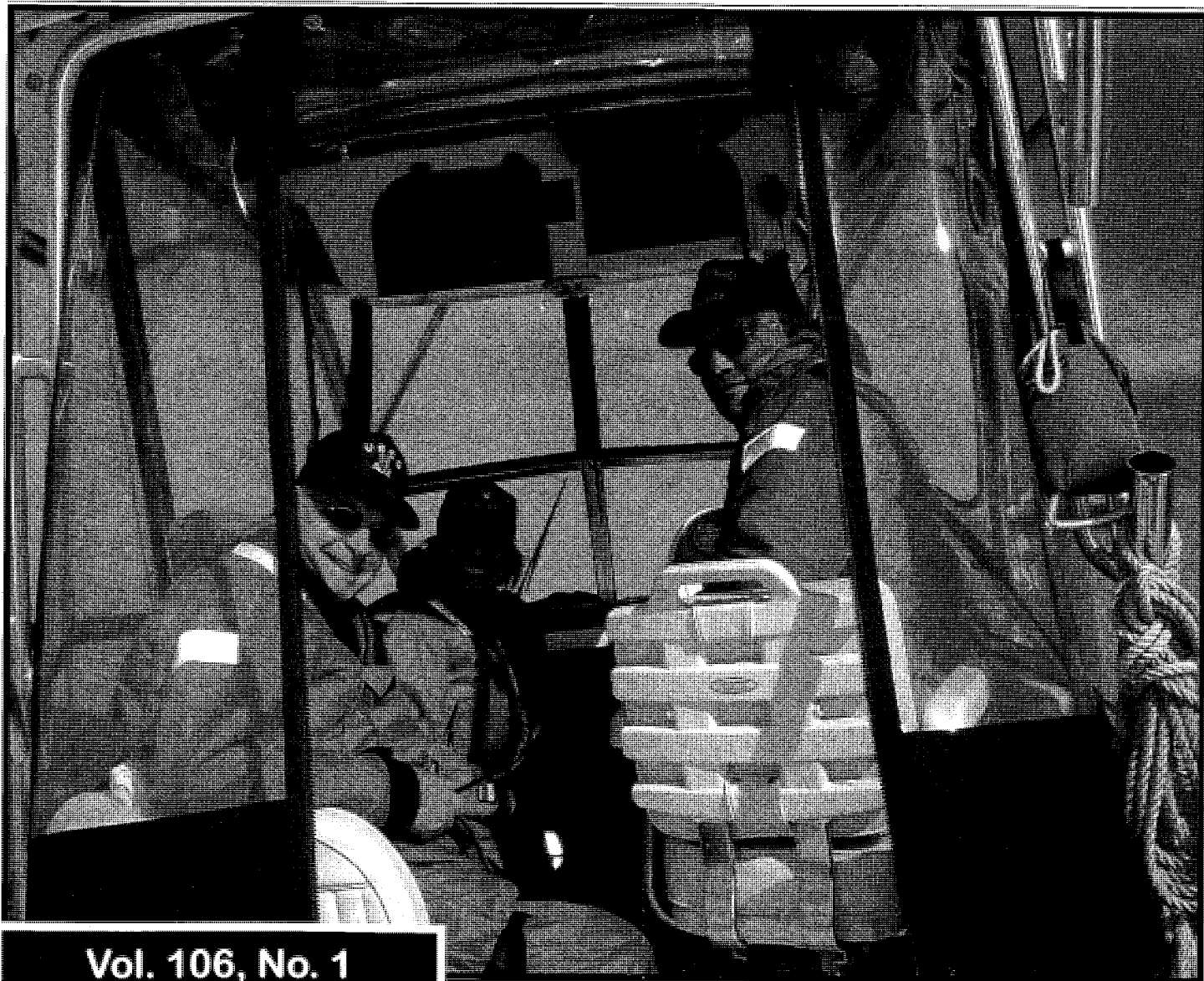


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On the Cover: D5-NR (Division 12) Members of Flotillas 12-3 and 12-5 teamed up for it's last Patrol of the season on a crisp November day.

Photo by Carolyn Otto, ADSO-PB (C)
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Letter of Appreciation
From VADM Allen



PRINCIPAL FEDERAL OFFICIAL
HURRICANE KATRINA

January 18, 2006

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary:

My schedule does not allow me to be with you in Saint Louis. The National Training Conference is an outstanding event that continues to build and broaden competencies in the Auxiliary. I did want to pass on to you all my extreme admiration and thanks for the selfless contribution of Auxiliarists who responded locally and those who deployed in support of the Federal response to the multiple hurricanes this year. As the Principal Federal Official (PFO) for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the response and recovery efforts along the Gulf Coasts, there were certain constants that I could rely upon to be ready, responsive and resolute during the trying times that followed the most devastating storm in our Nation's history. The Coast Guard Auxiliary performance in these operations was extraordinary in every sense of the word. From responding within your own communities as both victim and rescuer to the important work done for FEMA in Disaster Recovery Centers, you have answered the call. While traveling extensively with President Bush, members of congress, foreign dignitaries, and senior executives of local, state and federal governments, I encountered Coast Guard Auxiliary members every step of the way. You have made me very proud of my career long association with your dedicated organization.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to thanking you personally in the future.

(signed)

VADM Thad W. Allen U.S. Coast Guard
Principal Federal Official
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Note, this letter was read to the membership during NTrain 2006 opening ceremonies in St Louis MO.

DIRAUX

As summer approaches and "Old Man Winter" becomes a memory, allow me to share some highlights of my last few months as your Director:



- Collecting Auxiliary Unit Personnel Allowance Lists (AUXPALs) for all Fifth District CG units (and many other CG units located in our Area of Responsibility). I look forward to seeing Auxiliary Unit Liaison Officers (AUXULOs) update these initial efforts as additional interested Auxiliaries are identified to fill vacant billets at the units that have asked for Auxiliary assistance.
- Attending ISAR 2005 in Halifax, Nova Scotia... and cheering on our own Fifth Northern Team of Bill Beihl, Lee Frost, Jim Norton and Richard Wagar (all from Division 7) as they excelled in that terrific event. I can only hope that another D5-NR team is honored with the opportunity to compete at ISAR 2006 in Portsmouth, VA.
- Presiding over CWO4 Joseph Hartline's Retirement Ceremony, during which we celebrated Joe's 29+ years of dedicated service to the Coast Guard...and finally hearing who his replacement will be. I look forward to having an OTO again!
- Publishing a new & improved Fifth Northern Policy Manual, incorporating many recent organizational and administrative changes. I hope that you have checked out this new guidance on-line (at <http://www.5nr.org/member/download.php>) or borrowed a hard-copy from your Flotilla Commander (every Division and Flotilla received three copies).
- Vastly improving the processing time for new Auxiliary members by mandating Verification of Citizenship as part of their initial Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) package submission.
- Clearing a significant backlog of PSIs (by forwarding over 200 packages to the Security Center and returning nearly 200 to Fingerprint Technicians for liaison with members in question in November and December alone). This was a MAJOR project that was very satisfying to complete...and I have managed to stay on top of PSI submissions since, thankfully.

- Inching our way towards completion of PSIs for D5-NR, thanks to the outstanding leadership and diligent efforts of Division Captains and Fingerprint Technicians
- Working with my focused and hard-working staff to meet your needs on a daily and weekly basis; preventing most problems from happening and quickly solving the few problems that were brought to our attention by Division Captains.
- Attending Division Changes of Watch, regional Elected Officer Training and Appointed Officer Training, the National Training Conference, and another awesome D5-NR Spring Conference in York, PA
- Welcoming MANY new members to Fifth Northern and signing TONS of new certifications, service awards, etc.
- Reading the fabulous Division and Flotilla Newsletters that your Publications Staff Officers produce with such excellence.

I could go on, but spatial and temporal constraints require me to stop here!

Looking ahead, I see tremendous opportunities for another terrific year of phenomenal service to the Coast Guard and to the boating public in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Thank you so much for the efforts you have already exerted in 2006...and for the work you will complete this summer and beyond. Remember to be safe out there; and to take good care of each other. 🌟

Semper Paratus!

CDR Scott Rogerson

Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR

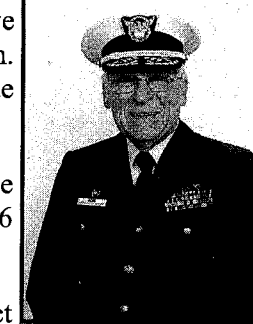
Philadelphia, PA



DISTRICT COMMODORE

The winds of Change have arrived at Fifth Northern. We must adjust our sails to coincide with Sector Delaware Bay.

The changes we will be experiencing as of 1 January 2006 are:



- We have added a District Planner. He operates under and reports directly to the DCO. The planner is responsible for setting out short and long range plans as developed by EXCOM, and is also responsible for maintaining the District Emergency Response Plan and shall also maintain copies of each Flotilla and Division Emergency Response Plan and approve them when submitted or resubmitted.
- Three new positions have been added. District Chief of Logistics, District Chief of Prevention, and District Chief of Response.

- The District Chief of Logistics (D-CL) shall be responsible for the oversight of the DSO-CS, DSO-MA, DSO-PB, DSO-IS and the DSO-PS. All of the above DSO's will report to the D-CL who will in turn keeps the VCO apprised of the effectiveness of each of the above programs. The "Chief" will develop and implement program changes and enhancements necessary to revitalize the efforts of our members as well as increase our support for the Coast Guard, with EXCOM's approval.
- The District Chief of Prevention (D-CP) shall be responsible for the oversight of the DSO-MS, DSO-MT, DSO-PA, DSO-PE, DSO-PV and the DSO-VE. All of the above DSO's will report to the D-CP who will in turn keep the VCO apprised of the effectiveness of each of the above programs. The "Chief" will develop and implement program changes and enhancements necessary to revitalize the Recreational Boating Safety and Maritime Domain Awareness efforts of our members as well as increase our support for the Coast Guard with EXCOMS approval.
- The District Chief of Response (D-CR) shall be responsible for the oversight of the DSO-AN, DSO-AV, DSO-CM and DSO-OP. All the assigned DSO's will report to the D-CR who will in turn keeps the VCO apprised of the effectiveness of each of the above programs.

It must be clearly understood that the Chiefs are not replacing any DSO, merely coordinating their efforts to maximize the effectiveness of all programs. DSO's are still responsible for communications with their counterparts, both up and down the chain, (National, Division and Flotilla).

3. The next area of change is the AUXULO'S (Auxiliary Unit Liaison) who will be responsible to their respective RCO's (East, Central, West).

4. The following positions will be directly responsible to the District Commodore. DSO-Finance, DSO-Legal, D-Planner, D-Flight Safety Officer, Immediate Past DCO, VCO, all RCO's. and the President, Past Captain's Association.

There are no changes from Division Captain down. This has been a monumental change in the structure of the Fifth Northern District Auxiliary, but has been made necessary so we can coincide with Sector Delaware Bay.

We have adjusted the sails, now we are ready for clear sailing. 🌟

Leon E. Kehr, DCO
Souderton, PA



VICE COMMODORE

During the past year, this District has done a tremendous job, not only for the Coast Guard Auxiliary but for the Coast Guard itself. I always worry that in our zeal to do a good job we are overextending ourselves. But it seems we always get the job done. You all are to be commended on your spirit and commitment to the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.



Where should we focus our attention next is the question I asked myself while thinking about this article. Well the answer I came up with as most urgent is the PSI process. At the end of 2006 all those who have not turned in their paperwork for either operational support or direct operational (short form or long form), will be denied membership continuance. To me that is a serious concern. If we take it lightly and don't push our members to get the proper paperwork done, we will be looking at another round of losses for the Auxiliary in the 5NR. We can't afford to lose our valuable members, or treat this process lightly.

I am challenging our members, flotilla commanders, and division captains to get the member's paperwork done, fingerprints completed, and all of it to the Director's office before the deadline. This is not hard to do if we are diligent and put our minds to getting it done. We have enough fingerprinting technicians in our district to ensure each and every member in our divisions has an opportunity to be fingerprinted. Members need to fill out the paperwork and stop procrastinating!

Please ensure you have an original **plus a copy** of one of the following with you when you're fingerprinted:

- Original birth certificate (and a copy)
- Passport (and a copy)
- Naturalization paperwork (and a copy)

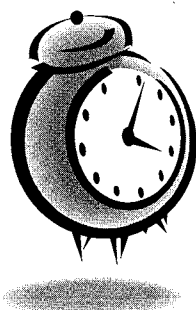
By having the original and a copy of the necessary paperwork you will ensure that your package will move quickly thru the PSI process. Our leaders need to ensure the members know how many of each form is needed to be done and that they are done correctly.

I know that there has been a lot of confusion with this PSI process and members are worried that vital information on these forms could be compromised. These matters have been addressed to the Director's office thru XCOM. There will be limited handling of your paperwork

and it will be safeguarded. The Director himself is directly involved in the processing of your paperwork, and he is a very conscientious person who worries about safeguarding your information as much as you do.

We all need to take the time to ensure our paperwork is completed soon and sent to the Director's office for processing. Your service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary is important to all of us in the 5NR. We do not want to lose any more members to a process that can be controlled. We are saddened enough when we lose members to factors beyond our control. Each of you is a very important part of our organization and its ability to continue serving our nation and local communities. Let's pitch in together to get the ball rolling and reach the finish line together. ✱

*Robert P Amort, VCO
Dover, DE*



DIRAUX: New PSI Checklist form Now Online

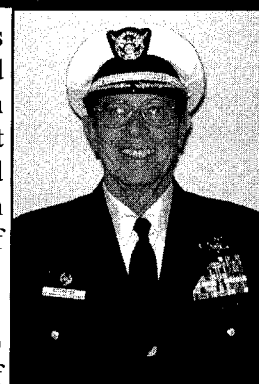
New Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) Checklist:

A "Member to FP to DIRAUX PSI Checklist" is now available on the Fifth Northern web site in the "New Member Enrollment and PSI Forms" section of the Downloads page (see <http://www.5nr.org/member/download.php> and http://www.5nr.org/downloads/forms/PSI_checklist.pdf).

While optional (for now), this valuable reference is intended to help members submit satisfactory PSI packages to DIRAUX through their local Fingerprint Technician (FP). The first page includes detailed guidance for Operational Support (OS) and Direct Operational (DO) submissions; the second page includes guidance for Prior/Current Clearances and codes for completion of Fingerprint cards. As of 2 February, over 1,050 5NR members still needed to submit complete PSI packages to DIRAUX. Members who fail to participate will be disenrolled at the end of 2006. See your FC, FP and/or DCP with any questions...and Section 3.C and Appendix K of the Auxiliary Manual for detailed discussion of PSIs. ✱

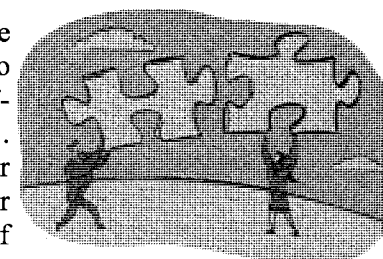
REAR COMMODORE-EAST

There are countless examples of Coast Guard Auxiliaries providing much needed volunteer help and support to our active duty Coast Guard units. We take particular pride in participating as members of TEAM Coast Guard.



Being part of a team is key to the successful accomplishment of our goals and objectives, which equated to mission/activity accomplishments. Although this Teamwork concept is truly supported by Auxiliaries when working with Coast Guard units and their people, there are times it may be less practiced at the Auxiliary Flotilla level.

Obviously, the opposite approach to teamwork is self-centered behavior. Sometimes we let our competitive feelings or ego get in the way of objectively realizing that a team effort is more valuable and in the best interest of our Auxiliary members and future accomplishments.



What are some examples of this lack of teamwork?

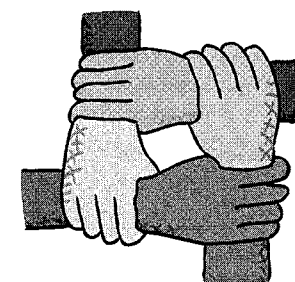
- Not wishing to acknowledge or give credit to others – being so competitive that winning an award becomes the key objective.
- A Flotilla is recognized as the best in their division at accomplishing Vessel Safety Checks or Public Education Courses, etc. They do not wish to share how they do this so successfully with other Flotillas.
- Vessel patrols (coxswains) prefer only to have the same crew members, or only crew members from the same Flotilla. (Rather than inviting newer crew members, or those needing currency maintenance or mentoring for crew qualification).
- A Flotilla provides member training courses only to their Flotilla members.
- A member never wants to do Vessel Safety Checks with a partner to help out.

• Members only participate in their own flotilla's activities. (Rather than helping at division or district-sponsored functions such as NSBW, Public Affairs and boat show booths, parades, conferences, picnics, C.O.W., etc.)

• Members do not offer or prefer not to fill in as a substitute PE/MT instructor or crew member, etc to support other Flotillas in need of help.

Thankfully, most Auxiliaries are team players and realize the importance of working together and building and expanding relationships with their fellow members and units. There is a real sense of fulfillment when you can say:

"Glad to help out - - it's the least we can do"
"Count me in"
"Let us know what you need"
"What more can I do to help?"



That's really what TEAM COAST GUARD is all about! ✱

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



REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL

One evening as I was rummaging through the many mounds of Auxiliary paperwork in my den trying to find an AUXINFO report, I knocked a stack of paperwork off of my desk onto the floor. As I looked at the mess and swore a blue streak, I noticed that one sheet of paper was still sitting on my desk where the stack had been. As I looked at it I realized it was the Coast Guard Hymn, and I began to read through it.

Many of you, I'm sure, have heard the Coast Guard Hymn, but I wonder if you have ever heard the whole hymn?

**Eternal Father, Lord of Hosts
Watch o'er the ones who guard our coasts
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above
The shield and shelter of thy love.
Lord, guard and guide the ones who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky
Be with them always in the air,
In darken storms or sunlight fair,
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air!
Grant to them Your eternal peace, Oh Lord,
For they have followed your commandment,
That No Greater Love has he, who would give up his life for another.
Amen**

Read that line again, "He, who would give up his life for another."

These words kept echoing through my head. Then I realized that the Coast Guard Hymn was talking about *all* of TEAM Coast Guard, including the Coast Guard Auxiliary! Yes, we have had Auxiliarists killed in the line of duty and I am glad that I can't give you a recent example here in Fifth Northern. But there are other ways to give your life for another. The selfless acts that we as Auxiliarists perform every day. "He, who would give up his life for another."

The next time you're at a Flotilla meeting, take a look around the room at the hard working people who have given their lives to the Auxiliary in service to others. This is a wonderful thing. It's because of you and people like you who give so freely of themselves that the Auxiliary has a very bright future. Our future is the membership, for the members are the people who guide the Auxiliary and are entrusted with the stewardship of its future. By your actions and good stewardship, the Auxiliary will not only survive, it will grow and flourish.

We all share the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. Honor is our fidelity to principles or obligations. Respect is what we give to each other, the environment and for all who venture out on the water. Devotion to Duty is our selfless service to our country, the Coast Guard, and the boating community. It is through these common principles that we share the fellowship the Auxiliary offers. It is these common principles that give us a bond and strength as well.

In any organization, there is always a core group of members who embrace the challenge of leadership. And part of that challenge is to look to the future and provide for it. It's no different than growing a garden. You plant the seeds, you nurture them and provide for their needs. You protect them, you fertilize them, you water them, and you pull out the weeds so the crops can grow strong and eventually bloom. Growing a new crop of dedicated Auxiliarists is the challenge for all of us in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

It's not enough to just be a member, you need to be a leader. Encourage new members to join and grow. Challenge your existing members to maintain the Coast Guard's Core Values. As a leader you have to have the courage to accept

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Ronald Boice

REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL

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change and not be threatened by it or be afraid of it. You need to help your members grow with change. As a leader you need courage to guide new members and bring out their skills and qualities, and to nurture them so that they might take your place and bring new life to the Auxiliary. It is this courage that will help you to look at yourself and the Auxiliary and believe that people with the same Core Values can fit together and bring in valuable ideas. And most of all, it is the courage to go beyond yourself and reach out to accept new ideas no matter how different they might be. It just may be that in what seems to be a crazy idea there is a seed that will grow to be the future of the Auxiliary. Examine every idea, embrace every member and make him or her feel welcome and nurtured. Provide for their needs and let them take their place as they blossom. They are the future of the Auxiliary and it is with courage and foresight that we need to recognize them and reward them for giving of themselves.

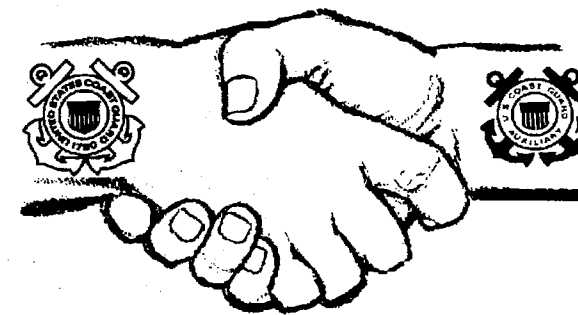
What does the future hold? Our role in the Coast Guard is constantly changing and growing. With this change and growth come new opportunities, and adventures. For all of us, it's a chance to be challenged and expand our horizons. The opportunities to more directly support Coast Guard Sector Field Offices, as well as the numerous Small Boat Stations, and ships will continue to grow as our role changes and grows with the future.

As we begin looking into the future, our goal, our task, is to make it a bright future. By keeping our older members challenged and energized as well as making our new members feel welcome and ready to serve, we will be ready for that future. We should all relish the task and take great pride in the work that we do, not only today but for the future as well.

But you are not expected to do this alone. Your District leadership is strong and ready to help you. We have planned and implemented a newly revised Elected Officers Course to help your elected officers better lead and manage the divisions and flotillas into the future. We have planned and implemented a newly revised Appointed Officer Course as well. So your staff will be better prepared to plan and take on the challenges of the future. If we plan and train for the future our members will be ready to respond as trained professionals when the Coast Guard calls. But it's up to you, the member, to have the courage to approach this new, and in many cases, unknown future with an open mind and heart. I'm not saying it will be easy, but if we work together as a team, and we nurture our members, the future for the Coast Guard Auxiliary looks very bright.

What greater legacy can one leave behind, what greater future can one make than to be known as "he who would give up his life for another?" Your selfless sacrifices make you the special and unique people you are. ✱

Ronald Boice, RCO-C
King of Prussia, PA



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REAR COMMODORE-WEST

As RCO-W I would like to take a moment for those who do not know me. In the Spring 2005 issue of Topside I introduced myself as DSO-PS. I held elected offices of VCP and DCP from 1998 to 2002 for Division 11. I also served 4 years as FC and 4 years as VFC.



Dianne Bossler

As Division 11 appointed positions I was SO-PE and SO-PS besides being a past SO-PA. On the Flotilla level I am a member of 11-4 and I am active as a FSO-PE, MT, CM, CS, and presently their webmaster, but was a past FSO-SR, and FSO-PA years earlier. These different positions all helped prepare me for the changes I will encounter as RCO-W. I have seen many changes in my 20 years of membership. These changes often lead to many opportunities. These opportunities need to be turned into advantages to learn and promote the USCG Auxiliary.

As our Elected and Appointed officers attend training at AOT's and EOT's they will hear changes in the policy manual, member training, public education, and awards. The forms we use are changed sometime more than one time in a day. National is in the process of changing web servers, there are too many changes to list all of them. Technology is changing the face of how we do business. I would like to encourage all of us to look at change as a challenge to better ourselves and our service to the USCG Auxiliary. The amount of data and information passed between more than 30,000 members is more than anyone can comprehend. Our computers have changed the speed in which we can receive and send information. Computers are great but they have made many of our members feel isolated. We need to remember that changes create new opportunities. Computer-less members can access a computer at their local library. By training members in computer skills, this would help resolve this isolation. Not only must we train our local officers, when changes are made, we must train our total membership. Keep them in the "loop." Most members join the USCG Auxiliary to learn so we need to keep Training.

I would like to end this article by thanking those who had confidence in my skills to elect me into the office of RCO-W. I promise to try to do my best to fulfill the needs and demands of this position. ❀

Sincerely,
Diane Bossler RCO-W
Spring, PA



The USCG Auxiliary at a Glance

On An Average Day the Coast Guard Auxiliary will

- Complete 62.5 safety patrols
- Complete 6.2 regatta patrols
- Perform 10.2 vessel assists
- Assist 28 people
- Save 1 life
- Save \$341,290 in property
- Participate in 100 operational support missions
- Participate in 48.7 administrative support missions
- Complete 13.4 recruiting support missions
- Educate 369 people on boating safety
- Perform 299 vessel safety checks
- Attend 70 public affairs functions

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Resources (year 2005)

- Operational Vessels 4,758
- Aircraft 272
- Communications Stations 2,757
- Members 30,083
- Personal Watercraft Facilities 263

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Mission Hours (year 2005)

- Public Affairs 24,939
- Safety Patrol Hours 85,505
- Air Patrol Hours 6,779
- Support of Coast Guard Missions 25,381
- Hours of Public Education 22,550
- Hours of Member Training 38,654

Auxiliary Qualified Team Members (year 2005)

- Boat Crew 5,054
- Auxiliary Coxswains 3,854
- Air Observers 565
- Pilots 266
- Navigation Aids Verifiers 3,214
- Instructors 6,669
- Personal Watercraft Operators 223

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Now that we all have had some time to think about the Operational season for 2006 it is time to put those thoughts into a plan of action. Those of you who have recently become Private Aid Verifiers should take on an expanded role in your Flotilla and Division ATON/PATON programs. The Private Aid verifiers have training and knowledge to train the rest of the members on what they should be observing on the routine patrols and pleasure boating excursions.

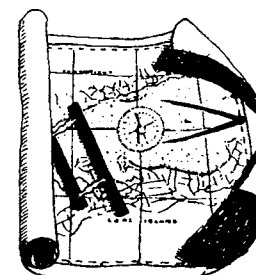


The New D5-NR Policy Manual will be distributed in the near future and there have been many revisions to the ATON/PATON program. It is important to remember that the ATON/PATON team uses the Auxiliary parallel staffing system. If you are interested in becoming active in the ATON/PATON program please contact your FSO-AN or SO-AN and ask what you can do to get started in this important and enjoyable program.

