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On the Cover: D5-NR (Division 7) Auxiliarists participating in ISAR 2005 Halifax, Nova Scotia. ISAR, the International Search & Rescue competition, between the US and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliaries takes place annually, changing country sites each year. ISAR 2006 will be in Portsmouth, VA.

*Photo by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB
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Geography
History
Culture
Art, Dance, Music
Food
And her own story!



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DIRAUX

Do you know why I love this job? Here are just a few reasons, in no particular order:



- I get to travel throughout the region, nation, and world in support of Fifth Northern, most recently to Florida for the National Auxiliary Conference; to Lancaster, PA for our Fall Conference; and to Halifax, Nova Scotia for the 2005 International Search and Rescue competition...where I watched our very own team compete against 11 other teams from the U.S. and Canada.

- I get to work with some of the brightest minds and most selfless people I've ever met. While this is true wherever I go in 5NR, it was most evident at our Fall Conference, especially when I had the opportunity to meet with the Division Captains on Friday night.

- Every day presents new challenges...and with them, new opportunities.

- On this last note, I am sorry to report (for anyone who hasn't heard yet) that CWO Joe Hartline will be retiring shortly to start work as a civilian at Sector Delaware Bay, an outstanding opportunity that came up very recently. Not only will Joe be sorely missed, but we are probably not going to get a replacement for him until May or June due to the timing involved. Like I said, new challenges every day. Fortunately, I have a very hard-working staff and a competent team of Auxiliary volunteers that helps us out every week; so I am confident that we will persevere. Note: We will be in touch with EXCOM, DSOs and DCPs with how losing Joe impacts our procedures.

- Finally, a word on "Following Through" (or Up). Do you remember how important following through is in sports like basketball, softball, golf, and tennis? You simply have to "follow through" with your throw, swing, or shot to get good results. This applies outside of the sports world, too, doesn't it? It applies in business, with family & relationships, in developing good habits & skills, and yes, even in our work together on Auxiliary programs and activities. If you commit to do something, follow through. If you need something from someone else, follow up with them (especially if you don't see results or hear back from them in a timely manner). Apply this more frequently and I'll bet you see better results and less frustration (in life and in your work for the Auxiliary).✿

CDR Scott Rogerson, Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR

DISTRICT COMMODORE

As I travel around the District the two questions most asked are:



1. Why are the Conferences held at the same two hotels?
2. What happened to the great District store of yesteryear?

D5-NR Conferences – Some How-and-Why About Them:

In locating a regional conference the Conference Coordinators scope out the sites and recommend whether or not the hotels should be considered. A wide variety of factors must be reviewed including location, meeting room availability, cost, and guest room quality. The District Executive Committee (EXCOM) takes the Conference Coordinators' recommendations under advisement and identifies which prospective sites should be subject to bid. The Director's Office then solicits bids from these hotels and determines which sites are most competitive and finally awards the contract.

For example: "Heritage Hills" bid for our Spring



Conference 2006, was considerably less than the next bidder. They also gave a more favorable price for the Saturday evening banquet.

The District is authorized to fund two conferences per year. This includes travel, lodging, and meal expenses for all EXCOM members and District staff officers. We also secure the same low meal, and lodging rates for all conference attendees. These costs are generally less than the average tourist would pay, which adds up to a significant saving for all.

Different geographic areas throughout the D5-NR area carry different government lodging and meal rates. As extreme examples, the area with the highest government meal and lodging rate is Ocean City, NJ, during summer months when the allowable rate is about \$260 (it comes down to about \$125 in winter months). Other places like Hershey, PA, Wilmington, DE, Cape May, NJ, Atlantic City, NJ and Philadelphia are also about \$160 or well above that level. Contrast that with the allowable rate in the Lancaster or York PA area (\$85 to \$110). As with everything, there is usually a trade-off.

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DISTRICT COMMODORE

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It is not uncommon for many organizations to find that their conferences overwhelm the capacity of the primary conference site. Off-site hotels are often necessary to accommodate the needs of the attendees. The shuttle transportation service from Heritage Hills has been extremely accommodating.

We will collectively try to continue to keep regional Conferences informative, relevant and affordable for everyone in D5-NR.

By law, if a hotel is aware that the federal government is putting out a bid for a government contract and requests to bid for that contract, they must be afforded the opportunity.

THE MERCHANDIZERS OF D5-NR ARE BACK

PRCO Jean Stretch and Sue Wade, Co-DSO-MA's, have rehabbed the entire store with a new price list, new merchandise, interesting shirts, sweatshirts etc. They are also training two Assistant District Staff Officers (ADSO) to take over the store in the future. This is necessary because the store is a multi-faceted enterprise (All DSO's should take a page out of their book, and train their ADSO's accordingly.)

I encourage all members of D5-NR to take another look at the store and make their purchases through D5-NR. Remember, the revenue from the store contributes a substantial portion of the District budget. The public education books and materials bring revenue to the District. I urge all Flotillas to begin using the Auxiliary "America's Boating Course" (ABC) and "Boating Skills and Seamanship" (BS&S) books for their public education classes.



Since short courses are in vogue, many are using the BS&S book to teach lessons 1 through 6, and the remainder of the book becomes an encyclopedia for future study. No other textbook offers this opportunity. The cost of the course is not the challenge; it is the quality of teaching that counts.

Please take a new look at the District Store – you'll appreciate the CHANGES! ❀

*Leon E. Kehr, DCO
Souderton, PA*

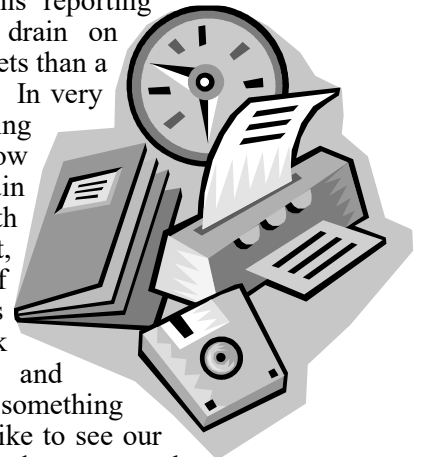
VICE COMMODORE

There are two items I'd like to discuss that are important to our members and this District.



First, the number of students attending our public education courses has dropped, and no one seems to know why. The drop in attendance is causing courses to be canceled. There has to be a way to attract more students to our classes. I don't have the answer, but I bet one of you does. Let's share this information.

Second, one of the biggest complaints I hear is that staff members don't report on what they are doing. Each month reports are required of each staff position from the flotilla on up. I question the value of all this reporting. We are not corporate America, but require reports as though we were. This reporting becomes more of a drain on members' time and assets than a value to the Auxiliary. In very active programs reporting is easy, but in slow programs it's a brain drain to come up with something to report, and it may not be of real value. I think it is time that we rethink our reporting system and make it count for something worthwhile. I would like to see our reporting system changed to a quarterly requirement. This means the Flotilla and Division meetings could be changed to member training sessions, with one business meeting every three months.



I know that those who come from a corporate background may disagree with these suggestions, but I believe members join to learn new skills along with serving their community, not write reports. If we had longer and better training sessions at the Flotilla/Division meetings and held a business meeting every three months, the members would benefit greatly. Yes, this is a radical departure from the norm, but it would relieve our members from unnecessary reporting and save on ink and paper, a cost savings we could use. We are picking up more tasks from the Coast Guard, which helps them do their jobs better, what we need to do is lessen the burden and out of pocket expense our members incur. ❀

*Robert P Amort, VCO
Dover, DE*

REAR COMMODORE-EAST

How much importance does your flotilla give to the subject of "In-Flotilla" Training?

Some flotillas devote 15 minutes or so at each business meeting to in-flotilla training; others have more extensive member training at a separate monthly meeting. Those flotillas should be congratulated on their efforts to make their meetings more productive and interesting, as well as informative to their members. Other reasons for in-flotilla training are to have fun, to enliven the meetings, and to bolster attendance.

The Instructor Course textbook doesn't devote much space to promoting the subject of in-flotilla training. However, it does "contain several topics along with lesson outlines that are suitable for training sessions at a flotilla meeting." It points out that "an industrious, imaginative Member Training Staff Officer can develop many additional topics that will be interesting, informative and useful to flotilla members."

Many in-flotilla training topics lend themselves to a member participation and involvement format, other than the standard presentation format. Having your members actually get hands-on practice by throwing towlines, operating portable pumps, plotting DR courses, operating a PowerPoint projector, practice transmitting radio messages as if on patrol [those hand-held Family Radio Service (FRS) radios are ideal for this purpose], knot tying, inspecting a trailered boat for varied discrepancies, etc., etc., add more fun and satisfaction to your training program.

The list of topics for in-flotilla training is only limited by your imagination; however, here are a few examples you may want to consider adding to your member training repertoire:

- How to sell your boat.
- What to look for when you buy a boat.
- How to recruit new members.
- How to set up and "work" a public affairs booth.
- Courtesy and protocol for CG Auxiliarists.
- Sexual harassment (annual requirement).
- Review of "Roberts Rules of Order."
- The "Penalty Mail Stamp System" (how to properly address official mail).



- What items are available and how to order them from the District store, Uniform Distribution Center (UDC-Woodbine, NJ), Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC).
- Protecting the marine environment.
- Navigation rules (some flotillas review a few at each meeting).
- Proper wear of uniforms and ribbons.
- How to use navigation publications (Coast Pilot, Light Lists, Tide and Current Tables, etc.).
- Weather topics (thunderstorms, hurricanes, air masses and fronts, forecasting, etc.).
- Tips on mentoring.
- Tips on operating your GPS.
- The Coast Guard Academy (selection, programs, and curriculums).
- Coast Guard support opportunities CGPR-III, AUXPAL, watchstanding at CG Stations/Atlantic Strike Team, etc.).

• What are the marine safety programs and opportunities (TRIDENT, etc.)?

• Acronyms for new members (and those with "senior moments").

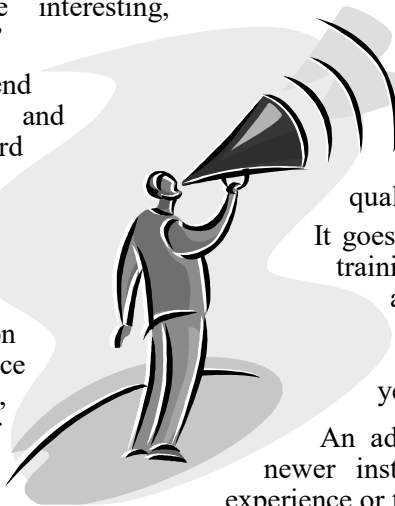
• CPR training/certification (need qualified instructor).

It goes without saying that, if possible, in-flotilla training subjects should be announced in advance of your flotilla meetings. Hopefully, a schedule can be prepared covering a six-month period, or even on a yearly basis.

An added benefit is the opportunities for your newer instructors to get some hands-on teaching experience or to use multiple instructors to team teach. A review and/or wrap-up discussion period also adds to the success of your training.

By having a planned program with a wide variety of pertinent Team Coast Guard topics, presented in interesting formats, you can add some excitement to your meetings and broaden the educational experience of your flotilla members. Try it, you might like it! ☼

*John S. Witemeyer, RCO-E
Point Pleasant, NJ*



REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL

By the time you read this article our boats will have been hauled out, scrubbed down, covered, and put to sleep for the winter. We will all have tallied our mission hours for the past year and will have started to think about what we would like to achieve in the New Year.



We have a lot to be proud of. We have educated a vast number of people in boating safety, we have logged countless hours in operations and operational support to the Coast Guard, and we have made sure that boats are properly equipped and their owners are knowledgeable about safety and inevitably, we have saved lives. Thank you all for the thousands of hours that you have given the Fifth Northern in the last year.

In the New Year we will all be asked to continue this level of service and in many cases to increase it. We are all capable of doing this but it takes a deep search for personal motivation and synergy with "the Team."

In this case, I am referring to the Flotilla as the team. The numbers are impressive but "the Team" must also enjoy the journey as well as the treasure at the end of the road. Working, sharing, relating, and socializing with our teammates makes the journey much more rewarding. Likewise, bickering, arguing, back stabbing and a general disrespect for our teammates makes the journey long and lonely. When the synergy of the team is broken it cannot perform at its maximum efficiency. We all come to the flotilla with different expectations and levels of personal need. When we find our niche we also expect to find support and compassion from our teammates. Sometimes we find the opposite when we are faced with petty comments and personal criticisms that demean, demoralize and break the synergy.

It isn't difficult to turn this trend around. The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and the Coast Guard Core Values, "Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty." It's simple, it just takes a little thought before you speak and act, and with these suggestions great deeds can be accomplished. ✿

*Ronald Boice, RCO-C
King of Prussia, PA*



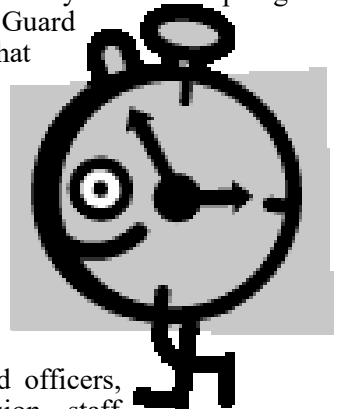
REAR COMMODORE-WEST

While searching for a suitable topic for my last Topside issue as Rear Commodore-West, the main thought that ran through my mind over and over is TIME. We've all used the phrases "Where does the time go," or "How time flies when you're having fun," but the truth is that time does march on and there is nothing we can do about it. Time is the most important and vital blessings granted to us in the overall scheme of life. I think as we get older, the time seems to go even faster although there are only 168 hours in every week, no matter what.



Such are my thoughts on the last 2 years as your RCO-W. In my travels throughout the Western Area I've seen so many volunteers that appropriate time in their busy schedules and take seriously their pledge to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary...to the extent that time and circumstances permit.

You have my respect and heartfelt thanks for all your hard work and dedication. Working together we achieved good things for the safety of the boating public and for TEAM COAST GUARD.



To all the newly elected officers, all the flotilla and division staff members, use your time wisely to better serve the Auxiliary and share your knowledge and expertise with the officers and staff above and below you. The success of your position and the Auxiliary depends on your actions.

To all of you who are leaving your elected office, think back at how fast the time has gone. Hopefully you'll be able to pat yourself on the back and feel that you have done the best job that you could possibly do...never compromising honesty and integrity. ✿

*Harold N. Miller, RCO-W
Covington, PA*



NEW DISTRICT COMMANDER

REAR ADMIRAL LARRY L. HERETH

United States Coast Guard
Commander Fifth Coast Guard District

Rear Admiral Larry Hereth reports to the Fifth Coast Guard District from an assignment at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. as the Director of Port Security. In that position, he led the development and implementation of a new maritime security regime for vessels, facilities and ports throughout the U.S. This included standards development, plan approval and compliance efforts related to 9000 U.S. vessels, 3000 facilities, 45 port areas, and port state control efforts for 8000 foreign vessels.



Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay. As CO he held three regulatory positions: Captain of the Port; Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection; and Federal On Scene Coordinator for pollution incidents. His area of responsibility covered 1900 miles of coastline or inland waterways in the northern half of California and extended shoreward beyond Lake Tahoe. Prior to being assigned to San Francisco, he served in Coast Guard Headquarters as program manager for all Coast Guard oil and hazardous substance pollution preparedness and response activities. Other tours included Commanding Officer, Gulf Strike Team; Alternate Captain of the Port in New York; Chief, Port Operations in New Orleans; and Chief of the Coast Guard's National Marine Environmental Response School, where he supervised all the pollution response courses and directed a national exercise program.

