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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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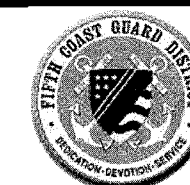
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## Letter from RADM Hereth



Dear Fifth District Auxiliarists,

As we prepare for another active boating season, I wanted to share with you how proud I am to have approximately 20% of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Fifth Coast Guard District and express my gratitude for your many contributions throughout Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia during your years of selfless service. As you well know, the Coast Guard could not do all that is required without the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Whether you have been active in Member Services, Recreational Boating Safety, Operations & Marine Safety, or Fellowship; you are a critical part of Team Coast Guard!

I understand from Commander Engle and Commander Rogerson that most of you have already submitted Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) packages and are "good to go" for continued service in the Auxiliary after 2006; and I thank you for complying with this important tasking. As we all know too well, the world changed a few years ago and we need a competent and reliable Coast Guard Auxiliary more now than ever before!

If you have not yet participated in the PSI process for whatever the reason, please talk with your Flotilla Commander as the requirements for favorable OS and DO PSI determinations have recently changed, thereby greatly reducing the number of Auxiliarists required to submit a DO package. It is my hope that every Auxiliarist will meet the 30 November deadline and that we will not be forced to disenroll (or retire) a single Auxiliarist.

If you have participated in the PSI process and know colleagues who have not, please encourage them to comply at their earliest opportunity. While it is clear that the Auxiliary nationwide will lose some members after 2006, we want the Fifth Coast Guard District to remain ready, responsive and resolute ... and Semper Paratus!

Thank you for your service, and for all you do for your Coast Guard, and your country! ✱

Sincerely,

L. L. Hereth

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District

## Letter from Admiral Thad Allen

### COMMANDANT'S SITREP 1



I am deeply honored and humbled to serve you and the American people as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Coast Guard Commandant. I pledge you my passion, devotion, and energy to ensure you have the best possible tools, support, and leadership to carry out your missions, wherever you sit in our Service.

#### Situational Assessment:

Let me be frank and very clear: We operate in a strategic environment that has changed dramatically in the past five years and will continue to change. This requires continuous adaptation from the Coast Guard. I realize there has been extensive change in our Service in the past decade and the new Sector structure is still "breaking in." However, we live in a world of dynamic threats and hazards and must adapt accordingly. We will not change for change's sake but purposefully, with strategic intent and always focused on our first priority and duty to the Nation: Mission Execution.

#### Strategic Drivers:

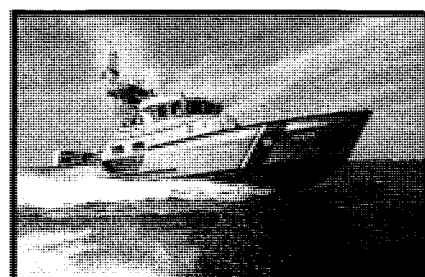
The Global War on Terrorism, Maritime Transportation Security Act, Homeland Security Act, National Strategy for Homeland Security, and the National Strategy for Maritime Security have mandated new areas of mission emphasis for us. Your extraordinarily successful operations in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 significantly elevated our visibility and the demand for our services across all levels of government. Our unique blend of capabilities, competencies and authorities applied across multiple missions are recognized and valued as never before. As a result, expectations for our performance and contributions in routine and crisis operations are greater than ever. Meeting new demands while sustaining the trust and confidence of the public we serve requires us to continually challenge ourselves and improve the way we do business.

#### My Strategic Vision:

We will focus our entire organization on improving and sustaining Mission Execution. We will do this by structuring our service as a three-pronged force: shore-based operations, maritime operations, and deployable operations. We've taken bold steps forward by creating Sectors for shore-based operations. We've taken equally bold steps by advancing the Deepwater acquisition for maritime presence, patrol, and response. And we've created truly deployable forces.

We must now expand our deployable force capabilities and support them with proper doctrine, logistics, training, and exercises. Across all of our forces, we will partner with other services and agencies to integrate our efforts. To further optimize the mission execution of this three-pronged force, we will assess our command and control structure. We will also reevaluate and realign our Mission Support system, including organizational structures, human resources, maintenance, logistics, financial management and information systems. Each of you, regardless of your pay grade, job or rating, or where you sit in our organization, is critical to mission success. You must have the tools and support you need to do your job. We will ensure Coast Guard men and women are the best trained and most versatile workforce in government, equipped with the most capable fleet of multi-mission ships, aircraft, boats and command and control systems available. We will remain aligned with our Department, sister services, and partner agencies. I have already assigned responsibility for a substantial list of specific initiatives to our Flag and SES corps. Information on these initiatives will follow shortly and I will keep you updated on their progress.

We have an extraordinary legacy of excellence as America's Coast Guard. We will build on that legacy. We will rise to meet all the challenges confronting us. Let's turn to. Semper Paratus! ✱



*Thad W. Allen,  
U.S. Coast Guard,  
Commandant*

## Letter from Admiral Thad Allen

### SIXTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



June 23, 2006, is a significant date for Team Coast Guard. It will mark our Auxiliarists Sixty-Seventh year of dedicated service to the Nation.

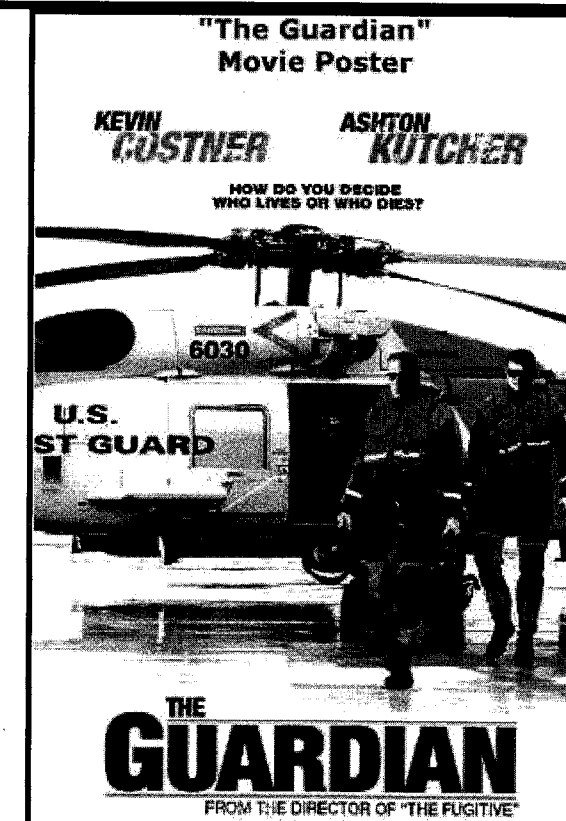
We take great pride in calling the men and women of the Auxiliary our shipmates. As I indicated in my Commandant's Intent message to all Auxiliarist's shortly after assuming command May 25, I consider each of our Auxiliary members an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or execute the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without their selfless devotion to duty. Our Coast Guard Auxiliary is truly the finest all-volunteer organization in our nation. During the past year, they have answered the call to duty during some of the most trying times in our nation's history. The highest levels of professionalism and selflessness displayed by our Auxiliary team following the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and Rita was nothing short of monumental. Their heroic response during the worst natural disasters on record clearly illustrates their dedication to the service and our nation.

While members of the Auxiliary in the gulf region focused their efforts on helping communities recover from the devastating effects of the hurricanes, many others continued to carry out Coast Guard missions in other parts of the nation. Whether conducting a vessel safety check, or a commercial fishing vessel dockside safety exam, standing a radio watch, or pulling a survivor from the water, the Auxiliary continued to prove its strength and value from coast to coast. Last year, the organization operated and maintained nearly 4,900 surface facilities, 2,900 radio facilities and 300 air facilities. Over 30,000 dedicated members of the Auxiliary utilized these assets to save nearly 300 people and assist over 8,000 more. An impressive 411,000 hours were spent on operational patrols. Most recently, our Auxiliarists proved yet again that they were up to the challenge when they arrived on the scene of a 24 ft vessel that suddenly began to take on water and sank on the Mississippi river. Their timely response resulted in the safe recovery of all 13 people.

Though the numbers that Auxiliarists have produced year after year are profound, the greatest measure of their impact is found in the spirit of patriotism and commitment they have cast across our deck plates and down to the most junior Coast Guard recruits.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an extremely valuable asset to this service, the Department of Homeland Security, and our Nation. I value their commitment and as such have added the National Commodore as a standing member of my leadership council. On June 23, 2006, I encourage all Coast Guard units to recognize the exceptional dedication and devotion to duty that is consistently displayed by our Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers. ✱

*Thad W. Allen,  
U.S. Coast Guard,  
Commandant*



A famed Coast Guard Rescue swimmer is re-assigned to teach at the legendary Coast Guard "A" School and inspires one cocky rookie to learn the true meaning of heroism and sacrifice

A Touchstone Picture, coming to a theater near you in September 2006.  
<http://touchstone.movies.go.com/?dlink=guardian>



# Letter from National Commodore Seibert

## SIXTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

On 23 June 2006, we will observe the 67th birthday of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



There were four purposes of the Coast Guard Reserve Act first passed in 1939, (1) Safety of life upon navigable waters, (2) Promotion of efficiency in the operation of pleasure craft, (3) Improved knowledge of and compliance with applicable laws, (4) Support to the Coast Guard. The threat of war led to other operational missions, ultimately including anti-submarine patrols by the "Putt-Putt Navy" or "Splinter Fleet."

Much has changed in the years since the Auxiliary came into being; new Auxiliary uniforms, more modern and sophisticated training programs, and greater professionalism. Terrorism has replaced world war as a threat to our nation's survival.

But much has remained the same. Then as now, the Coast Guard faced budget and personnel shortfalls, and the Auxiliary provided a key force multiplier. Then as now, men and women volunteered their services in support of the Coast Guard. Then as now, we rallied to such words as "Duty, Honor, Country." Then as now, we were a key component of the Coast Guard and in many of the inland areas, we are "the Coast Guard." Admiral Allen said the following about the Auxiliary:

*"As the finest all-volunteer organization in our Nation, I consider each of you an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without your selfless devotion to duty, as was so vividly demonstrated most recently in the Coast Guard's extraordinary response to the many hurricanes we responded to last year."*

When the Coast Guard was recently awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Auxiliary, specifically named in the citation, was seen a vital part of the team and shared the honor.

On this, the occasion of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 67th birthday, let us celebrate our past but focus on the future. There is much to do, few to do it, and many challenges ahead. But we have the talent, commitment, and direction to go forward with confidence.

Thank you for your dedicated service and for your future efforts. ✿

**Semper Paratus!**

**Gene M. Seibert**  
National Commodore

## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AT A GLANCE

### An Average Day in the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Completes 62.5 safety patrols  
Completes 6.2 regatta patrols  
Performs 10.2 vessel assists  
Assists 28 people  
Saves 1 life  
Saves \$341,290 in property  
Participates in 100 operational support missions  
Participates in 48.7 administrative support missions  
Completes 13.4 recruiting support missions  
Educates 369 people on boating safety  
Performs 299 vessel safety checks  
Attends 70 public affairs functions

### Auxiliary Resources

Operational Vessels	4,971
Aircraft	226
Communications Stations	2,641
Members	32,950
Personal Watercraft Facilities	2,873

### Auxiliary Volunteer Mission Hours

Public Affairs	96,628
Safety Patrol Hours	143,871
Air Patrol Hours	10,038
Support of CG Missions	269,652
Hours of Public Education	73,097
Hours of Member Training	51,212

### Auxiliary Qualified Team Members

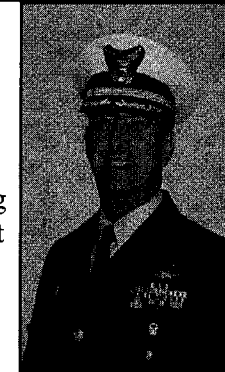
Boat Crew	7,098
Auxiliary Coxswains	5,240
Air Observers	294
Pilots	263
Navigation Aids Verifiers	2,829
Instructors	8,547
Personal Watercraft Operators	30

(Source: G-PCX)

# DIRAUX

As I considered the many things I could write about this time around, two topics came to mind as the most important subjects right now:

1. Thanks to the outstanding Auxiliarists who support my staff and me!
2. Personnel Security Investigations!



On the first subject, I want to publicly and enthusiastically recognize the following dedicated individuals for their significant past and recent efforts in the Director of Auxiliary office:

### Past:

- Marty Abelkop – ID Cards.
- Dave Berlin – Filing & Mailing.
- Helen Berlin – Awards, Filing and Mailing.
- Dudley Gallup – Special Projects.

### Recent:

- Jim Brennan – Data Entry, Filing and Mailing.
- Lionel Crossman – Awards, Boat Crew Qualification Program (BCQP) and Team Coordination Training (TCT).
- Jim Lafferty – Assistance with BCQP, Facilities, Filing and Mailing.
- Buzz Lombardi – ID Cards, Filing and Mailing.
- Butch Simpkins – Filing and Mailing.
- Marianne Simpkins – Filing and Mailing.

While it is impossible for me to convey the esteem and appreciation that I have for these wonderful folks for their hours and hours and hours of selfless service, I hope that this hearty BZ (Well Done!) and great big THANK YOU is a good start.

On the second subject, we are in the final months of Personnel Security Investigation (PSI) implementation across the nation for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As of 6 July, there were 637 Fifth Northern members who have yet to submit a complete PSI package and thus, face the possibility of being disenrolled at the end of this year. The deadline for submission of complete packages is 30 November, which will be here before we know it. Members who are disenrolled and subsequently desire to participate and re-enroll in 2007 will not be permitted to do so until July 2007 at the earliest (per ALCOAST 478/05). Please see the letter on page 1 from Rear Admiral Hereth, Fifth District Commander for more on this very important subject. If you have already cleared

this administrative task yourself, please reach out to your associates, colleagues and friends to encourage them to participate immediately. If you have yet to participate, please contact your Flotilla Commander TODAY to knock this task out – we appreciate your membership in the Auxiliary and want you to remain involved and active for many years to come! See the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on the Fifth Northern web site for far more detailed information and guidance:

[www.5nr.org/downloads/notice/5NR\\_PSI\\_Q&A.pdf](http://www.5nr.org/downloads/notice/5NR_PSI_Q&A.pdf)

In closing, thanks to everyone out there for all that you have done and continue to do for the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and boating public; and keep up the fabulous efforts! ✿

**Semper Paratus!**

**CDR Scott Rogerson**  
Director of Auxiliary, D5-NR  
Philadelphia, PA



CDR Rogerson (wearing a CG Auxiliary t-shirt) with two Harlem Globetrotters on the fantail of the USS NEW JERSEY on 9 March 2006.

## DISTRICT COMMODORE

In light of the devastation on the Gulf Coast, and recent floods in the 5<sup>th</sup> Northern geographic areas, an Emergency Response/Surge Plan is necessary for all Divisions in 5NR. The old adage IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE is no longer valid. The recent flooding in the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers, as well as other areas proves it can, did and may happen again.



What does an Emergency Response/Surge Plan consist of?

### 1. OPR Member Audit Form

- This form summarizes member information for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. The OPR database is the primary point of capture of regional information pertinent to identification of Auxiliary Personnel and equipment. Data includes:
- Qualifications, Surface Facilities, Location, skills such as Medical, Security, Mechanical, Computer, Communications other Special Skills are summarized under a flexible report format. To date only 59.7% of our members have completed this form. Let's make the completion of this form a priority at your next Flotilla meeting.

### 2. Emergency Response/Surge Plan

- This is your Division's plan to backfill the US Coast Guard in an emergency with facilities and Auxiliary volunteers. This final plan should coincide with your local Coast Guard Station or Sector.
- Considerations must be made for responses to emergencies whose nature ranges from typical severe weather, natural disaster and oil spills to the use of weapons of mass destruction and resultant mass casualties.
- Remember, our ICS Courses have provided information and guidance on how a general response to an emergency condition can be coordinated under multiple agencies.

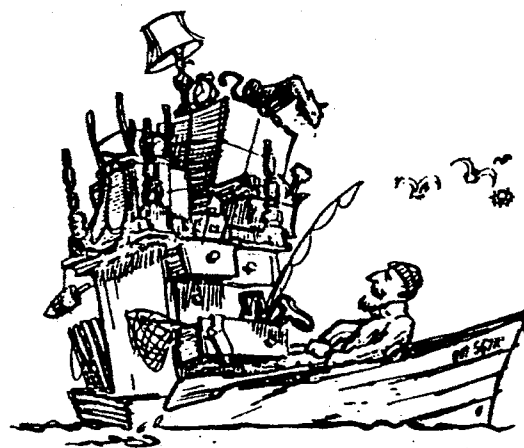
- If you are having difficulty putting together this plan, help is just an e-mail away. Our D-PL (District Planner) Gene Hendrzak will assist you. To date only one half of our 16 Divisions have completed a plan. This is not acceptable. We must have every Division prepared with an effective and tested plan.

### 3. Personal/family plan

- One key element is that first we must be personally prepared and able to be confident our own families are safe and have the basic needs should we ourselves be subject to a disaster. It is usually too late to decide it's time to buy a generator when the power is off, and when bottled water is sold out within hours of an impending storm. I ask you all to take our Coast Guard motto to heart beginning in your own home "Always Ready".

As an Auxiliarist you must be aware we are working with the finest emergency response agency in the nation, "The United States Coast Guard." Let's be part of this worthy mission, and prepare ourselves, our Flotillas and Divisions, and our families for the inevitable disaster coming to some of us somewhere this year.✱

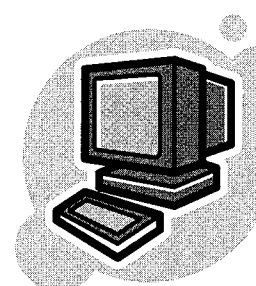
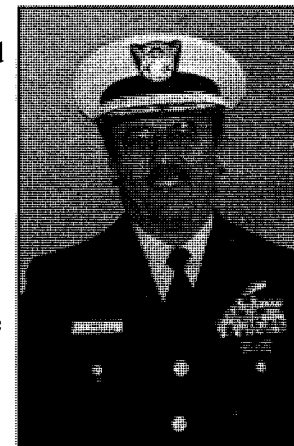
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*Leon E. Kehr, DCO D5-NR*  
*Souderton, PA*



## VICE COMMODORE

I want to thank our members for all your hard work in 2005 and what you are doing in 2006.

We are an organization in a state of flux, and we must start to think outside of the box. We no longer can say with any form of confidence, this is the way we have always done it and will continue to do so.

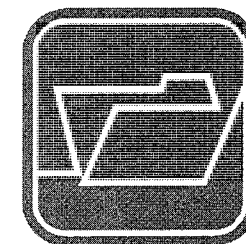


We are solidly in the information age, computers rule, while we are the input mechanism. Web pages are everywhere, on line courses are the norm and books once freely printed are going by the wayside. Cost factors are the main driving force behind all we do and will be able to do in the future.

We no longer can take for granted that our way of life won't be interrupted by change on a daily basis.

So how do we survive the future and continue to serve the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Coast Guard without losing membership. The answer is simple; we will lose members, accept it, learn by it, and find ways to lessen the impact. Recruiters for the Auxiliary must be dedicated to the job they are doing, smart about who they recruit and for what purpose they are gathering new members. We don't need numbers; we need workers, targeted workers.

Leaders in the Auxiliary must also be sharp about how they do paperwork, conduct business, and support member programs. Good leaders lend to good order at the flotilla, and generate a climate of willingness among the membership. They lead by example, good humor, and a willingness to listen and help. They ensure the members are treated fairly, and are given a chance to succeed, providing all the help necessary for them to do so. When a member completes a qualification, a good leader will ensure the paperwork is correct and will track that paperwork once it leaves their hand as though it was their own.



The Flotilla leaders may not think that they are very important in this organization, they are wrong. The Flotilla is where it all starts and ends. FC's and VFC's are the backbone of the Auxiliary leadership structure and the ones who control how we do as an organization. Don't take your jobs lightly, for it is you that we depend on for the survival of our Flotillas, and the Coast Guard counts on you for their help. Be proud of what you do, and how you do it. We depend on you.

If things are not going well, don't wait for the situation to deteriorate to the point that the members are affected. Don't let a stopgap in a process become a gaping whole that leads to a running sore. Go to the DCP for some help in resolving the problem. The DCP should quickly raise it to the RCO if they can't get resolution or need more help in resolving a situation. Remember, we can function better as a team than we can individually. There is a lot of experience throughout our district that can be called on to help you, and we will use those resources.



Remember above all else, our job is to make for a better Coast Guard Auxiliary, leaving behind us something that is better than when we started. ✱

*Bob Amort, VCO D5-NR*  
*Dover, DE*



## REAR COMMODORE-EAST

What Coast Guard unit is expert in the use of the Incident Command System (ICS), is located on an army base, has as its mission to respond to pollution incidents (such as hazardous material releases and oil discharges), and is supported by ten CG Auxiliary Incident Response Center Watchstanders?



**Answer:** The Atlantic Strike Team (AST) at Fort Dix, NJ (adjacent to McGuire Air Force Base).

The Atlantic Strike Team, along with The Gulf Strike Team and The Pacific Strike Team, is a part of The National Strike Force (NSF). The National Strike Force, including The Atlantic Strike Team, is composed of a unique, highly trained core of Coast Guard professionals who are recognized as experts in preparedness and response to minimize and prevent environmental damage caused by hazardous/polluting substances.

The AST covers the 1st, 5th and 9th Coast Guard Districts and Federal Regions I, II, III, and V for the EPA. The AST inventory consists of critical instrumentation and response equipment. This gear is mounted on trailers or palletized for rapid deployment. Response to a major incident can be via Coast Guard or commercial aircraft, or over the road by tractor trailer. Strike Team members join local emergency response forces in eliminating the source of a discharge, collecting and storing spilled material, preventing impact to sensitive environmental areas and mitigating shoreline impact. Team members travel extensively, responding to missions in a zone covering the eastern seaboard north of South Carolina and westward through the Great Lakes region.

What is the CG Auxiliary role in supporting the AST?

The AST maintains an Incident Response Center (IRC). The IRC is a fully equipped communications center with computer, radio, fax and phone facilities. Auxiliarists who have completed a ten week Watchstanders Qualification program man the IRC from 0730 to 1600 Monday through Friday. This frees up highly trained Coast Guard personnel for other critical duties. The AST Auxiliary Incident Response Center Watchstanders have been manning a five day per week

watch on a continuous basis since August 2001. They are recognized by AST as highly dedicated and devoted team members (in the first quarter 2006, zero watchdays were missed).

I had the opportunity to visit the AST recently and personally observe our Auxiliary Watchstanders in action. CDR Laferriere, CO of AST, highly praised the accomplishments and hard work of his auxiliary team members who truly deserve a Bravo Zulu for their time and efforts in support of this critical Coast Guard mission.

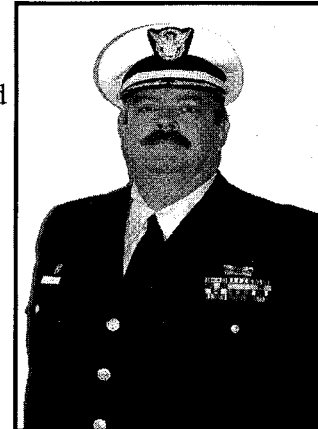
There is a need for additional AST IRC Watchstanders so if you are interested in this worthwhile mission, just give me a call! ☼

*John S. Witemeyer, RCO-E,  
D5-NR,  
Point Pleasant, NJ*

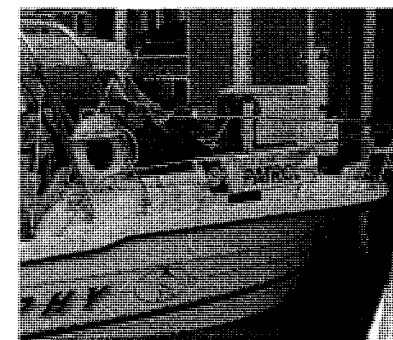


## REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL

The core values of the United States Coast Guard are Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. These values guide the Auxiliary as well whenever we are in uniform and taking part in Auxiliary functions. Our professionalism must be always apparent to the public and even with our fellow Coast Guard regulars and reservists. By now, our season of high activity is in full swing, and our endeavors whether in uniform or not are more visible to the public. When in uniform we need to wear it proudly and correctly and we have to remember that our conduct reflects the image of all of Team Coast Guard. Work with each other to set training objectives and strive to meet those objectives to make us a more proficient and professional volunteer organization.



A patrol is more than just a boat ride. It is your opportunity to train and become more proficient in the job that you are asked to do. That training should not be limited to only the four requalification tasks. This is your opportunity and responsibility to take classroom training and turn it into a reality for new crew members as well as mentoring those



crew members to move up to coxswains. Dare to move beyond the routine exercises and demonstrate AUXSAR principles by placing a floating object in the water, marking its position with your GPS, allowing the crew members to determine the object's datum based on the existing current and wind direction and returning later to find out if they were correct. Locate the object by having your crew lay out a search pattern. Discuss how and why it moved the way it did. Make it real. Your patrol area can become a navigation training exercise as you plot out your routes using time, speed and distance, and labeling each leg of your patrol. Our organization is steeped in

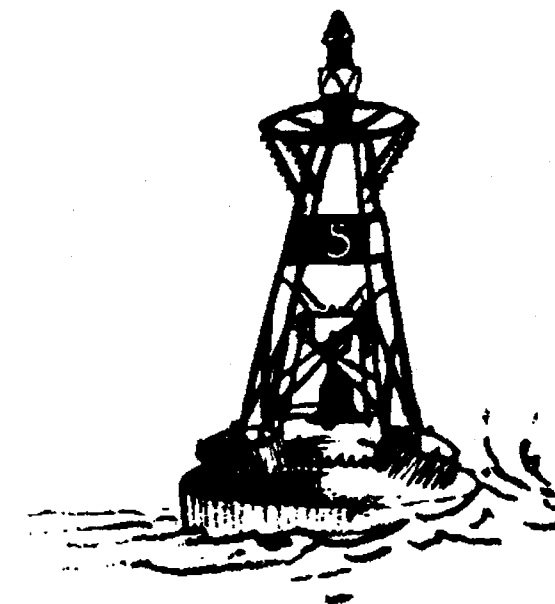
tradition, but don't be afraid to break out of the mold once in a while.