Most Divisions now have qualified Private Aid Verifiers. By taking and passing the Private Aid Verifier Training they are well versed in all aspects of the program. The Division Captains should use their expertise to build a strong division ATON/PATON program. One thing I would like to 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 ATON/PATON program is important, interesting and an enjoyable program to participate in. If you are interested in joining the ATON/PATON team and your Division does not participate in the program feel free to contact your ADSO-AN, or myself at the e-mail address below. We will do our best to find a place for you to participate in the ATON/PATON program. ❀

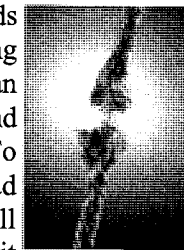
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COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Communication within the 5th Northern District

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



Over the past few years, communication within the Fifth Northern has significantly improved but there is still a need for more improvement. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has the guidelines/policies for a strong thread to pass through and bind all levels in the "Chain of Communication." In the areas that are weak, we must re-evaluate our commitments and take a good look at ourselves. Are we communicating with fellow Auxiliarists, to the degree that we need to sustain a strong organization? The answer is obvious – a resounding NO!

The main seam in the Auxiliary is the Flotilla. Communication must start there and wind its way up through the "chain." Members must express their needs to their Flotilla Commanders and Staff Officers. In turn, the Flotilla Commanders and Staff Officers must pass this information up to the next level, their Division Officers. Subsequently, the information must then go the District officers and then on to the National Officers. It is the duty of the Flotilla Commanders to thread the "needle" to start the information winding its way up through the "chain." After reaching the "top," the next step requires the thread to reverse itself and wind its way back down from National to Districts to Divisions to Flotillas.

There are two different paths the thread must bind - the Elected Officers' path and the Appointed Staff Officers' path. If the information flow follows these paths, we will have a tight-knit organization that is held together at the seams by a strong thread.

There are many dedicated members in the Auxiliary who do an excellent job of keeping the membership informed. They set a good example of how information should be communicated up and down the chain.

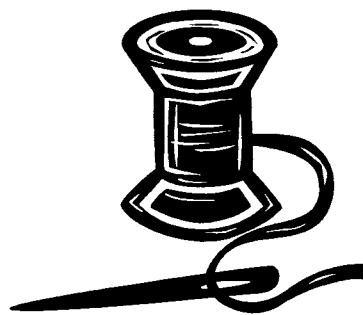
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However, they cannot perform the duties of those who do not set a good example. But, those members should follow the leaders and improve their communication skills by dedicating themselves to the duties of their respective offices. Neglect of communication creates a disgruntled membership.

How can we stop the unraveling that is occurring? First, the elected officers must provide proper guidance. In some instances, this is not occurring and members are becoming discouraged by not receiving all the information that is available. Flotilla elected officers must submit periodic reports to their Division Captains and Flotilla Staff Officers must submit periodic reports to their respective Division Staff Officers. As previously stated, the "needle" must be threaded at the Flotilla level so it can weave its way up to the top. Therefore, Flotilla officers, especially the Elected Officers, must provide a strong leadership and set a good example for their members to follow. The next steps, at the Division and District level, the same procedure must be followed. As at the Flotilla level, in some instances, this is not occurring and the thread is broken at three different places. A strong leadership is needed to insure the "Chain of Communication" is not broken.



The solution to the "communication problem" is found in "training." Without proper training, skills can only be partially achieved. We (5NR) have Elected Officers Training (EOT) and Appointed Officers

Training (AOT) at the area level (Eastern, Central and Western) near the beginning of every year. This is a step in the right direction, but only a step. The full cooperation of all officers is necessary to insure communication up and down the chain.

Other forms of communication and excellent ways to keep members informed include newsletters, websites and "web watchers." Newsletters should be published on a regular basis and contain informative subject material and websites must be updated on a regular basis and not

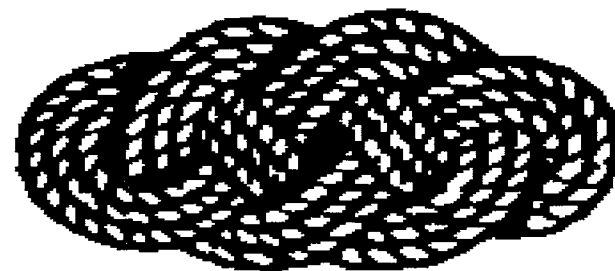
remain static.

Websites are also a great recruiting tool; let's use them to their full potential. On the District level, our 5NR ADSO-CS (WW), Ann Herman, provides timely, periodic updates to all members on her e-mail list. If you are not on Ann's list, send her an e-mail, anamreh@aol.com, requesting to be placed on the "update list." You will receive a synopsis of all the latest news in the Auxiliary related to D5NR. You can also receive bi-monthly 5NR Website Updates by entering your e-mail address in "5NR.ORG Update" E-Mail List located on the District's website home page - www.5nr.org.

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

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*



INFORMATION SERVICES

AUXINFO

HOW TO SEE YOUR DATA FOR THE YEAR

Hopefully you have been submitting your forms (i.e., 7029, 7030, 7038 & 7046) to your Information Services Officer (FSO-IS). Using the new AUXINFO, here is how you can generate a report and see what you have done by date.

Go to <http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov>

On right side select **AUXDATA Cubes**, then **AUXDATA Member Activities**.

Notice there are 2 sections or windows. Using the left window, we can navigate to what level data we want. This is done by clicking the + in front of an item to expand it. Continue doing this until you find what you want, then highlight the item (not the +), RIGHT Click, and on the pop-up menu, select **FILTER**.

DISPLAY YOUR HOURS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

Using the left window, click the + next to **All Units**. Notice how this expands down a level. To get to yourself, continue clicking the "+"s, namely:

- Click "United States Coast Guard"
- Click "LANTAREA"
- Click "LANTAREA East"
- Click "District 05"
- Click "5NR - Fifth Northern"
- Click your Division
- Click your Flotilla.

You will see a list of all members in your Flotilla. Use your mouse to highlight your name, and RIGHT Click it.

On the popup, select **FILTER**.

The display now changes to your data for all years.

Eliminate all zero records by clicking the icon next to the swap that looks like a zero "0" with a slash through it.

Using the left window again, scroll to top, and click the - at All Units, this will collapse the units

Click + at All Years.

Highlight CY 2005.

RIGHT Click, on the pop-up, select **Filter**.

You now have your total hours for 2005

DISPLAY YOUR MISSION DATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

Swap the axis by clicking the icon on the bottom row (7th from left) that looks like a spreadsheet with two arrows.

Set # Rows & Columns by clicking the icon on the bottom row (4th from left) "Display Options" and setting both to ALL.

Going to the left window where we had **CY 2005**, highlight it and right click. On the pop-up menu select **Replace Rows**. You will now see hours by quarter.

Move the cursor to a little box below the heading "**Mission Hours as Values**," when cursor is over this, it will highlight the box with a down arrow "▼" in the box. Right click this box and on the pop-up menu select **Down a Level**.

Notice the hours are now by month. Repeat the above 2 more times and the hours will go to week and then day.

You now have a report of your hours by mission by date.

SAVE THE ABOVE TO USE AGAIN

Click the icon (3rd to the right of Zero suppress) that looks like an open book with a bookmark on the page. This will prepare a bookmark by building the URL to reflect the result of what you have displayed.

Wait until the system works a bit, clears the screen and rewrites the screen and is done.

You can then add this bookmark to your browser.

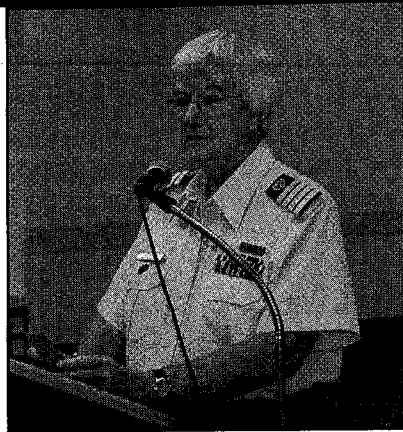
As soon as you do, I suggest you open your bookmark list, edit the entry just stored named **AUXDATA Member Activities - Cognos PowerPlay Web Explorer**, and name it something you remember such as "**AuxInfo Hrs by Date**."

Now, whenever you want, you can click this bookmark and you will get this report with the latest data. ✱

*Dan Hartman DSO-IS
Cape May, NJ*

MATERIALS

At this writing, six months into our return to the District Store, we are grateful for the many accolades proffered from our customers for our services. We will continue to clarify all inquiries and process all orders in a timely manner.



DSO-MA Jean Stretch

Contrary to initial expectations, the District Store *will not* stock the Auxiliary OP Polo Shirt. However, you may order this alternative to the CG Working Blue Uniform Shirt and Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) shirt directly from the Auxiliary Center, St Louis, MO. The Special Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt form is available for downloading from the AUXCEN web site (<http://www.cgauxa.org/media/OpsOrdeForm.pdf>).

Also, you may send an e-mail request for an electronic copy of the form to auxcen@sbcglobal.net. Should you request this form by e-mail, please include your District, Flotilla and EMPLID number. This form can be used in two ways. Print out the form, including all information, then either:

1. Mail it, along with your check, money order or VISA/Master Card information to Coast Guard Auxiliary Center, 9449 Watson Industrial Park, St Louis, MO 63126.
2. If using a VISA/Master Card as payment, you can fax this form to AUXCEN at 314-962-6804.

Our new 2006 5NR Materials Center Price List is available on line at http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district_store.php. We offer both educational materials and uniform items priced to benefit our members. Our pricing is competitive with Auxiliary price lists of all other Districts throughout the United States.

We appreciate all who have ordered through the District Materials Center. Again, please check our 2006 price list. By ordering through us you will join our commitment as "The Store" that supports the many programs offered to all members in our District. ❀

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

MEMBER TRAINING

This is the time of the season, with most of our boats still out of the water, when perhaps we should be thinking about studying some aspect of boating. What better way of doing this than to consider some of the AUXOP courses offered by the Auxiliary. AUXOP is the ultimate achievement in the Operations Program. There are six required courses in the AUXOP curriculum covering weather, patrols, search and rescue, navigation, communication, and seamanship. Completion of all six courses attains the prestigious status of being an AUXOP member. This achievement will allow you to wear the AUXOP device above your nameplate. Also your member status is changed from BQ (Basically Qualified) to AX (AUXOP).

It is not necessary to be in the Boat Crew Program to take any or all of these courses. Almost all of us joined the Auxiliary to learn more about boating. This curriculum will provide you with additional knowledge not only in boating but also in related areas such as weather, navigation and communication.

All courses can be self taught. Read the Student Study Guide and then take the proctored closed-book exam on-line or in written form. Although this is possible, several of the courses should be taken in a classroom setting to get full value and to improve your chances of passing the exam the first time. Certainly Navigation, Search & Rescue, Weather and perhaps Communication are in this category. Ask your Member Training Officer when classes are available. The Instructor and Student Study Guides are available through your Materials Officer. Exams must be administered by a certified AUXOP proctor. Your Member Training Officer can assist in the arrangements.

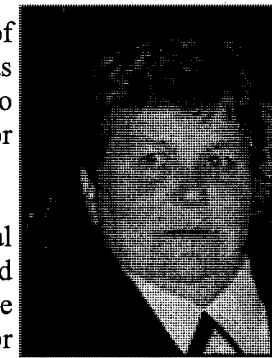
There is another approach which can be highly successful and particularly suited for the Patrol and Seamanship courses. Form a study group within your Flotilla of about four to eight members to study the course together. The group consists of members supplied with the Student Study Guide and a facilitator supplied with an Instructor Guide. The group meets once a week having read a chapter and completed the Review Questions at the end of the chapter. The facilitator leads the group through each review question and any discussion which may result. This method can be highly effective. Each group member is motivated to complete each chapter by the meeting time. Also, fellowship evolves as all begin to take a stake in other members' progress. Finally, all group members face the exam with a proctor together and hopefully share a sense of accomplishment. We have used this method in our Flotilla with excellent results and enjoyed the effort together. Studying can be fun! ❀

Ken Kendall DSO-MT
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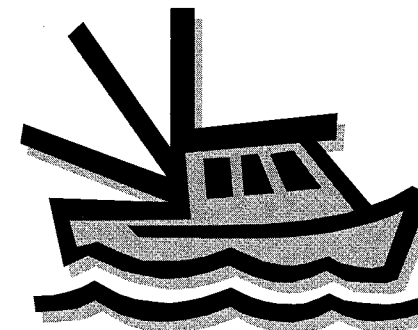
MARINE SAFETY

COMMERCIAL VESSEL EXAMINATIONS

There's been a lot of confusion as it regards Commercial Vessel Exams. So now is the time to try to clarify for those who might be interested.



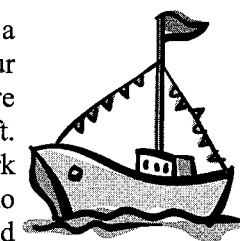
First, there are Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams and Examiners. The ideal candidate for this job is in Division 7, 8 or 16. Why? Simple. That's where the boats are. Some of the largest ocean going vessels in the country call Manasquan, Point Pleasant, Barnegat Light and Cape May home. CFVE is a Coast Guard qualification, not an Auxiliary one. As such, orders must be issued for the examiners to travel to the boats. It makes no economic sense to have people traveling all over, thus having examiners where the boats are is just good business. We already have our quota of examiners in Division 7, but we do need people in Divisions 8 and 16.



The ideal candidate for Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner is one who, first and foremost, understands that they will be called upon to perform their task in all kinds

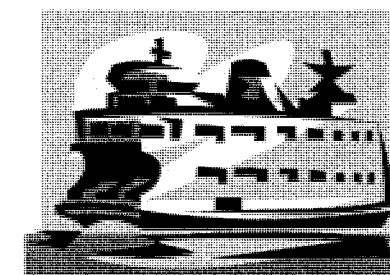
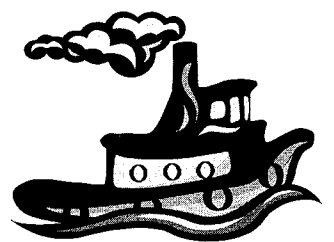
of weather and at the most inopportune times. Exams are usually requested for one of two reasons. Either the Captain or owner of the vessel is truly concerned with coming back alive with their catch, or the vessel has been boarded by the Coast Guard and has one or more violations. The request for these exams come in and must be dealt with as expeditiously as is possible, especially if the boat has been found deficient and must be examined to clear one or more violations. Most often we will have someone at the dock to meet a vessel that has been boarded, or will be there the next day.

The examiners themselves are a hardy lot. Fishing boats are not your Viking 48' sport fisherman. They are not clean, easy to board pleasure craft. They are piloted by people who work hard for a living and have little to no time for people who don't understand



what they do. Our examiners have to be professional, courteous and know their stuff. They also have to be able to climb all over a 100' or better vessel, from the engine room to the pilothouse. These vessels haul fish. The holds can be overwhelming at times. This isn't a job for someone who is looking to just earn a qual, but who understands that a lot of time and money goes into their training. They have to be willing to do a fair number of exams. So far, our people have been outstanding. The Auxiliary does most of the Commercial Fishing Exams in this area. That's better than 110 boats a year, and that number keeps growing. If you are in Division 8 or 16 and might have an interest, please contact Tamra Neer, ADSO-CFVE at TSNCPA@comcast.net.

We also have an Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner qualification. The person who fits this job has a lot of experience in the marine trades. A marine surveyor or a towboat captain would be an ideal candidate. If interested please contact me at DSOMS5NR@comcast.net for more information.



The last category is UPV, or Uninspected Passenger Vessel. We have one qualified UPV Examiner. We need maybe one or two more. I see this person as either having the CFVE qualification or a lot of experience in

our regular Vessel Safety Check program. We don't perceive a great need for this qual, but if we had someone from Divisions 8 or 16, we would be happy to discuss the issue. Again, contact me.

My hope is that this will explain the CVE program, and why it is that we are not interested in training people who aren't "where the boats are." ❀

Lyn Thomas, DSO-MS
Cedar Run, NJ



OPERATIONS

I take pleasure in assuming the responsibilities of the position of DSO of operations. Operations are one of the key functions of this organization and I respect the abilities and the professionalism of the members in the program. Your past performance has been outstanding.



DSO-OP Mickey deFerrari

If we are going to continue to excel, we have to continue training each year with our members to ensure they are up to date on all the procedures relative to safe vessel operations. You may be aware that national is not requiring a mandatory operations workshop this coming year. One of the things we should try to impress on our members involved in operations is, training, training, and more training. The Operations Department has already started working on setting up training for FY 06. The proposed OPS seminar "workshop" will be tailored for Division and Flotilla use and we will keep you advised of our progress. I am requesting that each Division make provisions to conduct an operations seminar, prior to the patrol season.

Another very important task is that all Divisions and Flotillas start to update their surge plans. They should confirm or revise crew structure, vessel availability, vessel location, names and phone numbers and be sure to include the revision date.

Conduct drills, scheduled and unscheduled, that include observers to grade performance on response times, towing, MOB drills, crew functions and procedures and please, don't forget search patterns.

Remember, in order to maintain the degree of excellence we have exhibited in the past, we must continually sharpen our skills and practice our tasks on the water.

Kathleen "Mickey" deFerrari, DSO-OP
Lanoka Harbor, NJ



USCG RCC

Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center, Alameda - Domain Name Change

Alert 6-05

The U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center in Alameda, California (RCC Alameda) will undergo a computer domain change on Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th. As a result of this domain change, the email address for RCC Alameda will change from rccalameda@d11.uscg.mil to rccalameda@uscg.mil.

In order to ensure that all critical e-mail is received, all e-mail sent to the old address will be automatically forwarded to the new address for approximately one year following the domain change. As the United States' only designated authority to receive Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) reports, all SSAS units utilizing email notification functions must update their equipment.

Questions or comments regarding this information may be addressed to CPO David Hollowood of the office of Maritime Port Security at dhollowood@comdt.uscg.mil.

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<http://marineinvestigations.us.mil> *



PERSONNEL SERVICES

It's time to re-think the FSO-PS and SO-PS staff office at the Flotilla and District level.

For years past, this has been a position of "let's put a name down." Our strong and active members are in positions of Operations and Vessel Examiner, the keynotes of our organization. We have lost many members due to the PSI process and the general apathy of volunteer service. There are too many organizations trying to recruit active members to fill their ranks.

With the emphasis on recruiting the position of Personnel Services becomes more important. Recruiting is not a skill that all of us possess. Your Flotilla may get a referral from National. If someone is interested enough to send their name and address to the National web site, they certainly deserve a call or visit from an enthusiastic and informative Auxiliarist. This is a potential member, who may join and eventually bring along a spouse/friend. We need to do the best possible recruiting job that we are capable of.

Boat shows and other PA activities from the Personnel Services (PS) perspective should be....RECRUITING! It's the job of the PA officer to put the show together. With all the work involved the PA officer is often not focused on the recruiting opportunities. The job of the PS officer is to have a recruiting mission specified. Make sure all literature handed out has local contact information. Make sure handouts on "HOW TO JOIN THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY" are in place. Have a specific form for entering potential member inquiries. Make sure all booth watchstanders know the importance of the recruiting mission. Make sure you have a recruiting team to follow-up on each and every membership inquiry. A creative PS officer will have many more ideas for recruiting potential members. Our most potential source of members is our Public Education (PE) classes. Many years ago the Department of Member Resources and PE in NR, wrote "A Minute for Membership." The "Minutes" are designed for presentation during the conduct of PE courses to help in the recruitment of new members.

The eight (8) "Minutes" are titled:

The Mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary
Vessel Safety Checks
Opportunities for Training
Special Academic Study (AUXOP)

Public Education

Operations

Boat Crew Qualification Program

We all serve

If you would like a copy of the updated "A Minute for Membership," send me an E-mail hamiller@ptd.net and I'll send you a copy. Let's all be recruiters in 2006. *

Astrida V. Miller, DSO-PS
Covington, PA

RECRUITING/PUBLIC EDUCATION RESOURCES

At N-Train the Community Outreach Branch of the Department of PA unveiled the National Speaker's Bureau.

Please visit the AUXPA website at http://www.auxpa.org/outreach/co_sb_about.htm. In addition to qualified speakers for live groups, radio and television, we are also looking for trainers, and speech writers. The bureau will maintain a database of prepared speeches and, talking points and outlines. All of the materials will be pre-approved for content. We will also provide sample contact letters to send to potential audiences.

Betty Zoellner, BA-ASO is the point of contact for the Speakers Bureau. Her email is bcz@charter.net. The website also includes an online application.

The Community Outreach Branch will be rolling out the Veteran's History Project shortly. We are also working on arranging for PA Exhibits at Target Stores, AAA offices and for the presentation of "Colors" by Auxiliary Color Guards at sporting events leading up to and during National Safe Boating Week. I will keep you informed as these projects progress. If your District has a Color Guard(s) in place please let me know. Ideally we will be able to broadcast public service announcements and/or have a PA exhibit at the sporting events.

We also announce the first in a series of children's stories, "The Pefdee Family" http://www.auxpa.org/outreach/the_pefdee_family.pdf and plans for "The Adventures of Coastie." We are exploring the possibility of having a national contest for the children's stories and including animation with the stories.

I look forward to working with you all during the course of the year. *

Anthony Turner National PA Officer
Chief, Community Outreach Branch
labkesq@yahoo.com

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BOATING SAFETY BOOTHS GREAT TOOLS FOR THE AUXILIARY

The question is why we should have boating safety booths. First, this is one of the best ways to advertise the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard, and Homeland Security. Second, we always need to increase our membership, alert the public of our safe boating classes and vessel safety checks. At the booth you have an opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with the public. It is our chance to explain about Auxiliary activities, and all we do for the public and Homeland Security. Remember, a lot of the public do not even know we exist.

At a boating safety booth you can promote membership, provide handouts for safe boating classes, make contacts for vessel safety checks, and recruit for the U.S. Coast Guard with the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP). One suggestion is to have clip boards with sign up sheets, one for Auxiliary membership, one for safe boating classes, and one for vessel safety checks. One flotilla received six prospective members in less than a month and a half from booth related sign-ups and over 30 students for their safe boating classes. If you decide to have your booth support RAP, be sure to have a recruiter or at a minimum a recruiter card along with recruiting materials available.

When you set up a booth always have back board displays or banners and posters. Blue table cloths are recommended along with a large assortment of literature to hand out to the public. Materials such as: Federal and State Boating Regulations, Lifejackets, Waterway Watch, Auxiliary membership, environmental publications, and boating safety and pollution coloring books for the kids.

I would like to see every Division have a safety booth display. This way every Flotilla in the Division could take advantage of setting up a booth. You can set up a booth at many locations – Marinas, Malls, Special Events, State Parks, Schools, and many other places. One Division in our District will do over 30 booths this year. About 200,000 people will attend the events where the booths will be located.

As a Public Affairs Officer you need to submit articles to newspapers, you should try to make Auxiliary awareness presentations at factories, community meetings, radio and TV spots, etc...

Let's get the word out to the public about the Auxiliary. ✱

*John P. Bernath DSO-PA
Millsboro, DE*

PUBLIC AFFAIRS MISSIONS

All Public Affairs Officers should be reporting Public Affairs missions on the 7030 forms and the travel and preparation for those missions should be on the 7029 form. Currently a significant number of Divisions and Flotillas are not reporting their hours correctly. I went into AUXDATA and found "0" for Public Affairs hours. I then went to AUXDATA for Public Education and found out that the Flotillas with "0" are conducting PE Classes. This exercise reveals a lack of understanding as to how to report PA hours. Listed below are guidelines for reporting time spent on Public Affairs missions.

Form 7030 Public Affairs Missions reporting guidelines:

10A ARTICLES SUBMITTED - Time spent preparing any article submitted as an announcement, story, feature, photo, or listing for public consumption promoting the USCGAUX, or CG.

10B PUBLIC LECTURES GIVEN - Time spent on any address, lecture, or speech, while in uniform, to any gathering of the public. The number in the audience is to be reported in REMARKS.

10C PARTICIPATION IN RADIO/TV PROGRAMS - Time spent in the preparation or participation in any aired TV or Radio program, or segment thereof.

10D WEBSITE MAINTENANCE - The time spent altering or updating your unit's website, or responding directly to inquiries received on your unit's website.

10E SIGNS/BANNERS - The time spent preparing and/or erecting signs and/or banners promoting the Auxiliary and its programs.

10F INFORMATION/VSC BOOTHS - The time spent standing watch, in uniform at an Information, Boat Show or VSC booth providing information to the public. The number of visitors contacted while on watch is to be included in REMARKS.

10G POSTERS/FLIERS - The time spent preparing and/or distributing posters and/or fliers for display to the public promoting the Auxiliary and its programs.

10H DIRECT MAILINGS - The time spent preparing and mailing information/promotions to the public.

10J PUBLIC APPEARANCES - The time spent, in uniform, officially representing the USCGAUX without speaking, i.e. Parades, school events, recognition ceremonies, public forums, operating COASTIE, etc.

10K OTHER PA PROJECTS - Time spent on any other organized Public Affairs promotion, project or activity that promotes the aims and/or purposes of the USCGAUX.

10L PUBLICATIONS HOURS - The total number of hours spent in preparing a publication and readying it for mailing and posting. This includes time spent in layout, editing, addressing and mailing. ✱

PUBLIC EDUCATION

This year, Auxiliarists in the Fifth Northern taught over 3200 students in the short courses, Boating Safely and America's Boating Course—an increase of over 25 percent from 2004. This is great news and shows that the recent declines in Public Education (PE) enrollment are reversing themselves.

There was a modest decline in those attending BS&S, but the increase in short course enrollments more than offset this decline. Students are demanding short courses, and the numbers bear this out. If you are not currently offering short courses, you should try them. It is a great way to obtain new members and upgrade some of the students to the more advanced courses.

In response to this shift to short courses, National is developing a series of "serialized" boating education courses for the recreational boater. At the current time, these courses include:

- Introduction to Piloting, based upon Lesson 9 of BS&S (release date Q3 2006).
- How to Read a Nautical Chart.
- GPS for Mariners.
- Radar for Mariners (Not definite at this writing, but likely to be approved).
- Weekend Navigator.

The Introduction to Piloting will be a short course to whet the appetite of students to take our more advanced courses. Students today do not want to make any long-term commitment until they are absolutely certain that it is worth it, and this course is designed to get them to take more courses. Some at this stage may join the Auxiliary.

The GPS course is a great follow up to the introductory pilot course—again a short course. I have taught this course, and it requires a modest charting ability. The students have to know enough to plot a course free of navigational hazards and to read off the way points.