He has received numerous personal awards throughout his career, including the Department of Transportation Secretary's Gold Medal Award, the Legion of Merit, the 9-11 Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with the Operational Distinguishing Device.

He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and is married to the former Kathy Hays of Hillsboro, Oregon. Kathy works as a dental hygienist. ❀

Rear Admiral Hereth is a 1973 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a BS. He also earned an MBA in 1992 from Florida Institute of Technology. In his 32 years of service, he has seen a broad-based career with an emphasis on field operations. His wide-ranging assignments have taken him throughout the United States with multiple tours at east, gulf and west coast ports. This is his fourth command assignment.

After sea duty and command of a unit in Turkey, Rear Admiral Hereth specialized in marine safety, port operations and pollution response. Just prior to his last position in Headquarters, he served as Commanding

NEW EDITOR COMES ABOARD

After eight years at the helm of "TOPSIDE," Editor and DSO-PB Mel Borofsky is stepping down. Mel has taken up new residence in Florida and the geography has become a "problem." His current tasks as Chief of the National Publications Division, Department of Public Affairs, and as new member of the Board of Directors, National Boating Federation, editing their publication "Lookout," also ranked highly in this tough decision.

Mel considered himself as the "keeper and recorder of D5-NR's memories" through the pages of "TOPSIDE." He thanks all of the supporters and contributors to this award winning publication, without their efforts none of "TOPSIDE's" success would have been possible.

Effective 01 January 2006 Edna Winans will become the new DSO-PB and Editor of "TOPSIDE." Edna is a very talented lady who served as ADSO-PB (E) for the past two years. Edna's creative talents have come to the fore with her Division 7 and Flotilla 74 publications. Edna is a retired government employee with many years of writing and photography in her list of talents.

After 01 January 2006 all unit newsletters should be mailed to Edna as well as articles and photos for TOPSIDE. Her email address is ewinans@verizon.net. Her mailing address is listed inside the front cover of this issue. ❀



AVIATION

AUXILIARIST MEETS ENOLA GAY NAVIGATOR



Lewis Hazell FL 82 [r] with Capt. Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk.

In August, Enola Gay navigator Capt. Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk spoke about his experience during the historic mission of dropping the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

More than 100 people were at the Naval Air Station Wildwood's Aviation Museum. Several Division 8 Auxiliary members were in attendance.

The 60th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb "Little Boy" and the end of WWII occurred in August. ✽

Article and photo by Joseph Giannattasio, ADSOAV, Cape May, NJ.

AUXAIR RECRUITING AT LOCAL FLY-IN'S



Joe Giannattasio (L) ADSO-AV, chats with Civil Air Patrol cadets about their Civil Air Patrol glider.

In August, Woodbine Airport (NJ) held their 9th annual Fly-In. The event hosted entertainment, vendors, and local dignitaries in promoting and celebrating general aviation.

Joseph Giannattasio ADSO-AV(PS) was on hand to inform the public about the Auxiliary's Air Program, and provide private pilots information on membership opportunities and benefits.

The event provides the opportunity for the public to learn and experience general aviation in an entertaining venue. ✽

Article and photo by Joseph Giannattasio, ADSO-AV Cape May, NJ

AIR STATION ATLANTIC CITY FLY-IN

In August, District Auxiliary Air Program members devoted a beautiful summer Saturday to attend classroom training at Air Station Atlantic City.

Scott McFarland CDR, Gregory Martin LCDR, John Hall LT, and Sean Roche LT updated the group on new operational guidelines, procedures, and review of related missions. The opportunity to meet and chat with USCG Air Station personnel and Auxiliary Air Program members from outlying areas was very informational and an additional treat.

During lunch break, members took the opportunity for fellowship, sharing experiences and their mutual enjoyment of flying.

What better way to ensure an informed and safe USCG/Auxiliary Air Program than everyone participating in concentrated training. ✽

Article and photo by Joseph Giannattasio ADSO-AV, Cape



Auxiliary Air Program members at Training Lecture

May, NJ

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

By the time everyone receives this article the patrol/boating season will be completed. It is now time to start your 2006 planning. From what has been reported to us there was very little Aids to Navigation/Private Aids to Navigation (ATON/PATON) or Bridge updating done in 2005. Every time we are on the water we should be checking every Aid to Navigation we pass for discrepancies. You do not need a special patrol qualification or orders.

The private aid verifier program has been totally renovated and modernized to make it easier to become qualified to participate in this important and interesting program. The Coast Guard has assigned the Auxiliary hundreds of privately owned aids to navigation that must be inspected on a predetermined schedule. The western area of Pennsylvania has more than a dozen lakes and rivers with state private aids we also inspect.

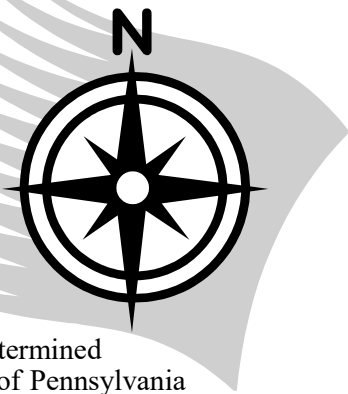
Most divisions have openings for qualified members to become private aid verifiers (PAV). One thing I would like to again remind every coxswain and crewmember is the fact that you do not have to be a private aid verifier to report any and all discrepancies that you discover.

The aids to navigation team is now using the parallel staffing system. All reports and information are reported to the aids to navigation staff officers, flotilla to division to district (ADSO-AN) and finally to me. This is also how my ADSO staff passes any district or national information back down the chain. It is very important that the both ends of the chain know what the other end is doing and that all staff members receive all the information as soon as it is published.

It is also important to remember that any member can participate in any of the Auxiliary ATON /PATON bridge inspection and chart updating programs without being PAV qualified. A member only needs to be PAV qualified to inspect private aids to navigation.

Last but not least the aids to navigation program is important, interesting and enjoyable to participate in. If you are interested in joining our team speak with your flotilla or division aids to navigation officer. ☸

*T. Doug Bomeisler DSO-AN
Morrisville PA*



COMMUNICATION SERVICES

E-MAIL ETIQUETTE THE PROPER PROTOCOL

This article appeared in a previous issue of TOPSIDE. It has been updated and repeated in this issue.

E-mail communication is the primary communication process for the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is not something in the future, but is here today and is destined to remain for the foreseeable future. It is a great way to send reports and keep members informed on a regular basis. E-mail is used to send important time-related information to all D5NR members via Flotilla Points of Contact (POC). Therefore, it is important that all Flotilla POCs keep their e-mail addresses current in AUXDATA and to notify the DSO-CS, via the chain of communication, of all changes.

Although e-mail has made it simpler for members to communicate, it hasn't necessarily made communication clearer. And there's also the question of what's appropriate to communicate via e-mail. E-mail has been around for quite a few years, but is still relatively new to some members of the Auxiliary and there are no written rules about when and when not and how and how not to use e-mail. However, some rules for correspondence for the Auxiliary do exist and some of those rules apply to e-mail. Other rules are still evolving, but in the meantime let's explore some guidelines:

- Auxiliary e-mail address lists must never be used for personal correspondence i.e., non-Auxiliary correspondence, chain letters, personal and political viewpoints, etc.
- If you receive warning messages, messages that state that you will receive some type of remuneration for forwarding to your friends, etc. always check to verify that the message is not a hoax because in all probability it is.
- Always keep your e-mail address current by notifying everyone who has your e-mail address with changes and keep your own e-mail lists up-to-date. A major faux pas is inadvertently putting in the wrong e-mail address, which can be embarrassing for all parties involved.
- If you commit a faux pas, don't forget to send a mea culpa.
- Check your e-mail frequently. You should reply when you finish reading the message or as soon as possible if required to research an answer or perform a task
- If you receive information (FYI), a report, or a message that does not require a response, reply with a short note that you received the message. "Got it - thanks" will suffice.

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COMMUNICATION SERVICES

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- *Always be careful when you put something in writing. Never send an e-mail message with contents that you may later regret.*
- Do not reply to a message if you are upset or in emotional turmoil. Take time to assemble your thoughts in a cohesive manner. Road rage on the cyber highway is not good.
- If a subject matter requires a human moment or human emotion, e-mail is the wrong vehicle – do not use it.
- Be concise and to the point and prepare your message in a professional and structured manner.
- Rereading your message before sending will guard against misunderstandings. Sometimes what you meant to express comes across the wrong way.
- Do not expect an e-mail recipient to read your mind. State details in a manner that does not require interpretation or guess work.
- Use a spell checker to avoid misspelled words.
- Be careful forwarding or cutting and pasting to prevent copyright infringements.

Sending e-mail is similar to being out on the water in your boat. Courtesy and common sense will help keep you out of trouble.

There are various web sites available where you can check e-mail messages for viruses, hoaxes and scams. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has comprehensive list of available sites at <http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/infoserv/virus.htm>

When your e-mail address changes, you can make the change in AUXDATA yourself or you should notify your FSO-IS with the proper form - ANSC 7028 Change Of Member Information. You can find e-mail addresses for all Auxiliary members, who have e-mail, by accessing the National E-Mail Directory. Go to the National Web Site, <http://www.cgaux.org/>, click on "Members' Deck" and then "E-Mail" and follow the instructions. Use it for sending reports, information, contacting members and requesting information.

And always remember - "Communication – the thread that binds and keeps an organization from unraveling at the seams." ❀

*Harry Dyer, DSO-CS 5NR
Washington Crossing, PA*

MATERIALS

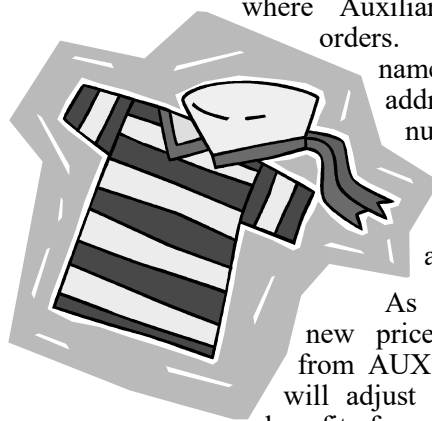
We're back! After many years of serving the District in various positions, we again welcome the challenge of providing the needs of our members in the District Materials Center.

"The Store" will maintain ample stock of required uniform items. We will offer a variety of civilian casual attire, i.e., sweatshirts, "T" shirts and golf shirts in assorted sizes and colors. Interesting affordable items can be purchased for member use, for a gift to take home from a conference or for table mementos at a change of watch or other Auxiliary function.



DSO-MA Jean Stretch

In the near future, "The Store" will be located in the building of the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), Woodbine, NJ. When shopping for uniforms there, an Auxiliarist may order Auxiliary items (collar insignia, sleeve lace, coxswain & AUXOP pins, etc.) by dropping an order in the Auxiliary box provided. In addition, the UDC phone numbers will include an Auxiliary extension



where Auxiliarists may phone in orders. Calls must include name, emplid number, address and phone number. You will be notified of this new opportunity as our new location is activated.

As anticipated yearly, a new price list is forthcoming from AUXCEN, St. Louis. We will adjust D5-NR prices to the benefit of our members.

We ask you to return to using our D5-NR District Materials Center for all your Auxiliary needs, educational and uniform. Remember, in supporting "our store," you support the many programs of D5-NR

We are back to serve all members and, in doing so, to enhance the coffers of D5-NR ❀

*Jean Stretch & Sue Wade, DSOs-MA
"The Merchants of D5-NR"
Brigantine, NJ*

MEMBER TRAINING

The boating season is over for another year. Gone are the great days of summer with the surge of activity inspecting boats, patrolling the waters, conducting many boating safety classes and visiting sites to deliver boating literature. It always seems to be a very busy time of the year for most Auxiliarists.

Well how did you do in terms of your goals for the year? Did you actually set some personal goals? If you are like me you probably thought of some, didn't define them well, but tried to do the best you could in the available time. Maybe that's not so bad for a volunteer, or maybe not.



But, life moves on and we are now in another season presenting new opportunities for growth. Fall and winter are great times to consider additional training to increase skills, knowledge, or for fellowship that training exercises offer. Qualification courses are available for boat crew, vessel examiner, program visitor or instructor. If you have already achieved these certifications consider mentoring others within your flotilla. Contact your Flotilla Commander to see where the needs are.

Maybe your interest is in leadership as an elected or staff officer. Then consider the excellent management and leadership programs available such as Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLAM) for Flotilla Commanders, Vice Commanders and those seeking the office. Or consider Auxiliary Mid Level Officers Course (AMLOC) for Captains, Vice Captains and those seeking the office. Training is also available at the beginning of the year in each Area as Elected Officer Training (EOT) and Appointed Officer Training (AOT). Contact your member training (MT) staff officer to see when these courses are available.

Finally, we have the Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) courses in weather, patrols, search and rescue, navigation, communication, and seamanship. Completion of all six courses attains the prestigious status of being an AUXOP member. Earlier this year the National Training Department announced its intention to augment the AUXOP program with additional USCG based courses. Unfortunately, this program has encountered some delays and is still in the formative stages. In the interim, all six current AUXOP courses will be supported. AUXWEA (weather) has been updated and is available on two CD's available through ANSC. ❀

*Ken Kendall DSO-MT
Beach Haven Park, NJ*

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Our number one goal this coming year is to increase the number of enrollees in our public education courses, as overall enrollments have continued to decline. Despite this overall decline, it is encouraging to note that five divisions saw an increase in their enrollments. Also, the declines in enrollments were least in the short eight-hour courses. This lesser decline confirms that students are increasingly demanding short courses before they commit to more advanced courses.

If each flotilla were to offer just one additional short course each year with an enrollment of 15 students, the Fifth Northern would be teaching 1500 more students. If five percent of these 1500 students became members of the Auxiliary, we would increase our membership by 75 per year. I realize that many flotillas are already working at maximum capacity, but there are some flotillas that currently do not offer short courses. I especially encourage these latter flotillas to offer one or two short courses and see how it works.

You say how? You could approach local marine stores about sponsoring these short courses. Sellers of Personal Watercraft (PWC) are likely targets. You might even present a short course at a company cafeteria at lunch hour. Hospitals sometimes sponsor local service groups. What you need is a place and some way to advertise the course. A good way to advertise the course is to file an intent-to-teach form, which provides an immediate listing of the Fifth Northern Web Site.

Many of you have been calling for a good sailing course, and I have good news for you. The USCG Auxiliary and McGraw Hill's Professional International Marine Division have joined together to produce co-branded study material for the boating public. The first two courses to come from this venture are a revised BS&S and a new Sailing Skills and Seamanship. After N-Train, I shall be in better position to advise when these two courses will be available.

National will not be revising the current Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN) textbook, but will focus its efforts on developing new navigation courses around the text "Weekend Navigator." I have reviewed this book, and it is well done.

As a postscript, "Boating Fun" is out of print, and National is seeking funding for reprinting this popular course. In the meanwhile, you might consider using "Officer Snook's Future Boaters" (available through ANSC) or "Safety Sidekicks" (available through National Safe Boating Council). ❀

*Marshall E. Blume, DSO-PE
Villanova, PA*

PUBLICATIONS

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

I think back to a Fall day in 1996 when a frail lady by the name of Elsie Nichols approached me after a District staff meeting and asked, "How would you like to take over as editor of TOPSIDE?" Elsie, in poor health, was finding it difficult to keep up with the task of publishing our District magazine. To be frank, I was totally overwhelmed by the thought. After much soul searching (and a lot of looking in the mirror as asking myself "Why not?"), I agreed. And as they say... "The rest is history."



I also think back to the early days of my editorship and the techniques at hand to do the job. I recall evenings sitting with glue sticks and a paper cutter piecing together the early magazines. Computers were just starting to become user friendly but the software for desktop publishing left a lot to be desired.

