (below) and Charles Maltbie, 13-6.

Photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB



DISTRICT COMMODORE

These are exciting times for the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Coast Guard will transfer from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security. This is a department at the same level as the Department of Defense. With this transfer will come an expanded role for the Coast Guard and subsequently the Auxiliary. There will be an increased opportunity for the members of the Auxiliary to work with the active duty Coast Guard. They will rely on the Auxiliary to perform the traditional roles, albeit at a somewhat increased tempo. Auxiliarists have a local knowledge of the waters and will be particularly helpful in Search and Rescue, Harbor Patrols, Watchstanding and Marine Safety/Environmental Protection. Traditional missions will need to be emphasized and we certainly must pay attention to Operation Boat Smart. We must reach out to the boating public and be sure that more of them are knowledgeable about boating, especially such groups as kayakers, canoeists, fishermen and hunters. We must devise ways to get the safety message to them. This has been called "preventive SAR" in the past.



members as well as new members.

The response to Operation Patriot Readiness has been less than optimal in Fifth Northern. We do not expect each member to participate, but we expect the member to respond and indicate whether or not they will participate. If the member has not responded, the elected officers should call the member and encourage response. If the member does not wish to participate at all, the flotilla commander may talk to the member and complete the form for him or her. If the member is willing to participate, the member must sign the form.

Finally, we must not forget fellowship. This is another part of the glue that binds this organization together. The Change of Watch ceremony is one example of fellowship. Picnics and other outings are other examples. Even setting up a "ramp day" for vessel examinations is an example of fellowship.

I have a great deal of pride in the Fifth Northern. We are one of the best districts in this country. With the support of the members, we can be undeniably number one. Let's give it a try! ☼

*Eugene A. Bentley, Jr., DCO D5-NR
Newtown Square, PA*

For us as an organization, to increase our activity we must recruit more members. We must be innovative in our approach. Public education classes have been our classical source for new members. However, we have seen a decrease in the number of students attending these courses so we must develop other methods, such as communicating to the boat owners when we do vessel safety checks, setting up public affairs booths at malls and at boat shows with emphasis on recruiting and sponsoring Sea Scout ships. This is an area that has not been tapped in the past.

Once we have recruited a new member we must retain him or her and keep his interest in the Auxiliary. Member training is a very effective way to achieve this since many people join to learn more about boating skills. In Fifth Northern we plan another year of aggressive member training. We plan to decentralize many of the sessions so that each member has less distance to travel and the training sites will be more convenient. We also can assign a mentor to each new member to guide that member through the early days and months of membership. Many of the terms we use glibly are foreign to new members and tend to confuse them. Acquiring a uniform can be confusing. This is another area where the mentor can help. Finally, when a member does not attend meetings or participate in any other way for one or two months, the mentor or an elected officer should call that member and determine why. This applies to longer term



District
Commodore
Eugene Bentley,
addressing the
members of
Division 13
at their annual
Change of Watch
Ceremony.

*photo by
CDR Stephen
Minutolo,
DIRAUX D5-NR*

VICE COMMODORE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the D5-NR Board for their support in my election as District Vice Commodore. I truly appreciate their vote of confidence.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to the basic Division and the work force of the Auxiliary, yes the Flotilla.



Many flotillas will have new commanders, and several will be serving their second year. Leadership in the flotilla is a wonderful opportunity to grow in management skills, planning, "Roberts Rules," etc.

The Flotilla Commander is the flotilla leader. As Commander, you must plan your programs in advance; member training, specialty courses, patrols, vessel safety check stations and fellowship activities. "Plan your work-and work your plan." "Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success," said Henry Ford.

You are not expected to do this alone. Don't try to be a one-man band! You have a Vice Commander and Staff Officers. This leadership must be a team approach. I have noted that the most successful flotillas have a board meeting before their first regular meeting of the year. In this way, the commander can direct the staff (team) to schedule all of the events that are necessary for a flotilla's year. Example: The Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander should check with the Public Education Officer (FSO-PE) well in advance of the starting date of the public education courses. Be sure that sufficient books are on hand; overheads, projectors, and other materials are available. Most of all, be sure that the instructors are familiar with their subject. Let weak instructors present training sessions at your regular meetings. It will get them used to speaking before a group and hone their skills. "Practice Makes Perfect!"

Do you have what it takes to be a good Flotilla Commander? You just cannot wing it! It takes practice, planning and delegation. To sum up:

A GOOD FLOTILLA COMMANDER MUST

1. BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR.
2. SEE THE 'BIG PICTURE'.
3. DEFINE GOALS.
4. SET STRATEGY.
5. TEACH OTHERS.
6. INSPIRE OTHERS.
7. DELEGATE. ☼

*Leon E. Kehr VCO D5-NR
Souderton, PA*

REAR COMMODORE-EAST

Member Training is the cement that bonds our members to their flotillas, to the entire organization.

Think back to your first few thoughts of joining the Auxiliary. I'm sure learning new skills and being a better, safer boater were at the forefront of those thoughts.

We must take this into consideration when planning our events for the year, especially when setting forth our flotilla meeting agendas. Member training must be an integral part of meetings and a major factor in the planning of same. These separate planning functions must merge into one thought process, ***when you think meeting, think member training!***

A misconception is that the Flotilla Member Training Officer (FSO-MT) must plan and present the training sessions. Not so, it is the responsibility of the MT Officer to determine the training desires of the unit and then work accordingly. This is a major step to a successful MT program. Training just for the sake of filling time or to get the Vice Commander "off one's back" just won't do. Poll your members, one on one if need be. Use the coffee and cake time after the meeting, ask what is wanted, what is needed. Then use this information to formulate your plans and schedule accordingly.

The MT Officer then seeks competent instructors from within AND outside the flotilla, schedules the training event, follows up on its progress and then makes sure it is well publicized throughout the unit. Of course, this last part is where the Publication Officer (FSO-PB) comes in (you know I had to include some PB stuff).

The best planned and produced training program isn't worth its salt if there are too few members in attendance to benefit from its presentation. Even the most inactive member might be enticed to come to a meeting if the *publicized* training program tickles his or her fancy. A well thought out "hook" can draw the attention and a well written "ad" can help fill the room.

Get all of your unit's membership involved. Avoid limiting your training to solely Auxiliary matters, but do satisfy your unit's interests. Unless asked for, leave the cooking show to Emeril! Tap the many diverse talents and backgrounds that are lurking within your unit. You will never know the interesting knowledge, lore and "stories" within your unit unless you ask. Mix that cement and keep our flotillas together and well bonded. ☼

*Melvyn A. Borofsky, RCO-E
Little Egg Harbor, NJ*

REAR COMMODORE - CENTRAL

Being Part of a Team

We in the Coast Guard Auxiliary frequently hear the phrase *Team Coast Guard*. This means all members of the Regular Coast Guard, Reserve, Auxiliary, and civilians are on the same team. "So what is my point," you say. Well, for the Auxiliary to be part of this team we have to be team players.

It is easy to say we are *Team Coast Guard* but not easy to be a real team player. That takes time and effort. Doing a good job for the Coast Guard means getting involved; focusing on the positive; accepting change; helping new members find a job they like to do and encouraging them to do it well, and setting an example of good stewardship by doing the job you accept to the best of your ability.

When a Division/Flotilla functions as a team, the combined talents of the group go toward accomplishing the goals set for us by the District. I have found that once we learn to work together, we are an unbeatable force. So get on board. Don't function alone. Be part of the Team. Put spirit in what your group does and you will find that it is contagious. It revitalizes the group and makes for a great Team. ❀

*Robert P. Amort RCO-C
Dover, DE*



REAR COMMODORE - WEST

Change of Guard

By the time this report goes to press, my tenure of office will have begun. I do not have a list of all the accomplishments for the Western Area for last year. The most memorable thing was the chartering of our new flotilla at Raystown. (Huntingdon) Just so you know, this is in Division 9. We had tried for several years to salvage Flotilla 9-5 at the lake. To be there on November 30, 2002 and watch 19 members, the new Commander, Vice Commander and the Flotilla staff officers sworn in did my heart good. I believe that we have a good chance of success this time. I am here for whatever help is needed.

We have a lot of training planned for the coming year. In February we had our EOC training at Ted's Landing at Shamokin Dam and our Staff officer's training at Hershey. We also have Boat Crew training for the spring, in several locations.

I would like to see an ISAR competition all over the Western Area. I have a complete plan and will send it to any Flotilla or Division that wants to compete. We will have a runoff in the West and come up with an overall winner, who will then challenge the winners in the Central and Eastern Areas. The winner of this will be the District Champion and represent us in the Atlantic East Finals.

We plan to have a big year, with special emphasis on adding strength to all of our weaker flotillas. We want as much training as possible and have fun in the process.

I have been informed that the Coast Guard will be replacing some of its present fleet of small boats in the near future. The present boats will become available to the Auxiliary. I also realize that a lot of things must happen for this to become a reality. There certainly will be a lot of training to operate and maintain these boats. We will also need a place to keep them and assign responsibility for their upkeep. In the meantime, let's dream about the prospect of having some of these boats.

This is enough for now. I am looking forward to serving the Auxiliarists in the Western Area, putting our Commodore's directions into motion and following all the rules and regulations set forth by the Coast Guard. Good luck in 2003.

*Henry L. Reeser RCO-W
Mt. Wolf, PA*



Taking a break at the Division 12 Change of Watch banquet are RCO-C Bob Amort (c), his wife Jean and Charles Woolson, Jr., Flotilla Commander, 12-1.

*photo by Carolyn J. Otto, SO-PB 12
Dover, DE*

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE 5th NORTHERN DISTRICT

Communication – the thread that binds and keeps an organization from unraveling at the seams. Without a strong thread, an organization will unravel, break apart, and in time will completely disintegrate. To prevent this from occurring, the thread must pass through and bind all organizational levels to insure a tight knit working community.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has the guidelines/policy for a strong thread to pass through and bind all levels in the “Chain of Communication”. Unfortunately, the thread is broken in a few places and starting to unravel. We must re-evaluate our commitments and take a good look at ourselves. Are we communicating with fellow Auxiliarists to the degree that we need to sustain a strong organization? The answer is probably NO!



The main seam in the Auxiliary is the Flotilla. Communication must start there and wind its way up through the “chain”. Members must express their needs to their Flotilla Commanders and staff officers. In turn, the Flotilla Commanders and staff officers must pass this information up to the next level, their division officers. The information must then go the district officers and then on to national officers. It is the duty of the Flotilla Commanders to provide the “needle” to start the information winding its way up through the “chain”. The next step requires the thread to reverse itself and wind its way back down from National to Districts to Divisions to Flotillas.

As you can see, there are two different paths the thread must bind - the elected officers’ path and the appointed staff officers’ path. If the information flow follows these paths, we will have a tight knit organization that is held together at the seams by a strong thread.

How can we stop the unraveling that is occurring? First, the elected officers must provide proper guidance. In some instances, this is not occurring and members are becoming discouraged by not receiving all the information that is available. Flotilla elected officers, in many instances do not fulfill the commitments of their office. They do not disseminate available information to their membership nor do they submit reports to their Division Captains. This they must do to set an example for their staff officers and insist that the staff officers follow their example. The next steps, at the division and district level, the same procedure must be followed. As at the flotilla level, in many instances, this is not occurring. A strong leadership is needed to insure the “Chain of Communication” is not broken.

There are many dedicated members in the Auxiliary who do an excellent job of keeping the membership informed. They set a good example of how information should be communicated up and down the chain. However, they cannot perform the duties of those who do not set a good example. All members should follow the leaders and improve their communication skills by dedicating themselves to the duties of their respective offices. Neglect of communication creates a disgruntled membership.

The solution to the “communication problem” is found in “training”. Without proper training, skills can only be partially achieved. We (5NR) recently held Elected and Appointed Staff Officers training at the Area level (Eastern, Central and Western). This is a step in the right direction, but only a step. The full cooperation of all members is necessary to insure communication up and down the chain.

In real estate, there is a saying; “location, location, location”! Let us make a commitment to resolve our problem not by saying, but by performing; “communication, communication, communication”!✿

*by Harry Dyer, DSO-CS
Warminster, PA*

District Staff Officer, Communication Services (DSO-CS) Duties:

The DSO-CS plays a key role in the conduct of Communication Services in the District. The DSO-CS is responsible for the following duties.

1. Immediate supervisory responsibility for your office is vested in the VCO. Coordinate with the VCO ensuring that the District's Communication Services program is effectively administered. Attend all meetings of the District Board and District Staff. Provide complete and regular reports to the VCO regarding activity and provide updated reports to the District Board.
2. Be familiar with the contents of all sources that pertain to Communication Services. Be familiar with the Auxiliary's electronic media resources. You must maintain personal e-mail and Internet access, and be correctly registered in the national e-mail directory.