Weekend Navigator will be the new capstone course in the navigation series and will be introduced in the third quarter of 2006, replacing our BCN/ACN offering. I have reviewed this course and find it a great improvement. It integrates seamlessly electronic navigation with traditional paper charting, ending with current sailing. It teaches navigation the way boaters do it today with the simultaneous reliance on every available navigational technique. ✱

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

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Welcome to the home of the E-Team

Who is the E-Team?

It's you, the members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary...every instructor, every Public Education Staff Officer at all levels, those of us who work for you at the National Staff level and EVERY MEMBER of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary that ever talks to anyone about the superior Recreational Boating Safety Education that we, as a TEAM offer to the American public.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is the most dominant single organization offering Recreational Boating Safety education, hands down! Through our combined efforts, we educate over 150,000 people every year in an effort for them share the waters in a safe manner. If you add to that total the "mini-course" taught during Vessel Safety Checks, we actually reach out to over one-quarter million of our fellow boaters annually.

Whether it's something as basic as America's Boating Course or as advanced as teaching navigation, we are an effective instrument of preventive SAR. If American boaters are safer, there will be fewer burdens on the US Coast Guard and others to look for and rescue boaters in distress.

Our focus in the months ahead

In the months ahead, you will see new, exciting courses emerge that you will be hearing more about:

- An introduction to piloting - An expansion of Lesson 9 of BS&S
- Sailing Skills & Seamanship
- The 13th edition of Boating Skills & Seamanship
- Weekend Navigator - A course for the public that will replace our traditional BCN/ACN course and will enable recreational boaters to learn both electronic and traditional navigation in the same course

In the past year, we have joined forces with McGraw-Hill Publishing in order to create state-of-the-art teaching materials for you to use.

We are currently hard at work on a new course to teach those members who wish to become instructors how to do so effectively. The *Auxiliary Instructor Development Course* will be modeled after the Coast Guard's Instructor Development Course taught at Petaluma and instead of a series of written examinations will employ PQS (Personal Qualification Standards) to demonstrate competency...actually demonstrating what is learned rather than just writing or talking about it.

Begin with Flotilla Leadership

Shortly, we will be asking you to reenergize your Public Education efforts at the Flotilla level since we all recognize that this is one of the best means for us to find new members and we'll be introducing you to an exciting concept that may be even more effective at finding those new members with boats.

We want to hear from you! Use your communication chain...Flotilla, Division and District to let us know what we're doing well and what you think needs to be changed. We do listen and we are responsive.

There are over 20,000,000 boats on America's waterways and we need to redouble our efforts to reach as many of those who operate those boats as we can so that their on-water experience will always be a safe and pleasurable one. ✱

*Doc Clinchy, Chief
Department of Education*

*Robin Freeman, Deputy Chief
Department of Education*

<http://www.auxdept.org/>

PUBLICATIONS

Starting January 01, 2006 the task of accumulating, assembling, publishing and mailing of the TOPSIDE became my responsibility. I am not new to PB office duties. I support my Flotilla and Division as PB officer by publishing two monthly newsletters and a variety of other materials. In addition to the TOPSIDE, I am responsible for the generation of the District Calendar of Events. I am flattered that Mel Borofsky (my predecessor and mentor) has entrusted me with his "BABY." I will strive to follow his example by continuing to generate a quality District 5NR magazine.



I am pleased to be working with the Publications team consisting of: Jeanne Brenner ASDO-PB (W), Gilbert Finkelstein ADSO-PB (E) and Carolyn Otto ADSO-PB (C). Detailed contact information on our entire team is located on the inside front cover of this issue. ✱

Thanks in advance for your support.
Edna M. Winans DSO-PB
Manahawkin, NJ

WE NEED YOUR HELP, YOUR NEWSLETTER IS ELIGIBLE FOR DISTRICT AND NATIONAL AWARDS

**5NR AuxPolicy Manual 0106
D5NRINST M16790.1B**

Chapter 12, Page 12-4

5. Awards Presented by the District Board to Individuals.

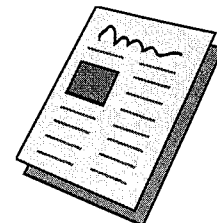
a. Division and Flotilla Publications Awards. This plaque will be presented to the editor of the best Division and Flotilla publication distributed on a monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly schedule.

(1) Flotillas and Divisions that submit publications for consideration shall provide a complete file of their publications for the year to the District Awards Committee Chairperson prior to December 15 of the award year. The Chairperson will forward the file of publications to the assigned sub-committee. The awards subcommittee will be selected by the awards committee and be approved by the DCO. In order to ensure competent technical assistance, it is not required that members of the sub-committee be members of the Auxiliary or of the Coast Guard. The method of printing, type of paper, and lack of photographs will not be considered in judgment of this competition. Judging will be based on the regularity of the publication and content.

(2) The winning Flotilla and Division publications, if they meet National awards criteria, will be submitted for consideration in National competition.

In addition to your Flotilla members, send a copy of each newsletter to the following:

Director of Auxiliary, DSO-PB, ADSO-PB (hard copy), SO-PB, Div Capt, Div Vice Capt, your FC, VFC, Historian, DCO, RCO, and KEEP A HARD COPY IN YOUR FILES. ✱



That being said, I turn my attention to YOU, the members of District 5NR. The success of TOPSIDE is directly tied to the quality and quantity of materials submitted by you, the District membership at large. TOPSIDE is a platform for each of you to communicate your member, Flotilla, and division activities at a District level and beyond. It's a vehicle for relaying positive messages to members encouraging them to participate in all facets of Auxiliary disciplines. When we ask for articles to be submitted, they do not have to be literary masterpieces. Just a few photos with some accompanying text is enough. YOU CAN DO IT!! Not to say we don't welcome more in depth articles, we do. We would love to have you submit articles supporting Team Coast Guard.

Start out by taking pictures of members (in uniform) going out on patrol, teaching classes, examining a vessel, or handing out brochures at a Boating Safety Booth. Write the names of the members and Flotilla, the location of the action being photographed and the name of the photographer on a piece of paper, or if you are careful on the back of the photograph. (Magic Marker will bleed through the photo and ball pen will emboss the photo and cause shadows on the front). Post-it notes are best. Send them to your ASDO-PB. Your ADSO will review and collect your submissions and forward them to me. That's all you need to get into the TOPSIDE. YOU CAN DO IT!!!

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

THE 2006 CAMPAIGN By Harriet Howard, DVC-AS

In preparation for the 2006 North American Safe Boating Campaign, the National Safe Boating Council has produced a postcard containing relevant information about the campaign and important dates and information about the campaign website. The postcard will be mailed to Auxiliary recipients in mid January. A copy of the postcard may be viewed on the web site.

The big change for 2006 is that due to the expense, there will be no mailed-out campaign kits. Everything you need for the campaign will be available on line at the campaign website: www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com by March 1st.

Special Features:

- New campaign material
- New ideas for the campaign
- New information on how to order materials
- New media tools with a "grassroots approach"
- New vinyl banners for your events

Your favorite items, such as posters, logos, statistical information and a list of free and low cost materials will still be available, on line.

National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, 2006.

The slogan remains the same:

"Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It!"

The emphasis is on the **"Wear It!"** portion of the message.

The North American Safe Boating Campaign promotes boating safety throughout the year, from Canada to the Caribbean. ✱

*Article submitted by: Muriel Lewis, DSPO-NSBW
Haverford, PA*



MATERIAL ON WEBSITE AVAILABLE MAR 1

This is to introduce you to MYRNA THE

MERMAID. Myrna is the latest mascot to join the earlier ones who spread the boating safety word. We had Popeye, then Flipper, then PFD Panda, and lastly Coastie (our lovable boat). Their messages have been, Wear your Life Jacket. It floats, you don't.



The latest Coast Guard statistics show there were 703 recreational boating fatalities on the water in 2003; 27 of these were children. In all, 86% of the people involved were not wearing their life jackets. It is our job - no, our duty - to educate the boating community to "Boat Smart. Boat Safe and Wear It!"

New ideas always catch the eyes and ears of the general public. And so now we have Myrna the Mermaid, an attractive combination of the mythical and the practical. Myrna wears a life jacket. Her message to all boaters is, "If you don't wear anything else, wear your life jacket."

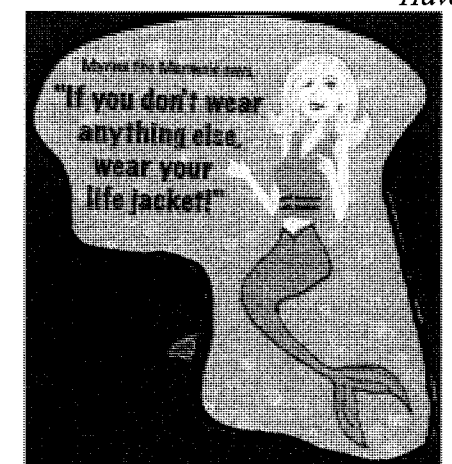
Stressing this point, the National Safe Boating Council asks us all to be life savers. Just as Myrna says, they stress the importance of wearing life jackets when aboard.

Myrna would like all boaters to take a boating safety class because boating education saves lives. She urges all boat owners to get a vessel safety check because safe boats save lives. Another Myrna request - do not drink and drive because sober boaters save lives. ✱

Take a tip from the mermaid. Be safe on and in the water.

Note from DSO-CS: the above message with graphic can be viewed at: <http://www.auxpa.org/documents/NSBCFeb2006.pdf>

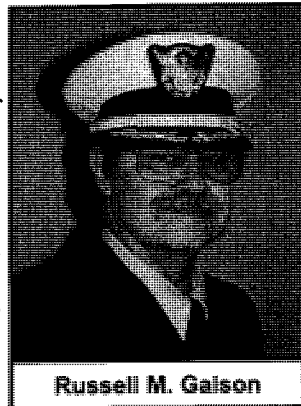
*Muriel Lewis, DSPO-NSBW
Haverford, PA*



RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PARTICIPATING VISITOR

REACHING OUR GOAL – RBS-PV

In the 2005 RBS-PV workshops we discussed at length the entire subject of goals. We examined 16 components involved in a successful approach to a program using goals, teamwork and performance measures. It all boils down to our understanding the RBS-PV program and defining how we can implement the best possible approach to the mission.



Russell M. Galson

This all begins with a plan. A plan however cannot execute itself. It takes committed members, trust, leadership and teamwork to start up. The RBS-PV program is one that requires real teamwork to succeed. The Visitors interact with many of the programs within the Flotilla. Visitors should never see themselves as an isolated individual. They rely on the help of everyone from Public Affairs to Vessel Examiners to create a well rounded support group. This requires that we communicate to each other in ways that assure we can keep our commitments while maintaining a confidence in each other.

When we know our roles it helps us understand how we fit into the program and the overall business of the Auxiliary. It not only gives you a strong sense of ownership but also clearly defines how much of a difference you really can make!

Our Core Values in the RBS-PV program rely on our ability to communicate. Remember that as a Program Visitor, you are communicating both among the members and also with your Program Partners outside the team.

Being part of a team means that everyone involved has a role. We must always create a sense of partnership as we work on a goal together. We must agree on what our goals are and we must respect each other's contributions toward that goal no matter how large or small it may appear to be.

Now then, it is great to set a goal, but that goal must have a purpose and a process to help us reach the goal. Have you ever given much thought to just how much this little gem of information applies to everything we do? For example: how do you deal with problems, or do you keep notes? Are regular team meetings important and do

you keep a record of your progress? All of these things contribute to helping you to a successful outcome.

There is much more we can look at on this topic. Let me ask you this. What is your Goal? What should the Goal of all Program Visitors be?

Goals give us additional positive re-enforcement to improve our skills and performance. Keep in mind that before your team sets a goal to make sure you can reach that goal while at the same time that goal will challenge you to reach a little higher. And please remember to measure your improvements along the journey. ✱

*Russell M. Galson DSO-PV
Turnersville, NJ*

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY DEVICE



Establishment of an RBS device was announced at NACON 2005.

The device is earned by those members with sustained performance across multiple RBS mission venues. The award criteria will be finalized and announced at N-Train 2006, but members participating in at least three RBS mission areas will be eligible. Two of those will be the RBS Visitation Program and the Vessel Safety Check Program. To support this endeavor, the department will be aligning our "star" award program to align with the requirements of the RBS Device criteria. Hence, a vessel examiner and program visitor "star" will be well on their way of becoming a Recreational Boating Safety "super-star."

This is an individual who applies the Recreational Boating Safety body of knowledge across multiple delivery venues to the recreational boating community: public education, public affairs, vessel safety checks, program visitations, and Legislative Outreach. ✱

From Safetyseal.net

VESSEL EXAMINERS

Well, we had a good year as far as vessel safety checks are concerned. For the first time in, I don't know how many years, we completed our VSC (vessel safety check) goal for the year. MANY THANKS to you for all the hard work you gave to the program.



As of 25 Dec 05 our District completed a total of 12,103 VSC's well over our 2005 goal of 10,260. This keeps us as number 3 in the nation.

By now, you should have received your VSC decals for 2006. If not, contact your Vessel Examiner Staff Officer (FSO-VE). If we keep up, we will also reach our goal for 2006 which equates to the number of boats that are safer on the water. After all, isn't this a part of what we are all about?

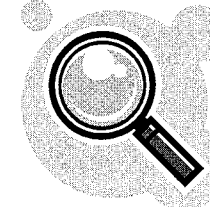
The year 2005, was my last year as your District Staff Officer (DSO-VE). I accepted a new position within our District as the "District Chief of Prevention" (D-CP). This new position was created because of the new sectorization of the Coast Guard. I am still not out of the program because my new responsibility includes oversight of the VSC program.

Your new DSO-VE is Ronald J. VanZile. He can be reached at e-mail: rvanzile@stny.rr.com.

Larry W. Irvin is the Assistant District Staff Officer-West (ADSO-VE (W)). He can be reached at e-mail: lai1010@adelphia.net. Aldo Guerino is still the ADSO-VE (E) and Clyde Reynolds is still the ADSO-VE (C). He can be reached at e-mail: c.reynoldsjr@worldnet.att.net.

When your Flotilla's initial order of VSC decals starts to run short the FSO-VE's should request them from your Division VE Officer (SO-VE).

I want to again THANK YOU for all your help and support in this important program. It is because of members like you that recreational boats and the boating public are considerably safer. ✱

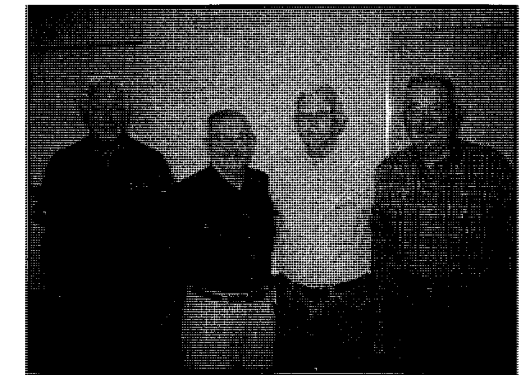


*Alfred O. Grimminger, DSO-VE
Middletown, DE*

AUXILIARY TRAINING

WOOD BOAT EXAMINATION COURSE

Three Auxiliary Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety (CFVS) Dockside Examiners from the Fifth District were among 25 Coast Guard personnel who recently participated in a five day wood boat inspection course for Examiners at Training Center Yorktown.



Pictured (l-r) are instructor Captain Franke, George Hagerty (19-4, 5th Southern), Warren Huff (6-10, 5th Northern) and Dave Winne (12-5, 5th Southern).



The Atlantic Area Marine Safety Division scheduled and funded this course as part of the continuing education program for Dockside Examiners. Led by Captain Franke, who provides fiberglass and wood boat inspection training to the Coast Guard under contract, the course consisted of morning classroom sessions with afternoon visits to local shipyards to examine wood boats under repair.

A second convening of the course is planned for Spring 2006; interested CFVS Dockside Examiners should contact Fifth District CFVS Coordinator Bob Garrett ✱

*Robert G. (Bob) Garrett
Fifth Coast Guard District
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator
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SETTING GOALS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

How does the song go... "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Yes, the New Year is upon us and it has always been one of my favorite times of the year. One of the things I look forward to at the beginning of each year is planning what I want to accomplish and skills I want to develop or hone in the coming year, in other words, setting goals -- how powerful!

Goals. Most people have a love-hate relationship with goals. They love them because they are such a great idea and a wonderful way to motivate us to achieve, as well as evaluate our progress, but hate them because for many, they more often than not go unattained and simply frustrate them. This isn't what goals should do!

So here are some simple ways to set goals so that we achieve them! After all, what good is a goal if it isn't something you achieve? Here are some simple steps you can take to make sure that you see change in your life this year.

Narrow your focus. That's right, start small. Pick two or three areas tops, that you want to work on. Too many people say to themselves, "I want to do this, and this, and this, and this..." and they end up doing nothing! Most of what you do throughout your day can be done without a lot of mental or emotional exertion, but change isn't one of them. So focus down to a couple. This way you can get some victory in these areas. Here are some areas to think about: Vessel Examination (VE), Program Visitor (PV) and Public Education (PE). What areas need some attention? Now, what one thing should be the first item on the list? The others will come later, but for now, you should focus on two or three total.

Keep the long-term in mind, but set your sights on achieving your goals in the short-term. As a Vessel Examiner (VE), do you want to examine 25 vessels? Good. Long-term you will. If you only do VSCs from May thru August that would equal roughly 6 VSCs/month. Consider twenty minutes/VSC and you have only have to spend about 2 hours per month to accomplish this!

Now, let's look at the Program Visitor (PV) program. This is a year round program (12 months). If you would do only 3 visits/month, over the year, that would credit you with 36 visits. And consider our Public Education Program (PE). Let's say you teach or assist in a 6 lesson course. Well, you are on your way to earning the "NEW" **Recreational Boating Safety Device!** Progress feels

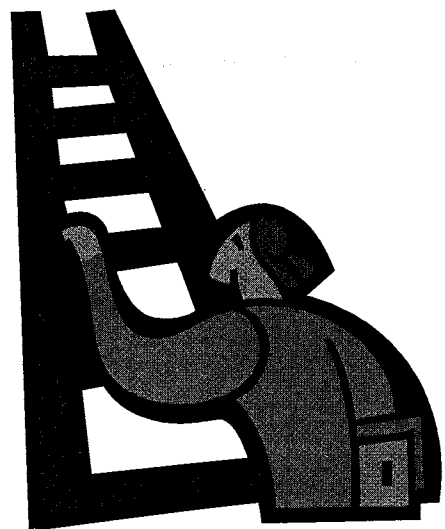
good, but achieving a goal is awesome!

Find a partner. That's right, someone who is trying to accomplish the same thing (or something different if need be). Just make sure that they really want to change, or they will end up just bellyaching about how hard it is and you will both fall into the abyss.

That's it. I truly believe that it can be that simple for you. **"Review your goals twice every day in order to be focused on achieving them."** -- Les Brown

Okay, I don't know about twice a day (though it couldn't hurt), but the point is well taken: You should review your goals regularly, at least several times a week. If you put them on a sheet of paper or on your computer where you will see them all of the time, all the better. The first point would be that you have to have your goals written down. Do you? If not, get to it. If you do, then print them out where you can get to them on a regular basis. This will program your mind to focus in on these priorities of yours and you will function more along the lines that you want to. ✱

COMO. Edward Rearick, PDCO5NR
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Marlton, NJ

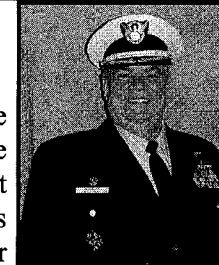


THE CONSUMMATE AUXILIARIST

MEL BOROFSKY

Prologue

In 1996, Mel Borofsky assumed the editorship of TOPSIDE and Clyde College was the 5NR District Commodore. Since then he has continuously served as DSO-PB/Editor under COMOS Locasale, Perrone, Bentley and Kehr. His term of DSO-PB 5NR expired on 31 December 2005.



Mel took command of his *new ship* and kept it sailing in the tradition of a proud captain. Now his *ship*, TOPSIDE was passing all sea trials with flying colors. The 5NR command did not expect anything less from a top notch captain. He "rebuilt" TOPSIDE by laying a strong keel, adding sturdy ribs upon which to build a solid deck and a great superstructure.

A strong keel – Mel attended Flotilla, Division, District meetings, and many other meetings plus too many Auxiliary functions to mention here, to obtain informative articles for TOPSIDE.

Sturdy ribs – once the keel was laid, he recruited member participation to support a solid deck.

A solid deck – hard work and many hours of traveling around the district were devoted to build a deck that would support a new superstructure composed of articles and photos to help support his goals of keeping 5NR members informed.

A great superstructure – as informative articles started to arrive, a new format was established, new concepts initiated and many, many photographs were added.

Everything was done in Bristol fashion and Mel's *ship* has been sailing a record breaking and true course ever since.

Mel Borofsky joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a member of Flotilla 72 in 1994 and was elected Vice Flotilla Commander the same year. He subsequently served as Flotilla Commander, Division 7 Vice Captain, Division 7 Captain and was elected Rear Commodore (E) in 2001. Mel has also been a Team Coordination Training (TCT) Facilitator since 1997 averaging over 15 workshops per year.

TOPSIDE magazine was declared best in the nation in 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004. It went from a 16-20 page publication to a 60-80 page publication with the tremendous support of the D5-NR membership.

Mel was appointed BC-ADG and editor of the fledgling

e-magazine SITREP in 2000 and was appointed DVC-AP (Chief, Media Division, which became Chief, Publications Division) in 2004. His responsibilities include all CGAUX publications nationally, including NAVIGATOR, SITREP, E-NEWS and others. He used the same techniques to build SITREP, the National eNews magazine, that he used to build TOPSIDE thus creating a national online magazine with a great national reputation. The main differences between the two are his travels now encompass the North American Continent, not just the D5-NR area of three states and his fame as a top-notch editor has spread internationally.

Newsletter publishing and photography were only two of Mel's many varied skills. He also designed the 5th Northern District flag that is displayed at all District conferences, Changes of Watch and appears on 5NR websites and on District manuals.



Mel's personal awards, at the time of this writing, were 37 which included: Sustained Auxiliary Service Award, 11 times; Auxiliary PE Service Award, 6 times; Auxiliary VE/MDV Service Award, 6 times; CG Meritorious Team Commendation, 6 times; Auxiliary Operations Service Award; Auxiliary Achievement Award, 2 times in one year; CG Unit Commendation, 2 times; Auxiliary Commandant Letter of Commendation; Auxiliary Commendation Medal; Auxiliary: DOT Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award. He also was D5-NR Instructor of the Year for 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 and D5-NR Membership Trainer of the Year for 2000, 2001, 2002.

Epilogue

Sadly for D5-NR, Mel and his wife Michele moved to sunny Florida and they transferred their membership to Flotilla 43, D7 as of 1 January 2006 where Mel became a "permanent member." His shipmates in the Fifth Northern wish him and Michele fair winds and calm seas in their new adventures.

Mel, we know that you will continue to strive for perfection in your duties at the National level and bring pride and honor to the United States Guard Auxiliary. The 7th District has gained a valuable asset and we are sure that your skills, values and devotion to duty will always be held in high esteem.

You will be missed, but not forgotten. ✱

Semper Paratus!

Harry Dyer, DSO-CS
Washington Crossing, PA

FLOTILLA HONORS AST WATCHSTANDER AT COW

The Change of Watch for Flotilla 79 turned out to have a special surprise for out-going Flotilla Commander Ellen Voorhees. It began by Thomas Don, VFC, telling of his discovery of an impressive beautiful leather bound book entitled "The Coast Guard," published for the Foundation for Coast Guard History. This book gives an overview of the history of the United States Coast Guard.



Ellen Voorhees Watchstander AST

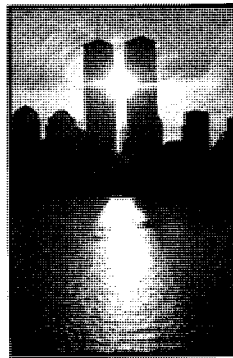
In a chapter relating to the 9-11 Disaster, Ellen B. Voorhees is mentioned as the Auxiliarist on duty as Watchstander at the Incident Response Center, USCG Atlantic Strike Team (AST) in Ft. Dix NJ when the call came in that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center.

An oral history is available on line of Ms Voorhees' experiences that day at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Dcp/history/weboralhistory/911%5Fnsf%5Findex.html>.

Joyce McGowan, FC and Kenneth McGowan, DSO-IS teamed with Tom Don, VFC to acquire the book as an outgoing gift for Ellen on behalf of the Flotilla. All 79ers' who attended that evening's ceremonies signed the book with their personal comments for Ellen. Joyce and Tom then presented Ellen with the very special keepsake.



In her acceptance comments, Ellen referred to the U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team as an essential and vital arm of the U. S. Coast Guard. In characteristic



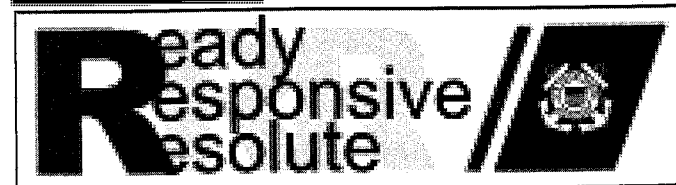
fashion, Ellen praised the Incident Response Center and it's professionalism in supporting U. S. Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team (AST). They are on stand-by 24/7 training, maintaining equipment, and are always in ready mode. She also stated what a privilege and honor it is for her to serve as a volunteer at AST.

Ellen's involvement as an Auxiliarist underlines what a key resource we are for the Coast Guard at large. Auxiliarists on a regular basis volunteer their time in addition to the standard scope of Flotilla activities. Many times on short notice, slots are filled by Auxiliarists regarding High-Priority Actions within the United States Coast Guard; witness the response of USCG Auxiliarists after the hurricanes of 2005. Auxiliarists accept and face the challenges presented to them on a regular and daily basis and perform duties as assigned, large and small, for the good and welfare of others.

"The Coast Guard" You may purchase this book for yourself on line at "www.Amazon.com"

Amazon Book Description: Written by an outstanding team of historians and officers, the definitive story of the U.S. Coast Guard is recorded for the first time in this magnificently illustrated, large format book published with the foundation for Coast Guard History. Stories of the "Coastie" experience as well as essays on history, lighthouses, search and rescue, aviation, the drug war, and the war on terrorism all share one common focus: the highly trained and motivated people who make it work.

