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SEMPER PARATUS

★ Certain recent events have conspired to lull some of our most ardent Class (T) Reservists into a state of lethargy bordering on complete apathy toward their duty assignments.

Civilian airplane lookouts have been dismissed. We have been told that there will be no more surprise blackouts. The long-enforced blackout regulations along the Atlantic Coast have been relaxed until further notice.

Does that mean that men engaged in Dock Watch, Tower Watch, Gate Watch, River Patrol, and Shore Patrol are just "playing soldier?" Does it mean that our twelve hours a week are wasted? Does it mean that we can now relax our vigilance just because there is a feeling among the public that imminent danger from enemy bombers, submarines, and rubber boats is past?

It does not!

The Coast Guard is one arm of the Service whose work is never ended. In peace, as well as in war, there is always work for the Coast Guard.

When that Nor'easter hit the Jersey coast late in October, who went to the rescue of the stranded vessels? The Coast Guard. When the two blimps collided in the fog, who rushed to the scene to give all possible aid? The Coast Guard. And when the saboteurs, fifth-columnists, and quislings who are now

in our midst try to get in their dirty work, who will be on the job to stop them? The Coast Guard.

America has enough and to spare of arm-chair strategists who can foresee the end of the war in 1944 and who are ready to quit now. They need no encouragement from us. We have been given a job to do and it is up to us to do that job properly, without quibbling about assignments, favoritisms, ratings, or expansion, until we are officially dismissed.

It would be a great mistake for any of us to harbor the idea that he is no longer important, that his services are not needed. Many a ball game has been won or lost in the last half of the ninth; and those who really know will tell you that so far as this war is concerned, the seventh inning is still to be played, with neither side holding a safe lead.

So keep your eye on the ball. There's one down and two to go. But until the last guy fans out, you're needed.

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NAVIGATOR EXAMINATION

★ Reservists who aspire to higher ratings and who have been studying to prepare themselves are urged to take the next Navigator Examination, which will be held at the former Penn Athletic Club, Philadelphia, on 12 December promptly at 1000. Applications must be filed with your Flotilla Commander not later than 7 December.

STUPORMAN on Patrol—By "Kordy"



"You said if I could not buy a turkey to bring home a couple of nice young chickens."

BUY A "PEARL HARBOR" WAR BOND
BEFORE 7 DECEMBER
(See enclosure with this issue)

DEATH OF DAVE GRIMES

★ In the untimely death of David Grimes, of Flotilla 16, the Auxiliary has sustained a definite loss. Dave died while on a secret mission for our Government.

He had been active almost since the inception of the Auxiliary. During the operation of the Observation and Rescue Patrol, he gave every possible hour from his personal business. The use of his boat, "The Daviel," could be had for patrol work for the asking, and was often used by members other than himself with no thought that the boat might be misused.

During the winter months, he conducted classes in signalling, semaphore, and navigation after each meeting. Probably, no one knows the time and personal cost that he contributed to assembling the material for these courses which were often illustrated with miniature boats rigged with lights and buoys, specially-built instruments, and colored slides and charts.

The Auxiliary expresses its heart-felt sympathy to Dave Grimes' family and shares with them a real feeling of loss for a man who accepted every responsibility without thought of personal gain.

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PRAISE POURS IN FOR MANUALS ISSUED BY THE FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT

★ After months of research, writing, editing, proofreading, and printing, members of the Auxiliary of the Fourth Naval District have published a series of instruction manuals that have received the unqualified approval of the Commanders and Officers of other Districts.

The manuals prepared include "Coastal Lookout Tower Observers", "Commercial Fishing Dock Patrol", "River Patrol", "Temporary Reserve", and "Law Enforcement."

The following are brief excerpts from some of the letters received from officials of other Districts to whom sample copies of certain manuals were sent:

From Lieut. Leon G. Telsey, of the U.S.C.G. Training Institute: "The Manuals are excellent and contain abundant evidence of the care and thought given to their preparation, particularly with respect to the furnishing of specific information for the performance of duty."

From Lieut. Commander J. J. Hallenbeck, Director of the U.S.C.G.A. in the 12th Naval District: "We have received the three manuals and wish to thank you for the courtesy and congratulate you on the concise and complete information. The books show a lot of forethought."