I was the recipient of an antiquated version of "PageMaker" by a company no longer in business. The program on a half dozen floppy disks (remember them) was accompanied by two 3" thick manuals that featured terms like "kerning" (nothing to do with corn on the cob) and variable line spacing. What did I get myself into?

Lo and behold, the software market started to increase and an easy to use program "PUBLISHER" literally fell off the shelf into my hands. Some folks poo-poo this program, but it has been the program of my choice from that day on (this issue is being produced using "PUBLISHER"). A hint for you neophyte newsletter publishers.

My first issue of TOPSIDE was 16 pages big, filled with a lot of talking heads and photos that you needed a magnifying glass to view properly. By the way, no disrespect to the talking heads, they were the few that contributed to the early magazine.

I think I should remind you at this point that TOPSIDE was a long established, venerable magazine back in 1996. It was not something that I created, it was just a magazine craving for input and a lot of TLC (tender loving care for you the uninitiated).

My first business plan was to boost the input to the magazine, something that took some of the marketing skills I developed while in business. Well, some of the ideas really worked... our "Press Corps" (of which there are now over 400 members) and the gift certificate to our District store as "payment" for new and interesting articles.

D5-NR came through in spades. Some of our past issues rivaled "Look" and "Life" magazines in size and

interesting content. Our last issue had 76 pages with most of the magazine's content contributed by the "grass roots" members of our great District.

Another treat was the honors bestowed on our magazine over the past few years. TOPSIDE received the National Publication Award, First Place, three of the past six years and earned second place honors three times since 1998. **I was honored to accept the first place award once again at the National Conference, in Orlando, a few months ago.** I said it then and I will put it down on paper... "This award belongs to the men and women of D5-NR who supported our publication with their stories and photos."

I feel privileged to have been a part of this great piece of history. I have felt that my function in all of this was to put your work, your efforts and your great spirit of volunteerism into a scrapbook for all to see, that scrapbook named TOPSIDE. When asked what my job was, I usually responded that I was the "keeper of the 5th Northern memories."

Well all good things must come to an end, and so does my relationship with TOPSIDE and D5-NR. As most know, Michele (my wife) and I have moved out of the D5-NR area and currently reside in Florida. As much as I would have liked to remain at the helm of this great magazine, the geography makes that an impossible task.

My replacement, as your new TOPSIDE editor, is Ms. Edna Winans, my current ADSO-PB (E). Edna brings with her a wealth of experience and tremendous enthusiasm for the task at hand. One of the great perks I offered to her as an enticement to taking the job was the promise of the support of you, the men and women of D5-NR. I have no doubt that you will provide the articles and photos, the future memories, now that she will become the caretaker of TOPSIDE.

I wish I could reach out and shake your hands (and grab a few hugs) and offer my gratitude. Let it suffice to say that I thank you for your support of TOPSIDE and for making my job so pleasant and rewarding. ✿

Goodbye and safe sailing for the rest of your days.

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*Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB
Leesburg, FL*

VESSEL EXAMINERS

Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) are still being conducted within all areas of the 5th Northern District. We have, as of this report, exceeded our 2005 VSC goal. As of 23 Oct 05 our District made the VSC goal with the completion of 10,688 VSCs so far this year. This is a total of 428 VSCs over our 2005 goal.. Eight Divisions made their 2005 VSC goal. They are; Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, and 14. Other Divisions are well within reach of making their 2005 goal.

The VSC Certificates signed by the National Commodore for the year 2004 have been received and distributed to our Division Captains. Vessel examiners (VE) who completed 35 or more VSCs during the year 2004 receive a certificate, 78 achieved this level..

During National Safe Boating Week, West Marine and Boat U.S. handed out free T-Shirts to boaters who passed their VSC during National Safe Boating Week.

Since this was the first year of the program, all DSO-VEs were asked about the program and if it was worth repeating. Indications are such that the program is worth doing again so long as we get more certificates, in time to issue out to our VE.

As I stated for the past several years, we must do more in the area of canoe and kayak VSCs. I was in contact with Commodore Jim Riley of the Philadelphia Canoe Club (PCC), which is a member of the American Canoe Association. This year they were celebrating their 100 year anniversary and Open House event on 10 Jul 05.

We as VEs did not attend to do VSCs at this event, but our Russell Galson, DSO-PV did attend along with Gene Morris, Division 3 Captain. They did talk to the public about boating safety and answered many questions.

By the time you read this, ANSC should have the VSC Decals for 2006 available. As soon as I receive word on when and how to order these decals, I will put the word out. I would ask this issue be part of your planning for things to be accomplished. As in the past, it has been several months before we were able to get the decals in the hands of our examiners, keeping in mind that we have many VEs who go south for the winter and we want them to have these decals and any other information they may need IN HAND before they go. ❀

*Alfred O Grimminger, DSO-VE
Middletown, DE*

VE PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

This past spring, 2005, Bill Tower, Vessel Examination Staff Officer (FSO-VE), Flotilla 12-9, was conducting a vessel safety check (VSC) on a 26' Glacier Bay Canyon Runner.

Everything was going along fine until he got to the navigation lights. He found that the only white light on the boat was a 135 degree transom light that was partially obstructed by the twin outboards.

Naturally, he had to reject the vessel and tell the owner he lacked the proper navigation lights, an all around white light. The owner was quite upset because not only had the dealer told him his lights were acceptable, but he also had a previous old VE decal.

This problem kept bothering Bill for some time when, finding a web site for Glacier Bay, he initiated contact with the company. Finally, in September he was contacted by Rob Harty of Glacier Bay Customer Service.

What Bill was told was that all boats of this design were shipped with a folding all around white mast light which is to be installed by the dealer. Also, the transom light is not designed to be a navigation stern light but more a courtesy light between the engines.

Mr. Harty recommended that Bill have the boat owner contact Glacier Bay so the problem can be rectified. Also, they are changing their wiring on their new boats so that the transom light only operates with the boat's courtesy lighting system.

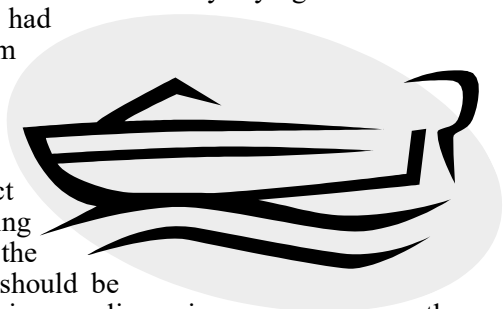
Bill promptly took this information from Glacier Bay and delivered to the boat owner. Then in October Bill received an email from Rob Harty saying the owner had contacted them and that the problem had been resolved.

The correct light was being shipped to the owner and he should be up and running in compliance in the near future.

Bill received a sincere thank you from Glacier Bay.

Through Bill Tower's persistence and desire to do the very best job possible as a vessel examiner and Auxiliarist, one more boater is now sailing safely. ❀

*Richard Stevenson, Flotilla Commander, 12-9
Lewis, DE*



HURRICANE RESPONSE

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AUXILIARY HURRICANE
RESPONSE.



1. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Team Coast Guard has risen to meet the many challenges in the storm ravaged gulf coast. Whether conducting over 30,000 search and rescue cases or providing personnel to assist in the recovery efforts, Team Coast Guard is America's maritime lifesaver.

2. Active duty, reserve and civilian components of Team Coast Guard would not have been able to conduct relief efforts without the unwavering support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

3. Your dedicated volunteer service to the Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Security, and this nation is nothing less than outstanding. Your continuing support of Coast Guard missions in the Eighth District area of responsibility including Auxiliary aviation logistical flights, surface patrols, watchstander augmentation, support of Coast Guard families, and housing Coast Guard personnel detailed to the effected area is invaluable. Volunteering for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster assistance programs highlights the Auxiliary's selfless support of the largest relief effort in our history. You are directly impacting the lives of fellow Americans. They look to you for guidance, assistance, and, most importantly, hope.

4. On behalf of the men and women of the Coast Guard, thank you for your dedicated, selfless service.

5. ADM Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, sends. ❀



SECRETARY CHERTOFF

MEMORANDUM FOR: All DHS
Employees
FROM: Michael Chertoff, Secretary
of Homeland Security

SUBJECT: Initial Results of the
Second Stage Review



Shortly after becoming Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I initiated a comprehensive Second Stage Review of DHS policies, programs and operations. My goal - and the goal of our senior leadership team - is to ensure that this Department is best-equipped to carry out its core missions of enhancing our Nation's security while managing risk.

Later today I will be announcing the initial results of this review in a speech to DHS employees and stakeholders. I will lay out a six-point agenda to focus the Department's efforts moving forward, including several policy and operational goals. I will also discuss some specific organizational changes to the structure of the Department. I know that change can produce anxiety, so let me say up front that there will be no reduction in human capital as a result of this review. Rather, these changes are designed to give you the tools and the strategic direction you need to do your job.

Although we are a new Department, we play a critical role in the most important job of Government: the safety and security of our Nation. We must, above all, be able to execute effectively our mission. And we must be focused on end results, because it is not enough for each of us to do our individual jobs if our team is not successful.

In the past several months, I have been impressed by the professionalism, dedication to the mission and enthusiasm of all of you. We have a special obligation to produce results, because at the end of the day, the people we protect are our friends and families. I believe the recommendations we are announcing today will help us do just that.

I look forward to working with all of you in this effort. ❀

Michael Chertoff
Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OFFERS GIFT IDEAS FOR ON THE WATER

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to make some holiday suggestions to those who are buying gifts for their loved ones. For those who are purchasing gifts for a "water" person, be they a power boater, a sailor, a kayaker, a diver or even a duck hunter, why not purchase a gift based on safety.

Here is a list of safety based items, sorted by price, with the least expensive on top, and the most expensive on bottom. When it comes to safety gear, cost vs. potential benefits don't always coincide.

We'll also put an approximate cost based on random Internet on-line catalogs. ❁

1. Whistle - \$6
2. Strobe Light - \$10
3. Basic PFD (Type II) - \$12
4. Mirror - \$14
5. Flares (Personal Qty 3) - \$29
6. America's Boating Course (given by your local Auxiliary Flotilla)- \$35
7. Emergency Knife - \$40
8. Inflatable Personal Flotation Device (Type V) - \$135
9. Float Coat (Type III PFD) - \$230
10. Personal Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (PEPIRB - 406Mhz) - \$650
11. Donation to Operation Life Ring dedicated to helping those members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Coast Guard who have suffered due to Hurricane Katrina and Rita. **Cost - Priceless**

Donations can be made on-line at
www.operationlifering.org

HIGHLIGHTS OF DHS BUDGET

- WASHINGTON -- Highlights of the \$31.9 billion Department of Homeland Security budget recently adopted
- \$9 billion for border security to fund 1,000 new border patrol agents, 250 new investigators and 460 new detention personnel.
- \$5.9 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, about \$2 billion of which is financed by aviation security fees. \$2.5 billion is for salaries of passenger and baggage screeners.
- \$3.3 billion for preparedness and first responder grants, including \$2.5 billion for state and local governments, \$765 million for high-risk, high-density urban areas and \$150 million for rail- and transit-security grants.
- \$7.8 billion for the Coast Guard.

JOE RETIRES

More than 80 people gathered in the multipurpose room at the Coast Guard Base in Philadelphia for the retirement ceremony of CWO4 Joe Hartline. Among the attendees were family, friends, co-workers and future co-workers of the guest of honor. The mood was mixed with happiness for Joe and sadness for those of us who were losing such a "Treasured friend of the Auxiliary". After 29 years of faithful service to the U.S. Coast Guard, Joe is transitioning into a civilian job at Sector Delaware Bay.



The retirement ceremony was led by Commander Scott D. Rogerson, Director of the Auxiliary.



Commander Rogerson's remarks praised Joe for his dedication to service and tireless support to the Guard and the Auxiliary. Certainly

his remarks reflected the sentiments of those in attendance. Some of the significant awards were: an American flag that was flown over the Capitol building in Washington, DC the day before; a certificate of commendation signed by President George W. Bush, and a striking sculpture titled "Excellence" with an eagle and text.

Following the ceremony, the group went to a local restaurant for fellowship, the sharing of memories and a few additional gifts. Among the gifts were a Philadelphia Eagles cap and a special cover of "TOPSIDE." ❁

*Article and photos by Edna M. Winans, ADSO-PB
Manahawkin, NJ*



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH & RESCUE—ISAR 2005

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE COMPETITION (ISAR) 2005

The best, competitive teams, six from the USCG Auxiliary and six from the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in head to head competition. And the best of all, one of those six teams from the U.S. was ours, representing the 5th Northern for the first time in ISAR history.

Team Captain Rich Wagar (7-12) and his fellow team members Jim Norton (72), Bill Beihl (7-12) and Lee Frost (7-7) arrived well practiced and eager to “show their stuff.” ISAR is a unique combination of training and fellowship. This was a first-time experience for most of the 72 international participants.

Events were held over a two day period and the competition was stiff. I am proud to say that the guys from 5th Northern not only held their own through all of the events, they captured first place in the International Life Ring Toss event.

Joining the team for the trip were Commander Scott Rogerson, DIRAUX and CWO Joe Hartline, who also served as a judge. The cheerleading section was led by District Commodore Lee Kehr and his wife Thelma. Mel Borofsky was there providing coverage of the event for SITREP, the National e-magazine and the National publication, NAVIGATOR. ✱

*Article and photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB
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BIG vs. SMALL BOATS

BIG BOATS VS. SMALL BOATS; NOT A FAIR COMPARISON

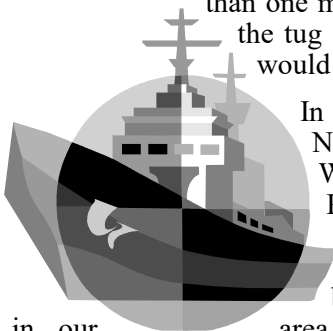
The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants the boating public to understand that consequences of interfering with a large ship in many of our narrow channels. Especially in our busy port cities, such as New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Every day, hundreds to thousands of ships; vessels larger than 65 feet in length; enter and depart our busy ports. These vessels include tankers, cruise ships, container ships and tug-barge combinations. All these vessels are constrained by their draft; and are unable to maneuver; in the narrow range inside the narrow channels in and around our ports and harbors.

The "Rules of the Road," the federal navigation rules provide for this event by giving these ships priority, or right-of-way, over smaller vessels when navigating in these narrow channels.

Many recreational boaters fail to realize the physics involved in stopping or maneuvering a large ship. The average recreational boat stops within a couple of boat lengths. However, it can take a large ship thousands of yards to stop.

An example would be if a water skier stopped 1,000 feet in front of a tug and barge. The skier would have less than one minute to get out of the way of the tug and barge, otherwise the skier would be run over.



In the Port of New York and New Jersey, CAPT Glenn Wiltshire, the Captain of the Port and the Commanding Officer of Sector New York said, "While I want all boaters to enjoy the waterways in our area, recent increases in reports of commercial vessels having to take evasive actions to avoid small boats in the channel are of great concern to me. I ask that all boaters be aware of their position and remain outside the main channels to ensure the continued safety of all waterway users. We don't want to wait for a tragedy to occur."