*Article and photos by:
Kathleen G. Frencer FSO-PA/PB 79
Forked River, NJ*



AUXILIARISTS ANSWERING THE CALL FROM FEMA

LOUISIANA

On September 2, 2005, I received an email originating from the Chief Director's Office announcing the need for Coast Guard Auxiliarists to help both the Coast Guard and FEMA in the devastated Gulf coast. The commitment would be for a minimum of two weeks. With a little persuasion, my wife and children felt they could manage for that period and I submitted my name as a volunteer. While waiting to be called, and to get an idea of what I had volunteered for, I dug out the last two issues of NAVIGATOR and reread the articles concerning what the Auxiliarists did in Florida last year.

On September 22 I received my call and after a bit of confusion with my name and phone number, the caller asked if I was available to deploy and if I was aware that the minimum commitment was a month. I repeated the month commitment out loud so my wife could hear and with her nod of agreement, I answered "yes." Hoping I'd have a buddy on this venture, I asked if Rod Miller was on her call list and was glad to hear he and Judy Dann were also being called. She then told me that Chuckie Berg, one of our newer members, had already been notified. After ending the call, my family and I started to rearrange our schedules in anticipation of my impending departure. Two days later the call came that I was to make reservations to arrive in Atlanta the next day.

Rod Miller and I were both able to get on a flight out of Harrisburg the next day. We were also lucky enough to get a room at the hotel where the FEMA training and deployment was taking place. We then met and spoke to several Auxiliarists. We all hit it off immediately. One familiar face was that of Joe Barcelo, a recent transplant from New Jersey to Florida. One 'celebrity Auxiliarist' that was visible to all was Santa Claus. You can read an article about this remarkable man in SITREP magazine.

Early Monday morning we began our "in processing." After filling out a number of forms we were sworn in as government employees. Then it was on to Security for ID badges followed by some necessary immunizations. This took all of the first morning.

Following lunch, we began our mandatory training. It was during the training session that we met up with Chuckie Berg and Ronald Kripas, a member of Flotilla 53. During the next four days, we took various classes while waiting for our deployment call. An Assistant Chief of the Atlanta Fire Department, who had returned from the disaster area the previous week, put on one of the most informative classes I attended. He was in charge of "Georgia #1" Urban Search and Rescue Team, which had been the first ground team to enter Saint Bernard Parish after the flood waters were lowered. The photographs and his first-hand account dispelled any doubts we might have had about the level of devastation we would see in the New Orleans area. We didn't know it at the time but Rod and I were getting a preview of the area where we would ultimately be assigned.

Friday came and with it we received our deployment orders. We were to drive from Atlanta to Baton Rouge, LA along with 48 others volunteers on Saturday morning, two per car. When we arrived, following a short delay, we were instructed to go to a "tent city" called Port Allen for the night. It was now about 2200 and the outside temperature was above 80 degrees with high humidity. The tents each held 100 cots of which half were already occupied. Although the tent afforded no privacy and the generators were a bit noisy, after a quick shower and inserting earplugs, sleep came quickly.



We woke very early on Sunday morning and headed for breakfast in the dining tent. It never ceases to amaze me what great food the military can prepare in the field as well as dining halls. Following our meal several officials greeted us and gave us a brief overview of the situation. This briefing was interrupted by an announcement from the operations officer looking for 20 volunteers to depart on Monday morning to the Algiers section of New Orleans, LA. Although there had been reports of shootings and major looting in New Orleans, it was further reported that

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the military and local law enforcement had the situation under control. The 20 volunteers were quickly chosen and those of us who remained went back to our briefing.

About 40 minutes later, another call came in looking for six volunteers to depart to New Orleans. The show of hands was a bit slower this time, as we had all had some time to think about all the stories we had heard. Then four people reluctantly raised their hand. Rod then looked at me and I at him and then raised our hands. In one respect I wanted to remain in the relative safety and civilized world of Baton Rouge but I also had come to help wherever I could be the most useful. Reflecting back, I know that was the right decision.

Our group of six consisted of four Auxiliarists (Jim Naugle, John Wetterholt, Rod Miller and me) and Robin Zabelka and Yvonia Wilson. Our assignment was to help establish a new Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Saint Bernard Parish. Since they had no office-type supplies, we were to bring as much as we could fit in our vehicles along with the informational bulletins and fliers that would be distributed to the hurricane victims. We loaded our vehicles with the needed supplies and headed for New Orleans. Our instructions stated that we needed to be at the cruise ship "Sensation" by dusk due to the curfew.

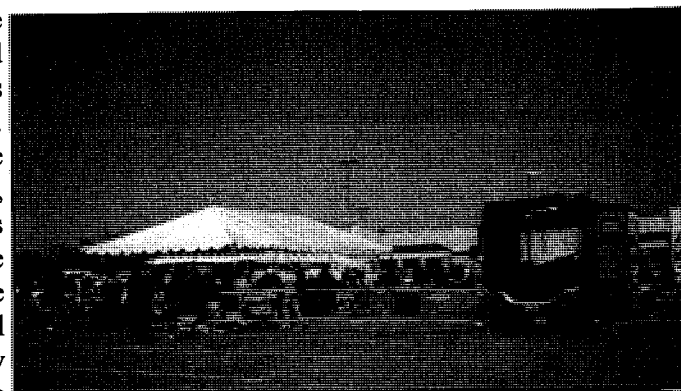
Due to the heavy traffic, the drive took longer than expected. As we neared the edge of Lake Pontchartrain, we began to notice some signs of the storm damage. The wind was blowing fairly strong causing white caps on the lake. I could only imagine what the lake must have looked like when the hurricane winds had whipped it. As we approached the western side of the city the damage was more evident. We saw downed trees and homes with blown out windows. We saw some apartment buildings where entire walls were missing and other buildings that were missing roofs.



Our directions called for us to exit at the Superdome and suddenly there it was. As we drove towards it, I had flashbacks of the TV pictures I had seen just after the storm. Now, I was here next to it and seeing trash bags piled everywhere. The whole scene was like something out of a horror movie. We were in the heart of a major city and there were no signs of life. Together, our convoy made its way through the deserted streets dodging broken glass, downed poles and wires, and other hazards until we reached Canal Street. This was known as one of the busiest streets in New Orleans and here we found some

signs of life. There were cars and trucks parked in the medians, partway on the sidewalk and in several areas blocking one of the lanes. No traffic signals were working and with the debris everywhere, driving called for caution, courtesy and being alert. We followed the directions to the terminal and behind the terminal building you could just see the top deck of the ship. We had reached our destination just as the sun was setting.

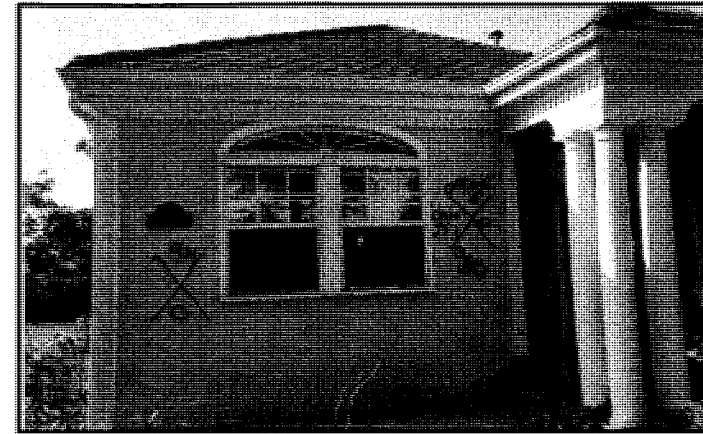
The next morning, on the shuttle bus to the parking lot, we learned that the ship was not only housing the local police and firemen, but also their families. We then proceeded towards our destination, the Exxon Mobil Refinery on St. Bernard Hwy. Once there, we were to look for a brown motor home in the rear of the parking lot. As we traveled down Rampart Street, there were signs of the recent flooding and all of the buildings we passed had some degree of damage. Here again there were hardly any cars moving and no people. We soon came to the first checkpoint that was manned by the military and the local police. I quickly spotted the machine guns on the military vehicles and again realized this was for real. Our ID's were



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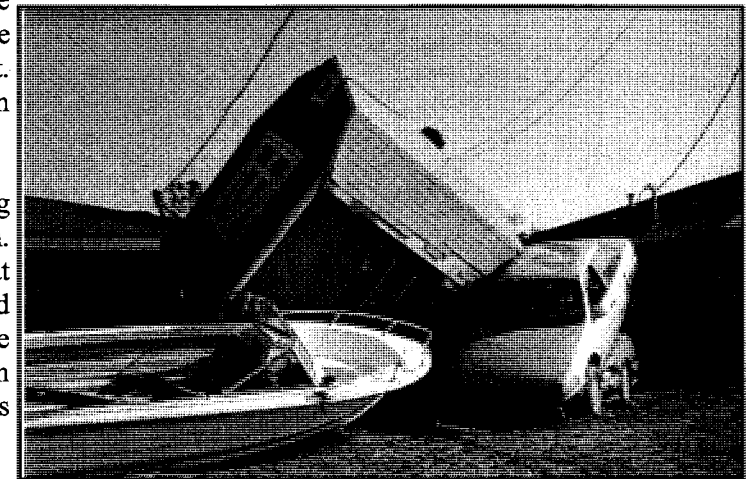
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checked and they passed us through. We had just entered the Lower 9th Ward and by decree of the local government officials, this area was off limits to non-official traffic. Damage here was more evident. We saw some buildings were flattened; some were burned out and trash was everywhere. Some buildings had markings on them as info for rescuers. As I looked down one of the streets, I saw a pack of dogs running and some still with chains or ropes attached. *(We later learned that the Humane Society had set up feeding and watering stations all over the New Orleans area and were trying to catch abandoned pets. When they removed an animal from a structure, they would paint a notice on the building stating the fact and a phone number.)*

Virtually every building and house had been affected and the landscape seemed coated the same color, a brown mustard shade. Vehicles were stacked upright between houses or balanced on their front bumper. Boats with their trailers still attached were strewn all over and some were even on the roofs of houses. The main roads had been plowed to remove mud and debris but many of the side roads were still impassible. Houses had been either floated or pushed off their foundation by the wall of water from the breaching of the levees. You could easily tell how high the water had risen by looking at the roofs. On roofs one would see refrigerators, propane tanks, boats, travel trailers, tree stumps, swamp grass and everything else that would float. I also noticed a number of houses with chopped holes in the roof where people had been rescued.

Everywhere you looked you would see the same thing and the vision of total devastation soon became the norm. We would come to understand that all of the structures that were located near the gulf side of the Parish sustained complete destruction. As you moved closer to the Mississippi River side of the Parish the damage, although still severe, was less than total. The highest ground was obviously next to the river levee.



We found the refinery and the motor home and rejoined the rest of our team. Our Team Leader, Mary Dawson, explained the current situation. The Parish had a mandatory evacuation for hurricane Katrina. Although some residents had decided to ride out the storm, many had to be rescued when the flooding occurred and they had been removed from the area. The officials knew that there were still a few residents that never left and they were in need of water, food and medical treatment. Now that the water had been pumped out, the Parish Officials were going to permit the residents back in to the Parish during daylight hours to view their property and salvage some of their personal possessions. However, the Parish would remain under a dusk to dawn curfew.



Initially, our job was to get out into the various neighborhoods and meet with the residents as they returned to view their property. We were to ascertain their current situation, whether they had started a claim for FEMA assistance, provide pertinent information and just be there

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and listen. We were also to keep a lookout for people with special needs. Following this briefing, we were given an area familiarization tour. We visited the Chalmette High School where the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) had set up their operation. Simply put, it was a mobile field hospital that was capable of handling just about any type of injury or illness. Medical evacuation would be handled from this location if necessary. The next stop was a warehouse on the river where bottled water, meals ready to eat (MREs) could be picked up. We carried these with us at all times for the folks who needed them.

With the preliminaries out of the way, we began to patrol our assigned sectors. Within a few minutes we spotted our first family. We stopped the car and for the first time I used my opening line. "Hi folks, we are with FEMA, would you like some ice water?" With the temperature hovering around 100 degrees and very high humidity, ice water broke down many barriers. Hour after hour we answered questions, handed out literature, distributed meals and water, and listened to horror story after horror story of what these people had been through and were still dealing with. The list goes on and on and frankly the emotion they expressed takes its toll on you. These were conversations with the background of destroyed neighborhoods and a smell that I'll never forget. It seemed everyone wanted us to see the damage inside his or her homes. In our training we had been advised not to enter any of the buildings and at a minimum wear a mask around mold. Curiosity got the best of me and I did look into a couple of houses but I held my breath.

As the sun began to set we started back to the Exxon Mobil parking lot to file our reports on the day's activities. When all reports were submitted we discussed the plans for the next day. We then drove back to the ship met for our evening meal at the ship's grill. After dinner it was back to the room and some rest knowing the alarm was set for 0530.

For the first week this became the routine; rise at 0530, arrive Exxon Mobil building for the morning meeting, load vehicles with water, ice, food and literature then drive to assigned neighborhood to distribute and assist. We would have lunch and then return to our assigned areas which we would canvas until 1800. We would then attend a debriefing, submit daily reports and return to our ship. Following dinner it was back to bed for some needed sleep.



The second week, we helped set up the relief center on a Wal-Mart parking lot. FEMA moved the operation from the Exxon Mobil facility and raised tents to provide shade while people waited to be processed. Soon the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Church Relief groups set up their operations. A week or so later, several insurance companies set up their disaster claims service in motor homes. Since we were assigned to Community Relations, our work remained pretty much the same including taking turns screening and processing some of the victims claim forms. This for me was difficult, both physically and mentally.

I remember the first day I was assigned to the screening and processing. Our assignment was to explain the travel trailer program to the people and register those who were interested. Basically the program was to have a travel trailer placed on their property for the family accommodations while rebuilding their home. The stipulation was that there must be running water and a sewer connection on the site and it must have electricity. As you can imagine, everyone wanted a trailer on their property, however there were no utilities available in the entire parish. As a result, we could register them but could not give them any idea of when they could get one since we had no idea of when the utilities would be operational.

All we had as an office was a couple of card table chairs under an open blue tarp. As scheduled, I started at 0730 with the first family. Every family had their story to tell and needed to vent. One family after another filed through my station and I would recite the same explanation of the program, fill out the form, listen to their situation and try to offer

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some hope. The day wore on with nary a break, a feeling of guilt came over me, how could I take a break with so many people in line needing my assistance. Finally I started with my last family. They were a young couple with a 4 or 5-year-old daughter. They told me of their evacuation and time spent in a shelter and they were living in a relative's home with two other families. Everything they owned was in their home, which had been completely flooded. I listened, kidded with the little girl, and filled out the forms, explaining as best I could about the utilities. When we finished, we all stood up and I shook their hand and wished them all the best. As they walked away I heard the little girl ask, "Daddy, why won't that man give us our house?" headed in another direction to be alone for a few minutes and get myself back together. This is just a sampling of what these people were experiencing and the emotional turmoil we were all going through.



L-R: Stephen Marthouse and Rodney Miller

Each day there was more and more activity in the Parish as a greater number of residents began to salvage what they could. A couple of gas stations opened up and even a few of the bars set up makeshift restaurants outside next to their buildings and began to serve lunch. Although small, you could see the residents desire to get things moving forward again. It seemed that every day, a new rumor would be unleashed and we would spend a great deal of time clearing up misunderstandings.

Construction continued and a level wooden foundation was constructed on the parking lot with a large fully enclosed tent. It was equipped with air conditioning and heat, it was like a palace when compared to what we were using as an office. When completed, it was sectioned off to handle not only FEMA but also virtually all the Federal and State agencies. It was billed as a one-stop shop on the parking lot of the Super Wal-Mart. Being a more permanent facility, it was to let the people know that the government was not going to abandon them and would be there until no longer needed. Since we had been here for 3 weeks, I personally felt it was time to go.

Now that I have been away for a while I can share my perspective of the events. The more permanent structure was an outward symbol that it will be a very long time until there is no longer a need for assistance for the families of this area. I also found out that a number of the new persons arriving to work were local hire. One of the goals of FEMA is to replace the temporary volunteer workers with locals who need the job and will be there for the duration. Since they are also victims, they will learn their skills via on-the-job training while working with and for their neighbors. I can now also appreciate the FEMA standard policy of rotating people out. The idea is to allow you a period to decompress and release some pent up emotion.

Several people have asked me if I would do this again and my answer is YES. Despite what was on TV or written in the papers, I must admit that FEMA impressed me. When I was on the ship, I used to laugh when I watched the news in the evening. They were just amazed that people would come from all over the nation to try in some small way to help them in their recovery efforts. It appeared to me that the Coast Guard was the only organization that came out as a shining star by both the media and the local population. We all saw their rescue operations on TV but I also witnessed their efforts on the ground. They were involved in all areas of the recovery efforts. When I see these true professionals at work, I'm proud to be associated with them, and this was no different. Though I was prepared to assist either the Coast Guard or FEMA on this disaster response, FEMA called first. As a result, I returned home feeling proud of being affiliated with both. ❀

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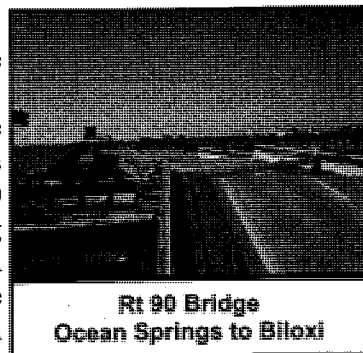
As I stood at the shoreline of Biloxi Bay, MS looking out toward the calm Gulf waters, it was difficult to imagine a 20 foot storm surge advancing 4 miles inland....until you look toward shore and see buildings with 2 bottom floors totally gone along with their contents; and empty lots where homes had been. Debris was staged in large heaps waiting to be trucked north in a seemingly endless caravan of uncovered trucks. Litter was strewn for miles along the highway making driving hazardous.

My six week deployment for FEMA started in Atlanta, GA headquarters. Processing, consisted of orientation, issuance of ID and cell phone, shots, forms and briefings. Our group of 18 Auxiliarists received orders to be in Biloxi, MS for an evening briefing.

Following our briefing, we were given directions to Camp Vancleave, 20 miles north of town (one of five). Upon arrival and clearing security, we were issued a sleeping bag, flashlight, insect repellent, hand sanitizer and a cot location.

The tent (capable of housing 400-500 men and women) was a converted horse arena, erected under a massive steel roof. It had a substantial wooden floor, with wood chips scattered around the periphery, constant cool air flow provided by large air handlers, and a no eating or smoking restriction in the tent, which tended to keep the insect and fire ant problem almost non-existent, also because of a lack of rain the last four weeks. Shower facilities used "gray water." There were many fire-fighters from the western states who brought their personal tents. The food was surprisingly good and the dining area almost insect free. Volunteers from various church groups (many from far away states) stopped in for the good food after working a 12 hour day helping residents in the difficult clean-up. Removing water damaged dry-wall and insulation, mold removal, debris removal and staging, to road access and just trying to get their home (or sections of it) habitable were just some of the daunting tasks.

Eventually we obtained lodging at our Biloxi



Rt 90 Bridge
Ocean Springs to Biloxi

headquarters. Five of us were assigned to the "Individual Assistance" program at a DRC (Disaster Relief Center) in Ocean Springs, a mile and a half across the bay from Biloxi. The bridge was destroyed so it was a twelve mile drive to the center.

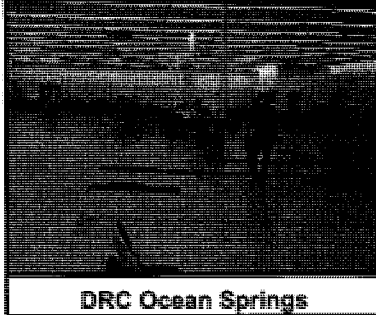
FEMA had fifty staff members with twenty other agencies with approximately fifty staff supporting FEMA control. We processed 600-800 residents daily. Our assignment was to conduct entrance and exit interviews and to direct the applicants to various agencies.

The "trailer request staff" had a difficult job due to the complexity of information and the logistics concerning safe locations, proper infrastructure, future ramifications and fraud. One of our "local hire" Vietnamese staff members received a 30' x 8' travel trailer for himself, wife and two toddlers. He related to me that it was very "cramped" but like "heaven" compared to the crowded, non private, noisy conditions he formerly had. Interpreters were available as numerous Vietnamese moved to the Gulf regions in the 60's due to the fishing and shrimp industry and do not speak English.

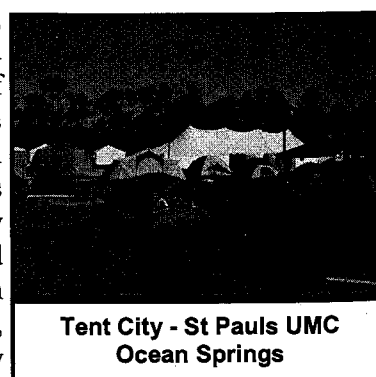
The Red Cross helped many desperate residents to get vouchers for food and clothing, places to contact for health care and assistance. In addition, they helped in getting necessary medication immediately and as volunteers they were terrific.

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) "crisis counselors" were invaluable as there were numerous emotional situations weekly. There were times when we had to assume that role and it was a difficult task.

The IRS, Social Security, HUD, hazard mitigation, disaster unemployment, USDA rural housing and Medicaid were some of the many other services available. Federal security guards monitored our facility daily. We had two armed security personnel on site twenty four, seven. There were very



DRC Ocean Springs



Tent City - St Pauls UMC
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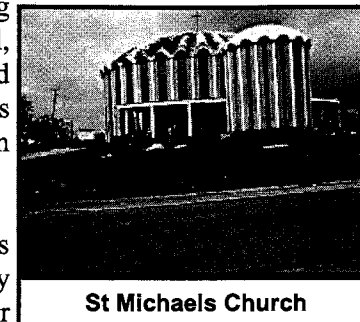
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few incidents with "hostile" persons. A large "child care area" staffed by local churches and national volunteer groups helped immensely. Water, fruit drinks, ice, snacks and personal items were available. St. Pauls United Methodist Church of Ocean Springs was one of the many churches that had a large "tent village" that fed and housed local residents. Many out of state groups came to assist for a seven to ten day period. At the end of October there were still many people sleeping in tents, living out of their cars or sleeping on the porches because of the "mold" problem. Housing materials such as dry wall, insulation, lumber and ordinary building supplies were still scarce in October.

Even though the area is still in the early recovery stages, the annual "Peter Anderson Art Festival" was held. Vendors and food stands lined Main Street and side streets. There were bands playing, reminiscent of the "Bayfest" events in the shore towns of New Jersey. Under the circumstances it was well attended and received good coverage in the Mississippi "Sun Herald." I walked around and enjoyed the festive atmosphere, tried some "Cajun" food, viewed some fine art and local craft items and interacted with some of the local DRC



St Michaels Church

staff. They projected a positive attitude and it appeared that no one in the crowd had any problems, except for the occasional crying baby.

Seven "Coasties" from the USCGC TORNADO were affected by Katrina and applied for FEMA and SBA assistance. They were at sea during the hurricane and did not arrive in Naval Station Pascagoula until mid-October. By invitation of Captain Chris Hollingshead, I had an impressive tour of this 179 foot vessel and a briefing of it's history and impressive accomplishments. One of the main ingredients in recovering from a loss, disaster or personal challenge, is the one on one contact by caring, concerned people and maintaining a positive attitude. The churches and volunteers serving in Ocean Springs are doing a commendable job.

When I left the DRC in November ninety per cent of the staff were local hires. Even though they had significant losses they interacted with others in a compassionate way. "Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens" is a quote by Commander Scott Rogerson USCG Director of Auxiliary, Fifth Northern. They are just "ordinary" people reacting to a situation, doing the best they can..... which makes them "special." These are the "Pioneers of Mississippi" that will lead the way back to normalcy.✿

Article and photos by Joe Skutlin
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Shirley Harris is a member of Flotilla 74. She is a nurse who also works with a Special Services unit known as a DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team). They attached to whatever branch of the military is handling the disaster and have trained with all branches. They are specially trained Disaster Doctors, Trauma Nurses, Pharmacists, Mental Health Medics, etc. They have their own hospital set-ups, drugs, and supplies. Their unit is designed to be able to travel with only a few hours notice. While there were working on the first hurricane victims in July/August they treated 1500 victims in the first 3 days.

She returned in October for another tour of duty.✿ Article Edna M. Winans



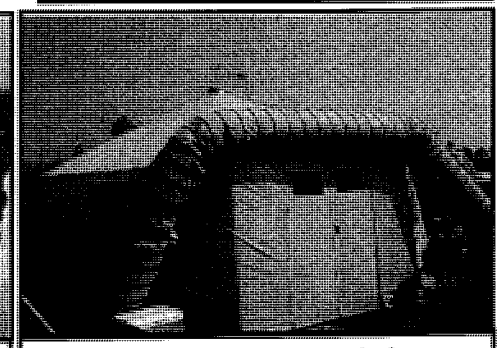
Shirley and some of DMAT members



Long Beach Mississippi



Causeway Bridge (boats jammed in pilings)



Portable Triage Hospital

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David Cucchi 11 being recognized by Immediate Past Division Captain Don Merrill at the Division One COW

David Cucchi was among the many Auxiliarist from 5th Northern who volunteered to work for FEMA in support of the Hurricane Relief Efforts in the Gulf. He was one of the few, however, who were selected for duty, thanks to his background in telecommunications. This was a large sacrifice for Dave as it originally entailed a 6 Week tour of duty which extended to 9 weeks. Dave left his job, his business, and his family (Dave and his wife Michelle were foster parents with 3 foster children at the time) to provide service and support to others in need. Dave went to the Gulf Coast for the same reason he joined the Auxiliary, to be able to help in a crisis. Dave remembers 9/11 because he was in Manhattan at the time. He was torn by the knowledge that he was not able to do anything for those in the direct path of the destruction. He joined the Auxiliary to change that and become part of an organization that is part of the first line of defense and response in times of need. But Dave is not the only hero in this case. His wife Michelle shares that title with him. She took on the responsibility of managing Dave's business and bringing up the 3 foster children alone while Dave answered the call of duty and service. I give my thanks to each of them and am proud they are part of the Auxiliary Family.