Vessel examiners are important ambassadors to the public. Strive to meet your goals and challenge yourselves by learning how to examine a larger variety of vessels, collecting more safety information to pass on and working as a team to increase your knowledge. The boating public will know to come to you for answers and information. Keep your vessel as an example and share your knowledge proudly. Your blue ensign is a beacon to boaters who need help, though you may be off patrol or not conducting examinations, your professionalism should be apparent whether in uniform or not.

Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. When we train to be proficient we are holding our abilities in high esteem (honor), when we pass on our proficiencies we acknowledge another person's worthiness (respect), when our proficiencies are used to serve others we are showing our devotion to duty.

Have a great and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the fall conference. ☼

*Ronald J. Boice, RCO-E D5-NR  
King of Prussia, PA*





## REAR COMMODORE-WEST

We have all heard the statement: Recruiting is job number 1. What happens after enrollment?

Is training or retaining our members job number 2?



As our elected and appointed officers, crew, coxswain, instructors, vessel examiners, recreational boating safety program visitors, are keeping abreast of changes that need to be completed to maintain their positions and qualifications; our new members may seem to be left behind. Between all the acronyms, old requirements, then being told to learn revised or new procedures a new member may have a hard time knowing what is right from wrong. We need to keep mentoring them while we are retraining ourselves in these new procedures and requirements. Involve new members in activities such as fund raising, creating training aids, and planning committees. Welcome new ideas, new efforts and new strengths. Discouraging new members with a "This is how we always do it" attitude will lose new members before the enrollment package is approved. However, we do need to use proper procedures to accomplish our goals, since timing is important as to what a new member can and can't do.



Timing is valuable to all our members. New members are only beginning to manage their time for the USCG Auxiliary. Be flexible and help them prioritize the new demands on their time. Looking over these tasks, prioritize what is needed

for today, tomorrow and in the future. New members don't know the deadlines and duties. Help them learn these deadlines and duties. This will allow us to use our time more efficiently so we succeed in our missions.

As we succeed, we are asked to do more. This is the price for being able to do well. The more tasks we are given the more people we will need. So national's motto "People First" is speaking about our most valuable resource, OUR MEMBERS, new and old. People are needed for every aspect of the USCG Auxiliary, in all our four cornerstones. Most people join an organization because they feel comfortable in that group. That comfort can bring in many skills. Whether the skill is in

education, vessel safety, fund raising, public awareness or many others, we can draw from this to improve our programs. The more people we have the more diversified and enjoyable our missions can be. The more enjoyment we have, the more we have to gain in our membership.

People naturally want to belong to an active, enjoyable, skillful group, especially, if the group is willing to plan for success and promote the success of each and every member. The USCG Auxiliary is such a group. Planning to succeed takes time, energy and activity. If we do nothing, we are actually doing something. What I am saying is: Not planning is planning to not succeed. If we plan to succeed with activities we enjoy, then share that enjoyment while practicing our skills, then and only then will we be prepared for readiness when needed.

Planning may not necessarily need to be a tight structure but a flexible structure. As one person said at a recent RCO Academy: "Semper Gumby may be as important as Semper Paratas." So throw out the negative, add some action, planning and people then enjoy while promoting Boating Safety. \*

*Diane Bossler, RCO-W D5-NR  
Spring, PA*



## DISTRICT CHIEF OF PREVENTION

As you know, my position as District Chief of Prevention (D-CP), is a new position to the Fifth Northern District as of 1 Jan 06. My responsibility as of 1 Mar 06, is to coordinate the efforts of the DSO's for: AN, MT, PA, PE, PV and VE. On 1 Jan 06, I did not have the responsibility for DSO-AN but did have the responsibility for DSO-MS. After a meeting with the US Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Chief's, a few things changed, in that the DSO-AN became part of the District Chief of Prevention and the DSO-MS became part of the District Chief of Response. This change was made to coincide with the Chiefs, US Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay.

At the present time, I am getting my feet wet with any problems our DSO's are having within the responsibility of my new position. I also look to our DSO's to not only keep me informed of any problems they may have, but to let me know of any changes that need/should be made to better our organization.

This is the start of a new boating year. By the time you read this issue of Topside, most, but not all, of our Public Education Classes and Member Training Courses we held during the winter months are about over. We are well into the year for Safety Booths, Vessel Safety Checks and Aids To Navigation Patrols, just to mention a few. Even though our Recreational Boating Safety Participating Visitor Program is going on throughout the year, the springtime always sees an increase in this program's visibility, with all the boaters thinking about getting their boats on the water.

This is the time of year when all our hard work with the Public Education Classes pays off, because we now have more educated and safer boaters. The Member Training classes we, as Auxiliarist, had during the winter months is also put to use, as new information/knowledge or just as a refresher course. With this information, we are better qualified and able to assist the boating public.

This is also a time for our members who have started to take new Member Training Courses to complete their training, in that, conduct their supervised VSC, etc. to be fully qualified and become a part of this responsibility.

If you take a good look at the different programs that are part of the District Chief of PREVENTION, you will see that these programs are not only to educate the boating public on such things as Rules of the Road, how to maintain their boats to be safe on the water, etc., but train us on how we can better assist the boating public in the area of knowledgeable information. Things such as, the students learn about Aids To Navigation in their Public Education Classes, but we also have the responsibility to check and make sure these aids are in their proper position and operational, and to report any problems.

When we do our job to the best of our ability, we also help the District Chief of Response because there will be less boaters they will have to rescue or save. At the same time, we get help from the District Chief of Logistics, who has as part of his responsibility, to get us the material we need to accomplish our mission and supply us with needed information and accountability. You will hear more about these other Chiefs but this should give you some idea as to where we stand in our 5<sup>th</sup> Northern organization. \*

*Alfred O. Grimminger, D-CP D5-NR  
Middletown, DE*

## DISTRICT CHIEF OF RESPONSE

### NEW GAME-NEW TEAMS-NEW DUTIES

In case you don't know it, the Auxiliary has changed. Maybe in ways that make us uncomfortable, with all the new requirements and organizational structures, but it's here to stay. It is here as permanently as anything else in the Auxiliary.

All of the new requirements, PSI, ICS, new equipment requirements for surface vessels on patrol etc. have been deemed desirable by our parent service and the Auxiliary.

A new organizational structure and chain of responsibility and leadership have changed our view of the "World of the Auxiliary." It has encouraged (or forced) us all to consider our relationship to our department, other departments within our new groups of Prevention, Logistics and Response and how we may enable all departments within our group to work together for mutual improvement in performance and service to our parent service. It is a different world out there. Change is required if we are to meet the demands of a post 911 world and Coast Guard.

We are writing new pages in the book. There is no firm or fixed guidance available. Our cumulative years of experience, past training and dedication will provide the insight we require to be successful.

In the Response Group, Auxiliary Air and Surface Operations are beginning talks that should result in combined drills. Communications will establish contacts to the Divisions for the transmittal of information in the event of emergencies, both natural and man made, such as 911 or severe storms. Marine Safety and Environmental Protection will be involved with Air and Surface Ops and Communications in the Emergency Planning sessions in preparation for the upcoming storm season.

Do we have all the answers? Definitely not, but we, as a team, are trying and working together as force multipliers for each other. \*

*Harry Petersen, D-CR D5-NR  
Millville, NJ*

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Now is the time to plan when your flotilla is going to do their ATON patrols. I realize that some flotillas do not participate in the operations or ATON programs. If you have members that want to participate in any of these programs please have them contact their Division staff officers directly. If there is no Division Staff officer please contact your ADSO-AN directly. He will help you find a flotilla or division that is participating for you to work with.



When I say ATON Patrols I am referring to completing any and all PATON Inspections that your ADSO-AN has assigned to your flotilla or division. ATON discrepancy checks should be done on every patrol that is performed by the Auxiliary. Each Coxswain should have his crew check each and every Buoy, Bridge and all other ATONS that are in their patrol AOR every time that they get underway.

I would like to mention our ADSO's. They are well informed and know every Federal ATON, State ATON and Bridge that is in the Light list or state reference guide. Please use their know how to improve your performance. Our ADSO AN's put in hundreds of hours annually preparing information that will help you get the job done. Please use their knowledge and information to help you make boating safer and more pleasurable for our boating public.

To the Division Captains please encourage all your flotillas to participate in the ATON/PATON programs. If you feel you need another Private Aid Verifier or ATON/PATON workshop please contact your ADSO-AN. Make sure that all the work your people do is reported to the Division IS officer on the proper forms. I have eliminated many of the old and unnecessary forms and reports that pertained to the ATON/PATON program. All the required forms are on the D5-NR website and are up to date. If your members have questions on which form is to be used contact the SO-IS and he or she will assist you. If the SO-IS is unsure have them contact the ADSO-AN for further guidance.

Last but not least I wish you all a safe and enjoyable patrol season. ❀



*T. Doug Bomeisler DSO-AN D5-NR  
Morrisville PA*

## INFORMATION SERVICES

### RECORDING OF PATROL HOURS

The recording of patrol hours is the responsibility of the Coxswain.

Here is how it works and the only problem with the hours not getting in AUXDATA is due to either the 7030 patrol not being submitted or the SO-IS not inputting the data.

The 7030 must include the District, Division and Flotilla for all crew members. The Coxswain submits the patrol 7030 thru the IS chain to their SO-IS. If this 7030 is NOT on a facility owned by this Division, the SO-IS will forward it to the SO-IS of the Div that owns the facility, who will input it. I would expect the SO-IS to keep a copy and follow up on entry by the other division.

The Coxswain can if they wish submit directly to the SO-IS that owns the Facility, but do not expect their SO-IS to follow up.

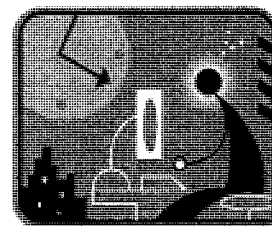
District, Division and Flotilla Unit Summary Reports contain hours for activities performed only on the facilities owned by that unit.

The correct place to check for member hours is in AuxInfo, Member Activities. Each member's hours are here, no matter where they are recorded.

Please refer to my article in Topside Winter 2006 (Vol. 106, No.1 Page 11) for exactly how to find your hours. They can be displayed by actual date of the patrol. This can be bookmarked and a member can use this anytime they wish, with current updated data.

I think every SO-IS should do this for themselves and bookmark it. Whenever needed, all they need to do is run the bookmarked report and change the member from themselves to who they want to check.

If hours are missing, I would ask the SO-IS of the Coxswain's Division to follow up with the SO-IS of the Division owning the facility. As always, I am available to assist the SO-IS when necessary. ❀



*Dan Hartman, DSO-IS D5-NR  
Cape May, NJ*

## COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Communication Services Department – What Is It! What Does It Do! A Review!

Communication Services in the 5<sup>th</sup> Northern provides a diversified service in the art of communicating up and down the line of communication. Probably the best known source for information is the 5th Northern Web Site ([www.5nr.org](http://www.5nr.org)). If you are not on the e-mail list to receive the bi-monthly web site updates, visit the site and sign up. Secondly, Ann Herman, ADSO-CS(WW) sends an excellent e-mail news update that not only provides up-to-the-minute district news but also national news, and news from various Auxiliary sources and other areas of interest. She can be contacted at [anamreh@aol.com](mailto:anamreh@aol.com). There are also some excellent e-mail updates at the division level that we hope to expand, in the near future, to include all 5NR divisions. If your division does not currently have an e-mail news update, encourage your SO-CS to start one.

A Point of Contact (POC) e-mail list for all 5NR flotillas is maintained by the DSO-CS to broadcast important information to all flotillas. This little known fact is greatly underused and district officers are encouraged to utilize this service more frequently. The National Flotilla Finder is on the National Web Site (<http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>) and can be used to contact, via e-mail or web site, any flotilla in the Auxiliary by entering a zip code. If the flotilla has a web site you can use the geographical map to locate a flotilla. All 5NR flotillas are also listed on the 5NR Web Site and can be found/contacted by clicking on "Flotillas."

Division and flotilla web sites are not only a great source of division and flotilla news but also a great recruiting tool. Web sites are visited by the general public and must be updated on a regular basis to ensure return visits - a site that remains static is assured a slow death. Divisions and flotillas are encouraged to have web sites and are provided assistance, when requested, in establishing a web site. The Communication Services Department assures that all 5NR web sites are Auxiliary compliant in their content. The best sites are entered in the National Best of Web Contest and Flotilla 6-10 tied for second place in the 2002 competition. Links to all Auxiliary web sites are maintained on the National Web Site and links to all 5NR web sites are maintained on the 5NR Web Site.

Another feature of the 5NR Web Site is the posting of 5NR Public Boating Safety Courses. The feature is visited regularly by the boating public looking for information on boating courses. Your flotilla and/or division courses can be listed by completing the online Intent to Teach Form and clicking on "Submit." It will

automatically be sent to the DSO-CS, the ADSO-PE and your SO-PE if you included his/her e-mail address on the form. You can also submit the form to the ADSO-CS via USPS who will then forward the information to the DSO-CS for posting on the 5NR Web Site. The new New Jersey law means more students and some flotillas recruit many of their students from the 5NR web site. So it is to your advantage to "advertise," not only courses offered in NJ but all courses in all divisions, on the 5NR web site.

Today, e-mail communication is the primary communication process for the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is not something in the future, but is here today and is destined to remain for the foreseeable future. It is a great way to send reports and keep members informed on a regular basis.

After your e-mail address is in AUXDATA it will automatically be included in the National E-mail Directory. You can find e-mail addresses for all Auxiliary members, who have e-mail, by accessing the National E-Mail Directory. Go to the National Web Site, <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.htm>, click on "Members" and then "eDirectory" or go directly to <http://www.auxedirectory.org/> and follow the instructions.

A few features included in the eDirectory are:

- The last date an update was performed.
- The ability to display the Offices Held and/or the Competencies of the people in your search result. They appear as checkboxes in the Standard and Advanced search options. These settings will be saved with a saved search. You can choose default values for Offices Held and Competencies for new searches on the Preferences page.
- The ability to view all of your flotilla's officers in one place. Simply click on the "My Flotilla Officers" link on the toolbar.
- A secure server. This means that all traffic to and from the site is encrypted, making it impossible for outsiders to access your data (just like e-commerce sites do to protect your credit card numbers).

This is brief synopsis of the services that your 5NR Communication Services provides. We solicit the use of our services to provide assistance whenever needed, especially when the need arises to contact all flotillas in the 5<sup>th</sup> Northern.

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

*Harry Dyer, DSO-CS D5-NR  
Washington Crossing, PA*

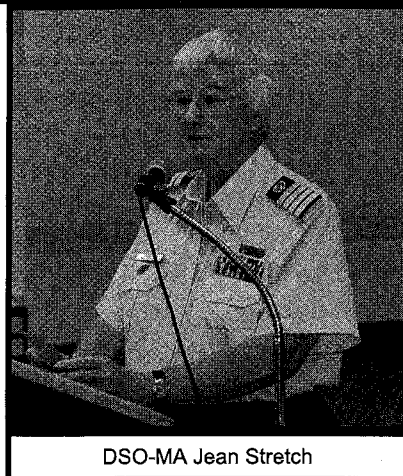


## MATERIALS

Since our last issue of Topside, materials has undergone a major change for purchasing. Members who prefer using a credit card may buy directly from the Auxiliary Center, St. Louis.

Our district store will continue to fill mail and phone orders as usual. We accept checks and money orders. Be sure to check the D5-NR district price list.

Because we are holding a large inventory of many items, we are offering an inventory reduction sale on all in-stock merchandise. Consider shoulder boards, collar



DSO-MA Jean Stretch

and coat insignia, ensigns, pennants, burgees, mini-medal/ribbon unimounts, summer and winter ball caps, belts, buckles, garrison caps, sleeve lace, sleeve shields and much more.

PLAN AHEAD - Anticipate fall elections and staff appointments.

- If we stock it, you have a great price!

As always, we are available for your questions, information and continued good and prompt service. ☼

SUPPORT THE 5(NR) DISTRICT STORE  
[http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district\\_store.php](http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district_store.php)

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



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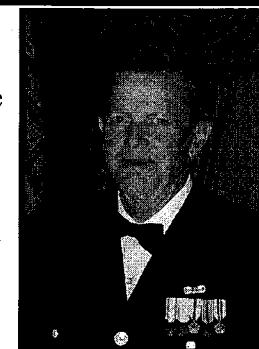


<http://www.cgauxa.org/pages/auxiliarycenter.html>

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## MEMBER TRAINING

The coming District Fall Conference offers many varied and interesting topics. This is also a special opportunity for members to master a particular subject in a single weekend while attending the conference and enjoying all of the fellowship and other aspects that a district meeting presents. From being a better boater (AUXSEA) to qualifying to assume elected office (APC) to being more qualified to perform under emergency situations (CPR/AED), this conference has it all. Please review the descriptions below and decide that this is the time for you to spend a weekend, in the comfort of a beautiful hotel, with fellow Auxiliarist, learning more about what you volunteer for and have fun doing it. For additional information contact your FSO-MT or Ken Kendall DSO-MT at 609-492-2530, or by email to [LBI42@comcast.net](mailto:LBI42@comcast.net)



### AUXSEA (AUXILIARY SPECIALITY COURSE SEAMANSHIP)

An Auxiliarist who is qualified as an AUXSEA Specialist has extensive knowledge of vessels and their propulsion systems as well as detailed information on how vessels are constructed, founded, and operated. The AUXSEA Specialist understands marine engines, knows how to perform minor repairs, is knowledgeable on vessel handling in normal and heavy weather, and how to approach distress situations. These attributes, when combined with the studies and practical training of the Boat Crew program, will make the member a competent and reliable crewmember of an Auxiliary vessel.

The AUXSEA Specialist also is well versed in marlinspike seamanship, boat handling, how to provide assistance to boats in distress, navigation rules, anchoring, and duties and manners of a boat crew member. AUXSEA is one of the six courses required to achieve the coveted status of AUXOP. The closed-book final exam will be conducted at the end of the course.

For those members attending this training session, it is strongly recommended that the AUXSEA Student Study Guide COMDTPUB P1679.42 be studied prior to attendance. It also is helpful to review the study questions at the end of each chapter. The Study Guide can be obtained through your Materials Officer.

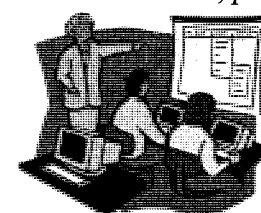
### APC (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COURSE)

The APC course is an overview of the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 that serves as a foundation for the information needed by all members of the Auxiliary. The manual is the sole text for the course. The instructor will lead the students in examining those topics that provide the basis of administering the Auxiliary. It is not the intent of this course to have the student memorize the material in this course, nor is it to be a detailed examination of all the topics within the manual. By the end of the course the student will have a general understanding of the material and where it can be found.

In order to be eligible to assume elected office the APC, Elected Leader's Course, or AUXMIN (no longer offered) is required. Thus, any member contemplating an elected position should consider attending this course. Actually the course is suited for any Auxiliarist to understand the Auxiliary organization be they elected, staff, or a new member.

### CPR & AED COURSE AND CERTIFICATION

The American Heart Association has agreed to provide a CPR/AED course and certification at the conference. The course teaches the basic techniques of adult CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Any Auxiliarist who is currently certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association is authorized, on an ordered mission, to perform CPR or use an AED. If certification has expired, CPR or the use of an AED is not authorized. Thus, particularly members in the operations program should consider taking this course. ☼



Ken Kendall DSO-MT D5-NR  
Beach Haven Park, NJ

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

New Jersey has taken the lead in boating safety education and deserves to be complimented. After a phase-in period, virtually every power boater in New Jersey will be required to have taken a boating safety course. New Jersey residents will have to take a NJ-approved course. Those with USCG captain's licenses are exempted.

NJ requires its residents to take a classroom course and have a proctored exam. An internet course is not acceptable.

NJ residents born prior to 1979 can opt out of the required course and obtain a boating safety certificate by a special test and self certifying that they have had at least 100 hours of experience in operating a power vessel. They are given only one chance to pass this test. If they flunk, they are required to take a classroom course. This option expires as of June 1, 2008. The USCGAUX is one of the groups that is authorized to give and proctor this test.

This requirement for having a boating certificate will be in phased in over time: Those born in 1979 or later must have a certificate immediately. Those born in 1969 or later must have a certificate by June 1, 2006; those born in 1959 or later, June 1, 2007; and those born in 1949 or later, June 1, 2008. By June 1, 2009, the requirement will fully be phased in and apply to all boaters.

Out-of-state residents who are in New Jersey for less than 90 days will be required to have another state's boating certificate or proof of having taken a similar course. The phase in by age is the same as for a resident.

While there can be debate over whether an internet course can be an effective substitute for a classroom course, the requirement for a proctored exam has some clear merits. With a non-proctored exam, there is no guarantee that the person who qualifies for a boating safety certificate is the same person who takes the test. Some Auxiliarists have expressed this concern to me, and we did discuss this issue at N-train.

One way to insure the integrity of the exam process is to require that boaters take their exams under the same controlled conditions that motorists take their written tests. ✱

*Marshall E. Blume, DSO-PE D5-NR  
Villanova, PA*

### PUBLIC EDUCATION AT KINDERGARTEN LEVEL



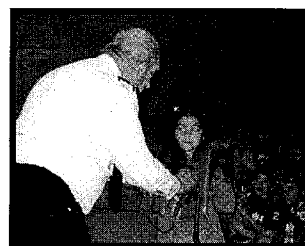
Vince Kipp 83 addressing the youngsters at the Lower Township Memorial School

It has been my pleasure for the last three years to "Show and Tell" how safe boating starts: to the kindergarten class at Lower Township Memorial School, Cape May NJ.

Being only 5 and 6 years old, you, might think that they wouldn't really care too much about safety on the water, but that is a mistake. You can never start too early to make a lasting impression on the future boaters of the world. As little children, you can't burden them with a lot of technical data but you can start with the importance of PFD's or life-jackets. I don't think I have ever seen so many volunteers and had so many ask questions about what they thought was the right thing to do when there was trouble on the water. There is nothing like a real demonstration to make a lasting impression on a little child of how important it is that the PFD fits correctly. You should see the look on their small faces after you put a large PFD on them and pull it up over their head, just like it would do if they had to jump in the water.

I got a lot of attention when I told them it was near impossible to put on a PFD in the water. A good demonstration would have to be in a pool. (Maybe next year, nothing like real water.)

You have to make a lasting impression on them to make it work. We have to start somewhere, why not at the beginning? I enjoy talking and working with the next generation of boaters. It has a lot of rewards and hope it shows up with safe boating on our waters. ✱



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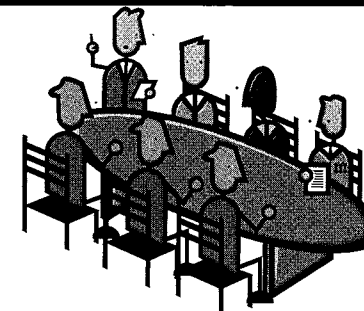
## PERSONNEL SERVICES

Your flotilla just received a forward from the national PS Website inquiry. The PE class is almost completed and several students have expressed an interest in joining the Auxiliary. The sign-up sheet at the PA booth at the latest boat show has several names on it from the public requesting more information about the Auxiliary. Where does your flotilla go from here?

Step one is to pick a chairman, form a recruiting committee and go to work. Step two is to make PERSONAL CONTACT. E-mail is nice, but a phone call is better. A one-on-one meeting at the doughnut shop is better yet.

Come armed with brochures, information, and your own stories of why you are an Auxiliarist. Explain the PSI process. New members must come in with the knowledge that they have to submit to a background check. Stress that this is a privilege and they will be part of a premier organization. No other organization wears uniforms and is directly associated with the Coast Guard. Each flotilla and PS staff officer should have a "New Member" folder containing all the necessary forms ready to recruit that new member. The sign-up window is open and if you need to search for all the forms, the window may close in front of you, and a potential member has lost interest and is off looking for another volunteer opportunity.

You've sparked an interest and the recruit will attend your next meeting. What kind of impression will they walk away with? Did you have a good turn-out of members? A phone call reminding members of the scheduled meeting may get a better turn-out. Was the meeting interesting? Did you have member training? Was there interaction between the members, and most of all was the meeting FUN? Fellowship is one of the core missions that bind our organization together. It is the camaraderie that makes our organization strong and it is the thing that makes others want to join with us. Think of the demands on your time as a volunteer. Where do you want to put your time? Would you rather volunteer in a place that seems like there are smiling people that do things together happily or in a place that people do things under duress with people grumpy and yelling? The choice is obvious. People want to be in places where they can have fun and are appreciated.

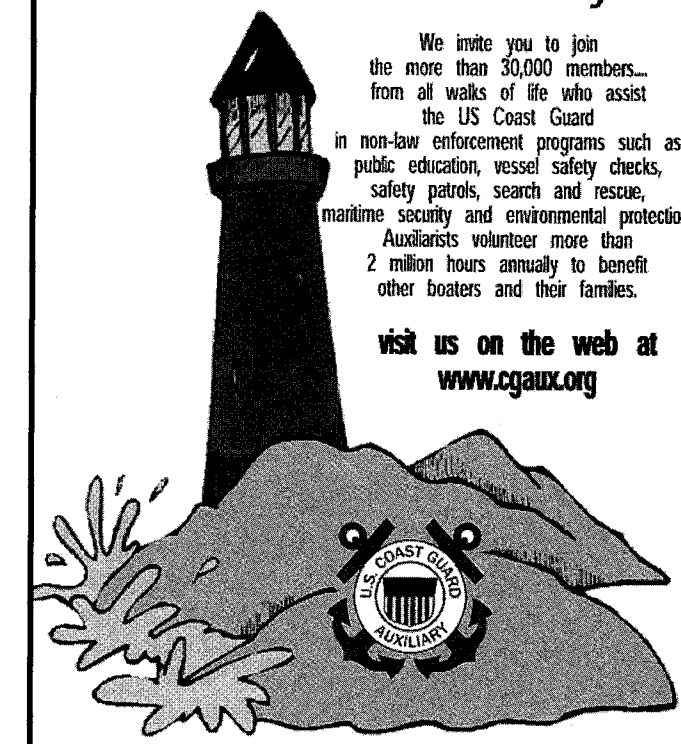


Do your meetings meet the fun criteria or has your flotilla settled into a "let's get this over with" mentality. Maybe it's time to sit back and take a look into the impression you will make on a potential new member. The Home and Garden Network has a

show where home sellers will "stage" their house to attract a potential buyer. Fix the obvious things that need to be done and present their home at the Open House to show it's potential to the buyer. Maybe we need to take a look at our flotilla/division meetings and fix some of the problems and do some "staging" when a potential member attends. Let them leave with a good impression and ready to sign all those forms and become part of our great organization. ✱

*Astrida V. Miller, DSO-PS D5-NR  
Covington, PA*

## JOIN US ON THE COAST The Coast Guard Auxiliary



We invite you to join the more than 30,000 members... from all walks of life who assist the US Coast Guard in non-law enforcement programs such as public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols, search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection. Auxiliarists volunteer more than 2 million hours annually to benefit other boaters and their families.

visit us on the web at  
[www.cgauix.org](http://www.cgauix.org)

## OPERATIONS

Operations are now in full swing. During the spring all divisions held pre-sar and pre-season seminars. Our members are finishing the required ICS courses to remain qualified. A majority of the divisions are close to having all their members complete the ICS courses.



