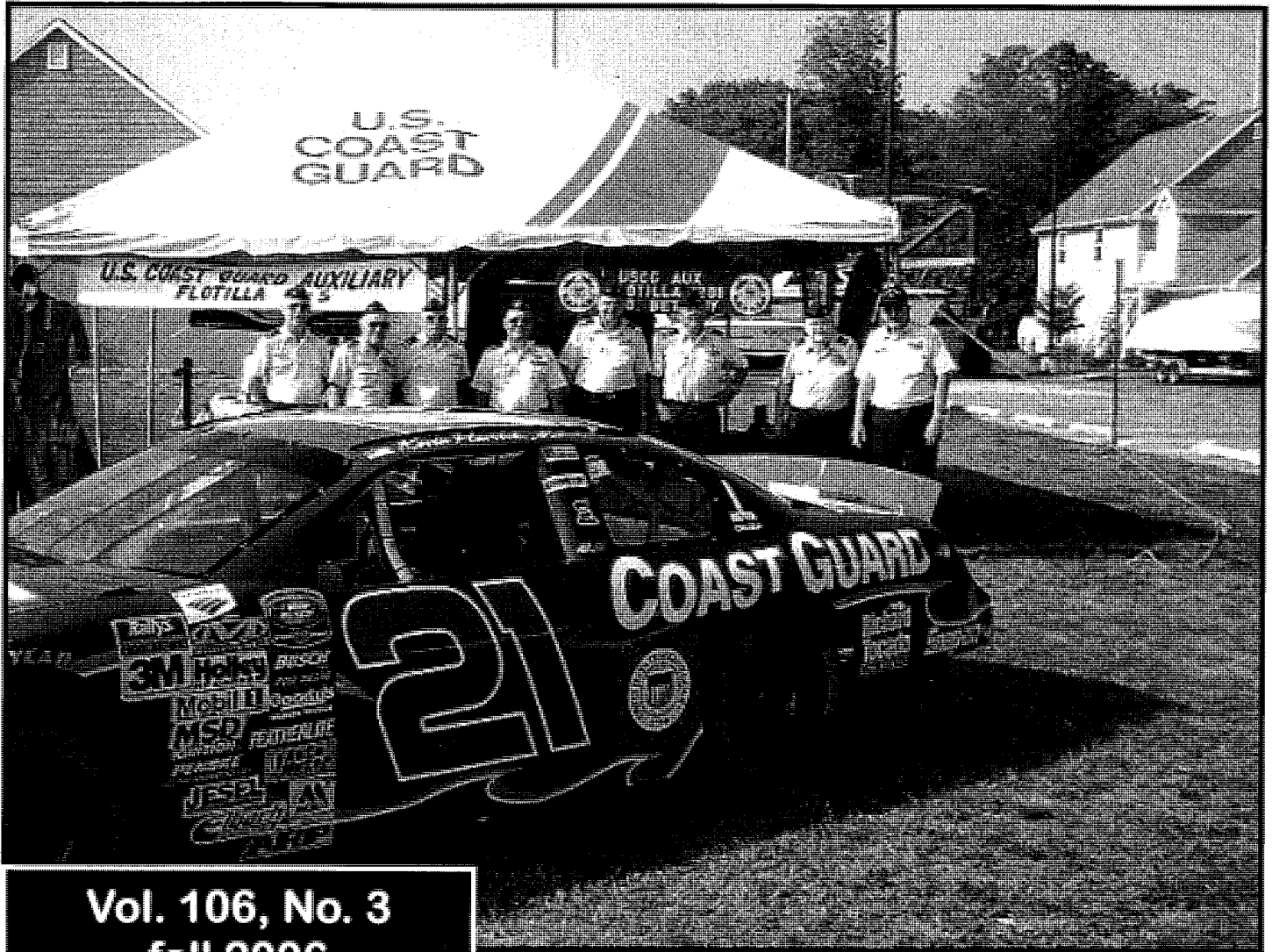


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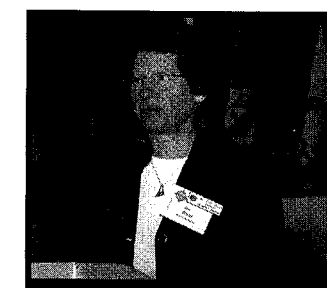
MOU WITH BoatUS



Coast Guard Association, Inc. in supporting and promoting the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Boat Owners Association of the United States (Boat/US) have agreed to continue working together to encourage more boaters in the pleasure of boating, to enroll more students in safety education courses, inform boaters of the importance of getting a vessel safety check and to encourage active participation in the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association and Boat/US organization.

Specific benefits provided include:

1. A 50% discount of Boat/US membership dues.
2. A 10% discount on price of boat/US towing package.
3. Boat/US will continue to provide up to 50% of the cost to publish the "Beacon."
4. Boat/US will continue to support public education classes and vessel safety checks on the Boat/US Foundation "Courseline."
5. Boat/US will provide complementary one year Boat/US membership to all public education course graduates and a complementary one year subscription to all public education course participants.
6. Boat/US will continue to provide the "Best Flotilla in the Nation" award. ✪



Ruth Wood-BoatUS



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LETTER FROM DHS SECRETARY MICHAEL CHERTOFF

9/11 FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY



To: DHS Employees
From: Michael Chertoff /s/
Subject: 9/11 Five-Year Anniversary

Today marks the five-year anniversary of an unparalleled tragedy in our Nation's history. On September 11, 2001, thousands of people—men, women, and children of all backgrounds and faiths—perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. In the midst of great tragedy, we saw

tremendous bravery and sacrifice reflected in the many first responders who gave their own lives to save others and in heroic passengers on the hijacked flights.

9/11 remains a defining moment for many of us and for our Nation. Out of the tragic events of that day grew our resolve to protect our homeland against further terrorist attacks.

Since 9/11, fighting the war on terrorism and advancing freedom has become the great calling of our generation. For more than three years, the employees of the Department of Homeland Security have answered this call with steadfast determination and commitment. We have learned many lessons in this short amount of time and have taken many actions to strengthen our security and protect U.S. citizens. Our goal is to prevent attacks, reduce our vulnerabilities, and enhance our ability to respond.

The recent terrorist plot to destroy multiple commercial airliners over the Atlantic Ocean reminds us of the ongoing terrorist threat and the ruthless nature of our enemy. The terrorists have not stopped plotting against us, and we must not let our guard down. We will continue to adapt and strengthen the security layers we have put in place. We will not yield in these vital efforts.

On this day, the fifth anniversary of 9/11, we remember those who perished in those terrible incidents. We go forward in their memory, determined never to relent in serving American citizens by securing our homeland.

I sincerely appreciate your continued dedication, and I value your support as together we accomplish our critical mission.

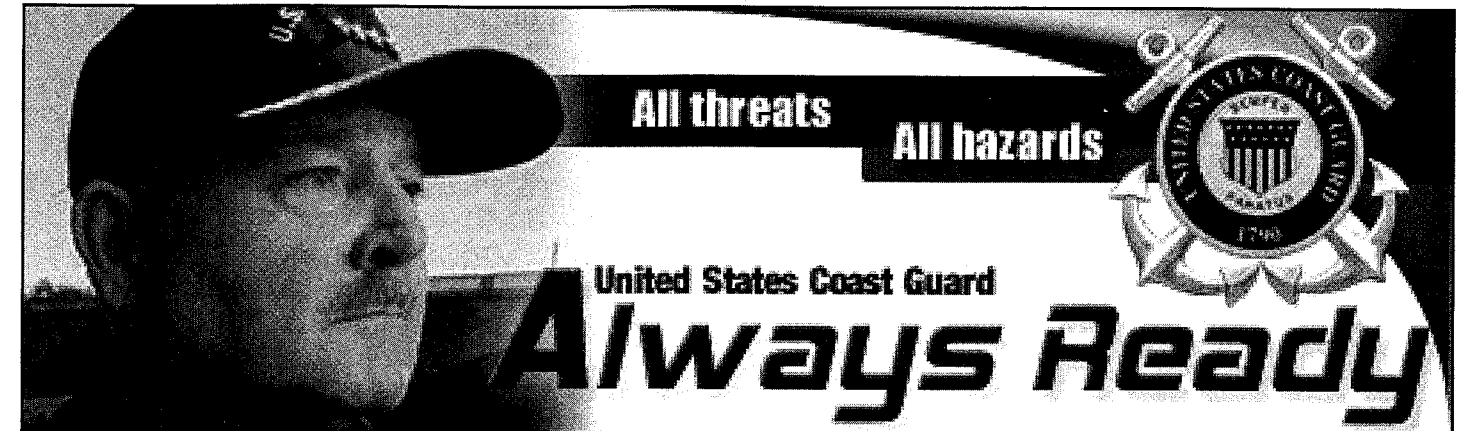
Michael Chertoff

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security



Letter from Admiral Thad Allen

COMMANDANT's INTENT SITREP 2



To the Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

When I assumed the duties of Commandant in May, I communicated to each of you my intent to focus our entire organization on improving and sustaining Mission Execution. I will continue to communicate directly with you on important matters and am doing so again today. In the first "100 Days" of my tenure I traveled to field units in all but two of our Coast Guard Districts across the country and met many hundreds of Coast Guard active, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women. I have talked with many of you, often with Master Chief Skip Bowen at my side, aboard VIGILANT in the Caribbean, from the buoy deck of the STORIS in Kodiak, aboard MACKINAW in Grand Haven, at Air Stations Sitka and Kodiak, on GANNETT and VALIANT with President Bush in Miami, at Station Little Creek VA, and in the footprint of where Station Gulfport MS once stood. I have explained my goals and priorities and sought your input. In turn, you have informed me and inspired me, and I thank you for your honest comments and insightful questions. As I passed during those unit visits there are three knotty issues I am taking on as Commandant that currently do not have a sufficiently clear solution or path ahead. They are (1) the future of the polar icebreaking fleet, (2) the status of the inland and intercoastal short range aids to navigation mission and the recapitalization of those fleets, and (3) the condition of our shore facilities. As we delve deeper into these issues to determine the way ahead, you will be hearing more about them from me in subsequent SITREPs.

In my first SITREP outlining my Commandant's Intent, I indicated that we would take immediate steps to reorganize our operational forces, improve our service and support systems, better align with our departmental and interagency partners, and make our logistics and financial systems more efficient and accountable. Shortly

after my change of command I issued six "Commandant Intent Action Orders." The following is a status report for each of these Action Orders:

(1) Develop plans for establishing a new Deployable Operations Group (DOG) that will integrate our special deployable forces into the third and final leg of our trident force structure (in addition to shore-based Sector forces and maritime patrol and interdiction Deepwater forces).

Status: A DOG command element will stand up in summer 2007 (approx. 100 billets) and will assume program-level responsibility for the MSSTs, MSRT, PSUs, TACLETs, and the National Strike Force. This is a first step in reshaping our capability to provide adaptive force packaging and will be accomplished within existing resources at this stage of its development.

(2) Develop and publish a comprehensive Coast Guard Maritime Strategy (CGMS) that provides a strategic framework for planning maritime Safety, Security and Stewardship responsibilities of the Coast Guard through the next 4-5 years.

Status: The senior leadership will complete its review and approval of the CGMS by 31 October and it will be published shortly afterward.

(3) Realign the Coast Guard's logistics organization to reduce the burden on our field units, control costs and improve accountability.

Status: Significant progress has been made planning this complex realignment and I expect to approve the final plan later this month.

(4) Complete the reorganization of HQ staff into numbered staffs (CG-1, CG-2, CG-3, etc) to improve the

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Letter from Admiral Thad Allen

COMMANDANT's INTENT SITREP 2

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way we develop policy and manage resources for the Coast Guard, and better align with DoD.

Status: I have approved a plan that will be executed by the end of the year.

(5) Consolidate the Acquisition Directorate (G-A) with the Integrated Deepwater System Directorate (G-D) to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our total acquisition system.

Status: Consolidation of acquisition functions into a single Headquarters Directorate will be implemented over the next year.

(6) Review our financial accounting system to improve its accuracy, accountability and alignment with the Department of Homeland Security.

Status: A Task Force established to spearhead this initiative has already identified 25 items that are being implemented to improve our financial accountability.

I have also approved four additional Action Orders:

(1) Develop a new operational framework for the Coast Guard to execute our missions more effectively and efficiently. This effort will focus on the command and control structure needed to effectively execute our missions through our new force structure.

(2) Create a new human resource strategy to support our organizational changes.

(3) Conduct a comprehensive review of our Reserve Component mission support system.

(4) Implement a service oriented architecture (eCG) to better serve the needs of all of our internal and external customers. We must address connectivity issues with our patrol boats and small ATON cutters.

We are aggressively working on all of these and other initiatives in close coordination with Area and District staffs. I realize that some of these initiatives are Headquarters focused and field personnel may not immediately identify with their potential impact. However, the policy and organizational changes that these orders produce will affect each and every Coast Guard member: active, reserve, civilian and auxiliary. Some will occur more quickly than others

based on the availability of existing resources and new requirements. Ultimately, our success in implementing these changes will directly impact the way we plan, support and execute all of our missions. I will keep you informed of significant progress and milestones as we move forward via SITREPS and updates posted online.

I traveled with President Bush during his recent visits to Sector Miami and the Gulf Coast, and Secretary Chertoff visited units in the Thirteenth, Eleventh and Fifth Districts recently as well. There are no stronger supporters of our Service than these two leaders. They understand that America depends on its Coast Guard to protect our security, to preserve our freedoms and to save the lives of those who can't save themselves. I reported to them at my change of command that the Coast Guard was mustered and on watch. We must never lose sight of the importance of excellence in Mission Execution. We are all in the business of protecting the Nation and saving lives. From the Auxiliarist conducting a vessel safety check, to the procurement specialist acquiring personal protective equipment, to the rescue swimmer, the boat crewmember, the cutter coxswain and the command center operations controller, each of you is vital to our ability to execute our missions. We work as a team and we succeed as a team.

Finally, I want to reiterate the importance of taking care of our shipmates as we end a busy summer season and complete our yearly transfers. The recent commemoration of hurricane Katrina, the tragic events aboard HEALY, and the grounding of the MSST New Orleans RB-S remind us of the dangerous operating environment we often find ourselves in during the normal course of our busy lives in the Coast Guard. I want each of you to reassess your activities, both on and off duty, and look after those who live and work around you. Take care of yourself, take care of your family, and take care of your shipmates. We need you!

Stay safe and stay focused.

Admiral Thad Allen
Semper Paratus!



USCG AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20593-0001

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Coast Guard is America's maritime first responder and stands ready to protect the public from all threats and all hazards. All members of the Coast Guard forces play a critical role in every mission area - supporting maritime security, safety and stewardship. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides capabilities and proficiencies that support these capacities and ensure we remain responsive to our communities and the Nation.

The Auxiliary is a force multiplier of vetted and trained volunteers devoted to the support of Coast Guard missions and provides a broad inventory of vital skills, assets, and experience for our units across the nation. As the leading volunteer organization in the Department of Homeland Security, it is an essential component of our daily operations and an effective resource primed to prevent and respond to catastrophes in the maritime region. Fittingly, the core strategic purpose of the Auxiliary is to continuously hone its expertise to perform three prioritized functions:

- (1) Promote and improve recreational boating safety;
- (2) Support Coast Guard maritime homeland security efforts; and
- (3) Support the Coast Guard's operational, administrative, and logistical requirements.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary shall remain *Semper Paratus*, providing a dynamic flexibility within its organizational programs in order to meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges. Through focused partnerships and public outreach, it shall advocate and advance maritime domain awareness and the principles of safe boating. Its diverse assortment of vessels, aircraft, radio facilities, and vehicles shall be kept poised for the multi-mission tasking that characterizes Coast Guard operations. To its fullest measure, it shall engage opportunities to augment Coast Guard units through targeted recruitment and professional development among its membership.

Every commander, commanding officer, officer-in-charge, and program manager shall work closely with their Auxiliary counterparts to fully leverage the resources, skills, qualifications, and profound dedication that reside within the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Such focused collaboration is essential to our unwavering commitment to mission excellence in serving and protecting the public trust. ✱

Thad W. Allen Admiral, United States Coast Guard

Response Boat Medium (RBM)

The Coast Guard has awarded a production contract to Marinette Marine Corporation for the design, construction, outfit and delivery of the Response Boat-Medium system. Marinette Marine Corporation will team with Kvichak Marine Industries to build and deliver up to 180 RBMs over a production period of up to eight years. The contract, valued at approximately \$600 million, will replace the aging fleet of 41-foot utility boats and more than 40 other nonstandard boat types that have been the workhorses at coastal stations for more than 25 years. The first RBM is planned to enter the fleet in late 2007. The new boats will have increased maneuverability, the ability to mount light machine guns, and be capable of speeds in excess of 40 knots (46 mph). The twin high output diesel engines used in this model comply with stringent EPA and International Maritime Organization emissions standards, while a full cabin will provide crew protection from the elements and be equipped with a robust navigation system, heating and air conditioning and shock mitigating seats. ✱



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DIRAUX

Another active and highly successful year has passed and it is time to celebrate with Division and Flotilla Changes of Watch. CWO2 Phil Pinto and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's Division events!

Have you met CWO Pinto yet? He is the new Fifth Northern Assistant Director / Operations Training Officer (OTO). While Mrs. Kain and YN2 Stein and SK3 Kalucki and I survived the 45 weeks that we were without an OTO following Mr. Hartline's retirement last year – thanks in large part to the fabulous Auxiliary volunteers who I thanked in the last *TOPSIDE* – it is great being at full staffing again!



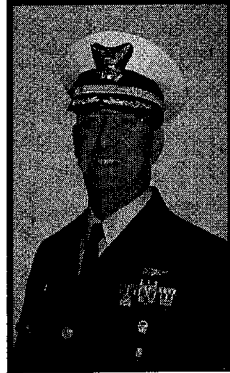
CWO Pinto comes to us with an impressive record of sea service in aids to navigation...mostly in the Northwest U.S. and Alaska. He will be "out and about" in 2007, focusing on operations and training. Please be sure to welcome him, to share your experiences and to ask him about his, and to listen to him when you have the opportunity.

By the time you read this, the dust should pretty much have settled regarding Personnel Security Investigations (PSIs). Thank you very much for your significant efforts towards completing this massive program – with very special thanks to all 5NR Fingerprint Technicians!

Now that PSIs are behind us (but for upgrades from OS to DO and new members, which should be no big deal after the last two years), it is time to look forward with a focus on recruiting and retention. This appears to be one of the primary challenges from your new National Commodore, who was elected at the National Auxiliary Conference in Dallas in late August.

Speaking of the National Conference, it was a great pleasure to witness the signing of the new Auxiliary Policy Statement by Admiral Allen (see page 5). The Commandant clearly LOVES the Auxiliary and has every intention of utilizing your MANY unique capabilities and resources to the maximum extent possible!

As you enjoy the coming Changes of Watch, be sure to look for some other terrific events in the very near future, too (e.g., the National Training Conference (N-Train), regional Elected Officers Training (EOT), and local training at the Division and Flotilla level). It is not



too early to be thinking about the 2007 Boating Season (and Public Affairs, and Public Education, and so on).

As RADM Hereth discussed at the Fifth Northern Fall Conference in September, the Coast Guard and the Boating Public absolutely need the Auxiliary to PREVENT boating safety problems with a keen focus on AN, MS, PA, PE, VE, and all the other fabulous programs that you do with such vigor; and to RESPOND to boating safety problems during your safety patrols throughout Fifth Northern. Fatalities were up quite a bit in 2006, perhaps because there was such wonderful weather for most of the summer (but for the occasional tropical storm). Let's work to bring them down again in 2007!

On a brighter note, your patrols saved a number of lives in 2006, with six lives saved out of AUXSARDET Wilmington in just a couple of weeks in August, including a family of five whose motorized canoe capsized while trying to cross the Delaware River. I received a heart-felt Thank You letter from the family and they could not be more appreciative of the Auxiliary (see page 38/39). Well done to one and all, whether during these cases or during your many hours of operations elsewhere in the District. BZ!

Have you seen the movie "The Guardian" yet? It is worth the time and money if you get a chance. I understand that some creative and energetic Auxiliarists set up PA booths outside theaters when the film opened; which was great thinking. I can't help but wonder what the next hot Coast Guard movie will be about. Do you think "The Director" would be any good? I can see Nicolas Cage playing me as a handsome and debonair commander. Or maybe "The Commodore" would be a better story. How about if Clint Eastwood played Lee Kehr or Richard Gere played Bob Amort?

In closing, thanks again and again and again for all that you have done and are doing and will be doing out there. You are such a critical and appreciated component of Team Coast Guard! ☼

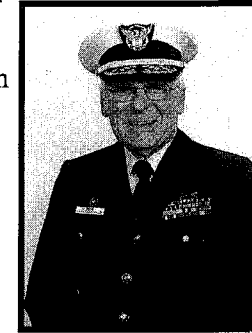
Semper Paratus!



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

DISTRICT COMMODORE

This will be the last issue of *TOPSIDE*, which will be published before the end of my term as your District Commodore. With that in mind, I first want to express my appreciation and thanks to the Bridge, District Board, District Staff, Aides, Conference Coordinators, Hospitality Committee, and especially to the members who have supported our programs so enthusiastically over the past two years.