The local boating public should be aware of the penalty provisions within U.S. Code, Title 33, Section 2072, that specify, "Whoever operates a vessel in violation of the navigation rules is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation, for which penalty the vessel may be seized and the case shall be brought before the district court of the United States of any district within which the vessel may be found." ❁

WINTERIZING A BOAT

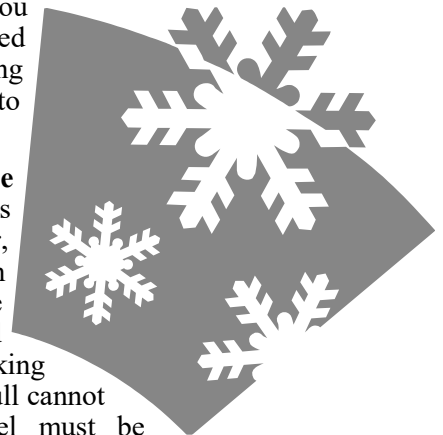
Reprinted from BoatUS news release:

With winter approaching, we reviewed our insurance claims to share the following six most common mistakes made when winterizing a boat:

1. Failure to drain the engine block: Surprisingly, it's the balmy states of California, Florida, Texas, Alabama and Georgia where boaters are most likely to have freeze-related damage to engine blocks - and it routinely occurs to boats stored ashore. Water retains heat longer than air so boats left in the slip are less susceptible to sudden freezing.

2. Failure to drain water from sea strainer: Like an engine, the seawater strainer must be winterized or residual water could freeze and rupture the watertight seal. Sometimes you don't know it's damaged until spring launching and water begins to trickle in.

3. Failure to close seacocks: For boats left in the water, leaving seacocks open over the winter is like going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a thru-hull cannot be closed the vessel must be stored ashore - the sole exception are cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat under, allowing water to enter through hulls normally well above the water line.



4. Clogged petcocks: Engine cooling system petcocks clogged by rust or other debris can prevent water from fully draining. If it's plugged, try using a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine's intake hose to flush anti-freeze through the system.

5. Leaving open boats in the water over winter: Boats with large open cockpits or low freeboard can easily go under by accumulated snow. Always store them ashore.

6. Using bimini covers as winter storage covers: A cover that protects the crew from the sun does a lousy job protecting the boat from freezing rain and snow. Unlike a bonafide winter cover, biminis tend to rip apart and age prematurely by the effects of winter weather.

To get a free copy of the BoatU.S. Winterizing Guide full of tips to help you prepare your vessel for the winter, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy> and click on "Winterizing Your Boat," or call 800-283-2883. ❁

SEMPER PARATUS

SEMPER PARATUS (ALWAYS READY)

Words and Music by Captain Francis Saltus Van Boskerck, USCG; Words and Music Copyright by Sam Fox Publishing Co, Inc.

Current Version

From North and South and East and West,
The Coast Guard's in the fight.
Destroying subs and landing troops,
The Axis feels our might.
For we're the first invaders,
On every fighting field.
Afloat, ashore, on men and Spars,
You'll find the Coast Guard shield.

Chorus

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready," do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you.

Versions & Changes

The original words and music were written by Captain Francis S. Van Boskerck, USCG in 1927.
The first line of each chorus was changed in 1969.

1st Verse (original, 1927 version)

From Aztec shore to Arctic zone,
To Europe and Far East.
The Flag is carried by our ships,
In times of war and peace.
And never have we struck it yet,
In spite of foe-men's might,
Who cheered our crews and cheered again,
For showing how to fight.

2nd Verse (original, 1927 version)

SURVEYOR and NARCISSUS,
The EAGLE and DISPATCH,
The HUDSON and the TAMPA
The names are hard to match;
From Barrow's shores to Paraguay,
Great Lakes or ocean's wave,
The Coast Guard fought through storms and winds
To punish or to save.

3rd Verse (original, 1927 version)

Aye, we've been "Always Ready"
To do, to fight, or die
Write glory to the shield we wear
In letters to the sky.
To sink the foe or save the maimed
Our mission and our pride
We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come

Ideals for which we've died.

The current verse, and a second chorus, were written by Homer Smith, 3rd Naval District Coast Guard quartet, Chief Cole, others and LT Walton Butterfield USCGR in 1943.

1st chorus (original, 1927 version)

So here's the Coast Guard marching song,
We sing on land or sea.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory too.
To fight to save or fight to die,
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

2nd chorus (added 1943)

So here's the Coast Guard battle song,
We fight on land or sea.
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto too.
We're "Always Ready" do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!

1st chorus (1969 change to 1927 original 1st chorus)

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory too.
To fight to save or fight to die,
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

2nd chorus (1969 change to 1943 2nd chorus)

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto too.
We're "Always Ready" do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard we are for you! ❄



EMERGENCY PLANNING

TIPS FOR PLANNING FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY

With the passing of Hurricane Wilma the Coast Guard Auxiliary is re-issuing Ten Tips for Planning for the Next Emergency.

1. Have a plan and discuss it with your family.
2. Find out about your community's emergency plan and check its web sites for emergency planning information. If you should have to evacuate your home, make a primary and a secondary meeting place and inform all family members. Have a designated contact that is out of the danger zone and let them know where you are and your status.

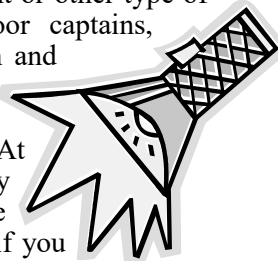


3. Pack a "go" bag, containing medications, water and water purifying tablets, hand sanitizers, non-perishable food, a manual can opener, personal toiletries, zip lock bags, a flashlight with good batteries and a battery powered radio.

4. If applicable, make a "go bag" for your animal companion as well, such as a cat carrier, pet food and mobile kitty box. Dogs should have a leash, food, water and bags for clean up, if possible.

5. Get to know your neighbors, especially your elderly or infirm and look after them.

6. If you live in an apartment or other type of multiple dwelling, designate floor captains, make emergency evacuation plan and be sure all of the residents are aware of it. Be sure to know about anyone with special needs. At the first hint that your community may need to be evacuated be sure that you have a full tank of gas, if you have a vehicle.



7. Have candles, matches and flashlights with fresh batteries on hand. If a power outage is anticipated, stash some food in a cooler with ice.

8. Don't panic, look out for one another and remember having a plan in place and following it is the most important thing you can do.

9. For more information on emergency preparedness check the following web sites: the American Red Cross, the Center for Disease Control and FEMA.



10. Here is a list of web sites that will aid in finding more information about what to do in an emergency, what emergency services are available, locally, state-wide and federally and what emergency plans are in place where you live.

While not exhaustive, it provides a good place to start.

In alphabetical order:

- a. www.cdc.gov - The Center for Disease Control
- b. www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial-0306.xml - State Homeland Security and Emergency Services-Department of Homeland Security
- c. www.fema.gov - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- d. www.nsc.org/issues/emerg/99esc.htm-National Safety Council
- e. www.ready.gov - Ready Gov
- f. www.redcross.org - The Red Cross
- g. www.weather.com/safeside/emergencyplan.html - The Weather Channel ☼



Spring Awards Conference – 2006

10-12 March, 2006

Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center
York, PA

Reservation form is in this issue of TOPSIDE,
the deadline for filing is 12 February 2006.

PROFILE IN SERVICE

LYN THOMAS

AN AUXILIARIST'S QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE



Division 7 D5-NR is proud to announce that Lyn Thomas, VCP 7 was presented with the TRIDENT Device at the D5-NR fall conference in Lancaster, PA. Lyn is the FIRST person to earn this prestigious

Device in D5-NR and the 24th in the Country. In addition to this award she also earned her COXSWAIN device

Because of Ms. Thomas's extraordinary efforts she qualified for the conditional award, in three (3) years. The conditional award provides for recognition of those individuals who have performed, and are continuing to perform, significant services in support of Marine Safety (M) programs. She will qualify for the permanent award when she completes her fourth (4th) year of approved service of 96 hours each year in the M field.

Of special note: A similar proviso exists for active duty personnel to be awarded the M-Pro device on a temporary basis. This recommendation parallels the active duty policy.

The Conditional Award provides for recognition of individuals by allowing them to wear the device while completing the remaining permanent award requirements.

To qualify for the award, Lyn satisfied the following requirements:

1. A member shall be actively and continuously engaged in support of Marine safety missions.
2. A member shall have successfully completed all required courses of study.
3. A member shall hold four (4) Letters of Designation for approved Auxiliary or active duty Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) at the time of

application for conditional award.

Lyn completed the following PQS's:

- a. Asst. Harbor Safety Specialist (AUX-EK).
- b. Assistant Facilities Inspector (AUX-EU).
- c. Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUX-MEES).
- d. Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist (AUX-MSAM).

The underlying purpose of the Auxiliary Trident Program is to train and recruit Auxiliary members to support and augment the local 'M' Units in the accomplishment of their missions.

TRIDENT Code

"We are serving because we wish to serve and to be there to do the jobs we are trained to do. We expect to meet the same levels of performance and proficiency required of the active duty staff to perform the same job.

Our members' commitments to the Marine Safety Offices (MSO) and to the program are deep and lasting. Our members enter the Trident Program with the knowledge and expectation that they will remain in the program a minimum of four years to earn their recognition, and must complete a challenging course of study and earn four Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) to gain the right to wear the Auxiliary Marine Safety Device.

Our challenge is to gain the trust.," said David Hand, Chief of the Marine Safety Department (DC-M), ⚓

*Article by Edna Winans, ADSO-PB
Photos by Mel Borofsky, DSO-PB*



CONFERENCE SURVIVAL

HOW TO SURVIVE A CONFERENCE

Step 1. As soon as you select a course of study, place your order for the manual and materials with your FSO-MA. Actually read the material and fill in the self test. If nothing else, Ted Hall and Steve Marthouse will think that you actually know a little something. Remember in college, how you promised to stay up all night studying before a test? Yes, you'll stay up all night, no you won't study.

Step 2.



Try on your dress uniform about a month before the Conference. Don't scream. It's a well known fact that they shrink in the closet over time. Borrow one from your next sized friend. Replace some of those ragged ribbons, promise that you will lose at least a few pounds in the next four weeks.

Step 3. Arrive at the Conference Center in time to at least put your luggage in your room before class starts.

Step 4. Ingest a complete steak dinner in twenty minutes and rush back to class.

Step 5. Stop in the Hospitality Suite for just one drink or 20 minutes, whichever comes first. Forget to look at your watch.

Step 6. Run to class with just minutes to spare and that cup of coffee in your hand. Support your head with either one or two hands.

Step 7. Use the lunch hour to take a quick nap and two aspirin.

Step 8. Use your emergency first aid skills to help a fallen guest on the way back to class. Said Auxiliarist prefers to remain anonymous.

Step 9. Visit the District Store. Deep discounts, nice variety, even some free items. Good job, ladies.

Step 10. Brightest member at your Banquet table demonstrates how to shape the ice cream so that the chocolate sauce will drip into the moat, instead of on the table cloth.

Step 11. Return to the Hospitality Suite for a repeat of Friday night. Are we sure that old dogs can learn new tricks?

NEW CONSERVATION OFFICER

The Pennsylvania Fish & Game Commission graduated a new class of Waterway Conservation Officers (WCO) on 7 Sep 2005.

Among the graduates was Lewis W. Sweigart, Jr. who completed the 14 month course while serving as a Deputy WCO during the previous 6 years.



Lewis is the latest member of a Coast Guard Auxiliary family to continue serving the boating public. His grandfather served as District Commodore of the 7th District; his parents also; father as Captain of Division 13, and his mother, Caroline, as Rear Commodore in D5-NR.

Lewis joined the Auxiliary on his 17th birthday, 10 Jan 1990 at the Valley Forge Winter Conference, later qualified as an instructor and crew and received a Group Action Award as a member of Flotilla 13-7, Medford, NJ.

His new responsibilities in Delaware County include law enforcement, fisheries conservation, watercraft safety, education and public relations.

Best wishes to a young man looking forward to a job he loves. ❀

*Bill Riches, SO-PE Division 13
Marlton, NJ*

Step 12. Bring two number 2 pencils. One will break immediately. Stare blurry eyed at test questions that you can't ever remember hearing or seeing before. Fill in the circles. Hold your breath as Scott Stein applies the overlay or wait for the results to hit your mailbox.

Step 13. Rush back to your room to pack. Or....

Step 14. Stay an extra day. Climb back into that cozy bed for a few more hours. While everyone else winds their way home, relax in the indoor pool, take a walk around the golf course, rent the bikes, eat a full nine course dinner at Millers. Spend a little money shopping. Read, relax, watch some TV. Start thinking about the Spring Conference.

*By Krista Tinney, FC 35
Thorofare, NJ*

OPERATION BOATSMART

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK MEGA WEEKS

How often does an opportunity find you, that can afford the maximum chance to give the boating public a view of all the USCG Auxiliary can offer, while also allowing you to make new friends and partners? A chance to share and extend the message of boating safety? Every time you are invited to be a part of a public affair will do exactly that. Al Grimminger (DSO-VE), and Russell Galson (DSO-RBSPV), were privileged to work together on such an opportunity.

In Philadelphia on July 10th 2005 the Philadelphia Canoe Club invited the Auxiliary to participate with them in the 100th year celebration and open house of their organization. This club is a member of the American Canoe Association (ACA) with over 240 members and has a keen interest in keeping the members informed of safety issues. They conduct ACA training on canoeing and kayaking as well as maintaining an aggressive trip schedule throughout the year. The club is located on the Schuylkill River and Wissahickon Creek within the Philadelphia City limits.

Gene Morris, Captain of Division 3 and I attended this affair and I must tell you that it was a joy to witness the degree of safety awareness practiced by the club members. The day included an 8 mile marathon kayak race for the adults and demonstrations of safe kayaking techniques such as paddling and rollover recovery. A



race for the teenagers was held and the attention to boater safety was indeed impressive.

Several senior instructors and rescue personnel were on hand to not only watch over the activities but also to conduct

lectures and meet with interested newcomers to recreational paddle sports. Experts in paddle sports were available for demonstrations of special skills and were glad to entertain discussions. Vendors were also on hand with both new and used equipment. This event has been held over the past 50 years.

The attendance over the day exceeded 800 participants from Club members, Canoe and Kayak folks, to family members and the general public. It was interesting to look at the wide variety of Kayaks and Canoes that the members had on hand. Several of these models are designed for racing, and the size, shapes and construction materials varied greatly depending on the application.

Commodore Jim Riley, PCC and his staff were most



Early morning arrivals at the grounds.

helpful in seeing to all the details and preplanning to assure us a successful day. We were able to share the Waterway Watch program, Your in Command program, VE program, PE Program, PV and PA programs with power boaters, club members, and the public. It was interesting to learn just how many paddle boaters also own power boats.

We found that many of the folks whom spoke with us were extremely interested in the Waterway Watch program and we had plenty of information on hand. Several folks wanted information on the Naval Protection Zone and the "You're In Command" brochures were very popular.

A local school teacher had requested that we send information for a visit by COASTIE and a talk to the elementary classes on boating safety.

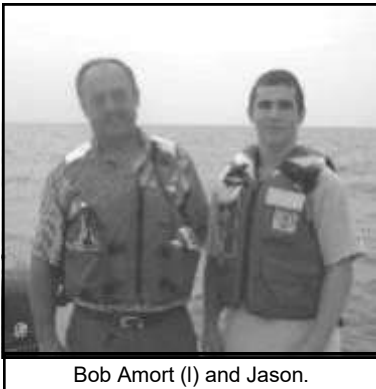
The club offers introductory flat water and whitewater training to newcomers and intermediate kayak and canoe members. Training is also available for boating safety and river rescue. All the essentials are covered from touring to sea kayaking. Monthly events are scheduled and the Club travels to several different locations for paddling trips. More information on the club is available at <http://www.philacanoe.org/>.

We look forward to visiting with our friends at the Philadelphia Canoe club again and certainly congratulate them for the dedication they share in Safe Boating.