DSO-OP Mickey deFerrari

Several Divisions have held very successful crew schools, which is so important to Operations. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light had a second crew school for the Auxiliary with a 100% success rate. All of the members attending will soon be crew qualified.

The District has held a very comprehensive coxswain school at TRACEN Cape May. Students leaving this school, with the required crew hours, are eligible for Q.E. testing.

The training our members are receiving at these schools has given 5NR a professional edge over other districts. We are very fortunate to have a close working relationship with our respective Coast Guard stations, giving our members the feeling of being part of the Coast Guard Team.

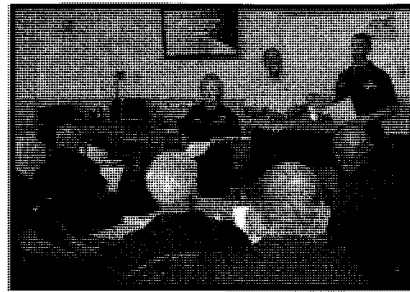
The ADSO's in the district, Carol Owens, Bruce Long and Walter Brenner have been working hard to complete our Surge Plans. We are also in the process of putting a Hurricane Response plan in effect which should be in place by the time you read this article. Thanks to our hard working team we are on our way to implementing these required tasks. We thank all our operations officers for all their hard work in carrying out these projects. ✿

Kathleen "Mickey" deFerrari, DSO-OP D5-NR  
Lanoka Harbor, NJ



## OPs WORKSHOP

### DIVISION 7 ANNUAL OPs BRIEFING AT STATION BARNEGAT LIGHT

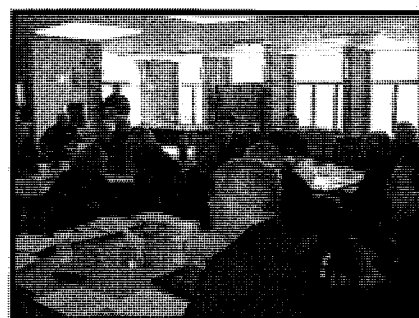


Each year a workshop is held at the Station Barnegat Light to brief all members involved in Operations. We try to do this prior to the patrol season. It gets everyone back on the same page. The following are highlights of the subject matter that was presented by CPO Arnsdorf, Petty Officer Ashley, Mickey deFerrari, DSO-OP, and Herb Hoeger, SO-OP.

- USCG reviewed risk assessment forms that must be filled out by the coxswain before going on patrol.
- Provided procedures for calling into the station land line and then by radio.
- USCG and the SO-OP provided guidelines for where and when patrols will be and the proper radio communications. In addition off limit patrol areas were defined.
- Reviewed patrol orders and how to fill them out correctly and in a timely manner.
- Discussed ICS, who needs it and when.
- Distributed Strobes to all the coxswains in attendance.
- USCG handed out the latest charts.
- Reminded all to have cell phones and to use them. Suggested having cameras if needed. ✿

Article submitted by Mickey deFerrari, DSO-OP  
Lanoka Harbor NJ

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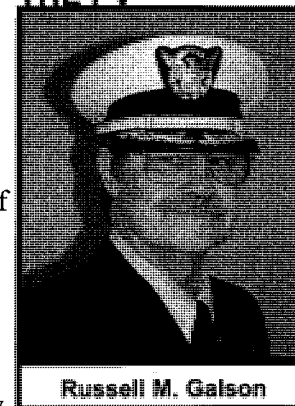


## RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PARTICIPATING VISITOR

### THE ROLL OF THE PV

The purpose of the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (RBSVP) is to promote safe boating for the recreational boating public through the aid of local businesses, offices, and marine dealerships.

In our last article we spoke about reaching the goal. It is important that we always review our core values when considering what that goal really is, and how it contributes to safe boating.



Russell M. Galson

How many different ways do we actually support our program both internally and externally? What skills do we need to promote safe boating? What are the benefits?

**Public benefits** include such things as: providing a public boating safety education service on the part of the Partners. Making the public aware of federal, state and local requirements and where to seek more information or other educational opportunities. Advising boaters of Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadrons other boating safety missions and services.

**Mission Benefits** are that we can educate the boating public and can help save lives and property. Our Partners provide a convenient distribution point for boating safety materials as well as a means of notifying the public of Coast Guard, Auxiliary and Power Squadron other boating safety programs.

Over the last few years we have expanded and revised our program to include new elements to reach the public with information and form new partnerships.

One of these new elements was the introduction of MDA. (Maritime Domain Awareness)

In the PV program each of us has a role to focus on this awareness effort. As Program Visitors we can educate and engage our Recreational Boating Partners. The strategy is to "Reduce Safety Risks and Reduce Security Risks." One of the skills you can develop is a good understanding of the many programs that are a part of Marine Domain Awareness. Here are a few: "America's Waterway Watch," and the "You're in Command Programs." Make sure you are familiar with

these programs so you are able to discuss, and add literature to your portfolio as you go out on your missions.

You are taking part in America's Homeland Security when you participate by getting the word out on these programs. You may become the initial, and in some cases the only point of contact with members of your local boating communities. A part of your role as a PV is helping the public boating community understand their role in Homeland Security as well. ✿

Russell M. Galson, DSO-PV D5-NR  
Turnersville, NJ

### MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS (HISTORY)

Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) is an evolving concept that has emerged as the United States seeks to improve the safety and security of its citizens in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 (9/11).

In December 2002, the Coast Guard published its *Maritime Strategy for Homeland Security*, which established key objectives and means to achieve them to mitigate the risks associated with threats to our Nation's maritime security and to prevent terrorist attacks. The primary components of this strategy include:

- Awareness of threats and vulnerabilities
- Prevention and protection against these threats
- Response to potential attacks

Awareness is clearly a key component, because the success of prevention, protection, and response clearly requires awareness. Maritime Domain Awareness is defined as "the effective understanding of anything associated with the global maritime environment that could impact the security, safety, economy or environment of the United States."

MDA is deeply imbedded in our flotilla's on-water missions. We act as an effective force multiplier, broadening the reach of Coast Guard forces in the vital task of providing safety and security on America's waterways. ✿

Source USCG AUX Web page, Flotilla 33-2  
Lincoln & Columbus, NE





# PUBLICATIONS

## WESTERN AREA ADSO

Is your Flotilla or Division's information being relayed to ALL your members in a timely manner? Do your members say they forgot or didn't know what was going on? Do they complain that they do not have a computer so they can't get Auxiliary information??



Jeanne Brenner ADSO

You can help! Not only to keep them informed, but also to remind them that as a member they are important, even if they can't make the monthly meeting.

Believe it or not, there are still some people out there without computers, and there are some of us who spend all day at a computer for their paying positions and do not want to sit in front of one once they go home! This is where your unit publication can make a big difference. You or your Communications Services Officer (CS) can do a quick scan every month on the National and District Web Sites and see what would be of interest to the general membership. You can just pick out highlights of the article and let the members know where you got the info so they can go out on the web for more, or you can print the entire article for members without computer access.

This can give you a complete page for a newsletter. Then, I'm sure you provide the minutes of your meetings for your members. Add that to the web info sheet and that gives you another page for your newsletter. Have your FC provide you with the agenda of the upcoming meeting, list the staff officers, all upcoming events, information of previous events, and then add the masthead. Now you've got a newsletter!

My personal recommendation is to mail the newsletter to all your members the week before your meeting. This is a gentle reminder of the upcoming meeting and you can provide them with phone numbers of who to contact and the Auxiliary covers the postage. Though your members may have a computer, it's much easier to take a printed newsletter with you to read while waiting to pick up your children, or waiting in the doctor's office, or to carry it into your reading room. Even a laptop computer isn't as transportable as a few sheets of paper! This newsletter may also be placed on your web site, but be sure to remove any phone numbers and addresses BEFORE you send it into cyberspace where the 'world' can see it.

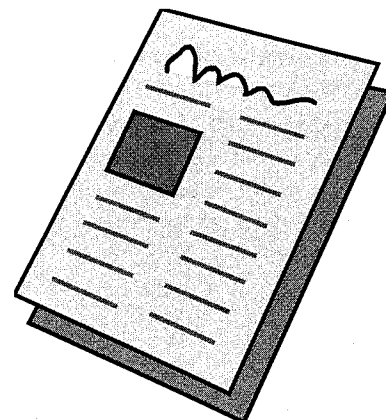
There are some basic requirements to a newsletter and they are:

- The required elements of a newsletter as described in COMDTPUB P5600.7 (Chap 2, para C.)
- The following information is needed and should always appear on the publication masthead, if one is used, or on the cover:
  1. Name of the publication.
  2. Date of publication.
  3. Volume number (Roman numerals for the year of publication, i.e., "X" meaning it has been published for ten years.)
  4. Issue number (Arabic "1" meaning the first issue of the year.)
  5. District or Region, Unit number (flotilla or division).

- The editors name, address and telephone number must appear somewhere in the issue.
- Make sure what you print is accurate and give credit to the Auxiliarist that gives you the info.
- Do not reprint articles without permission from the publication/author. If it's an Auxiliary Publication, you can reprint it but give the publication and author the credit.
- DO NOT place advertisements for any business in the newsletter.

I've already seen some new publications in the Western Area and they are looking great! Keep up the good work! Make sure your members know Who, What, When, Where, and How! ✿

Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB (W) D5-NR  
Fayetteville, PA



# PUBLICATIONS

## EASTERN AREA ADSO

5 NR has 16 Divisions and 97 Flotillas, but relatively few publish a flotilla or division newsletter.

For some reason the FSO-PB is deemed a minor position. How wrong this attitude is! A regularly published Flotilla & Division newsletter ties in all the other flotilla/division offices. It gives your members an idea of what is happening within your area of responsibility.



Gil Finkelstein,  
ADSO-PB

- Some of the responsibilities of the FSO-PB officer are: Updated Newsletters, Press Releases, Photography / Graphics / Imagery, and National Safe Boating Week. They are partners with the Public Affairs officer.
- It is especially important to reach your members who are unable to attend meetings and possibly ignite that spark of interest that will get them active.
- Flotilla Commanders and Division Captains should regularly submit a "State of the Flotilla or Division" article to the publication. Member training and continued education opportunities need constant publicity.

For examples of other flotilla & division newsletters - to get ideas and layouts - visit on line 5NR Newsletters at:  
<http://www.5nr.org/newsletters/>. ✿

Gil Finkelstein, ADSO-PB (E) D5-NR

## CENTRAL AREA ADSO

Carolyn Otto joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1999. Since then she has served as Vice Captain 12, Flotilla Commander 12-05, Vice Flotilla Commander 12-05, Division 12 Publications Officer, and Flotilla 12-05 Communication Services Officer.



Carolyn Otto, ADSO-PB

Carolyn is the Editor of Division 12's Newsletter - "BayLines" and is responsible for all of the District 5NR Conference Signage. She has written numerous articles for Topside and has taught several courses on Auxiliary Publications and Boating Safety. Her strong desire and determination to promote the Auxiliary is shown through her actions and writing. Not only has Carolyn served the Auxiliary in various capacities, she is very active in the Boat Crew program, Public Education and Public Affairs.

Carolyn's professional background is in Computer Systems Administration, Database Management, Web Application Development, and Quality Assurance. These are the things that Carolyn brings to the Coast Guard Auxiliary that can be availed by others in this organization. ✿

Carolyn Otto, ADSO-PB (C) D5-NR  
Dover, DE

## DSO-PB

This is the second issue of TOPSIDE where I have been totally responsible for the content of the entire magazine. I do not take this task lightly. The material submitted for this issue continues to impress me with the countless hours spent by Auxiliarists on a daily basis. I have made every effort to preserve the integrity of the articles as written. There are countless activities that have been shared by almost all of the Divisions in the district as well as our District Staff Officers. I would not have been able to complete this task without thank my ADSO's (Jeannie Brenner (W), Gil Finkelstein (E), and Carolyn Otto (C)) who provide a significant amount of help in gathering the material from their respective regions and advising me when some computer problems crops up that has me stymied.

I do have one request. If you are going to submit photographs electronically, please submit them in jpeg format whenever possible. Embedded photos in Microsoft Word and PDF take extra steps to separate them from the text and lose their quality.

Thank you for you support. Remember this magazine is the platform for you share your Unit's activities. Make sure you are represented. There is a whole audience out there that is interested in what you do. Keep those photos and articles flowing in. ✿

Edna M. Winans, DSO-PB D5-NR, Manahawkin, NJ

## 2006 AMLOCA HELD AT TRACEN, CAPE MAY

The AMLOC-A (Auxiliary Mid Level Officer Course) was presented on 21-23 April at the US Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. This course is part of the Auxiliary Leadership Training Continuum provided by the Auxiliary National Training Department. Adapted from the leadership program of the US Coast Guard it offers mid-level leadership and management skills beyond the basics, with greater emphasis and insight into problem solving and the understanding and development of people skills. The course is intended for Division Captains, Vice Captains and aspiring members.



The course was presented by Rod Halsted and Wes Doody. COMO Lee Kehr joined the group for dinner and opening remarks on the first evening. Initial set-up and welcoming/registration of attendees were supported by Ken Kendall, Bruce Long, and Bill Beihl. Pictured above are the instructors Wes Doody and Rod Halsted with COMO Kehr.

The facilities at TRACEN are excellent for this type of course. Classes were held in the MCPO Building. Cooperation of the US Coast Guard was outstanding. We were treated with the utmost respect and all arrangements for the course were completed in an efficient manner thanks to BOSN2 Tracy Allen and Bruce Long.

AMLOC has been taught for several years and has been widely acclaimed by members that have attended. The course is given in two parts as AMLOC-A and AMLOC-B. Either course can be taken first, although A is preferred, then B. This year AMLOC-A was offered. AMLOC-B will be offered next year. Topics for Part A include Division Captain's role, protocol, leadership, management, budgeting, staffing, time management, and writing. Nineteen members of District 5NR attended.

The response by the attendees is very encouraging and highly complimentary. We would be remiss if we did not recognize the most important element to the success of this course. The attendees are to be congratulated for their sacrifice of time and considerable effort to participate in the classroom. Their enthusiasm and determination personifies what makes our organization so great. ✱

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Beach Haven Park, NJ*

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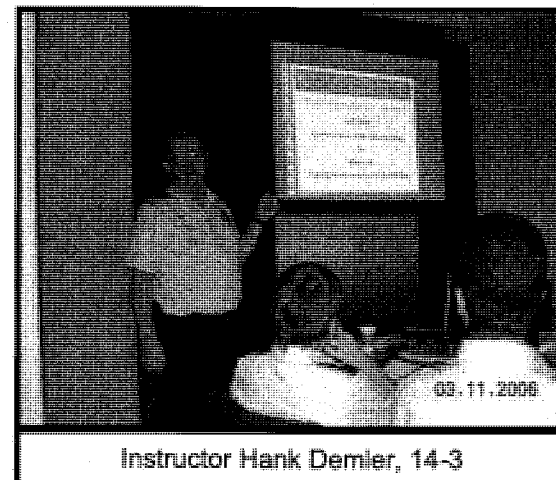
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*Photo provided by Jay Brandinger, VCP-6  
Pennington, NJ*

## AUXCOM AT 2006 SPRING CONFERENCE

The specialty Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) course was presented at the Spring Conference on 10-12 March 2006. This course is one of the few specialties cited as a requirement for other Auxiliary activities. AUXCOM is a requirement for ownership of an Auxiliary Fixed Land, Land Mobile, or DF Radio Facility. Also, it is required by Communications Officers who conduct radio facility inspections. It also is an entry level requirement for communications Watchstander training at Coast Guard units.



The course was presented on Friday 1600 to 1800, Saturday 0800 to 1600, and a final exam offered on Sunday at 0800. The course was presented by Hank Demler, Flotilla 14-3 and Bob Whyland Flotilla 14-4. The final exam was proctored by Hank Demler and graded by YN2 Scott Stein from DIRAUX. Exam results were provided to each student immediately following the grading. Certificates were signed and entry into AUXDATA occurred the following week. Twelve members attended the course. Ten of the twelve passed the final exam.

Following the exam, ANSC 7060 Training Evaluation Forms were completed. In addition, students who had email addresses were invited to send any comment about the course given at the conference to the DSO-MT by email. The results of this feedback are given below. Slight changes were made to comments to improve readability.

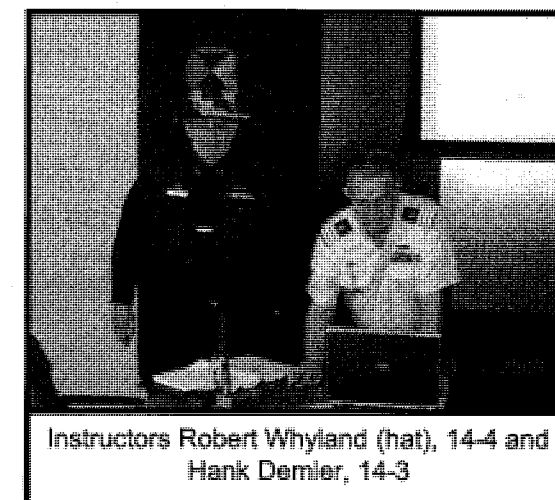
### SUMMARY OF 7060 EVALUATION FORM

#### COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES

Scores for the listed items on the first page of the Evaluation sheet were almost all 4's and 5's. A few lower marks were given concerning "receiving advanced training information." Under additional comments,

several members made the points below:

- Conduct an actual role play using radios or walkie talkies for simulated communication.
- Contact attendees in advance providing details and expectations for preparation.
- Great presentations, guys really know their stuff.



#### COMMENTS FROM INSTRUCTOR

It is apparent that the course was very successful and enjoyed by all. The student comments were highly favorable and Hank and Bob should be congratulated. There is always room for improvement. The high caliber of instruction is already there. However, there were some comments that should be considered for our next conference to improve the experience as below.

- Evaluate the choice of the room, assuring that it is of ample size, well lighted and quiet.
- Consider some means to prepare the students prior to arrival at the conference. We need to provide, in advance, information e.g. advanced reading, contact person, etc.
- Some break time should be part of the schedule during the day to provide opportunities for fellowship, store visits, etc.
- The manner to communicate exam results should be as private as practical.

For the next AUXCOM course, consider communication role play using walkie talkies.

These items will be considered in the planning process for the Fall Conference and beyond. ✱

*Article by Ken Kendall, DSO-MT D5-NR  
Beach Haven Park, NJ*

*Photos by Robert Whyland, 14-4  
Spring Grove, PA*



## COXSWAIN SCHOOL AT TRACEN, CAPE MAY

In June, seven Auxiliarists attended the District 5NR Coxswain School held at TRACEN Cape May. Attendees participated in classroom studies, practical on water exercises, lectures, demonstrations and testing necessary for qualifications to earn the prestigious Coxswain rating.

Included was the NavRules Exam which is a requirement for Coxswain qualification.

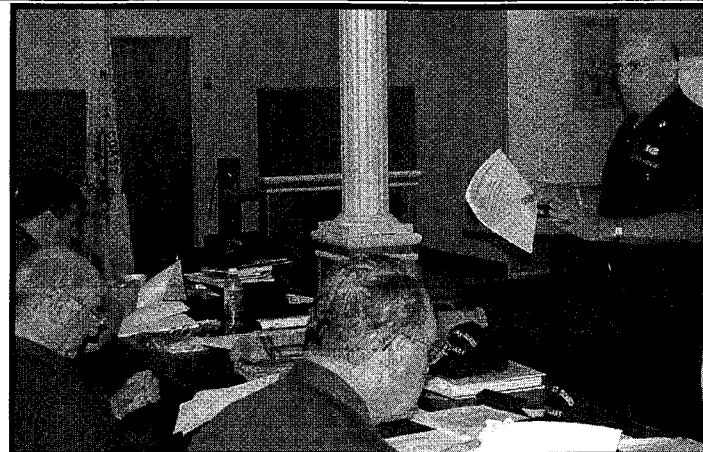
Unique from traditional Coxswain training, this concentrated five-day program emphasizes important skills and techniques in a standardized format from a cadre of instructors. The opportunity to obtain the majority of necessary instruction and training from a variety of mentors is unique from traditional class methods. Attendees were berthed at the Coast Guard Training Center and ate meals with regular Coast Guard personnel in the Base Galley.

The opportunity to attend a course at the Coast Guard Training Center added to the professionalism experienced at this school. The class also attended the Coast Guard Recruit Graduation Ceremony on Friday. Although demanding, this course offered Auxiliarists the benefits of meeting members from outlying areas, train as a team, build fellowship, and make new friends.

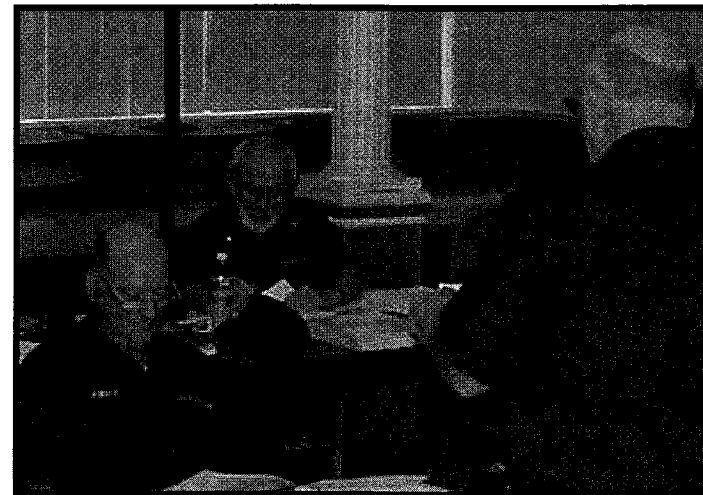
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Cape May Court House, NJ*



**District 5NR Coxswain Students**  
(left to right) Jim Harris 16-10, Sal Fascetta 7-11, Howard Burakof 16-1, Joe Cummings 24, Bob Reinhardt 16-7, Andy Navalance 7-12, and John Yowell 10-6



Instructor John Ignozza, 16-7 discussing boat handling



Students Howard Burakof 16-1 and Andy Navalance 7-12 listen intently

Students and staff of 2006 Coxswain School at Recruit Graduation Ceremony

## AUX AIR

### HIGH FLYING AUXILIARISTS

In May, members of the District's Auxiliary Air (AUXAIR) Program devoted a sunny Saturday to do what Auxiliary Surface Patrols do on the water; scan the sky, ground, and water looking for the unusual.



Pilot Stu Brown ADSO-AV and Observer Pat Ditunno, 66 ready for mission

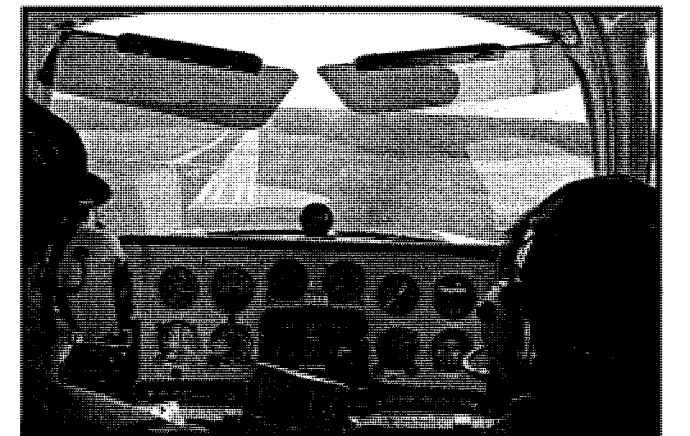
Departing from South Jersey Regional Airport, Pilot Stu Brown ADSO-AV, Observer Patricia L. Ditunno, and Observer Trainee Joe Giannattasio FVC-82 began their mission, which would cover the Delaware River, Delaware Bay, and the Coasts of New Jersey and Delaware.

Monitoring commercial shipping in Delaware Bay



Flying off the Coast of Atlantic City

AUXAIR is active in every Coast Guard District with Pilots, Observers and Air Crews utilizing their own planes and are reimbursed for fuel at set rates. These private planes are efficient, and cost-effective, costing the Coast Guard and the US Taxpayer less than 10% of the cost of a Coast Guard helicopter, hour for hour.

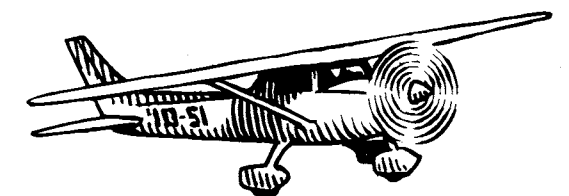


On final approach for landing at end of mission

The patrol aloft was uneventful, but as all Auxiliarists, we appreciate how a "routine" patrol can quickly turn into an unexpectedly critical mission - reinforcing the Coast Guard motto: Semper Paratus ☼

AUXAIR crews fly Search and Rescue missions, logistical support, area familiarization rides, Marine Safety and Environmental Patrols, and Maritime Domain Awareness Patrols (MDAPATs). Each patrol consists of one or more pilots, and one or more members of the aircrew (either those designated AirCrew or as an Observer).