I have tried to represent the District to the best of my ability and I hope that I have fulfilled your expectations. I can assure you that you have fulfilled mine and the success of the District is a tribute to your Efforts, Dedication and Service

These two years have certainly not been without challenges. The term "Sector" came in to play. We reorganized the Auxiliary into three categories: Logistics, Prevention and Response; and with a Chief for each we meshed with the new area Sector Delaware Bay. We also added a District Planner, who is responsible for Operation Patriot Readiness and maintains copies of each Flotilla and Division Emergency Response Plan. These additions have greatly improved the communication between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

A new term came in our lives: "Personnel Security Investigation" (PSI). If there has been one area of disappointment during my term of office it has been the lack of response of the members to completing their PSI packages. In this post 9-11 world, security checks have become part of our lives. Schools, Churches, Business, and yes the Coast Guard Auxiliary requires it. Again I ask that those members, who have not completed their response, to do so at their earliest opportunity.

The Incident Command System (ICS) has also challenged our members. All members involved in direct operational support to the Coast Guard or those who have assumed a leadership role in the organization were required to complete the ICS courses. Failure of any Auxiliary member to meet the deadlines will make them ineligible to participate in patrols, CG exercises, drills, or response events.

We completed Memorandums of Understanding with 5th Southern and the 9th Eastern Region. These memorandums allow us to patrol the areas of 5th Southern adjacent to 5th Northern and not utilized by 5th Southern,

and the Allegheny Reservoir in the 9th ER area. This too has improved communications with our neighboring areas.

Our Strategic plan for 5NR was successful. We increased communications up and down the chain of management. Many Divisions successfully met the new goal challenges. Vessel Safety Checks were the star in our crown, exceeding their goal by more than 2000 examinations. EXCOM gave special attention to the weak Flotillas and the RCO's were tasked with giving special guidance and attention to their needs. Division 10 and 15 each chartered a new Flotilla. We had the honor in 2005 of being one of two Districts in the Nation that had a net gain in membership.

Fifth Northern once again in 2005 (as in 2003 and 2004) contributed more money to the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Fund than any other district. You also contributed substantially to Operation Life Ring after Katrina in the fall of 2005.

In 2005 and 2006 Member Training played an important role. Elected and Appointed Officer Training programs were held in each area with an increase in attendance. AMLOC (Auxiliary Mid Level Officer's Course) and AUXLAM (Auxiliary Leadership and Management) courses were held at Cape May Training Center. These schools help the elected and appointed officers to step up to the plate.

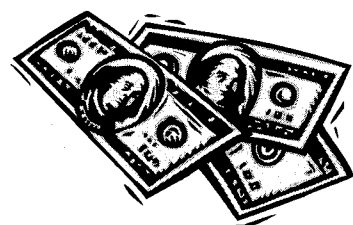
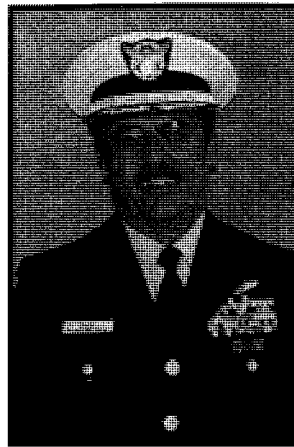
In closing I ask that each of our members continue to participate fully and take advantage of the many opportunities available in the programs of your choice. As your Commodore, for the past two years, I can only say Thank you for your support of this great district, and a special Thank You for the many memories that I take with me. ☼

Semper Paratus
Leon E. Kehr, DCO D5-NR
Souderton, PA



VICE COMMODORE

By the time you read this article the year 2006 will be at an end. How time flies when you're having fun! My time as VCO will be ending, and I want to thank the District Staff for doing an outstanding job. They have made my job easier, and the work they have done for the District has benefited all members. The district staff should be very proud of all that they do. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.



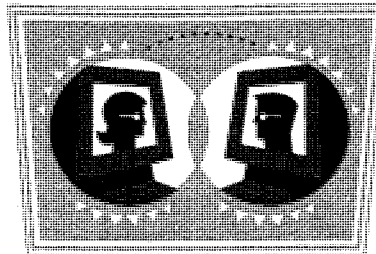
What changes will take place in 2007? The biggest change will be that the contracting for our conferences will be transferred to the Auxiliary from the Director's office.

The affect on the membership will be minimal, but for those that are funded there will be a significant change. The funded member will have to pay for their rooms and meals up front and be reimbursed through travel orders for their expenses. Our Conference Coordinators will be working very hard to keep the cost of the rooms and meals within the guidelines of the local per diem rates. This is a huge undertaking for us as a district, but we will work through it to keep our conferences affordable for our members. The change may also give us the flexibility to move our conferences to different locations around the district. We will always keep the per diem rate uppermost in our selection process, so our funded and non-funded members alike will receive the best value for their money.

Another change will be that all of our members will have completed their PSI paperwork and only new members will have to submit to the PSI process in 2007 and beyond. For those that chose not to submit their paperwork for the PSI process, we want to thank you for your service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and wish you the very best in all you do. I would be remiss if I did not mention a word of thanks to all of the members, Flotilla Commanders, and Fingerprint Techs that worked so hard to ensure that everyone's paperwork was in order and submitted in a timely manner. We will be a leaner



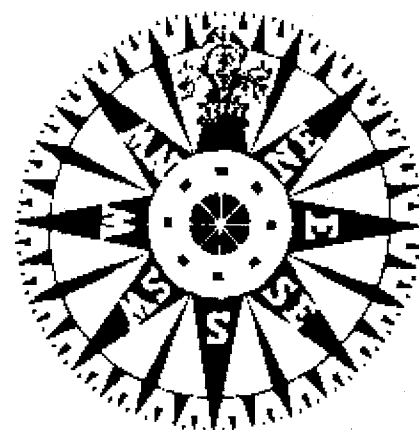
organization, but with the help of our good people in the 5th Northern, our membership numbers will rebound. Remember, it is a team effort, and this district has one of the best teams in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



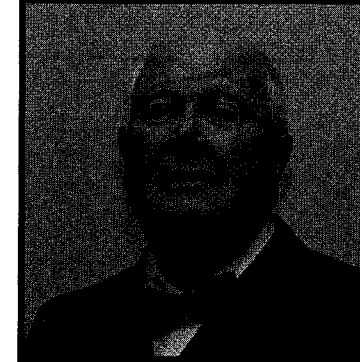
Recruiting new, tech savvy members will be important to our survival as an organization. Computer literacy, video conferencing, web page design, and power point presentations will be the new norm. Ensuring that we keep our members informed for the lowest cost possible will be essential. Cutting travel distances to a minimum will be necessary to save our members money in an economy where rising fuel costs have a large impact on our ability to perform. It becomes more crucial that we take a closer look at quarterly Division and Flotilla meetings to save members travel expenses. Keeping the staff involved for the other two months via E-mail or video conferencing will keep the elected and appointed members informed. Member training can be done in small-localized groups to help curtail long distance travel.

If we want to survive, we must think smart. Being inventive and willing to change our mode of operating to make us more efficient will be what it takes to keep the organization functioning. We have the capability to change; we just need to be willing to change. ✱

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



REAR COMMODORE-CENTRAL



THE REASON WHY

There have been many times when we have asked ourselves the question, "why am I In the Coast Guard Auxiliary?" Sometimes we even grumble to another member about some of the requirements and training that we are asked to repeat year after year. We practice a man overboard drill by throwing a cushion in the water and fishing it out with a boat hook many times. We do underway check offs with the same crew and same facility that you have been working with for several years. Let me see if I can give you **THE REASON WHY** we practice these things over and over and why we are in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

13Aug06, The Delaware River, off the Christina River, Wilmington, Delaware, nice hot day. Underway training was going on with 12 candidates who were participating in the Central Area boat crew school. There were 7 facilities and crews plus the SARDET Wilmington boat. One of the crews came upon a small boat that was anchored. A hysterical woman told the coxswain that her male friend had decided to go for a swim. He could not get back to the boat because of the current and she did not know how to operate the boat. The coxswain immediately radioed SARDET Wilmington, who in turn radioed the small fleet of the emergency situation. Because of the skills of several of the crews, the man's life was saved with only seconds to spare. When they brought the man back to the station and I looked at that poor, shaking, scared human being whose life had just been saved from sure death, I was never more proud to be a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, until:

26Aug06, The Delaware River, off Cherry Island Flats, Wilmington, Delaware, not so nice a day, 3-4 foot seas, 20 knot winds. The crew of the SARDET Wilmington boat was on their lunch break in the station. Sector Delaware Bay put out a call on channel 16 that they had a report of a capsized boat in the Delaware River off the Cherry Island Flats. The coxswain said "that's us" and we raced down the dock and were underway in two minutes flat. We arrived on scene sixteen minutes later to find five people in the water, clinging to their capsized

boat. It took all the skills and coordination of the crew, in three to four foot seas, to pull three small children over the side and two adults up the stern ladder. Holding the boat on station, getting flotation devices to the victims, getting them on the boat, checking for hypothermia, wrapping them in blankets and getting them back to the station to waiting medical teams, and again I was never more proud to be a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



This is why we teach, why we examine boats, why we stand watch, why we do administrative work, why we are the eyes and ears of the United States Coast Guard. It's all about saving lives and helping to keep our country secure. It is why we train so hard, it is what we do best, and we do it well.

All of you, who belong to this great organization called the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, were there those two days in August with the crews who saved the six lives. You all should share in the same pride.

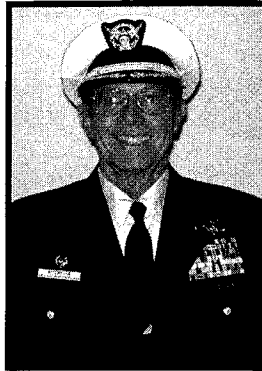
So when you question why you belong to the Auxiliary, maybe the two incidents above will give you **THE REASON WHY.** ✱

Semper Paratus

H T Robinson, RCO-C, D5NR
Chester, PA



REAR COMMODORE-EAST



The Coast Guard Auxiliary is truly fortunate to have members with diverse backgrounds to serve the variety of staff positions needed for the successful operation of a Flotilla or Division, etc. It is important to select the right person for each Staff Officer job --- someone who wants to and likes to do that job, and who has the qualifications and capability to perform the work (however if you don't have a need for a staff function, it is not necessary to appoint someone to fill that position).

It is also important to plan for the succession of Staff Officers. For example, a new or inexperienced member can be assigned to "understudy," to assist and also be mentored by a knowledgeable Staff Officer. There are Staff Officers who have been in the same position for many years and have their programs/activities well established. However, times change, and the needs of a Flotilla, Division or District may be different than a few years ago. So why not start off the year with a fresh look, rather than a "business as usual" approach.

In reality, and maybe out of necessity, some Staff Officers are appointed with little knowledge or experience about the work to be done, and are asked to perform their staff function, literally, by the "seat of their pants." Whatever the reason, one way to improve your Staff Officer Programs may be to use a PROGRAM MANAGEMENT approach (from National). The idea is to break the job into a progression of small steps that lead to a final successful result!

1. Begin by Finding Out What Needs To Be Done.
 - Consult manuals for duties/responsibilities and latest policies and procedures relative to your staff position.
 - Determine what activities/events others have done in the past and/or what are the latest expectations. Ask about what needs to be improved.
 - Get copies of previous plans, schedules and reports.
 - Talk to and "brainstorm" with other members and fellow Staff Officers for ideas.
 - Find out how your programs tie into and mesh with other staff functions.

- Survey your members' wants and needs and also their capabilities/availabilities to support the program activities.

2. Now Develop a List of Key Goals based upon what you envision your Flotilla/Division etc. needs and wants to accomplish.
3. Once you have established your main goals and defined their priority, then list The Specific Activities/Events and Resources (people, budget, locations, etc.) needed to accomplish each goal. Put together a timetable for these activities. This is your PLAN!
4. Make sure you Communicate this Plan to your membership to get their agreement and make any adjustments. Also, a spreadsheet/timetable of your program activities is a valuable tool to guide your members during the year.
5. Use your Leadership and Management abilities to "get the job done." Communicate changes, provide status reports and thank and reward those who make your plan work.
6. Finally, Evaluate and Measure your programs' performance and accomplishments. Keep records/reports and suggestions for improvements so you or your successors don't have to "reinvent the wheel."

In summary, Staff Officers can be more effective and efficient in meeting the needs of their members and Team Coast Guard by:

- Learning what needs to be done
- Analyzing the Resources
- Creating a Game Plan
- Working the Plan
- Documenting the Activities
- Evaluating the Program Performance

And last but not least, don't forget to mix in some fun and fellowship in your programs. ✱

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

REAR COMMODORE-WEST



This year has tasked many members with the PSI process. After many hours the end results will show at the end of 2006. Some flotillas will lose valuable members that will need to be replaced to achieve their goals in 2007.

We have heard a lot about recruiting many times. Now may be the time to recruit what we need, which is called target recruiting. To do this we need to make a list of our flotilla's needs and work to have those needs filled to obtain our goals. But most importantly don't assign new recruits to positions they are not ready to do. This action only frustrates them and your members, causing them to question their initial interest in the Auxiliary.

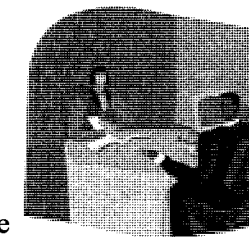
It seems we get many inquiries from the National hot-line but we have no clue what they want to do. We need to interview each new prospect to find their interests. These people are uninformed of what we do and why we do what we do. We cannot assume that because they are an accountant by trade they would be a good fit for the finance officer for our flotilla. They may want to do something different or learn new skills. They may be looking for something to fill their needs such as: a sense of belonging, enjoyment of boating, or want to share that skill or enjoyment with other boaters in enriching other people in a structure of the classroom or in an unstructured class.

When doing the new member interview listen more than the interviewer doing all the talking. Let the prospective member tell you why he or she is joining our organization. Let them tell you his/her interests. Prior to this interview we need to give information to prospective members to digest. This information should be an overall viewpoint not to overwhelm the prospective member. The time to sell the Auxiliary programs is when the prospective member asks for information on our missions. In this selling process, use positive statements. If we tell them how we used to be able to do something but today

they changed all that, and now until all the paperwork is completed you only get 1 hour of work done.

I must ask - Why would I join? If you feel that way at the end of your story, what do you think the prospective member will feel like? They are even less informed of what is the right story. They will leave there and probably not return. Yes, we are given more to do and new technology to do it with but WE CAN DO IT. When things change and new ideas create repeatable actions, WE CAN DO IT. If things get lost or misfiled and we need to do it over again, consider the 1st time as the learning process and the 2nd time as reassurance that the learning process was done and it is now practice time, because WE CAN DO IT. I like to think a "WE CAN DO IT" attitude will promote our missions and membership to the greatest level of Semper Paratus. ✱

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



HONOR RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY

CORE VALUES:

Honor:

Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our personal and organizational actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust.

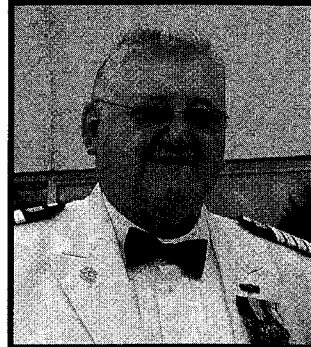
Respect:

We value our diverse workforce. We treat each other and those we serve with fairness, dignity, and respect. We encourage individual opportunity and growth. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team.

Devotion to Duty:

We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our organizational goals. The Coast Guard exists to serve; we serve with pride.

DISTRICT CHIEF OF LOGISTICS D-CL



The auxiliary Chief of Logistics, 5NR has been given the responsibility to coordinate the District's Staff Officers – Communication Services, Information Services, Materials, Personnel Services, Publications and Recording Secretary activities with the USCG Sector Chief of Logistics.

The Auxiliary is still trying to define the role of logistics in relation to the Sector. Once the Sector becomes more comfortable with their role, the role of logistics will emerge. As we move forward and accept the changes in the way we now operate within the auxiliary structure, it is more important than ever for departments in each group, Prevention, Response, and Logistics to work together. By the end of the year, our numbers will be fewer due to the PSI requirement, therefore, we will need to work more efficiently and with greater co-operation to achieve all of our missions and goals.

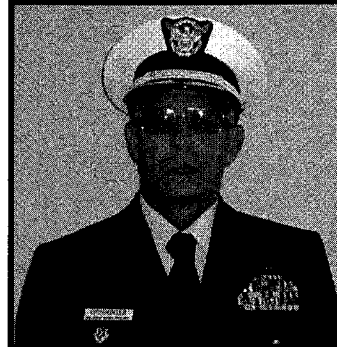
Since taking over this position in July, I have not encountered any problems which have needed my attention. The District Staff Officers are handling their staff position efficiently. If and when problems do arise I will do my best to help solve them.

At the present time, my primary role has been to gather monthly reports and to compile them for submission to the VCO. This has taken the pressure off the VCO so he can direct his time and attention to matters of more importance. ✱

Harold N. Miller, D-CL D5-NR
Covington, PA

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DISTRICT CHIEF OF PREVENTION D-CP



The position of District Chief of Prevention (D-CP), 5NR, has been underway for 9 months as of this report for this issue of Topside. It was kind of a slow start while I was trying to find out what, if any, problems any of the DSOs I have a responsibility for may be having.

There were a few problems with things like, some of our member's training not being able to be entered into the system in a timely manner, which at the present time has been corrected. We also had a few bad VSC Decals where the backing would not come off the decal, which did not create any major problems because we had enough decals in the 5NR to take care of this problem.

There are still a few problems that are being worked on as of this issue of Topside. With the use of Chiefs, in our 5NR, it helps because it puts another set of eyes on a smaller amount of DSOs, rather than having so many report direct to our Vice Commodore (VCO). With this, the Chiefs have the time to work on any problem within their area of responsibility, to hopeful completion.

From the reports I have been receiving from our DSOs, things are moving along. There are a few areas that we are not up to where we were this time last year, but we still have a few months to go, as of this issue.

I am not going to give you a long report because you will find out what is going on as far as my position, as District - Chief of Prevention, goes when you read the comments made by the DSOs who report to me.

Just as a reminder, the DSOs I am responsible for are: DSO-AN; DSO-MT; DSO-PA; DSO-PE; DSO-PV and DSO-VE. Don't just read their reports but read all the reports to keep you informed as to what is going on in our 5NR District. ✱

Alfred O. Grimminger, D-CP
Middletown, DE

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AVIATION PROGRAM

AVIATION IN 5NR

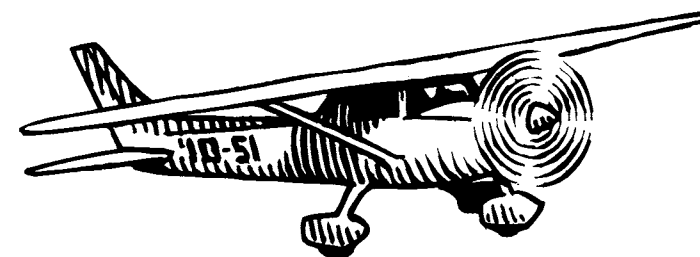
Aviation in the 5 Northern area continues to perform its mission successfully. The typical weekly mission includes MOMS patrols, formal intercept training with the active duty Coast Guard, pollution patrols and area familiarization trips for active duty Coast Guard and DHLS personnel.

The ability to maintain currency for auxiliary pilots and observers with expanding requirements has been a continuing challenge to keep the squadron flying. This challenge has been caused by the marriage of POMS and the other computer systems used by the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. However, with the assistance of Rick Huber the ADSO for Administration and LT Ben Walton our Liaison Officer at the Air Station in Atlantic City we have worked through all of the challenges. They both need to be commended for their outstanding performance.

The month of October (October 28) there will be CRM, EGRESS, and water (swim) qualification program held. This is expected to be the last program held by 5NR this year. Anyone needing this or who would like to join the program should plan on attending. The contact for more information should be Wes Pace DSO - AV, Dick Heller ADSO Operations, Rick Huber ADSO Administrations, or Stu Brown ADSO Training.

Finally, we need more planes and qualified pilots along with several observers. Although our program is small it adds significantly to the work of the active Coast Guard. ✱

Wesley R. Pace, DSO-AV
Wenonah, NJ



AUXILIARIST AT WWII BOMBER FLY-IN



Joseph Giannattasio VFC 82 ready to board B-24 Liberator

Joe Giannattasio VFC 82 is a regular participant at area Airshows providing information, membership opportunities and benefits on the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Auxiliary Air Program. So it is no surprise that when offered a ride on a vintage WWII bomber, Joe readily accepted.

A recent Fly-In event at the Naval Air Station Wildwood Museum at Cape May County Airport featured three WWII bombers; a Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress, B-24J Liberator, and a B-25J Mitchell. One of the event's producers recognized Joe from past airshows and asked if he would like to ride along in one of the bombers enroute to the next event at Mercer/Trenton Airport, NJ.

Joe, who is a private pilot and Observer Trainee in the Aux Air Program chose "Witchcraft" a B-24 which saw combat in the Pacific and is the sole flying example of a B-24 Liberator. Although the weather was overcast, it couldn't dampen the experience of flying in an artifact of history. ✱

Article and photos by Bruce Long, Div 8, IPDCP
Del Haven, NJ



Joe Giannattasio peers out the starboard side gun portal

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

By the time you receive this report the operational season will almost be completed. The ATON/PATON program ran smoothly and efficiently with no major problems this year. The team only had half as many PATON inspections to complete in 2006.

This was because we made an all out effort in 2005 to inspect every PATON that is listed in the Light list or ATONIS. Most PATONS are inspected on a three year basis. If we can inspect half every year we will never be behind and there will be fewer Discrepancies to contend with.