District Staff Officer, Communication Services (DSO-CS) Duties:

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3. Supervise and coordinate the activities of all individuals appointed to assist you with the CS program. This responsibility includes assigning specific tasks, requiring reports, and following up on their actions. These are especially important for website and other training efforts.

4. Ensure that a District website is created and maintained that is in full compliance with Auxiliary web policies. Ensure that current PE course schedules for the District are properly maintained on the website and are available to the public. Verify quarterly the posted contact information for the Flotilla Finder.

5. Ensure that all flotilla and division websites adhere to all web policies and Site Review Forms have been submitted to DVC-IW. Maintain a current list of local websites containing unit number, URL and point of contact. Ensure that websites nominated for the annual Best of Web award are carefully evaluated and that worthy entries are submitted for timely judging.

6. Maintain close liaison with the Division Communication Services Officers and request a monthly activity report from the SO-CS. Facilitate communication up the chain of command with the DVC-IC and DVCIW. Maintain close liaison with your counterparts in other Districts.

7. Facilitate on-going training effort that is directed towards all communication service needs. Conduct such workshops, seminars and training programs as may be necessary. Promote the development of electronic communications in the district, divisions and flotillas. Increase member awareness of the value of electronic communication and new resources available to them with frequent articles published in your District publication.

8. Maintain such records as may be required to effectively discharge your responsibilities.

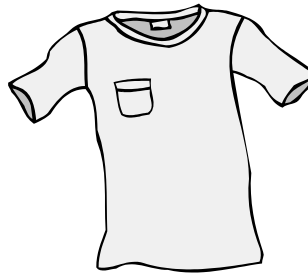
9. Upon expiration of your term of office, or when so directed, transfer all property and records of the office to your successor.

10. Other duties as requested/assigned. ✱



MATERIALS

By the time you read this, the Spring Conference will be almost here. We will have some new items with us including a new shirt and t-shirt plus some other additions to our stock.



All of the above are in the October 1, 2002, edition of the Price List which you can view and /or print at the District website (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 offering.

Before I forget, I am the new **DSO-MA Art Titus** and my wife is **ADSO-MA Pat Titus**. We can be reached at:

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by Art Titus, DSO-MA

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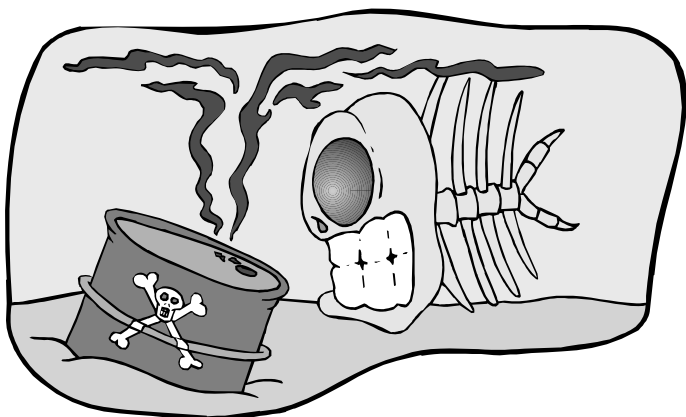
Marine Safety has long been known as the best kept secret in the Auxiliary. Well, that's about to change. Big time. For those who have been waiting patiently – or otherwise – to get going with the program, your chance is at hand.

Education is critical to any program. Fortunately we have had a good bit of experience with the Sea Partners Program. Sea Partners is the public education/public

affairs side of MS/EP. Most Flotillas/Divisions have given children's programs as well as having participated in clean water events. We need to continue along those lines.

Our responsibilities lie not only in supporting the Coast Guard, which we will be getting to shortly, but in educating the boating public as well. Let's not lose sight of that.

If you have been watching the Marine Safety and



Environmental Protection Department's website....

www.cgaux.org

Go to Departments, then to Marine Safety/Environmental Protection), you already know that the plans are in place to put much of the information/educational requirements for Trident into the Blackboard 5 site. There have been changes to the Trident curriculum which are also covered on the website.

Much work has been put into bringing the Auxiliary on board vis-à-vis the MS/EP program. There are a few things that still have to be ironed out, but the groundwork has been laid. We will be seeing enormous change within the Department, and soon. Please stay tuned.

*Lyn Thomas DSO-MS 5NR
Cedar Run, NJ*

PUBLIC EDUCATION

For the past two years, I have served as Asst. District Staff Officer Public Education (ADSO-PE) under the tutelage of David O. Becker. He taught me a great deal about public education in particular and the Auxiliary in general. He continually stressed to me the need for effective communication up and down the parallel chain of command. He marveled at the dedication of the members of the Auxiliary and was always trying to focus that dedication on achieving an outstanding public education program. He will be a tough act to follow.

I plan to continue Dave's emphasis on communication. On a regular basis, I shall be sending information on public education to the PE officer of each division, normally by e-mail. Besides reporting this information in their staff reports at the division level, I am asking that the SO-PE's forward this information directly to each of their flotilla staff officers. The purpose of this direct communication with flotilla staff officers is to make sure all FSO-PE's are in the loop.

My direct staff is highly experienced in public education, and I am honored to have them. The ADSO-PE's are: Brenda Moscatiello, htmpeanuts@comcast.net, for the East, Barbara Gilbert, bgilbert@oit.state.nj.us, for Central, and Aline M. "Lindy" Harrison, aharriso@eagle.ycp.edu, for the West. The ABC Coordinator is Theodore D. Bomeisler, tdbomeisler@hotmail.com. Please feel free to contact them, as they are a great resource.

Barbara Gilbert has agreed to process the intent-to-teach forms. The purpose of submitting these forms is to provide maximum publicity for our PE courses. Barbara sends the compiled list of courses to BoatUS, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and the Local Notice to Mariners. New Jersey refers any inquires about boat safety course to BoatUS. Additionally, she sends the course listings to members of the Auxiliary, including division captains and division PE officers. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, just e-mail her at the above address.

It will make Barbara's job a lot easier if you use the intent-to-teach form that is posted on the Fifth Northern web site, www.5nr.org. This form contains all the information that the states and BoatUS require and includes her address. It takes about six weeks from the time that Barbara receives a form to its posting by BoatUS. Thus, try to submit the form as early as possible. If you do not know the exact starting date of a course, estimate the date. Almost everyone calls before attending, and you can inform the person of the correct date at that time. Getting that call is what is important.

Best wishes for the New Year! ❀

*by Marshall E. Blume, DSO-PE
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NATIONAL SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN

2003 Safe Boating Campaign to Focus on the Recreational Boater and Homeland Security

By Randy Smith, National Safe Boating Council

Recreational boaters and their passengers can help our nation's homeland security efforts by choosing to boat safely. By wearing life jackets, following the rules of navigation, abstaining from alcohol and following other boating laws and recommendations, boaters will decrease the workload on state and federal safety forces. This, in turn, will allow those safety officials to direct more of their attention to homeland security issues.

The national focus on homeland security has been incorporated into this year's North American Safe Boating Campaign. "Boat Smart. Boat Safe." is the key slogan of the campaign, which kicks off with National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23, 2003. The effort to encourage life jacket usage is still in the forefront and this will be accomplished by adding the words "Wear It" as depicted in the Campaign Logo itself.

The campaign is sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). For the past several years, it has also been coordinated in cooperation with our neighbors to the north, the Canadian Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Coast Guard. Kickoff events for the year-long campaign are designed to heighten boater awareness just prior to Memorial Day, the unofficial "start" of boating season.

Once again, the campaign features the central message that wearing life jackets saves lives. This year's campaign logo contains the tagline: "Wear it" after the "Boat Smart. Boat Safe." The "Wear It" campaign will feature boaters wearing their life jackets and enjoying boating in a safe manner. Press releases and other materials will demonstrate how boating safely helps first responders focus more attention on keeping our waterways safe and secure.

The campaign partners encourage boaters to "Boat Smart. Boat Safe." by:

- Wearing a life jacket while out on the water,
- Avoiding alcohol use while out on the water,
- Taking a boating safety class,
- Getting a Vessel Safety Check, and
- Abiding by U.S. Coast Guard regulations established since September 11, relating to security zones near US naval vessels and other security restrictions.

Campaign events will automatically be sent out to most groups and individuals per the mailing list provided by the parent organization's headquarters or central office.

You may also email requests for kits to campaign@safeboatingcouncil.org.

*OPERATION BOATSMART Newsletter; Number 10
December 2002*

US BOAT REGISTRATIONS

US boat registrations grew by 94,000 in 2001

The number of recreational boats registered in the United States in 2001 was 12.9 million, according to the US Coast Guard, an increase of 94,000, or 0.7 percent from the previous year, the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) reported on Wednesday, December 18.

NMMA said its estimates indicate that 541,000 new boats were sold at retail in 2001, and that there are nearly 17 million boats owned across the United States.



There are many small, non-powered craft that are not required to be registered by the states or simply not registered by owners, which includes large categories such as canoes (121,000 in 2001) and utility boats (approximately 49,000 in 2001). This accounts for most of the disparity between the USCG reported registration figure and NMMA's estimate on the number of owned boats, the association reported.

Michigan remains top state for registrations!

The top 20 states for registered boats recorded almost 75 percent of the total amount in the entire country, accounting for 9.6 million boats, according to NMMA. The top 10 states for boat registrations account for 51 percent of registered boats at 6.6 million.



Michigan retains its title as the No. 1 boating state in the country, with more than 1,000,000 recreational boats registered in 2001. Virginia rounds out the top 20, reclaiming its position after falling to 21st in 2000. ❁

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D5-NR AT N-TRAIN

TRIP REPORT - 2003 NATIONAL AUXILIARY TRAINING CONFERENCE (N-TRAIN)

District Commodore Gene Bentley, Vice Commodore Lee Kehr and I attended the N-TRAIN conference held in St. Louis, MO 22-26 January 2003. Eight district program staff officers (personnel, ops, training, public education, marine safety, public affairs, legal, career counseling) also attended for workshops. The following summarizes remarks of key speakers:

Rear Admiral James Olson, Director of Operations Capability (G-OC): Focused on the importance of not losing sight of Coast Guard core competencies and characteristics in this time of change (i.e. - its military organization, maritime multi-mission nature, significant involvement with and service provided to commercial and recreational maritime interests). The key to maritime homeland security (MHLS) is increasing maritime domain awareness (MDA). Defining MDA is an ongoing process that revolves around the idea of gathering, reviewing, assessing and applying information, intelligence and knowledge about any entity that could cause harm to the nation's environment, economy and/or safety. The Auxiliary, as the new Department of Homeland Security's only volunteer organization, has been, is and will continue to be part of Coast Guard planning and action to meet its MHLS responsibilities.



Rear Admiral James Olson

Ms. Frances Fragos-Townsend, Assistant Commandant for Intelligence (G-C2): Tied the Auxiliary's basic volunteer nature to the essence of the President's message about national volunteerism. Reviewed how the consolidation of Coast Guard intel fusion centers and investigative services to help cue operations and the creation of port intel teams have helped elevate the intel community to high levels of profile never seen before. Pointed out that the Auxiliary provides necessary "eyes and ears" and vigilance for the Coast Guard in its MHLS duties. The Auxiliary factors greatly into the collection phase of intelligence processing, and none of the information it gathers can ever be forwarded too quickly.



Ms. Frances Fragos-Townsend

Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Director of Personnel Management (G-WP): Reviewed Commandant's highest priority: maintaining Coast Guard operational excellence through emphasis on people, readiness and stewardship of the public trust. Auxiliary factors heavily into achievement of this objective as it contributes to training of active duty personnel, its own membership and the boating public. Auxiliary instructors help train a wide variety of Coast Guard personnel including Academy cadets, Flag officers, prospective OCS

candidates and more at every Coast Guard training center. In turn, the training available to Auxiliarists is improving more and more - for example, Auxiliarists will soon be able to access Skillsoft on-line training courses from their own home computers rather than having to use a Coast Guard standard work station.

National Commodore Bill Edgerton: Auxiliary is aiming to increase its membership to 40,000 by the end of 2004 and seeking to increase multi-lesson public education courses by 10%, vessel examiners by 10% and vessel safety checks by 20% in the same time period. Concurred with RADM Brice-O'Hara that improved training amongst Auxiliarists is vital to achieving these goals.