*Russell M. Galson
Operation BoatSmart – D5-NR
Gene Morris, ADSO-PV (E) D5-NR*

RESCUE AT SEA

On 23 July 2005 I was on a tuna fishing trip with my Grandson and a friend Ed Bates. We departed Indian River at three in the morning headed for fishing grounds 35 miles off shore. At about 0900 we heard the boat "Jay Elle" call the Coast Guard saying that they were sinking.



Bob Amort (l) and Jason.

Since she was only six miles from us we decided to pull our lines from the water and see if we could assist. We arrived on scene and I identified myself to the "Jay Elle" Captain as an Auxiliary boat and asked if he wanted help. He said that any help would be great.

The Coast Guard had dispatched a helicopter from Atlantic City to be on scene in ten minutes. The "Jay Elle" was taking on water quickly, more water than she could bail. The helicopter arrived and placed a rescue swimmer in the water. We stood by to assist if necessary.

A pump was passed from the helicopter and this helped stabilize the situation. I was asked by the rescue swimmer if I could take the "Jay Elle" in tow and start heading to Ocean City to meet a 47 footer that dispatched from Group Eastern Shore. The sea conditions were 3 to 5 feet and building but we had the boat in step and it was towing easily.



One of the men on board the "Jay Elle" had a hand injury so the rescue swimmer decided it was best to airlift him to safety and leave the others on board alone with the CG pump

dewatering.

The 47 footer "221" from Ocean City Coast Guard Station arrived at about noon and transferred one of its crew members and a pump to the "Jay Elle." I was asked to continue the tow as an Auxiliary vessel. We continued toward Ocean City for what became a five hour tow.

At about 1:00 pm the "Jay Elle" hailed me to say that they would need more pumps since the ones on board were not working well. I called Group Eastern Shore and a 47' was dispatched with two pumps. Two hours later all pumps on board the "Jay Elle" had quit. Group Eastern Shore determined it would be 40 minutes until the another 47' could be on scene.

At this time we were 16 nautical miles off shore and the Jay Elle had to be cut loose from the tow. Our mission now was to rescue those on board before the boat sank. My crew and I got all the equipment we could off of the "Jay Elle" and I put my stern swim platform at the starboard aft gunnel so the passengers and the Petty Officer could board me. I realized that the "Jay Elle" was going down quickly and there was a good chance his cabin would hook my stern. I gave my engine a quick shot of power and then shut it off. My grandson Justin Greene grabbed the victim in the water by his life jacket and held on to him even though the outrigger from the "Jay Elle" came down on both of them.



Justin pushed it aside as best he could not letting go of the passenger. The outrigger snapped and the "Jay Elle" went to the bottom in less than 30 seconds.

I did not see the Petty Officer and was afraid that the outriggers had caught him when the boat went down and dragged him down with it. But he was well clear of the boat and hanging on to my swim platform. The victim was quite shaken and it took him a bit to catch his breath and recover enough to climb on board. No one was injured other than a minor scrape on the victim's leg from the outrigger when it struck my boat.

I was amazed at the quick thinking of the Petty Officer in securing the pumps in their containers and tying them together then jumping clear of the sinking boat. The pumps were floating where the "Jay Elle" had gone down.

Due to the amount of people and gear on my boat we decided to let the 47' pick up the pumps and we proceeded to Ocean City. Thanks to the good training we received as coxswain and crew in the Auxiliary we were able to help a family in need. Although tired we felt good about what we had done. ❀

*Article and photos by Bob Amort VCO D5-NR
Dover, DE*

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

For our 2006 Spring Conference we are returning, once again, to the Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center in York PA. Our overflow hotel accommodations will be in the historic Yorktown Hotel in lovely downtown York, PA.

Transportation and program schedules have been set to reduce inconvenience as much as possible, to and from the Yorktown Hotel.

The programs being offered at the conference should be of interest to everyone. We will have another AUXOP Specialty Course, Communications (AUXCOM), Team Coordination Training (TCT), Seamanship (the proper handling of boats) and a Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner Seminar.

Back, by popular demand, will be the line splicing seminar presented by the Coast Guard from Station Indian River.

In addition to the Spouse/Guest program "All About Latvia," we will have an Auxiliary Uniform Show, which uniform to wear for each function or duty.

For golfers, Friday afternoon "tee" time is 1300. Be sure to contact Dudley Gallup ddgallup@aol.com if you wish to participate.

It will be an exciting, fun packed weekend. Hope to see you there! ❁

*Elaine and Ralph Gilgenast,
PO Kevin Hurst and PO Craig Kalucki
Conference Coordination Team, D5-NR*

Conference Spouse & Guest Programs

At the 2005 Fall Conference our own Astrida Miller gave a fabulous talk on "All About Latvia." That made me think that we probably have many more members, guests, and spouses who have a talent or an interest that they might be willing to share at one of our programs.

We have no budget, so there is no pay! If you or someone you know would be willing to share your talents or ideas for our programs, please fill in the survey below and email it to Jean Amort at :

ramort@comcast.net - or - jamort@dentsply.com

Name: _____

Talent or Subject of interest: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Let us hear from you!

2006 SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 10

1300 - ??? Golf Outing, (Register with Dudley Gallup at ddgallup@aol.com)

1400-1800 District Materials Center open

1500-1930 Registration Desk Open (Lobby)

1600-1800 Specialty Course (AUXCOM)

1800-2030 Member's Dinner

2030-2130 Division Captains' Caucus

2030-2130 District Staff Officers' Meeting

2130-2330 "Welcome Aboard" Party

Saturday, March 11

0630-0830 Member's Breakfast

0700-1145 Registration Desk Open

0800-1100 Disaster Preparedness Training/Seminar

0800-1200 District Materials Center Open

0800-1215 District Board Meeting

0800-1200 Specialty Course AUXCOM (continues)

0800-1200 Team Coordination Training (TCT)

1000-1215 Spouse/Guest Program "All About Latvia"

0800-1200 Line Splicing by the Coast Guard

1000-1015 General Coffee Break

1215-1330 Awards Luncheon

1400-1600 Auxiliary Uniform, Proper Wear Show

1400-1700 Specialty Course AUXCOM (continues)

1400-1700 Team Coordination Training (continues)

1400-1630 District Materials Center Open

1400-1600 Seamanship, "Proper Handling of Boats"

1400-1700 Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiners' Seminar

1400-1600 Line Splicing by the Coast Guard

1600- Color Guard Rehearsal

1730-1830 Cocktail Hour

1830-2200 Commodore's Banquet

2200-???? Hospitality Room

Sunday, March 12

0730-0900 Member's Breakfast

0730-0800 Non-denominational Prayer Meeting

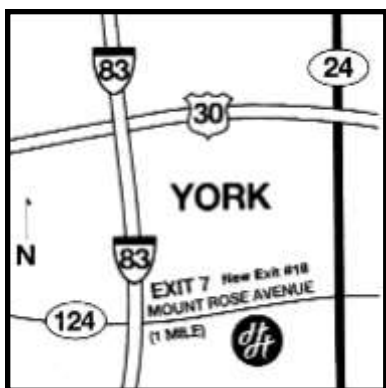
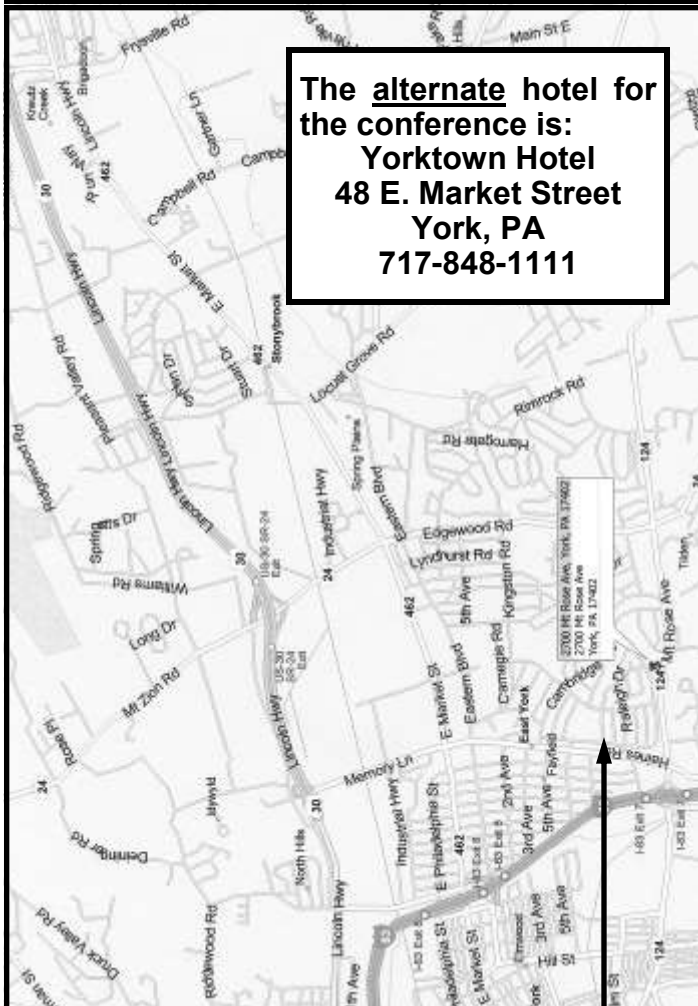
0800-1200 AUXCOM Exam and Grading

0830-1000 Past Captains' Breakfast

1000-1200 District EXCOM Meeting



SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATION



UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Friday Evening:	Casual
Saturday before 1800:	Tropical Blue (Long) or Appropriate Civilian Attire
Saturday after 1800:	Dinner Dress White Jacket OR Dinner Dress Blue (White Shirt, Bow Tie, Miniature Medals) OR Appropriate Civilian Attire
Sunday:	Casual

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM*

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non Smoking

☐ **I have HANDICAP requirements.**

Specify: _____

Rate: \$60.00 Single or Double
Check in time: 1500

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

Deadline for reservations: 12 February 2006

One night's deposit required to guarantee room.

Make checks payable and mail to the
Heritage Hills Golf Resort, **with this form**,
at the above address
or call with a major credit card.

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

Arrive Date: _____ Depart Date: _____

Credit Card: A/E___ DISC___ MC___ VISA___

No.: _____ Expire: _____

***Use this form only for hotel room
reservations. All conference registration
forms and money are to be sent as directed
on the Conference Registration Form.**

SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

SPRING 2006 AWARDS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM NON-FUNDED ATTENDEES 10 - 12 MARCH 2006

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

Use this form to make your conference and meal reservations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12 FEBRUARY 2006
FORMS RECEIVED BEYOND THIS POSTMARK DATE WILL BE RETURNED

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

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

⇒ **Mail to: Gilgenast, 37708 Oyster Bay Lane, Selbyville, DE 19975** ⇐

Division Number (REQUIRED):

	#1	#2	Amount \$
Name			
E-mail Address			
Registration fee for each person 17 years of age & over @ \$7.50			
Friday Night Buffet @ \$21.00			
Saturday Buffet Breakfast @ \$10.00			
Saturday Awards Luncheon @ \$12.00			
Saturday Commodore's Banquet			
Beef Tenderloin @ \$20.00			
New Orleans Chicken @ \$20.00 (Chicken with Shrimp)			
Sunday Breakfast Buffet @ \$10.00			
Past Captain's Breakfast			
Member of PCA (No charge)			
Guest @ \$13.00 (A PCA member must make PCA guest reservation)			
Check made out to USCG AUX 5NR for the TOTAL AMOUNT:			

Workshop/Event Selection

AUXCOM Specialty Course (Fri, Sat and Sun)		
TCT (all day Saturday)		
Auxiliary Uniforms (Saturday pm)		
Seamanship (Saturday pm)		
Line Splicing by the CG (All day Saturday)		
Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (Sat. pm)		
Spouse/Guest Program (Saturday am)		
Disaster Preparedness Training (Saturday am)		

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 12 FEBRUARY 2006
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1ST CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

FALL CONFERENCE AFTERNOON OF GOLF

Friday, 16 Sep, golfers who registered for the afternoon of golf at the Fall Conference were to meet at the Lancaster Host Resort Golf Course. The tee time was 1330 so we made it a point to get on the road early to ensure we were there with time to spare.

On our arrival, we learned that the golfers were to meet at 1300 at the golf course entrance. We also heard that some of the competitors were already on the course, playing a practice game. As our room was not yet ready for us, we had a light lunch then went to the designated meeting site for the golfers.

After parking the car, we saw that golf carts were already lined up with the names of the golfers attached. Wally found his designated cart and loaded it with his golf clubs and a cooler filled with beverages. Kaydee (our dog) and I found some shade and watched as the golfers arrived. It wasn't long until the carts began to be filled with golf bags and clubs, and the bantering of the golfers began. When CDR Scott Rogerson (DIRAUX) arrived, he decided to play a practice game of his own, using the miniature golf course strategically located next to the golf carts. This alerted me to the fact that I was being given a great opportunity for some memorable candid photos so I grabbed my camera and started taking pictures.

Then Bob Amort, VCO, arrived after completing his practice game. He proceeded to confer with Dudley

Gallup, who must have been one of the organizers as he was carrying a clipboard. The group was then notified by the course official that it was time for them to start out, and one by one the carts headed out onto the course.

As Kaydee was not allowed on the course, she and I decided to take care of getting us checked into our room. By 1500, we finally had our room key and proceeded to unload most of our 'stuff' from the vehicle, and then awaited the return of our golfer.

After about three hours on the course the golfers returned, tired but smiling. Apparently everyone had a great time. While playing the 9 holes, Wally told me he managed to lose a few golf balls, but he didn't seem to mind since he had received quite a few as presents last Christmas. This event reminded me that fellowship is still one of the Auxiliary's biggest assets!

My husband Wally Brenner won the "Callaway" (adjusted score) competition and CDR Scott Rogerson won the event with the lowest (non-adjusted) score! ✨

*Photos and story by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB(W)
Chambersburg, PA*

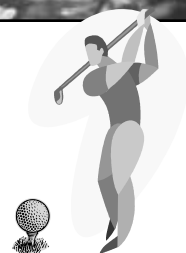


First Pairing:
Commander Scott Rogerson
Commander Spencer Wood
Robert Amort VCO
Harold Robinson DCP 4

Second Pairing:
Steve Wells DCP 14
Dud Gallup PRCO
George Gilch FSO-PE, 13-3
David Kirk

Third Pairing:
Kathleen Myers
Steve Budar NAVCO
Bob Myers D-AA
Lindy Harrison ADSO-PE

Fourth Pairing:
Merrill Beyer DCP 10
John Witemeyer RCO-E
Wally Brenner PDCP 5



FALL CONFERENCE 2005—LANCASTER, PA



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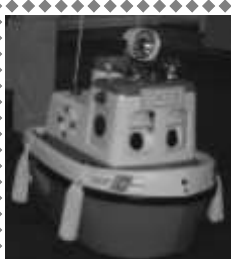
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WELCOME TO D5-NR

District Commodore Leon Kehr, and Commander Scott Rogerson, Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR take pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We look forward to meeting and greeting each of you at the earliest opportunity. Enjoy your new "career" in our organization. Take pride in your personal spirit of volunteerism and service to your community and nation. ☼

Albert H. Alkins	13-1	Antoinette Horvath	16-5
Gregg Baranski	74	Anna I. Johnston	13-10
Nancy L. Bealer	10-8	Mario Lamonica	32
Charles D. Berg	56	Francis J. Lewczak	12-2
Robert Berry	34	Joseph M. Lynch	10-8
Isaac R. Blair Jr.	10-8	John M. Makara	13-5
Vickie M. Bosley	14-4	Steven C. Mannion	69
Joseph V. Boyle	74	Robert A. McCleary	12-5
James Brannan	82	Joan L. McClintock	4-11
Wesley D. Brown	56	Kevin T. McDougall	12-3
Eric M. Brown	7-11	Kristen McDowel	13-5
Gerald A. Bullano	43	William J. McIlroy	95
John P. Carroll	79	Gilberto Mercado	82
James A. Cole	14-4	Lynn D. Millard	14-7
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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 1

Northern Delaware

FLOTILLA 14 ANNUAL PICNIC



Flotilla 14 held their annual picnic at Search and Rescue Detachment (SARDET) headquarters on the Christina River water front on July 26th. Lots of fun and camaraderie were shared among the members who braved going out on the hottest day of the summer. Thankfully, SARDET Headquarters was air-conditioned, so many members took refuge inside. Except for Sal Desiderio, who was fortunate enough to be the grillmaster, and got to enjoy the extra heat from the grill.