Our team ADSOs have done a commendable job of scheduling and reporting all inspections and discrepancies. Don Bowes ADSO-AN-(W) stated that he now has enough Aid Verifiers to complete the inspections of the six hundred plus Pennsylvania State owned Aids in the western rivers and lakes. Don and Ted Piotrowski have spent untold hours training and qualifying over twenty new PAVs needed to carry out the task. John Fuller ADSO-AN Ant Philadelphia and Ken McGowan ADSO-AN Ant Cape May have created rotating schedules to complete the required inspections. Both John and Ken have been qualified and certified by the Coast Guard to make entries into the ATONIS system. This makes both the PA Private Aid Program and D5NR Private Aid program run almost completely by Auxiliary personnel

John Fuller mentioned in his report that the entire leadership of Ant Philadelphia has changed. I personally worked with OINC Chief Chris Beahr at Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook for four years and he knows the capabilities of the Auxiliary. He is a dedicated leader and we should have a great working relationship.

The main problem we have is getting members interested in the ATON/PATON programs. It is a fallacy that you have to be an Aid Verifier to participate in our programs. A member should be trained to do Chart Updating, Bridge Verifications and Discrepancies. This can be done on the Flotilla, Division or District level. The Aid Verifier Qualification is only required to inspect State and Federally approved and registered Aids.

I believe our team has met and exceeded the goals and expectations that I proposed in the fall of last year. They deserve a Big Bravo Zulu. They make my job a pleasure to do. ✱

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



COMMUNICATION SERVICES

The importance of the Flotilla Point of Contact (POC) in the 5th Northern:

The Flotilla Point of Contact is the "first line of offense" for disseminating information via e-mail. E-mail is the main form of communication in the Auxiliary and the Flotilla POC is the person responsible for keeping all flotilla members informed when information is communicated via e-mail. His/her job keeping members informed plays a vital role not only in communications, but also is major factor in the morale of flotilla members. An uninformed membership can also become a disgruntled membership.

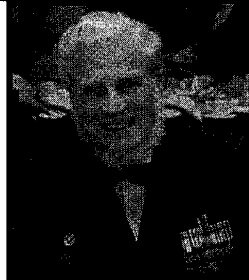
The POC list was originally created to facilitate a method for the general public, and Auxiliary members, to contact Auxiliary flotillas for information. The National Flotilla Finder on the National web site contained members' e-mail addresses for all Auxiliary flotillas. Unfortunately, some of the POCs did not respond to inquiries and inquiries are now channeled through the National office. However, the 5th Northern still maintains a District POC list to keep members informed with the latest available information. It is important that Flotilla Commanders know who their POCs are and ascertain that the POCs are forwarding all information.

The Point of Contact e-mail list for all 5NR flotillas is maintained by the DSO-CS to "broadcast" important information to all flotillas. When information is to be forwarded to all D5NR members it is sent to the DSO-CS who in turn forwards it the flotilla POCs. This method is very effective as long as the POCs forward the messages to all of their flotilla members. This means printing the messages and forwarding the "printed word" to members without computers. This may be accomplished at flotilla meetings or by regular mail, but the messages must reach all members.

It is important that all POCs keep their e-mail addresses current in AUXDATA as those are the addresses used to contact the POCs. It is helpful if the POC remains static so a stable communication environment can be maintained. However, when a flotilla changes its POC the DSO-CS must be notified so the POC e-mail list can be updated accordingly so the flow of information is not interrupted.

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*



MEMBER TRAINING

Once again the boating season is virtually over for another year. Gone is the surge of activity inspecting boats, patrolling the waters, and visiting sites to deliver boating literature. It is a very busy time of the year for most Auxiliarists. Let us not forget the boating safety classes that consumed many of us this summer. This year, particularly in New Jersey with the new mandatory requirements, the public response has been overwhelming. Now we are in the part of the year where we should think about us. What areas do I need improvement or perhaps are there other Auxiliary activities which might be of interest to me? How are we doing on recruitment and as important retention?

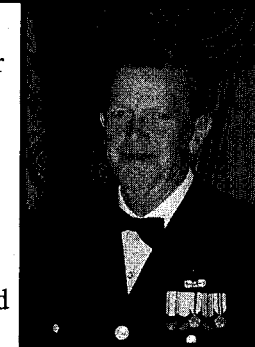
What has this got to do with member training? The short answer is plenty! Improvement comes from increased knowledge or practice or greater involvement. It also comes from realizing there are other opportunities for me within the Auxiliary which, once tried, can be fulfilling and fun. Take the time this time of year to take advantage of the many training programs available to you.

Qualification courses are available for Boat Crew, Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor and Instructor. If you have already achieved these certifications consider mentoring others within your flotilla. Mentoring is not only good for the student but also forces you to learn more about some aspects of the subject you thought you knew. Contact your Flotilla Commander to see where the needs are.

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

Finally, we have the AUXOP courses in weather, patrols, search and rescue, navigation, communication, and seamanship. Completion of all six courses attains the prestigious status of being an AUXOP member.

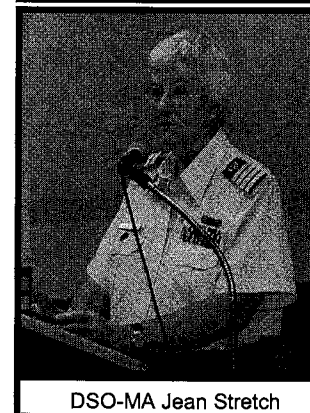
There is also a wealth of training resources on the



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

National Training Department website. There is material for AUXOP, Administrative Procedures, and Instructor courses. A special section offers value-added topics such as electronic communication, the new member: the first six months, program management, and others. The website also contains portals to Incident Command System training, Auxiliary "C" School courses, and the Coast Guard correspondence courses. Finally links for manuals on a variety of subjects can be used for even more training topics. Visit this website and other department websites to discover the vast dimensions of the Auxiliary. Enjoy, have fun. ✱

MATERIALS



DSO-MA Jean Stretch

Bargains remain a universal attraction to shoppers. This was a reality at our fall conference District Store. Friday evening, until almost midnight, and continuing through Saturday. Members took advantage of our inventory reduction sale. All exited the store happy with their bargains and "the merchants" returned to

Brigantine grateful to all our customers who made our sale a success.

Currently, Auxiliarists using a credit card, may order directly from the Auxiliary Center, St. Louis, (AUXCEN). A percentage of these sales will be returned quarterly to D5-NR. Remember, our district store still maintains inventory and will continue to accept orders accompanied with a check or money order. All orders for educational materials are faxed to AUXCEN on the day received.

Always available to our members via phone, we are happy to answer all questions regarding items listed in the D5-NR district store price list.

We appreciate our members continued purchases from our district store. Further reducing our inventory will truly support our commitment to support the many programs of D5-NR. ✱

*Sue Wade & Jean Stretch, DSO-MAs
"THE MERCHANTS OF D5-NR"*

SUPPORT THE 5(NR) DISTRICT STORE
http://www.5nr.org/dso/ma/district_store.php

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

Thank you all for making 2006 a successful year. Each year that goes by seems to improve on the previous one. Despite the heat and the rain, you all managed to pull off a big event.

Don't forget to have a meeting to critique your efforts. Were there glitches? Remember, if something didn't go the way it was planned, you're probably the only one who was aware of it. It happens to all of us.

As I have always maintained, Safe Boating Week is something that could (and should) go on all year, depending on where you live. Snowbirds can practice it during the winter months. Make use of your vacation time - improve the water safety record while you have fun in the sun. Florida is also an ideal place to put into effect the Waterway Watch program. Teaching boating safety classes is another means of educating the public.

Let's aim for a fabulous NSBW 2007. Now's the time to start planning for it.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a very happy and healthy new year. ☼

*Muriel G. Lewis
SPO-NSBW D5-NR
Haverford, PA*



Muriel Lewis,
SPO-NSBW

MARINE SAFETY

Unfortunately for those of us in the M Program, things have not changed much in the past few months.

Although there are many PQSs in the Trident Program, be advised that the opportunities we can currently pursue are in the areas of Commercial Fishing, Uninspected Passenger Vessel, Marine Environmental Education Specialist, Marine Safety Administrative & Management Specialist and possibly Marine Safety Watchstander. I say possibly because the Atlantic Strike Team currently has a number of Auxiliaries standing watch, but the Strike Team wrote their own PQS, which is not recognized by the Auxiliary M Program. It amounts to local practice as defined in Trident Bulletin #10. Should they change to the MSW PQS as written they could qualify their Watchstanders under the Trident guidelines. I'm sure Ellen Voorhees, the AUXULO to the Strike Team could use more people, so if you are interested please contact her.

The Prevention side in Philadelphia advises that they have a lot of new people to train right now. As we well know, space is limited by the constraints of the building. We remain committed to the program and will do whatever is necessary to support Sector Delaware Bay. Our support, in whatever form it takes, is based upon the needs of the Department. We are standing by to answer the call from the Coast Guard. ☼

*Lyn A. Thomas, DSO-MS
Cedar Run, NJ*



Lyn Thomas
DSO-MS



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

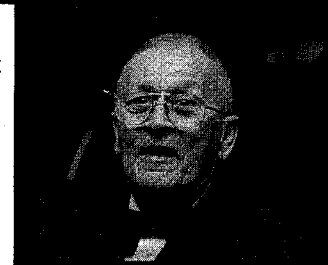
The new Boating Safety Exhibit was at the fall conference, Harrisburg, PA. The new display will have tremendous graphics and lighting. It also includes an acrylic literature stand. It features a "You're in Command" banner superimposed on a 8' X 10' graphic of young people boating. The display may be used for boat shows or other events. (The display will breakdown into two bags for transporting). We have received a total of three displays for D5NR, from Dennis Sens D5 RBS, Portsmouth, VA, thanks to funding from DIRAUX. That translates to 1 display each for DE, NJ and PA!

As DSO-PA 5NR I will be in charge of the displays. All Divisions and Flotillas in D5NR may use the displays for boat shows etc... Your request for the display must be in writing. I will work on a form for the request. My address is 35600 Joann Drive, Millsboro, DE 19966 - phone 302-945-3632 - e-mail uscgaioh@dmv.com. I am also working on the transporting of the displays.

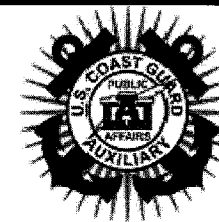
PSI: We in D5NR will be losing members for not completing PSI requirements. It is our duty as PA Officers to get the word to the public to join the Auxiliary. Remember we are the salespeople for the Auxiliary and we must sell our product to the public to join.

AUXDATA - I went into AUXDATA and was a little disappointed with 35 Flotillas not having any articles in the newspapers etc., plus 7 Flotillas not having any PA's at all as of 24 August 2006. I would like to know how these Flotillas get membership, public for PE Classes etc., if they do not advertise. ☼

John P. Bernath DSO-P A 5NR



NEW PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISPLAY FOR D5-NR



PUBLIC AFFAIRS Boating Safety Exhibit Request

Name: _____

Member #: _____

Flotilla/Division: _____

USCG Sector/Station: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Date needed: _____

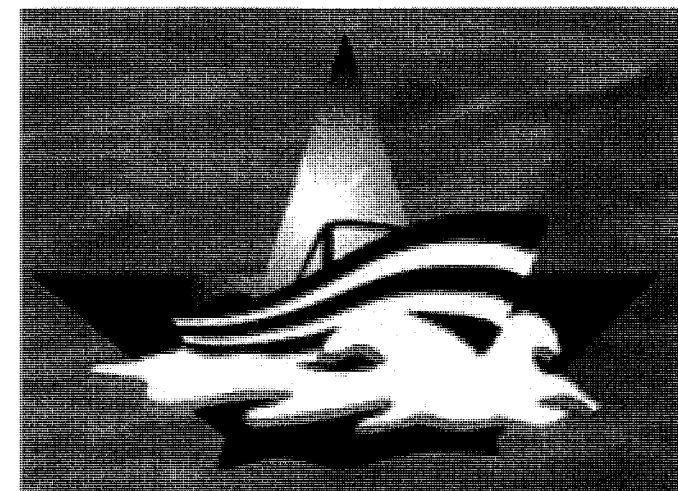
Needed for Event: _____

The display will be first come, first serve basis. The request should be two to three weeks prior to the event. Still working on the shipping and handling cost etc.....of the display. Any questions, please contact me at (302) 945-3632.

The display features "Your in Command" banner superimposed on an 8ft by 10ft graphic of young people boating. It also includes an acrylic literature stand and lighting. We have three displays in our area.

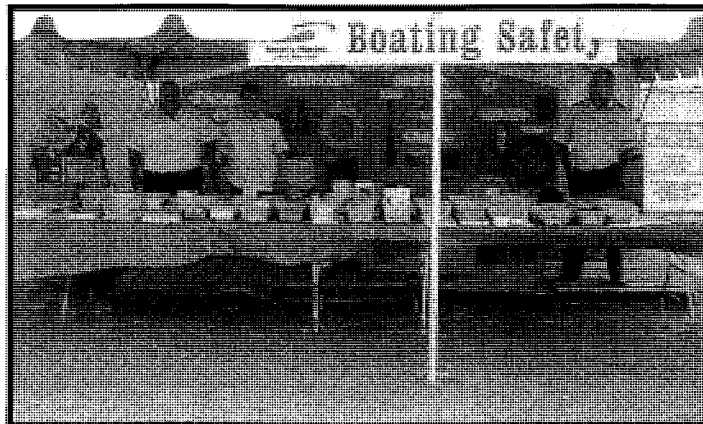
Send request to:
John P. Bernath, DSO-PA, D5-NR
35600 Joann Drive
Millsboro, DE 19966

(form subject to change as details are finalized)



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INFORMATION BOOTH SUCCESS

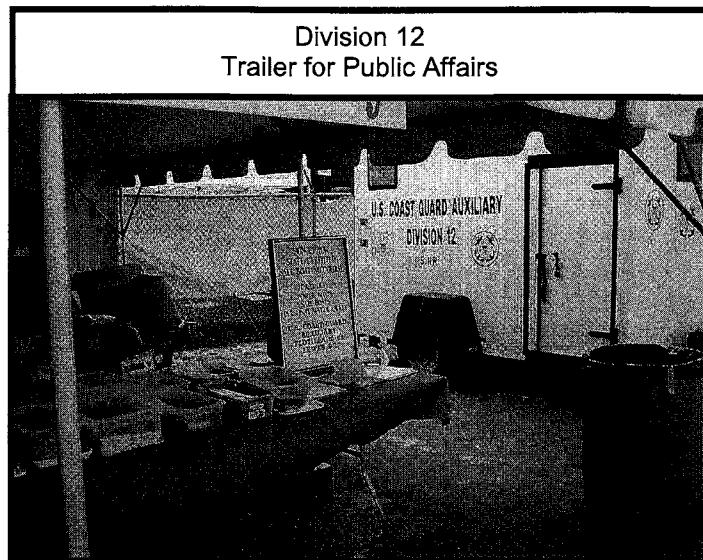


Left to right:
David Nagle 12-2, Joy Nagle 12-2,
Raymond Gurdinak FSO-12-2

Labor Day Weekend Shorts Marine,
Millsboro, DE

The wonders of the Information Booth, 50 of the public signed up for Public Educations Classes, 12 signed up for Vessel Safety Checks and 7 signed up to join the Auxiliary, for one weekend this was great. ✱

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



UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY

PUBLIC EDUCATION

At long last, we are seeing an increase in the enrollments in our state-certification courses. During the first six months of 2006, we taught 9,219 students in these courses. This compares to 5,079 students over the same six months in 2005.

Drilling down into these numbers shows that virtually all of this increase is from New Jersey. The stimulus for this increase is undoubtedly the new law in New Jersey that mandates that all boaters with but few exceptions have a boating safety course with a phase-in period ending June 1, 2009.

It is useful to review what occurred in Pennsylvania when it mandated that some boaters, though not all, be required to have state-certification. We saw a big increase in the number of certificates issued by the state. The number of students taught by the Auxiliary also increased but not nearly as great a percentage. After the initial demand was satisfied, the number of certificates issued by the state declined with a corresponding decrease in the number of students taught by the Auxiliary.

Thus, it is likely that the number of students taught in New Jersey will continue to be at its new high level and possibly at a greater level through the Spring of 2009. Thereafter, I predict that the number of students will decrease rapidly as the primary source for new students will be just new boaters. We need to think about how the Auxiliary can capitalize on this large, but temporary increase in students.

Comparing the first sixth months of 2006 to those of 2005, Pennsylvania saw a decrease from 1,427 students to 1,192 students. Most of this decrease was due to a drop in enrollments in BS&S from 603 to 380. In Delaware, there was a slight increase in students from 368 to 397. In both Delaware and Pennsylvania, the short courses held their own.

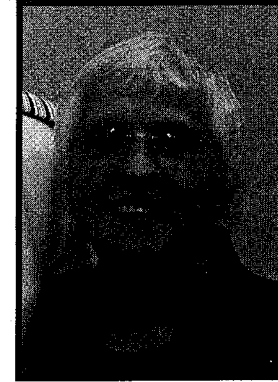
We must be proactive in promoting our courses. There are two simple things to do: First, we must publicize our courses by completing intent-to-teach forms. By completing such a form, a flotilla can advertise its course on the 5th Northern website and other places, such as Sector Delaware Bay. The 5th Northern website is found through search engines that direct potential students to the National website and then to our website. Second, we need to teach more short courses. I realize that some in the Auxiliary believe that short courses are much less effective than BS&S, which is true. However, it is still better to teach something to boaters than nothing at all. ✱

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

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Eastern Area ADSO-PS and FSO-PS, George Ogilvie is an example of dedication and commitment to recruiting new and valuable members for the Auxiliary. He recruits with skill, determination and PERSONAL CONTACT. The following article contains his opinions and methods of recruiting new members.

Astrida V. Miller DSO-PS



I'm sure you have all heard many times that recruiting in the Auxiliary is everyone's job. Unfortunately, sometimes the recruiter's job is performed without the benefit of teamwork. The important function performed by team workers occurs when they refer candidates for membership to the FSO-PS Officer (hereafter called the Recruiter). On average, there are no better potential new members than those identified and recommended by current Flotilla members. The recruiter should encourage his/her fellow members to refer people that he/she knows, respects, and trusts to join your Flotilla. For instance, I'm a fortunate recruiter because my fellow members recommend or usually bring a potential candidate for membership to one of our meetings, either a breakfast meeting that we have (primarily for fellowship) every Wednesday morning or one of our monthly Flotilla meetings. Who do they bring? They bring people they know they would be proud to serve along side. I don't suggest you make one solitary appeal to your membership but rather establish an on-going program to identify the need for new members, the benefits of growth, the need for diversity of skills, education and background to help your Flotilla expand with candidates you believe will become dedicated, loyal, and productive members.

Should your fellow Auxiliarists only recommend people they know? Absolutely not, but it is an easy way to ease them into the mode of prospecting for new members. I'm told by the Director of Personnel for our district that most new members are recruited nationwide from our boating classes. If you are not doing well in this area you may look for weak links in your classroom recruiting efforts. Does the Flotilla

Recruiter give a 4 or 5 minute recruiting presentation to the class? If not, do it! Develop a brief, to the point sales pitch highlighting bonafide reasons/benefits for joining the Auxiliary. We are a solid, respected, proud and productive organization with an impressive record of accomplishments performed by top notch people. Don't be shy, tell them so.

Do your instructors do a good job? If so, the students will undoubtedly be impressed and this may give them added reason to join. Be sure to have USCG Auxiliary handouts for the students and each piece of literature should have the Recruiter's name and phone number on it. Invite anyone seeking additional information to meet with you after class. Invite members of the class to your next Flotilla meeting. If you can, offer to pick up, drive to the meeting and return the individual home after the meeting. There is nothing like having a captive audience.

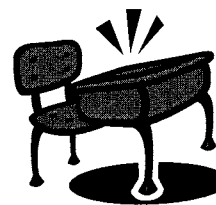


RAPID REFERRAL RESPONSE

Referrals occur when a fellow Auxiliarist or a third party refers an individual that has expressed an interest in obtaining information regarding the USCG Auxiliary. The inquiry may be from the USCG Auxiliary National Website or a phone inquiry obtained by the sender from published Auxiliary literature. Both the website and phone inquiries are passed on to your Flotilla by a member of the National staff. Whatever the source of the inquiry, it is essential that the Recruiter or his/her designee make contact with the referral as soon as possible. When days go by without making a quick response, the prospect's enthusiasm begins to subside. If you wait too long and the prospect cools off, you now have a heavy selling job to get your prospect back up (if you can) to the level of interest he or she originally started with. A rapid response also has the added benefit of indicating to the prospect that the Auxiliary organization is highly responsive. When he/she is interested enough to make an inquiry, that's the time to make contact while his/her interest is at a high level. Briefly stated, don't give them the chance to cool off, strike while the iron is hot.

A FEW TIPS ON CLOSING

- Be confident but never overconfident. Displaying overconfidence is a good way to lose a prospect.
- Don't be shy. Don't hesitate to ask your prospect (when conditions are favorable) if he would like to join the Auxiliary.



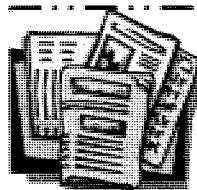
PERSONNEL SERVICES

- Don't hesitate to ask experts in your flotilla to answer your prospect's questions that you cannot fully answer.
- Sit with your prospect and assist him/her in filling out all the application papers.
- Drive your prospect to the Fingerprint Technician's location. This is optional but I do it because it's the last step in the application process and I want everything to go smoothly.
- Be a good listener and you will probably learn much more about your prospect than you would otherwise. It will also help you to earn his/her respect.