Dave's mission began on October 4th when he and the others from this region flew to Atlanta for orientation and training. From there, they traveled overland in a FEMA Camper which was equipped with emergency power, Satellite communications equipment, laptop computers and basic rations for him and his driver. Dave's job was to establish remote communications for the FEMA crews that would collect and report data on the victims, their locations and their immediate needs. On the first night they arrived in a small Mississippi town at about 2:00 AM. The next morning they awoke to find more than 1,000 people outside the van. The people there had heard that FEMA would be arriving at 7:00 AM. FEMA consisted of Dave and his Driver until 2:00 PM when the rest of the team arrived.

Dave found it hard to hold back his emotions at the extent of the need, having to go back into the van where he broke down in tears. One of the hurricane victims saw him and asked why he was crying. "I am crying for all of you and what you are going through." She gave him a hug. Here he was coming all of the way down there to help those in need and he wound up with a need of his own that they supported. Such is the way it works. We realize that we are all part of a common community that when we give we get in return. I am proud to know Dave and his wife Michelle and proud to know that they are both part of this common community we call the Auxiliary. ❀

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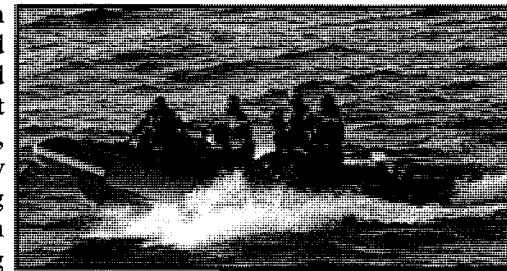
HOW I SPENT MY WINTER VACATION

On an unseasonably warm and sunny January 6th I mustered up with the crew of USCG Cutter FORWARD to get underway for a 32-day patrol. FORWARD is a 270 ft. "Famous" class cutter with a crew of 100 men and women. I was the only known Auxiliarist to serve onboard her after being granted permission by the ship's Commanding Officer, Commander Gregory Sanial.



Crew safety being the number one priority, the first full day underway was tasked with familiarizing the crew with emergency procedures. We simulated drills necessary for fire, damage control, man overboard, and abandoning ship scenarios. We were each instructed on where to go on the ship and what job to perform in the event of an emergency.

Although usually tasked with drug and migrant interdiction, the primary focus during this mission was boarding commercial



fishing vessels for safety and fishery regulation violations and search-and-rescue. Missions included locating and approaching COI's - Contacts Of Interest, assembling and preparing boarding teams, and safely launching the small boat used in transporting the boarding teams to and from the vessels being inspected.

The CO decided I would participate in QMOW, Quarter Master of the Watch duty after reviewing my "Aux Qual's" and experience. Although

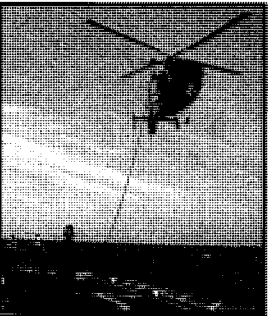


FORWARD utilizes computerized navigational equipment, QMOW's augment the modern systems with traditional skills such as maintaining logs of atmospheric and sea conditions, compass logs, and plotting headings on nautical charts. Many were surprised to learn the scope of training available in the Auxiliary and I was grateful I successfully completed the Auxiliary Navigation Specialty Course (AUXNAV).

Training exercises were scheduled when boardings weren't conducted. One day a HH-65 helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City rendezvoused with us at sea to run through a number of landing scenarios on the ship's flight deck to train both the helicopter and ship's crew. The exercises also involved HIFR, Helicopter In Flight Refueling - the helicopter hovering about fifty-feet off the flight deck and winching up a fuel line;

and VERTREP, Vertical Replenishment - where supplies loaded in a cargo net are hauled up to the hovering craft. As a private pilot and member of the Auxiliary Air Program I was greatly impressed by the fact that these maneuvers were conducted in seven-foot seas!

After six hard days at sea we made a port call in Bermuda for a scheduled two days of R&R. However, bad weather and rough seas in our planned patrol area prolonged our visit to five days. But the crew took it in stride and even organized a pick-up softball game at a recreation field on the island.



I was taking so many digital pictures of events while onboard, that I somehow became the ship's "de facto" Public Affairs Officer. The ship's "Techies" set up a public folder on the internal computer network where I could upload my photos for the crew to review and download should they wish.

After two more weeks conducting drills and fishery boardings in all types of weather and seas up and down the mid-Atlantic seaboard, we pulled into New York harbor. The beautiful morning only enhanced the experience of sailing before the Statue of Liberty and the majestic Manhattan skyline that preceded two days of well-deserved R&R.

The crew had a wealth of stories from their sampling of New York City as we disembarked New York heading south again for another week's worth of patrol and boardings before finally returning to homeport.

During this entire adventure I was constantly impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the young men and women I met onboard FORWARD. They perform an important and challenging job, and they play hard when they share downtime in their schedule. I was readily accepted by the crew and often asked about the Coast Guard Auxiliary and my experiences within the organization.

I learned a great deal from the unparalleled access I was granted throughout the patrol. This learning experience will not only enhance my abilities as an operational Auxiliarist, but will also be shared to my Auxiliary "shipmates" at the Flotilla, Division and District levels. ❀

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Cape May Court House, NJ



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NEW AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

NAUXOY ADOPTED AT N-TRAIN

To: ALAUX
Frm: CHDIRAUX
Subj: NEW AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. At the recent Auxiliary National Training Conference in St. Louis, MO, the New Auxiliarist of the Year (NAUXOY) Award program was introduced and briefed to the Auxiliary National Board. This new award program recognizes the most exemplary performance by an eligible Auxiliarist during the previous calendar year. It parallels the spirit and purpose of the Coast Guard Civilian Employee of the Year (CEOY) and Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) Award programs, and it serves to promote, recognize, and reward new member retention and Auxiliary program participation.

2. Concurrently being released with this ALAUX is an ALCOAST message that solicits nominations for the 2005 New Auxiliarist of the Year Award along with the 2005 CEOY. The ALCOAST message indicates that nomination and deadline guidance for the New Auxiliarist of the Year Award will be forwarded separately. Such guidance is provided in the attached document. The guidance is written as it will appear in section 11.C. of the Auxiliary Manual. It provides eligibility criteria (shown below), submission requirements, summary of expected recognition, and the nomination package format.

http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/awards/nauxoy-guide.pdf

C.9. New Auxiliarist of the Year Award

The New Auxiliarist of the Year (NAUXOY) award recognizes the most exemplary performance by an eligible Auxiliarist during the previous calendar year. Only those Auxiliarists who demonstrated sustained, exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose appearance and bearing were consistently impeccable, shall be considered for nomination. This award parallels the awards for the Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) and the Civilian Employee of the Year (CEOY) awards. NAUXOY tenure shall extend from the date of their announcement as NAUXOY until the date of announcement of their successor.

C.9.a. Eligibility Criteria

NAUXOY nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary for no less than one year and no more than three years from initial enrollment.
- Demonstrated exemplary conduct.
- Embraced Coast Guard core values of "Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty."
- Projected exceptional uniform appearance and bearing.
- Delivered consistently outstanding performance in terms

of leadership, Auxiliary program skills, personal and work ethics, and Auxiliary knowledge.

- Displayed superb initiative and motivation that helped significantly advance themselves and Auxiliary program(s).
- Performed duties in outstanding fashion and achieved results of high quality, customer service, and teamwork that resulted in improved efficiency and effectiveness of Auxiliary and/or Coast Guard unit(s).
- Other related contributions, achievements, and awards should be included for consideration.

3. Because this NAUXOY Award kick-off announcement is being issued in mid-February, the submission deadlines prescribed in the guidance are adjusted as follows for 2005 NAUXOY Award nomination packages (nomination packages must follow the prescribed MS Word format and must be capable of e-mail transmission):

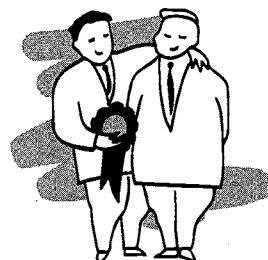
a. If an Auxiliary region desires to submit a nomination package, then the District Commodore must forward the region's nomination package to the Area Commodore by April 3, 2006.

b. The Area Commodore must forward the final Area nomination package to the National Vice Commodore by April 24, 2006.

c. The National Commodore must forward the final selection to the Chief Director by May 11, 2006 for review and relay to the Commandant.

4. Formal Coast Guard recognition of the New Auxiliarist of the Year will coincide with celebratory events that are held for the CEOY and the EPOY Award winners. This is normally marked by a week-long series of meetings and special events in Washington, DC in May. Due to scheduling conflicts with other major Coast Guard special events this year, the week-long NAUXOY / CEOY / EPOY Award event will tentatively be held in September 2006.

5. As also indicated in the ALCOAST message, LTJG Mike O'Brien (G-PCX-1, mo'brien@comdt.uscg.mil) is the point-of-contact in the Office of the Chief Director. ✱



CLARIFICATION OF AUXILIARY ROLES IN DHS

Reference:

- a. Maritime law enforcement manual, COMDTINST M16247.1d
- b. Auxiliary operations policy manual, COMDTINST M16798.3
- c. COMDT COGARD Washington, DC 011734Z Apr 05

Message

1. Auxiliary involvement in Ports Waterways and Coastal Security Missions (PWCS) at the Operational Commander level has been varied and warrants clarification. Requirements set forth in reference a. and for Operation Neptune Shield (ONS) stipulate that patrols and most other activities in this mission area are considered Federal Law Enforcement. Effective immediately, due to the obvious inherent danger associated with these patrols and the lack of authority for the Auxiliary to engage in direct law enforcement activities, **no Auxiliary facilities will be used for the PWCS mission.** However, Auxiliary participation in certain similar non-law enforcement mission areas will continue as discussed below.

2. Auxiliary facilities may be used to conduct the newly renamed Maritime Observation Mission (MOM), formerly described as PWCS in section 4.a.8.b of ref b. This is a non-law enforcement mission whose primary purpose is to provide increased maritime domain awareness by observing areas of interest and reporting findings to the Operational Commander while maintaining the safety of Auxiliary personnel. Should Auxiliarists observe anything suspicious during the course of normal multi-mission patrols, they should record and report the same immediately via means other than VHF if feasible but take no additional action.

3. Although MOM will increase the Coast Guard overall PWCS posture, MOM hours cannot be credited on the ONS scorecard with the exception of aviation hours. Auxiliary surface facilities are unarmed platforms that cannot be utilized to conduct ONS missions that specifically require armed coast guard patrols. Because aircraft can maintain a safe distance from potential maritime threats in the vicinity of critical infrastructure and unarmed Coast Guard aviation capabilities normally conduct ONS missions, Aux Air may be utilized for an Operational Commanders ONS scorecard while conducting aerial observation under MOM.

4. Under no circumstances will Auxiliary facilities be used as picket boats for security purposes for critical

infrastructure, vessel escorts, or national special security events. Surface facilities are still authorized and encouraged for use during regattas, parades, and public events when the risk of an Auxiliarist encountering a maritime threat is no greater than that to the boating public.

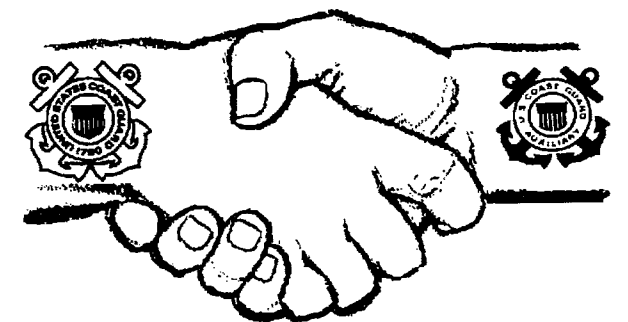
5. Auxiliarists may support Marine Safety Compliance visits and/or spot checks to shoreside marine facilities or support other missions for which they are qualified. However, compliance visits must not be confused with law enforcement ashore at facilities which is only to be conducted by armed active duty members.

6. The Auxiliary Maritime Observation Mission is in accordance with all Coast Guard manuals and directives and will be reflected in the next change to reference b. Operational Commanders are obligated to ensure their assigned auxiliary resources are properly trained, equipped and maintained for any authorized mission. A careful assessment must be made of Auxiliary crew and equipment capabilities against the operational scenario when determining whether and how to execute a given mission. Operational Commanders and Auxiliarists shall uniformly and consistently apply proper risk assessment procedures prior to and during all operations.

7. The Coast Guard Auxiliary continues to be a force multiplier for Coast Guard Operational Commanders in many mission areas. Commanders are encouraged to use Auxiliary assets and personnel to fulfill non law enforcement duties in their respective Area of Responsibility (AORS). ✱

POC is LCDR Kathryn Dunbar (G-PCX-2)

RDML C. E. Bone
Director of inspections and compliance sends.



CPR and use of AED's

1. Recently, several different Flotillas have raised questions regarding the teaching of CPR by Auxiliarists, the performance of CPR by Auxiliarists, the use of AEDs by Auxiliarists, and the ownership of AEDs by Auxiliarists. Both Headquarters Legal and Medical offices have weighed in and I provide the following guidance:



A) Any Auxiliarist who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Assoc to perform CPR is authorized to do so. If that certification has expired, however, CPR should not be performed.

B) Any Auxiliarist who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Ask to teach CPR is authorized to do so including to both gold AND silver sides. If that certification has expired, however, CPR should not be taught.

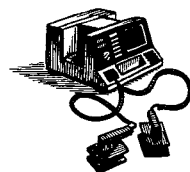
C) Any Auxiliarist who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Ask to use an AED (defibrillator) is authorized to do so on anyone indicating need of an AED. If that certification has expired, however, AED should not be used.

D) Any Flotilla wishing to purchase AEDs for use by currently certified members is authorized to do so. CG-1121 (old G-W) has an ALCOAST determining only which model AEDs may be used on aircraft. If an air facility carries an AED, they must follow that model guidance. Another ALCOAST will be released shortly that should identify models of AEDs that will be authorized for use by the USCG surface side. For the time being, AEDs used on surface facilities should be ruggedized (waterproof models are very difficult to find). POC for AED use in CG-1121 is CDR Monica Kueny.

E) AEDs may be used underway on facilities by members currently certified in their use. Attached please find the most recent ALCOAST relating to use of AEDs. This message applies to silver side as well as gold side.

http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/publications/alcoast/alcoast-484-00.html

2. The next change to the Ops Policy Manual will more clearly address this subject and will prohibit the use of online training for certification in CPR and AED use. Training must be hands on. *



CHIDRAUX, G-PCX-2 SENDS

Currency Maintenance Requirements

ICS AND NIMS

The ICS (Incident Command System) and NIMS (National Incident Management System) courses were recently included in Currency Maintenance requirements for DO (Direct Operations) members; Coxswain, Crew, Radio Watchstanders and Elected Officers at Flotilla level and Staff Officers (MS) involved in OS at Flotilla level are included. Effectuated members are asked to complete ICS-100 and NIMS-700 by 30 June 2006

- In addition Coxswain, Pilots, Ratio Team Leaders and Elected Officers need to take ICS-200 and NIMS-800 for now by 30 September 2006. All four courses must be completed by 31 December 2007 to maintain your currency maintenance. If not completed by that date you will not be issued orders or allowed to participate in Coast Guard exercises.

- Elected Officers, Coxswains, Pilots and effectuated Staff at Division level and higher will be required to complete ICS-210 at a later date. This is currently a Coast Guard four-day resident course that is being modified to a 4-hour course for the Auxiliary.

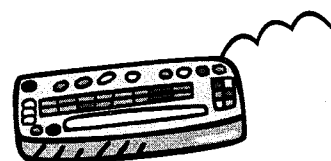
- Study Guides and Exams can be found on the internet at <http://www.auxtdept.org>. Click on Training Resources for Members then scroll down to "Incident Command System" The exam can be taken on-line and the open book system can be used.

*After receiving your Certificate from FEMA indicating you passed, forward the certificate to YN2 Scott Stein at: Scott.R.Stein@uscg.mil

Auxiliary plans are underway to develop a team of instructors to teach the 4 hour course in the classroom. More to follow as the plans and team are finalized. *

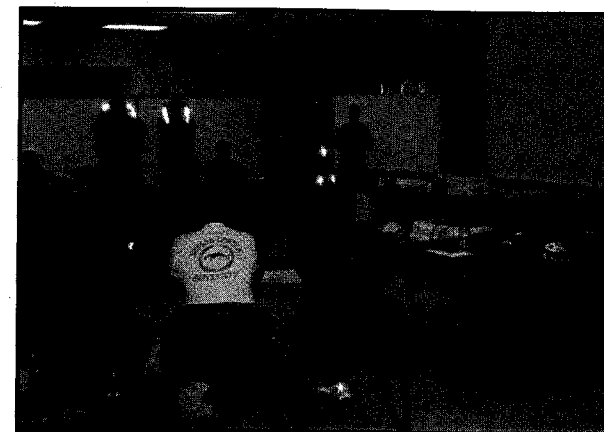
Article by George Morris, FSO-OP, 85
Ocean City, NJ

**Note: Some Divisions are forwarding their Certificates to their IS officer who is collecting them and forwarding them as a package.*



DRILL CONDUCTOR TRAINING

The Garden State Seafood Association sponsored two drill conductor training sessions last week. In addition to auditing the courses, my role was facilitating and assisting the Safety Instructor, Dan O'Connor of Life Raft & Survival Equipment, Inc. of Portsmouth, RI. I found the course to be well-run and the content met the criteria established in the standard curriculum. Mr. O'Connor established a strong rapport with the attendees and they remained actively involved.

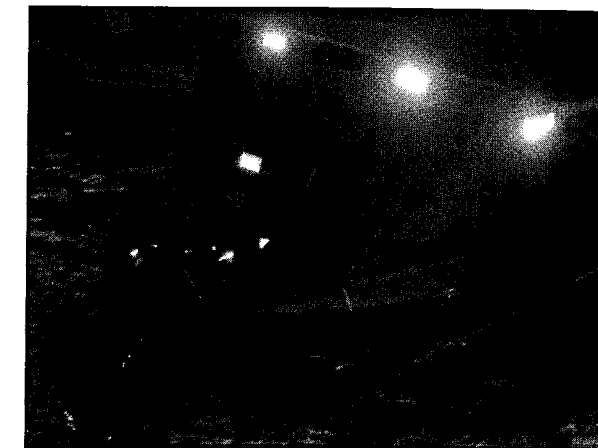


The Toms River/Barnegat session was held 1/10 & 11/2006, with classroom training at the Ocean County Extension Office on the first day. The following morning was spent at the Ocean County YMCA pool for in-water immersion suit and survival craft training, followed by damage control, salvage pump and visual distress signal training dockside at Viking Village in Barnegat, and shipboard drills aboard the F/V KATHY ANN. Upon completion, 13 fishermen from the Viking Village fleet were awarded certification as Drill Conductors.



The Cape May session was held 1/12 & 13/2006, following the same sequence. Classroom training was at MCPO Hall aboard TC Cape May while the TC pool hosted the immersion suit and survival craft training. The remaining training was done adjacent to STA Cape May

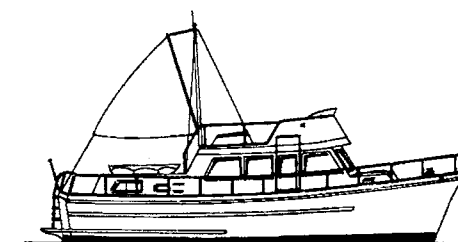
and aboard a F/V moored to the "L" dock. A total of 23 fishermen from the Atlantic Capes Fisheries fleet were awarded certification as Drill Conductors.



The following individuals played critical roles in making this training a success. PA2 John Edwards and PA1 Kimberly Smith of PAO Detachment Atlantic City arranged significant print and television media coverage at both sites. Marine Extension Agent Gef Flimlin of Rutgers Cooperative Extension not only hosted the classroom training at Toms River, but ensured all other aspects of the pool and dockside training went off flawlessly. Rick Benoit (Gym), and Jim Kunec and CWO Seth Anderson (Facilities) at TC Cape May went above and beyond to make sure the training went off without a hitch. Thanks must also go to STA Barnegat Light and STA Cape May for their assistance with salvage pump training. The advance work by John Tirello of Atlantic Capes Fisheries and the assistance of TC security forces made the security screenings and base access a fast and painless process.

I will be continuing to work with the GSSA members to promote additional drill conductor training sessions at the other major fishing ports later this year. *

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Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator
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HARPAT

RIDING SHOTGUN WITH THE COAST GUARD

Okay. I've done all my homework, taken all the required courses and had all the PQS tasks signed off. Now it's time to ride along on my first HARPAT as a bona fide member of the team. I let the group know that I'm in my office (the one with the BIG coffee pot, that I graciously share with up to 40 members of Sector Delaware Bay- Philadelphia).

There are two of us on that day, in our stiff ODUs, with the high boots so new and stiff that they are still wearing us, instead of us wearing them. The boot blousers are slowly cutting off the circulation to our feet anyway.

A young petty officer comes to get us and we climb into the big van to do an infrastructure patrol. It becomes quickly apparent that our relation to the two CG is akin to harmless, gentle grandparents who are being taken out for a Sunday drive. Questions are answered but the conversation is stilted and uncomfortable. After awhile, we just sit and listen and observe. At the end of the patrol, our emotions are mixed but our enthusiasm is still high.

Our second patrol is very much different. BM3 Steve Park is doing an orientation of the patrol area for new personnel and having grown up locally, is extremely knowledgeable about each stop and keeps up a non-stop narration of the local history of each site. We are hooked.

Each successive ride finds the CG more at ease with an Auxiliarist aboard and those who have worked with the Auxiliary before are enthusiastic about the experience. I have been told many times that they are extremely grateful for the force multiplier that the Auxiliary can be. There are stories shared about good advice given, life experiences shared and practical relief from backed up work. I have been able to substitute for the CG to stretch out a thinning duty roster, when extra patrols would have had to extend into the late afternoon and double up the

patrol personnel.

The atmosphere in the van is noisy and friendly now as the CG (most in their middle 20's) talk about their families, future plans, gripes about the job. We're doing facility inspections now, and when the group steps out of the van, they are all business. I have seen middle-aged managers stutter and reach for the Roloids while being questioned about the multitude of forms that are laid out for inspection.

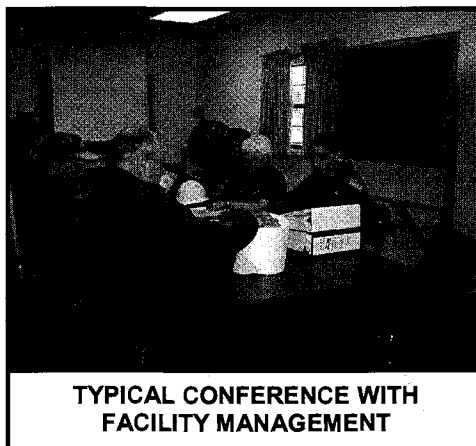
Recently, there was a face to face conference with a facility owner who was not in compliance with the facility's stated access policy. The CG were firm, patient, polite and extremely professional but continued to skillfully deal with the facility owner to bring the standard operating procedures into a mutually acceptable process.

For myself, each HARPAT that supplies a kernel of knowledge about the shipping process, the state of security on the Delaware River and the businesses that ply their trade there is a day that expands the brain, increases my store of trivia facts, reassures me about the ability of the Coast Guard to protect us against environmental and terrorist attack and cements a meaningful relationship with the CG. ✱

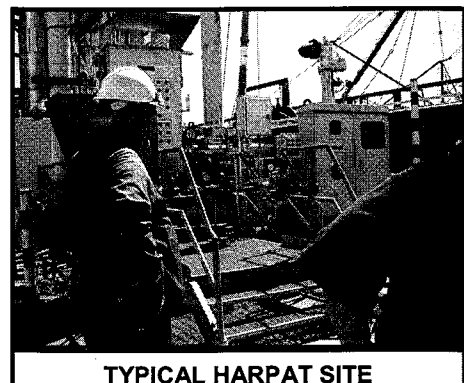
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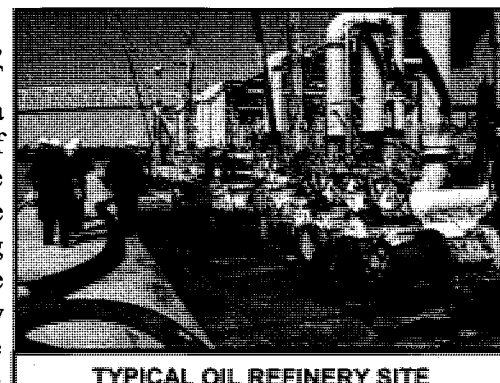
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TYPICAL CONFERENCE WITH
FACILITY MANAGEMENT



TYPICAL HARPAT SITE



TYPICAL OIL REFINERY SITE

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. ✱

Angelo Antonelli	13-4	William Hanco	48	Eileen Mary O'Day	48
Evan Astrin	66	Joseph Hassman	84	Scott P. Palus	10-2
Margaret Bartell-Black	69	Kenneth Hauck	85	Michael Panzino	34
Norman Bealer	10-8	Dorothy Heck	93	Joseph N. Perchetti	13-10
Carol Blair	10-8	William L. Hires	43	Kurt Peters	79
Sean Bowden	12-2	Peter Hlywiak	13-3	Douglas Price	10-01
Lawrence T. Brautigam	14-1	Kenneth Jennings	7-11	Gregg Reich	82
Anna Brown	15	Maryann Jessen	49	Richard Reinhard	10-2
Herbert I. Brown	15	Frank H. Jones, Jr	82	Evans Robinson	81
Thomas Callahan	13-3	Robert Kady	16-10	Linda Robinson	81
Margaret Carter	15-2	Rita Kane	10-8	Robert Rosario	13-5
Andre Catanese	82	Maurice Kiely	79	Frederick Ruddick	81
George Catanese	82	James Kilcullen	18	Thomas Sheetz	4-11
Donald E. Champion, Jr	74	Mark Kulkowitz	82	Damon Sherrod	32
Robert Conger	15-2	Richard LaPalme	15-8	Edward Shulde	81
James Cosby	32	Lester Lasher	15-7	Peter Sim	13-5
Michael Crayne	72	Frank Matone	86	William Simmons	13-5
John A. Dawson	4-11	Edward Martin	12-5	Richard Solari	16-5
Robert DeFlaviis	48	Mike A. Mauk	91	Richard Sorokin	81
James Dever	49	John May	15-2	Nicholas Strauss	49
Thomas Dever	49	Edward McGarvey	81	Carol Stough	14-2
Ronald Dimond	91	Drein McKernan	82	Gregory Stough	14-2
William J. Dzmek	24	Michael McPartland	81	John Suchajda	10-2
Linda England	13-1	John Mehrtens	16-7	Dain Sutton	77
Edward Erne	86	Dennis McGeehan	41	Linda Tyrie	10-2
Flora Gillespie	11-9	David Mulvey	82	Patricia M. Tuck-Davis	13-3
John Greco	14-5	Harry Norcross	81	Mark Yetter	10-2
Amy T. Haase	15-8	Deborah A. Nowakoski	7-11	Mark Zappone	81
Robert Haller	63			Maurice Zechman	93

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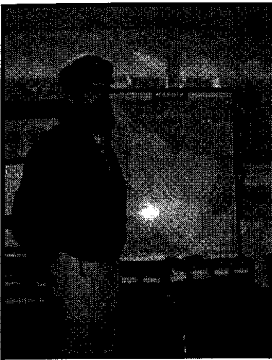
PUBLIC AFFAIRS BOOTHS

There were two Public Affair Booths presented, featuring the America's Water Way Watch.