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"DRY-LAND" COMMANDER OF FLOTILLA 51

★ Commander of one of the few "dry-land" Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District, Theodore C. Auman, Jr., Funeral Director by profession, cuts a mighty impressive figure as he stands atop one of his Flotilla's CGA boats. Ted Auman devotes not only a great deal of his time to Coast Guard work, but his beautiful building is used as Flotilla headquarters and his competent secretary writes fully as many letters on Coast Guard matters as on "funereal" matters. Ted's hobbies are fishing and boating, with the war-added hobby of Victory gardening. Between times, he acts as Treasurer of the Berks County Council of Camp Fire Girls and is active in the Trinity Lutheran Church Council. He's a 32nd Degree Mason, a graduate of Franklin & Marshall Academy and the Eckel's College of Embalming. Blessed with a wife and two children, he has thus far been by-passed by his draft board, although he is only 37 years of age. Members of the Reading Flotilla hope that Uncle Sam will not need their efficient, hard-working Commander.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED

★ The Cartoons "by Kordy" that appear in each issue of TOPSIDE are ground out at the expense of considerable midnight oil. We'd like to know whether our readers think they are worth the trouble and the space they occupy. We'd like to have some rough suggestions and ideas, too, for future subjects, especially STUPORMAN. Will you drop a note or postcard to The Editor? Thanks.

YOU'VE HAD IT SOFT!

★ Any Reservist who thinks he has ever had a tough time on patrol, is urged to read "The Strange Cruise of the Yawl Zaida", which begins in the November issue of *Harper's Magazine*. A true account of the experiences of a Coast Guard Reserve crew, it is guaranteed to shame anyone who has griped about having had rough experiences on boat patrol.



★ The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District, has done an outstanding job in Spar recruiting to date. Almost a hundred girls already signed up or being processed. A mighty fine record.

The month of November brings with it the Spars' first birthday. We would be remiss if we did not give them a Birthday Party. And so on Thanksgiving Day the Spars in the Philadelphia area will be guests of the Auxiliary at the Cornell-Penn football game.

The Cornell band will not be present for the game due to transportation problems. In its place however, the Spars together with the U. S. Coast Guard Band from Port Richmond and the U. S. Coast Guard Drum and Bugle Corps from Atlantic City will "strut their stuff."

Between the halves an elaborate drill together with various letter formations will be performed by the Spars. It is our guess that this demonstration will be one of the most interesting ever seen on Franklin Field. A record crowd of 80,000 is expected for this great football classic.

It has been a pleasure for the Auxiliary to assist in recruiting Spars. Many more are needed. Keep up the good work!

LIEUT. CMDR. VICTOR E. LAZO,
U.S.C.G.R. (T),
Commodore, Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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From Lieut. Jonah Jones, Jr., Director of the U.S.C.G.A. in the 11th Naval District: "The author of these books is to be complimented on the very fine manner in which the information is selected and assembled."

From Lieut. Commander Paul Date, Director of the U.S.C.G.A. in the 9th Naval District (Chicago): "This information is very necessary for all men to have, and I am going to look these booklets over with a great deal of interest."

From Lieut. L. A. Hanson, Director of the U.S.C.G.A. in the 6th Naval District: "Thank you for the copies of the manuals. These will be of great assistance in an educational way."

The Fourth Naval District can well be proud of their pioneer work in the preparation of these necessary manuals.

COMMANDER of the PORT RICHMOND BASE

By MICHAEL A. DEVITT, *Flotilla 22*

★ The rumbling of drums and the blare of brass of the 312th Field Artillery Band in which his brother played during the first World War, and other musical organizations with which his father played, long have echoed in the memory of Lieut. Elwood J. Wick, U.S.C.G.R., Commanding Officer of Port Richmond Patrol Base at Pier 181.

Today, at 45, he has under his supervision the Coast Guard Band of the Fourth Naval District, the organization of which was but one of the many things accomplished by Lieut. Wick since he entered the Service.

He is an organizer and a promoter. When he sets his mind on a thing he goes out and gets it. Once having obtained his objective, he moves along to another. It has been through the succession of such moves that his entire command has been built up.

As a boy, Lieut. Wick was induced by his father to take piano lessons, but as he puts it: "I was all thumbs and music was definitely out."