Note: The above suggestions and opinions are based solely on my recruiting experiences as an FSO-PS and as ADSO-PS. The opinions expressed represent my strong beliefs; I did no outside research for this article. If you differ with any of my suggestions and you are successful in doing it your way, stay with what makes you successful. If not, as Frank used to say, "Do it my way." ❀

*George Ogilvie ADSO-PS
Forked River, NJ*

Astrida V. Miller, DSO-PS D5-NR



Editors Note:

As PB officer for my Flotilla, Division and the District, I request my IS officers to give me the names and contact information for all perspective members. I then add them to our distribution lists immediately. That way they begin to feel that they are already part of our "family." It costs nothing if the information is sent electronically, and a few pennies if we need to send hard copies. It keeps them interested while waiting for their paperwork to be approved, and informs them of activities taking place at the Flotilla and Division levels that may interest them. ❀

*Edna M. Winans DSO-PB
Manahawkin, NJ*



OPERATIONS

As the boating season winds down we can be proud of a job well done. Our District completed over 700 patrols which included Safety, Regatta and Chart updating, spending over 3300 hours of on the water operations. Several crew schools were held throughout the district maintaining our high standard of competency.

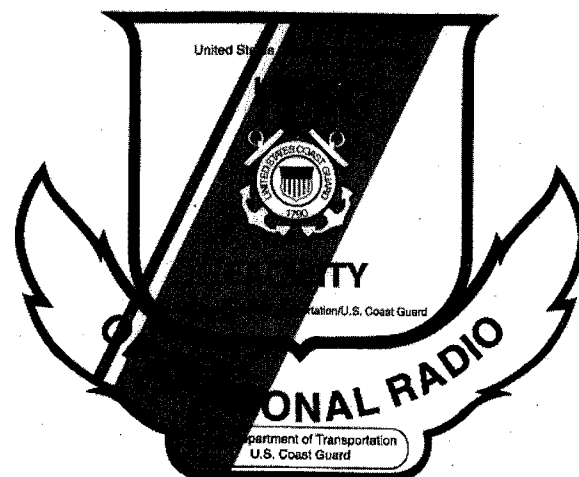


DSO-OP Mickey deFerrari

This year an Operations Workshop was not mandatory but several divisions conducted on the water drills, as well as workshops. It is always beneficial to review proper Patrol and SAR procedures in the beginning of the season. In the Eastern Area, the Coast Guard took part in our Operations Workshops and kept us informed of their needs and the proper procedures to follow when we patrolled in their AOR. The use of cell phones and proper radio procedures was also reviewed. This insures that when our season started we were properly trained to be professional on the water.

Our Operations Officers on the Division level are very capable and skilled in their duties. They along with our experienced ADSOs are the reason we have had such a successful year. It has been a pleasure working with such an outstanding staff. ❀

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



PUBLICATIONS

Completion of this issue signifies my one year anniversary for publishing the TOPSIDE. I have appreciated your kind words and patience during my learning issues. I still have a long way to go to meet the quality publication delivered to your doors by my predecessor, mentor and friend Mel Borofsky.



That being said, I would like to reiterate the importance of the material sent in by you the members. The quality of the content of each issue rests entirely on each member's shoulder. I know each Flotilla and Division experience news worthy events on a regular basis. It could be a milestone member anniversary, accomplishment, or heroic act. In addition, a Change of Watch, Patrol, teaching a safe boating classes, or manning information tables. We are interested in documenting any and all of those activities for TOPSIDE.

District Staff Officers, the TOPSIDE is a perfect instrument for communicating your thoughts and wishes to your constituents as well as to your superiors. If you don't have the time or inclination to submit something, let your ADSO have a stab at it. Of course, you need to approve or co-sign the article (see DSO-PS Astrida Miller's column in this issue).

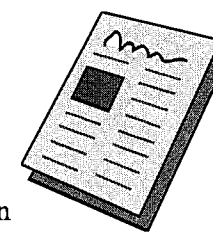
I am committed to continue to improve the TOPSIDE to the best of my ability. With your collective assistance we will once again have an award winning publication.

Remember, the ground rules for when you submit a document: If you are going to submit photographs electronically, please submit them in jpeg format whenever possible. Photographs that are embedded in Microsoft Word and PDF take extra steps to separate them from the text resulting in degraded photo quality.

I am also pleased to announce that Robert Whyland has accepted the position of ADSO-PB for the Western area. Bob has already proved to be a valuable asset to the PB team.

Please continue to send all of your articles for publication to your respective ADSO. Detailed contact information for the entire PB team is located on the inside front cover of this issue.

Also, don't forget to send **hard** copies of your Division and Flotilla newsletters to your ADSOs by mid November, or to me directly by December 1st. In order for your newsletter to be eligible for the Division



and Flotilla Publications Awards I need to get them to Lee Crossman by December 15th. I missed the deadline last year but I will not miss it in the future (see below).

Last but not least, I would like to personally extend my appreciation to Carolyn Otto ADSO-PB (C) for assembling/editing the Around the District portion of this issue. Her extraordinary support was of immeasurable value. I couldn't have done it on time without you Carolyn.

Once again, thanks in advance for your continued support.

Edna M. Winans DSO-PB, Manahawkin, NJ

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

**D5NR Auxiliary Policy Manual
D5NRINST M16790.1B**

Chapter 12, Page 12-4

5. Awards Presented by the District Board to Individuals.

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

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

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

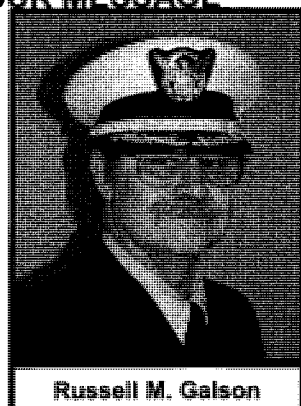
In addition to your Flotilla members, send a copy of each newsletter to the following:

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

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PARTICIPATING VISITOR

COMMUNICATING OUR MESSAGE

Just how effective are we at getting our message to our customers in the RBS-PV Program? How do most people actually find out about boating safety? Interestingly enough, in 2005 the Strategic Research Group published the results of a National Recreation Boating Survey that clearly shows how information is transmitted and received. It is worth a look to understand the value we each contribute when we are on our missions. Think about how you might answer the following question. You will find some of the feedback surprising.



Russell M. Galson

From where did you see, read, or hear information about boating safety?

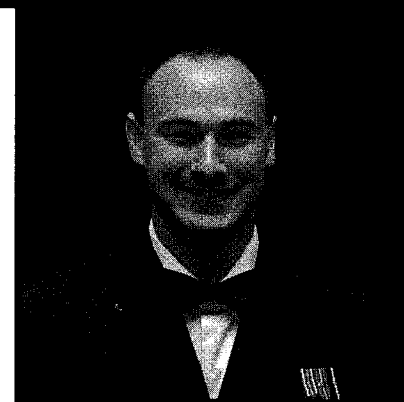
The survey allowed participants to pick as many categories that were part of their experience. Here are the results.

Magazines	42.0%
Television	41.9%
Newspapers	35.0%
Personal communication with someone	30.6%
Equipment catalog or brochures	26.5%
Boat launches or ramp	25.1%
Posters or Billboards	21.1%
Marina or Yacht club	18.0%
Boat Show	17.7%
Radio	17.2%
Local Notice to Mariners	16.7%
Newsletters	15.4%
Marine Dealer or retailer	12.8%
Internet	11.5%
Marine enforcement officer	9.9%
Boating event	7.1%
Boating Course	7.0%
Other Sources	6.1%

Many of these communication platforms are used in several of our programs to help the recreational boater become more aware of boating safety and security issues. The most important factor in how well our RBS-PV program functions is you! You are making difference! ✱

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

WELCOME CWO PHILIP PINTO



CWO Pinto was welcomed aboard at the D5-NR Fall Conference in Harrisburg. He fills the previously vacant OTO billet and is a welcome addition to the Director's Office at Sector Delaware Bay.

Chief Warrant Officer Pinto enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in June of 1992 and his chosen career path was the Boatswains Mate rating. He advanced to Chief Petty Officer, and on 1 June 2006, received a commission as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Pinto has served one tour of duty ashore as the Executive Petty Officer of Aids to Navigation Team Astoria, Oregon and is currently the Operations and Training Officer for the Fifth District Northern Region Auxiliary office.

Chief Warrant Officer Pinto has served five tours of duty aboard cutters; USCGC FIREBUSH (WLB 393) Kodiak, Alaska; USCGC CLAMP (WLI 75306) Galveston, Texas; USCGC SEDGE (WLB 402) Homer, Alaska; USCGC STORIS (WHEC 38) Kodiak, Alaska; as Executive Officer aboard USCGC BLUEBELL (WLI 313) Portland, Oregon. Personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Letter of Commendation (three awards) and various other unit and service awards.

Chief Warrant Officer Pinto is a native of The Dalles, Oregon.

The Auxiliary of D5NR welcomes CWO Pinto to Philadelphia and the 5th Northern. ✱

Article Harry Dyer, DSO-CS
Photo by Edna M. Winans DSO-PB

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. ✱

Adams, Carol M.	13-6	Licitra, Joseph M.	83
Adams, Robert J.	13-6	Logan, William G.	7-12
Avery, Edward V., Jr	86	Lyter, Andrew J.	14-2
Baldini, Louis	42	Meyer, Franklin G.	16-10
Ballantyne, John L.	12-9	Miller, Johnnie	93
Billman, Dwight L.	52	Morgan, Lawrence D.	32
Bradshaw, Wayne A.	12-5	Morton, Kimberly R.	32
Brosig, Laura A.	92	Nittoli, Angelo	16-5
Brozoskie, Jeffrey	32	Osborne, Stephen F., Jr	65
Burton, Donald F., Jr	36	Parker, Stephen H.	86
Burton, Pamela J.	36	Patton, Andrew M.	10-5
Butrym, Edward J.	7-12	Perry, Mildred	10-2
Buxbaum, Alyssa K.	72	Pinkowski, James E..	7-12
Christin, Richard T.	16-1	Raheem, Anthony	6-10
Collins, John D.	84	Riehl, Robert	86
Corby, Simon	95	Reynolds, Michael	6-10
Courter, John R.	33	Robinson, Evans	81
Crann, Timothy M.	43	Rush, Edison C., II	38
Drewen, Tracy A.	52	Rush, Joan J.	38
Durham, Ronald L., Jr	74	Salgado, Luis	7-12
Eberhardt, Donald F.	16-3	Sardaro, Mark	43
Eltz, Kathleen A.	42	Scheideler, Harry J.	72
Ginnane, Anne M.	16-8	Schuster, John M.	14
Grochowski, Richard, Jr	35	Scott, Andrew B.	92
Gutekunst, Neil	42	Scott, Christine L.	92
Haas, Barbara A.	12-5	Sharpe, James M.	6-10
Harrison, Robert W.	93	Sivils, Henry K.	12-9
Hewitt, Sharon	72	Smith, Betty W.	12-4
Herman, Judy A.	14-1	Snyder, Joel R.	10-2
Hoeneveld, Christina M.	79	Squitieri, Louis R.	15-3
Hutton, Robert	12-4	Treffeisen, Clyde H.	2-10
Jordan, Charlotte A.	47	Walden, Roy A.	83
Kellon, Sherry L.	14-1	Weaver, Frederick, Jr	21
Kenny, John, Jr	82	Weber, Patrick M.	47
Kish, Zoran A.	74	Wollschlager, Arthur R.	12-4
Klein, Thomas	84	Yaskanich, Robert J.	92
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Lazarow, Brian A.	19		

SPRING 2007 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

SPRING 2007 AWARDS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM ATTENDEES

16 - 18 MARCH 2007

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

All Members - Use this form to make your conference and * meal reservations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12 FEBRUARY 2007

FORMS RECEIVED BEYOND THIS POSTMARK DATE WILL BE RETURNED

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

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

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

Division Number (REQUIRED): _____ E-mail: raglimelight@comcast.net

	#1	#2	Amount \$
Name/Phone			
E-mail Address			
Registration fee for each person 17 years of age & over @ \$7.50			
Friday Night Buffet @ \$21.00			
Saturday Buffet Breakfast @ \$10.00			
Saturday Awards Luncheon @ \$12.00			
Saturday Commodore's Banquet			
Beef Tenderloin @ \$22.00			
New Orleans Chicken @ \$22.00 (Chicken with Shrimp)			
Sunday Breakfast Buffet @ \$14.00			
Past Captain's Breakfast			
Member of PCA (No charge)			
Guest @ \$15.00 (A PCA member must make PCA guest reservation)			

(ALL MEMBERS) Check made out to USCG AUX 5NR for the TOTAL AMOUNT:

* Check must include cost of meals

Workshop/Event Selection

Golf: 9 Hole Tournament (Fri 1230) (Cost TBD)	AUXDATA Help Desk (all day Sat)	
AUXWEA Specialty Course (Fri, Sat & Sun)	Travel Claim Help Desk (Sat 1000-1200)	
Team Coordination Training (all day Sat)	DCP Meeting (Sat 1330-1400 +)	
Flotilla Commanders Academy (all day Sat)		
Spouse/Guest Program (see page 27) (Sat 0930)	Non-Denominational Service (Sun 0730-0830)	
Disaster Preparedness Training (Sat 1400-1600)		
Coastie (Sat)		
Operations Meeting (Sat 1400-1600)		

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 12 FEBRUARY 2007- FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE RETURNED

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SPRING 2007 CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATION

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM*

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve ☐ Single ☐ Double ☐ Non Smoking

☐ I have HANDICAP requirements.

Specify: _____

* NOTE: ALL MEMBERS MUST REGISTER

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

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

Deadline for reservations: 12 February 2007

One night's deposit required to guarantee room.

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

State that you are with the
US Coast Guard Auxiliary

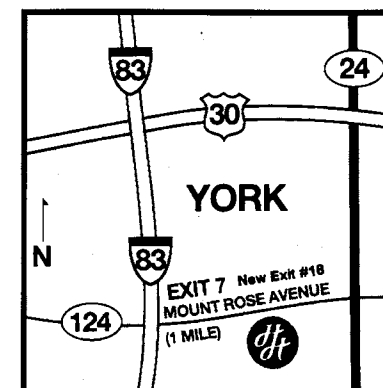
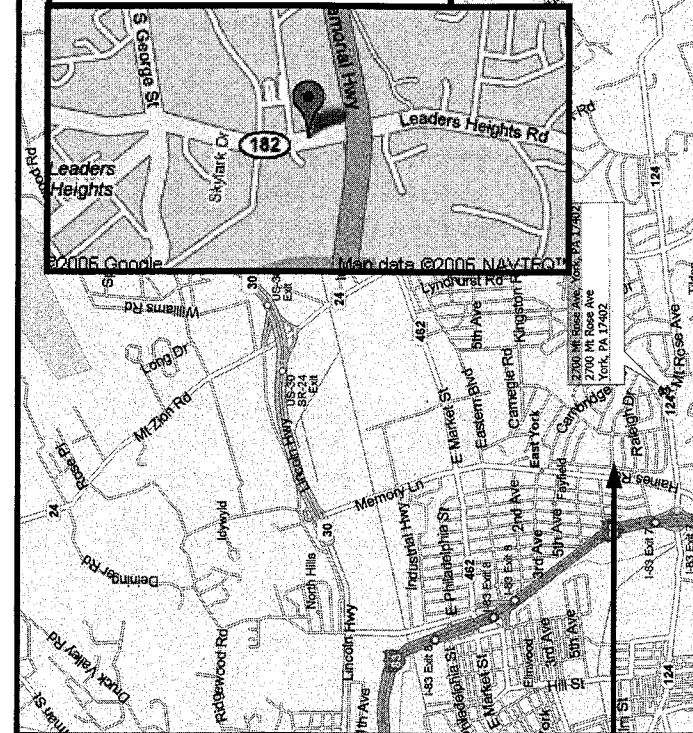
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Credit Card: A/E ___ DISC ___ MC ___ VISA ___

No.: _____ Expire: _____

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

The alternate hotel for
the conference is:
Holiday Inn Express
140 Leader Heights Blvd
York, PA
(717)-741-1000



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

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CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

The 2007 D5NR Spring Conference will be held again at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort and conference Center in York, PA on March 16, 17 and 18th. The overflow hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express at 140 Leader Heights Road in York, PA.

We have an excellent list of programs scheduled which should be of interest to everyone. The programs offered will be Flotilla Commander Academy, AUXWEA, TCT, Disaster Preparedness, and Operations Meeting. A golf outing is also scheduled.

The spouses/guests will have a fun program on "Wedding Memories." See page 27.

A reminder about the change in the conference registration procedure for the "Funded" members. **You must make your own reservations (funded or not).**

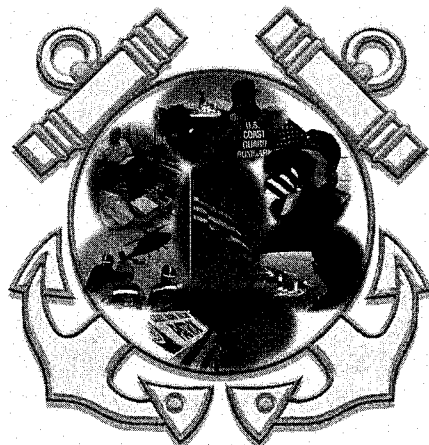
Funded and non-funded members will pay for all expenses (meals, lodging & registration) when registering for the Conference. The Coordinators will reserve a number of rooms with the hotel for the funded members, so it is imperative that the funded members planning to attend the conference register before the stated deadline as the rooms will be released after the deadline.

Following the Conference, the "funded" members will submit their travel orders which are obtained from DIRAUX to be reimbursed for their lodging, meals, and travel expenses.

Kevin Hurst will have a "Help" desk at the conference to assist in the completion of the "Travel Orders."

See you at the Conference!

Kevin Hurst, Elaine & Ralph Gilgenast
Conference Coordination Team, D5-NR



2007 FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 16

1230-1600 Golf Outing
(Register with Dudley Gallup at ddgallup@aol.com)

1500-2000 Registration Desk Open (Lobby)
1600-1800 Specialty Course (AUXWEA)
1800-2030 Member's Dinner
1930-2030 Division Captains' Caucus
1930-2030 District Staff Officers' Meeting
2100-2300 District Materials Center
2130-2330 "Welcome Aboard" Party

Saturday, March 17

0630-0830 Breakfast
0700-1145 Registration Desk Open (Lobby)
0800-1200 District Materials Center - Open
0800-1200 District Board Meeting
0800-1600 Specialty Course (AUXWEA continues)
0800-1600 Team Coordination Training (TCT)
0800-1600 Flotilla Commanders Academy
0800-1600 Auxdata Help Desk
0800-1600 Coastie
0930- Spouse Program
1000-1015 General Coffee Break
1000-1200 Travel Claim Desk (Help Desk)

1215-1330 LUNCH

1330-1400 Division Captains Meeting with DIRAUX
1400-1600 District Materials Center - Open
1400-1600 Operations Meeting
1400-1600 Disaster Preparedness
1600 Color Guard Rehearsal
1730-1830 COCKTAIL HOUR (Lobby)
1830-2200 BANQUET
2200-2330 Hospitality Suite

Sunday, March 18

0730-0830 Non-Denominational Prayer Service
0730-0900 Members' Breakfast
0800-1000 Past Captains' Breakfast
0900-1200 AUXWEA (Exam)
1000-1200 District EXCOM Meeting



SPRING 2007 CONFERENCE SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAM

You're Invited To Attend **"WEDDING MEMORIES"**

March 17, 2007

9:30 am

Hospitality Room

Heritage Hills Conference Center

York, PA

**Guests are encouraged to bring their
Wedding Photo/Album and
Wedding Dress**

I Will () I Will Not () be able to bring my Wedding Photo/Album

I Will () I Will Not () be able to bring my Wedding Dress

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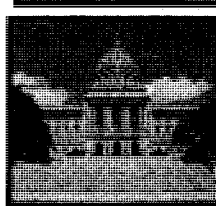
Please reply by 01 March 2007 to Jean Amort
200 Royal Grant Way Dover, DE 19901



CONFERENCE SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAMS

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There were eighteen attendees that took advantage of the awesome tour of the 100 year old Pennsylvania State Capitol building. In addition, they enjoyed a delightful luncheon in the private dining room. It was reported that a good time was had by all. *Photo T. Kehr*



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:

www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/VC/visitor_info/brown/capitols.htm

SPRING 2006

The following article was inadvertently omitted from the last issue. My apologies go out to our readers, the author Jeanne Brenner and Astrida Miller who made the fascinating and informative presenter. Edna M. Winans

Astrida Miller Gives Presentation On Latvia



When I first heard about the presentation on Latvia being given at the Conference, I asked Astrida, "what's Latvia?" I was clueless as to whether it was a person, place or thing. "Latvia is a country in Europe, between Lithuania and Estonia, on the Baltic Sea" Astrida replied. "In 1944, at the end of WWII it was taken over by Russia, along with other small countries and made part of the USSR. It was dominated by the USSR until 1991 when the USSR broke up and the countries obtained their independence. Anyway" Astrida continued, "I was born in Latvia in 1940. We left Latvia in 1944 along with 130,000 refugees and spent 5 years in Germany as a displaced person. We then immigrated to the US in 1949. And that's the short of a very long story."