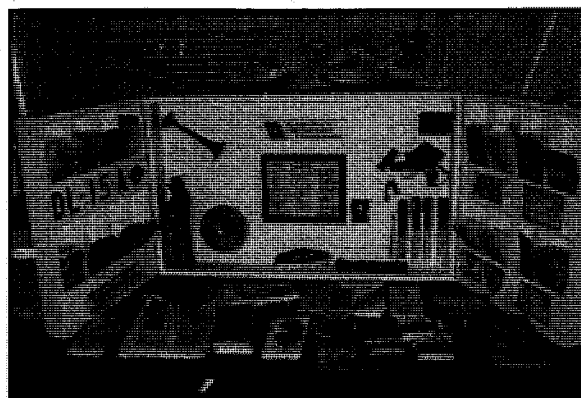
One was in Wilmington in October for Old Swedes Day at the Kalmar Nyckel ShipYard and the other was held in November at the Delaware City Fire Company Open House.

The Kalmar Nyckel Event took place on a cold and rainy day. The good news—every person who attended the event was lured to our excellent display! Even the Captain of the Kalmar Nyckel stopped by.

Special thanks to Carol Owens (who made sure we got space in the tent, and out of the rain), Paul Eldridge, and Ken Turngren, who supplied outstanding display items. Walter Aldrich and Robert and Joyce Ryzner manned the booth. Everyone braved the elements, and were thanked by the organizers of the event for the Auxiliary's contribution.



Captain of Kalmar Nyckel standing by Display Chart of Delaware Bay



Another PA booth was set up at the Delaware City Fire Company Open House. The Flotilla was invited to participate along with several other emergency service agencies in northern Delaware. Gail and Don Merrill manned the display outside (they brought their boat!) and Paul Eldridge, Ken Turngren and Jim Taylor manned the display inside. It was a very impressive demonstration for the public. ❄️

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2
Philadelphia

A VERY SPECIAL CHANGE OF WATCH

Celebrating thirty years of service is certainly an extraordinary anniversary for Flotilla 2-76. It was marked by the very special evening of our annual Change of Watch at the Corinthian Yacht Club. The decorated facilities were beautiful which fostered a tangible sense of fellowship and a festive atmosphere.

We were honored by the presence of many distinguished guests. From the Gold side were Captain David Scott, Sector Delaware Bay, Captain Curt Odom, Cape May, Commander Scott Rogerson, DIRAUX 5NR, CWO Tracy Allen, Cape May and our keynote speaker Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Director of Reserve and Training. Attending from the Auxiliary were Commodore Leon Kehr, Vice Commodore Robert Amort, Past Commodore Bob Perrone, and Division 2 Captain Lew Keenan.



USCG Capt David Scott



Cocktail hour

The night started with cocktails and appetizers enhanced by the music of Marty Portnoy. Old acquaintances were renewed, news from friends too long absent was exchanged and introductions to many new faces were made. As we retired to the dining room to beautifully set tables each guest found a commemorative Coast Guard Blue ball cap embroidered with "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 2-76 5NR, 1976 to 2006." This

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A VERY SPECIAL CHANGE OF WATCH

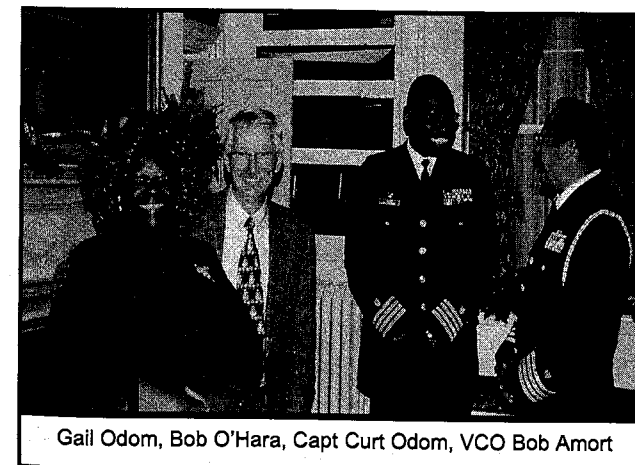
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VFC Bob Tully, Muriel Lewis, Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara

was just one more splendid, extraordinary detail in the celebration.

After a delicious dinner, Commodores Kehr and Amort administered the pledge of office to our elected and appointed staff officers for 2006. Standing at the podium and reciting the pledge, I thought of the previous twenty nine times this ceremony was repeated and if not for our predecessors' service and dedication, building a solid foundation, this night would not be possible. Tradition fosters Pride but also demands Responsibility.



Gail Odom, Bob O'Hara, Capt Curt Odom, VCO Bob Amort

The highlight of the night was the keynote address by Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara. Rear Admiral Brice-O'Hara currently serves as the Director of the

Coast Guard Reserve where she is charged with the duties of leading over 12,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists. Many of us are most familiar with her work from her previous assignment as the Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District. Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara has been awarded two legions of Merit, a Meritorious Service Medal, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, a Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation and most noteworthy, to us, she is a steadfast, enthusiastic supporter of the Auxiliary.

Rear Admiral Brice-O'Hara recounted the Flotilla's contribution to the public and the Coast Guard over its long history and reminded us of the responsibility and commitment that the Change of Watch requires of the new officers to continue and safeguard or traditions. Her remarks instilled a sense of pride and inspiration for the year ahead.

Finally, there was one more very special event this evening and that was the presentation of the Al Lewis Memorial Award. This citation is given to a member "whose contribution and performance best exemplify the personal characteristics and achievements demonstrated by Commodore Alexander M. Lewis." Dedication to duty, perseverance, loyalty, and service above and beyond are just a few of the defining traits of this year's worthy recipient: Muriel G. Lewis. Thanks to Muriel, this was a very special Change of Watch! ❄️

Article by Bob Tully Fl 2-76, Philadelphia, PA
Photos by Muriel Lewis, SO-PB Haverford, PA



Muriel Lewis receiving the Al Lewis Memorial Award (l-r) PFC Pat Cunninham, IPFC Phil Giangliordano, FC Bob Freeman

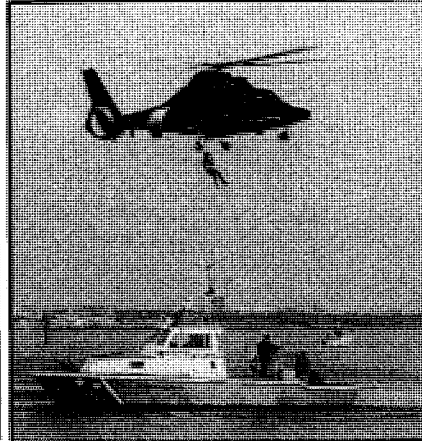
AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2
Philadelphia, Pa

ANNUAL CAPE MAY TRAINING WEEKEND



Liz Fuller, Bob Freeman, Phil Giangjordano, Muriel Lewis, Hector Feliciano, Ceil Freeman prepare to go bargain hunting



USCG Helicopter Rescue Demonstration



Roseann Giangjordano, Capt Curt Odom, Gail Odom, standing Muriel Lewis

Gail Odom, Liz Fuller
CG AC Help



The group going to another demonstration

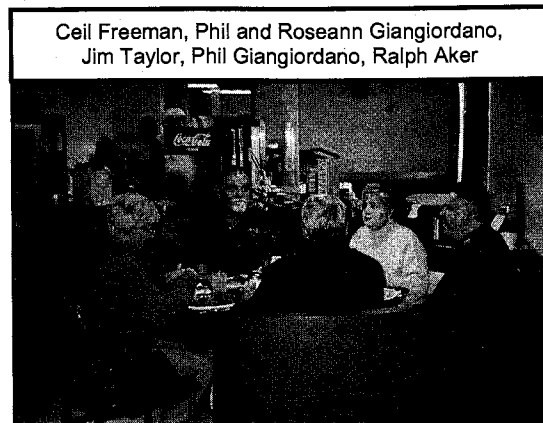


Bob Freeman with Muriel Lewis, Liz Fuller, Roseann Giangjordano, Jim Taylor, Phil Giangjordano, Ralph Aker

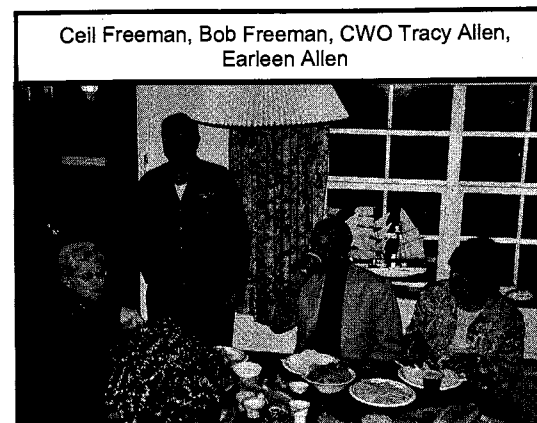
Flotilla 2-76 has been spending a weekend every year in Cape May for the past 30 years. We combine fellowship with training. Some of us go down on Thursday so we can attend graduation Friday morning. The rest come down later in the day. Friday night we get together for fellowship.

We spend all day Saturday at the base where they have "hands on" training sessions for us. On Sunday those who are interested can go out on one of the cutters or tour the air station. *

Article and photos by Muriel Lewis, SO-PB, Haverford, PA



Ceil Freeman, Phil and Roseann Giangjordano, Jim Taylor, Phil Giangjordano, Ralph Aker



Ceil Freeman, Bob Freeman, CWO Tracy Allen, Earleen Allen

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3
West New Jersey

DIVISION 3 CHANGE OF WATCH

The annual Division Change of Watch Banquet was held at Auletos in Almonesson, NJ. Rear Commodore, East, Jack Witemeyer and Commander Scott D. Rogerson, Director of Auxiliary were in attendance and assisted in the presentations.



The Presidents Volunteer Service Award

Every day, millions of Americans volunteer, using their time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. By mentoring a child, caring for an elderly neighbor, teaching someone to read, or bringing food and clothes to those who need them, Americans are helping to foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility for generations to come. It is through these acts of kindness and decency that we are able to demonstrate the true character and compassion of our country.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages, who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The program recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period.

Given their ongoing service activity, many individuals, families, and groups may have already met the requirements to earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to recognize the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period. *



Paul Lamanteer (34) is presented Auxiliant of the Year Award by RCO-E Jack Witemeyer



"The Presidents Volunteer Service Award" recipients Evelyn Galson (35) Jenney Petersen (34), Dorothy Collins (34)

Article submitted by Gil Finkelstein, ADSO-PB(E), Linwood, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3
West New Jersey

IN MEMORIAM - COMMODORE WILLIAM PIERCE - DCO 1989-1990

Bill served the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in various posts during his illustrious career. In particular, he was our District Commodore in 1989 and 1990.



Bill was a dynamic and natural leader, very active in the operations program as a coxswain and qualification examiner. Under his guidance, our District rose from relative obscurity to distinction. In 1990 we were named the best District in the nation on the basis of several objective performance statistics. Several of our programs were also chosen for awards. Operations was among our Departments acclaimed as best in the nation; this was more dramatic because we came from "dead last" in operations in 1987. Bill provided the drive, energy, and support to make this possible.

Although operations were clearly his first love, Bill was also a fine teacher. He taught public education courses in Boating Skills and Seamanship and Advanced Coastal Navigation. He also taught prisoners electrical trades. He was organized and had a light touch; students identified with him and wanted to learn.

Among the many innovations that Bill pioneered during his tenure on the District bridge was the inclusion of substantive presentations and workshops at the District conferences. Presentations included the usual seminars and workshops, but Bill insisted that we needed a better "draw," so he started the practice of presenting intense specialty course sessions (e.g., SAR) and lectures of interest, such as those on Loran-C and GPS. He wasn't happy until he started to receive complaints from the membership that they couldn't attend each of the sessions of interest! Bill was absolutely convinced that District conferences were for the membership at large, not simply the District Board and staff. In retrospect this seems obvious, but it took Bill to see it through.

Bill was charismatic and seemed capable of motivating almost everyone. He was a strong proponent of accountability-responsibility. One of his favorite sayings—which I use (with attribution) to this day—was "once you raise your hand, you stop being a volunteer." This meant that you had the right to refuse any assignment, but once you accepted it, you were honor bound to deliver on your promises. It is no coincidence that our present National Commodore includes accountability as one of the cornerstones of the business plan and a recurrent theme in his speeches.

Leadership and management are often included in the same phrase, but are actually two quite different attributes. Bill was a leader, a motivator, a mentor, and a driver with vision. The management part he left to others. He was the antithesis of a micro-manager. He selected people carefully, shared his vision, and let them go about their work. He was willing to take a chance on people. Happy, sad, well rested or exhausted, Bill never "mailed it in;" he always gave his best.

When Bill was Commodore, he appointed Karen (later his wife) as the DSO-IS. Karen shaped us all up and suffered a lot of grousing over her attempts to instill discipline into the process. This turned out to be a superb appointment. She got the "trains to run on time" and the paperwork in. Karen married Bill and proved to be a fine, loving, and caring wife.

To be sure, the Auxiliary suffered a significant loss when Bill died. If there is a bright side to this obvious tragedy, it is that he left a rich legacy. Many of those whom he mentored have gone on to positions of significant responsibility in the Auxiliary. We may lack his charisma and charm, but we do share his work ethic and core values.

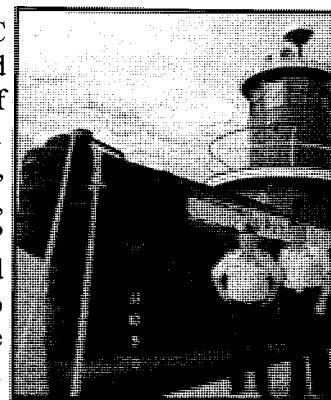
Article and photo provided by L. Daniel Maxim, Flotilla 66, Cranbury, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 4
Southeast Pennsylvania

VSC ON HISTORIC 1902 TUG JUPITER

To promote the VSC program and generate public awareness of the Auxiliary, Flotilla 4-11 members Gretchen Raichle, Ralph Onesti, John Webster, VFC and Jan Munroe, VCP 4 were joined by Harold Robinson, DCP 4, to perform a VSC on the historic 1902 Tug Jupiter.



As part of the Delaware River Ramble on August 28, 2005, the 101 ft. iron tug was moved from her slip at Penn's Landing to the West End Boat Club in Essington, PA for public touring. Prior to the public opening, the VSC was performed. A PA

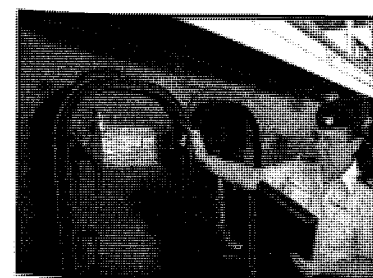


information booth at the entrance to the dock provided visitors with an opportunity to learn more about the Auxiliary and to arrange a VSC for their own vessel.

VSC's are generally limited to recreational vessels under 65ft. This unusual VSC offered a unique way to promote the VSC mission. Permission to perform the Jupiter VSC was obtained through Auxiliary National VE Dept. by Ralph Onesti, FSO-PS 4-11. Onesti often serves in the operation and maintenance of the Jupiter as a



volunteer. Built out of charcoal iron in the Philadelphia shipyard of Neafie and Levy, Jupiter weighs 147 gross tons, has a 22 ft. beam and over 9 ft. draft. Jupiter was originally made for the Sacony Vacuum Company (Sunoco) and christened Sacony #14. After 37 years of service in New York towing Sacony ships she was purchased by the



Independent Pier Company of Philadelphia in 1939 and renamed Jupiter. In 1949, the steam engine and systems were replaced with a diesel engine from a salvaged LST



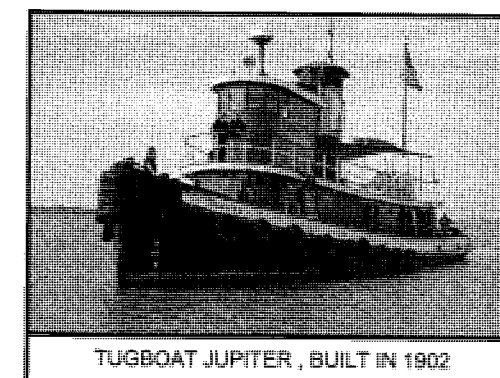
Jupiter was purchased in 1989 by The Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild, a not-for-profit 501c (3) corporation dedicated to preserving and maintaining historical vessels, and is documented as a Recreational Vessel.

The tug Jupiter was awarded the VSC decal after meeting all requirements, including those specific to vessels over 39.4 feet such as having a written trash management



plan and carrying a copy of the Navigation Rules. Jupiter has served as the ambassador to other Flotilla 4-11 PA activities including a boating safety information and activity demonstration at the Delaware City CanalFest earlier this year. Be on the lookout for unique ways to promote your Auxiliary efforts!*

Story and photos by John Webster, VFC 4-11 Berwyn, PA



TUGBOAT JUPITER, BUILT IN 1902

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

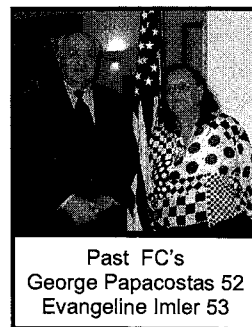
FLOTILLA 53 AND 52 HOLIDAY SOCIAL LOOKS BACK ON HISTORY

In December a Holiday Social and Flotilla Anniversary was celebrated for the oldest and newest Flotillas in Division 5 – Flotillas 53 and 52 respectively.

It was during the darkest days of WWII, on April 28, 1944 that Flotilla 53 was chartered. Then it was the most Western Flotilla in the District, and along with Flotilla 51 in Reading and Flotilla 52 in Lancaster formed the backbone of Division 5.

Since that time, Reading and Lancaster have been re-designated and are part of Divisions 11 and 14; while Flotilla 53 remains the sole and longest surviving, continuously operating un-re-designated Flotilla in the Western Area at Sixty (60) plus years.

IPDCO Eugene Bentley and his wife Janet attended the event and offered historical and currently relevant remarks about the state of the District. PDCO Richard L. Raudabaugh served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening and provided comments about the early activities of the Flotilla during World War II. During that time members assisted the U.S. Coast Guard at Philadelphia, Port Richmond and Essington by participating in patrols of the Delaware River and provided Port Security operations support.



Past FC's
George Papacostas 52
Evangeline Imler 53

Flotilla 52's history was also launched with the chartering in the Spring of 1993 as the Goldsboro Flotilla, formed as an outgrowth of Flotilla 53 by members who

lived in the geographical area of Lake Frederick on the Susquehanna River. The first Flotilla Commander was Steve Lang and the chartering District Commodore was Edward Rearick.

Current Flotilla Commanders George Lawrence of Flotilla 53 and Robert Schneider of Flotilla 52 highlighted their various flotilla accomplishments for the concluding year.



FSO-OP Joe Venzlowsky made a surprise presentation of the dedication of "Bob's Rock" in the Lake Frederick pool to an unsuspecting member (you had to be there to appreciate it). Flotilla 52 has been instrumental in spearheading patrols at Lake Frederick which has been designated as high priority area by the Department of Homeland Security due to the location of Three Mile Island within the pool.

The evening concluded with music and fellowship among the members and guests of the oldest and newest flotillas in Division 5.

Article and Photos by: PDCO Richard Raudabaugh Fl 53
Mechanicsburg, PA
John Petrone Fl 53, FSO-PA
Fredricksburg, PA



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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5
Harrisburg, PA

DIVISION 5 BOOTH AT PENNSYLVANIA AUTO AND BOAT SHOW

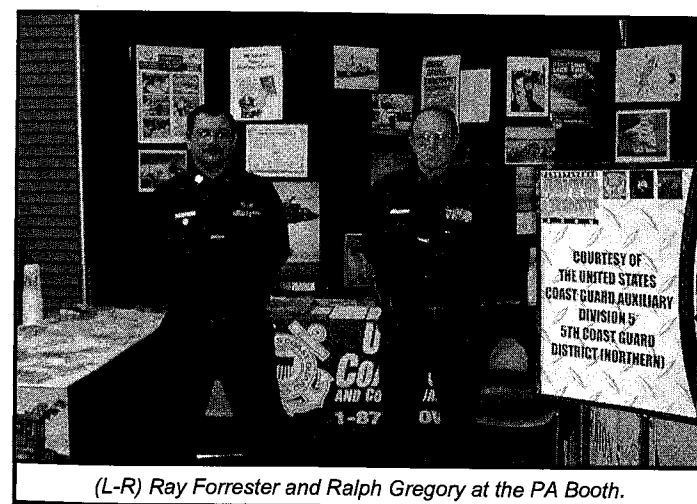
Pennsylvania Auto & Boat Show was held at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA from 25 thru 29 Jan. Auxiliarists of USCG Auxiliary, Division 5 manned a Public Affairs (PA) Booth at this event, giving attendees an opportunity to obtain information on boating safety and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The schedule for manning the booth was coordinated by Ralph Gregory, DCP 5 and the list included, George Lawrence (VCP 5), Robert Schneider, Ronald Pfeffer, Michael Baker, Bruce Henry, Guy Edminston, Les Kenfield, John Petrone, Matt Shields, Ray Forrester, and Ralph Gregory (DCP5). The USCG Recruiter for Harrisburg, CPO Colonna, was also available during one of the afternoons to assist and provide information.

came to boats, but we were on an aisle that most people had to use to go between the boats and cars so there was a lot of traffic."

The team of Auxiliarists manning the booth during the 5-day event greeted the spectators as they browsed the various displays. The Auxiliary display had numerous information brochures for boaters and potential boaters. They answered questions, guided people to a point of contact for boating safety classes in their area, and provided a sign-up sheet for people requesting additional information not readily available at the booth.

In summary, Ralph Gregory stated: "I would estimate that about 1400 people stopped to ask questions or pick up literature. We had inquiries for boating safety classes from many different areas and there were a lot of questions on boating in the Bay and New Jersey."

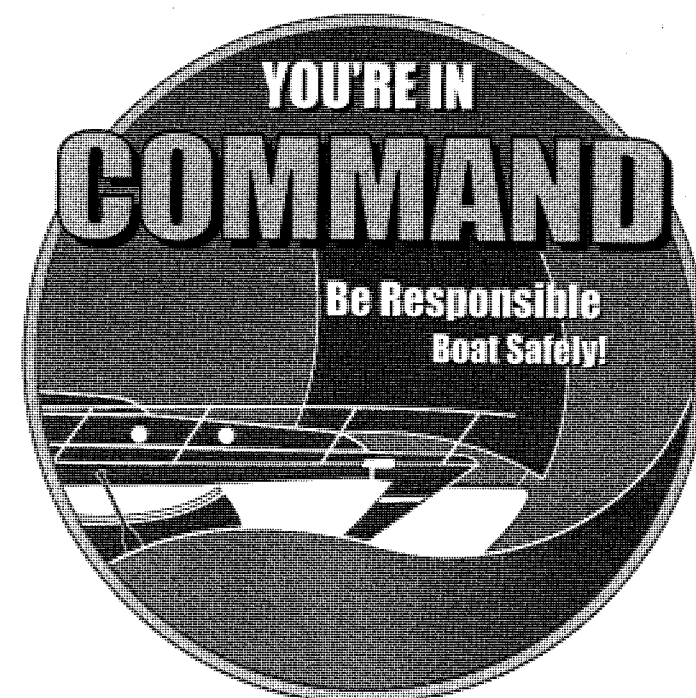
Photo provided by John Petrone, FC 53
Article compiled by Jeannie Brenner, ADSP-PB (W)



(L-R) Ray Forrester and Ralph Gregory at the PA Booth.

A PA Booth at a large event of this nature needs to have something to catch the eye of the people visiting the numerous displays and vendors. The Division members setting up the display utilized one of the backdrops previously created to catch the eye of people passing by during high-visibility events.

When John Petrone was asked about the activity during his time at the PA Booth, he replied, "I know that Ray (Forrester) and I spoke with close to 60 people between 1400 and 1800 Saturday, and the show figures aren't out yet." In response to their location he said, "In one 15-minute period Saturday afternoon, I counted 275 people walk by. We weren't in the best spot when it



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6
West Trenton, NJ

TEAMWORK -SPECIAL THANKS TO SARDET WILMINGTON

There is an old Chinese proverb stating "WHEN BROTHERS WORK WITH BROTHERS MOUNTAINS TURN TO GOLD." Such a proverb applies to a recent situation where teamwork turned a critical problem into a workable solution. The patrol craft 212901, utilized by Sardet Bordentown to patrol the Delaware River below Trenton, NJ, was in need of major repair. Through continued use, the coupler became inoperable calling for a replacement part of the cost of which would run over a thousand dollars. Due to earlier problems with the vessel money for the coupler replacement operation was not available. An appeal was made to the Directors Office in Philadelphia for funds to support the necessary repair work. It was found that Sardet Wilmington was able to redirect funds from their budget to assist Sardet Bordentown thus resulting in 212901 being repaired and readied for activity this spring.



The patrol area of Sardet Bordentown is made up of a very important section of the Delaware River running from Trenton, NJ down to Mud Island located just north of Philadelphia. The area includes several very key bridges and chemical plants between NJ and PA. It is a rather long patrol area with good sized cities situated on either side of the river.