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Cape May Court House, NJ*





# SEA PARTNERS

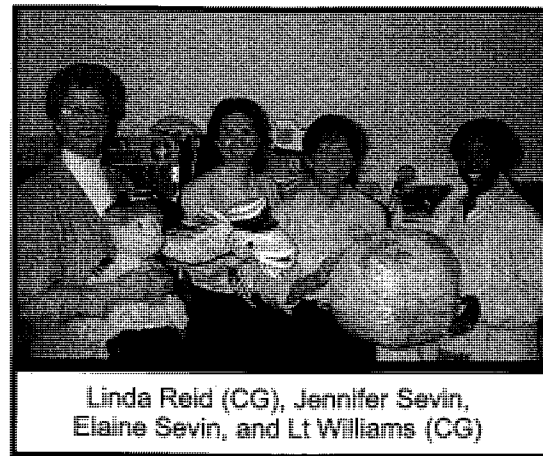
## SEA PARTNERS TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOP PORTLAND OREGON

Would you like to go to Sea Partners this year? That was the question and the answer was absolutely, without reservation (no pun intended), yes!

After 12 hours of air travel and connecting flights, I was almost reconsidering that emphatic yes.

Forty five Coast Guard, Reserve and Auxiliary members assembled together that first morning to learn how to better introduce the Sea Partners environmental outreach program into the classroom, boat show or almost any venue that gathers the public together. SKCM Linda Reid, long time plank owner in the Sea Partners program skillfully took us through a welcoming ice breaker and into the Sea Partners Campaign history, goals and operations.

Then it was time for another group exercise utilizing the laws and regulations around various pollution and environmental issues. This was followed by a presentation of the Clean Marina Program by Kristin Feindel of the Oregon State Marina Board with some additional comments by CDR Armin Cate, Sector Miami.



Linda Reid (CG), Jennifer Sevin, Elaine Sevin, and Lt Williams (CG)

By lunchtime, we were getting to know each other and surprised that fellow classmates had traveled from Guam, Hawaii, Baltimore, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and points in between to attend this workshop.

More guest speakers filled the afternoon sessions with excellent presentations on Aquatic Nuisance Species (the Zebra Mussel is only one of over 180 species in this

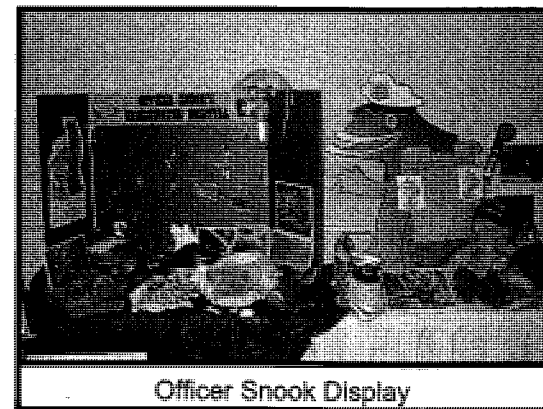


Krista Tinney, SO-MS/EP 3

category). There was graphic video of the Asian carp who seem to fly up out of the water and inflict damage on boat operators. Our word for the day became traumtogenic (fish that bite and hurt you). We spent some time discussing "aquarium dumps" by well meaning but uniformed fish keepers. There are actually brochures in the pet trade on how to euthanize your unwelcome aquarium fish. Think "baggies" combined with "freezer" and you will get the general idea.

Ron Doescher, CGAUX, D1 Sea Partners Coordinator was a treasure trove of information and shared experiences with the Good Mate program and how to utilize the text for different and non-traditional students.

There was a young gentleman who addressed beach clean ups. He instructed the class on how to get one started, how to partner with other organizations for manpower and materials and how to advertise the event.



Officer Snook Display

And of course, SKCM Reid had a power point on administration issues and reporting. If all of your hard work hasn't been reported in all the correct places, you haven't done the work.

The weather on our first full day was warm and welcoming and very unseasonable. More than a few of our travelers smoothed out the many hours of travel in the pool and soaked up some sun in lounge chairs before changing for dinner.

Like any conference, the best and most anticipated event is going out together for dinner to get to know each other and to explore the town. Portland has a free rail line into the downtown business district to encourage you to shop and eat in a huge variety of restaurants, everything

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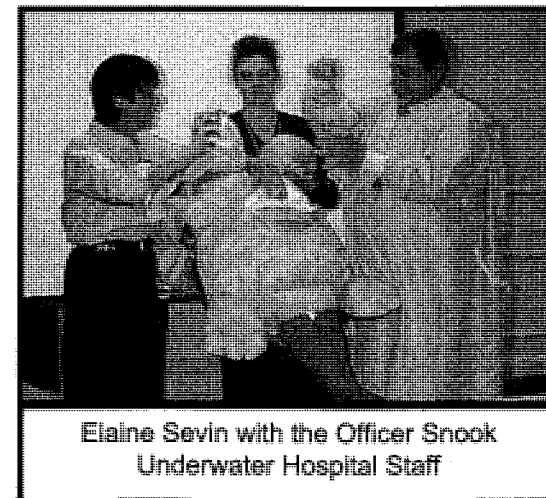
# SEA PARTNERS

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from Chinese, Japanese and Mexican cuisine to brewery row, with mini-brewery samples and food. Steak houses abound and seafood lovers were faced with a new menu choice. "What's a prawn?" was an oft heard question.

Saturday was youth program day and we were all delighted children with Jennifer (Officer Snook) and Elaine (Mama Snook) Sevin who took us through table tops of play toys and visuals that illustrated pollution problems to our environment and its ocean populations of fish, turtles and mammals. LTJG Jonathan Schafner, Sector Delaware Bay, received an award for presenting his program to 10,000 children. We were every bit as entranced by it as the school children who have been lucky enough to be in his audience.

We were awed and saddened by the pictures of the gorgeous coral reefs which have become the endangered rainforests of the sea. Dr. Mark Hixon, Professor of Zoology from the Oregon State University took us through the dismal future of these living organisms. Many of the factors that are contributing to their demise are sadly out of our control. Changing weather patterns are bringing warmer waters which are not tolerated for the reef to grow and survive.



Elaine Sevin with the Officer Snook Underwater Hospital Staff

The Sea Turtle session held some more encouraging news for the continued existence of the sea turtle. New deep nets being utilized by commercial fishing boats are limiting the amount of turtles caught in fishing nets. The ingestion of plastic bags remains a critical problem.



Officer Snook

There was a discussion on managing large events by MSTC Kobylanski, Sector Buffalo and CDR Cate, Sector Miami. What had worked in the past and what did not were illustrated and discussed in much detail.

MSTC Fusco, Sector Baltimore talked about the nuts and bolts of the Trident Program from the Coast Guard side and it was compared and contrasted with the Auxiliary model. With cooperation and communication on both sides, it can be a very satisfying partnership for everyone involved.

PA1 Al Haraf D11 spoke about the Public Affairs portion of Sea Partners presentations. He illustrated media interviews and how to get the message out. There were examples of what not to say or do while being filmed or interviewed.



Water Drop Ben

The last exercise of the workshop involved using our groups to get the same oil pollution problem out into the public in four different ways, through an Auxiliary audience, directed to an auditorium of interested persons, to marina owners and to a school age group. Same message, different approaches.

This workshop should create a ripple effect through Team Coast Guard. Just giving out pamphlets is not enough. Lecturing doesn't make the impact of a graphic hands on experiment. Children grasp the parameters of the pollution problem immediately and want to take that Officer Snook Pledge to help stop water pollution:

## REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE

*Article and photos by Krista Kinney, SO-MS/EP 3  
Thorofare, NJ*



## DIVERSITY

Which is the most prominent two-page spread in this issue of TOPSIDE? Right, the one containing the info/agenda for our fall district conference.

Twice yearly, D5-NR invites our membership to auxiliary-intense weekends. In preparation for this semi-annual event, Auxiliarists have developed presentations including workshops, display booths, district store sales, demonstrations. Every course leading to the prestigious AUXOP pin to mention a few offerings, not to forget a memorable Saturday evening closing banquet.

Characteristic of our monthly meetings, faces attending conferences are usually the same at every Spring and Fall gathering. Picture your flotilla meeting; the regulars are there.

Question: During the past three years, has the Coast Guard mandate to diversify our membership, materialized in your flotilla? This same observation applies to our conferences!

TOPSIDE publishes, well in advance, all necessary conference information. How can we diversify attendance at conferences that will increase the number of members benefiting from the various programs? It's understood, genuine commitments exist for some members. What about the others who could spare one or two weekends each year?

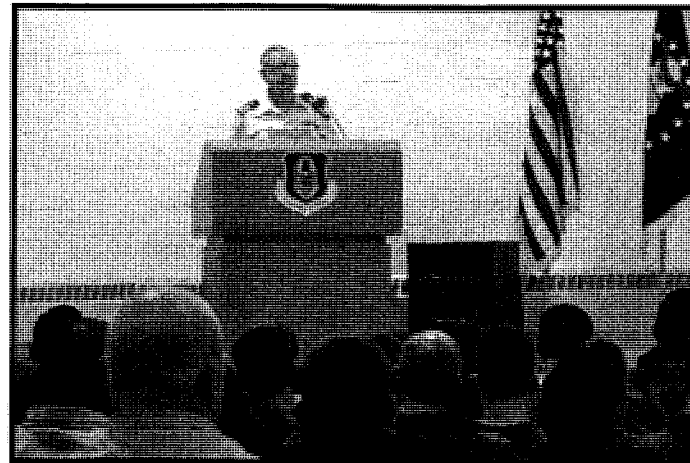
Suggestion: Flotillas - Consider funding two members who have yet to attend a conference. Specify, if feasible, one of the funded, be an Auxiliarist with less than five years, thus encouraging retention of new members. Selection might result from a drawing, a point-value accumulation, or excellence in one of our missions. A flotilla project or many other innovative ideas from the flotilla membership.

Attendees will return with highlights and experiences to share with fellow members, plus the value gleaned from associating with and listening to Auxiliarists outside their Divisions. Hopefully, this experience will generate enthusiasm for our organization, and will encourage others to widen their auxiliary horizons. The future of our organization will be strengthened and secured by diversification of our members at all levels. ✱

CONFERENCE: TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT !

Article by Jeanne Stretch, SPO  
- Diversity

### AUXILIARY GIVES A PRESENTATION TO WILLOW GROVE NAVAL AIR STATION PERSONNEL



Auxiliarist Cliff Dunn, D5-NR, Flotilla 24 makes a presentation to 200 C-9B Naval Air personnel April 23, 2006, Safety Stand Down Day at Willow Grove Naval Air Station, Horsham, PA. The C-9B units fly personnel and cargo world wide. Cliff spoke about "Who is the Auxiliary" and provided a review of Boating Safety as taught in BS&S classes. ✱

Article and photo by Rich Valier, 24  
Warminster, PA



COLOR GUARD AT THE 2006 SPRING CONFERENCE

## PROFILES IN SERVICE

### JACK CATHCART RECEIVES USCG HONORARY SURFMAN AWARD

John R. (Jack) Cathcart of Flotilla 7-12 D5-NR was rendered speechless when CWO Wes Parker, Station Barnegat Light, NJ presented him with the prestigious Honorary Surfman Award at the Division 7 Awards Dinner in April.

It is not a surprise Jack received this award from CWO Parker, for Jack has spent countless Auxiliary hours in service to Station Barnegat Light as well as on a personal level. From being a key part of the team that built a beautiful deck (known as the "Commander's Deck") at the station, working as Watchstander, and opening his home to Coasties during the holidays. Crew members of the Station consider Jack and his wife as part of their extended family.

Jack joined the Auxiliary in August 1999. He immediately started tapping into all of the educational opportunities. By the end of 2001, Jack was qualified as a Vessel Examiner, Marine Visitor, Patrol Specialist, Instructor, and Communications Specialist. As he qualified in these various disciplines, he immediately began sharing his newly acquired knowledge by teaching both Auxiliarists and the public.

Over the years Jack has held Flotilla 7-12 Staff Office positions, FSO-SR, Vice Commander and Commander. He has received many awards recognizing extraordinary accomplishments in Vessel Examinations and Marine Dealer Visits. Jack continues to represent himself as a dedicated member of the USCG Auxiliary. Bravo Zulu. ✱

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



### PHIL STAMM 29 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

D5-NR was fortunate when Phil Stamm and his wife Alice joined the Auxiliary.

After taking the BS&S and S&S classes in 1977 Alice and Phil were asked if they would like to join the Auxiliary. They accepted the invitation and helped to form Flotilla 24 as charter members. Phil's first job was FSO-PE which he did for several years, he then went on to be VFC then FC of 24.

The Stamms then transferred to Division 10 to help out a struggling Flotilla 10-6, where Phil worked his way through several staff positions in the Flotilla and subsequently advanced to VFC and FC for 2 years each. He was elected VCP of Division 10 for 2 years and then Captain for 2 years. In 1991 Phil was appointed RCO-C and served for 2 years. In addition, Phil has held positions on Division 10 staff for many years. At present he is SO-PS and FSO-FN. He is an AUXOP, Coxswain and QE.

He received his 25 year Service award on September 23, 2002 so he has been a member for 29 years.

He served in the Army, was wounded twice in Europe with the 7th Armored Division and returned home after the war ended. He married Alice while on leave and has been married for 61 years to date. They have 2 sons, both married, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Photography has been Phil's hobby for years. In college, he worked on the yearbook as Photography Editor and darkroom manager until the war started when he was called to active duty. He started taking pictures for Elsie Nichols when she was editor of TOPSIDE and has continued ever since for Mel Borofsky (starting in 1997) and now for Edna Winans in 2006.

**Editor's Note** Phil has done an excellent job at supporting TOPSIDE as well as the Auxiliary through his 29 years. As the new DSO-PB I am extremely grateful for his continued support to TOPSIDE. He is like the energizer bunny at conferences. So when you see Phil you better say "cheese" so you look good for TOPSIDE. ✱

Article and photo by Edna M. Winans DSO-PB  
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# PROFILES IN SERVICE

## HARRY AND JEAN DAVID FLOTILLA 4-11 CELEBRATE 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN AUXILIARY

You can't avoid the realization that Harry David believes in service. To Harry, a veteran of World War II and a paradigm of what Tom Brokaw tagged "the greatest generation," service isn't something someone else does; it is the essence of being a citizen, a husband, a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

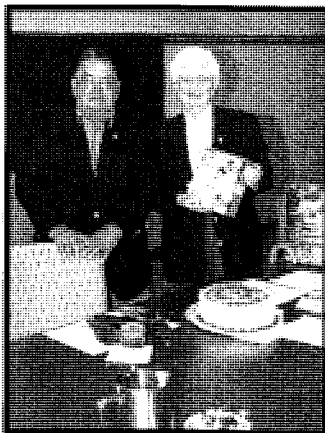


This Spring Harry will retire from the Auxiliary after 30 years of service. He'll tell you he joined when he moved from a 22 foot sailboat to a 30 foot boat because, "I figured that a boat that big needed someone with some knowledge at the helm." He began by taking courses.

Midway through his first course, his instructor singled him out as someone who had much to offer to the Auxiliary and pushed Harry to investigate how his talents could best be applied to the mission of the USCGA. Well, Harry found his niche; he found it in a big way. He joined and began teaching for the 5<sup>th</sup> District's Flotilla 4-11. While his favorite course to teach was Advanced Navigation, he taught a number of different courses and eventually served as FSO-PE.

And that was just the beginning of Harry's service to the Auxiliary. From Flotilla PE he moved to Vice Commander, then Flotilla Commander. Convinced that he had still more to offer, folks at the division level drew him into the division staff as its Public Education Officer, then its Vice Commander. Finally, after 19 years of serving the Auxiliary, Harry's career reached its pinnacle when he was, in 1995, elected District Commodore for District 5.

Those are the days he most relishes. "Being Commodore, I had to move between 16 Divisions, visiting and making friends," he declares. The look of intense pride glistens in his eyes as he recalls the time spent becoming familiar with the units and individuals he had to work with. And these were days when the Auxiliary had greater autonomy, when the Auxiliary was less assimilated into the functions of the Coast Guard.



That assimilation, a movement that was beginning in the late nineties and then was hastened in post 9/11 times, Harry sees as a mixed blessing. "I think that the Auxiliary is now more focused on work and less on fellowship. We used to do a lot in the way of building relationships; now we're more tuned in on getting jobs done." While he's proud of what the Auxiliary is contributing to Homeland Security, clearly he misses the camaraderie that was a prominent element of his

earlier days in the Auxiliary.

Sitting by his side, agreeing with him at times, refreshing his memory at other times, offering her unique perspective, Harry's wife of 60 years, Jean, has her eyes fill with tears as they discuss the job of Conference Coordinator, a job that called on the two to search out, visit, and select sites for conferences. "We loved the planning and the meeting of new people," she says, her warmth shining through her smile. A bit more than sixty years ago, Jean was in the Royal Air Force, serving her native England in its struggle, when she met and fell in love with an American GI.

Arriving in the United States in 1946, Jean began her adaptation, and today only slight traces of her midlands accent remain. Similarly resolute in service, Jean has also given nearly 30 years to the Auxiliary. Harry chides her by pointing out that if she hadn't disenrolled for a few months she would also have 30 years of service. She smiles; clearly, she feels she has served well.

So it comes down to one last meeting. Problems with physical health—problems that limit the mobility but not the energy of this dedicated man—led to a parting between Harry and his boat about 10 years ago. Asked why he won't hang around and continue to serve, his response is typically unselfish. "It's not fair to be a member of an organization and not work," he states flatly. Jean jumps in and says, "You could still teach." Harry, sighs, and responds firmly but without rancor, "I can't teach. I teach navigation, and that means if I'm going to do it right, I have to move around and help students with charting."



"If I'm going to do it right" seems to be the key phrase in everything Harry David has ever taken on. To do it right means being active. To do it right means accepting a role of leadership. To do it right ultimately means accepting that time has redefined your role. Today Harry's role is to be a role model for those who will follow.

Recognizing that this is a special man, that Harry and Jean are a special pair of Auxiliarists, Flotilla Commander John Webster recently arranged an evening when the members of Flotilla 4-11, the flotilla Harry joined, served, and led, could honor a man and woman and signal to them that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is grateful and thanks them for a job not only done well, but done in an exemplary fashion. ✱

Article and photos by Richard D. Greenwood, SO-CS  
Kennet Square, PA

# PROFILES IN SERVICE

## TIM BONSPER 7-11 RECEIVED BOAT FORCE OPERATIONS INSIGNIA

Tim Bonsper of Flotilla 7-11 was awarded the Boat Force Operations Insignia from CWO Wes Parker of Station Barnegat Light, NJ.

The citation accompanying the insignia read as follows:

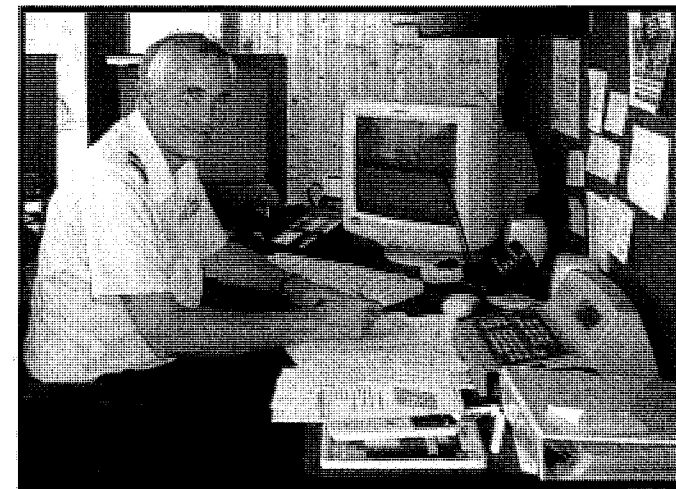
"Having served five years of cumulative service at Boat Force Field units and attaining boat crew qualification, you are hereby authorized to wear the pewter tone Boat Force Operations Insignia."



The Boat force Operations Insignia recognized the commitment of Coast Guard members who have repeatedly served in the Boat Forces community. The basic insignia design and color scheme is comprised of pewter-tone wave (representative of operations), crossed boathook and oar (representative of boats), and a superimposed compass rose (representative of leadership and direction).

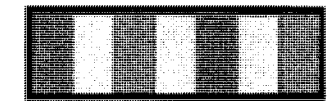
Congratulations on earning the Boat Force Operations Insignia." ✱

T. Harrop, CAPT USCG  
US Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay, Atlantic City



Tim Bonsper at his post in Station Barnegat Light

## 9-11 CITATION



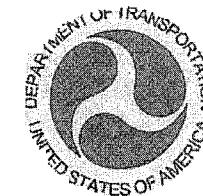
The ribbon consists of 7 bands  
Red, Wht, Blu, Wht, Red, Wht, Blu

Look for this ribbon and take the time to thank the person who earned it.

One hundred forty seven (147) from Fifth Northern received this citation and ribbon. Go to the D5-NR web site for a list of recipients. [www.5nr.org](http://www.5nr.org)

## THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE TRANSPORTATION 9-11 RIBBON FOR SERVICES SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

"For extraordinary service to the citizens of the United States in the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Rising to the challenges posed by both recovery from the attacks and the need for significantly increased security throughout the many modes of the transportation system, Department of Transportation employees made their mark in history with acts of dedication and professionalism that had a significant impact on millions of citizens through the entire transportation infrastructure. Virtually overnight, they along with many others augmented command centers, vessel traffic service centers and other important command posts around the country. Security forces were rapidly augmented to reduce the vulnerability of America's airports, harbors, borders and transportation systems. In addition, they contributed to the coordinated distribution of critical relief supplies, emergency personnel and equipment, helping speed the recovery efforts in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. Their dedication, pride and professionalism are in keeping with the highest traditions of patriotism and are appreciated by a grateful Nation." ✱



Signed Norman Y. Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation



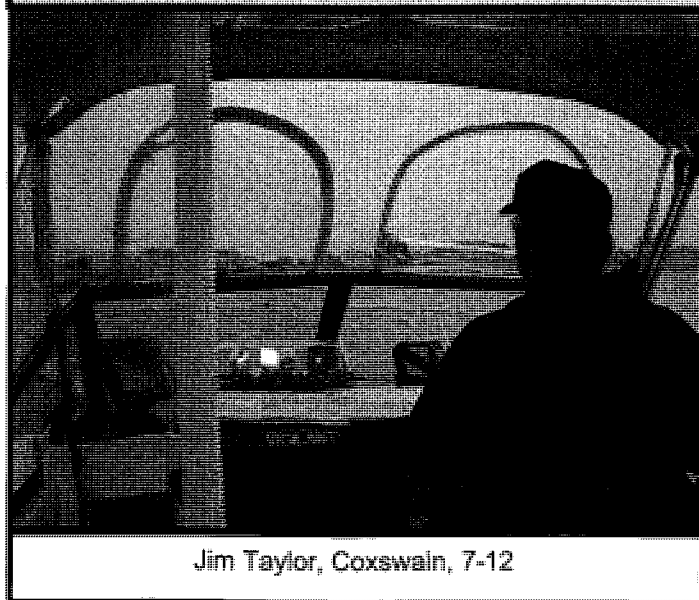
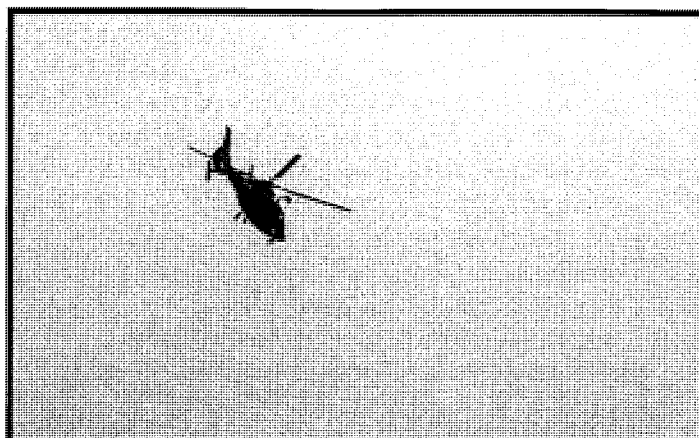
# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE (ISAR)

## AUXILIARY FULFILLING MISSION

At 1100 on 31 May, Auxiliary facility 201061 got underway for a safety patrol on Barnegat Bay. On the way to open water, the CG working channel was very busy communicating information concerning a search and rescue mission. A small plane had crashed with four people on board and the CG was searching for debris and survivors.

Facility 061 proceeded 9 miles south on the inter coastal waterway to the search site. When on the scene, 061 was directed to assist with the search for debris. In addition to a CG helicopter, one CG inflatable and 2 NJ State Police inflatables, there was one Auxiliary facility. The helicopter located a debris field on land and the boats were searching the marsh along the lagoons for additional debris. After 2 ½ hours the search ended and Auxiliary facility 061 began its planned safety patrol. ✽

*Article and Photos by Richard Wagar, DSPO-ISAR  
Medford, NJ*



Jim Taylor, Coxswain, 7-12

## D5-NR 2006 ISAR TEAM

### ON THE WAY TO PORTSMOUTH.....

The D5-NR ISAR 2006 team began training at Station Barnegat Light for the East Coast Playoffs.

The Playoffs will be held 21 - 22 July at TRACEN Cape May.

The 2006 ISAR Finals will be in Portsmouth, VA from October 21st through the 28th. ✽

*Article and Photos by Richard Wagar, DSPO-ISAR  
Medford, NJ*



L to R: Jeff Orsoe, Coxswain, 7-12; Jim Taylor, 7-12; Andy Montano, 7-12 and Bob Knabe, 7-12



Observing from L to R: BM1 Rob Zagora, Lee Frost, 7-7 (2005 ISAR Can Am Championship team member) and BM2 Jesse Duane

# NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

As I write this, I am in awe of some of the reports I've received about the plans being made in honor of National Safe Boating Week. I wish I could get to all of them.



Muriel Lewis,  
SPO-NSBW

By the time you read this, most of your ideas have come to fruition. Please make sure you sent your final report to the National Safe Boating Council, and PLEASE send a copy to me so I can make my final report.

Once again, I would like to stress that safe boating is not just one week. It is ongoing through the entire boating season. If you haven't planned for it (or even if you have) there is still time to educate the boating public. As long as there are people on the water, we MUST stress the importance of boating safely. If you've been responsible for saving even one life, your time will have been well spent.