It was a great success, and along with the potato salad, coleslaw, hamburgers and brownies, the members got to share many stories and laughs. It was a perfect picnic. Thanks to everyone who made it a success. ❀

*Article and photos by:
Joyce Ryzner, SO-PB
Wilmington, DE*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2

Philadelphia

FLOTILLA 24 MAN BOOTH AT PENN'S LANDING



Ray Robson, Russ Friedrichs, Stan Morantz, FC and Richard Valier, VFC at the Auxiliary booth.

Flotilla 24 was asked by the Station Philadelphia US Coast Guard to man a booth at Penn's Landing along the Delaware River. 10 members in Division 2 worked for two days. Directly docked behind the booth was the Capstan, a tugboat and icebreaker for the public to tour. The Coast Guard expressed their thanks for our help. ❀

*Article Joshua Perison,
Photos Stan Morantz, FC*



USCG Cutter "Capstan"



Russ Friedrichs, Gene Hendrzak, Stan Morantz, FC, and Richard Valier, VFC.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3
West New Jersey

DIVISION 3 PARTICIPATES IN 9-11 REMEMBRANCE

On a gorgeous September 11, 2005 day, eerily similar to that day four years ago when many Americans, especially the young, lost their innocence, one hundred people gathered together to pray, to sing and to honor the fallen and the wounded of the attack on our country.

This conclave of citizens took place in Washington Township, New Jersey at the Veterans Memorial. Auxiliary members of Division 3 were asked to participate, along with local VFW, American Legion, Veterans' Groups, Police and Fire Companies and a small group of Air Force Cadets. New Jersey Sen. Fred Madden (D) echoed the sentiments of his audience as we remembered the events of that day. Speaker after speaker brought our emotions, hope for the future and our love for our country to the forefront of our thoughts.

The renditions of the National Anthem and other patriotic songs filled the air with an overwhelming sense of beauty and stirring of the heart.

Wreaths were laid to honor those who died in the North Tower, the South Tower, the Pennsylvania plane, the Pentagon, police, firemen and rescue squad members.

FC 35 Krista Tinney was called forward to place a wreath to honor the Auxiliary and Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives that day. Other Division members sat proudly in the audience.



Washington Township Mayor Paul Moriarty shakes hands with Dan Tinney, VFC 35

The sound and smell of the rifle fire riveted the crowd as they stood as one united group of citizens. Tears streamed down many faces.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, many of the audience, along with the politicians thanked the Auxiliary for its participation this day and its dedication to our Nation's people every day.

We will meet again on this day next year and in years to follow, so that the brave Americans who gave their lives will never be forgotten. ✨

*Kristina Tinney, FC 35
Thorofare, NJ*



The Memorial Reads:

Let all who enjoy this park
Give thanks and Remembrance
To Washington Township residents
Living and Deceased
Who have served our Country
With honor and distinction
Let it not be taken for granted
The human cost by which we enjoy
The benefits of freedom
As United States Citizens



(l - r) "Lucky" and Jean Leonardo, (FL 32); Krista Tinney (FL 35); Mayor Moriarty and Dan Tinney (FL 35)

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

FLOTILLA 56 HOSTS FLAG RETREAT

Flotilla 56 hosted the 21-Day Retreat at the Shook Home in Chambersburg. A representative from The Shook Home contacted the Flotilla Commander and requested one of the retreats be performed at their site on 2nd Street in recognition of the veterans living there. It was then decided that the Flotilla would use The Shook Home as their site when they hosted the retreat.

The Flotilla had a good showing to support this patriotic event. There was also a good representation from the other 15 groups belonging to the 21-Day Retreat Organization.

Residents at The Shook Home were seated inside at the windows facing out to the Flag and the units stood in formation on the opposite side, forming a semi-circle around the Flag. As the groups were called to attention, residents inside the building came to a standstill. As the Flag was lowered, some of the residents were seen placing their right hand over their heart while others saluted. Even the street sounds, common to the downtown area, seemed to stop during this ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the participants were invited inside The Shook Home for refreshments. Residents then took the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Flag retreats. The residents and staff of The Shook Home were very appreciative of the organization for sharing this event with them.

On the 4th of July, members again assembled for the final Flag Retreat, held at Chambersburg's Municipal Park. The members assisting with this retreat were: Mary Dukehart (Auxiliary Flag presenter), Steve Marthouse (Flag detail), Welton Fischer, Jeannie Brenner, Ray Forrester, Rod Miller, and Wally Brenner. ❁

*Photos taken by Barb Selman of the Shook Home
Article by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB (W)*



(l-r) Wally Brenner, Welton Fischer and Rod Miller



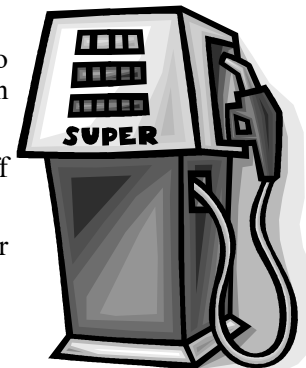
Wally Brenner passes Flag to Steve Marthouse

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM A TANK OF GAS

Fuel prices may have stabilized lately, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try and get more out of each tank of gas. We have compiled some tips that help stretch your fuel dollars so you can enjoy more time on the water:

1. Leave the extra "junk" home: Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew should be taken home.
2. Water weight: At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
3. Tune her up: A tune-up is an excellent investment and will easily pay for itself over the summer.

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

DIVISION SEARCH AND RESCUE COMPETITION

Early this summer I received a telephone call from Bill Mueller, the Operations Officer of Flotilla 12-5 (D5-SR) based in Ocean City, MD. "Bob," he said, "the Division Search and Rescue (SAR) competition is going to be held at Coast Guard Station Chincoteague this coming Saturday and one of the members of my team had to drop out. Would you like to fill in as the fourth member of the team?"

One of the most enjoyable activities for Auxiliarists' whose interests are in the area of operations is participation in a SAR competition. These competitions give each participant an opportunity to demonstrate and sharpen the skills they have acquired in the boat crew program as well as meet other Auxiliarists who share similar interests.

The Division 12 meet was the first step on the road to the International SAR (ISAR) competition held each September between the United States (U.S.) and Canadian Coast Guard. The Division competition is followed by others at the Region, District, and National level. The best teams from the U.S. then move on to ISAR, at which they face off against the best Canadian teams. This year, the event is scheduled for Halifax, Nova Scotia.



It took me about 3 seconds to think things over. "Sure, sounds like fun!" I said, trying hard not to sound quite as elated as I felt. "What do you need me to do?" "We're planning to spend most of tomorrow practicing at Station Ocean City. If you can't make that, can you get down here by Friday for a briefing?" Bill asked. "You bet!" I replied. "See you Friday afternoon."

On Friday, I discovered that the competition included six events: marlinspiking, a pumping contest, a rescue throw, SAR planning, SAR execution and a mystery event that wouldn't be divulged until the next day during the competition. After a quick check of the weather forecast (overcast and cool with possible rain) we agreed on uniforms (sometimes a uniform



inspection is used as a tie breaker) and arranged to meet at 6:30 the next morning with our gear (i.e., float coats and PFDs with all required equipment) for the drive to Chincoteague, VA. We would be fed breakfast and lunch at the station.

Saturday morning I got acquainted with the rest of the team as we drove to Chincoteague. In addition to Bill and me there was Don Logan, who was also participating in his first SAR competition; and Ken Campbell an ex-pat from the Scottish highlands who'd once served in the British merchant marine.

On arrival at the station, we immediately went to the galley for some great coffee and a made-to-order breakfast. By the time we finished eating, the other teams had also arrived along with the Division officers who would judge the competition.



At the briefing the judges explained how the individual events would be handled. The marlinspike contest and pump drill would be scored principally on time to completion. The rescue throw would be scored on throw accuracy. The SAR planning exercise would be time limited (30 minutes) but would be scored on plotting accuracy, thoroughness and soundness of the plan. The SAR evolution itself would be scored on the accuracy of the estimated time to datum (± 1 minute) and the time required to find the target as well as a number of factors related to execution including communications procedures, thoroughness of the crew briefing, crew actions during the evolution, etc. We were told that the "mystery event" would be identified later in the day.

Our team was assigned to begin with the marlinspike exercise. For this event, the team was given four lengths of rope. One team member had to select a length of rope and tie a bowline in one end, and then hand the bitter end to the second member who would tie on a second section of rope using a Becket bend. That member would then pass the bitter end to the third member who had to secure the line to a pipe using a clove hitch and two half-hitches. The fourth member, with the assistance of one other teammate, had to untie the clove hitch and two half-hitches then create an eye splice having an 8" eye (± 1 inch). Neatness of the splice was also scored.

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Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

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Our second event involved setting up, operating and repacking a P-6 dewatering pump. Two members removed the container lid and removed the pump. A third member removed and attached the suction line while the fourth removed and attached the discharge line. Meanwhile one of the first two began priming the pump while the other started the pump motor. Once started, the object was to fill the pump container with water, empty the container, then break down the pump and repack it - all in the shortest possible time. A good team can complete this process in less than two minutes. Although we didn't do quite so well as that, we did manage to avoid clogging the pump with bottom mud or getting ourselves drenched with evil smelling water from the harbor!



Just before lunch, we completed the rescue toss event (photo on the left of the 'tossers' and to the right is photo of target). A target, representing a person in the water (PIW) was set up on a pier. Contestants stood on a floating pier, which helped simulate throwing from the deck of a boat, about 50' from the target. The object was to coil a rescue throw line and toss it within the target's reach. Maximum points were awarded for a throw landing within the target's upturned arms. Each contestant got three throws and the point total earned was divided by three to obtain an average. It sounds easy, but in practice is a lot harder to do than it appears!



After lunch, it was time for our SAR planning exercise. The scenario gave the reported position of an overturned boat with no one aboard. The time of the

sighting was given as was the set and drift of the current. Our objective was to plot a safe course and speed from the station to the boat, calculate our time of arrival (ETA) at the boat, determine the most probable location of the person or persons in the water and the most appropriate search pattern to use to find them. We were given 30 minutes to make these decisions and plot our waypoints. This exercise was judged on the accuracy of our plot, correct use of charting symbols and the technical soundness of our decisions.

Next, we had an opportunity to execute our search plan. For this evolution, we were graded on utilization of correct radio procedures and terminology, proper execution of assigned tasks by each team member, how well our actual ETA matched our prediction, efficient execution of our search pattern, and our ability to correctly address



any injuries or medical problems suffered by the PIW when found. Initially, all went well. Then we were overtaken by Murphy's Law. Shortly after passing our first waypoint, our patrol boat found an area of Chincoteague Bay in which the bottom nearly met the surface - we ran aground! Although we were able to work ourselves off of the shoal we'd found, we had pulled mud into the intake of one of our two engines and had to shut it down. At this point, our QE terminated the exercise and a much-humbled team limped back to the dock!

The Mystery Event turned out to be a 10-question test on the Navigation Rules. Although we scored well on this exercise, we knew we could not compensate for the points we'd lost in failing to complete the on-water evolution. When the results of the competition were finally announced, we were not surprised to learn that we had come in last. Still, we drove back home tired but happy. We had learned a lot from the competition and knew that next year will be a different story! ❁



*Story and photos by Robert
Schneider, FC 52
Harrisburg, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

FLOTILLA 52 PROMOTES SAFE BOATING

Flotilla 52 of Goldsboro, PA scheduled 11 June as a day for the members and their families to meet at the Maryland Marina, Middle River, MD, for a day of fun and fellowship. They also realized this was a good opportunity to set up a public affairs booth and to offer vessel safety checks (VSC) to the boaters at the marina. Though the flotilla is located in Goldsboro, PA, some of the members have their boats moored on the Chesapeake Bay, hence the link with Maryland Marina.

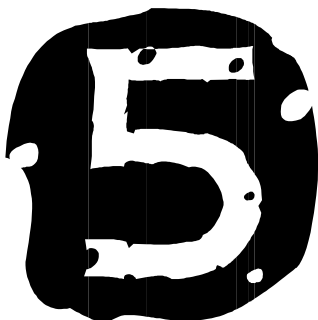


Dorothy Woodward 52 and Beverly, owner/operator of the Wild Duck Cafe

The weather that day was great, though a little hot, sending boaters to the marina for a day on the water. The vessel examiners started the day with Dorothy Woodward inspecting a 42' motorboat. To top that, Matt Shields, the Flotilla Commander, then inspected a 43' sailboat. The final count for the day was 16 VSCs with Dorothy topping the chart with a 55' sports fisherman.

While distributing information at the PA booth and providing VSCs, they still had plenty of time to enjoy the fellowship of everyone there. The events of the day also included a picnic lunch and that evening they enjoyed a leisurely dinner at the cafe, adjacent to the marina. ❀

*Photo and story by Joe Venzlowsky, Fl 52
Dillsburg, PA*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6
West Trenton, NJ

LOCAL WEST MARINE HOSTS FLOTILLA 6-10 NSBW BOOTH

Ted Brann, the owner of the West Marine Store in Bensalem PA invited Bob Liebel, FSO-PV Flotilla 6-10 to set up a National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) booth in the store. The store was running a "Your In Command" campaign during National Safe Boating Week 2005.



Seen above, waiting on a boat owner is Ted Brann and associates, Chick and Ryan with Popeye and their "Your In Command" T-Shirts in the foreground.

The small sign under Popeye reads "Dad's, Popeye says, 'don't forget your free door prizes for your crew! (kids), A Boating Safety Manual, a Boating Safety Packet and Coloring Books Thank you!'"

Below Bob Liebel FSO-PV explains the campaign and the material in the "Door Prize" information packet which consisted of safe boating information.

All of us in Division 6 appreciate our partner WEST MARINE for supporting the RBS mission program. ❀



*Article and photos by Bob Liebel, FSO-PV 6-10
Bensalem, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6

West Trenton, New Jersey

RIVER RESCUE

On June 11, Charles Stewart (coxswain), Julia Allen (crew), Robert Abers (crew trainee), and Nancy Paulauskas (crew trainee) were engaged in a performance evaluation of their vessel, which had just finished having extensive repairs. After determining that the boat was performing as expected, the crew set course for a refuel.



Charles Stewart (FL 61), Julia Allen (FL 61), Robert Abers (FL 61), and Nancy Paulauskas (FL 69)

Enroute, two persons without life jackets were observed in the water. After one of the men signaled for help, the crew quickly approached the men and observed that one of the men was having difficulty staying at the surface of the water. The other man was holding him up, but was quickly growing tired. The two men had one life jacket to hold onto for buoyancy.

Although the vessel was not configured for search and rescue work, Auxiliarist Stewart quickly brought the vessel alongside the men. Mr. Abers threw a life jacket to the men, while Ms. Allen attached and lowered the swim ladder on the boat. Ms. Paulauskas readied another life ring with a line on it, and Mr. Abers threw that life ring to the man in distress. After the man in distress grabbed onto the life ring, he was pulled to the boat and helped up the swim ladder.