So a big HU RUH to Sardet Wilmington and those in the Directors Office as their unselfish and quick response in solving a critical problem demonstrates what the term teamwork really means.✱

Article and photo by Dave Kirk Flotilla 61 FSO-PA
Trenton, NJ

DIVISION 6 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Warren Huff, Flotilla 6-10, received the Division 6 "Auxiliarist of the Year" award from 5th District Commodore Leon Kehr. The presentaton was made at the Division Change of Watch dinner held on January 15, 2006.

USCG TEAM COMMENDATION AWARD



On January 22, 2006, June B. Layton, Division 6 Captain, presented Dan Maxim, Flotilla 6-6, with the US Coast Guard Team Commendation for his service as a member of the 2005 Caribbean Subject Matter Expert Exchange (CSMEE) Planning and Execution Support Team. The award was signed by B.P. Smith, Captain, USCG, Chief Director of Auxiliary, ✱

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

PARADE PATROL

Members of Flotilla 74 decorated another award winning "PATROL BOAT" in the annual Ship Bottom, NJ Christmas parade.



The Auxiliary boat was loaded with stuffed animals all wearing PFD's. Members passed out candy to spectators.



In addition the COASTIES from Station Barnegat Light joined the parade once again demonstrating the true spirit of TEAM COAST GUARD. It always a special feeling when the public stands and applauds honoring the Coast Guard as well as the Auxiliary.



Photos by Shirley Harris, Beach Haven, NJ
Article by Edna M. Winans, Manahawkin, NJ

BOATING SAFETY INFORMATION BOOTH AT PIRATES DAY IN BARNEGAT



"My name is Coastie, I am 5 years old." "How old are you?" On a Saturday in September Flotilla 74 and 72 participated in Barnegat's Pirate's Day event. We manned a table where Bill Smith and Doug Smith talked about the Flotilla and handed out information. Tex Gydos just talked to anyone who passed by. The biggest attraction were PFD Panda and COASTIE. The children were just amazed how a boat could talk to them, moving his eyes and eye lids making sounds and flashing lights. Special thanks go to Bernice and Wally Wubbenhorst from 72 for their help. A special thanks goes to DCP Emery for all his help transporting COASTIE. COASTIE would like to thank all the kids that gave him a hug.✱

Article and photos by Len Migliara VFC 74
Barnegat, NJ

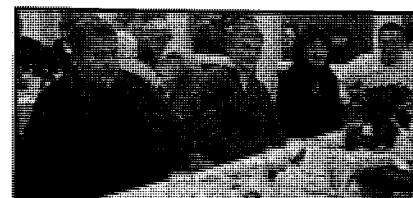
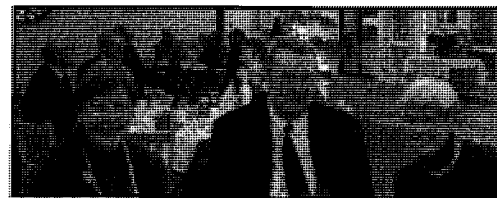


COASTIE with a future Auxiliarist

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

FLOTILLA 79 CHANGE OF WATCH

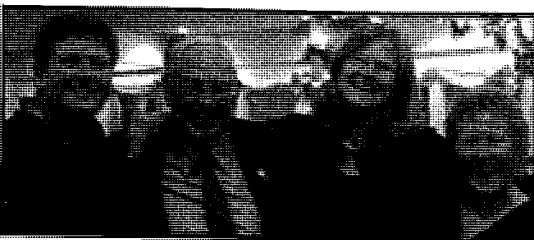
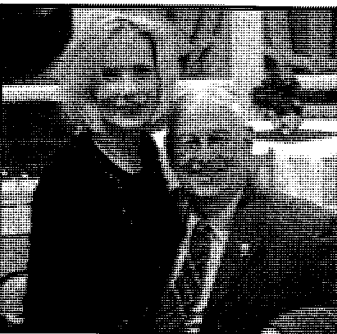


Flotilla 79 ended 2005 with flair. It was the "Wrap-Up" for out-going Flotilla Commander, Ellen B. Voorhees who expressed her appreciation to the Flotilla for their support. With the same style and grace that is the familiar moniker of Ms Voorhees, she presented each of her Staff Officers with Certificates of Appreciation and expressed her sincere and heart-felt thanks for their past year's contributions to the Flotilla and dedication to duty under her "Watch."

There was never a lull in the evenings activities, so many high points, Lyn Thomas, DCP stepped forward and recounted many off-the-cuff anecdotes about Flotilla 79 and other AUX narratives. The response from the audience gave rise to higher spirits and roars of laughter from all attendees. It was without a doubt the quintessential highlight of the evening celebrations and tributes. In addition, our DCP graciously conducted the collective swearing in of 79's 2006 Officers.

Flotilla 79 excelled this year not only as they predictably do in there accustomed Public Education programs, assistance to the Division, contributions of time and commitment to local Township drives and activities, as well as the constant and ever vigilant promotion of the U S Coast Guard and its endorsements, but also to the commitment to provide the public at large with the current, and correct information in our support of the U S Coast Guard. ✱

Article and photos by Kathleen G. Frencer FSO-PA/PB
Forked River, NJ

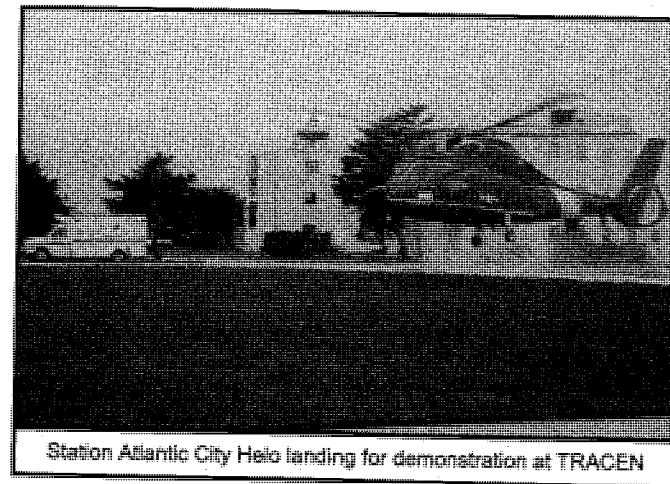


AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

TRACEN OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS

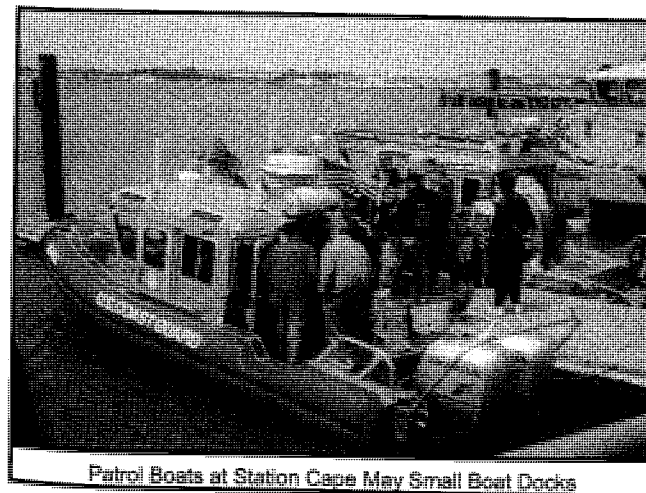
Recently Flotillas 82 and 86 led by Ken DeSoo ADSO-CC, assisted TRACEN Cape May in hosting an Open House for 78 high school students and their parents. Fourteen of the students were prospective AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) candidates. The day began with a descriptive presentation of life as a Coast Guard recruit and possible assignments after the eight-week intensive training period.



Station Atlantic City Helo landing for demonstration at TRACEN

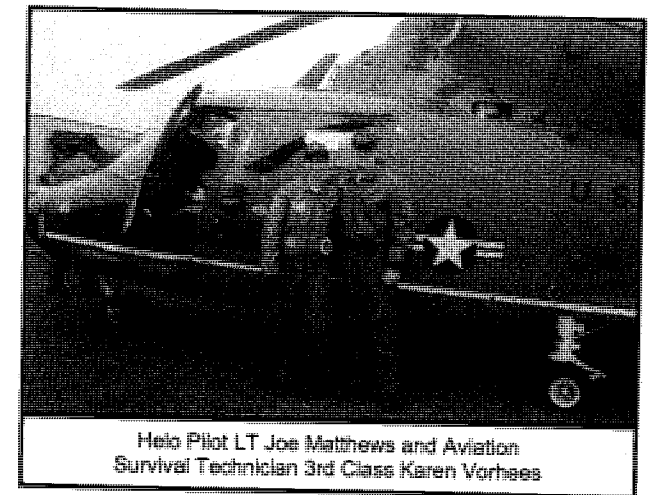
Following lunch in the Galley, the group visited Station Cape May and toured the emergency radio watch team, the on duty small boat crew quarters, and the repair shop.

Dockside, everyone was invited to board the small patrol boats and the 210 foot, highly decorated cutter DEPENDABLE.



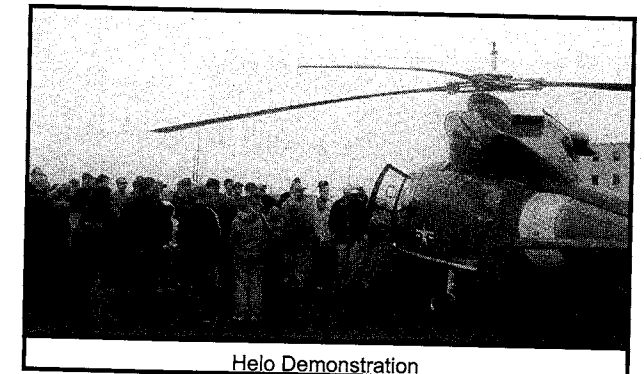
Patrol Boats at Station Cape May Small Boat Docks

The tour concluded on the parade ground where a traditional low level "fly over" was performed by a helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City. After landing, pilot LT Joe Matthews gave the group a detailed description of his days at the Academy in New London CT, told how he became a pilot, and outlined the primary search and rescue duties of a helicopter crew.



Helicopter Pilot LT Joe Matthews and Aviation Survival Technician 3rd Class Karen Vorhees

As a special treat, Aviation Survival Technician 3rd Class Karen Vorhees (swimmer) emerged from the aircraft to talk about her exciting but dangerous job, her duties, and a few hair-raising experiences. The AST is a native of New Zealand. There was time for a question and answer period before the crew took off to return to base.



Helicopter Demonstration

The Open House ended with the tour group expressing obvious admiration for the U.S. Coast Guard, and with fuller understanding of the meaning of "Semper Paratus." ✱

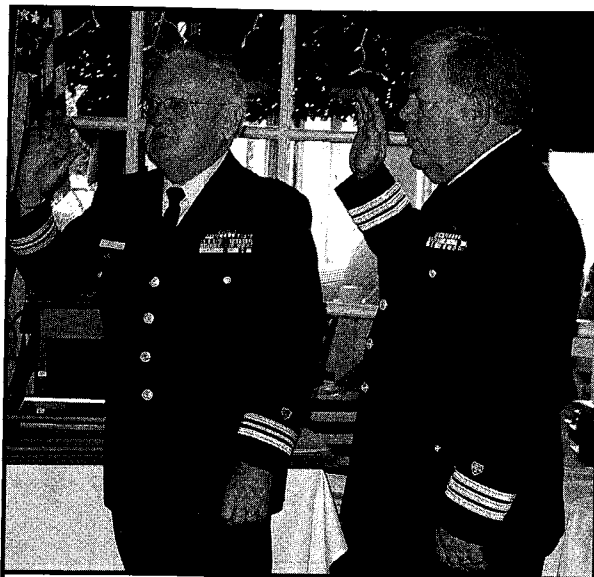
Article and photos by Thom Weber, FI 82
Cape May, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

DIVISION 8 CHANGE OF WATCH

Division 8 held their Change of Watch at the Tuckahoe Inn in Cape May County, NJ



Swear-in of Mike Colondrillo as DCP and George Morris VCP



Dual 2005 Auxiliant of the Year Awards were presented to PRCO (E) Jean Stretch and to Sue Wade by Commodore Leon Kehr

It was an unusual occurrence when Division 8 awarded a dual Auxiliant of the Year Award to PRCO (E) Jean Stretch and to Sue Wade both of Flotilla 85. Jean and Sue who in past years took care of the District Store which is a full time job with no pay and little recognition. This past year they agreed to take over the job again and reorganize the inventory and logistics. Few people understand or appreciate the work involved. ❀

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Flotilla 83—Women Behind the Scene Award Janice Colondrillo and Susan Lincoln



George Morris VCP 8 receiving award of Operational Merit from CWO Sean McGarigal CO, CG Station Atlantic City FC 85 Michelle Petrilli on left



Marilyn Hughes receiving Captain's Award from DCP Bruce Long

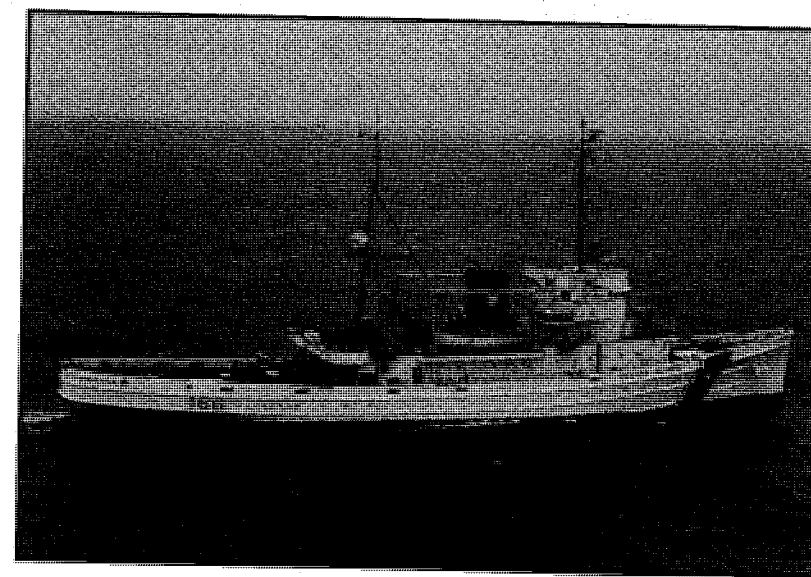
AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

DIVISION 8 CHANGE OF WATCH -THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

During the Award Ceremony at our Change of Watch on December 3rd, Harry Peterson, Past RCO-E, called Sean McGarigal, Commanding Officer of CG Station Atlantic City to the microphone. He was presented with photo mementos and a ball cap with his old ship the T A M A R O A emblazoned on it. He was crew on the CG Cutter TAMAROA that rescued the sailors and downed helicopter crewmen during the Perfect Storm" in 1991

The TAMAROA rescued three persons from the sailboat Satori 75-miles off Nantucket Island. Seas built to 40 feet in 80-knot winds. The ordeal over, taps sounded--with reveille only 10 minutes later. The TAMAROA was again fighting heavy seas to rescue the crew of a downed New York Air National Guard HH-60 helicopter from the 106th Air Rescue Group that had run out of fuel on a similar rescue mission. TAMAROA rescued four of the five Air National Guard crewmen, a rescue that earned the cutter and crew the Coast Guard Unit Commendation and the prestigious Coast Guard Foundation Award. ❀



USCGC TAMAROA

Commissioned: 9 October 1943 (USN); 29 June 1946 (USCG)

Length: 205' 6"

Beam: 39' 3-1/4"

Draft: 18' (navigational draft, 1994)

Displacement: 1,641 tons (full load, 1966); 1,731 tons (full load, 1994)

Decommissioned: 1 February 1994 (USCG)

Article submitted by Gil Finkelstein, ADSO-PB (E), Linwood, NJ

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 9
Western Lakes, PA

DIVISION 9 CHANGE OF WATCH

New officers were installed in Division 9 at the annual Change of Watch ceremony held in Huntingdon on 3 December. Division Captain Marty Rusnak formally welcomed members and guests to what promised to be an afternoon of entertainment, fellowship, and recognition of those who worked so hard to promote the goals of the Auxiliary in 2005. Following a fine meal, the talented members of the Clapper family entertained all with a delightful and fitting musical presentation.

Distinguished guests at the event included RCO (W) Harold Miller and wife DSO-PS Astrida, RCO (W) Elect Dianne Bossler and husband, and Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR, CDR Scott Rogerson. Each provided a few words of wisdom and encouragement for the members.



RCO-W Miller, CDR Rogerson, DCP Rusnak and VCP Vonada

Actually, CDR Rogerson provided quite a few words but then, as he explained, he drove all the way from Philadelphia and wanted to get his money's worth out of the trip. Fortunately, he is a fine speaker and provided a number of relevant and positive insights toward the continued success of the Division in 2006.



Don Bowes receives Operations Award from OPS Officer A. Mitchell

Division Operations Officer Allen Mitchell presented the "Top Sea Dog" award to the person who contributed the most to on-water operations in the Division in 2005. This year the award went to Don Bowes (see photo)

who richly deserves it. Congratulations to Don, and wife Grace, for their selfless contribution of time, knowledge, and effort to training and patrols on Lake Raystown over a period of many years. Vice Captain Paul Vonada presented letters of appreciation to Division Staff Officers for their diligent efforts in 2005 and CDR Rogerson presented the Auxiliarist of the Year award.

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After an outstanding campaign in 2005, both Division Captain Marty Rusnak and Vice Captain Paul Vonada were elected to lead the Division again in 2006. They were reinstated to office by RCO (W) Miller and CDR Rogerson. Division Staff Officers and Flotilla elected officers were then instated to office by Captain Rusnak and Vice Captain Vonada. The event lived up to expectations and all who attended left with a renewed enthusiasm for year ahead. ❀

Photo and Article by David Robb FC 95
Huntington, PA

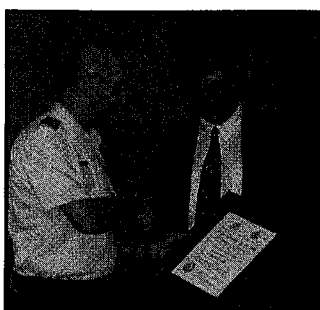
AUXILIARIST OF YEAR

David Robb received the Auxiliarist of the Year Award for the second time since joining the Auxiliary August 2003. The Award was presented by Director of the Auxiliary Commander Scott Rogerson at the Division 9 Change Of Watch.

Dave shares his training, teaching ability and experience with Western Area members.

His many qualifications include Coxswain, IT,VE and he has successfully completed AUXCOM, AUXWEA, AUXPAT, AUXSAR, AUXSEA and future goals include AUXOP and QE.

He willingly contributes time and talent to accomplish the Auxiliary goals and objectives in the Western Area. He has helped enhance the Auxiliary image with the Marinas, Army Corp of Engineers, Juniata College, Pa Fish and Boat Commission and the general public at Raystown Lake.



Dave will lead Flotilla 9-5 as Flotilla Commander in 2006. Division Nine is proud to honor Dave for his dedication, enthusiasm, time and expertise. ❀

Article and photo by
Larry Irvin 95,
Huntington, PA

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10
Allentown, PA

FLOTILLA 10-5 CHANGE OF WATCH

Flotilla 10-05, Pottstown held its Change of Watch at Brookside Country Club. Bryan Rendina, COW Committee did an excellent job with the arrangements.



Appointed Officers swear-in



District Commodore Leon Kehr and his wife Thelma

Special invited guests were District Commodore Leon Kehr and his wife Thelma; Merrill Beyer III, Division Captain; Don Carty, Vice Captain and his wife Sue; and Mrs David Becker (Louise).

The excellent meal ended with a "make your own sundae bar." Auxiliarists enjoyed a gift exchange and door prizes. The Auxiliary scrapbook was available for viewing. A 50-50 drawing to benefit the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance program was conducted. In addition a copy of Chapman Piloting and Seamanship was raffled off.



Merrill Beyer III Division Captain, FC Peg Heyer, VFC Dennis Shaner

Peg Hoyer was installed as Flotilla Commander and Dennis Shaner was installed as Vice Flotilla Commander.

Fellowship was a main part of the evening as members and guests met each other and renewed friendships. Everyone missed their boats not in storage, but enjoyed reliving the past season and making plans for the spring. ❀

Articles and photos by Mary Ann Gindlesperger
Pottstown, PA



FLOTILLA 10-8 HOLDS 2006 ELECTIONS



Flotilla 10-8 Quakertown held Flotilla Elections for 2006 on November 3rd during their Flotilla meeting.

Elections were conducted by Merrill Beyer DCP for Division 10. Results were Sue Carty, FC elect and Todd Fox, VFC elect. Photo- from left, Todd Fox, Sue Carty and Merrill Beyer. ❀

WHAT A WAY TO HAVE FUN!



Susan Fitzgerald, 5NR 10-8 FSO-OP and 5NR DIV 10 SO-OP, and Randy Groff relax and enjoy many hours on Yesterday's Dream which is moored at Two Rivers Yacht Basin, located on the Bohemia River, MD.

They, as well as many other Auxiliarists from our area, spend much leisure time boating in the Chesapeake Bay region which includes, among others, the Bohemia River, Elk River, C&D Canal and Sassafras River. ❀

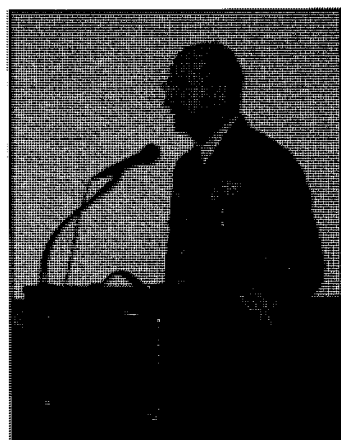
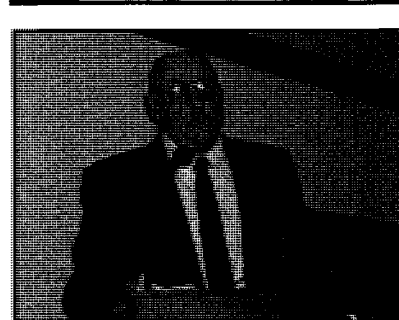
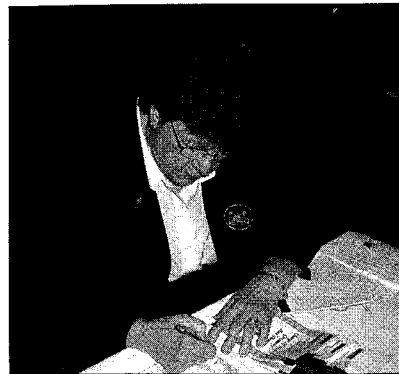


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Division 12
Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12 CHANGE OF WATCH - LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT, LEWES, DE



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12-1 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Oscar (Dick) Bailey DCP 12 with Ralph Gilgenast 12-1

Ralph Gilgenast, 12-1, was presented with the Auxiliarist of the Year Award by Ronald Boice, RCO-C, at the Division 12 Change of Watch Ceremony held on 12 November 2005. Ralph is an exceptional member of the Division. He seizes opportunities and embraces a real "can do" attitude. He has been a valued

and respected member of the Auxiliary for many years. Each year, he has consistently dedicated hundreds of hours in the support and advancement of the Coast Guard mission. His exceptional dedication and volunteer spirit has directly benefited the Auxiliary, the boating public, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

His personal interest, enthusiasm, and talent have played an integral part in making the waterways a safer place. He has served the Auxiliary in many capacities and his special skills have been a tremendous benefit to the many positions he has filled at both the Flotilla and Division level.

The quantity and quality of his work is outstanding as he forges ahead with innovative ideas to meet the ever changing need in accomplishing our mission.✱

Article: Oscar (Dick) Bailey, DCP 12
Photo: Carolyn Otto, VCP 12

FLOTILLAS 12-3 AND 12-5 LAST PATROL OF THE SEASON



Members of Flotillas 12-3 and 12-5 teamed up for their last Patrol of the Season on a crisp November 13 day. The Coxswain was Alfred Grimminger DSO-VE 12-5, and crew included Carolyn Otto VCP 12 (12-5), Harry Otto LLO(DE) SLO(DE) (12-5), and David Hermansader (12-3).✱

Photos were taken by Alfred Grimminger
DSO-VE of 12-5
Article by Carolyn Otto VCP 12 of 12-5



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Division 12
Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12-2 CHANGE OF WATCH

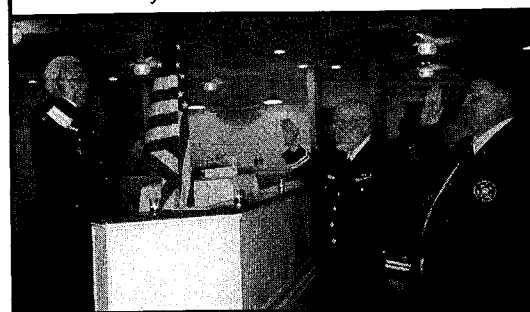


Mr James Beard owner of Rehoboth Beach Marina receiving the True Blue Award from Anthony Dimauro FC 12-2. Mr Beard is an active supporter of our Flotilla.

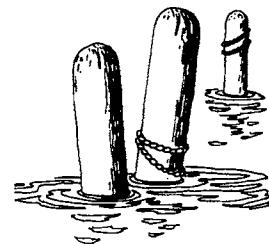


(l-r) PDCO Robert Perrone Sr, wife Joanne, Paula Xenos, newly elected FC Neil Xenos, Anthony Dimauro FC, wife Julie, Oscar Bailey DCP Div 12, Patricia Kelley and James Kelley (newly elected VFC)

Swear-in of Neil Xenos FC and James Kelley VFC by PDCO Robert Perrone Sr



Joe Tridente SO-PV (l) receiving the Outstanding Performance Award from Oscar Bailey DCP 12 and Anthony Dimauro FC 12-2



DIVISION 12 INFORMATION BOOTHS

Division 12 did 25 Information Booths for the year 2005, with over 200,000 of the public attending the events. We gave out tons of literature and information on safe boating, pollution, etc... One of the big draws was the coloring books for the kids where we explained to them about wearing PFD's and safe boating.