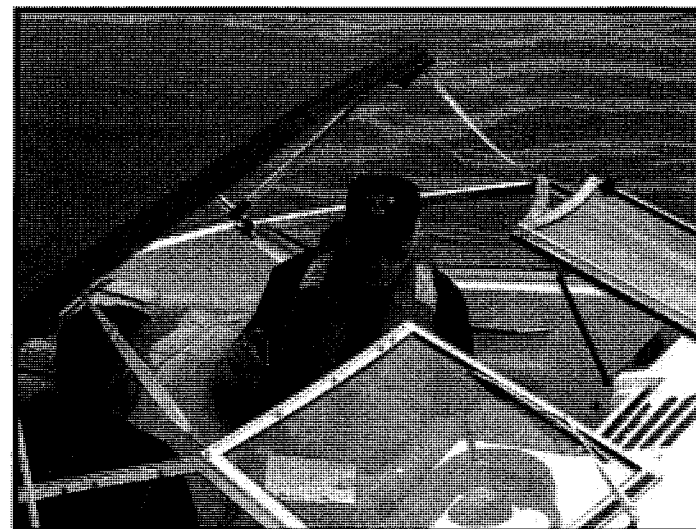
I want to thank everyone who has been keeping me apprised of your plans. I am very impressed by your ingenuity and ideas. I wish you all a wonderful summer and a happy boating season. ✽

*Muriel Lewis, SPO-NSBW  
Haverford, PA*

*Photos by Hector Feliciano, FSO-PA, 2-76  
Philadelphia, PA 19122*



Bob Freeman, FC 2-76 in front of NSBW Booth



Mike Fitzpatrick, FC 2-76 performs a  
Vessel Safety Check



Liz Fuller, 2-76, Mike Fitzpatrick, 2-76 and  
Ken Christy, 2-76

## EASTERN ELECTED OFFICERS TRAINING (EOT)

Attendance was excellent for the Eastern Area Elected Officers Training session that was held in the Officers Club at Maguire Air Force Base.

The purpose and scope of this EOT presentation focused on leadership responsibilities, in particular, problem solving at the lowest level while maintaining the "chain of leadership and management."

Emphasis was made on making proper decisions, avoiding procrastination, not micro-managing staff officers, and establishing realistic goals.

Problem solving breaks were given in the morning and afternoon sessions where attendees formed small groups to solve and discuss possible problems they could face as Flotilla and Division officers. Some of the examples dealt with standing rules and member personnel issues.



Jack Witemeyer,  
RCO-E

Training Facilitators were:

DCP 3 Krista Tinney  
VCP 8 George Morris  
DCP 8 Mike Colondrillo

DCP 16 Harvey Monter  
VCP 16 Doug Smith  
VCP 3 Tom Morrissey

Speakers at the EOT were:

CDR Scott Rogerson, DIRAUX  
Bruce Long IPDCP 8  
Jack Witemeyer RCO-E  
Bob Amort VCO  
Ted Hall ADSO-MT

Richard Wager ISAR SPO  
Gil Finkelstein ADSO-PB  
Terry Bearce ADSO-CS



Commander Scott Rogerson  
Director of Auxiliary 5NR

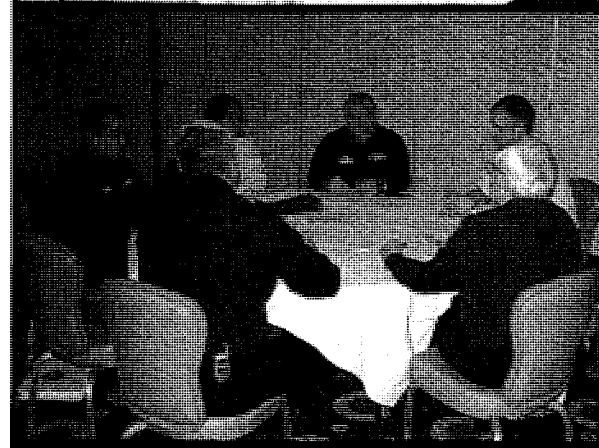
Commander Rogerson thanked all in attendance for their hard work and dedication. He spoke on the Fundamentals for Leadership and getting back to Auxiliary Core Values such as Recreational Boating Safety.

The Personal Security Investigations were also discussed in detail.

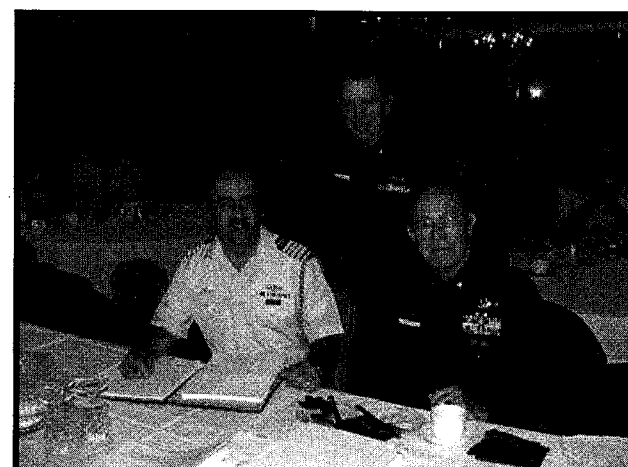
Just a note to say that those Flotillas that did not have representation at this officer training program lost out on an exceptional learning event and important information.

The Flotillas are the working base of the Auxiliary. ✱

*Article and photos by Gil Finkelstein, ADSO-PB (E)  
Linwood, NJ*



Splinter groups discussing various methods of problem solving at Flotilla and Division levels



Robert Amort, VCO 5NR, Jack Witemeyer, RCO-E and  
Ken Kendall, DSO-MT

## WESTERN APPOINTED OFFICERS TRAINING (AOT)

The 5NR Western Area Appointed Officers Training was held at the Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg, PA. Dianne Bossler, RCO-W, did a wonderful job coordinating and hosting this event. The day began with registration followed by the official opening comments, introductions and overview given by RCO-W. Hank Demler then gave a briefing on Program Management and then the attendees were given a morning break with refreshments.

Groups were then broken down to attend specific workshops/briefings being held in four separate meeting rooms. Each session was allowed 30 minutes and each room held 3 different sessions, to include:

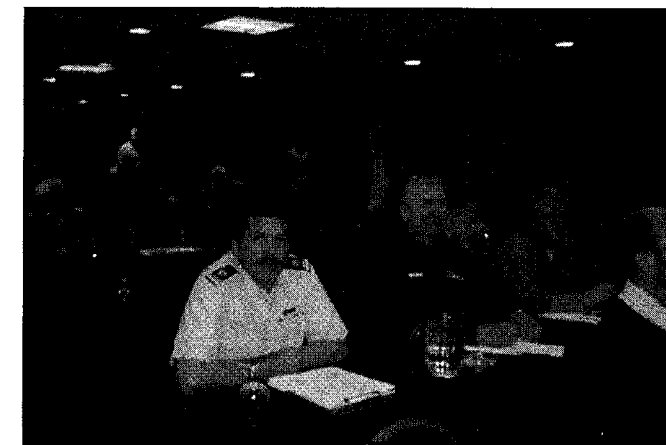
- IS, facilitated by Isabel Jones, ADSO-IS; OP/ISAR facilitated by Allen Mitchell;
- PE facilitated by Lindy Harrison, ADSO-PE(W);
- CM facilitated by Jack Lord, ADSO-CM(W);
- CS/Websites facilitated by Harry Dyer, DSO-CS;
- VE/PV facilitated by Larry Irvin, ADSO-VE(W) and Ron VanZile, ADSO-PV(W);
- MT facilitated by Steve Marthouse, ADSO-MT(W); PA/NSBW facilitated by Kevin Murphy, ADSO-PA(W); PB facilitated by Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB(W);
- PS facilitated by Astrida Miller, DSO-PS;
- AN facilitated by Donald Bowes, ADSO-AN(W);
- MS facilitated by Mark Benner, ADSO-MS;
- MA/FS/SR facilitated by Dianne Bossler, RCO(W).



The groups then reassembled in the dining area for a delicious lunch and some fellowship time. After the break,



everyone adjourned to the Main Meeting Room for comments from Commander Rogerson, 5NR Director of Auxiliary. He updated the attendees on the PSI status and explained his stand on following the chain of leadership and management. Elizabeth Kain and YN2 Scott Stein also added their input to some of the guidance set forth. Following this briefing, the morning breakdown sessions were repeated to ensure all Staff Officers had an opportunity to attend all sessions that held their interest.



At the end of the afternoon sessions, the groups came together again in the Main Meeting Room and Dianne Bossler, RCO-W, completed the session with a wrap-up and evaluation, followed by the dismissal.

From my vantage point as a facilitator, it appeared the AOT was a complete success. The attendance in my class alone was 15 students in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. The students responded favorably to the information given and participated in the discussions. By the overall attendance, it would appear that the Appointed Officers in the Western Area were eager to learn what they are to be doing in their staff position and ready to get started! ✱

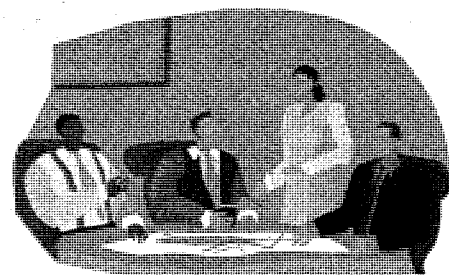
*Jeannie Brenner, ADSO-PB(W)  
Chambersburg, PA*



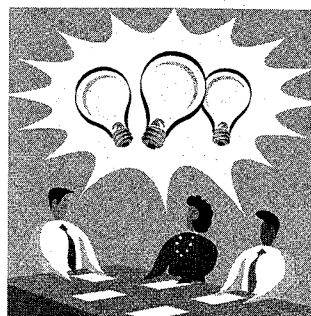
## WESTERN ELECTED OFFICERS TRAINING (EOT)

The Western Area Elected Officers Training (EOT) was held on 7 January at the Holiday Inn-Harrisburg East in Harrisburg, PA with 50 elected officers in attendance. The session opened at 0800 with registration. Dianne Bossler, RCO-W, began the session at 0900 with introductions and an overview of the finer points of the EOT. Leon Kehr, DCO, then welcomed the elected officers and shared some words of wisdom.

The morning training sessions began with Dianne providing information regarding Legal and Contracts issues within the Auxiliary. The attendees were then given some insight on Auxiliary Websites from David Stoner, 5-2. Dianne then gave an Interactive Workshop on Leadership and Problem Solving.

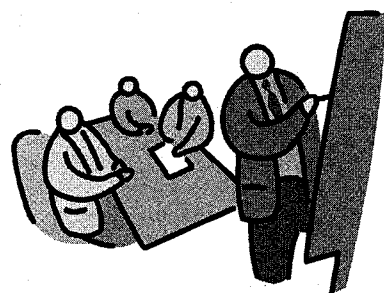


After having lunch, the attendees were split into two groups, with Group 1 comprised of Division Captains and Vice Captains and Group 2 comprised of the Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders.



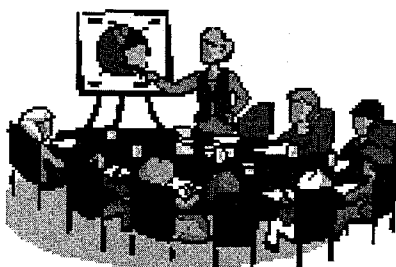
Group 1 was instructed by Leon Kehr, on Goals for Divisions and Planning/Development of Succession of Officers. Dianne Bossler, provided information on Leadership Training Courses for the Auxiliarist. Astrida Miller, DSO-PS, gave a briefing on the Division's role in Recruiting New Members and then Processing New Members, Enrollments & Transfers.

Group 2 was also instructed by Leon Kehr, DCO, on Goals for Flotillas and the Planning/Development of Succession of Officers. Astrida Miller, DSO-PS, gave a briefing on the Flotilla's part in Recruiting New Members and then Processing New Members, Enrollments & Transfers. Harold Miller,



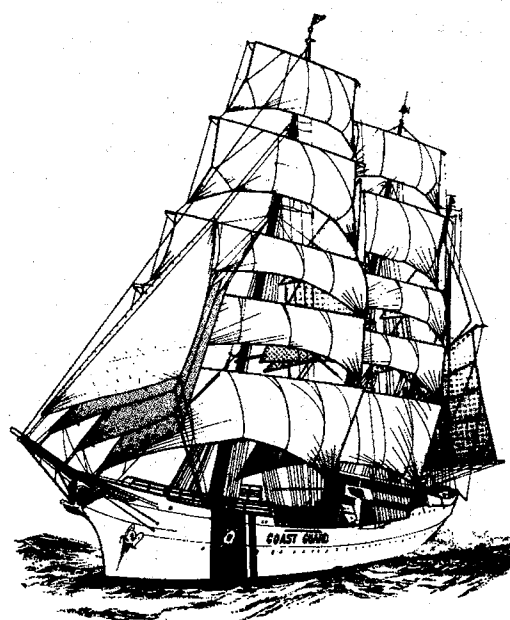
IPRCO-W, provided information on the Flotilla Procedure Manual – Transition Items.

After both groups had a short break, they were brought back together and were introduced to CDR Scott Rogerson, DIRAUX of 5NR, who gave a short welcoming speech and brought everyone up-to date on Policy Manual Changes. The attendees were then introduced to Walter Brenner, ADSO-OP (W) who spoke to the group on Operations then turned the session over to Richard Wager who gave inside information on the International Search and Rescue (ISAR) Program.

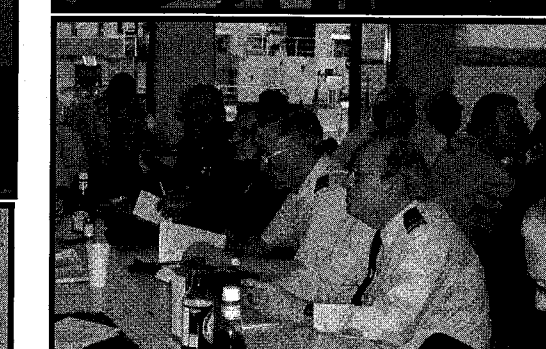
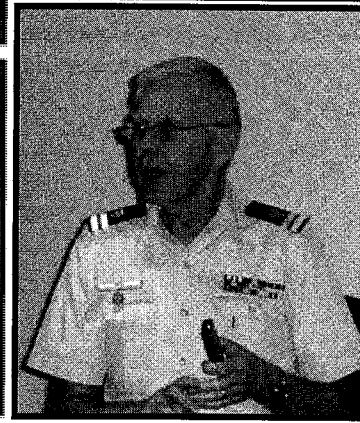
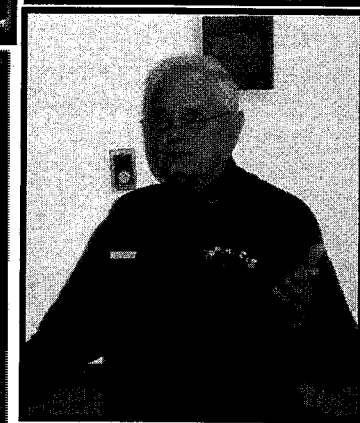
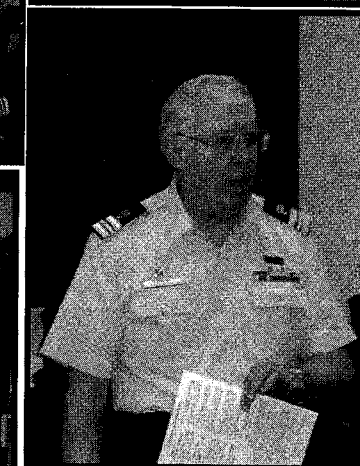


By 1530 all scheduled topics had been covered and the EOT was coming to a close. Attendees were asked to give an evaluation of the training provided in order make any needed changes and/or improvements for future sessions. Thanks to all who helped organize this much needed event. Hopefully it gave the elected officers an insight into what will be needed during their term in office.

*Article by Dianne Bossler, RCO-W 5NR  
Sinking Spring, PA*



## CENTRAL APPOINTED OFFICER'S TRAINING (AOT)





# FALL 2006 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM  
NON-FUNDED ATTENDEES — 15 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2006  
Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Use this form to make your conference and meal selections

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 14 AUGUST 2006

**FORMS RECEIVED BEYOND THIS POSTMARK DATE WILL BE RETURNED**

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

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

Mail to: **Ralph/Elaine Gilgenast, 37708 Oyster Bay Lane, Selbyville, DE 19975**

Division Number (Required):

	#1	#2	Amount \$
Name			
Email Address			
Registration fee for each person 17 years of age & over @ \$7.50			
Friday Night Buffet @ \$27.00			
Saturday Buffet Breakfast @ \$12.00			
Saturday Luncheon @ \$14.00			
Saturday Commodore's Banquet			
Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Wild Mushroom sauce @ \$20.00			
Sauteed Chicken Marsala @ \$20.00			
Sunday Breakfast Buffet @ \$14.50			
Past Captain's Breakfast			
Member of PCA (No charge)			
Guest @ \$15.00 (A PCA member must make PCA guest reservation)			

Check made out to **USCG AUX 5NR** for the TOTAL AMOUNT:

## Workshop/Event Selection

Golf - 9 Hole Tournament (Friday PM)			
Specialty Course (Seamanship - AUXSEA)			
Line Splicing (Saturday AM /PM)			
Team Coordination Training (TCT)(Sat AM/PM)			
Administrative Procedures Course - APC			
CPR Certification (Saturday AM/PM) (\$15.00)			\$15.00
"Coastie" Boat Training (Saturday )			
Hurricane Preparedness			
TCT (Refresher) (Sunday AM)			
Spouse/Guest Program (Lunch in Harrisburg)			

# 2006 FALL CONFERENCE

FALL CONFERENCE — 15 - 17 September 2006  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, 15 September 2006

1230 - 1600 Golf (9 Hole Tournament)  
1500 - 1930 Registration Desk Open  
1600 - 1800 Specialty Course - **Seamanship (AUXSEA)**  
1800 - 2030 Members' Dinner—Buffet  
1930 - 2030 Division Captains' Caucus  
1930 - 2030 District Staff Officers' Meeting  
2030 - 2130 District Board Meeting (Elections)  
2100 - 2300 District Materials Center Open  
2130 - 2330 **"Welcome Aboard" Party**

## Saturday, 16 September 2006

0630 - 0830 Members' Buffet Breakfast  
0700 - 1145 Registration Desk Open  
0800 - 1200 Specialty Course-**AUXSEA**(Cont.)  
0800 - 1600 "Coastie" Boat Training  
0800 - 1200 Line Splicing (**USCG**)  
0800 - 1200 District Materials Center Open  
0800 - 1600 Administrative Procedures Course (APC)  
0800 - 1600 Team Coordination Training (TCT)  
0800 - 1200 District Board Meeting  
0800 - 1600 CPR Certification (\$15 course fee)  
0800 - 1600 AUXDATA Help Desk  
1000 - 1015 General Coffee Break  
1015 - 1330 Spouse Program -State House Luncheon

## 1215 - 1330 LUNCH

1400 - 1600 District Materials Center Open  
1400 - 1600 Hurricane Preparedness  
1400 - 1600 Specialty Course-**AUXSEA**(Cont.)  
1400 - 1600 "Coastie" Boat Training  
1400 - 1600 Line Splicing (**USCG**)  
1600 Color Guard Rehearsal  
1730 - 1830 **COCKTAIL HOUR**  
1830 - 2200 **BANQUET**  
2200 - 2330 **Hospitality Suite**

## Sunday, 17 September 2006

0730 - 0830 Non-Denominational Prayer Service  
0730 - 0900 Member's Breakfast  
0830 - 1000 Past Captain's Breakfast  
0900 - 1200 TCT (Refresher)  
0900 - 1200 Specialty Course-**AUXSEA**(Cont.)  
1000 - 1200 EXCOM Meeting

## UNIFORM OF THE DAY

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

## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM\*

**Holiday Inn Harrisburg East**  
**4751 Lindle Road**  
**Harrisburg, PA 17111**

Phone: 1-717-939-7841 FAX: 1-800-637-4817

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

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

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

Please reserve ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non Smoking

☐ **I have HANDICAP requirements.**

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

**Rate: \$83.00 plus tax Single or Double**  
**Check in time: 1500**

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

**Deadline for reservations: 14 August 2006**

**One nights deposit required to guarantee room.**

Make checks payable and mail to the Holliday Inn Harrisburg East, **with this form** at the above address or call with a major credit card.

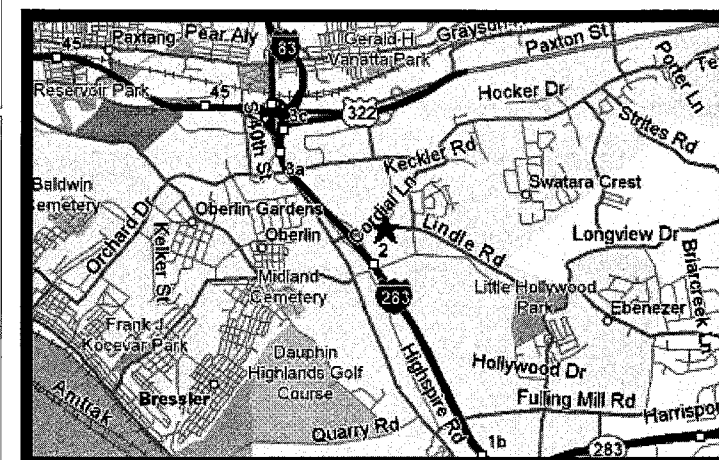
**State that you are with the USCG Auxiliary**

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

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

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

**\*Use this form only for hotel room reservations. All conference registration forms and money are to be sent to the Conference Coordinator.**



# CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Fall Conference will be held on September 15, 16, and 17, 2006 at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. The hotel has 274 sleeping rooms plus ample meeting and conference rooms.

The Holiday Inn Harrisburg East is conveniently located at Exit 2 off Interstate 283 with easy access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 247 and Harrisburg International Airport. The hotel is situated within one and a half hours of Baltimore and Philadelphia. Locally, it is 5 miles from downtown Harrisburg which is the capital of Pennsylvania.

The programs being offered at the conference should be of interest to everyone. We will have another AUXOP Specialty Course, Seamanship (AUXSEA), Team Coordination Training (TCT), Administrative Procedures (APC), and CPR & AED Certification

Back, by popular demand, will be the line splicing seminar presented by the Coast Guard.

In addition, our Spouse/Guest program will be "A Tour of Pennsylvania State Capitol."

For golfers, Friday afternoon "tee" time is 1300. Be sure to contact Dudley Gallup [ddgallup@comcast.net](mailto:ddgallup@comcast.net) if you wish to participate.

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

*Elaine and Ralph Gilgenast,  
PO Kevin Hurst and PO Craig Kalucki*

## Conference Spouse & Guest Programs

At the 2006 Spring Conference our own Astrida Miller gave a fabulous talk on "All About Latvia." That made me think that we probably have many more members, guests, and spouses who have a talent or an interest that they might be willing to share at one of programs.

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

[ramort@comcast.net](mailto:ramort@comcast.net) - or - [jamort@dentsply.com](mailto:jamort@dentsply.com)

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

Talent or Subject of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Let us hear from you!**

## CONFERENCE SPOUSE /GUEST PROGRAM

**Saturday Sept 16th**

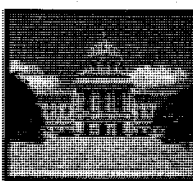
We are pleased to announce the Spouse/Guest program for the Fall Conference. One of our member's spouse is a State Representative in Pennsylvania. Their office has arranged for a FREE tour of the State Capitol building for us on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 11 am.

The plan is as follows:

- 10:15 - Meet in the hotel lobby
- 10:30 - Depart hotel for the Capitol Building
- 10:45 - Arrive at the Capitol Building
- 11:00 - 12:00 Tour the Capitol (possible tour of the House floor)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at the Capitol in a private room
- 1:00 - Return to the hotel to rest up for the evening's festivities!

They do have handicapped accommodations. We will need to know if anyone needs a ramp to get into the building. That will determine what entrance we will use.

Your only cost will be to pay for your lunch. ☼



**THE CAPITOL**, designed by architect Joseph Huston of Philadelphia, incorporated the walls of an unsuccessful 1898 plan and building by Chicago architect Henry Ives Cobb. The building was declared "the most beautiful state Capitol in the nation" by President Theodore Roosevelt when he dedicated it on October 4, 1906. Built and furnished at a cost of \$13 million, the building was designed in the classic Renaissance style. The building's five story exterior is faced with Vermont granite and the roof is of green glazed tile. The Capitol is 520 feet long and 254 feet wide and covers two acres of ground.

The dome was inspired by the great domes of St. Peter's in Rome and the United States Capitol. The Rotunda staircase was based on that of the Paris Opera. The dome is a landmark illuminated by 48 portholes and floodlights within the roof. The Capitol interior features four great rooms, of which the Hall of the House is the largest. Different Renaissance designs are featured in some of its most important rooms -- Italian in the House, French in the Senate and English in the Governor's Reception Room. The art and ornamentation reflect Greek, Roman and Victorian styles.

In 1989 the New York Times praised the Pennsylvania Capitol, calling it "**grand, even awesome at moments, but it is also a working building, accessible to citizens, a building that connects with the reality of daily life.**"

Source:

[http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/VC/visitor\\_info/brown/capitols.htm](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/VC/visitor_info/brown/capitols.htm)

# DISTRICT 5NR OUTINGS AT CONFERENCE

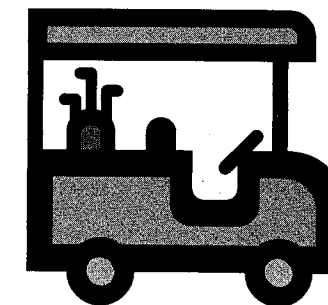
## SPRING CONFERENCE

We have played golf under worse conditions, but we still had fun and participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> cornerstone. Granted the temperature was low, wind was high and snow was piled up on the tubing hill, but 8 golfers teed off after lunch.

As the sun sank lower in the sky, temperature dropped and the wind became stronger, the fearsome foursome of Ted Harrop, Scott Rogerson, Steve Budar and Bob Amort finished the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. Their scores were added up and Ten Harrop was declared the winner with the lowest number of strokes used on that nine holes. For security reasons, scores were not divulged. The next foursome of Lindy Harrison, Jack Witemeyer, Spence Woods and Dud Gallup, foot sore and weary straggled in. Lindy was awarded the prize for the fewest strokes by a female and the men's scores, again security and secrecy took over and their cards were destroyed in a puff of white smoke. And so ended the second 5NR golf outing.



Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson and claim them as a partner. When you sign up to play, you will be asked for an estimate of your personal score for 9 holes. The committee will group them together to maintain a level playing field and they will decide the teams. Golfers don't lie about their scores, so we should end up pretty even. Prizes will be awarded for lowest team score, long drive, close to pin and any other excuse we can find.



So pick up your clubs, practice and come out and have fun. If you have any questions, please contact me at via email at [ddgallup@comcast.net](mailto:ddgallup@comcast.net). Anybody can win. ☼

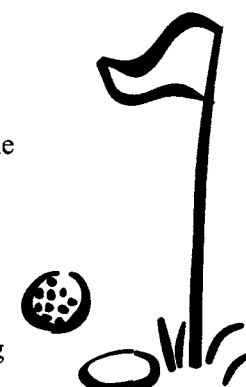
*Article by Dudley Gallup 14-3  
Lancaster, PA*

## FALL CONFERENCE

Now lets think about the Fall Conference, to be held September 15 through September 17 in Harrisburg. Another golf outing will be held but this time using a different structure. In order to entice more players we will use a best ball format. This will be a team play effort, teams to be

decided by a draw for a partner. Each player on a team drives from the tee. The best playable ball is decided and the second ball is picked up and is out of play. The second shot is made by the player whose ball was removed from play and alternate shots are made by the team until the ball is safely holed. The total strokes by the team determines their score, with only one drive counted on each hole for the total score. On the next tee, all players drive and again only the best ball is selected to play with alternate shots until the ball is holed out. Team scores are used to determine the winners.

Team Partners: Nobody can bring



## NEW MEMBER ADDED TO CONFERENCE COORDINATION TEAM

WELCOME ABOARD KEVIN HURST

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Hurst as a Co-Conference Coordinator with Elaine and Ralph Gilgenast.

As some of you may know, Kevin has helped with the logistics of our Conferences for many years, and has had many years of negotiating experience.

Kevin is leaving the regular Coast Guard in the near future and will become a member of the Reserves. In addition he is also an Auxiliast.

We now have the finest Conference Team that can be assembled in the 5th Northern District. ☼



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



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**PAST CAPTAINS**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**FIFTH DISTRICT**  
**NORTHERN REGION**



The list of this Association has grown to a ten page book.  
Please take a few minutes to update your information  
(If you know a member is deceased, please advise)

*PLEASE PRINT*

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**37708 Oyster Bay Lane**  
**Keenwick West**  
**Selbyville, DE 19975**

**raglimelight@dol.net**

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Until the Sea Shall Free Them*, Robert Frump, Doubleday, 2001

A veteran Chief Mate and a 'troublemaker' (pg 148) Coast Guard Captain turn the direction of a Marine Board of Investigation into a catalyst for change and reform (pg 33) in Maritime Safety.

The Marine Electric was shuttling coal from Virginia to the power plants of New England when it went down in a storm. The Chief Mate was one of the survivors. He was determined that the blame not be placed on the relief Captain.

The Captain had 'rocked the boat' as a Commander, with respect to lifeboats on passenger ships. An Admiral wrote, "Commander Calicchio took an unpopular stand, stuck to it and was proven to be correct. I thought I'd share with you the concern of a number of my senior officers that his diligence may have damaged his career." (pg 152) Although promoted in rank, he'd been demoted in responsibility. (pg 153)

This is a page turner that kept me up until 2AM. A must read for anyone interested in marine safety, integrity, and the Coast Guard.

Robert Frump is a former investigative reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

*Review by Walter Sandell, AUX, ESO Assistant, Sector Delaware Bay*

**Notes:**

Pg 121 – Marine Board of Investigation results vs Court results.

*Normal Accidents* - Book by Dr. Charles Perrow, Yale – masters vs owners

Pg 137 – "the idea that he (Cusick, the surviving First Mate) might have blown the whistle flitted across his mind. But only briefly. The system worked the way it worked."

Pg 149 – Calicchio – 'Old Man's Code'

Pg 153 – Calicchio – "We're making things so safe, it's dangerous."

Pg 304 – "Reagan administration cost-cutters were proposing more responsibility for the private ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) and less for government regulators."

**Other reviews:**

"This is a spellbinding and eloquent story of tragedy, courage and the triumph of one man determined to see that his shipmates did not die in vain. Frump is a master reporter, and his prose grabs you and doesn't let you go. *Until the Sea Shall Free Them* is in the finest traditions of literary and investigative journalism."

*Mark Bowden, author, "Black Hawk Down"*

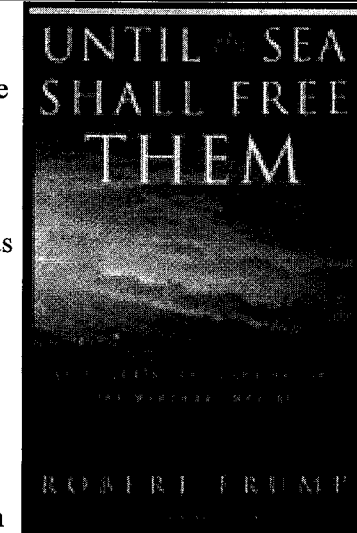
**Note:** The quote from page 137 shows that this review is inaccurate. It was not Cusick's determination, but Calicchio's integrity which opened up this case. WS

"This is a story told with riveting intensity. Frump captures both *the feel* of the cruel sea and the determination of a group of individuals who worked together to fix a broken system. *Until the Sea Shall Free Them* is maritime journalism at its best."

*Paul Stillwell, US Naval Institute*

"...a masterfully told tale of corruption, survival and redemption...Combining elements of salty derring-do, courtroom drama and modern corporate morality tale, it makes Sebastian Junger's 1997 best seller *The Perfect Storm* read like child's play."

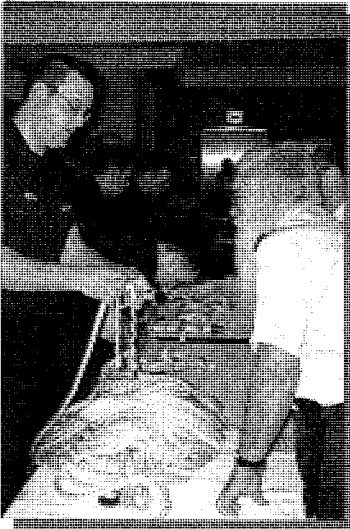
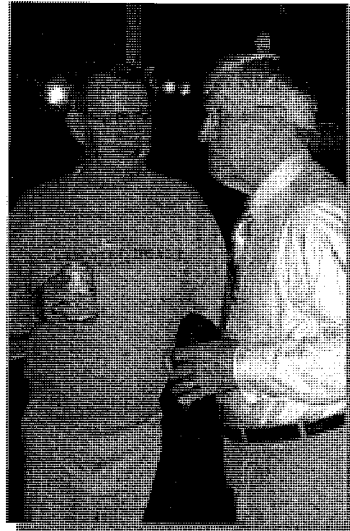
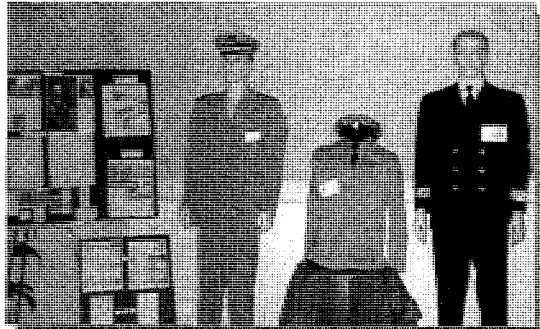
*Jim Haner, The Baltimore Sun*





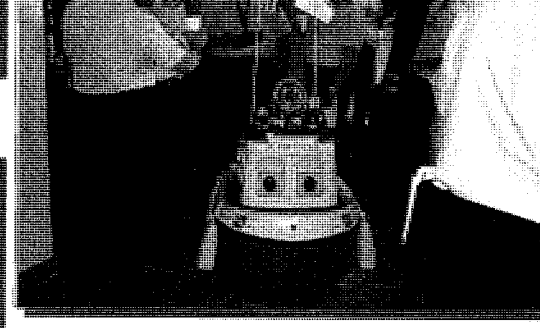
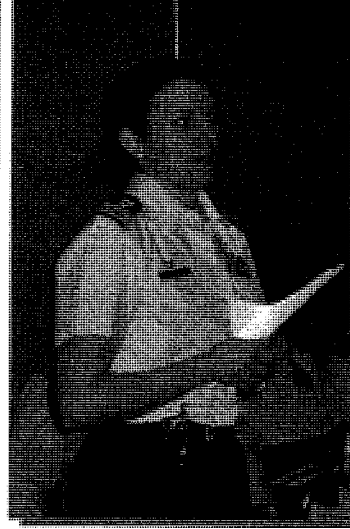
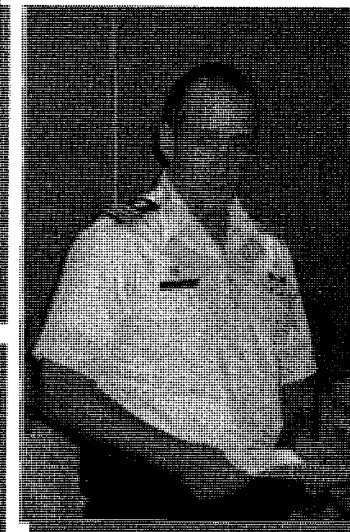
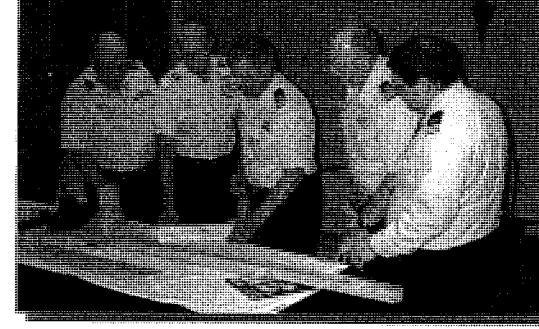
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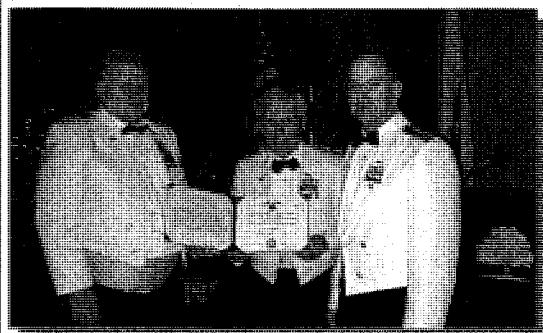
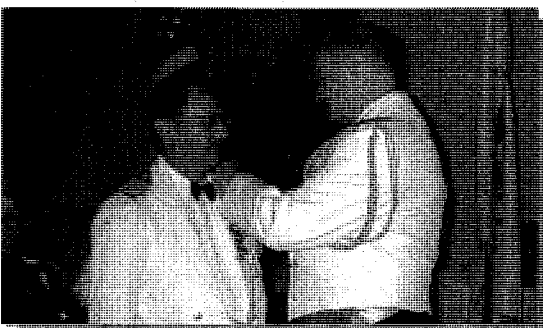
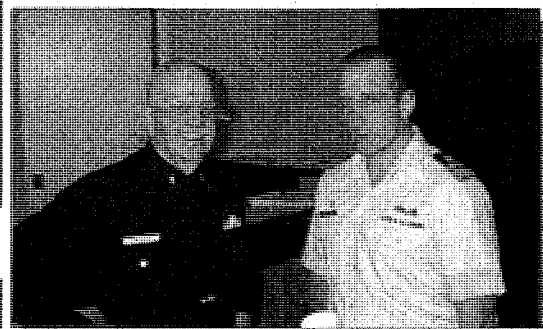
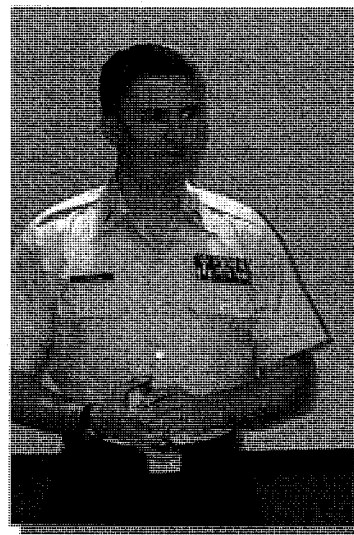
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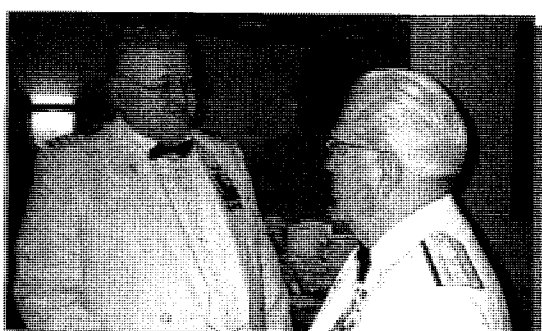
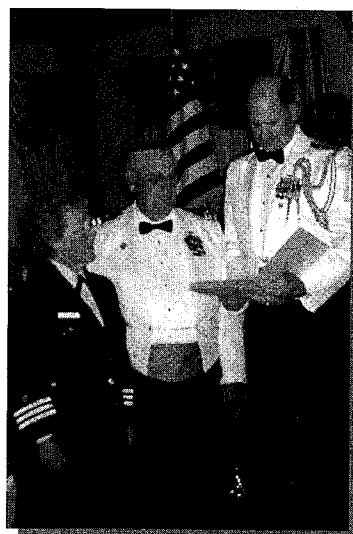
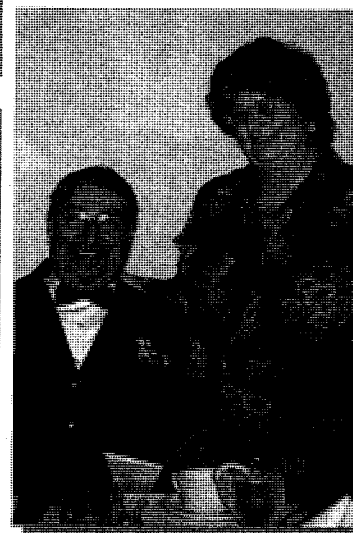
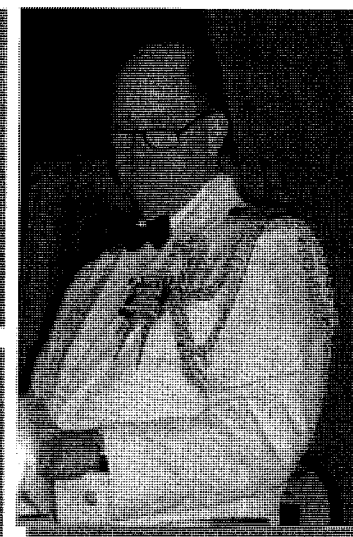
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## WELCOME TO D5-NR

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

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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 1  
Northern Delaware

## CG AUX CREW TEAMWORK AND QUICK ACTIONS HELP RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Flotilla 15 (South Wilmington, Delaware) had just finished their annual 'Weekend at SARDET Wilmington' which included completing annual currency maintenance requirements for boat crew and coxswains as well as completing the required 8-hour annual patrol. While on patrol on the Christiana River, the Auxiliary Patrol vessel was flagged-down by a small recreational vessel with 5 adults on-board. The people on-board the distressed vessel had been enjoying a day of fishing. They were unaware of the tide schedule and had no local knowledge of the hazards in the area. The outgoing tide revealed a sandbar which rendered the small vessel helpless and impossible to maneuver without assistance.

The Auxiliary Crew quickly assessed the situation to determine the actions that could be taken. With the outgoing tide and night approaching, the crew knew that quick actions needed to be taken so that the situation would not worsen. Because of the location of the small vessel, the crew knew that their vessel could not safely reach the distressed vessel. The crew engaged the help of a Good Samaritan in a Jon boat that could reach the distressed vessel but was not able to move the distressed vessel off of the Sandbar. Next, the crew telephoned the New Castle County Fireboard requesting that the Minquas Fire Company, Newport Delaware, assist with their inflatable boat. Instead Minquas arrived with a 23-foot rescue boat. The Auxiliary Crew briefed the crew of the rescue boat of the situation. Eventually, a crew on an inflatable boat arrived on the scene that could safely reach the distressed vessel. The crew of the inflatable transferred the people to the larger rescue vessel which then returned the people to the boat ramp. The vessel was securely anchored awaiting the return to high tide. The City of Wilmington also responded with another 23-foot rescue boat to render their assistance. As the crew was returning to the SARDET, they were passed by a third fire company crew with an inflatable vessel responding to the scene.

This situation emphasizes the important role of boating safety courses and the need for improved communications. The public education instructors always stress the need for boaters to find information about the area they are boating in, specifically checking the chart beforehand and noting any hazards in the

area. Additionally, the need for Auxiliarists to cross-train with fire company rescue crews probably is equally important.

The crew on patrol was Coxswain: Paul Eldridge; Crew: Connie Howard, Luke Howard, and Ken Turngren; Trainees: Joe Poe; Kay Brown and Herb Brown. ☼

Article by Paul Eldridge, VFC Flotilla 15  
Newark, DE

## TRAINING IS THE KEY TO ACTIVITY

Why did many of us join the Auxiliary?

There are many reasons including service to our nation, supporting public safety among the boating community, and involvement in the operations program. But to perform any of these functions, members need to be properly qualified through training. In fact, training itself is a major reason for becoming members.



Sardet Facility

Division 1 started 2006 with an active schedule of training opportunities. These began on January 21st with an Instructor course in which four of our members completed their classroom training. This was followed immediately by a BS&S class in which 37 students were graduated and the Instructor candidates earned their full qualification. Division 1 then progressed into a Coxswain Academy in which members completed classroom training during the cold winter months followed by on the water training once the season progressed. A lot of credit has to go to Don Merrill for having organized these events and giving so much of his time in making them a success. Don deflects praise, however, highlighting the fact that it is the students who make or break these programs. There are students who have come from other divisions to participate, some of whom have had to travel several hours in order to attend. It is this type of dedication that makes the programs worth while and broadens our

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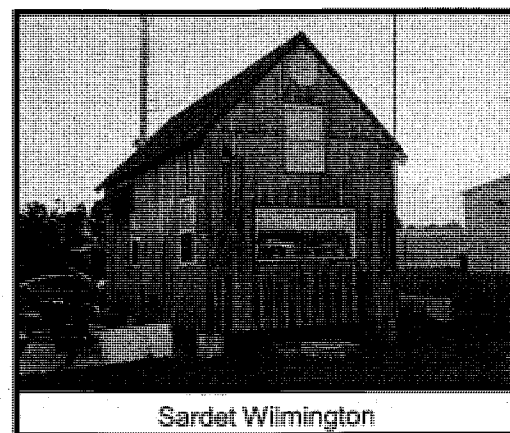
# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 1  
Northern Delaware

## TRAINING IS THE KEY TO ACTIVITY (cont)

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collective professionalism and ability to perform as needed. With the Coxswain Academy, we have been proud to include members from Division 10 who have traveled faithfully from Allentown to Newark, Delaware, for classroom training, and to the Bohemia River in Maryland for on water training.



Sardet Wilmington

It does not stop with the programs listed above. Division 1 hosted a Communications Watchstander workshop which included 26 members from many divisions. With the opening of Sardet Wilmington for the season, the work continues. This facility allows us to complete our operational missions as well as providing members with ongoing opportunities to complete their training and hone their skills. Last year, on water training at Sardet included a joint Surface and Air Ops SAR Drill near Brandywine Light.

The key to being active and contributing to the Auxiliary begins with being properly trained and qualified. We are continually proud of the dedication from all of those who have participated in these programs, both as students and instructors. We are proud that Division 1 can be a hub for so many opportunities, but as Don has stated, it is the students who dedicate their time and commitment that make this a success. ✱

Article and photos by David Hornbach, SO-PB  
Wallingford, PA

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 2  
Philadelphia

## SPRING CONFERENCE



Division 2 Lew Keenan, Captain (right) and Stan Morantz, IPFC accepted awards on behalf of Flotilla 24

## FLOTILLA 24 CHANGE OF WATCH

Stan Morantz FC and Lew Keenan DC administer pledge to Richard Valier as Commander and Jim Ricigliano as Vice Commander for Flotilla 24



Flotilla 24 Staff Officers for 2006

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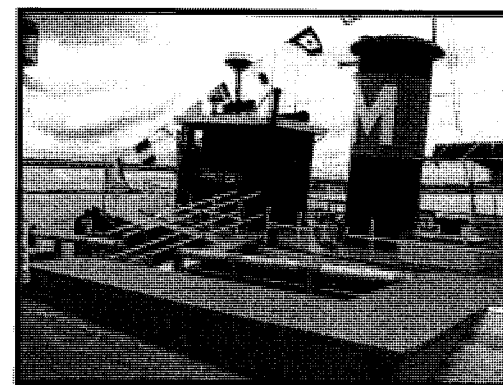
Division 2  
Philadelphia

## FLOTILLA 2-76 SAFE BOATING DAY ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

Flotilla 2-76 had a great day on 4 June 2006. We had beautiful weather and a generous amount of participants. Starting off and ending the day, the group of Sea Chantey singers put everyone in a nautical frame of mind.

The Philadelphia Marine Fireboat led a group of tugboats in a parade sponsored by the Tugboat Enthusiasts Society, during which all the boats (in the parade and in the water) received an ecumenical blessing.

The Coast Guard Drill team from training Center Cape May had everyone enthralled with their performances throughout the day. In between they mingled with the crowds.



Open houses held aboard the CGC WILLIAM TATE and the tugboat JUPITER were well attended. The USS NEW JERSEY set up a booth with a display and information for visitors.

A Vessel Safety Exam station worked off the starboard side of the JUPITER, a good spot for such an event.

Many other boating groups shared in the day's activities - the Delaware River Power Squadron, Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild, Pennsylvania Fish

and Boat Commission, Sea Cadets, Sea Explorers, Philadelphia Marine Police, Atlantic Strike Team. International Jet Ski outfit, Greater Philadelphia Search and Rescue Dogs - and much more.

PFD Panda was a big hit with everyone, even the adults. Thanks to RCO-C Ron Boice for supplying us with Panda and also the Auxiliary display booth.

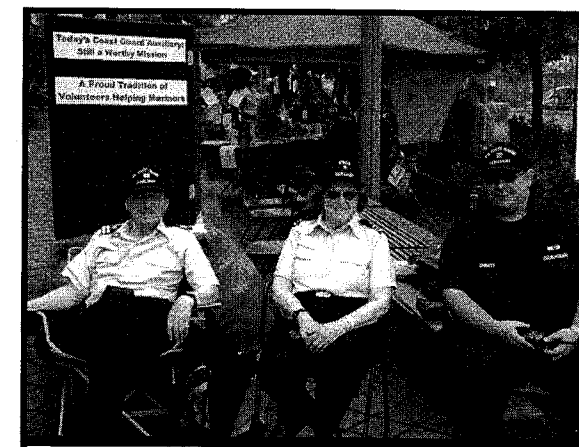


The Independence Seaport Museum furnished balloon sculptors, finger and face painting artists, and free ice cream courtesy of the Franklin Fountain Ice Cream Parlor.

Special thanks to Penn's Landing Corporation who supported us with the logistics, planning, and overall assistance in everything.

The above all contributed greatly to making this an extremely great day. They all want to come back next year - and so do we.

Article by Muriel G. Lewis, SPO-NSBW  
Photos courtesy of Hector Feliciano, FSO-PA 2-76



John Fuller, 2-76, Muriel Lewis, 2-76, and Ken Cristy, 2-76

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 5  
Harrisburg, PA

## FLOTILLA 52 BOOTH AT FLEA MARKET

Members of Flotilla 52 were part of the Monaghan Fisherman's Flea Market, Dillsburg, PA, with their placement of a PA Booth. The event ran for two days.

Dorothy Woodward and Joe Venzlowsky, with two prospective members, Tracy Drewen and Bill Stahl, set up the booth Friday night. Additional members supporting the booth were P. Denis Rossiter SO-CM; Chris Bielinda, 52; Joe Venzlowsky, SO-MT; Les Kenfield, FSO-PS; Stan Zivanovich, SO-CS. Les Kenfield is pictured with the PA booth. The colorful and informative display catches the eye of many who pass by the booth.

It was a great event. The weather was pretty good and we had a great crowd. We even acquired two prospective members for the Auxiliary, and 2 students for classes. ❀



Photo and info by Dorothy Woodward, VFC 52  
Harrisburg, PA

## DIVISION 5 CHANGE OF WATCH

Division 5 rotates the responsibility of this yearly event and Flotilla 52 was the host for this year's COW. They chose the Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg, PA, as the site. The committee did a wonderful job of planning and setting up this yearly Awards Ceremony and Change of Watch.

Members and guest began arriving for the fellowship hour and were treated to fruit and cheese appetizers to munch on while socializing with other attendees. It was also a great time to browse over the wonderful selection of door prizes and to buy chances on the remote control Coast Guard Ship to be given away. Commander Rogerson, DIRAUX, was on hand early to spend time getting acquainted with members and guests of the Division 5. Leon Kerr, DCO, and his wife Thelma were unable to attend but we welcomed Eugene Bentley Jr., IPDCO, and his wife Janet, who attended in their place. Robert Amort, VCO, and his wife Jean were welcomed guests along with Dianne Bossler, RCO(W), and her husband Richard. The guests of honor for the COW were Ralph Gregory, DCP, with his wife Betty and George Lawrence, VCP, with his wife Joanne.



Diane Bossler RCO(W) and her husband Richard



Robert Amort VCO and his wife Jean



George Lawrence VCP and his wife Joanne

At the close of the fellowship time, the members and guests were welcomed and the bridge and their guests were introduced by the Emcee, Matt Shields, FC52. After a delicious meal, the program continued with the Oath of Office being given to elected and appointed officers, presentation of both Certificates of Appreciation and Appointment and then the Award Presentations began.