Without their assistance, there would have been at least one drowning victim on the Delaware River that day. If he had begun to panic, he quite possibly could have taken the person assisting him under as well. Fortunately for all, the vessel performance evaluation occurred at the right time in the right place. ❀

*By Charles W. Stewart Jr., SO-MA 6, Yardley, PA
Photo by Don K. Wallar, FSO-FN 61, Trenton, NJ*

FLOTILLA 63 - 25 YEAR SERVICE AWARD



RCO
Central
Ron Boice
presents
25 Year
Service
award to
Judge
Daniel
Lawler.

DIVISION 6 AIM CANDIDATE



Rebecca Caldwell making an informal report at a recent Division 6 meeting. Ms Caldwell is an honor student at the Petty School in Princeton and plans to apply to the Academy when she graduates.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

DIVISION TEAMS WITH USCG TO HOLD THE SECOND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT STATION BARNEGAT LIGHT



Visitors watch Civil War armament demonstration.



Parent learning how to adjust child's life jacket.



"COASTIE" making a new friend.



USCG booth manned by Coast Guard and a future recruit.



Some of the craftsmen who built the Captains Deck
which was dedicated at the Open House.



Capt Scott Shields and "Theodore" of the Bear Search and
Rescue Foundation sign their book for admirers

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

AUXILIARY AND USCG SUPPORT 5TH ANNUAL WATERFEST ON LONG BEACH ISLAND



Walt Domanski (FL 74) Exercise Tiger exhibit.



Group Atlantic City CO, CDR Harrop.



CDR Harrop, family and friend.



Flotilla 74 Safe Boating Information Booth.



Flotilla 7-12 Safe Boating Info Booth.



PFD Panda oversees proper adjustment of child's vest.



"COASTIE," friends, Bob Keene and life jacket winner.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8

Southern New Jersey

SERVICE AWARDS TOTAL 135 YEARS



Leon Kehr, DCO 5NR, Orrin Burmeister, Robert "Curley" Neiman, John "Jake" Lincoln, Bruce Long.

In July, four members of Division Eight were honored with Sustained Service Awards totaling 135 cumulative years.

Awarded were Robert "Curley" Neiman (FL 83) 40-years, John "Jake" Lincoln FC (FL 83) 35 years, Orrin Burmeister (FL 84) 30 years, and Bruce Long DCP (8) 30 years. During the Division's monthly meeting District Commodore Leon Kehr presented the honorees with certificates and praised their work and dedication to the Auxiliary.

The tenacity and diligent work demonstrated by such service is an inspiration to all Auxiliarists. ✪



BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY AVIATION DAY

In August, the Battleship New Jersey Museum held their second annual Battleship New Jersey Aviation Day in Camden, NJ. The event showcased the area's best aviation museums and numerous other military related exhibitors as thousands came by to check out the day's festivities.

Joseph Giannattasio ADSO-AV was on hand to promote and inform the public about the Auxiliary's Air Program, and provided private pilots information on membership opportunities and benefits.

Attendees were able to see numerous re-enactors with exhibits including military flying gear, World War II clothing, equipment, and radios. Patrons were able to experience a number of original flight simulators and see showcases from several area aviation museums.

The event provides an informative perspective to the historical significance of aviation before a stunning backdrop of the Battleship New Jersey. ✪

*NOTE: All Articles and Photos on this page by
Joseph Giannattasio ADSO-AV
Cape May, NJ*



Joe Giannattasio (FL 82) takes a break from recruiting duties to tour the Battleship New Jersey.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

TRAINING PATROL TURNS INTO AN ASSIST

In August, while conducting various Qualification and Maintenance reviews in Cape May harbor, Auxiliary members Dick Keast QE, John "Jake" Lincoln QE, Bruce Long DCP, Joseph Giannattasio, Bob Boyd, Wolf Vieth, and Kay Larson of 1st Dist. (So.), were contacted by USCG Station CAPE MAY to render assistance to a vessel in distress.

Within minutes the Auxiliary Facility located the vessel, a 16ft. runabout that had been swamped while fishing in a back-channel off Wildwood, NJ. The three occupants were safe in the shallow water and all wearing their life jackets!

The Auxiliarists provided a pump and established a



safety buffer from boating traffic while the stranded boaters re-floated their vessel. The Auxiliary Facility provided escort as the boaters paddled their boat to a nearby dock.

What better response could stranded boaters hope for than a boatload of qualified Auxiliarists! ❁

*Article and photos by Joseph Giannattasio, FSO-PA 82
Cape May, NJ*

VINTAGE PATROL BANNER DONATION

Shortly after Harry Klause joined Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81, Ocean City, in 1955, he was issued a brightly painted wooden facility patrol banner for safety missions in his 21ft. Chris Craft. Harry remained an active member for 47 years until he passed away in 2003.

Gloria Klause, Harry's wife, recently came across the old patrol banner in storage and wondered if it could still be of use to anyone.

She contacted Joe Giannattasio FSO-PA who has been active in acquiring Auxiliary and Coast Guard items to be displayed in area museums. Joe rushed out to meet Mrs. Klause and see the amazing artifact and hear about Harry's long and distinguished work within the Auxiliary and his community service.

Made entirely of wood and hand painted, the 50 year-old Auxiliary patrol banner is in excellent condition. The vintage banner will be provided a good home with District Historian John "Jake" Lincoln and included in displays highlighting the mission and history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the dedicated members like Harry Klause. ❁

*Article and photo by Joseph Giannattasio, FSO-PA 82,
Cape May, NJ*



Gloria Klause presents Joseph Giannattasio with 50 year old Patrol Banner of her late husband Harry Klause.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

AUXILIARIST VISITS A RESEARCH SUB



What does a successful marina owner who once operated 46 commercial clam boats and was a world-champion offshore boat racer do in his spare time? If that person is Bill Gifford he builds a full-fledged, full powered submarine.

And what does a local Coast Guard Auxiliarist who is fascinated with boats and home built projects do in his free time? He prods and cajoles the owner into letting him inspect the fantastic craft.

In August, I visited Bill Gifford at his marina in Northfield, NJ for the opportunity to look over his amazing vessel and learn what it takes to build an ultimate operational "scale model."

Taught how to weld and fabricate metal from his father, Gifford has spent over 4000 hours researching, designing and building his 33ft, two-passenger submarine. Named RV Needlefish (RV for Research Vessel) and styled after a WWII Class VII submarine, the vessel is powered by two 20hp diesel/electric motors and

capable of cruising up to 4 hours underwater to a depth of 150 ft. It has a 6ft. beam and a displacement of 18,000 lbs., yet its draft is only 3.5 ft. Research indicates it is the only homebuilt sub designed after a Military submarine.

Beginning with giant propane tanks, the entire submarine is ingeniously hand built "from scratch," yet incorporates some of the latest technology including fathometers and forward scanning sonar. Ever the "renaissance man" Gifford also incorporated a salvaged US Naval clock and submarine klaxon. Although Bill's background in commercial clamming and winning Offshore Boat races suggests a sense of danger, he has thoroughly designed his submarine with extra redundant safety systems. The pictorial history of the project and technical details are documented on Bill's website www.giffordmarine.com.

I wondered aloud on what does one do with their very own submarine. Bill Gifford listed a number of ideas: He's going to check out a number of early shipwreck sites he's located over the years, as well as conduct general marine research and exploration. Designed to be easily transported on a specially built trailer, Bill plans to explore a number of Clearwater lakes in the area. One extra benefit has been the sub's inherent ability in promoting his business!

Although not yet ready for a Vessel Safety Check, I couldn't help imagine the RV Needlefish making a truly unique Auxiliary Facility! ❁

*Photos and Story by Joseph Giannattasio, FSO-82
Cape May, NJ*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9
Western Lakes, PA

JUST ANOTHER DAY AT LAKE RAYSTOWN FOR FLOTILLA 91 PATROL

The boat crew of Flotilla 91 members, Allen Mitchell, John Vance and Ruth Mitchell were off to an early start for a safety patrol at Lake Raystown. Our Patrols normally start at 12 noon and terminate about 2000, but because of another commitment later in the day we decided to do an early patrol which would get us off the lake about 1530.



The day was very quiet so around noon we decided it was time to dock and take a lunch break. After lunch we boarded our boat and radioed the Seven Points Ranger Station that we were back on patrol and would be standing by if assistance was requested. It wasn't 5 minutes until we were contacted by the Ranger Station, that a problem existed at the Tatman Run area of the Lake and our assistance was needed. We reported to the PA Fish & Boat Commission vessel at the site which was about 10 miles away. Lake Raystown is an Army Corps of Engineer project with the lake being under the jurisdiction of the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Once on site we learned that a boater had discovered a 20' cuddy cabin boat up against the shore line with 3 dead persons aboard. It was later determined the accident happened about 2130 Saturday night and the boat had been traveling somewhere around 40 MPH.

We were assigned to secure the area by directing boat traffic around the accident scene and to have boat operators reduce their vessel speeds to no wake.

This mission lasted for 3 hours until the Corps of Engineer's barge took the damaged vessel with the deceased persons in tow. We were then asked to remain

at the site until a local Fire Company's Rescue /Dive Team finished their work.

After 30 minutes of finding nothing under the water the rescue team decided to call it a day. Since they had a 16ft Jon boat and there were five divers with a tremendous amount of equipment we agreed to transport 2 members of the team to the Tatman Run boat launch.

We were ¼ mile from the Tatman Run launch in about 95ft of water, with our boat about 25 yards ahead of the diver's vessel, when I noticed that a large wake swamped the jon boat, putting the divers and all their gear in the water. I ordered our boat operator John Vance to call for assistance from the Fish & Boat Commission boat and the Rangers vessel. We did an immediate turn around



and assisted in gathering up the equipment that spreading rapidly in every direction. The divers were never in danger because of the equipment they were wearing.

The Rangers assisted by the divers gathered up their boat and winched it aboard the Corps barge.

Everyone and just about everything finally ended up at Tatman Run.

We were pleased we were on the scene to be able to render assistance. The situation could have been a lot worse if we had not been there to assist the swamped boat. It was an honor to lend a helping hand. ❀

*Article and photos by Allen Mitchell Flotilla 91
Altoona, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9
Western Lakes, PA

BIG DRAW AT LAKE RAYSTOWN SCHOOL

Division Nine again hosted a Boat Crew and Coxswain School at Raystown Lake. The school turned out to be quite a draw, attracting members from Divisions Nine, Five, Fourteen, and Fifteen. For the first time, the crew and coxswain schools were conducted concurrently this year. Of course this provided some challenges not seen in the previous, sequential schools but FC Larry Irvin from 95, primary coordinator of the school, did an outstanding job of chasing down each logistical challenge and bringing everything together. Division Nine SO-MT assisted with curriculum



Crew trainees Dave Powell, Amy Haase, and Steve Bugaj prepare to do some charting work.

development and scheduling. The US Army Corps of Engineers provided space for the classroom training session and the on-water exercises were, of course, again held on the scenic waters of Lake Raystown. The

class would not have been possible without the dedication of our students, all who served as instructors, all who provided facilities for on-water training, and to Qualified Examiners Michael Redmond, Don Bowes, and Steve Marthouse. ❀

Photos and articles by Dave Robb FSO-MT 95 Huntingdon, PA

CRITTER NIGHT



PFD Panda greets adoring fans.

That's right, it's "Critter Night." And kids, and kids at heart, at the Lake Raystown pavilion were once again treated to the sight of the big black and white panda with the bright orange PFD. Auxiliary member Butch Riley braved the heat and donned the suit to bring the PFD safety message to children and their parents. PFD Panda, along with handler 95 FC Larry Irvin, joined the lineup of other well known spokes-animals such as Smokey Bear, McGruff the Crime Dog, and the Army Corp of Engineers' Safety Squirrel to deliver to the PFD safety message. Member Dwight Smith assembled a slide show with musical accompaniment to round out the show. Allen Mitchell handed out coloring books and boating safety information and a number of members attended to take photos. ❀

FLOTILLA 95 PARTICIPATES IN "WELCOME RECEPTION" AT RAYSTOWN LAKE



Dwight and Butch provide boating safety information.

This summer, for the second year, Raystown Lake Flotilla 95 participated in the "Welcome Reception," at the Raystown Lake Visitor Center sponsored by the Huntingdon County Visitor Bureau. Each Tuesday morning starting 21 June, continuing through 24 August Flotilla members Butch Riley and Dwight Smith provided literature, presented a video of Auxiliary services and activities at the lake and also the Homeland Security video. The 'Welcome Reception' is visited by tourists, campers and the general public. The presenters are members of the Tourist Promotion Agency, who promote their various business and services. ❀

Photos and articles by Dave Robb FSO-MT 95 Huntingdon, PA

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10
Allentown, PA

AIM STUDENT CG ACADEMY CLASS 2009



Matthew Prahler with his CG Academy appointment flanked by M. Philip Stamm and Dennis Hurchalla.

Matthew Prahler, student of Lansdale Catholic High School, was presented his appointment for the Coast Guard Academy class of 2009 at the High School Senior Awards Night. He also received an award for the Most Valuable Player on the Boys Track Team and the Award for Service to the National Honor Society as President.

Article and photo by M. Philip Stamm, 10-6 FSO-CC Wyncote, PA

ST LUKES HOSPITAL ACCEPTS DONATION



Hospital staff and Division 10 and Flotilla 10-8 Auxiliaries display check presented during the Hospital's Health Fest.

Division 10, and Quakertown Flotilla 10-8 presented Saint Luke's Hospital, Quakertown with a check for \$750 and a plaque to thank the hospital for allowing it to use its facilities for meetings and training. The presentation was made on June 4th during the hospital's Health Fest, a community event celebrating the hospital's 75th Anniversary.

Hospital president Edward Nawrocki accepted the check on behalf of the hospital.

Auxiliary members included in the photos are Don Carty, Vice Captain of Division 10, Todd Fox, Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 10-8, and hospital staff members who are members of Flotilla 10-8, Nancy Bealer, RN, and Joe Lynch, RN, both working in the hospital's ICU. ❀

Article and photos by Sue Carty, SO-PB Division 10 Telford, PA

DAVID O. BECKER



It is with sincere regret that Division 10 must report that Past Captain David O. Becker has crossed over the bar. Dave was killed in a fall this past September.

David was the ultimate Auxiliarist, sharing his skills as an educator and being a mentor to those who chose to follow in his footsteps.

His legacy of caring and sharing will keep his spirit and memory alive in our hearts. ❀



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10
Allentown, PA

DIVISION PICNIC AT LAKE NOCKAMIXON



Flotilla 10-8 hosted their annual picnic along with Division 10 at Lake Nockamixon located outside of Quakertown, PA. A boat patrol, boating safety inspections, a Public Affairs booth and the monthly Division 10 meeting were held during the day. ❁

*Article and photos by Sue Carty FSO-PB
Telford, PA*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 11
Reading, PA

BLUE MARSH LAKE WATER SAFETY FESTIVAL



This facility was one of several that served to prevent spectator boats from entering the demonstration area. On board are Marc Brenner, Victoria Remo, Frank Scudner and Carl Sheetz, all of Flotilla 11-9.



A smoke flare was among a number of visual distress signals demonstrated by Stanley Dutt, Flotilla Commander 11-4.

*Photos by Bill Lewullis SO-IS 11
Aristes, PA*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 11
Reading, PA

NSBW—BLUE MARSH LAKE WATER SAFETY FESTIVAL (cont)



Water Way Watch booth manned by Port Securityman, T. Waterfield USCG, Portsmouth, VA.