Chief Director, Captain Dave Hill (G-OCX): Pointed out that the Coast Guard has entered an exciting year led by its transfer to the Department of Homeland Security. Indicated that the Auxiliary should expect to be turned to for immediate unit augmentation and backfill of active duty resources in the case of elevated terrorist threats or events. Concurrently, the Coast Guard needs the Auxiliary's strongest RBS and preventative SAR efforts now more than ever along with stronger Auxiliary aviation, career counseling and marine safety/security programs.



COMO Edgerton, NACO

Of regional note, D5-NR Auxiliarists Allen Johnson (Division 6) and Joe Barcelo (Division 7) received the Auxiliary Achievement Award for their work as members of the National Education Department (Powerpoint Development Branch) and National Vessel Examination/Marine Dealer Visitor Department, respectively. The eight district staff officers who attended this conference will disseminate the information they received from their workshops to regional membership during the next few weeks.



CAPT. David Hill, CHDIRAUX

by Commander Stephen J. Minutolo,
DIRAUX D5-NR

Philadelphia, PA
photos by Mel Borofsky, RCO-E, DSO-PB
Little Egg Harbor, NJ

D5-NR AT N-TRAIN



DSO-MS Thomas (r) at MS workshop



DC-V Barcelo at an informal meeting



DSO-PS Wade at workshop



COMO Bentley and CWO Hartline



N-P Meyers (r) shares a laugh with COMO Morris



(l to r) COMO Bentley, CDR Minutolo, VCO Kehr at a general business meeting.



DSO-OP Boice in conversation



COMO Bentley at OPCOM Meeting



(L to r) VCO Kehr, RCO-E Borofsky, DSO-MT Jack Witemeyer share fellowship at Hospitality Night.



DVC-LG Bellenzini at a Legal Dept. meeting

*photos by Mel Borofsky, RCO-E, DSO-PB
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ACRONYMS

WHY CAN'T THE AUXILIARY ... LEARN TO SPEAK?

A song from the famous Broadway musical, *My Fair Lady*, asks, "WHY CAN'T THE ENGLISH (AUXILIARY?) ... LEARN ... TO SPEAK?" A delightful piece and a reminder about the Auxiliary.

Melin, my wife, and I have joined the Auxiliary. I have many years of Coast Guard service including a very memorable tour as Director of Auxiliary (Note: Not "DIRAUX"). Melin is a life long sailor with no exposure to the Auxiliary and little with the Coast Guard until we met.

With this background in mind, I see the following.... The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary continue their delight in mystifying new and old members with use of acronyms! Reviewing a recent document from the Auxiliary we found: TCT, VE, MT, APC, DIRAUX, AUXOP, RDO-S, PATON, DSO-AV, AUXCEN, ANSC, FSO-E, AUXDATA, MDV, OWT, AUXFAC, NACO, CR LIST, EXCOM, NTNL (Conference).

How simple would it be to say or write: Team Coordination Training, Vessel Examiner, Member Training, Director of Auxiliary, Auxiliary Operator, Auxiliary Center, Auxiliary National Supply Center, Marine Dealer Visitor, National Commodore (or Commodore)! I still have not figured out APC, RDO-S, PATON, OWT and CR LIST

I recently received a list of Class C schools that Auxiliarists could attend AMLOC, OTO and ASOC were among the classes listed. "No sweat," I said to myself, "I'll ask the Rear Commodore, the source!" Alas, the Rear Commodore did not know and suggested I ask "DIRAUX." The Director did not know either!

When we go to Auxiliary functions, Melin keeps a list of acronyms she does not know and while the list gets shorter, new ones come up just about every time! The latest was ATON. This came up while studying for boat crew qualification... What next?

WHY CAN'T THE AUXILIARY ... LEARN ... TO SPEAK?

The most important observation comes last. The Auxiliary is still the same devoted and professional group of people that were around 25 years ago when I was Director of Auxiliary. This is why I joined! Back then, I thought I knew the Auxiliary well. Now I really know what it takes to have an effective Flotilla! 🌸

*Tony Ford, Vice Flotilla Commander
Flotilla 18, D13, Everett, Washington*

BOATING CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING FACT SHEET

Carbon Monoxide (known by the chemical symbol CO) is a colorless and practically odorless gas. It is poisonous to people and animals, because it displaces oxygen in the blood. It is produced by the incomplete burning of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with natural gas, liquefied petroleum (LP gas), oil, kerosene, coal, or wood may produce CO. Burning charcoal produces CO. Running car and boat motors produce CO.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, every year over 200 people in the United States die from CO produced by fuel-burning appliances and running engines. Others die from CO produced while burning charcoal inside a boat. Several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms each year for treatment for CO poisoning.



What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

Carbon Monoxide can have different affects on people based on its concentration in the air that people breathe. Because you can't smell, taste, or see it, you can not tell that CO gas is present. The health effects of CO depend on the level of CO and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

Many people with CO poisoning mistake their symptoms for the flu or are misdiagnosed which sometimes results in tragic deaths. Because CO replaces oxygen in the blood, it can make people feel sleepy. Or, if they are asleep, it can prevent people from waking up. At higher concentrations, people can experience impaired vision and coordination, headaches; dizziness, confusion, and nausea. Boaters may appear intoxicated and impaired. In very high concentrations, CO poisoning can cause death.

Buy and Install CO Detectors/Alarms

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and American Red Cross recommend that everyone install CO Detectors/alarms in boat homes, boats and recreational vehicles.

- Before buying a CO Alarm, check to make sure it is listed with Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), standard

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Boating Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Fact Sheet

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2034, or there is information on the package or owner's manual that says that the detector/alarm meets the requirements of the IAS 6-96 standard.

- Install a CO detector/alarm in the cabin sleeping area and cockpit helm area of the boat. Make sure the detector/alarm cannot be covered up by equipment. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the specific location where to install it. Avoid corners (where air does not circulate).
- CO detectors/alarms are available for boats and recreational vehicles and should be used. The Recreation Vehicle Industry Association requires CO detectors/alarms to be installed in motor homes and in towable recreational vehicles that have a generator or are prepped for a generator.

What can you do to prevent CO poisoning?

- Boat operators should pay attention to detail while boating and sailing. Idling, trawling, or running at slow speeds with the wrong wind direction can lead to a "station wagon" drafting effect. The carbon monoxide gas is drafted into cabin spaces and confined areas just like driving your car with the rear window open.
- Make sure appliances are installed according to manufacturer's instructions with professional installation always recommended. A carbon monoxide detector/alarm can provide added protection, but is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances or engines that can produce CO.
- Have the heating system (including stacks and vents) inspected and serviced annually. The inspector should also check stacks and exhausts for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.
- Only burn charcoal outdoors on deck, never below inside a boat.
- Do not use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a boat or vehicle.
- Always make sure to turn off any gas-powered engine (boat, PWC, vehicle or generator) inside a garage. Even if the garage door is open, you can still be affected or killed by CO. If you must test the engine, take it outdoors before starting it.
- Always refer to the owner's manual when performing minor adjustments or servicing fuel-burning appliances and engines if you are unsure how to service such equipment.
- If you use a fuel-burning appliance for approved indoor uses (such as a heater), make sure it is vented to the outdoors following manufacturer's instructions. Do



not use an unvented fuel-burning appliance in any cabin with closed hatches or windows or in any area where people are sleeping.

What should you do if you experience symptoms of CO poisoning?

If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms of CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Open windows and hatches for more ventilation, turn off any combustion appliances and engines, and leave confined spaces on your boat. Then call 9-1-1 or the US Coast Guard and report your symptoms. The marine radio emergency "Mayday" calls are made on channel 16. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing. It is also important to contact a doctor immediately for a proper diagnosis. Tell your doctor that you suspect CO poisoning is causing your problems. Prompt medical attention is important if you are experiencing any symptoms of CO poisoning when you are operating your boat.

What should you do when the CO detector/alarm sounds?

Treat the alarm signal as a real emergency each time. If the detector/alarm sounds and you are not experiencing any symptoms described above, press the reset button. If the detector/alarm continues to sound, recheck all possible reasons and determine the cause for the alarm activation.

References

This information was based on:

- "Carbon Monoxide Questions and Answers" developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, Maryland. CPSC Document #466.
- "Sources of Indoor Air Pollution - Carbon Monoxide (CO)" developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC.

If you have further questions, please contact your local Department of Public Health, US Coast Guard or American Red Cross Chapter. ❁

*submitted by Michael L. McGurl, DSO-PA
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SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS EVENT

The Coast Guard Auxiliary 63rd Anniversary special event radio day was held on 5 October, 2002. Amateur Radio Station "K3G" was the D5-NR station located at the Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia.

Fourteen Auxiliary radio operators attended the event, along with 7 guests and 4 active duty Coast Guard.

A total of 130 radio stations were contacted, including 26 States and 4 Countries. We also contacted two other 63rd Anniversary special event Auxiliary stations.

Special event radio stations were located all across the nation. Other lands we contacted were Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, Tokyo, Japan and McMurdo Station, in the Antarctica!

article and photos by Dan Amoroso, ADSO-CM Media, PA



DSO-CM Joe Rzucidlo mans the radio during the special event.

DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY

On 24 January 2003, Governor Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, was sworn in as the Secretary of the newly created Department of Homeland Security. The USCG is the largest single unit in the Department. The USCG Auxiliary is the only volunteer unit recognized in the new Department.



President George W. Bush watches Vice President Dick Cheney swear in Tom Ridge as the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in the Cross Hall Jan. 24, 2003.

WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY PAUL MORSE

Secretary: Governor Tom Ridge

Former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge has been at the center of the effort to create a new Homeland Security Department since the first days after the terrorist attacks. On October 8, 2001, President Bush named Ridge the first Advisor of the Office of Homeland Security. Now the President has called on Ridge again, this time to lead the organization as the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

President Bush has described Ridge as "a military veteran, an effective governor, a true patriot and a trusted friend." Tom Ridge also has a remarkable legislative background. He was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, serving from 1995 to 2001. Governor Ridge grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania, attended Harvard University on a scholarship, and received his B.A. with honors from Harvard in 1967. Soon after, he postponed his academic career at Dickinson Law School to begin a combat tour in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star for Valor.

Governor Ridge returned to civilian life and received his law degree from Dickinson in 1972, going on to serve as an assistant district attorney before his first bid for Congress in 1982. Ridge was the first Vietnam combat veteran to win a seat in the House of Representatives, and he was reelected by an overwhelming majority six times before he left for the Governor's mansion in 1995. ❀

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D5-NR: WHO WE ARE!

FIFTH DISTRICT, NORTHERN REGION AN OVERVIEW

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fifth District, Northern Region is strategically located along the central, eastern seaboard and encompasses the entire state of Delaware, the southern half of New Jersey and approximately three fourths of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This location, while limited in its recreational boating activities to six or seven months as a result of seasonal weather patterns, presents a diverse range of operating areas, including the coastal and tidal waters of New Jersey and Delaware, with bays, inlets and small rivers as well as the Delaware River and Bay, the Susquehanna River and its tributaries and numerous reservoirs and lakes, some of which are sizeable. Our District flag represents this diverse area by symbolizing the seashore of Delaware and New Jersey, the Liberty Bell of the central Delaware River valley and the mountains of western Pennsylvania.



The Delaware River and Bay is navigable by commercial vessels to a point south of Trenton, New Jersey. The ports of Camden, NJ, Philadelphia, PA and Wilmington, DE, are very active and numerous oil refineries are located along the Delaware River, making it second only to Houston, Texas, in this activity.

Approximately 3060 Auxiliarists in this district (about 8.65% of the entire membership Nationally) support three Coast Guard Groups, an Air Station, a Marine Safety Office, the Atlantic Strike Team, the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, NJ, and all of their related boat stations, detachments and ATON teams, as well as the Uniform Distribution Center in Woodbine, NJ. These members are dispersed throughout 16 divisions and 97 flotillas in the Eastern Area (Divisions 3, 7, 8, 13 and 16), the Central Area (Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12) and the Western Area (Divisions 5, 9, 11, 14 and 15).

Working closely with Coast Guard Active Duty and Reserve components, 5NR was one of the leading regions in implementation of 2000's "Operation Safe Catch", which focused on improving commercial fishing vessel safety. In 2002 5NR was first in the nation in number of commercial fishing vessel inspections. One member alone completed well in excess of 100 CFV inspections.

A recent, active working relationship has been established between the Auxiliary and the Marine Safety Detachment, Lewes, DE. This relationship began with the Auxiliary providing platforms for the transport of Active Duty personnel to a commercial anchorage for inspection and clearance of commercial vessels entering the area. Subsequent to this initial successful support mission, a joint mission dubbed "Operation Inland Bays" was conducted utilizing Auxiliary facilities and members from four flotillas.