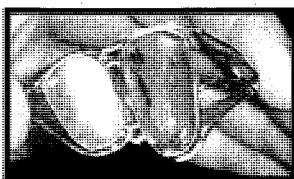


Always being an admirer of Astrida with her positive thinking and bountiful energy, I made the decision to attend her presentation at the

Spring Conference. I wasn't disappointed! Those who attended the spouse program were given a unique treat. Wearing one of the ceremonial costumes of Latvia,



Astrida greeted the attendees as they arrived. She also tantalized their taste buds with samplings of the native dishes of Latvia. She had pamphlets, picture albums and other items for people to see up close, including Baltic Amber. Amber dates to pre-historic times. It is fossilized resin of conifer trees formed by pressure and time. After strong storms, Amber nuggets can be found on the beaches of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.



Astrida began the

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presentation with the history of her native country, to include the takeover by Russia and the hardships everyone suffered. She went on to describe some of Latvia's traditions and customs. Along with the computer presentation, she had a video of one of the festivals held there and shared pictures of her family and herself as a child. Her father had already passed away when her mother made the decision to leave Latvia. Astrida went on to discuss what a person may choose to take with them when fleeing a country. She then showed us a picture of a sugar bowl that was originally in their Latvia home, which she now has in her possession (shown on the mantle in the picture above). She told us of her immigration to the USA and that her family, the Vanadzins, was sponsored by Jacob and Bertha Siwert in Ottsville, PA. They eventually settled in Quakertown. Astrida graduated from the Quakertown High School and went on to college to become a teacher. She also met and married Harold Miller (our Past RCO-W). She returned to Latvia in 1994 to be reunited with her relatives. As a teacher, Astrida then initiated a pen pal project during the 1997-1998 school term with her students and a class in Latvia.



Astrida's presentation, with the assistance of her son Scott as her video/computer expert, was exceptional. Her food samples were delicious and she even provided recipes for people to take with them. Several attendees were also the lucky winners of door prizes that included the amber necklace pictured above. Our thanks to

Astrida for sharing her history with us!! ❀

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

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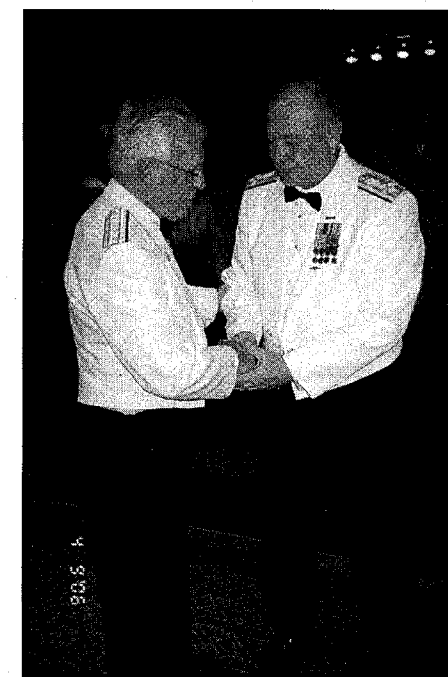
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Election Results:

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NACO: Steve Budar (Currently NAVCO)
NAVCO: Nick Kerigan (Currently ARCO(E))
ARCO(E): Peter Fernandez (DCO D7)
ARCO(W): Jim Vass (Currently DCO 8CR)
ARCO(P): Lois Conrado (Currently DCO 11SR)



National Bridge (elect)



D5-NR DCO Kehr meets Admiral Thad Allen

FALL CONFERENCE 2006 - HARRISBURG, PA

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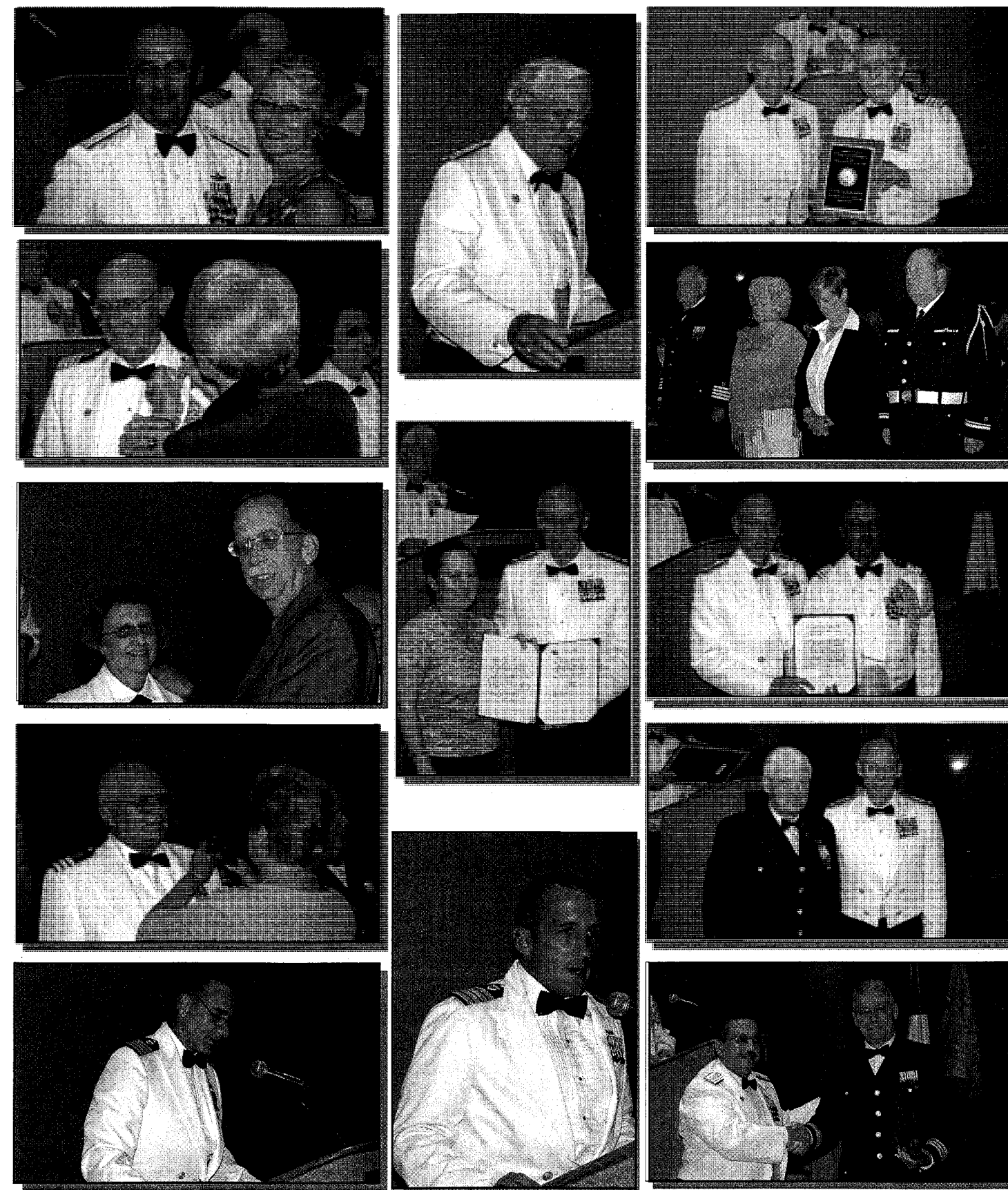
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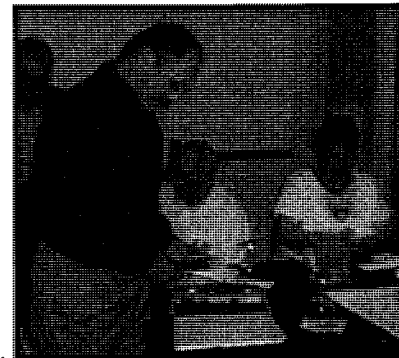
5NR SPRING CONFERENCE 10-12 MARCH

We arrived around noon on Friday, just in time to see the golfers off for their afternoon on the golf course at Heritage Hills Resort, York, PA. They were a jovial group, with Dudley Gallup as the coordinator. While there, we decided to have lunch while watching the "Tiger Woods wannabes" tee off. Regrettably, I did not have my camera with me so I didn't get any good candid shots.

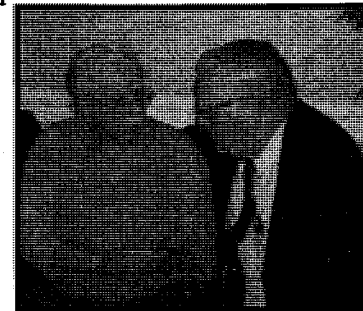
After lunch, we went to the conference registration desk to get our packet with tickets and event schedule. As we were in the overflow hotel (Holiday Inn Express) we wanted to check the schedule to see when we needed to return and where we would need to go. After getting all that squared away, we then went on to our hotel to register and get settled into our room.



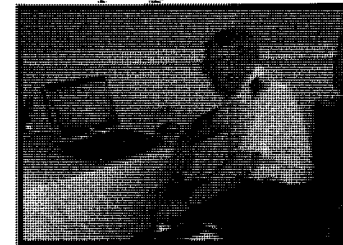
We returned that evening for the District Staff Meeting and greeted some of our Auxiliary friends that we hadn't seen since the 2005 Fall Conference. It was like old home week! Wally had a chance to chat with Mickey deFerrari and Harry Peterson (left). And I took the opportunity to take pictures. I snapped a few of people as they were arriving and getting situated for the meeting. All reports were quickly given and



one thing that was announced was that District has added three new District Staff positions, which are: Logistics D-CL: Cliff Dunn (now Harold Miller); Prevention D-CP: Al Grimminger; Response D-CR: Harry Peterson. This will all fall into place as the year progresses.



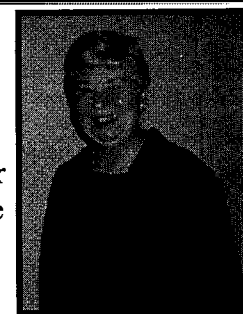
On Saturday, while Wally was busy with meetings, I attended the spouse program. What a treat that was for me! Astrida Miller gave a wonderful presentation on her native country of Latvia. We not only received a lesson in geography but one in history too. And, we even had a sampling of the specialty foods of Latvia, prepared by Astrida. She came prepared with pictures, video, slides, recipes, and even wore one of the ceremonial costumes from Latvia (pictured here)! She told us of her immigration to the USA and her life experiences. Her presentation was wonderful, and the food was delicious! (More detailed story in this issue.)



I cruised around the various displays available, including the Historian's, checking out some of the Auxiliary's history. I also took the opportunity to have hands-on instruction on accessing AuxInfo. And it was SO EASY!



Saturday evening members gathered in the banquet hall for dinner. Elaine Gilgenast slowed down long enough for me to snap a picture of her as she was welcoming attendees to the banquet (right). I also caught Edna Winans and Astrida Miller taking a breather before the Festivities began (left).



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Once we entered the banquet hall, I made my way around the room taking a few snapshots. Pictured here are Thelma and Leon Kehr, DCO, (left) and Jean and Bob Amort, VCO, (right).



At the beginning of the evening, we realized we were seated with people we didn't know so introductions were made around the table. As it turned out, our table companions kept things lively

with their unique sense of humor and fun loving ways. We learned some of them were part of the ISAR Team that competed in 2005 and they were recruiting other interested members for this year's competition.



Between courses, Commander Rogerson made his way around the room, greeting members and guests. By my observation, everyone was having a great time and many were making plans to meet at the Fall Conference in September.



The food was good, and the fellowship was great! This event was a reminder to me of the basic reasons we joined the Auxiliary, and that was to learn more about boating and be around people with the same interest!



The Color Guard also did a wonderful job again at this conference and was quite impressive looking too! Ron Boice, has done a great job organizing and training this team.

Elaine and Ralph Gilgenast are also to be commended for a wonderful job, coordinating this event.

And last, but not least, we cannot forget the wonderful refreshments organized by the bridge spouses for the hospitality room! Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable weekend!

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

The article above also was inadvertently omitted from the last issue. Once again, I must apologize to Jeannie Brenner for missing publishing such an excellent article in a more timely manner.

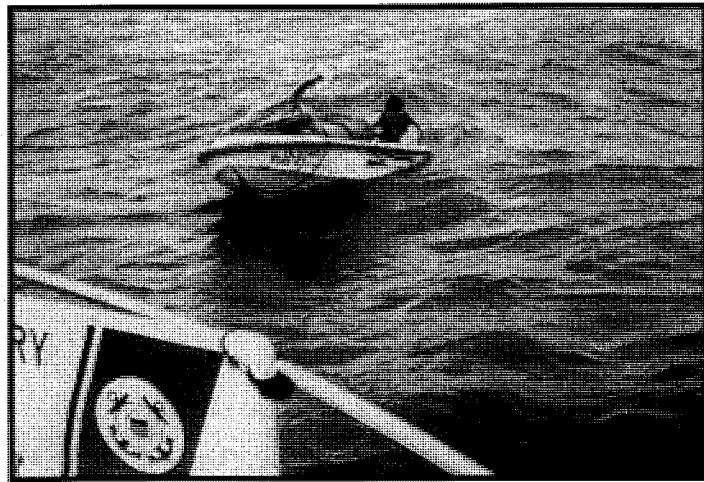
Edna M. Winans

EVERYDAY HEROES

RESCUE 24 JUNE, 2006 - DIVISION 12

While on a Safety Patrol at the Indian River Inlet on 24 June 2006, Coxswain Mark Deimler 12-2, Crewman George Hallowich, FSO-OP 12-2 and Trainee Craig Williams 14-2 were dispatched for a Search and Rescue Mission by the Indian River Coast Guard Station. The distress call came into the station around the noon hour from a boater who had witnessed two men on personal water crafts who had overturned their vessels while attempting to ride their vessels through the turbulent waters under the Indian River Bridge.

Auxiliarist Robert Rosenberg 12-1 was standing watch on the radio at the time the call came into the station.



The crew rescued one of the men still clinging to his vessel about one half mile out from the inlet. They assisted him into their boat and secured the vessel to their towing bridle. The other man was rescued by DNREC Fish and Wildlife enforcement officers. A Coast Guard 25 foot Rigid Hull Vessel was also on the scene to assist in the rescue.



The 12-2 Patrol Vessel returned the rescued man and the Jet Ski to the North Shore Marina using both stern and side tows. Both men were wearing PFDs.

*Photos and Article by:
George Hallowich FSO-OP 12-2
Greenwood, DE*

RESCUE 13 AUGUST, 2006

At 1530, while monitoring Channel 81, my crew and I overheard Auxiliary training facility (AuxFac) 118 (with a crew of Coxswain Kenneth Christy and Anthony Vraim a qualified coxswain acting as crewman) reporting that they were flagged down by a woman in an anchored boat near buoy 3 near the Christina River on the Delaware River. She told Christy that her boyfriend had jumped overboard over an hour earlier and she had not seen him since. The prime radio for the AuxFac doing training was Channel 82, but since I had two radios on board I was monitoring the prime radio for the SARDET.

My crew, Bob Roetz (crew), John Jedrejczyk (trainee) and Alfred Signor (trainee) had been anchored by buoy 5 up river of the distress. Knowing which way the current was flowing, I told my crew to weigh anchor and prepare to do a barrier search. I figured if the person in the water was still alive, we had the best chance of finding him since the current was toward us. We were about 1.5 miles up river from where the person entered the water. To be honest, I did not expect to find this person alive. If there was a chance of him being alive we were going to search until we could no longer do so.

I made my crew aware of what I intended to do and the search intervals I planned on using. We made our first turn from de-anchoring toward the east part of the channel based on my estimate of wind and current. We had traveled approximately one half mile to the east when I noticed something struggling in the water. My crewman Bob Roetz noticed it just after I did and we turned to see what it was. The object went under water then came up, struggled and went down again. By this time, we knew it was the person reported missing and we accelerated toward him. He was about ¼ mile away and based on the type of struggling the person in the water was showing I had my doubts we would reach him in time.

I called SARDET Wilmington and informed them we had located the person in the water and were attempting to perform a rescue. My crew prepared the ring buoy with a line and put it in the gentleman's hand as we brought the boat into position to make the recovery

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RESCUE 26 AUGUST, 2006

Editor's note: A thank you letter from the rescued party follows this article. The letter was sent to Commander Scott Rogerson, USCG, Director of Auxiliary, 5th Coast Guard District, Northern Region thanking him for the actions of the named Auxiliarists who participated in the life saving event. The letter writer gave permission to reproduce the letter.

QUICK RESPONSE SAVES 5

Date: 26Aug06

Time: 1410-1510 Hours

Place: Delaware River, Cherry Island Flats (Lat. 41.35 N,

Long 075.28 W) Winds: NE 15 to 20 Knots Seas 3'-4'

Tide: Flooding; Sky: overcast

Visibility: 3 Miles

While on our lunch break at the SARDET Wilmington station the crew of Auxiliary Facility 279521 heard a call on channel 16 that a boat was swamping and may have capsized in the Delaware River near the Cherry Island Flats. The broadcast indicated 4 persons on board. The Crew immediately responded and was underway within 2 minutes of the broadcast. Time 1410 Hours.

We ran down the Christina River and into the Delaware River at a speed of 24 Knots. As soon as we turned north on The Delaware River, conditions deteriorated causing us to slow our speed to about 12 to 15 knots. At about 1425 Susan Fitzgerald spotted something pink off our starboard bow bearing 010. We turned towards the sighting and found a capsized 19' canoe with 3 small children and two adults (total of 5 People In Water (PIW)) holding on to the boat. A little girl in pink was sitting on the keel. Time 1435 hours.

It took three or four minutes for the coxswain, Harold Robinson, to maneuver the boat into position for the pickup due to the heavy Seas (3'-4' w/white caps). Carol Owens, Sue Fitzgerald and Robert Lindsay immediately deployed additional flotation gear with attached lines and began lifting the children, ages: 2-1/2, 6 and 9 over the side and into our boat. The two male adults (father and grandfather) were brought around to the stern and up the boarding ladder. The grandfather had no PFD and indicated he could only have lasted about another 3 minutes. The coordination between the crew and the coxswain during the pickup was excellent. It was so important for the coxswain to know exactly where the

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My trainee's on board grabbed the gentleman's arm and guided him toward my swim platform and ladder at the back of the boat. As soon as I knew they had a grip on him, I turned my engine off. The trainees were the ones that pulled the person from the water. He appeared to be entering a state of hypothermia and displayed all the signs of hypothermia. My crew wrapped him in a blanket and towels to keep him warm and constantly gave him words of encouragement. I notified SARDET that he was safely on board and that we wanted an ambulance to meet us at the docks once we returned to the SARDET station.

All the way in John Jedrejczyk comforted the man and kept him calm, with words of encouragement. Alfred Signor made sure that the blankets and towels were wrapped around the rescued man while Bob Roetz kept me out of trouble avoiding debris in the water.

We received the call about the missing person at 1530, began our search patterns by 1534, located the man in the water by 1540, and had him safely on board by 1543. Things happen fast on the water, hence the reason we train so hard. In all my years doing work for the Auxiliary on the water in the Delaware Bay and listening to missing persons in the water calls, I had never heard of a successful recovery. I often wondered why the Coast Guard never gave up on search patterns until all hope was gone. Now I have a better understanding of why every effort must be made to find the missing person.

I give great credit to my crew for admirable performance, professional conduct, and humane compassionate treatment of the person we rescued. I credit Carol Owens with extraordinary skills in handling multiple radios, phone calls, and keeping everyone calm while ordering an ambulance and the city of Wilmington police to respond to the dock for our arrival. Carol's leadership in a time of emergency and heightened excitement around the docks of the SARDET are what makes SARDET Wilmington the great station it is.

I also want to credit Kenneth Christy and Tony Vraim with their diligence in handling the distressed vessel and its passenger. They removed the lady from the boat, de-anchored the vessel, and took it in tow. They also knew that she was dehydrating so they make her drink water and keep her cool until they could get her back to the SARDET.

Overall the performance of the crews involved were commendable. ✿

*Submitted by: Robert Amort VCO 5NR
Dover, DE*

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persons in the water were because the boat was bouncing violently in the rough surf and we needed to get close enough to pull the people on board without injuring them. This was accomplished and we got under way just in time to avoid a very large tanker that was coming up river and past us within about 50 yards. The entire rescue was witnessed by a Delaware State Police Helicopter. Time 1445 hours.

On the way back the crew attended to the shivering victims, wrapping them in blankets. During the RTB the father related their experience. They had come across the river that morning from Penns Grove, NJ to go shopping in the stores along the Christina River in Wilmington. They left to go back about 1300 hours. When they entered the Delaware River the wind was blowing and the waves were high. They felt they could not turn the boat around for fear of capsizing. They headed the boat into the seas and immediately started to take on water. At this point the grandfather called 911 on his cell phone and got off a short message before the boat capsized. All totalled they were in the water about 45 minutes and had drifted about 1-1/2 miles north before we arrived on scene.

When we arrived back at the SARDET dock the ambulances, police and fire units were waiting to check out the victims. All were in good shape and very thankful that we came to their aid. Time 1510 hours

Meanwhile, a fire rescue boat picked up the canoe minus a 5 HP motor. Loss of property was about \$800 to \$900 dollars (the motor). They also picked up a pink backpack that belonged to the little girl in pink.

Communications with Sector were garbled at times and thanks to Mary Anne Rice the Watch Stander (who notified police and ambulances) and Joseph Rzucidlo Radio Marcus Hook (who relayed radio traffic) we were able to establish communications with Sector and inform them of the rescue. This is just another example of good coordination and teamwork between trained Auxiliarists that ended with a positive result. Rescue accomplished, no injuries, five lives saved.