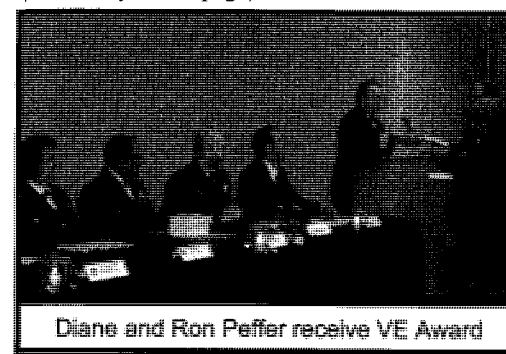
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Division 5  
Harrisburg, PA

## DIVISION 5 COW (con't)

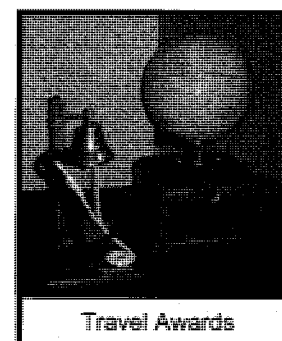
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Diane and Ron Peffer receive VE Award

The Award Recipients were:  
Auxiliarist of the year - William Gardner 56; Flotilla Commander of the year - Ron Peffer 51; Division Staff officer of the year - Dorothy Woodward SO-SR; OP: 1st Joseph Venzlowsky 52; 2nd Denis Rossiter 52; 3rd George Stewart 56; 4th Micheal Baker 51; OP High Air: 1st Judith Redlawsk 53; 2nd James Trygg 53; IT: 1st Joseph Venzlowsky 52; 2nd Ray Forrester 56; 3rd William Gardner 56; 4th Stephen Marthouse 56;

Flotilla Staff Officer of the Year: 51 - John Ellis; 52 - Robert Schneider; 53 - William Weihbrecht; 54 - James Bower; 56 - Ray Forrester; VE's: 1st Matthew Shields 52; 2 tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Peffer and Ron Peffer both 51; 2 tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Schneider 52 and George Papacostas 53. PV: 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Peffer 51; 2nd Ron Peffer 51. Division 5 added a new category in 2005 and that was for the member with the high hours reported on ANSC 7029 form. The results were: 1st - Stephen Marthouse 56; 2nd - Lester Abbott 56; 3rd - Robert Schneider 52; 4th - William Weihbrecht 53.



Travel Awards

The Division also has two traveling awards that are passed on each year to the winning flotilla. One being, the George Smyth Operations Award (Anchor), which is for operations missions, and the other being the Fred Gilbert Membership Award (Globe). Flotilla 52 was this years recipient of both traveling awards.

The COW committee also presented a special award to the FCs, a lighthouse model.

In closing, I would like to note that the event was well organized and followed the tradition set by Division 5, and that is to have a COW that's one of the BEST!

A Thank You goes out to the Flotillas for their door prize donations and a Big Thank You goes to the COW Committee, comprised of: Dorothy Woodward (Chairperson), Christine Bielenda, Stanley Zivanovich, and Matthew Shields. Bravo Zulu! ❀



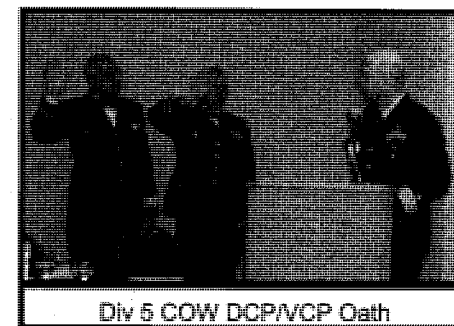
Siv 5 FC's R. Miller, S. Marthouse, D. Woodward, M. Shields and M. Baker



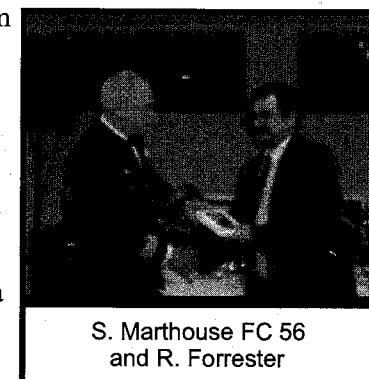
G. Lawrence VCP and J. Petorne FC 53



CDR Rogerson, C. Bielenda and D. Woodward



Div 5 COW DCP/VCP Oath



S. Marthouse FC 56 and R. Forrester

Photos and Story by Jeannie Brenner, SO-PB 5/ADSO-PB(W) Chambersburg, PA



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 6  
Penn - Jersey

## DIVISION 6 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN



Nancy Paulauskas 60 at  
Courtesy Marine Examination Station



Boater Margout Laux given safety literature by  
Frank Gilbert 61



Coxswain Klabbatz 61 with crew member Frank  
Gilbert 61 and trainee Nancy Paulauskas 69



Chester Klabbatz 61 awards vessel safety check  
Decal to owner Mr. Buharut



Waterway Watch presentation to boaters by  
Joan and Debbie Vareha



Bob Abers 69 preparing to launch SARDET  
Bordentown vessel as part of NSBW

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7  
Southern Ocean County, NJ

## AWARDS DINNER

Division 7 held it's annual Awards Dinner at the Barnegat Light Fire Station. This is a joint event where CG and Auxiliary take time to present awards in appreciation for their respective efforts throughout the year. A buffet dinner was prepared and served by USCG Station Barnegat Light personnel. ❀



Nancy Mathis 77 honored by Captain Harpor for  
35 years of service to the Auxiliary



The  
Extra Fathom  
Award  
was  
presented to  
Joyce McGowan, 79  
for  
extraordinary  
support  
to  
Division 7



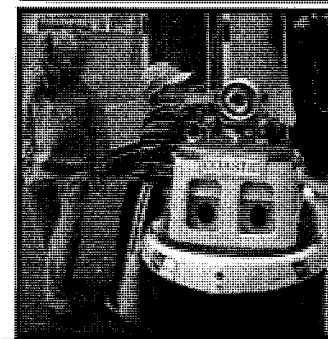
Herb Hoeger 74 was presented the **Division Captains Award**  
by Bob Garrott Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator  
for the Fifth Coast Guard District

## OPEN HOUSE AT USCG STATION

USCG Station Barnegat Light joined forces with Division 7 Auxiliarists to kick off NSBW at the 3rd Annual Open House at the Station, despite gale winds the event was a success. ❀



Ribbon Cutting - USCG Open House NSBW Kickoff



COASTIE and young visitors



PFD Panda and friend



Theodore  
autographs the  
Bear Search &  
Rescue Foundation  
Book with the  
help of his  
"Dad"  
Capt Scott Shields

Flotilla 7-11  
ATON Display





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southern New Jersey

## BOATING SEASON

After the long winter, boat yards began the routine of awakening craft of all sizes, stripping their protective covers away for anxious owners to once again prepare for the waters. This also brought summer boating activities back to Flotilla 82, Cape May. Not that we were dormant through the winter. Our meetings kept us busy learning, teaching and in general preparing for the upcoming season.

Recently a new Boater's World store opened in Rio Grand, NJ. Not letting any seaweed foul his prop, Bruce Long, past Division 8 Captain made the Coast Guard Auxiliary known to the owners.



Angelo Caracciolo (L)  
John Gallagher  
man  
AUX INFO  
Booth

In April, Flotilla 82 was invited by Boater's World to display and discuss the many features offered by the Auxiliary to store customers. As a result both new and old boat owners indicated sincere interest in our Vessel Examinations and Boating Safety classes. The latter being of particular concern due to the revised Boating Safety Laws in New Jersey requiring certification.



Bruce Long,  
John Burns,  
And Walter  
Niwinski  
talk to  
customer

Coffee and doughnuts were made available and an eager representation of flotilla members rotated shifts through the day, making new friends and letting everyone know we are "Semper Paratus" at all times.

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

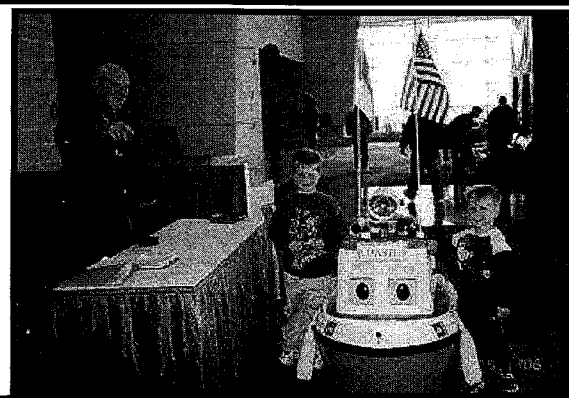
## DIVISION 8 SUPPORTS WILDWOODS BOAT

The Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce presented the third annual Wildwoods Boat Show at the Wildwoods Convention Center. \*

Article and photos by Jake Lincoln, 83  
Cape May, NJ



Richard Herb, Janet Kipp and Dan Murry all of Flotilla 83  
at Auxiliary Information Booth



George Smith 86 orchestrating COASTIE traffic

## DIVISION 8 AT ATLANTIC CITY BOAT SHOW



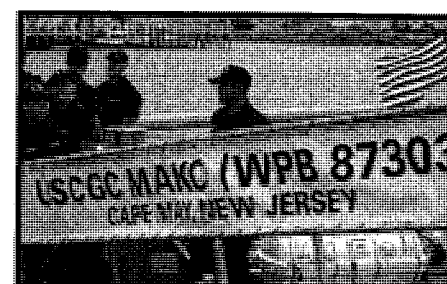
Ken Hauck (r) and George Morris VCP 8 field questions

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8  
Southern New Jersey

## CAPE/ATLANTIC SAFE BOATING EVENT

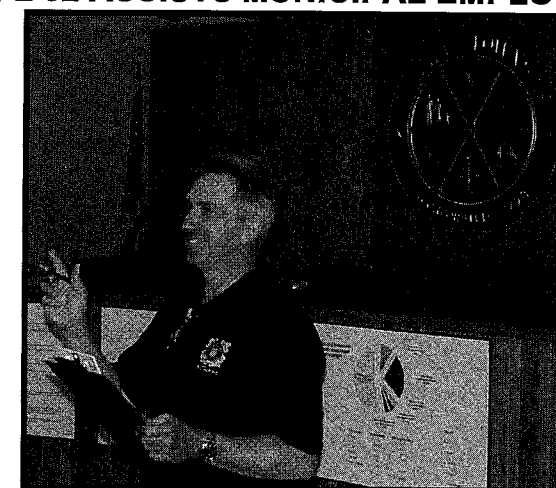
The Cape/Atlantic Safe Boating Event and CG Station Atlantic City open house was a big success. The weather was perfect except for a 15+ knot wind. Flotillas 85, 84 & 81 participated in the VE blitz at Farley Marina. A VE and PR table was set up on the deck, and our VE's completed around 55 CME's in a 5 hour time frame. Over at CG Station AC the Cutter MAKO was docked and open for public tours. Two National Guard Helicopters landed for public viewing and Flotilla 84 set up a exhibit table showing PFD's and a marlin spike demonstration. Lots of questions on the new boating law and PE classes were asked. At 12:30 we had the "pyro" demonstration. We had 40 hand held flares and several aerial flares plus one big orange smoke cannister. The Sea Scouts were present and were all given a chance to participate along with the CG personnel. Every flare and pyro device was used. I'm sure we attracted a lot of attention.



The highlight of the event was our picnic. Boy did we have food. The Coasties new barbeque is really great and the burgers & dogs went fast. We had the crew from the MAKO and duty personnel from the Station as our guests along with the State Troopers from the Marine Division. The "Coasties" were all appreciative of our efforts. \*

Photos and article by Gil Finkelstein ADSO-PB (E)  
Linwood, NJ

## FL 82 ASSISTS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

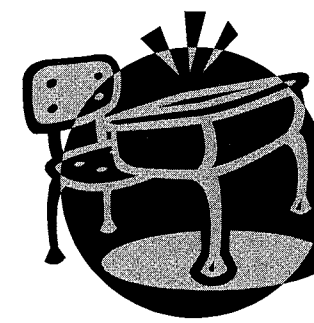


Auxiliary member Joseph Giannattasio, VFC-82, Cape May conducted overview training of ICS 100 for twenty-eight Middle Township, NJ employees. After learning that various Public Works personnel in his hometown were required to complete ICS 100-PW as part of their Emergency Response Plan, Joe offered his assistance.

The Middle Township native and former member of the town's volunteer Rescue Squad had already completed ICS 100, 700, 200, and 800 and is preparing to present a prep course for Division members. As an Instructor, Joe regularly teaches BS&S and ABC to the boating public and Member Training modules.

Whether in the water or on land, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is always glad to be of service to the community. \*

Article and photo by Bruce Long IPDCP 8  
Delhaven, NJ





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10  
Allentown, PA

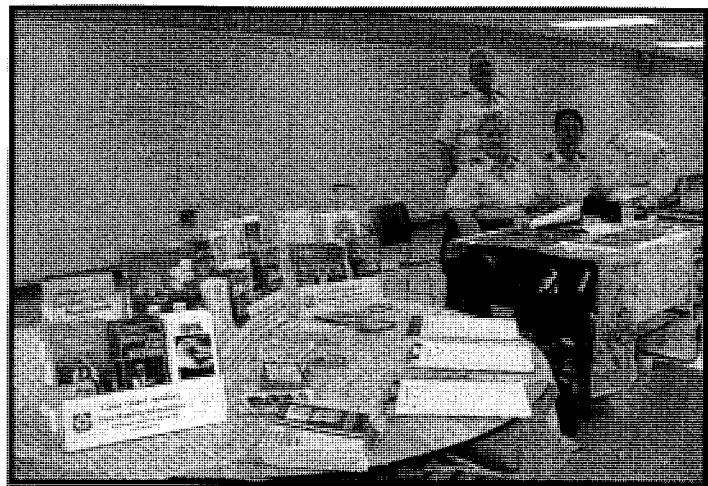
## FLOTILLA 10-5 AT YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY



Sydne Romig, FSO-PA and Jack and Mary Ann Gindlesperger all of Flotilla 10-5, Pottstown, manned a display at the Pottstown YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.

The children in attendance gathered Waypoints, Officer Snook and Inky the Whale coloring/activity books. "Grown up" material on fishing and boating safety was available for parents. This is the second year that Flotilla 10-5 has participated in the event. ❀

*Article and photos by Mary Ann Gindlesperger  
Pottstown, PA*



## DIVISION 10 MEMBERS ON PATROL OFF OF STATEN ISLAND, NY

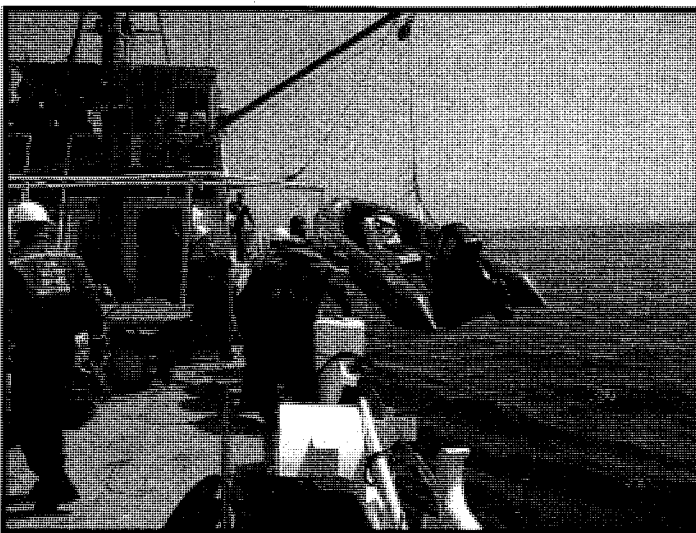


Sue Fitzgerald SO-OP and FSO-OP John Yowell went on patrol on the Lady B. The Lady B is owned by Mr. S. Sutherland and is docked on Staten Island, NY. Mr. Sutherland is retired from the USCG and is now a member of the Auxiliary. He purchased the Lady B from the USCG when she was decommissioned. The Lady B was formerly the CGC Point Brown, an 82' Cutter.

On the day these photos were taken, they practiced launching the inflatable boat and anchoring. ❀

*Submitted by Sue Carty 10-8 FC, FSO/SO-PB  
Telford, PA  
and*

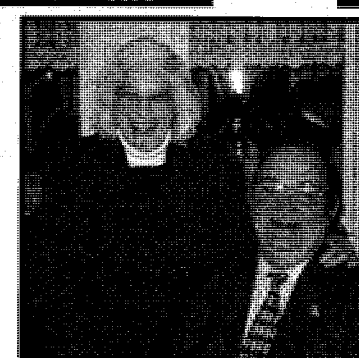
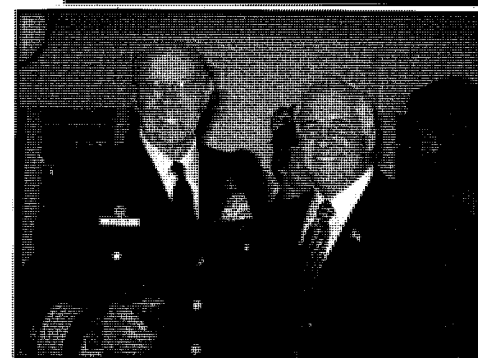
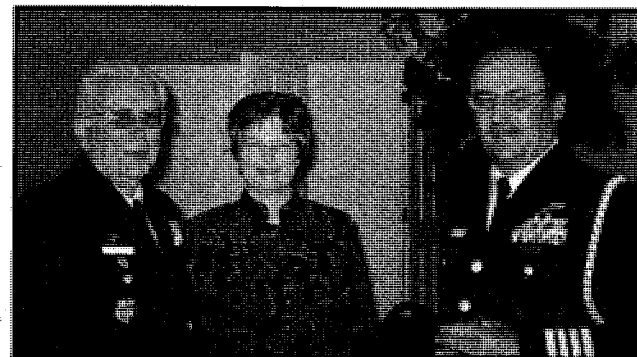
*Sue Fitzgerald 10-8, FSO/SO-OP  
Phillipsburg, NJ*



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10  
Allentown, PA

## DIVISION 10 CHANGE OF WATCH

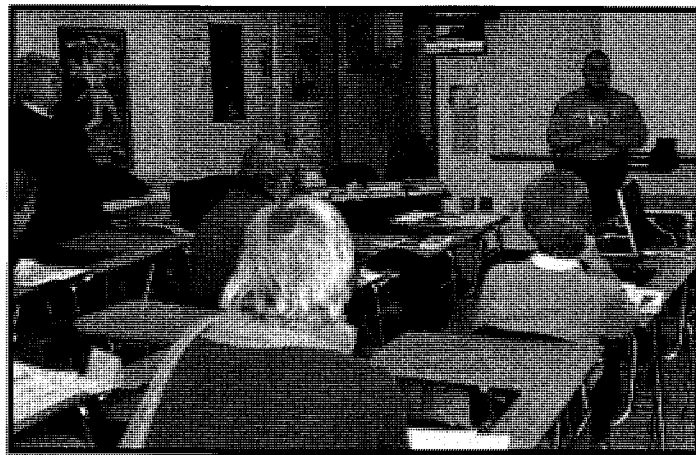




# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 10  
Allentown, PA

## PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION SPEAKS AT 10-5 BS&S CLASS



As part of our BS&S course content, we invite Officer Vincent C. Dick, Jr from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to speak about the state boating requirements. He also distributes the Pennsylvania Boating Handbook as well as other pamphlets. Officer Dick's presentations are always informative and he has many stories to tell concerning his training and on the job experiences. He invites questions on all aspects of his responsibilities. The students always enjoy his presentations and have learned much from him.. Officer Dick is always available for our classes coming out after his work day, despite the weather or howhe feels that day. ✱

Article and photos by Mary Ann Gindlesperger  
Pottstown, PA



Peg Hoyer, FC presented Officer Dick with a USCG Auxiliary Certificate of Appreciation

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 11  
Reading, PA

## DIVISION 11 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR



Joseph J. Urban was awarded Auxiliarist of the Year for Division 11. He enrolled in Flotilla 11-6 in February of 1981.

Joe is a qualified Coxswain, Instructor and Vessel Examiner. He has been a Flotilla Commander several times.

Flotilla Commander Robert F. Pettit, Jr., nominated Joseph J. Urban for 2005. He stated that Joe has been active in Operations, Patrols, Vessel Examinations and as an Instructor. Joe also was very active at the Reading Flotilla Training Base. He worked on the air conditioners, ice machines, electrical wiring and other odd jobs that were needed around the base.

This past summer, Joe offered his boat for use at Blue Marsh Lake. He went along with Don Bowes (15-5) as they and two other Auxiliarists performed an Aids to Navigation Patrol on Blue Marsh Lake. Joe also qualified as an Aids to Navigation verifier. ✱

Article and photo submitted by Terry L. Hilbert, DCP  
Fleetwood, PA

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## AUX SARDET RENOVATIONS

SARDET Bowers Beach Delaware is undergoing renovations thanks to the help of many Auxiliarists, Coast Guard personnel and civilian volunteers. The SARDET has been in operation since the early 1970s. A grand-reopening is planned for later in the year.



Kevin Harper BM3, standing from left: Jeff Valentine BM1, Nicile Diviny FA, John Howell SA, Lacy Hogue SA

Auxiliary personnel included Robert Amort 12-5,



Roof repair crew

Elaine Gilgenast 12-3, Thomas Mitchell 12-1, Stephen Smyk 12-2, Clarence Booz 12-3, Ralph Gilgenast 12-1, Dennis Nield 12-9, Alfred Grimminger 12-5, Kenneth Xiques 12-5, Harry Otto 12-5, Nancy Otto 12-5, and James Mullican 12-4. All of the Flotillas in the Division

participated in the renovations. ✱

Article by Carolyn Otto, ADSO-PB  
Dover DE

Photos by Ralph Gilgenast, Div 12 SO-CM  
Selbyville, DE



Crew heading back to Station Cape May

## FLOTILLA 12-1 AT SPRING CONFERENCE

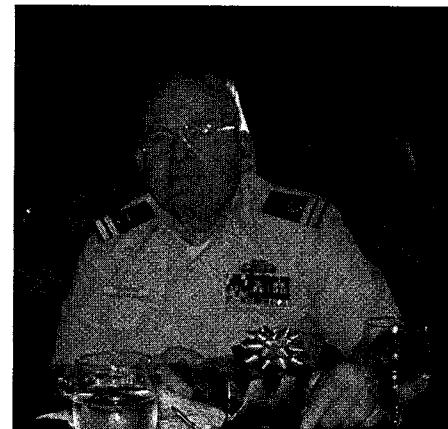


DSO-C Elaine Gilgenast welcomes Robert Rosenberg, FC

Tom Burns, FSO-PE monitors Instruction at a Safe Boating Class



Robert Rosenberg, FSO-PA with his award from the State of Delaware recognizing thousands of hours of combined service.



Robert Lesperance, FC and his wife Kathy enjoying the conference dinner





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## FLOTILLA 12-1 APRIL MEETING



R. Lesperance congratulates Tom Mitchell and Robert Mann on their latest awards



R. Lesperance presents several certificates and an Examiner ribbon to Bruce White

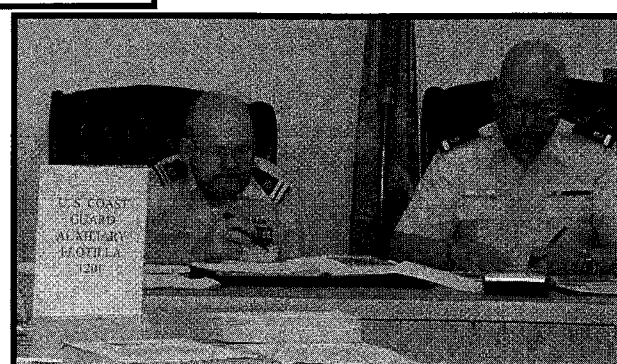


R. Lesperance presents a plaque to Robert Rosenberg



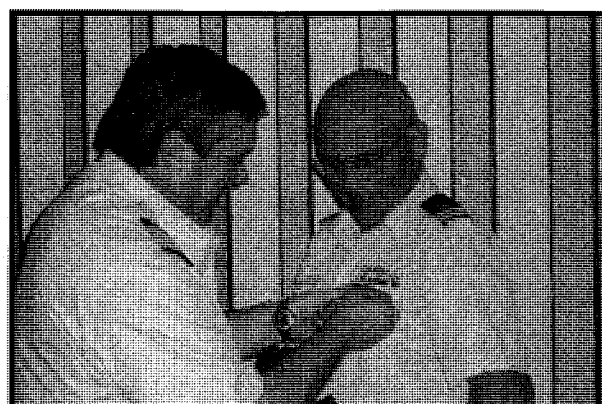
R. Lesperance awards Thomas Burns the first of two plaques recognizing his VSC and RBSPV accomplishments

*Photos submitted by  
Bruce White, FSO-PB  
Bethany Beach, DE*



Robert Rosenberg and Alan Dlugoss reviewing notes

## DAVID HERMANSADER FC 12-3 AWARDED COXSWAIN DESIGNATION



David Hermansader was awarded the Coxswain designation by Ronald Boice RCO-C



Ronald Boice RCO-C and David Hermansader with Coxswain certificate

*Photos submitted by Carolyn Otto ADSO-PB (C); SO-PB 12, Dover, DE*

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12  
Southern Delaware

## DIVISION 12 OPs BRIEFING



Stephen Smyk SO-OP 12



LT Stephen Love, Station Cape May



Kathleen deFerrari, DSO-OP

Division 12 held its annual Operations Briefing on 25 March 2006 at the Lewes Ferry Terminal with 36 operations personnel in attendance. This inter-organizational briefing included personnel from both the Auxiliary, U.S. Coast Guard and Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) to help insure a safe boating season.

Facilitators included PO Jeffrey Valentine, OPs Officer Cape May. LT Stephen Love, Station Cape May; Kathleen deFerrari, DSO-OP D5-NR; Stephen Smyk, SO-OP 12; and Heath Gehrke, Acting Director of Ferry Operations (DRBA).