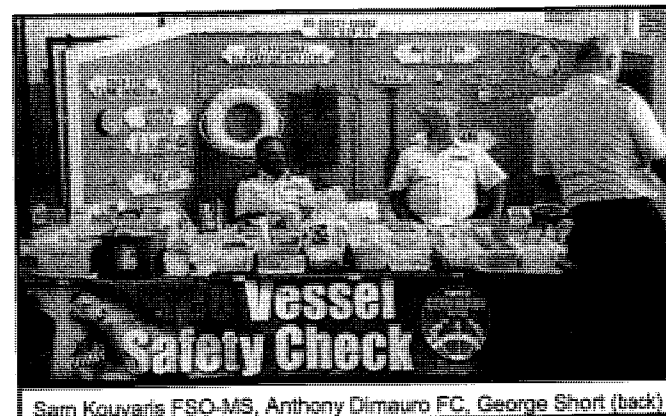
We had a lot of the public sign-up for Safe Boating Classes, VSC's and join the Auxiliary, also we work for the USCG booth, with the Recruiting Assistance Program (RAP) where we talk to the young public about joining the USCG. We then give them the Recruiter's card and then send them to the Recruiters.

This is an excellent way to build up the membership in your Flotilla.*

Photos and articles by John P. Bernath DSO-PA 5NR, Millsboro, DE



George Short 12-2 FSO-VE and Walter Brown FSO-CC 2005



Sam Kouvaris FSO-MS, Anthony Dimauro FC, George Short (back)

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13
Central New Jersey

DIVISION 13 YEAR END SUMMARY

The Holidays are over and a new year of service to our country and the Coast Guard has begun by the time you read this.

We'd like to congratulate the outgoing Flotilla Commanders, Vice Flotilla Commanders and Staff Officers for a job well done in 2005. Best wishes for a successful year to the newly appointed Staff Officers and Flotillas' Bridge:

13-1 FC Philip B. Walmsley	VFC William C. Krasner
13-3 FC Walter Sandell	VFC Allen Burns
13-5 FC Girard V. Goldkrantz	VFC Daniel B. Charter
13-6 FC Phylis Blackeby	VFC Charles Maltbie
13-7 FC Dennis Strasser	VFC Robert Kanzler
13-10 FC Carl Letizia	VFC Marianne Simpkins

I think it's also time to review some of our accomplishments at the Division level this year: we have emphasized the Fellowship keystone which has included the successful Division Picnic in August and changed format of the Division Meetings to include refreshments and a chance to socialize prior to the meetings.

Member Training continues to be a major thrust, and many of our members have taken advantage of the AUX courses and APC courses offered by the SO-MT, Dan

Charter. The Division meetings' arrangement has been changed so that a member training session is now included at each meeting, the training being provided prior to the business meeting to ensure there is time available for the session.

Perhaps most importantly, we have addressed a major problem identified in our Division's Self-analysis – COMMUNICATION. Division meetings have been reorganized into the roundtable format with everyone in the Division encouraged to attend and contribute.

We have brought back the "Intended Track," the Division newsletter containing the Flotilla Commanders' and Staff Officers' monthly reports, which is sent electronically to everyone in the Division who has shared their e-mail address with Dan Charter. Flotilla Commanders are tasked to provide hard copies to members of their Flotillas who have not shared their e-mail address with us. Also, most Flotilla Officers and Division Staff Officers now submit their monthly reports electronically to the Division Bridge and Staff on the first Monday of each month, allowing everyone to read and digest them prior to the Division Meeting.*

*Article by Buzz Lombardi DCP 13
Cinnaminson, NJ*

Tips for TOPSIDE Contributors

JOINED AT THE HIP

As a first time author to TOPSIDE, recent experiences press upon me to pass onto the elected officers a few thoughts about duties, due dates, communications, and being proactive.

The expression "Joined at the Hip" fits well into the auxiliary organization and is a positive statement. The importance becomes most apparent in the fall and holiday season which coincides with all the elections, conferences, and reports that have both monthly and end-of-the year due dates.

The position of the Vice is to support the Captain (or Commander) and manage the unit staff officers. Occasionally, circumstances will require the Vice to take over the control of the organization for both a fixed or unspecified period of time. At this point, it would be most desirable that you have had good communications with your leader and full knowledge of current events, including schedules and due dates, since the event forcing the circumstance may not be planned but could be instantaneous.

To keep the organization running smoothly elected officers must stay "tuned in" with their leader and ready to jump in!*

*Article by Art Miller VCP Div 13
Moorestown, NJ*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13
Central New Jersey

DIVISION 13 CHANGE OF WATCH

We'll begin by again thanking last year's Elected and Appointed Officers for a job well done and congratulate this year's Bridges and Staffs.

This year's Division Staff Officers are:

FSO-AN	Daryl Bear
FSO-CM	Fred Hicks
FSO-CS	Walter Holl
FSO-FN	Elizabeth Hasenpat-Anzalone
FSO-IS	George Langdon
FSO-MA	Charles Maltbie
FSO-MS	Walt Sandell
FSO-MT	Dan Charter
FSO-OP	Phil Walmsley
FSO-PA	Linda Goldkrantz
FSO-PB	Pat Charter
FSO-PE	Bill Riches
FSO-PS	Jerry Goldkrantz
FSO-PV	Phyllis Blackeby
FSO-SR	Phil Milliken
FSO-VE	Norma Hunter
SPO-NSBW	Linda Goldkrantz
SPO-FC	Buzz Lombardi Mentor

The Division started off the year with our Change of Watch at Carlucci's on the Waterfront on Sunday, 8 January. Once again it was a pleasant affair with a mid-day brunch enjoyed by all who attended. We'd like to thank Walt Holl and Caroline King our COW Committee for a job well done, and DCO Lee Kehr and CDR Scott Rogerson, representing the gold side, for their participation and assistance.

This year we had three highlights in addition to the administration of the oath to the new Officers.

The first was the presentation by DCO Kehr of the Auxiliarist of the Year award to Philip B. Walmsley. Phil is the incoming FC of 13-1, a coxswain and a supervisor at SARDET Wilmington.

The second was the presentation of the Unit Commendation Award to Edwin B. Fay, 13-6, and Victor E. Paterno, Jr, 13-3 for their contributions to the USCG Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia during the Athos I oil spill incident by CDR Rogerson.

Third was the administration of the oath to Mr. Perchetti, a new member of Flotilla 13-10, by CDR Rogerson.

In keeping with one of our goals for 2006, the improvement of the Public Affairs activities of the Division, Linda Goldkrantz, SPO-NSBW, is supervising and Ed Schulsinger is ram-rodging, our National Safe Boating Week activities. This year in addition to the regular Flotilla activities of Information Booths, Vessel Exam stations, etc, we are working on a Division activity at Wiggins Park in Camden, NJ to coincide with the Auxiliary activities at Penn's Landing on the Pennsylvania side. We'd like to invite the other Divisions of the Eastern Area to participate. Please Contact Linda, Ed, Art Miller (VCP) or Buzz Lombardi (DCP). Watch for more to come in the next issue.✱

Article by Buzz Lombardi DCP 13
Cinnaminson, NJ

FLOTILLA 13-6 CHANGE OF WATCH

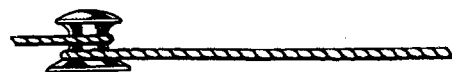
In keeping with a long tradition, Flotilla 13-6 combined their December business meeting with their Change of Watch. This year they met at outgoing Flotilla Commander Ron Blackeby's home on Friday evening, December 8. They welcomed the incoming officers, Phyllis Blackeby, Ron's wife as the new Flotilla Commander, and Charlie Maltbie as the Vice Flotilla Commander.

Two prospective members, Carol and Bob Adams, indicated interest in Flotilla membership. Hopefully they will be sworn in before the year is out.

Since Public Education classes are scheduled to begin in March, strategies are being discussed to increase interest in the classes and increase enrollment.

Vessel Exam Stations at Dredge Harbor Marina are being planned for Saturday, 20 May, and Sunday, 4 June as part of our NSBW activities. Dredge Harbor's owners have asked us not to conduct a Vessel Exam Station during Memorial Day weekend. Vessel Examiners from other Flotillas are welcome. Please contact Daryl Bear, FSO-VE if you are planning to attend.✱

Article by Buzz Lombardi DCP 13
Cinnaminson, NJ



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13
Central New Jersey

FLOTILLA 13-5 CHANGE OF WATCH



Members of 13-5 arrive for the COW. The Flotilla (chartered in 1942), traditionally holds a festive COW dinner annually.



Past Commodore Edward Rearick reads the prologue to FC Jerry Goldkrantz and VFC elect Dan Charter.



Immediate past Div Captain Butch Simpkins administers oath of office.

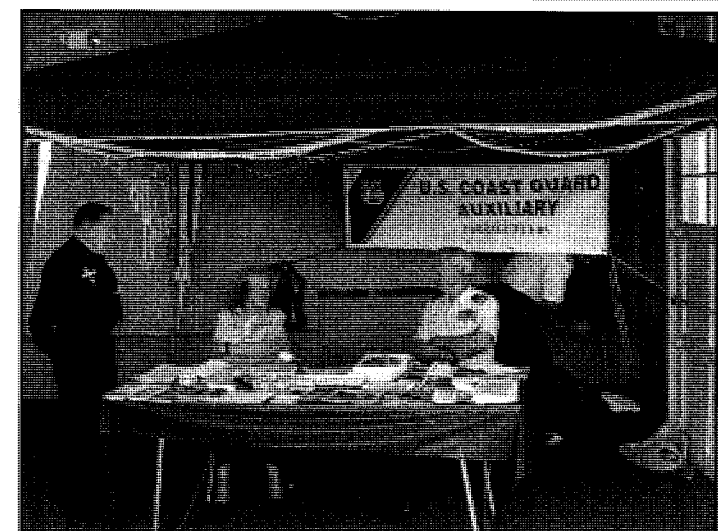
Commentary by Dan Charter VFC, Marlton, NJ
Photos by Linda Goldkrantz SR Cherry Hill, NJ

FLOTILLA 13-5 TAKES PART IN SAIL EXPO

On Saturday and Sunday in January, Flotilla 13-5 manned a Boating Safety Booth at the 2006 Sail Expo in Riverside, NJ.



Saturday- Pictured are Lin Goldkrantz and Ed Schulsinger, Jerry Goldkrantz, not pictured also manned the booth. A prospective PE student signs in.



Sunday - (l-r) Dave Berlin 13-1 assisted 13-5 with the booth. Dan and Pat Charter take a break from answering a wide variety of questions. Several leads were obtained for new members and PE students.

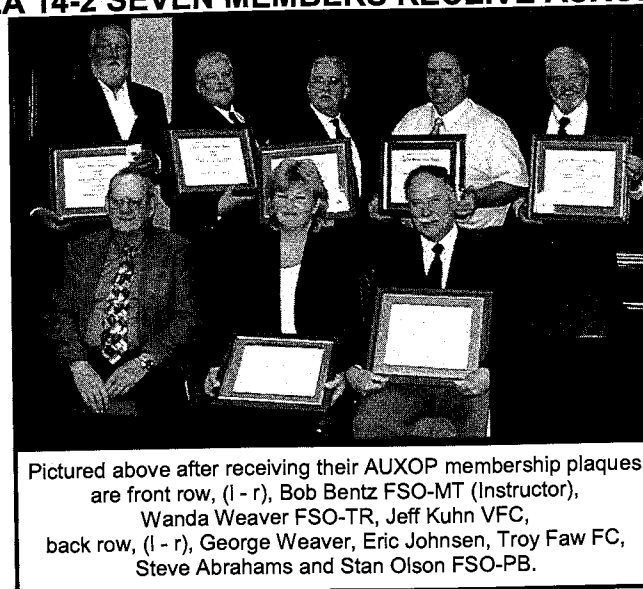


Commentary by Dan Charter VFC, Marlton, NJ
Photos by Trish Marshall, Riverside, NJ

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14
Susquehanna, PA

FLOTILLA 14-2 SEVEN MEMBERS RECEIVE AUXOP AWARD



Pictured above after receiving their AUXOP membership plaques are front row, (l - r), Bob Bentz FSO-MT (Instructor), Wanda Weaver FSO-TR, Jeff Kuhn VFC, back row, (l - r), George Weaver, Eric Johnsen, Troy Faw FC, Steve Abrahams and Stan Olson FSO-PB.

At the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary York Flotilla 14-2's annual Christmas Party/Change of Watch, held at the Four Points Sheraton, 7 members of the York Flotilla were designated AUXOP members by United States Coast Guard Rear Admiral L. L. Hereth.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian, uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard, as well as the lead volunteer force in the Department of Homeland Security. It was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the US Coast Guard Reserves and re-designated the Auxiliary in 1941. The 31,000 volunteer members (men and women) donate thousands of hours in support of the Coast Guard and Maritime Domain Awareness missions, such as Search & Rescue, Public Education and Marine Environmental Protection.

The AUXOP designation is the culmination of over 2 years of intensive study provided by the local Flotilla and supervised by the Commander, US Coast Guard, Atlantic Area. The Auxilarists gained expertise and were tested in the following specialties:

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| 1. Communications | 3. Search and Rescue | 5. Weather |
| 2. Patrols | 4. Navigation | 6. Seamanship |

The course of study was completed over a two-year period with each course lasting between 12 to 14 weeks, one three hour session per week. Additionally, an average of two hours home study per each class hour was required. Collectively, this represents a total of over 7000 hours of study put in by the members. The classes were not held during the summer months, allowing the Auxilarists to pursue their boating activities and patrol the Long Level (Lake Clarke) section of the Susquehanna River as well as the upper reaches of the Chesapeake Bay. The Auxiliary acts as the "eyes and ears" of the U.S. Coast Guard, assisting in patrolling the waterways and providing assistance to vessels in trouble.

The awards were presented by Division Captain Steve Wells. In his remarks, DCP Wells noted that it is unusual for a Division to have this many Auxilarists complete the course of study at one time and virtually unheard of to have an individual Flotilla receive this many honors. (This Division consists of 6 Flotillas.) During this two-year time period, many of the members also received their Crew and/or Coxswain ratings. ✱

Submitted by Stan Olson FSO-PB
East Berlin, PA

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
PA Frontier

CHANGE OF WATCH FLOTILLA 15-3

Recent new officer elections for Flotilla 15-3 replaced several long time Auxiliary Commands. During the November 7, 2005 meeting of Flotilla 15-3 Jack Borzell, FC and Randy Bender, VFC are set to changed commands onto Raymond Hillman, FC and Julie Schechter, VFC. Ron VanZile, DCP, conducted the elections. He had overseen the election and provided a great sense of commitment. The new bridge promises to produce new energy and keep the entire flotilla active in its mission of Greater Community involvement. ✱

By: Ray Sedorchuk, SO-PA 15-3
Hunlock Creek, PA

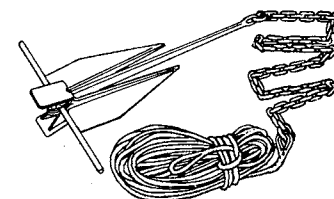
CHANGE OF WATCH FLOTILLA 15-4

In a quest to keep Flotilla 15-4 alive, Division 15 appointed Julie Schechter to help re-vitalize the Scranton Flotilla. Julie along with Bill Schechter, Fran and Bob Fumanti, members from 15-3, and DCP Ron and Ceil VanZile attended meetings, called members, did fingerprinting and arranged for members to re-qualify for crew and their current positions. 15-4 pulled through with the help of Matt King who was appointed FC, and James McGlinn who was appointed VFC.

15-4 continues its drive to recruit new members while keeping the current members active and engaged. Sally Coral, Northeast Region Manager of the PA Fish and Boat Commission attended a meeting to coordinate boating activities on Lake Wallenpaupack. She also offered to speak with all local Flotillas to offer ideas on how we can work together to better server the public.

The November elections were quite successful with Matthew King elected FC and Ed Green elected VFC. The meetings continue to go well. Good luck 15-4! ✱

Article by Julie Schechter SO-PA
Dallas, PA



15-6 TOWANDA DETACHMENT



Patrol completed on Cowanesque Lake. Edward Hilscher Towanda, Arland Costley 15-6, Photo by crew member Linda Hilscher.



PA Booth at Elmira College, (l-r) Arland Costley, Roy Boyd and Ron VanZile, Linda Hilscher was also manning the booth.



Halloween Parade in Towanda. Great crowd. Ed Hilscher and George Rogers passed out candy, Marilee Brown and Linda Hilscher rode in the boat keeping the candy buckets filled, Silas Brown towed the boat.



Veteran's Appreciation Day at Hornbrook Park, 15-6 and the Towanda detachment had facility boats on display and a PA booth present. Attending the event were Silas and Marilee Brown, Linda Hilscher, and Ric and Marion Vespe. Many Veterans participated in this event.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
PA Frontier

15-8 SAILING FLOTILLA AWARDED BOAT US GRANT

Sayers Lake Flotilla 15-8 (*The Sailing Flotilla*) has been awarded a 2006 Boat US Recreational Boating Safety Grant in the amount of \$1,715 to create a weather station for their home waters in Bald Eagle State Park in northern Centre County, PA. Expecting to be operational during the 2006 boating season, this weather station will provide: temperature, atmospheric data, water temperature and provide a real-time view of the lake and marina via a webcam. The weather station information will be available to all through a monitor at the marina, the Park's Environmental Learning Center and a free website (not part of this grant).

Sayers Lake is a 1750 acre lake that has an active recreational boating base that comes from a fairly wide geographic area. One universal concern on the water is weather and its effects. Due to the unique location in its mountain valley, Sayers Lake is particularly affected by weather that is very local in nature. Present forecasting and current weather stations are too far removed from the locale to provide accurate reporting. Thunderstorms pop up with extreme consequences and alarming frequency in mid and late summer. Reports of wind steady at 10mph from the airport 30 miles distant can yield disappointing

outcomes for the sailors at the lake or harrowing conditions of gusts of 20-25 knots. For the water skiers, calm conditions reported from NOAA can actually be dramatically different with chop on the water. Paddlers expecting one condition from the Weather Channel often experience much different conditions on the lake. Temperatures can vary significantly in the early and latter parts of the season at the beach, and the picnic areas. Fog is often at the lake when the drive to it has been entirely clear. Beyond inconvenience, safety and education about how to better plan safe activities on and around the lake are of primary concern.

Sayers Lake Flotilla is a fairly "young" Flotilla that concentrates on sailing activities. Among its members are professionals engaged in weather forecasting, internet design architecture, database programming and communications. The Flotilla has several Auxiliary Weather Specialists looking forward to utilizing the weather station information in their public education and public affairs outreach efforts. ❁

Note: The two writers of this grant application were: Kevin C. Murphy, ADSO-PA (W), VCP Div. 15
David A. Powell, SO-CS Div. 15, FSO-CS/CM 15-8



Just another fringe benefit... what can be better than an early autumn morning on patrol?... loons calling, crisp air, warm mist off the water, leaves turning brightly, the sun breaking through with the promise of a bright sunny day... Alone with your thoughts and with friends.

This particular patrol happens to be on Sayers Lake in Centre County with Flotilla 15-8 (*The Sailing Flotilla*), but it could be anywhere Auxiliarists get together to help boaters.

Submitted by: K.C. Murphy, Div15 VCP,
ADSO-PA(W)
State College, PA

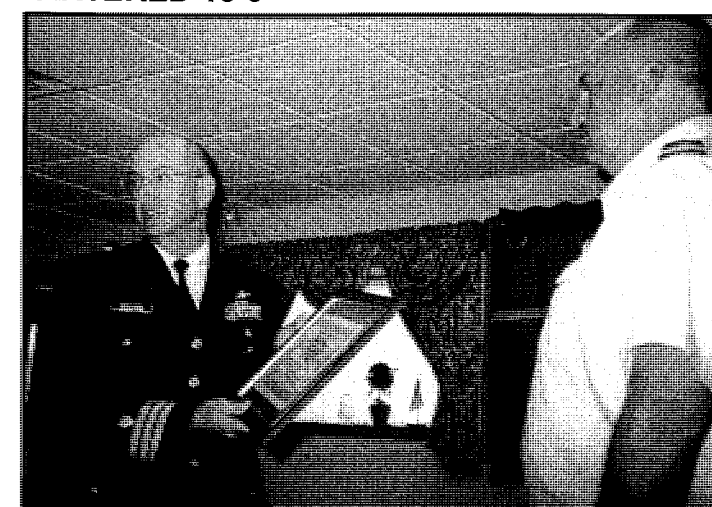
AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15
PA Frontier

NEW FLOTILLA CHARTERED 15-9



Quiet time before Chartering Service for the new Flotilla 15-9 in Towanda, PA (l-r) FC Kevin Barnett, Ron VanZile DCP and VCP Edward Hilscher. The Chartering was held at the American Legion Post 42 in Towanda, PA. A delicious meal was served by the Legion, great speakers, wonderful fellowship and interesting prizes.



Commander Scott Rogerson presented FC Kevin Barnett with the Auxiliary Certificate of Charter, making it official, we're now FLOTILLA 15-9.



The first thing Commander Kevin Barnett of the new Flotilla did was to present Ron and Cecelia VanZile a Certificate of Appreciation for the last 2 years of mentoring and dedication. They have taught and guided us in the right direction. Thank you!!!



(l-r) CDR Scott Rogerson, Commander Kevin Barnett, MA, OP; Silas Brown, MT, VE, PV; Vice Commander Edward Hilscher, IS, PE and Commodore Leon Kehr.

Kevin, Silas and Edward have successfully completed all the requirements in the Boat Crew Qualification Program and have earned the highest qualification this program offers, that of Auxiliary Coxswain. CDR Rogerson and Commodore Kehr presented the pins and awards.

Submitted by Linda Hilscher, Towanda, PA

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Jersey Shore

DIVISION 16 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

At the Change of Watch Commodore Leon Kehr, D5-NR, presented the Division 16 Auxiliary of the Year award for 2005 to Theodore R. Hall, Flotilla 16-7.

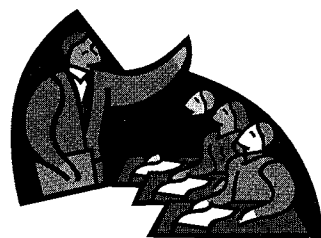


Ted joined the Auxiliary in 1999 and immediately became an active participant. He became an instructor and taught BS&S and ABC classes to the boating public. On a Division level he taught BCN, ACN and AUXWEA. In 2005, Ted taught AUXSEA and AUXPAT at the D5-NR Spring and Fall conferences. An experienced sailor, he became Crew and Coxswain qualified and went on to earn his AUXOP qualification.

He mentors Crew and Coxswain candidates, tutors regular Coast Guardsmen in navigation and is in the process of becoming Coast Guard small boat crew qualified. Having served as VFC and FC, he currently serves as FSO-OP, SO-MT and ADSO-MT.

His achievements are truly exemplary as is his untiring commitment in assisting others to attain their goals. Ted personifies the true meaning of an Auxiliarist.*

*Comments submitted by Harvey Monter, DC 16
Brick, NJ*



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FLOTILLA 16-7 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

The 2005 Auxiliary of the Year for Flotilla 16-7 is Marge Ignozza. The honor is bestowed upon a member, by the members of the Flotilla. This is all by open ballot and there are nominations. The Flotilla membership recognizes the individuals who contribute the most.

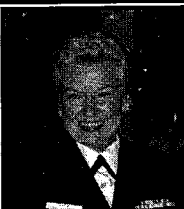
Marge Ignozza serves the Flotilla, and the Auxiliary, in many capacities. She is the current FSO-IS and FSO-PB. She asked for and graciously took on the FSO-IS position when the original officer had health issues. In addition to these staff positions, Marge is AUXOP, Crew, VE, and IT qualified. She attends the Spring and Fall conferences, participates in surface patrols, aides at PE classes, attends Flotilla business and training meetings, and steps in to help any member in need.

She is truly the all around Auxiliarist, and we the members of 16-7 are very proud of, and grateful for, her participation and contributions.*

Dennis Georgia FC 16-7, Lakewood, NJ

FLOTILLA 16-5 ELECTS FIRST FEMALE COMMANDER IN 40 YEARS

Dorothy Smith and her husband Doug joined Flotilla 16-5 in 1999. Dorothy immediately became active in the various activities of the Auxiliary. She had an opportunity to drive the Manasquan Inlet Coast Guard station's 21 foot semi-inflatable boat.



After that she was hooked. She now operates her own 23 foot speedboat to Patrol areas of Barnegat Bay.

This year Dorothy transitioned from Vice Commander to Commander of 16-5. This is a milestone as she is the first female commander in the 40 year history of her Flotilla.

She is a trained emergency medical technician, and a Watchstander for the Atlantic Strike Team, based in Fort Dix.

Both Smiths are true examples of "Volunteerism." Doug is Vice Captain of Division 16.*

Article by Edna M. Winans, DSO-PB, Manahawkin, NJ

IN MEMORIAM



It is our sad duty to report that the following Auxiliarists 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.*

Charles Birch 92

Glenn D. Curtis 24

Julius D'Angelantonio 2-76

Richard Hudson 14

John Lenart 11-6

Eugene B. Litz 13-7

Bill Pierce 32

William Shaw 63

George Sillman 11-2

Leonard Soderberg 15-7

Donald Spicer 15-3

Marion B. Stillman 7-12

Henry Wanner 14-3












"Sailors, rest your oars."

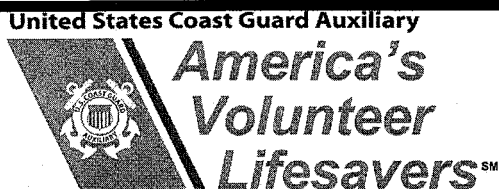
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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Fifth Northern District - 2006 Calendar of Events

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
1 ASH Wednesday  10-12 Spring Awards Conference YORK, PA 14 Unit Meeting and PA Reports Due 17 St Patrick's Day  20 Spring Begins 	1 Begin Summer Uniforms 2 Begin Daylight Savings 3 EXCOM Meeting 15 Unit Meeting and PA Reports Due 15 TAX Day  16 Easter  21 Earth Day 21-23 AMLOC A 22 Passover begins  28 East Area EXCOM 28 Central Area EXCOM 30 Spring topside Deadline	1 EXCOM Meeting 14 Mother's Day  20 Armed Forces Day  21-27 National Safe Boating Week 30 Memorial Day  31 Mandatory Workshop Deadline	5 EXCOM Meeting 12-17 Eastern Area Coxswain Training -Cape May 14 Flag Day  15 Unit Meeting and PA Reports Due 18 Father's Day  30 Deadline for Disenrollment for Non-Payment of Dues

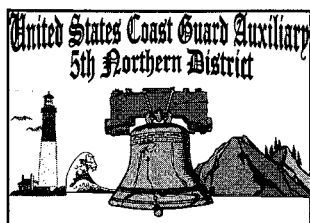


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