This mission, planned and executed by Marine Safety Detachment, Lewes, DE, personnel, was a three-pronged educational and enforcement initiative designed to raise public awareness in pollution prevention, boating safety and fisheries management. While providing platforms for Active Duty personnel, Auxiliarists conducted vessel safety checks, distributed boating safety literature and made educational contacts in concert with the efforts of their Active Duty counterparts. The operation was an overwhelming success and is expected to serve as a prototype for future and more extensive operations.

The District's diverse environment provides the ideal opportunity for implementation of "Operation Boat Smart". The numerous rivers, lakes, inland bays and reservoirs are extensively used by non-traditional boaters whom the operation is targeted to reach. Recently, a patrol on a Pennsylvania lake, in support of Operation Boat Smart, was instrumental in saving three lives from a capsized canoe whose occupants were not wearing personal flotation devices.

An extremely good relationship exists between the Fifth Northern and the state boating law administrators of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the State of Delaware has been finalized, Delaware assists financially with Auxiliary SARDET's in the state. In the past, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has provided grants to Board, Inc., which provided money for expenses incurred by Auxiliarists doing vessel safety checks, public education courses and patrols in less densely populated area of Pennsylvania.

5NR EXCOM members for 2003 are as follows:

Director of Auxiliary CDR Stephen J. Minutolo
Asst. Director of Auxiliary ...CWO Joseph Hartline
District Commodore Eugene A. Bentley, Jr.
Vice Commodore Leon E. Kehr
Rear Commodore-E Melvyn A. Borofsky
Rear Commodore-C Robert P. Amort
Rear Commodore-W Henry L. Reeser
Imm. Past Commodore Robert J. Perrone, Sr.
Pres. Past Captains Assn. Lee Crossman

*by IPDCP Robert Perrone, SR
and DCO Eugene Bentley, Jr.*

PROFILES IN SERVICE

Franchise Players

The National Football League uses the term “Franchise Player” to describe individuals who are extraordinarily valuable to their team.

Past Captain Frank MacDonald and his wife **Estelle** are special people. Before he retired, Frank was successful in his industry and he brought that hard work ethic to his Auxiliary career.

Frank served his Flotilla, 7-12, in every elected capacity. He eventually moved up through the ranks and served Division 7 as Captain in 1984 and 85.

Frank, never one to rest on his laurels, promptly took up the task of Division Materials Officer.

Frank performed this duty in the days when the abacus rather than the computer ruled. His organization skills kept the materials on track and always one to adapt to “new fangled” things, Frank moved into the computer age long before it was the fashionable thing to do. Even today, Frank still keeps the Division up to date, even though his usual report these days is “Everything’s just beautiful.”

Frank’s deep religious and moral beliefs have kept him steadfast to his ideals through his entire life. He brought those beliefs with him to the Auxiliary and served as our Division 7’s Chaplain for as far back as I can remember. Through the good times and the sad, Frank was always there to encourage us and comfort us.

Though physical disability has slowed him down a bit, his desire to serve his District and Flotilla has never wavered. To this day he still edits, prints and distributes his fine Flotilla newsletter.

I mentioned earlier that these were franchise players, in the plural, not the singular. Standing at Frank’s side, as she has for many, many years, is his lovely wife Estelle. It’s hard to think of teams such as Batman without Robin. Frank and Estelle are such a team. Encouraging him, being at his side, beaming with pride at the honors bestowed on her man, Estelle is the shining example of a true partner in life. And most of all, she let him do it. For this, Estelle has earned the gratitude of every member of Division 7....every member of Team Coast Guard. ☼

*photo and article by Mel Borofsky, RCO-E
Little Egg Harbor, NJ*



Frank & Estelle MacDonald with
Division 7 Captain Kathleen deFerrari.

LEADERSHIP

DO WHAT’S POSSIBLE, TRY WHAT’S NOT!

Leadership doesn’t simply happen. It can be learned, taught, developed. There is no substitute for personal experience. Wisdom gained from one’s own history provides a head start. Surround yourself with great people and communicate with them on a regular basis. The goal is to balance your weaknesses with the strength of others. Staff that does not report or communicate must be replaced.

Make yourself accessible. Failing to mention problems or worse, covering them up, can not be tolerated. Meetings should be well planned ahead of time, identifying any potential problems, and solutions. Be prepared to handle the situation. Prevent meeting drag and keep the program moving briskly.

Set the tone of your goals and expectations early in the year. Review them monthly. Make an agenda of visitations planned (cover each Flotilla and CG Station including group). Understand the needs and problems of each unit.

In a perfect world everyone you appoint would show up at every meeting, make comprehensive reports, working to the best of his/her ability, viewing a job well done as its own reward. This is not a perfect world and the “fires have to be stoked”. It’s called motivation. Competition with other Flotillas or Divisions is one way to motivate individuals or units to achieve their goals.



Accountability Across The Board

- Every Staff Officer must be a “team player”. We all receive TCT training. It is a prime program for all staff officers to follow.
- Reports have to be submitted on a monthly basis up the chain of command at a set time.
- Information should be shared to members via meetings, Internet, or Publications.
- Staff Officers who do not meet accountability standards should be replaced.
- The excuse that no reports were received should not be tolerated. It’s the responsibility of each Division Staff Officer to contact an FSO who is delinquent. “No activity” is not a report.

DO WHAT’S POSSIBLE, TRY WHAT’S NOT! (cont.)

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CG LIFE JACKET RULE IN EFFECT

CG LIFE JACKET RULE BECAME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 23, 2002

Rule Intended to Minimize Drownings Among Children Under 13

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON D.C.** --- The United States Coast Guard's Life Jacket Rule will go into effect December 23, 2002. In support of the ongoing efforts of the states and Coast Guard to improve boating safety, the Coast Guard is requiring that all children under 13 years of age wear Coast Guard approved life jackets, while aboard recreational vessels underway, except when the children are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

This rule was created to address the problem of childhood drownings while boating. Between 1995-2001, 210 of our children, under the age of 13 died while boating. One-hundred and twenty one (121) of them by drowning. Most of these deaths could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a properly fitting life jacket.

This Rule affects only those States that have not established requirements, by statute or rule, for children to wear life jackets. For the remaining states, the rule recognizes and adopts the existing state regulation, even if it is less stringent.

"Statistics show that life jackets save lives --but only when they are worn," says Captain Scott Evans, Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Office in

Washington, D.C. "Children customarily wear protective gear when rollerblading, skateboarding, and bicycling, and similar precautions are in order on the water. The Life Jacket Rule was proposed to make sure that there is a life jacket rule in all states."

Penalties for a boat operator who fails to have all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket are similar to those for failing to have life jackets on board. Penalties may be assessed up to a maximum of \$1,100 for each violation.

The United States Coast Guard published the Interim Rule June 24, 2002, in the Federal Register, and in cooperation with states, conducted an education and public awareness phase that began July 1 and will end December 31, 2002. States with no current regulation for life jacket wear by children include Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, the Northern Mariana Islands, New Mexico, North Carolina, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. ☼

For more boating safety information see:
<http://www.uscg.mil/news>
and <http://www.uscgboating.org>.



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- As a Flotilla Commander or Division Captain, "I'm responsible." You should accept the credit or blame for the results of your office. Expect the same from everyone who works for you. Procrastination should not become a state of mind as it will filter through the entire organization.
- Reflect, then decide. Engage your brain before making a verbal or written decision. Always decide on disclosure rather than hold bad news from the membership. It will come to light sooner or later. From the political standpoint, always under-promise and over-deliver.

Leadership ideas modified from the book
"LEADERSHIP" by Rudy Giuliani,
AMERICA'S MAYOR

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PEPIRB REQUIREMENT

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PEPIRB/EPIRB CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CG AUXILIARY BOATS

1. To parallel reference A, but with consideration of the operational differences and limitations between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard, a requirement for Auxiliary vessels to carry an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) or a PEPIRB (Personal Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) is established.

2. Effective 01 June 2004 all Auxiliary surface facilities including personal watercraft (PWC) while underway on orders shall have a minimum of one crewmember per vessel carrying a McMurdo Fastfind 406 PEPIRB as noted in paragraph 3 below if the vessel is not outfitted with a category I or II, 406 MHz EPIRB.

3. McMurdo Limited of Portsmouth, Hampshire, United Kingdom has been awarded the contract for the Fastfind Model, 406 MHz PEPIRB. District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) will purchase PEPIRBs via CG contracting officers as per reference A, and coordinate issuance and accountability.

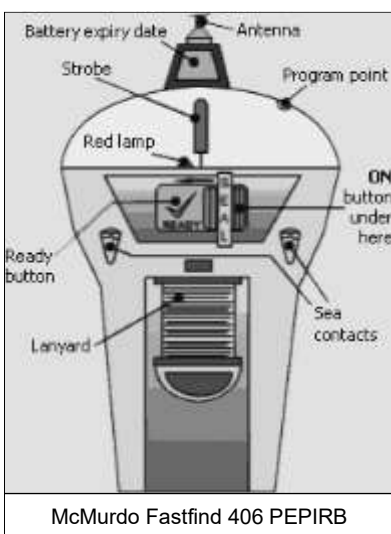
4. G-OCX initial startup funding pends approval of the CG FY 03 budget. DIRAUXs shall make initial issuance determination within their respective areas and coordinate registration, training and maintenance per reference A, paragraphs 3H, I, J, and K.

5. If service of the PEPIRB requires CG funds for repairs, the funding source will be coordinated by the issuing authority (DIRAUX).

6. Attachment of the PEPIRB to the SAR vest or PFD, shall be as per reference A, paragraphs 3E, F and G.

7. Internet release authorized.

8. Released by RADM David S. Belz,
Assistant Commandant for Operations ❁



RESCUE 21

RESCUE 21 GIVES BOATERS AN EXTRA LIFEJACKET

Recently, a boat master with 200 Haitian refugees aboard guided his craft to the shores off Key Biscayne, Fla., and allowed illegal immigrants to wade ashore, raising questions about the vulnerability of U.S. shores in this era of terrorist threats.

Because of the Coast Guard's small size - 35,000 active duty personnel and 1,634 Coast Guard vessels - compared to the length of coastline, every inch cannot be watched every minute.

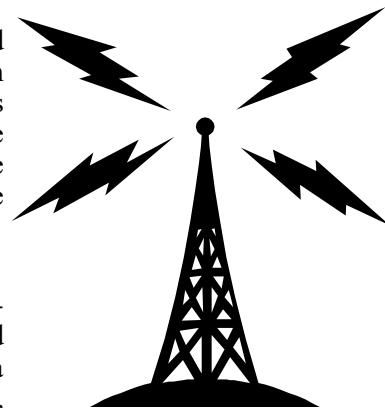
But a \$611 million contract awarded to General Dynamics Decision Systems, a business unit of General Dynamics, of Scottsdale, Ariz., to modernize the Coast Guard's National Distress & Response System will extend coverage. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta said the system, nicknamed "Rescue 21," is the maritime equivalent of a 911 system.

The General Dynamics system will upgrade ground-based installations at about 270 Coast Guard facilities, more than 300 radio towers and install new communications equipment on 657 Guard vessels. When Search and Rescue operations are initiated, the Rescue 21 system will reduce response time while maximizing communications.

It will enhance VHF-FM coverage, add position localization on a VHF-FM transmission, increase the number of voice channels allowing multiple operations, protect sensitive communications, allow asset tracking and digital voice recording with immediate enhanced playback.

Rescue 21 will reduce a gap in coastal coverage from 14 percent to less than 2 percent. A mariner in distress will make the equivalent of a 911 call and the Coast Guard will be able to quickly pinpoint the location of the caller and identify the closest rescue vessels.

The system will be deployed and field-tested in the northeastern regions -- Atlantic City, N.J., and the eastern shore of Maryland - during 2003. The next deployment will be in the St. Petersburg, FL area and Mobile, AL, and adjacent regions. Seattle and Port Angeles, WA will follow and the balance of the entire United States will be installed and operational by Sept. 30, 2006. ❁



BOAT FORCE OPERATIONS INSIGNIA

COMDTINST 1650.3 13 MAY 2002

COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1650.3

BOAT FORCE OPERATIONS INSIGNIA CRITERIA

Ref: (a) Boat Crew Qualification Guide - Volume I - Crew

Member, COMDTINST MI 6114.1 QA

(b) Boarding Officer/Boarding Team Member Personnel

Qualification Standard, COMDTINST MI 6247.3B

(c) Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST
MI020.6D



1.