Semper Paratus

*Harold T Robinson, RCO-C, D5NR
(Coxswain on 579521)
Chester, PA*



Rescue workers and Crew helping the family



(l - r) Rescued Family: J. Lowell Wenger, Timothy (2), Joshua (9), Rebecca (6), and James Wenger
Auxiliarists: Carol Owens, "Robby" Robinson, Susan Fitzgerald, and R. Alan Lindsay

August 31, 2006

From:: Janet and J. Lowell Wenger

To:: Scott D. Rogerson, Commander, USCG

Dear Commander Rogerson:

I am writing with deep gratitude to thank you for the life saving services that the Coast Guard provided for our

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family on Saturday, August 26th. What a wonderful sight it was to see the Coast Guard boat approaching the five of us who were in the Delaware River clinging desperately to the bottom of an overturned boat and praying for help! With 3 children, ages 2, 6, and 9; it was a struggle for my son and I to keep the group together and hang onto the boat. Exhaustion was taking its toll and I don't know how much longer we could have held on. God used your services to save our lives!

My wife, Janet, and I were in Penns Grove to visit our son James Wenger, his wife Melani, and the three children, Joshua (9), Rebecca (6), and Timothy (2). This was our last visit to their home there before they leave for mission work in central Asia. James and I decided to take the 3 children across the Delaware on a 19 foot canoe, a canoe with a flat rear transom for the 5 horsepower motor. The trip to Wilmington went fine although the water was a little rough, and we had fun shopping and eating lunch along the Christina River. When we were ready to head back for New Jersey about 1:45 pm, the wind had picked up some, but we thought the waves would still be okay. We decided to head out to the mouth of the river and assess the situation there. Unknown to us, the waves had risen dramatically due to the current going up the river and the wind going down the river. As we came out of the Christina River into the Delaware, we were suddenly facing waves at least 3 feet high, and were afraid to turn around because of the probability of capsizing if the waves caught us broadside! Looking back, we were very foolish to attempt that trip with the increased wind. And we were especially careless in leaving one of the adult life preservers lying on the shore when we got in the boat! We almost paid for those mistakes with our lives.

As we hit the big waves, James told me to call for the Coast Guard for help. I dialed 911, was connected to the Wilmington fire department, gave them the location, yelled that we had children with us and we were capsizing (which we did just at that moment!). A few seconds later we would not have been able to call, and no one would have known we were out there! The experience in the water was frightening for us all. As we were hanging onto the two younger children and the slippery boat bottom, we were praying together aloud that the Coast Guard would get there in time.

James managed to release the motor from the boat so that it would not drag the boat down; but as the boat settled deeper in the water we were afraid that the old foam flotation might not be sufficient. I was the one without a

life jacket, and knew that as a poor swimmer I probably could not get back to the boat or the shore if we got separated. And of course we were especially concerned about hanging onto the children. The pounding waves made the efforts exhausting.

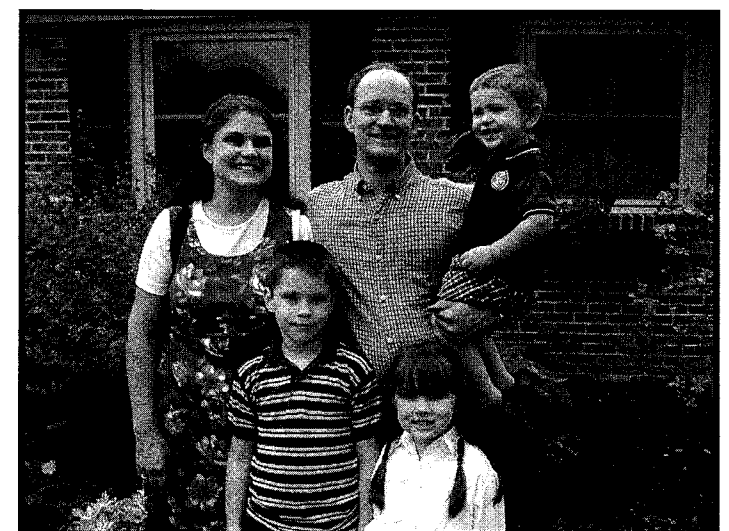
The arrival of your boat felt like a miracle, and Robby Robinson, Alan Lindsay, Carol Owens, and Sue Fitzgerald got us into the boat and wrapped us in warm blankets as they headed for shore. We appreciate their care so much. They kept checking our condition and comforting us all. The ambulance was there to greet us, but found us in stable condition; and Alan Lindsay was kind enough to take us back to our vehicle in Penns Grove. James and I rejoiced with our wives and thanked God with the children!

Thank you so very much for all the work that you and the others do for safety on the waterways! We are prime examples of the crucial difference it makes. Please thank each of the volunteers on that boat, and in your Sector Delaware Bay.

James is contacting the local newspaper about this rescue. You are welcome to use our story in any way that would be helpful. Let us know if there is anything we can do to further express our appreciation or to assist in your efforts.

May God Bless You All!!

*J. Lowell Wenger
(for James, Josh, Rebecca, & Timmy)*



The Wenger Family: Melani, James, Timothy, Joshua, and Rebecca

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE

ISAR EAST COAST PLAYOFFS

D5-NR was well represented by Jeff Orsoe, Jim Taylor, Bob Knabe and Andy Montano, all from Flotilla 7-12. With DCO Kehr and his wife Thelma cheerleading, the team competed against teams from 1SR, 1NR, and 7 during the 2006 ISAR East Coast Playoffs at the USCG Station in Cape May. Although our team didn't win this year, they finished in a very respectable 2nd place.

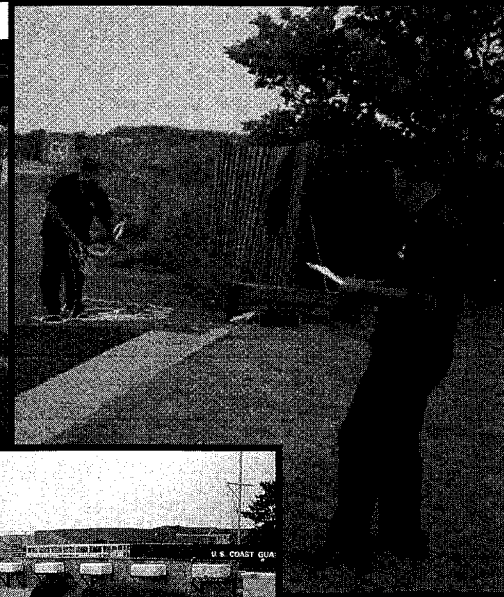
"We are looking forward to next year's competition" said Rich Wagar DSPO-ISAR 2006.

Interested in being part of D5-NR team for 2007?
Contact Rich at: rwagar@comcast.net

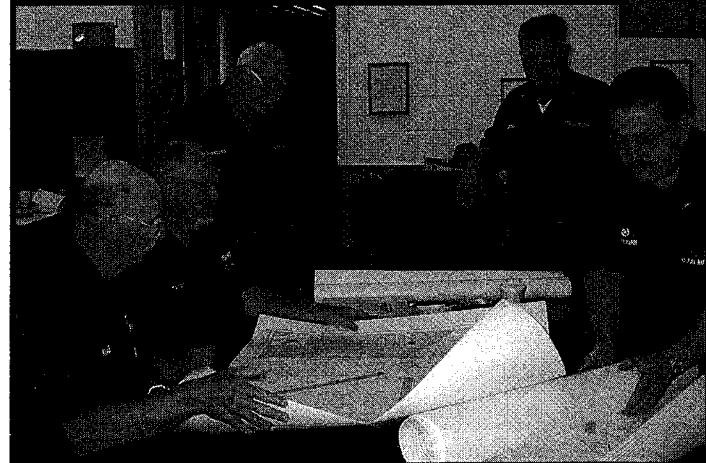


Events

Damage Control
Heaving Line
Marlinspike
Pump
SAREX
SAR Planning



Photos by:
Rich Wagar and
Thelma Kehr



THE GUARDIAN

Life imitates Fiction and Fiction imitates Life, all of this is depicted in the latest movie release, **"The Guardian"** distributed by Touchstone Pictures and starring **Kevin Costner** ("Dances With Wolves," "Wyatt Earp") and **Aston Kutcher** ("That Seventies Show.") The back drop and core subject is the USCG and the two personalities of the protagonists, specifically, The "Young Troubled Turk," Kutcher's character, a new enlistee in the USCG as juxtaposed by the jaded and japed seasoned Rescue Swimmer portrayed by Costner, who continues to battle with his inner demons resulting from the loss of his crew from a previous rescue. The inter-play between the characters of Costner and Kutcher is reminiscent of the relationship between Lou Gosset, Jr. and Richard Gere in the movie, "An Officer & a Gentleman."

Although the characters are fictional, they present solid contrasts in man's personal journey. For Kutcher his initiation into the "Real World" of adulthood, bells, whistles and drums; that familiar siren song of unknowns that leads him forward. Costner on the other hand, has to deal with that strange place we all reach at some point, commonly known as "mid-life crisis;" propelled from his entity and safety net as a "Rescue Swimmer," and thrust into a misery of self-doubt; the realm of that dreaded word, **"IF."** **"IF"** I had done this instead of that; **"IF"** I had left a littler earlier or a littler later; **"IF"** I was better prepared, etc. **"IF"** is the biggest little word in the English language. Rescue gone bad, and crewmates lost at sea, his Captain tells Costner to choose one of the following: Head to "A" School to train the next group of Swimmers, take a desk job (slow death), or quit. Even though Costner's character is filled with torment, fear and self-deprivation, at this juncture he knows no other way to travel, he is stuck with himself. To the outside world he seems competent, but in fact travels inwardly with a wounded spirit taking with him all his insecurities that he wears like a mantle; the heavy cloak of regret, pain and self doubt. After butting heads, Costner and Kutcher eventually form an alliance and bond in the movie. "The Guardian" also gives rise to the cosmic question that puzzled the great mind of Albert Einstein, "Where do we come from, why are we here, and where do we go when we die?"

Now, let's get to the real star and focal point of this movie, the **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**. In a recent interview, Costner stated: "In order for 'The Guardian' to work, Aston and I had to be at our best." To experience Coast Guard training pre-movie shooting schedule, Aston Kutcher trained for about eight months and participated in weeklong boot camp in preparation for his role. "To find people that are as tough as they are (the USCG), that have such big hearts, and are as generous with themselves, it's sacrificial in a way," says Kutcher. Costner added, "They go (the USCG) out when the conditions are at their worst." Costner continues, "The plot is familiar, but The Guardian is apart from hero films."

On a daily basis, men and women of the USCG risk their lives for their fellow man-kind; that's no movie script; that is hard-core reality. The USCG was well represented in 9-11; with the USCG Atlantic Strike Team as a notable example. The USCG is the personification of our President's words, **"We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail."** So too, during the many hurricanes and their repercussion after-math residual consequences of the past several seasons, the USCG was on the scene and continues to **"stay the course"** for those in need. We should all be very proud of the role that Admiral Allen played as the Principle Federal Official in the aftermath of Katrina.

SAR Missions represents one layer of the USCG Manpower Resources. As itemized on the USCG website regarding this news story, USCG men and women serve on "heavy weather rescue boats, Homeland Security Maritime Safety and Security Teams, the National Strike Force pollution Response Teams, Dive Teams, as Bomb-Detections K-9 Handlers, on Port Security Teams ..." First to respond in many cases they are the set-point force, and have established standards and methods by which all other Departments of the Military, Armed Forces and countless other Rescue Units now abide by.

When the USCG is spotlighted in the media, we too as Auxiliarists are also under the scrutiny of the "Public Eye." As Auxiliarists, we took an oath to support all efforts of the USCG; we are in essence **"Emissaries"** of the USCG. No doubt, as a result of the Movie Premiere of "The Guardian," there will be a flurry of interest of the Public at Large regarding the USCG. This is a perfect opportunity for all Auxiliarists to not merely canvas for new Membership, but to present a sterling example of what the United States Coast Guard and its Auxiliary represent. In addition to the principles, practices and procedures set down by the USCG, we know intimately as Auxiliarists that the emphasis and lynch-pin strengths of Teamwork, Dedication to Service and genuine caring about our Fellow Man through deeds, is the glue that defines in part what we do, who we are, and what we care about as USCG Auxiliarists and as human beings.

Would anyone care if the United States Coast Guard and its Auxiliary disappeared tomorrow?
You bet your "Semper Paratus" they would! ✪

Original Article Submitted by: Kathleen G. Frencer FSO-PB 79, D5-NR Forked River, NJ

THE GUARDIAN



On the opening day of "The Guardian" movie, twenty-seven members of Division 7 staffed a table for 9 hours at the Regal Manahawkin 10 theater.

Material handouts ranged from Boating Safety classes, Waterway Watch, Recreational Boating Safety, Rescue 21, weather information from NOAA, and clean boating to information on joining the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There was much more put out there for the public to enjoy and enjoy they did! A number of retired Coasties were lured in by the safe boat manned by the USCG and Auxiliarists in front of the theater. They stayed and shared some history with us and we even got them talking about joining the Auxiliary. On their way into any of the 10 features, people gathered information of interest to them and many stopped just to talk as well. That kind of opportunity to interact with the community



is just priceless. It lends itself so well to our core missions as well as our support of the Coast Guard, something we take a great deal of pride in. So many of our programs, as well as our Organization itself benefited from just those few hours of public outreach.

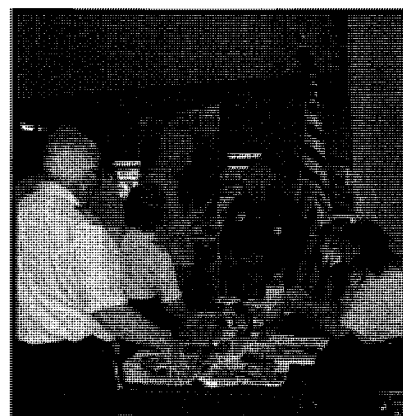
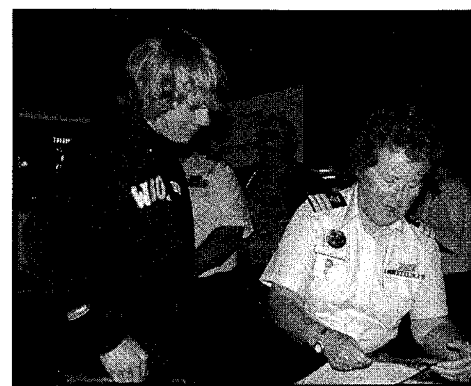
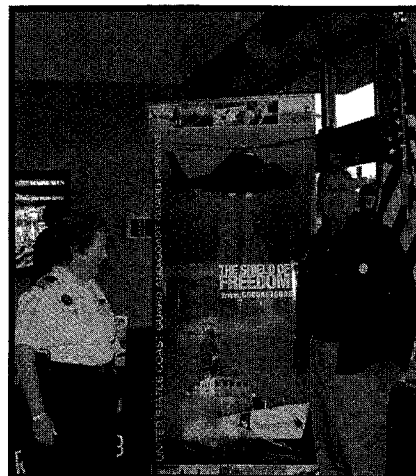
The really important thing was that all who participated genuinely enjoyed themselves. There were many new members out there behind the tables, as well as those who always come out and support the cause. ✱

Article by Lyn Thomas DCP Div 7.



In addition to the Auxiliary table, a second table was set up totally dedicated to USCG recruitment. Master Chief Victor Colondrillo (ret, volunteer) was thrilled with the response we got. He set up interviews with six very interested students. We had two more that were also interested but they were only juniors in high school and he has to wait until they are seniors. He was very happy to be there and never expected all the activity he had. I spoke to five high school students. Two are juniors and three are seniors and they will be calling me this week. This was a wonderful event and we were thrilled to be part of it. ✱

Article by Mickey deFerrari DSO-OP



THE GUARDIAN



Division 8 members set up Auxiliary D5-NR Historian and Safety Booth displays at the North Cape May Bayshore Cinema 8 for a total of eight days during the showing of the movie "The Guardian."

Article and photos by John Lincoln, ADSO-PAH



ATLANTIC CITY AIR SHOW

THUNDER OVER THE BOARDWALK

A meeting was held by CWO Sean McGarigal Auxiliary Liaison and Air Show Coordinator of all Auxiliary Coxswains volunteering for the Air Show at Station Atlantic City. The Air Show OpOrder and a copy of the Surface Control Area were distributed. Each vessel was supplied with the Facility Assignments which included their AuxFac #'s, names and cell phone numbers.

This year's annual Atlantic City Air Show was the largest and most attended event in its four year history. An estimated five hundred spectator vessels and another one half million shore side spectators attended this year's event. A strong and visible Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and State law enforcement maintained the waterside safety zone for the duration of both the show and the previous day's practice event.

Units involved in the enforcement of the over two mile long safety zone along the Atlantic City beach included: fifteen separate 5NR USCG Auxiliary Facilities from Division 8, Division 7; eight New Jersey State Police Marine Bureau vessels from various NJ SP commands throughout the state, the USCG Cutter CAPSTAN from Sector Delaware Bay in Philadelphia, show control Operations Specialists from Sector Field Office Atlantic City; three CG Station Atlantic City vessels, two CG Station Cape May Vessels, one vessel from CG Station Barnegat Light; and of course the air show's critically important "Show Center Boat" from local TOW BOAT U.S. By show's end on Wednesday, nearly 650 underway operational resource hours and over 2,600 man-hours were expended in support of this event. The greatest majority of those hours belonged to the fifteen Coast Guard Auxiliary facilities and the nearly 60 Coast Guard Auxiliary Coxswains and crew members who participated in this year's Air Show.

The show included: the USAF Thunderbirds and the USN Blue Angels which rarely happens having both of them appearing in the same show. The US Army Golden Knights performed their excellent parachute jumps always being right on the target. The USAF B-2A Stealth Bomber also made an appearance. Michael Hunter gave an Aerobatic Demonstration that was excellent. The show started at 1000 and ended at 1630 with 36 different performers. The timing was excellent, with never a lull between acts. The public as well as the volunteers on the water all had a wonderful time. ✱

*Article by Mickey de Ferrari, DSO-OP
Lanoka Harbor, NJ*

Photos by Bill Bori, 74, Manahawkin, NJ



ATLANTIC CITY AIR SHOW

This year's 4th annual air show drew more crowds than any other event in Atlantic City.

Over 600,000 people viewed the show from the beach and boardwalk, while some 500 spectator boats were anchored offshore. The Air Force Thunderbirds joined the Navy Blue Angels to put on a spectacular show. Other attractions included acrobatics and flybys by various propeller, jet and rotary wing aircraft, as well as the Army's Golden Knights parachute jump. The B-2A Stealth bomber was an imposing site. Three Coast Guard Helicopters put on a demonstration, dropping and retrieving rescue swimmers in front of the beach.

In order to stage the show, the FAA required a "Safety Zone" in the ocean off the boardwalk which was 2 miles long and ½ mile wide. Establishing and enforcing this Zone required a large number of surface assets. These included Coast Guard units from Station Atlantic City and Cape May, New Jersey Marine Police and 16 OPFACS from Divisions 7 and 8. This large Auxiliary deployment involved more than 50 members over two days of practice and the show. Two OPFACS patrolled the back bays to fill in for CG assets which were offshore. Fortunately the seas were calm, the wind light and there were no major incidents due to the cooperation of the boating public and the several agencies involved. ✱

*Article by Walt Alsegg FC 81, Somers Point, NJ
Photos by Brig Seaver FSO-CS 81, Palermo, NJ*



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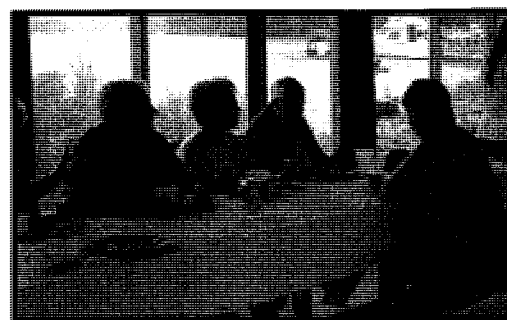
Division 1
Northern Delaware

DIVISION 1 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Division 1 celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a picnic at USCG Station, Still Pond MD on 22 July 2006. To prepare for this event, members of Flotilla 15 went to the station on a work detail to spruce up the picnic pavilion. Two gallons of paint were used to brighten up the place, 21 sections of screens were either replaced or repaired as well as the four screen doors. The floor was swept and several butterflies and frogs were escorted outside. After 5 hours of hard work and 3 hours of total travel time, the pavilion was ready for the Division's celebration.

The work crew consisted of Connie Howard FC, Paul Eldridge VFC, Members Joe Poe, Ken Turngren and Luke Howard, and Guest Elizabeth Eldridge. ✱

*Article & Photos by Paul Eldridge, VFC Flotilla 15
Newark, DE*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 3
West New Jersey

DIVISION 3 AND THE TALE OF THE TWO TALL SHIPS

For two members of Division 3, the active verb "crew" conjures up thoughts of wooden masts, billowing sails and leaving on the morning tide.

Edison Rush, FL 38, volunteered aboard Delaware's tall ship, the Kalmar Nyckel. The present day Kalmar Nyckel serves as Delaware's seagoing goodwill ambassador. She was built by a group of committed citizens to be a continuing witness to the courage and spirit of those individuals who undertook the mid-winter North Atlantic crossing in 1637-1638.