Through all his years, a yearning to do something in a musical way still lingered. The culmination of this yearning resulted in his organization of the 4th Naval District Coast Guard Band, Pier 181.

Using the same methods employed in procuring men of various talents in building up his Base, Lieut. Wick went about building up his band. He induced members of the Musicians Union to enlist in the Coast Guard. Some of them were outstanding artists from Jan Savitt's and Jesse Powell's Bands and the Philharmonic Orchestra. With a few competent men as a nucleus, the band was turned over to Dino Cortese as leader with the result that it has now received loud acclaim. The band may be heard twice a week over the radio on Mondays at 1515, Station WCAU and Saturdays at 1345, Station KYW.

When there is need of a band for a Coast Guard function within the Fourth Naval District, the Pier 181 Band is always available. Originating as a dance band for the entertainment of the enlisted men at the Base, it later developed into a thirty-piece orchestra. This band has been very active in patriotic rallies, having played at the USO, Stage Door



Lt. E. J. Wick

Canteen, Naval Hospital, Valley Forge Hospital, parades, Coast Guard affairs, and for various campaigns to raise funds for Service organizations.

Once a month the enlisted men at Pier 181 have their own dance in the recreation hall. They are permitted to bring their wives or girl friends. Lieut. Wick has found that the men enjoy this privilege much more than if hostesses from some outside organization were invited.

Born and raised in the Frankford section of Philadelphia, Wick is gray haired, blue eyed, and ruddy of face. He is 5 feet 3½ inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. That's just six pounds more than when he entered the Service. It was probably his small stature which kept him from competing in high school or college football during his years at Frankford High School and Temple University. All his favorite sports such as fishing, swimming, and boating kept him along the river-front.

When time permits, he likes nothing better than attending an ice hockey game or a good musical comedy. He smokes a pipe constantly, likes good substantial food; and his pet dog, Brindy, a four-year-old Great Dane, is his constant companion at the Base.

An automotive engineer in civil life, he entered the Service on 22 July 1941 as a Boatswain (T) in charge of his own

boat the SEA FEVER, and was assigned to Pier 11 North. On 7 October 1941, he was assigned duties as Commanding Officer of Pier 181, which at that time was nothing more than a pier with a number. He had no prior military service, but a lifetime hobby of boating and building boats stood him in good stead.

Starting his first command with a complement of four men and a barren pier, Lieut. Wick now commands a force of approximately 400 men. At first, facilities were so lacking that it was necessary to go to a nearby lumber yard whenever he required the use of a telephone. The extent of his present command reflects his ingenuity.

Known as a go-getter, he had the knack of bringing to the attention of the recruiting officer the type of men needed for the job at hand and never ceased in his efforts until he got them.

In the process of building up his command, Lieut. Wick was advanced to Lieut. (j.g.) in November, 1941. He received his second promotion to Lieutenant in January, 1942.

Besides the regular Coast Guard complement at the Base, Pier 181 is also utilized as an operations base for Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26. They are permitted the use of all the facilities at the Base for training purposes.

Lieut. Wick, having established the Base at Pier 181 to the point where it is complete and in good operating order, feels that he would like to move along to something more novel and exciting. In short, he would like a taste of sea duty, preferably in a combat zone.

In spite of Lieut. Wick's reticence on most of his past achievements, he has no innate modesty in speaking about himself when it comes to his bowling scores. His bowling scores with one of the league teams from the Base average 136. Bos'n Sturm, U.S.C.G., who is very skeptical and hard to convince about most things and, incidentally, doesn't know a "darn" thing about bowling, recently stepped in with Mr. Creely to inspect his bowling allies just as Lieut. Wick let one go which resulted in a "perfect strike." The Bos'n was heard to exclaim: "That fellow is good. He rates 4.0 at that racket. Gee! He knocked all ten of those Indian clubs over with the first shot."

THE LOG



FLOTILLA 51, READING — Joining the campaign to help Uncle Sam to get women to replace service men needed overseas, the Reading Flotilla has opened a recruiting station for SPARS

in a vacant storeroom where members in uniform are on duty from 1400 to 2100 daily.

The display windows of the store-room have been filled with nautical equipment and large pictures of boatmen in action and of the Coast Guard station at Palm Beach, Fla., where girls who join the SPARS receive their boot training. The local recruiting station was established with the assistance of Gertrude Emerson and Ronald E. Brooks, third class recruiting specialists, and Edmund Staats, second class boatswain's mate, who visit Reading every Wednesday.