Other participants included SFO Atlantic City; LT Carl Palmer, Unit Supervisor, MSD Lewes; CPO Benjamin Huber, Station Indian River; and Division 12 Operations Staff. ❁



CPO Benjamin Huber Chief Indian River

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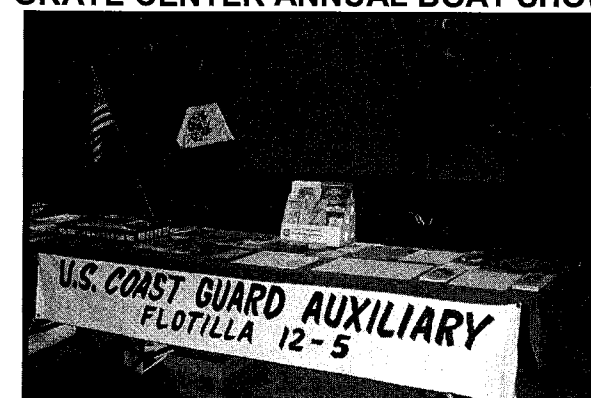


Stephen Smyk SO-OP and PO Jeff Valentine OPs Officer Cape May

## FLOTILLA 12-5 PA BOOTH AT BLUE HEN CORPORATE CENTER ANNUAL BOAT SHOW



Ian Morrison FSO-PA 12-5 demonstrates marlinespike at the Flotilla's Public Affairs booth held at the Blue Hen Corporate Center's annual boat show in March. The event was well attended by area residents. ❁



*Article and Photos by Carolyn Otto ADSO-PB (C); SO-PB 12, Dover, DE*

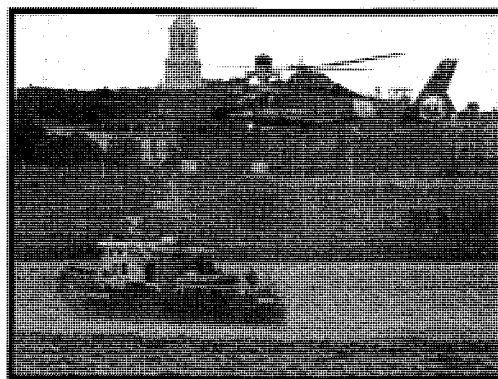


# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13  
Central New Jersey

## NSBW EVENT AT THE CAMDEN WATERFRONT

Storm clouds and high winds couldn't put a damper on the enthusiasm at (D5-NR) Division 13's National Safe Boating Week event on Sunday, 21 May 2006. Converging on Camden County's Wiggins Park Marina, Auxiliarists joined forces with members of the Coast Guard, Camden County Parks and West Marine/Boat US to promote Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear It! And with that, the vision of Ed Shulsinger, Flotilla 13-5 SPO-NSBW to hold a major public safe boating event on the blossoming New Jersey Camden Waterfront came to fruition.



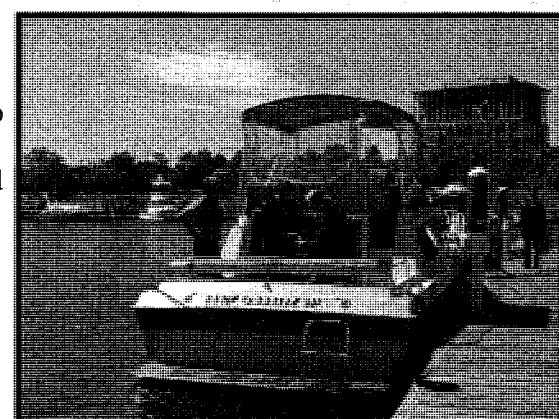
The CGC CLEAT from Sector Delaware Bay docked at the marina and provided tours for appreciative children and adults. Later in the day, a helicopter flew in from USCG Air Station Atlantic City and impressively performed helo OPs on the river with the CLEAT. Throughout the day, officers and crew from the CLEAT and an RHIB that Sector Delaware Bay also sent over, circulated and interacted with the public. They really made us proud.

Approximately three dozen Auxiliarists educated strolling adults and children about marine and boating safety, Waterway Watch, life jackets, knot tying, etc. as the Philadelphia City fireboat motored back and forth on the Delaware River, spraying its plumes of water into the air, and DJ/magician Michael St. James filled the park with the sounds of music. Tots especially loved meeting Coastie (a.k.a. Buzz Lombardi, Div. 13 DCP and Art Miller, (VCP), PFD Panda (a.k.a. Kristen McDowel, Flotilla 13-5, and escorted by Ann Zerillo and



Bobbi Ryan), and Burt (a mascot from the nearby Adventure Aquarium). To promote the importance of PFD's, West Marine/Boat US brought 400 life jackets to give out to the public.....free! The kid size jackets were the biggest hit, which is very promising to note.

From Division 13, a Marine Safety and Sea Partners table was manned by Dave Berlin and his wife Helen, with assistance from Marianne Simpkins and Anna Johnston. A general PA booth was



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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13  
Central New Jersey

## NSBW EVENT AT THE CAMDEN WATERFRONT

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staffed by Linda Goldkrantz, with assistance from Ann Zerillo. Dan and Pat Charter brought their life jacket demo materials with them from their PE courses. Ron and Phyllis Blackeby stood by waiting to help the public understand use and expiration dates of flares. Norma Hunter, SO-VE, with the assistance of Fred Hicks oversaw a cadre of Auxiliarists in performing numerous vessel exams.

And making this a true South Jersey effort, Division 3 joined in by providing a hands-on exhibit on Marine Safety and Sea Partners, headed up by their Captain, Krista Tinney and her husband Dan, and IDPCP Gene Morris.



Jerry Goldkrantz and Walt Sandell, both Flotilla Commanders in Division 13, served as general hosts, going from activity to activity to be of help, and greeting important guests such as RCO-E Jack Witemeyer, who drove across the state to lend his support.

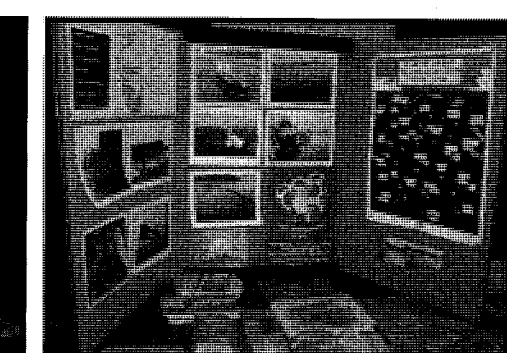
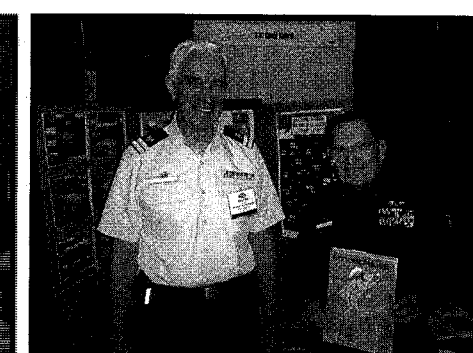
Among the other Auxiliarists who could be seen about and around, taking photos, helping at booths, or doing VSC's, were Carl Letzia, John Zerillo, David Tryon, Al Vitarelli, David Kline, Gary Knepp, Kathleen Hickman, Allen Hickman, Allen Burns, Carol Wilusz. Ed Fay was especially instrumental in providing transportation of materials to and from the event. ✿

Article and photos by Linda Goldkrantz, Div 13, SO-PA, SPO-NSBW  
Cherry Hill, NJ

## DIVISIONS 3 AND 13 STAFF THE CG BOOTH AT THE PHILADELPHIA BOAT SHOW

Members in photos are Gene Morris, Krista Tinney, Walt Sandell and Dave Berlin. Other members staffing the booth included "Butch" Simpkins, Fred Hicks, Walt Hold and Vic Paterno. Dave Berlin coordinated Auxiliary participation with ENS Williams. ✿

Submitted by Walter Sandell Jr, 13-3 FC, Haddon Heights, NJ



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13  
Central New Jersey

## FLOTILLA 13-5 AWARDS



RCO-E Witemeyer presents the hard earned AUXOP awards to Paul and Mary Shidlowski. Paul and Mary completed the AUXOP requirements shortly before starting on a year long odyssey. The sailed (and motored) up the Hudson, thru the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi and finally back to New Jersey. The day after Jack presented the awards, Mary and Paul were underway for the Gulf of Saint Lawrence and Canadian Maritime Provinces.



Farragut Flotilla had another banner year in 2005. The flotilla received both the New Jersey vessel examination award and the public education award. At the April flotilla meeting, Flotilla Commander Jerry Goldkrantz presented the VE award to the leading vessel examiner, Past Commodore Ed Rearick (top photo) and leading instructor Dan Charter. They accepted custody of the awards on behalf of the flotilla.

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



Captain Buzz Lombardi presented Dan Charter with the coveted 2005 Edmund Morton Award. Although presented by Division 13, the Edmund Morton is the annual district member training award. This is the first time in recent years that the award has gone to a member of the presenting division. Dan logged a total of 283 instructor hours in 2005, 147 of which were dedicated to member training. Buzz also presented Dan with the 2005 District Instructor Award and the 2005 Vessel Examination Service award. Pictured above, Dan receives the Edmund Morton Award.



Division Captain Buzz Lombardi presented Pat Charter with the 2005 instructor award at the April flotilla meeting. Pat participated in BS&S, ABC, BCN and ACN and AUXNAV classes. She logged over 140 instructor hours last year. \*

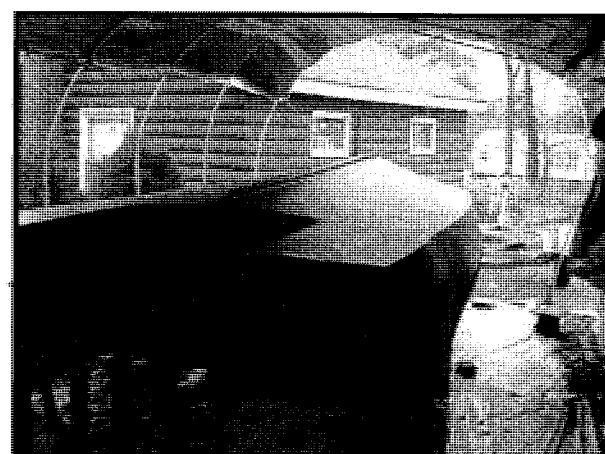
# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 13  
Central New Jersey

## A FEW WORDS FROM A NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER

Hi! My name is Joe Long and I reside in Cinnaminson, NJ. I just joined the Auxiliary this March and I am looking forward to a new experience. I was a member of the New Jersey Naval Militia and one of their requirements was to obtain a Boating Safety Certificate. I took the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating and Seamanship Course and successfully completed it in March 2004. The Flotilla that conducted the course was 65. I was truly impressed by the professionalism, competence, knowledge and ease in which that class was conducted. They asked class members interested in becoming an Auxiliary member to talk to them after the class and I did so. In time, I retired from the NJ Naval Militia and joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. I am also a retired Chief Warrant Officer (US Army Reserve) and I liked the idea of the Auxiliary having a civilian support role to the US Coast Guard. The Auxiliary as I see it, operates to promote boating safety and is also a civilian arm of the Coast Guard in time of emergency. Upon joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I will have worn the uniform of the US Army, US Navy and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary but I don't think I'll ever get to the US Air Force or the US Marines.

When I attended the February and March Auxiliary meetings, I mentioned that I am building a wooden boat in my backyard. The Flotilla Commander Phyllis Blackeby and her husband Ron Blackeby asked me to write a little bit about my project, so here goes.



I am building a 22 ft. long by 8 ft-6 in. beam Simmons Sea Skiff. The 18-foot version of this North Carolina fishing boat was featured in Wooden Boat Magazine, Sep thru Dec 2005 and the last how to build it article was in the Jan/Feb 2006 issue. The Simmons Sea Skiff is somewhat of a classic and owners swear by them. I am going to put a cabin on mine but most are built open with a small operators station. The craft is very seaworthy and the original 18 ft. boats built in the 1950's were used for commercial North Carolina Ocean fishing, they only had 5-10 HP Outboards. The boat has a modified "Y" hull forward and a near flat hull aft. My vessel will weigh around 900 lbs., will draw less than a foot of water and go approximately 30 mph with a 75 HP Outboard Motor. I purchased the plans from the Cape Fear Maritime Museum. I completed the

bottom and the Garboard strake and fiber glassed it with 11 oz. cloth using the West system. The boat was upside down and I needed it turned over, so when I invited the family for Thanksgiving dinner, I told them to come early because we were going to have a "Turn The Boat Over Party" before they could have dinner. The younger grandchildren had a lot of laughs seeing their Moms and Dads helping Pop-Pop turn such a big boat over by hand and put it on a trailer. The older ones thought it was fun helping. (See photos) I hope to complete my project by the end of this summer .. then a "Launching Party" will be on the agenda. \*

*Article and photos by Joe Long, 13-6 Cinnaminson, NJ*





# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14  
Susquehanna, PA

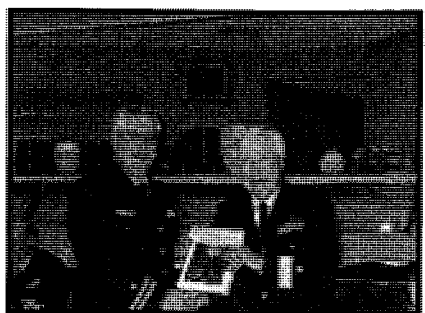
## DIVISION 14 CHANGE OF WATCH

A good time was had by all, the Evening started with socializing and cocktails. Then after formal Introductions and an Invocation by Commodore Wecker, we all helped ourselves to a delicious buffet dinner, and desserts.

The Ceremonies began with Commodore Reeser Leading the Pledge to the Flag.



Commodore Kehr Presented the Division Auxiliast of the Year to Commodore Clyde College of 14-3.



Commodore Kehr presents Flotilla Operations Award to Darwin Eshelman, FC of 14-1.



Vice Commodore Amort presents the Flotilla Member Training Award to Bob Whyland, FC of 14-4.



Rear Commodore West Bossler Presents the Flotilla Public Education Award to Troy Faw, FC of 14-2



Rear Commodore Central Ron Boice Presents the Flotilla Vessel Examinations Award to Darwin Eshelman, FC of 14-1.



Rear Commodore East John Witmeyer presents the Flotilla Activity Award to Troy Faw, FC of 14-2



DCP Ken Brown Presented the Member Achievement award for Operations to Jake Frederick of 14-2



Commodore Kehr Presented the Member Achievement Award for Member Training to Fred Reck of 14-4, accepting the Award is Walt Johnson, VFC of 14-4

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14  
Susquehanna, PA

## DIVISION 14 CHANGE OF WATCH

Our Captain, Ken Brown, thanked Mr. Wagner from the Safety Harbor Water and Power Corporation for their support.



Ron Wagner from SHWPC

Mr. Wagner Thanked the Division for our work at Long Level, and Informed us that we would no longer need to pay the building rent of \$1.00 per year.



Rear Commodore West Bossler presents the Member Achievement Award to John Williams of 14-1, Accepting for John is Darwin Eshelman, FC of 14-4



VCP John Houseman presented the Vice Captain's award to Hank Demler 14-3



### 2006 Elected Officers

Elected Officers are sworn in by Commodore Kehr. Then the Appointed officers were sworn in by Division Captain Ken Brown.

After the ceremonies a brief speech was given by each of our guests, and wrapped up by Ken Brown.



Commodore Leon Kehy D5-NR

As the Chairman of the 2006 Change of Watch I Thank all those that supported this Function.

Ken also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ceylon Leitzel of 14-3 for the awards that he has supplied, at cost, for many years. The awards this year were exceptional in that the engraving was done using a laser, burning the text into a beautiful walnut plaque.

Article and photos by Hank Demler, SO-PB/PE  
Lebanon, PA

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 15  
PA Frontier

## CHANGE OF WATCH DIVISION 15

The annual Division 15 Change of Watch was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn in State College, PA. Flotilla 15-8, aka, "The Sailing Flotilla," hosted the event. KC Murphy, VCP Division 15, served as Master of Ceremonies and entertained everyone with delightful sailing stories. Commander Scott Rogerson also delighted the crowd with his motivational speech. He thanked the members for their dedication and support of the Auxiliary. He captivated everyone with stories from his travels. Dianne Bossler also thanked us for our support and hard work. We are all anxiously awaiting the sailing of her boat!

Other guests were: Commodore Leon Kehr and his wife Thelma, Mrs. Ceil Van Zile, Mr. Harold and Astrida Miller, Mr. Richard Bossler, and Mrs. Christian Murphy.

The sailing mast on display behind the head table was quite spectacular.

Incoming Division Captain Ron VanZile and incoming Vice Captain KC Murphy were given the oath of office by District Commodore Leon Kehr and Commander Rogerson.

Two awards were presented, Julie Schechter, VFC Flotilla 15-3, was recognized for her accomplishments and was presented with the Auxiliarist of the Year award. Eric Mickeltree was presented the AuxOp award.

After a fun-filled gift exchange, Flotilla 15-8 presented the honored guests with commemorative "United We Stand" pins and American flags.

May we all be reminded as we participate in our Flotillas of the friendships we have made, new events to support and the pride we feel as we continue towards our goal of personal satisfaction in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

2006 will continue to be a success for Division 15 under the great leadership of our officers. ✱

Article and photos by Julie Schechter, SO-PA  
Dallas, PA

## 15-3 AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR

State College, PA - In the presence of about 50 Coast Guard Auxiliarists, and Commander Scott Rogerson, Director of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5NR, our very own Julie Schechter was awarded the honor of Auxiliarist of the Year. In an exciting buildup to the announcement of the winner, District 5 Commodore Leon H. Kehr detailed some of Julie's many accomplishments and certifications, including: Vessel Examiner and Recreational Boating Safety Visitor. Julie is also a Certified Instructor, the Public Affairs Officer for Division 15, and the Vice Flotilla Commander 15-3. It was also noted that Julie participated in the coordination and support of the Susquehanna Riverfest, and, at the behest of the Division 15 Captain, contributed in a substantial way towards the revitalization of Flotilla 15-4. Julie also promotes a "Boats 'N Kids" program to area schools and pre-schools. Julie was recognized as the Auxiliarist of the Year in recognition of her outstanding effort in promoting the aims, ideals and programs of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. ✱

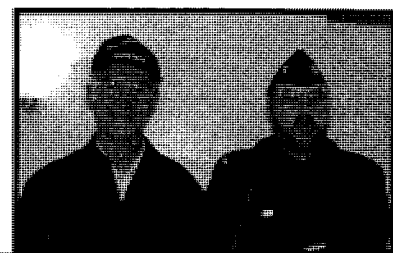
Article by Fran Fumanti, FSO-SR 15-3  
Exeter, PA



## DIVISION 15 PARTICIPATES IN EARTH DAY

As part of a public service Flotilla 15-6 and the new Flotilla 15-6 members participated in Earth Day along the Susquehanna river bank. In spite of the cold and rain, lots of trash bags were filled. ✱

Article and photo by Linda Hilscher, FSO-SR, 15-9  
Towanda, NJ



New Command for Towanda, 15-9  
Edward Hilscher, FC  
Henry Murphy III, VFC



Ed Hilscher, FC 15-9

## MISSING MAN TABLE (POW/MIA)

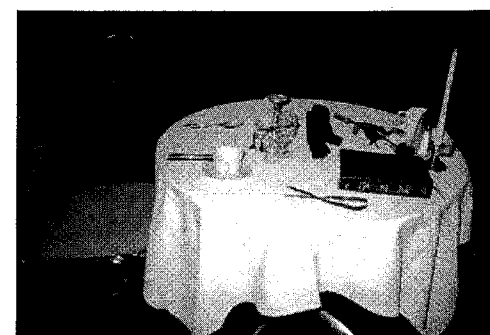
It all began with a most wonderful invitation for me and my wife Joan to dine with Captain Odom, his wife and Officers of the Mess, at a very significant military tradition. When I asked if my daughter Janice could attend, without hesitation he answered in the affirmative. He is very familiar with Janice having met her on multiple occasions. A few days later a formal invitation arrived for her. What a gesture on the part of the Captain!!

The evening started in the dressing room. Since this is a formal military affair, the officers wear the Dinner Dress uniform and the guests wear gowns or their equivalent or tuxedos.

We first gathered outside the dining hall for cocktails and informal conversation. Then the bell was rung and the formal evening began. We were summoned into the dining hall by the "Vice" where we stood at attention at our designated place setting until the "President" and his party entered. I should explain at this point that the "President" is the presiding officer who was Captain Odom and the "Vice" was the Captain's assistant, well done, as it were, by LT Howes. We remained at attention while the colors were posted and grace was said.

The Captain then welcomed everyone and introduced his special guests. He introduced Rear Admiral Sally Brice O'Hara and her husband. Then, much to my surprise, he introduced me and Joan and Janice and made quite a note of the Auxiliary.

The "Vice" then took over and focused our attention on a round, fully set table in the center of the room. This, another tradition, is referred to as the Missing Man Table (the POW/MIA Table) this table is not only traditional but very symbolic as well.



The table is small to symbolize the frailty of one prisoner. The tablecloth is white it signify the pure intentions of this soldier to respond to his country's call. The table is round to signify our unending regard for this man or woman. There is a single red rose on the table to signify the blood that may have been shed. A red ribbon on the table represents the unyielding demand for a proper account of the missing.

A slice of lemon on the dish reminds us of the bitter fate of the missing.

Salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the fallen tears of the families that wait.

The inverted glass on the table tells us that this soldier will not toast with us tonight.

The empty chair shows that he is not here.

The candle symbolizes the light of hope that lives in our hearts that, one day, this soldier will return home.

Finally, the Bible reminds us to pray to the Supreme Commander for the safe return of all POWs/MIAs.

Dinner was then served after the entrees were paraded around the room, this another tradition. During dinner there were exchanges of wisecracks between the "Vice" and other officers of the mess (yet another tradition). After dessert, the "President" introduced the Rear Admiral and she gave her usual short, intelligent and enjoyable speech. Later, more wisecracks (all in good humor) resumed and some were even aimed at the Admiral. I knew she was quick and capable but never realized how witty she is. This was all very entertaining and, as I stated, totally in good humor and traditional.

The servers then came around with a glass of port and a glass of champagne for each. This marked the beginning of another tradition,

The Toasts: The first toast was with port by the Captain to the Commander-in-Chief; this was followed by a toast, again with port, to each of the Armed Services and each was presented by a different officer in the mess. Each toast was accompanied by their respective theme songs played flawlessly by the Coast Guard Band. The final toast was with champagne and it was to the Coast Guard.

We all, then, stood up at attention while the colors were retired and the Captain's party left the dining hall. At this time we were dismissed and remained in the dining hall for socializing, dancing and good cheer. The members of the head table returned to the dinning hall to join in the festivities.

This was a wonderful experience of military tradition and pomp and circumstance. It was truly an honor to be a part of this ceremonial tradition, some of which date back to the eighteenth century. The Auxiliary was honored with numerous complimentary remarks and referred to as a part of the Coast Guard family. My family and I were proud to represent the Auxiliary at such an auspicious occasion. Our sincere gratitude goes to Captain Odom of TRACEN Cape May for a memorable evening. ✱

Article and Photo by Michael Colondrillo, DCP 8  
Brigantine, NJ





### RALPH KAUFMAN Flotilla 11-3

The Director of Auxiliary for Fifth Northern announces with regret the death of Auxiliarist Ralph Kaufman on Saturday 11 March 2006 in Reading, Pennsylvania. He was 92.

Ralph began his long and distinguished association with the Coast Guard as a yeoman in the United States Coast Guard Reserve in 1938. He was sworn in as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary on 20 May 1946. He served faithfully and with great diligence throughout his 60 years of Auxiliary service, most notably as an elected officer within his Flotilla, as a Vessel Examiner, and as an appointed officer within Division 11.

Among the many highlights of his decades of service was winning first place for best of show in public safety at the annual Tri County Fire Muster and Public Safety Expo in New Berlinville, PA on 9 September 2001. He was active as Division Staff Officer for publications until very recently.

*Commander Scott Rogerson,  
Fifth Northern Director of Auxiliary*

### RONALD A. McDOWELL FLOTILLA 11-4

On March 15, 2006 Ronald A. McDowell of Flotilla 11-4 crossed the bar. Ronald joined the Auxiliary on 27 May 1975. He was past Flotilla Commander of 11-4 and as was still active as FDO-PB.

Ronald was an active member for over thirty (30) years.

*Article submitted by Terry L. Hilbert, DCP 11, D5-NR  
Fleetwood, PA*



## God Bless the USA

Music and Lyrics by Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again  
with just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars  
to be living here today,  
Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
and they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American  
where at least I know I'm free,  
And, I won't forget the men who died  
who gave that right to me.  
And I'll gladly stand up next to you  
and defend her still today.  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota  
to the hills of Tennessee,  
Across the plains of Texas  
from sea to shining sea,  
from Detroit down to Houston,  
and New York to L.A.,  
There's pride in every American heart  
and it's time we stand and say:

I'm proud to be an American  
where at least I know I'm free,  
And, I won't forget the men who died  
who gave that right to me.  
And, I'll gladly stand up next to you  
and defend her still today.  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God Bless the U.S.A.



## 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. ☼

Gloria Caudill 51

Susan Hartung 7-10

Horace Jones 65

Ralph Kaufman 11-3

Ronald McDowell 11-4

Joseph Polizzi 16-3

Francis E. "Butch" Riley 95

V. Seeley Romaine 16-10


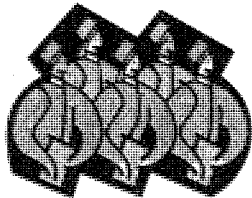
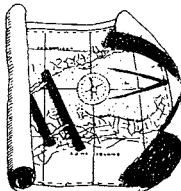



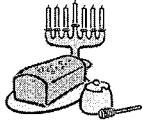

Howard Scott 24

"Sailors, rest your oars."

*Compiled from information as of July 8, 2006*

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## Fifth Northern District - 2006 Calendar of Events

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
<p>4 Independence Day</p>  <p>8 AIM Week 1 Begins</p>  <p>10 District EXCOM</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15 AIM Week 2 Begins</p> <p>22 AIM Week 3 Begins</p>	<p>7 District EXCOM</p>  <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>18 Eastern Area EXCOM</p> <p>31 NACON 2005 Starts Dallas, TX</p>  <p>31 <b>topside</b> Deadline</p>	<p>3 NACON 2005 Ends Dallas, TX</p> <p>4 Labor Day</p>  <p>10 Grandparents Day</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15-17 FALL CONFERENCE Harrisburg, PA</p> <p>23 Rosh Hashana Begins</p> 	<p>2 Yom Kippur</p>  <p>9 District EXCOM</p> <p>9 Columbus Day Observed</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>26 - 29 ISAR Portsmouth, VA</p> <p>29 Begin Standard Time</p> <p>31 Halloween</p> 



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