Bonnie Duffin showing how fast hypothermia can set in.



CWO4 Joseph Hartline, Assistant Director Auxiliary talking to Army Corps of Engineer Rangers.



Judy Redlawsk ADSO-AV with her CG Aux Helicopter talking about the Auxiliary Air Patrol.



Donald Dutt FSO-PB 11-4 and Robert Pettit Jr, FC 11-6 working at the Boating Safety Booth.



Is this proper way to board a Patrol Boat?
CWO4 Joe Heartline and Marc Brenner SO-MS Div 11.

US Coast Guard and thirty-one Division 11 Auxiliarists attended the Blue Marsh Lake Water Safety Festival. They manned three boating safety booths and, utilizing the two boat ramps provided, performed over 100 vessel safety checks. In addition, there were three patrol boats on the waters all day. "Water Way Watch" pamphlets were passed out along with other safety material items. About 2000 people attended the event. ❁

*Article and Photos by Terry L. Hilbert DCP 11
Fleetwood, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Central New Jersey

FIRST COMBINED PATROL



This picture is the first patrol under the new agreement between District 5 Southern Region and District 5 Northern Region, that was signed by both District Commodores. It's called the "Memorandum of Understanding on Surface Patrols."

The patrol traveled on the Nanticoke River, out of Blades, DE down to Sharpton, MD. ☼

Members present in picture are:
Jack Hackley, MK 3 USCG
Jason Carter, BM 1 USCG
Robert Amort, VCO D5-NR
Harold Robinson, DCP 4 D5-NR
Ralph Gilgenast, 12-1 D5-NR
Jerry O'Neill, FC 12-1 D5-SR
Perry Brown, VFC 12-1 D5-NR
Phillis Bogard, 12-3 D5-SR
Ray Szechtman, 12-1 D5-SR
Bill Thompson, 12-1 D5-SR

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER STRANDED OR DEAD MARINE ANIMALS



Sea Turtle

While out on a safety patrol, the Auxiliary Crew of Alfred Grimminger, Harry Otto and Carolyn Otto spotted a dead sea turtle floating in the Delaware Bay near the "Anchorage." The Auxiliary Crew quickly assessed the situation and called SARDET Bowers Beach Radio Watchstander Nancy Otto by way of landline with the coordinates of the sighting. While this is not something that the Auxiliary Crew normally runs into on a typical routine patrol, it brings up a point that we all should know while recreating on our precious waterways. What do you do if you spot a stranded or dead endangered species such as a Sea Turtle or Marine Mammal while recreating in Delaware? The first thing not to do is move or attempt to return stranded animals to the water; dead animals should not be moved from the stranding site. Instead, you should contact the Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute (MERR) hotline at 302-228-5029 so that they can make a proper assessment. MERR is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of marine mammals and sea turtles. The organization is authorized by National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Delaware to be the official stranding respondents for the Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles of Delaware. If you have a digital camera, you should take photos of the animal and note its size. You should also be able to provide the location of the stranding. Photos can be emailed to merrins@earthlink.net. Additional information can be found at <http://www.merrinstitute.org>. ☼

*By Carolyn Otto, VCP 12 D5-NR
Dover, DE*



(l-r) Robert Amort, VCO; USCG MK3 Jack Hackley, Harold Robinson DCP 4; and USCG BM1 Jason Carter.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

OPEN HOUSE AT CG STATION INDIAN RIVER



Auxiliarists from Division 12 and Coast Guard Station Indian River held its annual Open House at the station in celebration of National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). The day started out with dignitaries from the State of Delaware and the U.S. Coast Guard to sign Delaware's NSBW proclamation. This was also an important occasion as the Delaware State Police (a Division of the Delaware's Department of Safety and Homeland Security) and the U.S. Coast Guard signed a memorandum of agreement to protect Delaware in Homeland Security issues. The overall theme of the day was safety. Visitors were able to tour the station as well as Coast Guard and State of Delaware vessels that were moored at the station. In addition, several vendors were on hand to talk to visitors about various safety topics. The day was a fun filled day for all. ❁

*Article by Carolyn Otto, VCP 12
Photos by Carolyn Otto and Sheila Bowden 12-2*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

OPEN HOUSE CG STATION INDIAN RIVER

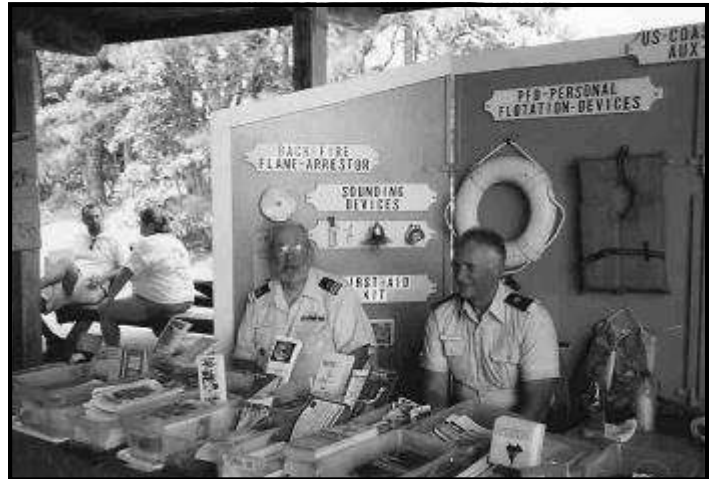


Division 12 and the USCG had an open house at USCG Station Indian River Inlet for National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). To kick off the ceremony for NSBW, RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara and the Governor of Delaware Ruth Ann Minner signed the NSBW Proclamation.

Then a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Delaware, Homeland Security and the USCG was signed by RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, Governor Ruth Ann Minner, David B. Mitchell Delaware Secretary of Department Security, John A. Hughes, Delaware Secretary of DNREC, and Col Thomas F. Macleish of the Delaware State Police, BMC Benjamin W. Huber Officer in Charge of USCG Station Indian River Inlet was the Master of Ceremony.

*Article and photos by John P. Bernath DSO-PA
Millsboro, DE*

SAFE BOATING ACTIVITIES AT CAPE HENLOPEN, LEWES, DE



Ocean Awareness Day Boating Safety Booth manned by Neil Zenos SO-CS and George Short 12-2.



Gloria De Martino 12-2, John De Martino IPFC 12-2, and Walter Brown FSO-CC demonstrating "How to Wear a PFD."



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12 Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12 TRAINING EXERCISES



On 30 July, Auxiliary Crew from Flotillas 12-5, 12-3, and 12-9 performed various training exercises on the Delaware Bay and Murderkill River in Delaware.

All demonstrated great skill and teamwork as they performed various towing evolutions, search and rescue patterns, man-overboard exercises and boat handling.

The team included Robert Amort VCO, Carolyn Otto VCP 12, Harry Otto SLO-DE, Alfred Grimminger DSO-VE, Charles Helwig (FSO-OP/AN) 12-5, COMO Robert Perrone Sr., 12-3, David Hermansader 12-3, Kenneth Kehrer, FC 12-3, and Dennis Nield, SO-MT 12-9. ✿

*Article by Carolyn Otto, VCP, SO-PB
photos by Alfred Grimminger & Carolyn Otto*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13 Central New Jersey

NEW INSTRUCTORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



Roberta Ryan is congratulated by Flotilla Commander Jerry Goldkrantz and VFC Dan Charter on presentation of her Instructor ribbon at the September flotilla meeting. Although a new instructor this year, Roberta has already managed to accumulate over 75 classroom hours, including a dozen as lead instructor. Roberta has also been a very active recruiter for Flotilla 13-5 and is currently processing a half dozen people for membership. ✿



At their September meeting John Makara was sworn in as the newest member of Flotilla 13-5. FC Jerry Goldkrantz prepares to administer the oath as Past Commodore Ed Rearick completes the prologue. John is off to a fast start in the Auxiliary having already completed the AUXNAV exam. ✿

*Article and photos by Dan Charter VFC 13-5
Marlton, NJ*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
PA Frontier

AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

This year, Division 15 has chosen Ray H. Hillman as a standout member and presented him with the award for Auxiliarist of the Year.

Almost 21 years ago, Ray Hillman joined the Auxiliary. He began by qualifying for Vessel Examiner and completing Instructor Training. A year later, he was at the Boat Crew Level, with Coxswain following thereafter. Ray's outgoing and personable nature helped him achieve success in each of these endeavors as well as qualifying him to conduct public marine visitations.



Ray is a very valuable asset to the division in many ways. He was instrumental in seeing BCQ Training brought to Lake Wallenpaupack, and, most recently, was critical in arranging Team Coordination Training at Harvey's Lake. He has served as SO-MT for the division and FSO-MT at the flotilla level. Ray has devoted much of his own personal time to the Auxiliary as well. When visiting his father, in Florida, Ray performed many vessel exams outside the area in order to make a substantial contribution to the flotilla's overall number of vessel examinations.

He is an outstanding member of both the community and the division and is truly deserving of this honor for his time, dedication, and commitment to our organization. The division and flotilla are extremely proud to have Ray among their own. ✻

Article and photo by Donna Borzell, 15-3 Falls, PA

AUXOP CERTIFICATE



Kevin C. Murphy, Flotilla 15-8 (The Sailing Flotilla), receives his AUXOP certificate from Commodore Leon Kehr. Kevin serves as Division 15 Vice Captain, ADSO-PA (Public Affairs) and is also a Qualification Examiner (QE). ✻

Article and photo: Astrida V. Miller Covington, PA



WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

In conjunction with National Safe Kids Week and to enhance the ecology and environment curriculum, Dr. Alyce Zura invited Flotilla Commander John Borzell instructor from the USCG Auxiliary to present a "Boats 'N Kids" program for safer boating to the second and third grades at the Montgomery Ave elementary school.

A video entitled "Longfellow's Whales Tales" was shown. Children learned how to choose personal flotation devices based on style and boating activities. Participants received a Certificate of Achievement and an environmental booklet designed to educate students' awareness of water pollution. ✻

Article by Cecelia Vanzile, SO-PA 15 Lawrenceville, PA



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
PA Frontier

SAFE BOATING DAYS AT HARVEYS LAKE



Julie Schechter, Donna Borzell, and Carol Bender
at a safe boating table.



William and Julie Schechter, Tom Shelley,
John Borzell, and Dawn Shedlarski.



John & Donna Borzell performing vessel safety check on PA Fish Com-
mission boat, PA officer (standing) is James Stout.

VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



A Volunteer Achievement award was presented to Steve Bennet FC 15-7 and Terry McConnell VFC 15-7, by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The award was given for outstanding achievements in water safety for boating public at East Branch Clarion River Lake through classroom instruction, vessel safety checks and on-water operations. ✱

*Photo and article by Cecelia Van Zile SO-PA
Lawrenceville, PA*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Jersey Shore

DIVISION PARTICIPATES IN OPEN HOUSE AT USCG MANASQUAN INLET



Division 16 held it's annual Open House at USCG Station Manasquan. The public was able to view a display about the history of the Station along with information on boating safety courses, life jackets, communications, safety equipment and recruitment for the Coast Guard Academy and the Auxiliary.

Members of the Coast Guard conducted tours of the 47' motor life boat and the rigid hull inflatable rescue boat, while Auxiliarists conducted vessel safety checks. The dive team provided information on sea life including a *"touch and feel"* tank which the children thoroughly enjoyed. ❁

*Article and photos submitted by Marjorie Ignozza, FSO-PB 16-7
Point Pleasant, NJ*

IN MEMORIAM



It is our sad duty to report that the following Auxiliaries from the Fifth Coast Guard District - Northern Region have crossed over the bar. Our profound sympathies are extended to the family and friends of these individuals. We also extend our most grateful thanks to these members who shared their time, efforts and assets in the true spirit of volunteerism. ☸

William Ferron

Jack Ruggles

James T. White

Jeffery Bixby

Ernest Vandenberg

Paul Teliha

David Becker

Harold Gerhad

Walter Silowkulo

Dale Cargill

Milo Hudson

Willard Rousch

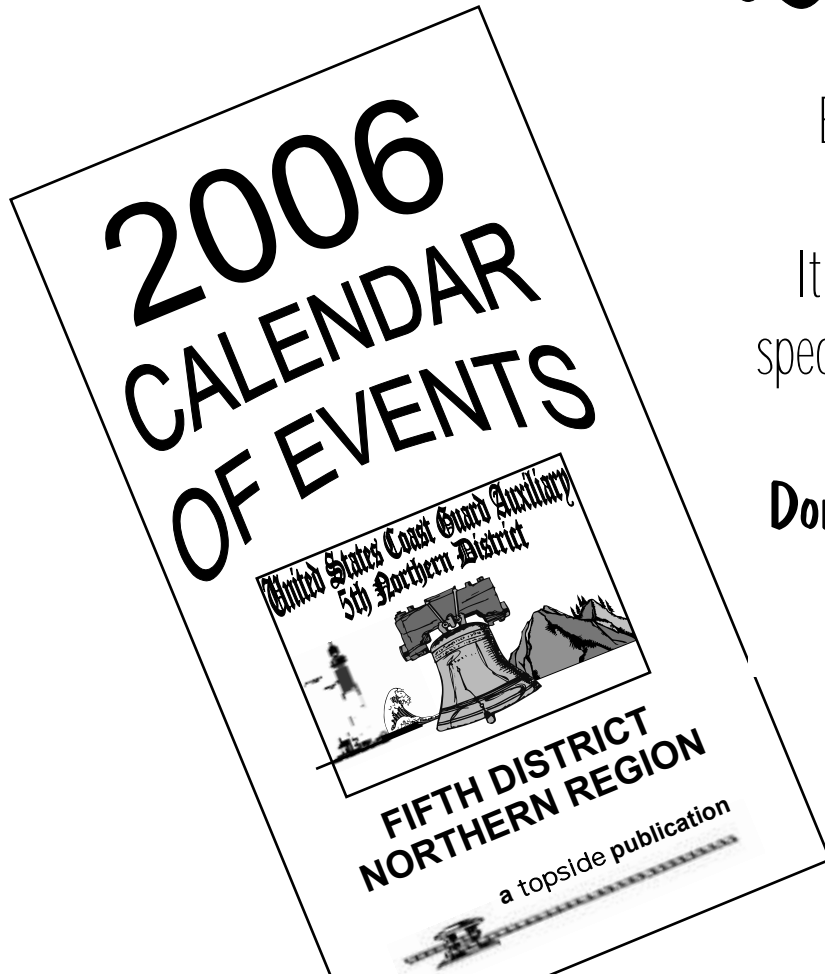
George Steckel

“ Sailors, rest your oars.”

Compiled from information as of October 24, 2005

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and Division Captains
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Fifth Northern District - 2005-2006 Calendar of Events

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
<p>1 Winter Uniforms Begin</p> <p>7 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>8 ELECTION DAY</p>  <p>11 Eastern Area EXCOM</p> <p>11 Veteran's Day</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>24 Thanksgiving Day</p>  <p>30 Disenrollment Deadline to DSO-PS</p>	<p>1 Division Auxiliarist of the Year to DCO</p> <p>5 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15 Election Results to Division SO-IS</p> <p>21 First day of Winter</p> <p>25 Christmas</p>  <p>25 Hanukkah (1st Night)</p> <p>26 Kwanza Begins</p> <p>31 Currency Maintenance Deadline.</p> <p>31 topside Deadline</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day</p>  <p>9 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15 Martin Luther King's Birthday</p> <p>16 M.L. King Birthday Observed</p> 	<p>6 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>12 Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>12 Spring Conference Registration Deadline</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p>  <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p>  <p>20 Presidents Day</p>



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