DISCUSSION. The boat force operations community is the Coast Guard's primary source of direct service to the public and executes missions to support all five Strategic Operational Goals. The Boat Force Operations insignia is intended to identify those Coast Guard personnel currently working in the boat force operations field and to recognize the commitment of Coast Guard members who have repeatedly served in the community. The insignia, when silver-tone and highlighted with gold compass rose, boathook and oar, further distinguishes those members of the boat force operations community who have achieved a heightened level of qualification, knowledge and experience that includes both practical and operational components, with a broader understanding and appreciation for boat force command, management, support and leadership issues.

2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarter units, assistant commandants for directorates, chief counsel, special staff offices at headquarters, group commanders, station commanding officers, and officers in charge shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this instruction.

3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST MI 020.6D.

4. DESCRIPTION & DESIGN. This device will consist of one design with two color schemes to designate levels of professional development. The basic insignia design and color scheme is comprised of pewter-tone waves (representative of operations), crossed boathook and oar (representative of boats), and a superimposed compass rose (representing leadership and direction).

For personnel who have earned additional qualifications (paragraph 5.b.2 below) the insignia will be silver with gold-tone compass rose, boat hook and oar. (see enclosure (I))

5. ENTITLEMENT. Enlisted members and officers of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve (including inactive reservists), Coast Guard Civilians, and Coast Guard Auxiliary, who complete the criteria listed below, are entitled to wear the Boat Force Operations Insignia.

a. Pewter-tone Insignia:

b. 1) Service requirements: Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units. The following qualify as Boat Force field units:

Groups, Activities, Bases, Sections, Marine Safety and Security Teams, Stations and Aids to Navigation Teams. Auxiliary service requirements: A minimum of 1 day per week of support, patrol or watch standing at a boat force unit for 5 years (or an equivalent amount of service representing a prolonged and dedicated commitment directly impacting boat force operations community).

a. For Activities, Sections, Bases and Groups combined with marine safety or aviation units - only service in a billet with direct and regular involvement in boat operations or boat support qualify (commanding officer determination).

b. It may be appropriate to credit time enlisted and auxiliary members serve in positions that are specifically designated for multi-mission boat operations at units not on this list (ex: boat divisions at Marine Safety Offices). In such cases, the unit shall submit a written request for determination of eligibility to Commandant, Office of Boat Forces (G-OCS) via their chain of command.

2) Qualification Requirements: Attainment of a boat crewmember qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) promulgated in reference (a). (For Auxiliary members: Attainment of auxiliary boat crew qualification completed in accordance with auxiliary qualification requirements.)

3) Command Endorsement: A favorable recommendation from the Group Commander.

b. Silver and Gold-tone Insignia:

1) Service requirements: Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units as defined in paragraph 5.a.1 above.

2) Qualification requirements:

a. Attainment of a boat crewmember qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the PQS promulgated in reference (a).

b. Attainment of a boarding team member or boarding officer qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the PQS promulgated in reference (b). (Auxiliary members are exempt from this requirement.)

c. Attainment of the Boat Force Operations qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the Boat Force PQS. Enlisted personnel at a Station or Aids to Navigation team in an EPO, XPO, or OIC billet will, by virtue of their successful service in these positions, have gained the knowledge and experience associated with the PQS and are therefore exempt from this requirement.

3) Command Endorsement: A favorable recommendation from the Group Commander.

6. TEMPORARY ENTITLEMENTS. Personnel who have served at their present boat unit for at least 6 months and have successfully completed the qualification requirements found in paragraph 5.a.2 may be authorized to wear the pewter insignia while actually assigned to a boat force unit/billet (as defined in paragraph 5.a.1 above) with command approval.

7. PRIOR QUALIFICATION.

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BOAT FORCE OPERATIONS INSIGNIA

(Continued from page 21)

- a. Pewter-tone Insignia: Personnel must meet all the requirements as listed in 5.a above.
- b. Silver and Gold-tone Insignia: Personnel who meet all of the following criteria prior to 1 September 2002 are entitled to wear the silver and gold-tone insignia:
- c. Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units as defined in paragraph 5.a.1
- d. Three of the five years of qualifying service as a qualified group operations center watchstander, Assistant and/or Operations Officer, Engineering Petty Officer, Engineering Officer, Executive Petty Officer, Executive Officer, Officer in Charge, or Commanding Officer of Boat Force Field units (as defined in paragraph 5.a.1).
- e. Two of the five years of qualifying service as an active member of a unit's Ready for Operations program.
- f. Commanding Officers shall evaluate the member's record to ensure the service is representative of a heightened level of qualification, knowledge and experience in boat operations.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

- a. Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge will ensure that all requirements have been met before certification.
- b. The pewter-tone insignia will not be worn in conjunction with the coxswain, surfman or silver and gold-tone Boat Force Operations insignia.
- c. Issuance of the Boat Force Operations Insignia shall be documented with an Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) entry in the member's Personnel Data Record (PDR) and a copy of the CG3307 shall be sent to Commander (CGPC-ADM-3).

9. FORMS AVAILABILITY. Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) is available on the standard workstation in Jetform Filler.

Terry M. Cross

Assistant Commandant for Operations



OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS FORM

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T
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Operation Patriot Readiness is the USCG Auxiliary's means of determining crucial and vitally needed skills and assets within our membership. If you are willing to volunteer your time, skills and assets complete the form fully.

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Crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TCT Facilitator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I have performed all currency maintenance for the above except:

I am willing to do CG or AUX Administrative Support missions: Yes ☐ No ☐

I have these skill codes from the attached list:

See the next page for complete list of codes.

I have had a security clearance within the last five years: Yes ☐ No ☐

I have a current, laminated ID card, with photo: Yes ☐ No ☐

I have the following additional CG qualifications/certifications:

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Aircraft Owned

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Radios Owned

Type	Location	Call Sign	Fixed	Mobile	Offered for use	Are They Under Repair
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In filling out this form, you certify that you are physically/medically fit to perform in the areas in which you have indicated above that you are or want to be qualified.

Signature _____

Return this completed form to:
 Director of Auxiliary
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 Philadelphia, PA 19147-4393

OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS Form Codes

Two-Digit Occupational Divisions

Professional, Technical, and Managerial Occupations

- 0/01 Occupations in Architecture, Engineering and Surveying
- 02 Occupations in Mathematics and Physical Sciences
- 03 Computer Related Occupations
- 04 Occupations in Life Sciences
- 05 Occupations in Social Sciences
- 07 Occupations in Medicine and Health
- 09 Occupations in Education
- 10 Occupations in Museum, Library and Archival Sciences
- 11 Occupations in Law and Jurisprudence
- 12 Occupations in Religion and Theology
- 13 Occupations in Writing
- 14 Occupations in Art
- 15 Occupations in Entertainment and Recreation
- 16 Occupations in Administrative Specializations
- 18 Managers and Officials, N.E.C.
- 19 Miscellaneous Professional, Technical and Managerial Occupations

Clerical and Sales Occupations

- 20 Stenography, Typing, Filing and Related Occupations
- 21 Computing and Account-Recording Occupations
- 22 Production and Stock Clerks and Related Occupations
- 23 Information and Message Distribution Occupations
- 24 Miscellaneous Clerical Occupations
- 25 Sales Occupations, Service
- 26 Sales Occupations, Consumable Commodities
- 27 Sales Occupations, Commodities, N.E.C.
- 29 Miscellaneous Sales Occupations

Service Occupations

- 30 Domestic Service Occupations
- 31 Food and Beverage Preparation and Service Occupations
- 32 Lodging and Related Service Occupations
- 33 Barbering, Cosmetology & Related Service Occupations
- 34 Amusement and Recreation Service Occupations
- 35 Miscellaneous Personal Service Occupations
- 36 Apparel and Furnishings Service Occupations
- 37 Protective Service Occupations
- 38 Building and Related Service Occupations
- 40 Plant Farming Occupations
- 41 Animal Farming Occupations
- 42 Miscellaneous Agricultural and Related Occupations
- 44 Fishery and Related Occupations
- 45 Forestry Occupations
- 46 Hunting, Trapping and Related Occupations

Processing Occupations

- 50 Occupations in Processing of Metal
- 51 Ore Refining and Foundry Occupations
- 52 Occupations in Processing of Food, Tobacco, & Related

- 53 Occupations in Processing of Paper & Related
- 54 Occupations in processing of Petroleum, Coal,
- 55 Occupations in Processing of Chemicals, Plastics,
- 56 Occupations in Processing of Wood & Wood
- 57 Occupations in Processing of Stone, Clay, Glass,
- 58 Occupations in Processing of Leather, Textiles,
- 59 Processing Occupations, N.E.C.

Machine Trades Occupations

- 60 Metal Machining Occupations
- 61 Metal Working Occupations, N.E.C.
- 62/63 Mechanics and Machinery Repairers
- 64 Paper working Occupations
- 65 Printing Occupations
- 66 Wood Machining Occupations
- 67 Occupations in Machining Stone, Clay, Glass &
- 68 Textile Occupations
- 69 Machine Trades Occupations, N.E.C.

Bench work Occupations

- 70 Occupations in Fabrication, Assembly, and
- 71 Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Scientific,
- 72 Occupations in Assembly & Repair of Electrical
- 73 Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Products
- 74 Painting, Decorating, and Related Occupations
- 75 Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Plastics,
- 76 Occupations in Fabrication & Repair of Wood
- 77 Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Sand,
- 78 Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Textile,
- 79 Bench work Occupations, N.E.C.

Structural Work Occupations

- 80 Occupations in Metal Fabricating, N.E.C.
- 81 Welders, Cutters, and Related Occupations
- 82 Electrical Assembling, Installing, and
- 84 Painting, Plastering, Waterproofing, Cementing, and
- 85 Excavating, Grading, Paving, and Related
- 86 Construction Occupations, N.E.C.
- 89 Structural Work Occupations, N.E.C.

Miscellaneous Occupations

- 90 Motor Freight Occupations
- 91 Transportation Occupations, N.E.C.
- 92 Packaging and Materials Handling
- 93 Occupations in Extraction of Minerals
- 95 Occupations in Production and Distribution of
- 96 Amusement, Recreation, Motion Picture,
- 99 Occupations in Graphic Art Work

WELCOME TO D5-NR

Commodore Eugene Bentley, DCO D5-NR and Commander Stephen J. Minutolo, USCG, Director of Auxiliary D5-NR, welcome the following new members to Team Coast Guard and the 5th Northern Family

Scott D. Albright	24	William R. Harshberger	92	Richard Robinson	16-10
Catherine M. Allison	15-8	Ronald Hartman	12-9	Theodore J. Rodgers Jr.	12-2
Walter V. Alsegg	81	Elizabeth A. Hasenpat	13-7	Jose L. Rodriguez	34
James F. Anzalone	13-7	Dennis E. Hill	42	Michele L. Rothennel	11-4
John G. Ashcroft	38	Gary L. Hollinger	34	Robert E. Ryzner	14
Gregg J. Barabski	74	Louise Hughes	2-76	Joyce Ryzner	14
Philip E. Barbera	36	James L. Hughes Jr.	2-76	Pasqual P. Santoni	82
Ruth Anne Bearce	16-5	James J. Hulton	42	Rith A. Santoni	82
Helen R. Berlin	13-3	Laura E. Hunter	2-76	Lawrence J. Seiberlich	24
Daniel C. Bestwick	38	Kevin B. Hurst	47	Kathleen D. Seiberlich	24
James B. Bewley	94	Duane E. Ising	10-2	George W. Sevenis Jr.	14-2
Fred R. Blakelcy	86	Dawn M. Jones	94	Joshua E. Shapiro	85
Richard A. Blauch	12-4	Kovas K. Juska	16-10	Victor Silvestrini	16-10
Patricia L. Bleasdale	14	Joseph J. Kisc	95	Maria J. Simpson	7-12
Betty L. Bonfiglio	94	David C. Kline	13-3	Tamara K. Slivinski	13-10
John Boors	91	Richard J. Koubek	15-8	Michael N. Spangler	53
Deborah A. Bower	54	Ronald P. Kripas	53	Christian L. Spease	53
Bernard P. Bowers Jr.	11-9	John H. Kruck	32	Larry L. Spickler Jr.	91
Natalie J. Boyle	13-5	David R. Laing	91	Susan M. Staats	38
Newell E. Branin Jr.	34	John C. Lathrop	53	Patricia A. Titus	12-4
Peter Brown	82	Michael D. Lee	10-2	James M. Trygg	53
Mary C. Brown	14-4	Thaddeus R. Leoniak	16-7	Felix J. Vacca	84
Edmund T. Burke III	16-6	Craig A. Lerch	24	Richard H. Valier	24
Thomas J. Cancelmo	35	Russell P. Lincoln	86	Carmine R. VanLuvender	74
Angelo M. Caputo	12-9	David C. Lincoln	11-9	Thomas E. Warwick	6-10
Angelo J. Caracciolo	82	Edward A. Maher	65	Larry G. Webb	12-2
J. Slade Carter Jr.	16-10	Henry F. Majka	2-76	Lisa R. Webb	12-2
Marilyn C. Castro	11	Charles M. Maltbie III	79	Henry E. Wenger	53
Joseph C. Chambers	47	James M. McCarty	86	Theodore A. White	24
Kenneth G. Christy	2-76	David F. McClure	53	Warren D. Whitsel	92
John T. Courtney	11-6	Elizabeth I. McKeon	2-76	Edna M. Winana	74
James B. Croft	15-5	James J. McMahon	16-3	Christopher M. Young	94
Patricia J. Cuned	79	Robert K. Megel Sr.	14	Kevin B. Zane	11
Glenn D. Curtis	24	Samuel A. Miess	94	Claudia Zapisek	83
Patricia K. Cusumano	72	Michaline A. Miess	94	William F. Zapisek	83
Joseph J. Cusumano	72	Edward L. Nielsen	53	Jeanne A. Zappel-Bowers	11-9
Dean W. Dreibelbis	14	Pennell L. Odell	16-10		
Charles H. Dugan	10-5	Anthony S. Palmer	42		
Thomas M. Evock	94	Sherry A. Phillips	15-8		
Michael Fell	21	John T. Phillips	34		
Carrie E. Foster	51	Ernest T. Phillips	84		
Robert A. Furtaw	35	Eric M. Popp	72		
George W. Goodrow	7-12	Eugene H. Reich	11-9		
Doris Goodrow	7-12	Chris J. Reilly	7-11		
Joel Gray	2-76	Anthony V. Reitano	24		
Lisa P. Hannon	12-3	James V. Ricigliano	24		