The Reading yachtsmen man the recruiting office on a daily schedule arranged by a committee from the Flotilla, consisting of Orville C. Eshelman, chairman; David L. Witman and Harvey Golden. Applicants for membership in the Flotilla are also accepted.

The following recently passed their entrance examination into the Flotilla: Albert Green, Ernest G. Thorpe, and Leroy Machmer. David Hill was named finance committee chairman.

The Director has approved two appointments—that of J. Norman Klein as Vice Commander to replace Henrik Wentink who left for active duty with the Army Transportation Service, and George L. Kreider as Junior Vice Commander.

—Matthew P. Romanski,
Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY—At the regular meeting of Flotilla 21, held on 25 October, 1943, Lt. (j.g.) John W. Brown, Director CGA 4th Naval District, installed Joseph E. Klock as Commander. At the following meeting Lieut. H. L. Schimpf, Jr., installed John J. Bielman as Vice-Commander and David Fuiman as Junior Commander. The set-up at Flotilla 21 is as follows: Robert O. Fairheller, Financial Secretary; Paul D. Bacon, Acting Recording Secretary; Jerome M.

Marcus, Operations Officer; August C. Wahl, Jr., Personnel and Statistics; George W. Jackel, Chm. Membership; Benj. G. Morrissey, Chm. Boat Inspection; A. Lester Sauter, Chm. Spar Recruiting; Edwin C. Bleam, Chm. Visiting Committee; Louis Cramer, Drill Master.

Flotilla 21 headquarters is now located at Disston Recreation Center, Disston and Glenloch Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. The Flotilla is moving right along. They now have 67 men actively engaged at Base 181 on River Patrol, Gate, and Dock Watches. They are proud of the fact that every man in uniform is now actively engaged and they have a total of 40 of their members in Active Duty in the armed forces of the Government.

—Joseph E. Klock, Commander.



Harbor but also to take over the manning of one of the Watch Towers along the coast.

FLOTILLA 33, WILDWOOD

Flotilla 33 is expanding rapidly under the stimulus of a concentrated recruiting drive in order not only to continue the dock patrol at Ottens

Ensign John J. Kay, Jr., has just about completed the personnel for the watch in the tower and thirty-three members in this branch will soon undergo the necessary course of instruction before entering that work.

The Dock Patrol at Ottens is the Flotilla "baby" and members are loath to give up this activity. Some members of the Stone Harbor Flotilla still are cooperating in this watch but substantially it is a Wildwood project.

Ensign Kay is planning another of those great meetings at his isolated farm near Wildwood Villas. These gatherings pack a terrific combination of work, fun, and food, and, as usual, C.P.O. Arthur Sutton has been named commander of the clam brigade to provide this very necessary and popular part of the menu.

Chief Russell Higgins has been named mentor of the boots and every Wednesday night is busily engaged teaching a class of recruits the rudiments of Coast Guard necessities in preparation for their examinations in order that they can become active members.

The municipal family of the City of Wildwood is well represented in the personnel of Thirty-three. Ensign Kay is Director of Publicity for the resort, and now Mayor George Krogman and City Treasurer Joseph Clark are in uniform and taking their regular turns at active duty.

Nels Long, one of the veteran members of the organization, has received his orders to report to the Army Transportation Corps in New York around the middle of November, preparatory to service in the South Pacific. The experience he obtained as a member of the Auxiliary and Reserve had much to do with his rating in the Army outfit. Long will command a small boat in the Islands.

—Marshall Bainbridge, Jr.,
Publicity Officer.

PURPOSES OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

- ★ Furthering interest in safety at sea and upon navigable waters.
- ★ Promoting efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts.
- ★ Fostering a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts.

★★★★ FACILITATING OPERATIONS OF THE COAST GUARD.





FLOTILLA 18, LITTLE EGG HARBOR—No. 18 is a busy Flotilla these days. During the summer, in addition to operating regular, 24-hour patrols out of their base at Bonds Sta-

tion at Beach Haven, N. J., 18 was assigned to Tower Watch on Long Beach Island. This called for additional members.

18's Commander, Ensign Morton Gibbons-Neff, appointed Sidney S. Blake as Procurement Officer to head up all Tower operations.