Since 1998, the ship has served as an outreach platform for the State of Delaware and a catalyst for social and economic development. The ship provides a unique platform for the Foundation's educational programming as well as a venue for diplomatic, recreational, governmental and commemorative functions. The ship is owned and operated by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation; a non-profit organization that offers people of all ages a variety of sea and land based learning and recreational experiences.

As a new Auxiliarist, Ed found the SARDET Wilmington literally in his very backyard. He and his wife, Joyce, quickly took the AUXCOM course and volunteered their services to Carol Owens and the SARDET staff.

Ed recently returned from sailing the Kalmar Nyckel to New England. The ship was offshore for three days and one day did 185 Nautical Miles with an average speed of 7.7 knots. They had to anchor at Kitty Hawk, south of Buzzards Bay, for two days and repair main mast wedges and sew two tears in Fore topsail.

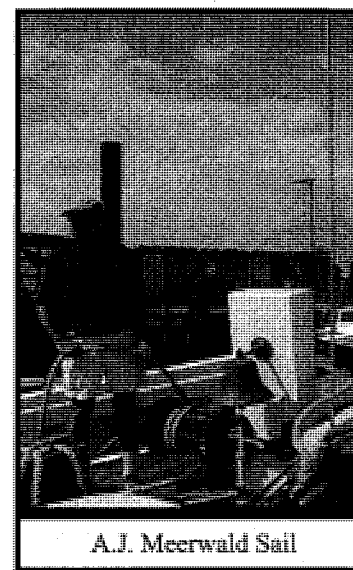
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West New Jersey

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John Parlapiano, FC 36, serves aboard New Jersey's tall ship, the A.J. Meerwald. The A.J. Meerwald is a



A.J. Meerwald Sail

Delaware Bay oyster dredgeboat built in Dorchester New Jersey in 1928. The schooner is a sailing classroom promoting ecological and historical awareness of the Delaware Bay region.

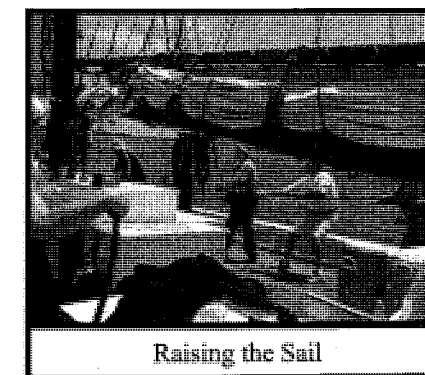
With the Captain's permission, the Auxiliary ensign has flown proudly aloft during several schooner races.

When New Jersey's boating law changes were enacted, John was an already existing in house instructor for the crew. They were quickly brought in compliance with the new regulations.

DIVISION 3 "EDU-TAINMENT" SAIL ON THE A.J. MEERWALD

As a firm believer that environmental education and entertainment can be blended into the same field trip, ADSO-MS/EP (E) Krista Tinney put together an afternoon sail adventure complete with cocktail hour, dinner and a chance to learn a little history about the oyster industry in Southern New Jersey.

The A. J. Meerwald is a Delaware Bay oyster schooner, a distinct vessel that evolved to meet the needs of the local oyster fishery. Launched in 1928,

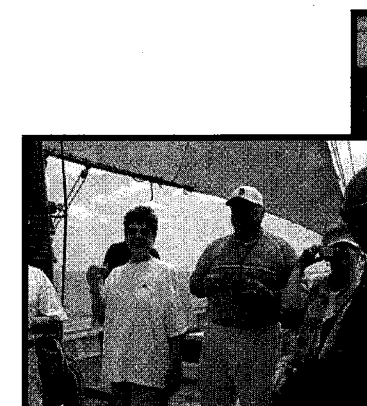


Raising the Sail

the A. J. Meerwald was one of hundreds of schooners built along South Jersey's Delaware Bayshore before the decline of the shipbuilding industry that coincided with the Great Depression.

The Bayshore Discovery Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to motivating people to take care of the environment, history, and culture of New Jersey's Bayshore region through education, preservation, and example. The A. J. Meerwald serves as a floating classroom to achieve this goal. ✱

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Thorofare NJ*



Krista Tinney, Gene & Andi Morris, Joe Mariano



Dan Tinney, FC 35

DIVISION 3 BOAT CREW SCHOOL ASSIST

Division 3 happily volunteered one of its facilities and five of its members, Joe Mariano, Coxswain, Dan and Kris Tinney, Crew, Gene Morris, QE and trainee Joe Lallier to participate and assist in the on-the-water portion of Central Area's Boat Crew School.

Both weekends at SARDET Wilmington featured fun, laughter, learning, gourmet food and even a real SAR episode on one hot afternoon.

Commodore Leon Kehr, Vice-Commodore Bob Amort and Rear Commodore (C) Robby Robinson both observed and participated in the training evolutions.

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Division 3
West New Jersey

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Boat Crew Training School Attendees and Instructors

SO-OP (10) Susan Fitzgerald, chief architect of the school, orchestrated and supervised every tiny detail, blending several Divisions and Flotillas into strong cohesive units.

Carol Owens ADSO-OP (C), graciously offered the SARDET as an escape from the oppressive heat and a place for crews and trainees to regroup, review and plan the next exercise.

It was an honor and our privilege to be invited to participate. ✱

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Division 6
Penn - Jersey

PENN/JERSEY FELLOWSHIP

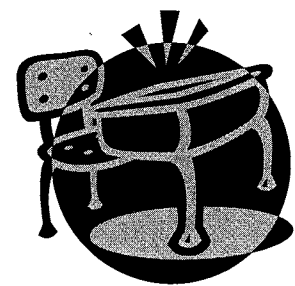
On a beautiful May 30th evening, twenty members from the Penn/Jersey Division 6 attended an AA Yankee ballgame, namely the Trenton Thunder. The Thunder organization allowed the Division to set up a boating safety information table on the ballpark's concourse where many people received boating safety information. Everyone was a winner that evening. Our team won as well as our members and the public. This winter season, we are planning to have more fellowship together at our local professional hockey team game, the Trenton Titans.

Nancy Paulauskas, IT, FSO-PA, 69-5NR provided instruction and handed out literature to the baseball fans. The Trenton Thunder baseball stadium is located in New Jersey on the banks of the Delaware River just below the Trenton Railroad Bridge. ✱

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Nancy Paulauskas, FSO-PA handing out boating safety information



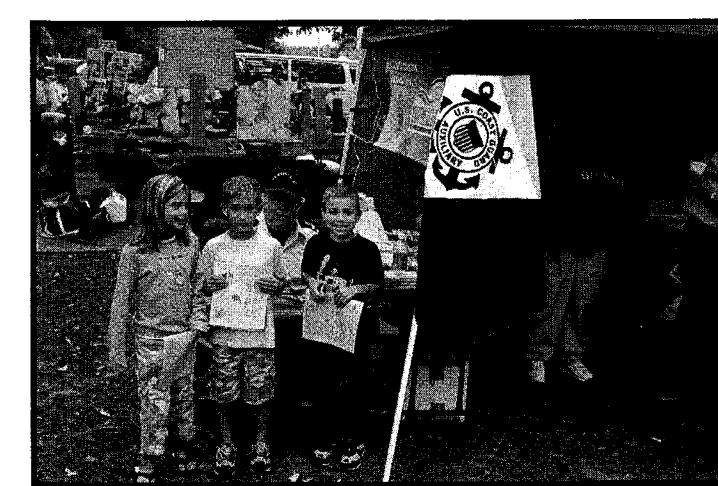
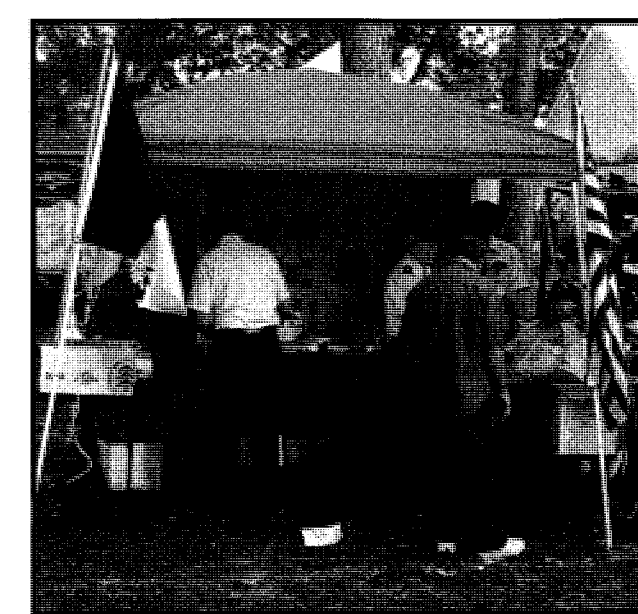
AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

BOATING SAFETY BOOTH AND DISPLAY AT 16TH ANNUAL OCEAN COUNTY DECOY AND GUNNING SHOW

On September 23 & 24, Flotilla 72 presented a boating safety booth and display at the annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show in Tip Seaman County Park, Tuckerton, New Jersey.

The show was the 24th annual show and is considered to be the second largest wildfowl decoy show on the east coast. This year was the sixth consecutive year of participation by Flotilla 72.



The flotilla distributed literature and information on USCGAUX membership, safe boating classes, the Auxiliary VSC program and, in particular, answered questions about the State of New Jersey boating safety certificate requirements. Also, offering Coastie decals and coloring books to the many children attending the show proved to be very popular.



It was estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 visitors attended the two-day event which featured vendors and displays of outdoor sports equipment, wildfowl decoys, environmental groups and various federal and state agencies. ✱

*Article and photos by Al Revy, IPFC 72
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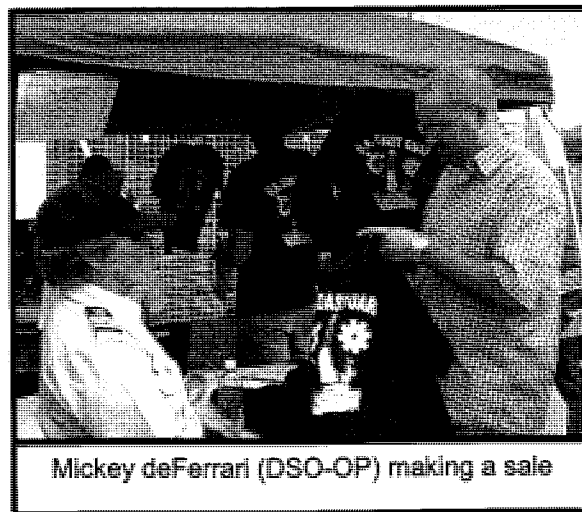
Division 7
Southern Ocean County, NJ

FLOTILLA 79 SUPPORTS LONG BEACH ISLAND MERCHANTS MART

September 30, 2006 marked the fourth year 3 members of Flotilla 79, Mickey and Paul deFerrari and Joyce McGowan along with crewmembers of Station Barnegat Light sold tee shirts for the benefit of the morale fund at the Long Beach Island Merchants Mart. The tee shirts have the words "U. S. Coast Guard" and depict the Barnegat Lighthouse together with the 41', the 47' and the safeboat silk screened on the back. There is a great relationship between Station Barnegat Light and the area boating public and the shirts are a popular item. This year we sold \$2,500 worth of shirts even selling the shirts off the Coasties backs when we ran out of size large. I even sold my Barnegat Light ball cap.

During the day, we met an elderly lady who told us she was a member of the Coast Guard during WWII as well as a woman whose mother served during WWII. We met many, many people whose sons, daughters and fathers were currently members or former members from Alaska to Florida. We enjoy the camaraderie we have with the Coasties and the good will of the public. One man came up to our booth to tell us that the Coast Guard saved his boat from sinking at the inlet that very morning. (He bought 2 shirts.)

Article by Joyce McGowan FC 79
Lanoka Harbor, NJ



Mickey deFerrari (DSO-OP) making a sale

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Division 8
Southern New Jersey

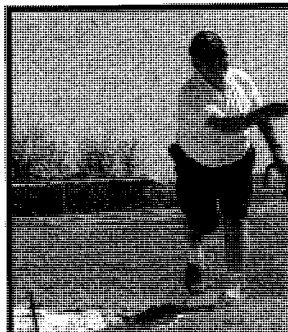
DIVISION 8 ANNUAL PICNIC

In August Division 8 held their annual picnic at Station Atlantic City. After a busy summer of patrols and various program duties over 50 Auxiliary members, families and guests took a well-deserved break by enjoying a sumptuous catered feast with wonderful side dishes and desserts offered by various members.

Fellowship highlights included friendly competition and games; horseshoes, line tossing competition and a very well received Television Trivia game that proved challenging yet fun. Good company, good conversation and good food were had by all!

"Dishing out" a tasty feast and "serving up" good fellowship makes for a great way to close out the boating season.

Article and Photos by
Joseph Giannattasio FSO-PA 82



Paul Rudolph "Poetry in Motion" during a friendly game of horseshoes



(Facing camera L to R)
Marvin Vanwickle and Jean
Stretch enjoying good
fellowship
after a fine meal



(Left to Right) Mike and Rita
Paqoulatos, SN Svoban STA
Atlantic City, and Paul Rudolf
selecting great tasty treats
and fellowship

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 8
Southern New Jersey

VISIT TO MATSON NAVIGATION

Division 8 of 5NR is fortunate to have Ken Hauck as a member. We are further endowed with Ken's son Scott Hauck. Scott is the manager of the Marine Engineering section of the Matson Navigation Company, a company that owns and operates container ships. While a ship was being built for them in the fall of last year, Scott invited a few Auxiliaries from the Division to the Philadelphia shipyard to observe the process.

We were invited back to see the finished product. On a beautiful July morning, the 26th, the members who had been on the first tour or who had seen the power point presentation provided by Scott climbed aboard two vans and set out for Philadelphia. We were greeted again by Scott, put on our hardhats and boarded the ship. We were taken throughout the ship from top to bottom and from bow to stern. We saw the officers' quarters, the galley and nearly every compartment on the ship. We were particularly impressed with the crew and the pilot house. This ship is truly on the cutting edge of modern shipping.



Seen here, in the pilot house, with hardhats from left to right are: Zane Irvine, Ernest Phillips, Orrin Burmeister, Bill Hannan, Ken Hauck, Larry Ellis, Paul Rudolph, Scott Hauck and Michael Colondrillo.

After the tour we chatted with the crew for awhile then boarded the vans again and followed Scott to a fine Italian restaurant for luncheon. They seemed to know Scott, he must have been there a few times before. Scott not only treated us to a most wonderful tour, he treated us to lunch as well!



Seated at the restaurant from left to right are: Ken Hauck, Scott Hauck and Michael Colondrillo.

This was a wonderful Member Training experience, as well as a Public Affairs activity, in that some of the crew, many of the shipbuilders, and people at the restaurant had not been acquainted with the Auxiliary and an excellent example of the comradeship among members of the Auxiliary. Our thanks to our member Ken Hauck for thinking of this and for bringing his son on board with the idea. Our thanks to Scott for jumping on the idea and bringing it to fruition.



Submitted by
Michael Colondrillo DCP 08
Brigantine, NJ



It is our sad duty to report that Alfred "Bud" W. Hopkin, Flotilla 81 has crossed over the bar. Our profound sympathies are extended to Bud's family and friends. We also extend our most grateful thanks to Bud who shared his time, efforts and assets in the true spirit of volunteerism.

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Division 8
Southern New Jersey

FLOTILLA 82 SHOW FELLOWSHIP AMONG MEMBERS AND GUESTS

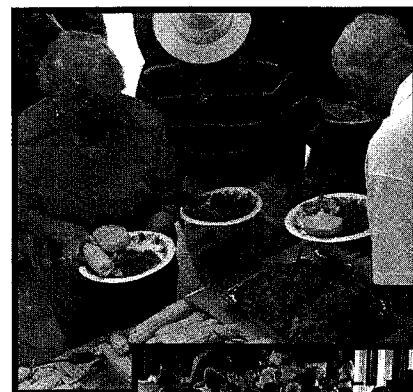
In August FL 82, CAPE MAY, held their annual picnic at Station Cape May. After a busy summer of patrols and various program duties, Flotilla members, their family and guests took a well-deserved break and enjoyed a sumptuous barbeque feast with wonderful side dishes and desserts coordinated by John Burns FC and his wife Chris.

Special guests were Coast Guard Training Center Commanding Officer, Captain Curt Odom and his wife Gail. From Station Cape May, LCDR Stephen Love and his family.

This year Flotilla 82 has numerous patrols, Marine Dealer Visits, Vessel Safety Checks, and Boating Safety Classes along with a full compliment of Auxiliary obligations.

Working hard and enjoying good Fellowship makes for a well-rounded Flotilla. ❀

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Flotilla Members,
Family & Guests
enjoying
a wonderful
barbeque feast &
good fellowship



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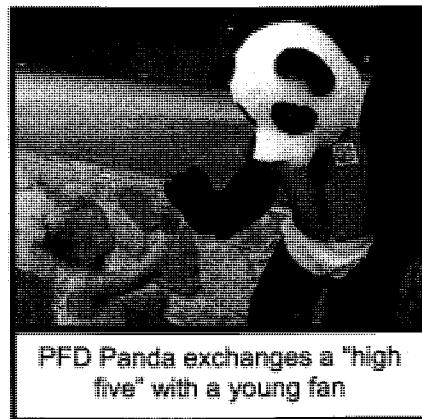
Division 9
Western Lakes, PA

BACK IN BLACK (AND WHITE AND ORANGE)

It was, dare we say it, sheer panda-monium when Flotilla 95 arranged for PFD Panda to once again join several other safety characters for the Army Corps of Engineers "Crittter Night" at the Seven Points Amphitheater this summer.

Joining PFD Panda in the safety show were McGruff the Crime Dog, Corps of Engineers mascot Nutty Squirrel, and the Forest Service's Smokey Bear.

Intrepid Auxiliarist and 95 VFC Larry Irvin braved the summer heat and donned the panda suit while FC Dave Robb made the on-stage introduction and delivered the message regarding boating safety and the importance of wearing a PFD.



PFD Panda exchanges a "high five" with a young fan



It's a zoo out there as PFD Panda helps spread the safety message

After all the characters were introduced, there was an opportunity for photos as Auxiliary members talked with parents and distributed literature. It was a fun event for both kids and kids at heart. ❀

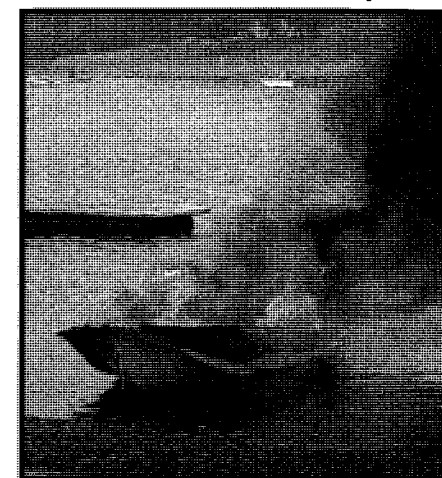
*Article and Photo by David Robb
Huntington, PA*

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 11
Reading, PA

LESSONS LEARNED—DIVISION 11 ASSISTS RANGERS AND FIREFIGHTERS AT BLUE MARSH LAKE

Saturday, July 22, 2006, was a slightly foggy and overcast day at Blue Marsh Lake near Reading, Pennsylvania. At 0830 hours, Joe Urban, FC 11-6, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary coxswain, arrived with his boat which he began preparing for a patrol on the lake. His boat crew, Frank Scudner, SO-FN 11-9, and Vickie Remo, SO-CS 11-9, arrived and helped launch the patrol craft when a recreational boater who just recently bought her boat came alongside the dock and asked for a Vessel Safety Check; Frank obliged and awarded the boat owner, Lisa Frye, a VSE 2006 decal. Frank



also gave her a Channel 16 decal and explained how to use the radio in an emergency. Then Frank returned to Joe's boat, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary threesome began to patrol the lake. They approached the Rt. 183 overpass at 1000 hours when Joe received an emergency call on channel 16 informing him that there was a burning boat at the Dry Brooks ramp. Joe immediately headed his patrol boat in that direction and found a stern-drive craft ablaze in the middle of the lake between the launch ramp and the opposite shore. Blue Marsh Park Ranger, Kathy Grim, contacted the patrol boat by radio and asked the USCGA members to assist with crowd control to keep other boats away from the recently fueled, burning boat that could explode at any time; the Auxiliary complied. While communicating with the other boats about the gravity of the situation, Frank learned that the boaters who contacted the patrol boat by radio to report the emergency were the same people whose boat he inspected earlier and

taught how to use Channel 16 in case of emergency. Frank's safe boating education was implemented an hour after his VSC.

The boaters who stayed in the area to watch the fire-fighting scene unfold were cooperative and kept a distance between their boats and the one on fire. Joe took Frank to the dock to seek information for the USCG SAR report, and Joe and Vickie returned in their patrol boat to the area of the lake between the boaters and the flaming hazard. In the interim, fire

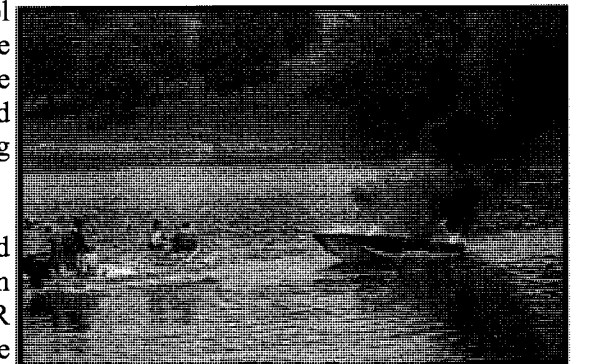


trucks arrived from Greenfield and Mt. Pleasant, and eventually a rescue boat from Lower Heidelberg Township Fire Department was launched. The boat crew could not successfully battle the flaming craft which drifted into the shrubs on the shore opposite the ramp where the fire fighting crews were waiting with apparatus. The rescue crew then towed the boat back to the dock area to fight the flames and extinguish the fire with foam. All that remained of the fiberglass boat was a badly charred hull. According to Blue Marsh rangers, this fire was the first to destroy a boat at Blue Marsh since the lake, built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, opened in the early 1970s.