Prepared by Linda Unger and COMO Robert J. Perrone, Sr., DSO-FN, as of 1 September through 31 December 2002

WEATHER CLASS

On October 18 - 21 one of the seven Auxiliary specialty courses was presented in Audubon, PA. The weather course (AUXWEA) instructors were Ron and Linda Boice and Joe Cummings. Attending were nine students from two Divisions. This is one of the courses needed to earn the coveted AUXOP device.



The seven specialty courses are; Administration, Communications, Navigation, Patrols, Search and Rescue, Seamanship, and Weather. Every member can specialize in any

or all of seven different specialty areas in the operational and administrative fields. Successful completion of your first course entitles you to wear the specialty course ribbon. Each additional class entitles you to add a bronze star to the ribbon. After



completing six courses, the bronze stars are replaced with a silver star. Upon completion of the seven courses, the ribbon is removed and is replaced by the AUXOP device.

These courses may be taken either as formal courses or self study. Formal (classroom) instruction

exams will be ordered by the course instructor. If the self study method is chosen, the examinations are ordered through your Flotilla Commander or Member Training Officer (FSO-MT). The examination must be proctored by a Coast Guard Officer or Petty Officer, or a designated AUXOP Auxiliarist. The closed book examination requires a passing score of 75%.

Why take the weather course? Any boater can tell you how important the weather is while on the water. A major change in the weather could spell disaster for any boater. The ability to predict, read the skies, along with the knowledge of safe boating practices is an asset for any boater. These seven courses are designed to help some of our Auxiliarists become top notch seamen and are available for all Auxiliarists. ✱



article and photos by Kate Taylor, VFC 10-5
Pottstown, PA

THANK YOU, BOB

Bob Puharic recently qualified as a watchstander at CG Station Sandy Hook. He is also an amateur radio operator (ham) and had an opportunity to coordinate a Coast Guard medevac for a distressed sailing vessel (via short-wave radio). The woman assisted sent Bob this nice note, which is a reflection of Coast Guard training. ✱



Dear Bob...

Hopefully you didn't delete this email thinking it was some scheme to make money or improve your "health" or find the lowest interest rate.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving, you were a VERY important part of a very traumatic day for myself ("K at"), a friend (Eric) and my dog (Sadie).

We were on a sailboat (Diastole) in the Gulf of Mexico about 100 miles offshore from Port Isabel, TX and desperately needed assistance. We had started out from Progreso, Mexico 3 days earlier thinking we had at least a 5 day window to get to TX before the forecasted cold front moved through the Gulf. We would have made it safely but on day 3 the motor on the boat failed (cracked head gasket?) and the winds just weren't working with us. We knew we would probably have to weather part of the storm but there were too many adverse conditions...severe seasickness due to severe weather, lack of sleep and a storm that was stalled around us with no end in sight for at least 3 more days.

We made the decision to call for help and leave the boat. This is where you came into the picture. Despite all that was happening I made a mental note of your call sign so that I would be able to contact you to tell you how grateful I am for A L L you did to help us that afternoon.

Your voice on our radio and the professional way in which you handled the situation gave me more peace of mind than you can imagine. The Coast Guard rescue (air-lift) was terrifying (at least for me and Sadie!) as we had to get into the water with the rescue diver and swim to the basket in the water to be lifted into the helicopter. But it was successful. Unfortunately we had to leave a lot behind but are so grateful that we are OK.

We had an EPIRB on the boat and once we got settled on land we contacted a boat salvage company in Port Isabel to try to retrieve the boat. Rick was hoping to go out on Saturday (the 30th) but was delayed until Sunday due to possible worsening weather. Even though the Coast Guard was still receiving the signal from the EPIRB the boat was not at that location. We didn't feel the boat was at risk of sinking and there was no debris in the water so we suspect that someone else discovered it and tossed the EPIRB overboard. We haven't given up hope and have some people in Mexico and the US trying to help us but it looks unlikely we'll ever see the boat.

A gain. thanks for all you did to help us that day....and I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely, K at Brown

YOUTH EDUCATION

SEA SCOUTS

At a request from the leader of the Mansfield, PA, Sea Scout Troop Ship 1, an education team from Flotilla 15-6 ventured to Mansfield to teach our Boating Safely Course to 12 scout members. The team, consisting of Ric and Marion Vespe, Mary Kay Hawn, and Cliff Wood, were well received by the Sea Scouts.



The Scouts were very interested in the course content and the USCG Auxiliary mission. All passed the final exam with high marks and expressed much enthusiasm for future activities with our Flotilla. We are currently working on the possibility of using one of our summer trips as a means of introducing the Sea Scouts to canal travel and navigating thru canal locks.

This proved to be a good opportunity to teach safe boating to a group of young people and introduce them to the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. ❀

*Fredric Vespe, VFC 15-6
Little Marsh, PA*

SCHOOL CLASSROOM

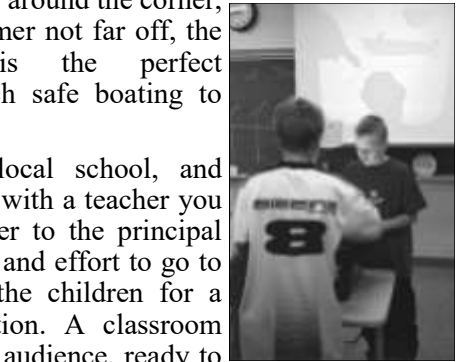
With spring around the corner, and summer not far off, the public school is the perfect opportunity to teach safe boating to children.

Contact your local school, and make arrangements with a teacher you know. Send a letter to the principal and offer your time and effort to go to school to prepare the children for a safe summer vacation. A classroom gives you a captive audience, ready to hear something new and interesting.... a departure from everyday reading and math.

Bring along life jackets (PFD), lines, throwable/floatable devices, visual distress signals, and as much equipment as you can pack and carry. Children love to try-on, throw, and handle all the equipment. There is no better way to learn than hands on.

Using "Boating Safely" for kindergarten to 3rd grade, and "Waypoints" for 4th to 6th grade, serves as a guide to you for your instruction and a take-home book which the children can share with their family.

Don't forget the "Certificates of Completion" for each child and thank them for a job well done. ❀



*article and photos by Astrida V. Miller FC 15-6
Covington, PA*

BIBLE SCHOOL

The least likely place to teach safe boating to children is Bible School, but that is exactly what I did. I received a call from the director to teach a mini safe boating course. The theme for this year was "Be Safe This summer." Armed with a supply of "Boating Safely" books, life jackets (PFD) and other boating aids, I met a group of enthusiastic, wide-eyed, youngsters. Spending approximately 1 hour, the children learned:

- When and where to swim.
- Always wear a proper fitting PFD when in a boat.
- Stay seated in a boat when it is underway
- Equipment required on a boat.
- The universal distress signal.

What a great way to get the safe boating message to children.

*Diane Reed, FSO-SR 15-5
Lewisburg, PA*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2
Philadelphia, PA

Flotilla 21 Children's Holiday Party



On 7 December 2002, Flotilla 21 held their annual Christmas Party for the children of U.S. Coast Guard personnel at MSO/Gru Philadelphia. 49 families received turkeys, over 80 children received gifts from Santa, the Irish American String Band provided musical entertainment, there was lots of food and beverages, and Christmas decorations along with a decorated Christmas tree. John Kates, FC 21, was Santa and Kathleen Kates, FSO-IS, was Santa's helper. ❀

Auxiliary Members Contribute to Navy Day Regatta

The 17th Annual Navy Day Regatta was held on the Schuylkill River on October 12, 2003 with Leon Kehr, RCO(C), Muriel Lewis, SO-PB 2 and Harry Dyer, VCP 2 in attendance representing the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The regatta, one of the largest on the east coast, had over 1750 rowers, 375 boats, and representatives from 22 colleges, 15 high schools, and 20 rowing clubs.



Muriel Lewis and Leon Kehr



← Harry Dyer presented the trophy to members of the winning crew for the High School Men's Lightweight Eights. ❀

TV personality Glenn "Hurricane" Schwartz Speaks at Division 2 Monthly Meeting.

Meteorologist for Philadelphia's lead television station, Glenn "Hurricane" Schwartz of Channel 10 NBC news, was the Division 2 guest speaker at its monthly meeting in October.

Drawing an Auxiliary member crowd triple that of an average meeting, Mr. Schwartz reviewed weather patterns and the effect they have on the seas. Specifically, he discussed search and rescue missions and provided informative tips on boating safety and weather forecasting while at sea.

Members asked many questions and had the opportunity



to interact with Mr. Schwartz both during and after his presentation. Everyone was impressed with his extensive knowledge and professionalism.



NBC featured the meeting on its 11:00 P.M. news broadcast the same

evening. A short clip was shown and the lead anchor, Larry Mendte, said "the audience was spellbound".

Cliff Dunn, Division Captain, presented Glenn Schwartz with a specially designed Certificate of Appreciation. Stan Morantz, SO-PA who took the initiative to invite Mr. Schwartz to speak at the meeting, also thanked him. "Hurricane"



Schwartz said he would be glad to return and speak with us again. ❀

*article & photos by
Stan Morantz, SO-PA 2
Huntington Valley, PA*



(L to R) Stan Morantz, Cliff Dunn, Harry Dyer, Glenn "Hurricane" Schwartz, COMO Gene Bentley and VCO Lee Kehr

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2
Philadelphia, PA

FLOTILLA 2-76 CHANGE OF WATCH



Dominic & Theresa Biscardi



Muriel Lewis and Santa

photos submitted by Muriel Lewis, ADSO-PB



VFC Phil & Roseann Giangiordano



FC Pat Cunningham and Janis



DCP Cliff Dunn & Carol Owens



CDR and Mrs. Liam Slein



Jim & Liz McWilliams



CAPT (ret) Greg Adams & Muriel Lewis



VCO Lee & Thelma Kehr with Santa



CAPT and Ajen Sarubbi with Santa



CAPT and Carolyn Durfey with Santa



Mike Fitzpatrick & Muriel Lewis with Santa

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3
West New Jersey

DCP 3 RUSSELL GALSON RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Russ Galson was recognized by the Dupont Corporation's Volunteer Recognition Program as one of 156 employees nationwide who made significant voluntary contributions to their local communities.

Russ was recognized for volunteering his time and leadership for the past eight years as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has served as Captain of Division 3 in southwest New Jersey during the past two years. In that capacity, Russ served as senior leader of approximately 150 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers who delivered thousands of hours of educational, operational and safety services to the recreational boating public throughout Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties.