On shore Frank was informed that the owner of the burning boat and his two sons were not injured. The engine caught fire immediately after its owner started it, and the three on board jumped overboard to safety at the dock.

Loss by fire shows the value of the lessons already taught by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: always ventilate before starting the engine, and be sure to have a clean backfire flame arrester with an approval number. ❀

Photos Courtesy of Casey Suglia



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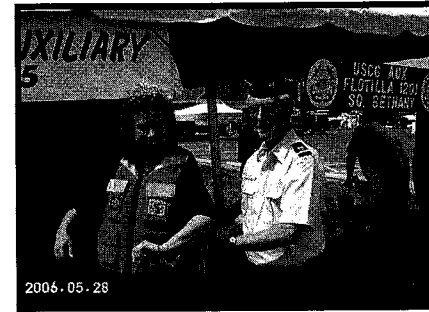
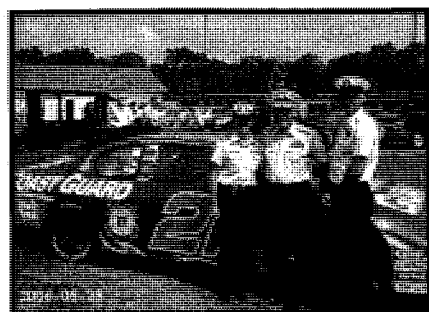
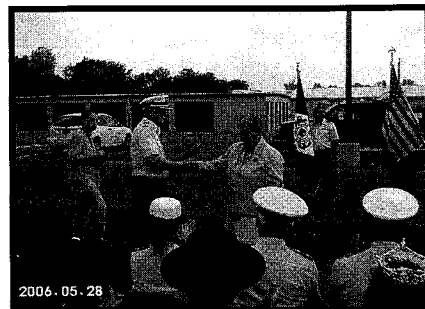
Division 12
Southern Delaware

DIVISION 12 CELEBRATES NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

Division 12 Celebrated National Safe Boating week with an open house held at the Nanticoke Marina in Blades Delaware this year. Many dignitaries and special guests including Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner, LCDR Dana Reid, and 2005 Miss Delaware Rebecca Bledsoe were on hand to help the Division Celebrate this event. A main attraction of the event was the Coast Guard NASCAR Busch Series Car number 21.

The Division's Flotillas also helped celebrate NSBW by conducting Vessel Safety Check stations in various locations, Safety Booths and Safety Patrols. Flotilla 12-1 members were involved in at least four public service events during this year's National Safe Boating Week. Early Saturday morning on May 20 several members were at the Bay Colony Marina in Millville to conduct Vessel Safety Checks. The following Saturday was exceptionally productive, as Flotilla members participated in a two-day VSC event at Tuckahoe, a safe boating class at the Millville Fire Co., and the NSBW Open House in Blades. Flotilla 12-5 conducted Safety Patrols on the Delaware Bay. ❀

*Photos submitted by Robert Lesperance,
Bruce White and Carolyn Otto*



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 12
Southern Delaware

FLOTILLA 12-2 HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

Flotilla 12-2 on 10 September 2006 had their Will Paradise Annual Picnic with many of the members, wives/and special guest present. The special guest, were DC2 Mark Hill USCG MS Detachment Lewes, DE, PDCO Robert J. Perrone Sr. DSO-FN, Oscar D. Bailey DCP-12, Harry W. Otto VCP-12, Nancy L. Otto SO- FN-12, Robert G. Rosenberg VFC 12-1 and SO-PA-12 and SGT. Gregory L. Rhodes of Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Everyone had a great time. ❀

*Article & Photos by John Bernath, 12-1, DSO-PA
Millsboro, DE*



Left to right:
John Bernath
DSO-PA
Raymond
Gurdinak,
FSO-MA
Oscar D. Bailey,
DCP

Left to right:
Ruth Sokolowski
FSO-MT
Jack K. Korbobo
Seated - Edward
A. Stinson



Left to right:
Charles M. Pinchot,
Delores Pinchot
Francis Lewczak,
Sandi Smyk,
Stephen Smyk
SO-OP, Robert G.
Rosenberg VFC



It is our sad duty to report that Neil Xenos, Flotilla 12-2 has crossed over the bar. Our profound sympathies are extended to Neil's family and friends. We also extend our most grateful thanks to Neil who shared his time, efforts and assets in the true spirit of volunteerism.

AUXILIARIST HONORED FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Auxiliarist Louise Ruff has been a member of Flotilla 12-5, Dover Delaware, for 40 Years. On 24 August, Mrs. Ruff was honored for her service and presented with a certificate by Division 12 Captain Dick Bailey. Mrs. Ruff has held many positions during her 40 years in the Auxiliary. She along with her late husband Marvin

was one of the original founding members of Division 12 and Flotilla 12-5. We are very proud to have Mrs. Ruff as part of our team. Pictured is Captain Dick Bailey and Louise Ruff. ❀

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

AUXILIARIST RECOGNIZED FOR 25-YEARS OF SERVICE

Flotilla 12-5's Vice Flotilla Commander, Merton Walton was recognized for 25 years of Dedicated Service to the Auxiliary at Flotilla 12-5's monthly meeting. ❀

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



Pictured are Merton Walton, VFC
and Kenneth Xiques, FC.

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Division 12
Southern Delaware

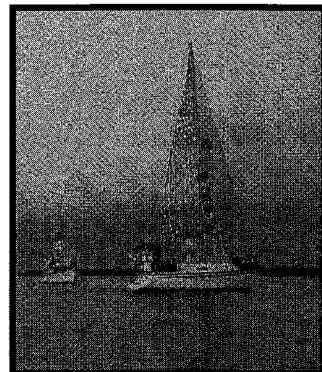
FLOTILLA 12-9 LEADS LEWES BOAT PARADE

On Saturday, September 30, 2006, the town of Lewes, Delaware held their annual Boast the Coast celebration and recognizing their 375th anniversary. A finale to the day's events is the lighted boat parade. This year the parade was lead by Flotilla 12-9 facility "Good Wish" captained by Dick Stevenson with crew Denny Nield and John Ballantyne and parade director Betsy Reamer. The parade runs the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal starting at Roosevelt Inlet and ending at Fisherman's Wharf in town for judging and viewing by the large crowd in attendance. The announcer gave the Auxiliary great PR describing our many activities in boating safety. About 15 boats participated in the parade including a 100 ft. party boat, a Delaware River & Bay pilot boat, two Sea Scout's sailboats, a University of Delaware marine studies boat, and numerous private boats of many different sizes and shapes. The parade culminated with a reception and awards for best decorations in different categories. ❀

*Photos by John Ballantyne Millsboro DE
Article by Dick Stevenson, FSO-OP Lewes DE*



Betsy Reamer, Dick Stevenson and Denny Nield preparing to get underway



Boats were assembling for the parade decked-out with many lights. The sailboat on the left was decorated in lights in the pattern of an American Flag.



DIVISION 12 CONTACTS PATON VERIFICATION PATROL

This year Division 12 will complete verification of 101 PATONS in the Indian River and Delaware Bay areas. Most of these are conducted on the water as exemplified in the PATON patrol of 1 October 2006 to verify the private aids at the Cape May-Lewes ferry terminal breakwater in Lewes harbor. Bob Lesperance, Aids Verifier and SO-AN, enlisted the services of Dick Stevenson's facility along with Denny Nield and John Ballantyne as crew to complete the mission. ❀

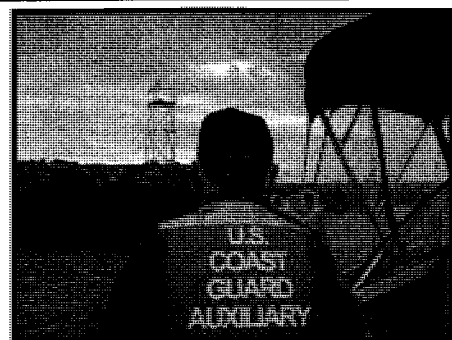
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Dick Stevenson, Denny Nield and Bob Lesperance preparing to get underway



Bob Lesperance and Dick Stevenson discussing mission



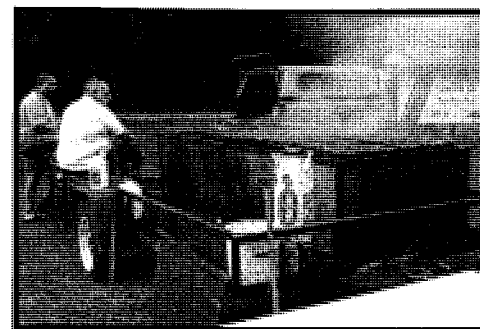
Auxiliary Vessel approaching the PATON

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14
Susquehanna, PA

DIVISION 14 HOLDS FUND RAISER

Each year Flotilla 14-3 holds a chicken barbeque at SARDET Long Level to raise funds to pay for the oil for heating the SARDET in the winter months. This year's event was a great success with close to 500 meals sold in the two days of cooking. The men and women of Flotilla 14-3 and several from other Flotillas in the Division pitch in to get this job done. There is a lot of work and good fellowship during this two day event. Shown in the picture is "master chicken chef" Clyde College tending his "brood" and chicken basket turner John Brooks. ❀



*Article by R. W. Whyland 14-4
Spring Grove, PA*

Division 14 recently took a boat there to patrol and check the ATONs in the area and familiarize themselves with this section of the Susquehanna river. We used the Muddy Creek F&B access off Rt. 372. off River Road in York County which is a little more than a dirt road. The access is a little hard to get to and has quite a few rocks in the way of getting to the deep water.

Later we found Dorsey Park boat ramp next to the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, a little farther south in York County off Rt. 851, a nicer ramp and puts you right in the deep water.

There are other access areas, one in Lancaster County at Peach Bottom Marina but has height restricted access and in Maryland at Conowingo Creek and Broad Creek.

Once you get to deep water, it is good, very scenic and not as crowded as the other two lakes. I think we will patrol here more often. And also do some pleasure boating here, a little farther away but nice. ❀

*Robert Herr, IPDCP 14
Mountville, PA*

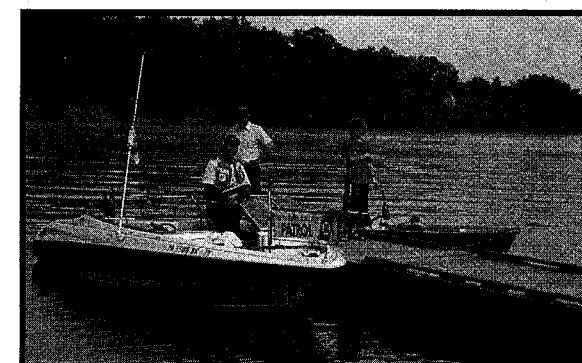
PATROL AT CONOWINGO POND

Division 14 is responsible for the three lower Susquehanna river bodies of water in Pennsylvania that start below the Rt. 30 bridge at Lancaster, York county line and flows to the Maryland line.

First Lake Clarke, the largest of the three where SARDET Long Level is located and we patrol every weekend from Memorial Day through October when weather shuts us down.

Next Lake Aldred, from below the Safe Harbor Dam to the Holtwood Dam that is patrolled at times throughout the Summer.

Then there is the Conowingo Pond, from below Holtwood Dam to the Maryland line and beyond four more miles into 5th Southern territory to the Conowingo Dam.



Pictured on Patrol Boat are Darwin Eshlemen 14-1 and Cliff Frankenfield 14-4

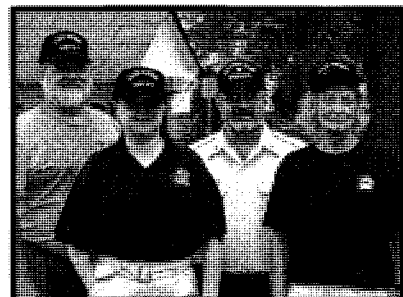


AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 14
Susquehanna, PA

RESULTS OF AN AMLOC-A CLASS ASSIGNMENT

One of the assignments given each attendee at the recent AMLOC A class, given at Cape May, was to write a mission statement for their Division. The four attendees from Division 14, Walter Johnson, Troy Faw,



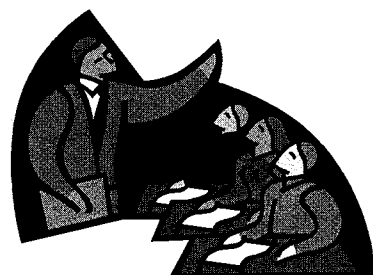
Jeff Kuhn and Bob Whyland, put their collective works together during the training classes and developed their concept of a mission statement for Division 14.

After returning they finessed the statement and then presented their effort to the Division Board which, after due consideration and some modifications, accepted the proposed Mission Statement.

Division 14, 5NR will serve the United States Coast Guard and the boating public by supporting the Flotillas. We believe that a properly equipped, trained and informed Auxiliary will successfully promote boating safety and support the Coast Guard's mission.

This organization of volunteers is dedicated to the Cornerstones of the Auxiliary; Member Services, Recreational Boating Safety, Operations and Marine Safety, Fellowship, and the Core Values of the United States Coast Guard; Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty.

Article by R. W. Whyland 14-4
Spring Grove, PA



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Jersey Shore

FLOTILLA 16-7 SUMMER BUSINESS MEETINGS

Flotilla 16-7 usually holds their business meetings at the sail loft at USCG Station Manasquan Inlet. When summer arrives and the weather turns warm we move our meetings outdoors. Various members volunteer to host the meetings at their homes. At the conclusion of the meeting, there is a cookout with members contributing appetizers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. It is a great way to promote fellowship and a number of spouses, guests and prospective members also attend.

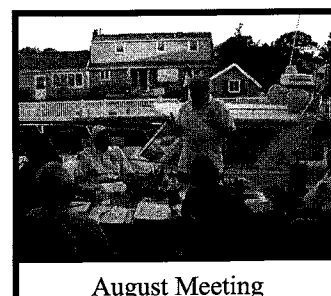
This year our June meeting was held at the NJ Museum of Boating in Point Pleasant, NJ. Members enjoyed a tour of the museum and a presentation by Bob O'Brien, one of the original incorporators of the museum, on the history of boating in NJ.

Our July meeting was held at the home of Jack Witemeyer, RCO-E and the August meeting was held at the home of John and Marjorie Ignozza all of Point Pleasant. This is a great way to enhance our meeting, include spouses in an activity and spend time talking to prospective members.

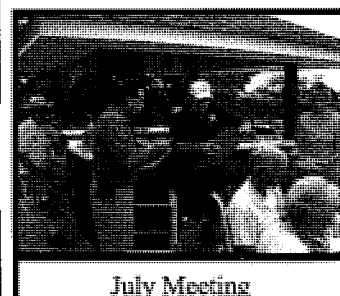
Article by Marjorie Ignozza, FSO-PB, FSO-IS 16-7
Photos by John Ignozza 16-7
Point Pleasant, NJ



June Meeting



August Meeting



July Meeting

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Division 16
Jersey Shore

ABC CLASS AT MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE

Four members of Flotilla 16-7 and one from 16-3 presented an ABC class to over 30 members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire AFB. This was during Safety Down Day on 19 May 2006. These men were an "easy teach" as they understand safety, situational awareness, and following the rules.

Leading in the instruction was, RCO-E Jack Witemeyer who was "back home" as this was his wing when he was Lt. Col. Witemeyer---I won't tell you how long ago. Also participating in the instruction was Ron Coleman FSO-PS, Bill Castagno, and Dennis Georgia FC, all from 16-7 and Tom Murray of 16-3 who is also a member of the Atlantic Strike Team.



For their efforts, each member of the instructional team received a Certificate of Appreciation from Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Klein, NJANG (Chief of flight safety) and Denis A. Dzurinko, CMSgt, NJANG (Chief of ground

safety). The certificates were presented by Division 16 Captain Harvey Monter at a recent Flotilla 16-7 business meeting.

Article by Dennis Georgia FC 16-7
Lakewood, NJ

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

During NACON, in Dallas, TX, Bob Myers, 16-10 had the fortunate opportunity to meet with ADM Thad Allen. Mel Borofsky was there with his ever-ready camera to catch the moment. If you think Bob looks proud in the photo, you're right!

Robert Myers 16-10 D-AA
Photo By Mel Borofsky



AUXILIARIST RECEIVES CITATION FOR AIM PROGRAM WORK

Jerry San Antonio has participated in the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) since he joined the Auxiliary in 2001. His efforts have been tireless in introducing high school students to the Academy; and every summer he will spend a week at the Academy during AIM week.

In September 2005 Captain Susan D. Bibeau appointed him to the recruiting team for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Citing "No one is better equipped to make this connection than you ---", and "---Your personal contributions will mean a great deal to the young people you come in contact with, and the future of our service."

In June 2006 Dr. San Antonio participated in the graduation ceremony at The Marine Academy of Science and Technology (MAST), Sandy Hook, NJ where three (3) of the graduating students were accepted into the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

At a recent flotilla meeting I had the pleasure of presenting Jerry with a Citation, from RADM J. Van Sice, Superintendent of the Academy. The citation was for his efforts during 2004 and 2005 with the Academy Introduction Mission Team.

Jerry San Antonio is one of those rare men who perform above expectations in the completion of their mission, without drawing any attention to themselves. He is one of the finest examples of an Auxiliarist I have had the pleasure to know.

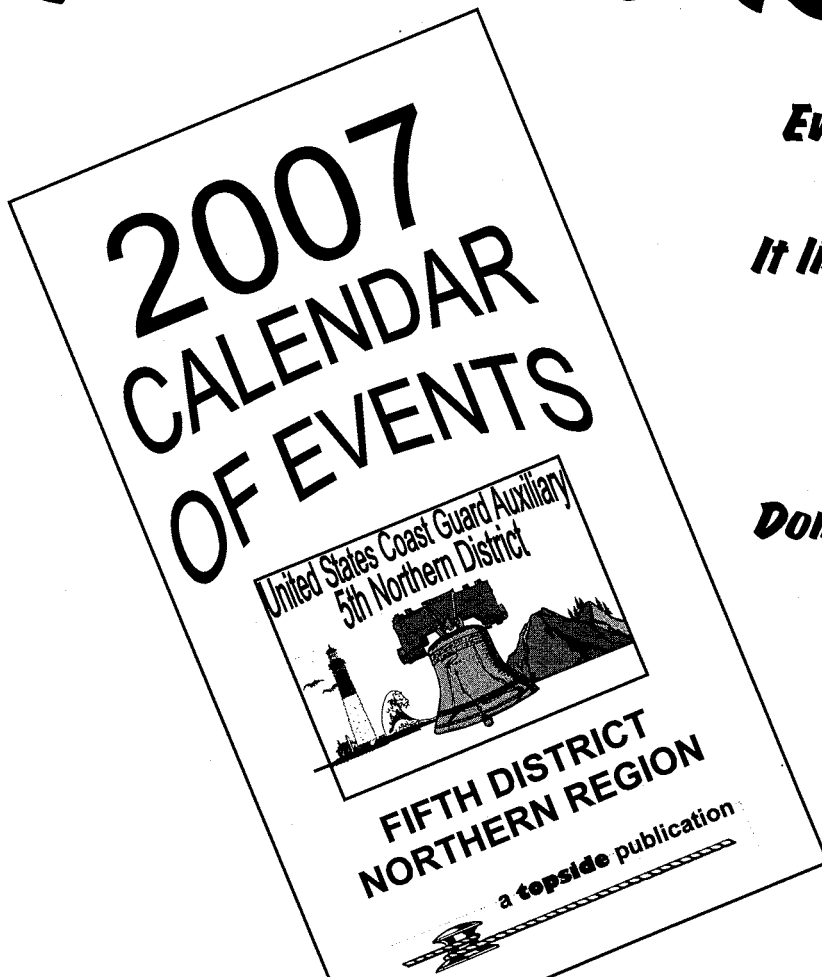
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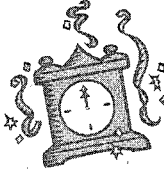



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<p>1 Division Auxiliarist of the Year to DCO (45 days prior to COW)</p> <p>1 Winter Uniforms Begin</p> <p>6 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>7 ELECTION DAY</p>  <p>10 Eastern Area EXCOM</p> <p>11 Veteran's Day</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>23 Thanksgiving Day</p>  <p>30 Disenrollment Deadline to DSO-PS</p>	<p>5 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15 Election Results to Division SO-IS</p> <p>15 Chanukah (1st Night)</p>  <p>21 First day of Winter</p> <p>25 Christmas</p>  <p>26 Kwanza Begins</p>  <p>31 Currency Maintenance Deadline</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day</p>  <p>8 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>15 Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed</p>  <p>25-28 N-train, St Louis</p>	<p>1 Inventory ADMIN-7 to DIRAUX</p> <p>5 EXCOM Meeting</p> <p>12 Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>12 Spring Conference Registration Deadline</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p>  <p>15 Unit Meeting and Reports Due</p> <p>19 Presidents Day</p>  <p>22 Washington's Birthday</p> <p>28 topside deadline</p>



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