Along with several other recognized Dupont employee volunteers, Russ was honored at a morning brunch and awards ceremony held at the Dupont Country Club in Wilmington, DE on December 13 and received a \$1,000 contribution to his Division from the corporation. ✪

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



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6
West Trenton, NJ

DIVISION 6 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

Charles ("Chip") Stewart Jr. is the Division 6 Auxiliaryist of the Year (2002). Chip has distinguished himself in numerous areas of Auxiliary activities, any of which would make him worthy of this award.

Most significantly, as the Division Staff Officer for Operations (SO-OP), Chip has rejuvenated the Divisions surface operations. Chip has worked tirelessly to fill SARDET Bordentown's patrol schedule. He has done this by working with people to bring new facilities into use, by encouraging training of crew and coxswain, and most recently by organizing and conducting an upcoming watchstanders' (AUXCOM) course. Chip maintains a close watch over the progress of the surface operations, and works throughout the year to keep patrols fully staffed. He created and continues to run a currency training day every year, involving many facilities and crew/coxswain participants. This session ensures that all operations personnel in Division 6 can start the patrol season not only qualified on paper, but in currency of skills as well.



Chip also serves as the Division Staff Officer for Public Affairs (SO-PA). He has submitted numerous articles and photos that have been published in Topside, and encourages all members to submit photos or descriptions of any activities that are suitable. Chip created the Division 6 calendar as a means to generate money for the Division, as well to publicize different Division activities. The calendar is increasing in popularity and provides a great means for Division 6 members to share and remember various Auxiliary events.

Chip's commitment to the Division is evident in his recent successful bid to become the Division Vice Captain. There is no doubt that Chip will put every bit of his considerable talent to help out the flotillas and members in Division 6.

Chip was the first person (after the initial 7 for whom the award was created) to receive the Flotilla's "Bill Garry Lifetime Achievement Award".

Finally, although perhaps it should be first, Chip is recognized throughout the Flotilla, Division, and District as one of the finest people and truest friends that one could find. Although he is willing to disagree with people, it is always in the spirit of what he truly believes is best for the individual, for the Flotilla, for the Division, for the Auxiliary, or for the Coast Guard. We in Division 6 are fortunate to have the efforts of Chip Stewart behind us, and recognize his contributions by awarding him the 2002 Division 6 Auxiliaryist of the Year award. ❁

*submitted by R. Dino Rulli, FC 61
Browns Mills, NJ*

DIVISION 6 CHANGE OF WATCH



(L to R) DCP Bob Coon, CDR Steve Minutolo, DCO Eugene Bentley, VCP Chip Stewart



DCP Layton and IPDCP Bill Schmitz ham it up.



photos by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, Director of Auxiliary D5-NR

AUXILIARISTS HONORED FOR NACON 2002 EFFORTS



Shown receiving the USCG Meritorious Team Commendation award from CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, USCG, Director of Auxiliary D5-NR are (top) Department Chief - Vessel Examination, Joseph Barcelo and (below) RCO-E (as BC-ADG) Mel Borofsky, Editor of SITREP. The award was presented for their efforts at NACON 2002, Orlando, FL.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

DIVISION 7 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

Division 7 honored **Kenneth McGowan** as its 2002 Auxiliarist of the Year at their Change of Watch ceremonies in December. Among other many things, Ken was recognized for his outstanding professionalism and dedication to his lead job as Division Staff Officer for Information Services. Ken was instrumental in easing the transition from AUXMIS to AUXDATA in the Division.

photo by
Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB



DIVISION INSTALLS ITS NEWEST LEADERS



DCO Robert Perrone administers the oath of office to VCP Jim Emery and DCP "Mickey" deFerrari.



AND CELEBRATES ITS CHANGE OF WATCH



COW photos by: Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB
and Walt Domanski, SO-PA 7

FLOTILLA INTRODUCES SIGNING TO ITS PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

Flotilla 79 of Forked River, NJ presented a Boating Skills and Seamanship class with an added twist. In order to serve all of their boating community, the Flotilla provided a signer for the hearing impaired. Having no previous boating experience, the signer, Roseann Schatek of Cherry Hill, NJ did an admirable job. Two hearing impaired students successfully completed the course.

article & photos by Joyce McGowan, FC 79
Lanoka Harbor, NJ



(L) Ms. Schatek signing for the students. (R) Class students, their instructors, Joyce McGowan (r) and Marie McGlynn, join the signer for a group photo.

DIVISION MARINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

In late October, Division 7 presented its first ever Marine Safety workshop. DSO-MS Linda Boice and ADSO Lyn Thomas conducted the workshop for 31 Auxiliarists. A feature of the day was a "hands on" session. Using this technique Linda was able to emphasize environmental awareness to the group.

photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

NEW COXSWAINS ANNOUNCED



Auxiliarists John Schreik, 7-12 (L) and Herbert McCaffrey, 79, were awarded their Coxswain devices by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX at Division 7's recent Change of Watch. *photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*

DIVISION EARNS 3rd PLACE IN PARADE

Division 7 entered its first Long Beach Island Christmas parade with a 25 foot manned and decorated patrol boat. Organized by SO-PA Walt Domanski, he was joined by DCP Mickey deFerrari and her husband, PDCP Paul, Russ VanLuvender, Shirley and Charissa Harris.

The float earned third place honors in the category of rescue organizations. The float presented by USCG Station Barnegat Light captured second place honors.



DCP Mickey deFerrari enjoying the day.



The event was a huge success and welcomed by many youngsters along the route (candy was passed out from the float!). Four legged spectators also got dog biscuit treats. Local TV commentators remarked positively on the Auxiliary's entry. ✨

*article and photos by
Walt Domanski, SO-PA 7
Surf City, NJ*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southeast New Jersey

DIVISION 8 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



IPDCP **Gilbert Finkelstein** was honored as the Division 8 Auxiliarist of Year at the Division 8 Change of Watch ceremonies held December in Tuckahoe, NJ. Gil just completed a successful term of office as Captain of Division 8. He is also publisher and editor of both the Division and his Flotilla newsletters.

COXSWAIN TRAINING IN DIVISION 8

During the latter part of 2002, when our normal public education class schedules were dormant, Division 8 chose to conduct coxswain training. This was no easy task since there did not exist a prior lesson plan, overhead transparency or Power Point for this type of training. I searched but could not locate a complete lesson plan.

We had a full contingent of qualified crewmembers but lacked coxswains. With the assistance of BM1 William Hollandsworth of CG Station Cape May and myself, a Power Point presentation was designed.

By the time this TOPSIDE is published we will have completed the classroom tasks of the Coxswain Qualification Guide. When Spring arrives and our vessels are in the water, we will complete the underway tasks. We expect Division 8 qualified Coxswains ranks will be increased by 12 new members.

This training will have also included the Navigation Rules tutoring. Anyone who has taken the Nav Rules exam realizes it is a formidable task. Someone was clever enough to design a Navigation Rules presentation on CD ROM, which takes the mystery out of the course.

BM1 Hollandsworth and myself would be agreeable to sharing these two presentations to anyone interested. Send me an email and I'll direct you how to receive your free copies of these presentations. blong@dandy.net ✨

Submitted by Bruce Long VCP 8, Del Haven, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8

Southeast New Jersey

DIVISION 8 CELEBRATES ITS CHANGE OF WATCH

The setting was warm and inviting with a fireplace, Christmas tree, and shining decorations adorning the Tuckahoe Inn where Division 8 held its Change of Watch ceremony on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2002. In addition to the members and families of Division 8, honored guests from the Coast Guard were Captain Douglas Wisniewski, Captain Robert Durfey, Commander Stephen Minutolo, Lt. Michael DaPonte, and Boatswains Mate First Class William Hollandsworth. Representing the Auxiliary were District Commodore Robert Perrone, District Commodore (Elect) Eugene Bentley, and District Rear Commodore Jean Stretch.

Ken DeSoo was re-elected Division Captain, and Bruce Long was re-elected Vice Captain. Both officers are past Commanders of Flotilla 82, Cape May.

DCO (Elect) Eugene Bentley swore in the Commanders and Vice Commanders for each of the six Flotillas of Division 8; their staff officers took the oath to seventeen appointed posts.

Gil Finkelstein, Immediate Past Division Captain (IPDCP), received the special award for Auxiliarist of the Year for his consistent dedication to the Auxiliary and Coast Guard. The coveted Coxswain designation was presented to Dan Hartman ADSO-IS. ❀

*article & photos by Thom Weber, SO-PA 8, Cold Spring, NJ
additional photos by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX D5-NR*



WINTER ACTIVITIES IN DIVISION 8

Winter Operations Activities continue through ice and snow.

Photos clockwise show Leo Daley and James Cox performing Commercial Fishing Examinations in Cape May off of the Commercial Docks. It seems this year that chipping ice is part of the program. Far left photo is Ken



Eisenberg and Gil Finkelstein, part of the "Polar Bear Patrols" that go out of CG Station Atlantic City each weekend on Bob' Balke's Auxiliary Facility 211275. CFV EXAMINERS, during dockside exams and outreach efforts enhance the survivability of commercial fishermen in the event of emergency by stressing the importance of onboard safety equipment, periodic vessel equipment maintenance and crew training drills. CFVE's verify that fishing vessel crews understand the proper procedures to take in event of emergencies. ❀

POLAR BEAR CREWS



L to R Ken Eisenberg, Bob Balke (Coxswain), Diane Jossarand all of FI 85



IPDCP Gil Finkelstein in his Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Suit photos submitted by Gil Finkelstein



FLOTILLA 86 AWARDS ITS ANNUAL "RUBBER DUCK"

In ceremonies at its annual Change of Watch, Flotilla 86, North Cape May, NJ, bestowed the treasured "Award of the Rubber Duck" to BM1 Edward G. Ryan of CG Station Cape May.

photo & caption by "Jake" Lincoln, VFC 86

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9
Western Lakes PA

DIVISION 9 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



DCO Robert Perrone presents **Larry Irvin** (Flotilla 91) with Division 9 Auxiliarist of the Year award.

2002 AIM CANDIDATE ALSO EARNS CREW STATUS

Elizabeth Mock, now a senior at Central High School, Martinsburg, PA (Blair County) joined Altoona Flotilla 91 in January of 2002. Elizabeth has been a pretty busy lady since becoming an Auxiliarist.

Since joining, Elizabeth has earned her vessel examiner qualification and recently earned her crew member status. Elizabeth also participated in the AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) program this past summer.



Elizabeth receiving her crew member credentials from CDR Stephen Minutolo, DIRAUX D5-NR

Elizabeth was the first place winner in March, 2002, of a Pennsylvania State-wide contest for writing an essay about Pennsylvania produce. The contest was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Elizabeth maintains honor status in her school work and hopes to be selected for the CG Academy. ❄

*submitted by George Clapper, IPDCP 9
James Creek, PA*

NEW FLOTILLA CHARTERED



DCO Robert Perrone reads chartering certificate for new Raystown, PA Flotilla 95. Charter Flotilla members are in the background.

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS INSTALLED

New Division 9 Captain **Richard Deason III** and Vice Captain **Paul Vonada** take the oath of office at their recent Change of Watch.



The below photos were also taken at the Change of Watch ceremony held in Huntington, PA.

*photos by
CDR Stephen J. Minutolo,
DIRAUX*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



COMO Robert Perrone presenting the Auxiliarist of the Year to Joe Phillips, Flotilla 12-2, D5-NR.

Joe Phillips has been an untiring worker for many of Division 12's activities. As Division Staff Officer-Communications (SO-CM), he participates in the Radio Watchstander program at Search and Rescue Detachment (SARDET) Bowers and Coast Guard Station Roosevelt Inlet.

As a coxswain, he patrolled out of Roosevelt Inlet this past summer. He is also very active with public affairs (PA) functions. He transports the PA trailer and helps set up all of the PA exhibits. His Flotilla alone had 21 exhibits this past year. ☼

*article and photo by Elaine Gilgenast, DCP-12
Selbyville, DE*

FLOTILLA 12-1 CHANGE OF WATCH



Examining their new pennants and burgees are incoming Flotilla Commander Tom Mitchell (C) and outgoing Commander Chuck Woolson (L) while FSO-OP Ralph Gilgenast looks on.

25 YEARS OF AUXILIARY SERVICE



Harry Otto, Flotilla 12-5, received his Auxiliary membership service award for 30 years of dedicated service to the Auxiliary.

He has served in many capacities and received many awards over his 30 years with the flotilla, volunteering many hours of his time. These include Flotilla Commander, State-Auxiliary Liaison, FSO-SR, and AUXOP to name a few. Harry (on the right), pictured here with PDCP Al Grimminger, serving as a crew person on one of the many patrols Flotilla 12-5 performed over the 2002 season. ☼

↑↓ *articles and photos by Carolyn Otto, SO-PB 12, FC 12-5
Dover, DE*

35 YEARS OF AUXILIARY SERVICE



Thomas Cooper, Flotilla 12-5, received his Auxiliary membership service award for 35 years of dedicated service. He has spent many long hours for the Flotilla serving as a vessel examiner.

Thomas has served in several positions including Flotilla Commander, Vessel Examiner, Financial Officer, Materials Officer, and Secretary. Thomas (on the right) is pictured here with IPFC Kerry Ames (12-5) accepting his award at a Flotilla meeting. ☼

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

SAFE BOATING BOOTH SPECIALISTS

Flotilla 12-2, Lewes, DE, manned twenty-one safe boating booths in 2002. An estimated 90,000 people visited these booths and received pamphlets and advice on being a safe boater. "We gave out tons of safe boating literature." Many questions were asked and answered during the course of these events.

Using "sign up" sheets, we expanded our recruiting and career counseling programs and provided information on future boating classes.

An estimated 15,000 people visited our booth at the



Richard Mays (L) and Joe Phillips

AUXILIARIST HONORED FOR EFFORTS



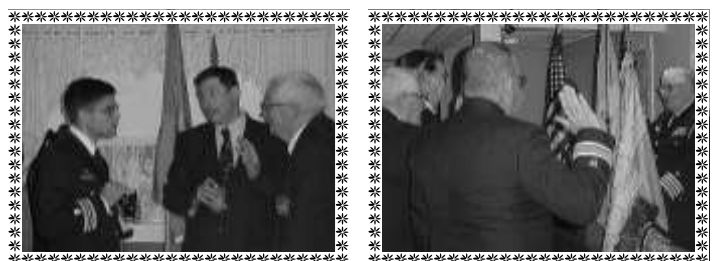
John Bernath, FSO-PB, Flotilla 12-2, received the Award of Merit from CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, Director of Auxiliary, at Division 12's Change of Watch for his participation at all of the public affairs functions plus assembling the largest and best contingency ever for National Safe Boating Week at CG Station Indian River Inlet, DE. Presenting the award is LCDR Ron Labrec, Commander USCG Group Eastern Shore.

photo & caption by Elaine Gilgenast DCP-12, Selbyville, DE

SNAPS FROM DIVISION 12's CHANGE OF WATCH



☛ photos by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX D5-NR ☛



FSO-VE Joe Phillips demonstrates the proper wearing of a PFD.

"Apple Scrapple" event in October, Bridgeville, DE. At another two day event in October, the "Sea Witch & Fiddlers Festival" an additional 25,000 had an opportunity to visit our booth. ☛

*article and photos by John Bernath, FSO-PB 12-2
Millsboro, DE*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13
Central New Jersey

DIVISION 13 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



District Commodore Eugene Bentley (L) presenting the Auxiliarist of the Year Award to **Maurice "Butch" Simpkins**. Butch, as he prefers to be called, was cited for his excellence in member training. The ceremony was a "double header" for Butch as he was also installed as the Captain of Division 13 the same afternoon.

photo by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB

45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AUXILIARY



Prior to its recent Change of Watch, Flotilla 13-3 presented a plaque to **Frank Gerkens** in recognition and appreciation of his 45 years of dedicated service to the Auxiliary.

The plaque was presented by Dave Berlin, DCP 13 (center, rear) and Dave Tryon, (L) Commander of Flotilla 13-3. Also in attendance was Norma Hunter, FSO-VE 13-3, Frank's daughter who is the Flotilla Commander-elect of 13-3. ❀

*photo and article by Patricia Phillips, FSO-PA 13-3
Pennsauken, NJ*

MISSION TRIP TO REMEMBER

On 3 August, during the Coast Guard Day Picnic at Fort Dix, I expressed an desire to travel to Yorktown, VA, to our Director of Auxiliary, CDR Minutolo. This was so I could attend the September 02 Auxiliary Leadership and Management Training (AUXLAM) session. I fully understood that a member who submits a request to attend C-school training fully intends to practically apply the training for the benefit of their unit and the Auxiliary. My application was submitted for approval. Within the month travel orders were received.

It had been many years since I traveled, and I had many questions. While looking for a picture in back issues of TOPSIDE, I noticed an AUXLAM article by Stacy Cooper, SO-PS 14. I called her for some travel hints. She recommended bringing a book bag... a great idea! She also brought copies of her AUXLAM paperwork to the Fall Conference. Other calls to Regina P. Stretch, RCO-E and Mel Kleinfeld, Flotilla Commander 13-5, helped in so many areas.

As a not-so-frequent flyer, the alarms sounded when I walked through airport screening with my carry on bag, in hand, rather than placing it on the belt. The security person's attention was immediate and clear directions were given.

Since there was no icebreaker welcoming us on arrival, we had to fend for ourselves until Monday morning's orientation. The two instructors met the challenge and covered all of the course materials required for the Certificate of Completion. The variety of training modules included several role-plays, videos, case studies, and exercises.... also plenty of homework reading assignments.

The scenic beauty of the landscaping at TRACEN YORKTOWN was picture perfect as we walked to and from class or meals. Especially meaningful was a morning when a few of us observed the Colors ceremony. An after dinner stroll along the York River helped to mentally evaluate the various aspects of leadership presented (e.g. personal ethics). In the dimly lit formal entrance to the library was an area of intriguing historical Aid to Navigation items. The Olde Yorke Chapel offered times for refreshing the spirit and the mind.

It was indeed an honor for me to attend the AUXLAM training. Although this mission trip has been completed, this member is sincerely grateful to be serving and leading successfully, evidence of its quality training. ❀

*Marianne Simpkins, FC 13-10
Voorhees, NJ*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13
Central New Jersey

30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AUXILIARY



Director of Auxiliary CDR Stephen J. Minutolo presenting plaques for 30 years of Auxiliary service to (L) **Aristide Cecchi** of Flotilla 13-6, **Charles Maltbie** (c) of Flotilla 13-6 and **Charles Maltbie III**, accepting for his father, **Charles Maltbie, Jr.**
photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB

FLOTILLA 13-5 INSTALLS COMMANDER



Farragut Flotilla 13-5 of Cherry Hill, NJ enjoyed a holiday dinner meeting when they installed Dan Charter as Flotilla Commander.
*photo by Mel Kleinfeld, IPFC 13-5
Cherry Hill, NJ*

DIVISION INSTALLS NEW BRIDGE



Taking their oaths of office is Division 13 Captain "Butch" Simpkins and Division Vice Captain "Buzz" Lombardi.
*photo by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB
Little Egg Harbor, NJ*

SCENES FROM THE DIVISION CHANGE OF WATCH



*photos by
CDR Stephen J. Minutolo
Director of Auxiliary D5-NR*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14
Susquehanna, PA

FLOTILLA 14-4 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Flotilla Commander Dave Inglis presenting Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year to Flotilla Member Training Officer **Fred Reck**.
photo by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX

"COASTIE" ON PARADE



D5-NR's "Coastie" made its debut before 25,000 people during the Hanover, PA Halloween parade. COASTIE was accompanied by PFD Pumpkin and AUXIE Ghost as part of Flotilla 14-4's ensemble.
photo and caption by Joe Diodato FSO-PB 14-4 Hanover, PA

FLOTILLA INSTALLS NEW BRIDGE



Rear Commodore-West Henry L. Reeser (R) administers the oath of office to Flotilla Commander David Inglis and Vice Commander Helen Diodato.

photo submitted by Helen Diodato, FSO-PA 14-4 Hanover, PA

PIX FROM FLOTILLA 14-4's CHANGE OF WATCH



photos by:
CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
Frontier (PA)

Editor's note: The following pictures are obviously summer scenes. They arrived too late for the last issue, but what the heck.... summer's not that far off!



THE AFRICAN QUEEN?

Jim Gotthelf, VFC
15-5 safety
checks an African
Queen look-alike.
photo by:
Rik Paulson,
FSO-PE 15-5

LIFE JACKET DEMOS

PFD Panda
assists in the
demo at a local
campground.

photo by:
Eric Mitchelltree,
FSO-CC 15-5



BOATING SAFETY BOOTH

photo by:
Grace Bowes,
Flotilla 15-5



IPFC Rick Dobeck, 15-5, applying a vessel safety check decal after a successful exam.

photo by Jim Gotthelf, VFC 15-5

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Northern Jersey Shore

DIVISION 16 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



District Commodore Robert Perrone presents the Auxiliarist of the Year certificate to **Harvey Monter** at Division 16's Change of Watch ceremony. Harvey was also sworn in as Division Vice Captain earlier in the day.

photo by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, DIRAUX

DIVISION IN COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



Members of Division 16 participated in the annual Seaside Heights Columbus Day Parade on Sunday October 13, 2002. Members from the seven flotillas that comprise Division 16 marched in the parade and also presented a trailered boat as a float in the parade.

*Submitted by Ted Hall, SO-PA 16
Allenwood, NJ*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Northern Jersey Shore

FLOTILLA 16-7 FALL/WINTER 2002 ACTION

Flotilla Activities:

Flotilla 16-7 participated in a Fire Safety Day with a public affairs booth at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station in October. Flotilla members also marched in the Columbus Day parade in Seaside Heights also in October.



Flotilla Elections:

Ted Hall and Dennis Georgia were elected as Flotilla Commander and Flotilla Vice Commander respectively, at the October business meeting. Jack Witemeyer, Vice Captain Division 16, presided over the elections.



Radio Repeater is back on the Air

Bob Witham and Frank Shellenbarger of Flotilla 16-7 were instrumental in getting the Coast Guard repeater replaced on the tower at the Manasquan transmitter site. The original repeater was given to ISR to aid in the increase in radio traffic after 9/11/01. The repeater provides out-of-marine band radio communications for the New Jersey coast. The repeater has been functional for the last two months. Bob Witham coordinated the efforts to obtain and have the repeater installed at the Manasquan tower site. The repeater is also used when hunting EPIRBs that have been activated.



Flotilla Holiday Party

Flotilla 16-7 celebrated the holiday season with a party at the Forte' restaurant in Pt. Pleasant. All enjoyed good food and fellowship.

*all articles & photos
submitted by:
Ted Hall FSO-PB 16-7
Allenwood, NJ*



DIVISION 16 CHANGE OF WATCH

Division 16 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary held its annual Change of Watch on December 8, 2002, at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, NJ. The Change of Watch is the traditional annual ceremony at which new officers are sworn in and awards are presented to individual Auxiliarists for outstanding achievements during the past year.



John S. Witemeyer of Point Pleasant and Harvey D. Monter of Brick were sworn in as Division Captain and Division Vice Captain respectively, following their election to these posts recently by the Division Board. Division staff officers, Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Vice Commanders were sworn in.

Harvey D. Monter was presented with the award of "Division 16 Auxiliarist of the Year 2002" for his outstanding member training initiatives. Jack Witemeyer was presented with an AUXOP award and certificate. Additional awards were presented to members of Division 16 for outstanding performance during 2002.



DCP Jack Witemeyer earned his AUXOP credentials.

Commander Stephen Minutolo, Director of the Auxiliary D5NR, commended all of the Auxiliarists for a job well done during 2002 and is looking forward to an active and successful 2003.

*Submitted by Ted Hall SO-PA Division 16
Allenwood, NJ*



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.

George Blair Flotilla 42

Richard E. Morley Flotilla 83

Michael E. Mauk Flotilla 91

Joyce L. Kintzer Flotilla 16-8








Micholas A. Fritze Flotilla 16-10

Sailors Rest Your Oars

Listing provided by Sue Wade, DSO-PS, through 31 December 2002

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Fifth Northern District - 2003 Calendar of Events

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
5 Ash Wednesday  10. Board Inc. Meeting 14-16 SPRING AWARDS CONFERENCE YORK, PA  17 St. Patrick's Day 	1 Summer Uniforms 4-5 Board Inc. Annual Meeting 6 Daylight Savings Begins 11 Eastern Area EXCOM 13 Palm Sunday 15 Income Tax Deadline 17 1st Night of Passover 18 Good Friday 20 Easter 26 East Area and Central Area New Member Workshop 30 Spring topside Deadline	1 AIM Candidate Deadline 2 National Day of Prayer 5 EXCOM 10 Nurse's Day 11 Mother's Day  17-23 National Safe Boating Week 26 Memorial Day Observed  30	2 EXCOM 9 Board Inc. Meeting 14 Flag Day  15 Father's Day 



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