Blake selected Walter Cranmer of Beach Haven as his assistant for Long Beach Island and George W. Parker of Tuckerton as assistant for the mainland. After an intensive 10 days' recruiting program, 40 men were enrolled. Rev. "Padre" Russell Clapp of Beach Haven conducted a series of lectures for the new men to prepare them for "exams." At 1200 on 20 September, the Flotilla took over the complete operation of the first tower. The new members include Ingelbright O. Amundson, Orville Benjamin, Ned S. Carleton, Walter Cranmer, John Daniel, Nat T. Ewer, Arthur J. Kayhart, Thomas A. Kelley, Robert D. Link, Roy C. Miller, Earl Noonan, William J. Noonan, Sr., Lester R. Parker, Harry Pharo, Oscar Schnell, Christopher T. Sprague, James Sprague, James C. Sprague, James K. Stack from Beach Haven, and John Avery, Norman P. Gerber, Harry Harris, Paul B. Hughes, Robert B. Leech, Samuel Leifried, Joseph E. Mott, Robert Owen, George W. Parker, Thomas L. Resch, Alfred J. Scelfo, Arthur W. Speck, Lewis O. Speck, Grover C. Sullivan from Tuckerton.

It is expected that, early in November, additional new members, including ten from Manahawkin, will permit taking over a second tower. Blake's latest report states that, by 1 January, he expects to have sufficient men to man all towers on the Island and relieve regular Coast Guardsmen for line duty.

Last month, the Flotilla took over a ten-room house on Central Avenue in Beach Haven as a barracks. This enables the day crews to come down from Philadelphia and North Jersey the night before and be on the ground for an early patrol.

John Geisel, in addition to his regular patrol duties, has been drawing the caricatures of Publicity Officers that appear in these columns.

WATCH FOR ARTICLE IN NEXT ISSUE
ON
"HOW TO LEARN BLINKER"



"The Manager Has Everything Ship-Shape."

Vice-Commander Wesley Heilman is giving a series of lectures every other week on "Weather." Junior Commander Joseph Haines has started an instruction course in piloting, following closely the Power Squadron course. The course and lectures are open to all members of 18, especially those studying for Ratings examinations. Assistant Operations Officer Frederic Remington states that, with the exception of the time necessary for minor boat repairs, all patrols have operated on a full 7-day-per-week schedule. Roger.

—Russell K. Carter, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON — This Flotilla was one year old on 29 October. Celebrating the occasion, the members gathered at their headquarters in the Trenton Yacht

Club building, overlooking the Delaware River, on Thursday evening, 28 October, and were honored with the presence of the Commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District, and the Captain of the Second Division.

The Commodore commended the Flotilla for the excellent job it is doing and urged them to carry on in the true spirit of the United States Coast Guard.

We had the pleasure of receiving a guest from Flotilla 24.

It was from a modest charter membership of 13 men, all with the one major thought in mind—doing their little bit in their own small way to help Uncle Sam—that the Flotilla of New Jersey's capital city has grown until its roster today contains the names of 91 men from all walks of life.

And before the end of the year arrives, Ensign Charles Wyckoff, the Flotilla Commander, predicts that the century mark will have been reached.

While many members of the Flotilla have qualified in the various training subjects, others are undergoing intensive instruction in charge of C. B. M. Halbert Phillips in such subjects as the blinker, semaphore, boat handling, and Coast Guard law.

The men of the Flotilla are kept busy, not only with their service duties, but also their civilian pursuits, yet they found time for a bit of relaxation on Sunday, 3 October, and participated in an enjoyable outing on Florence Island in the Delaware River. Coxswain Barnett Rochestie was chairman of a committee which planned the affair.

—Aaron Himmelstein, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER — Flotilla 24, Delaware River Yacht Club, has a total membership of 70 men; 21 Boat-Owning members, 49 Associate members, and many

prospective members being schooled for entrance examination. Of these members, we now have 13 rated men from Coxswain to Chief Boatswains Mate.

Besides participating in nightly patrols on the Delaware, we started on 25 October to assist the Coast Guard in Dock Patrol at Pier 181, Port Richmond Base.

Antonio Micocci, a member of Flotilla 24, is in foreign service with the O.W.I.

With the able instructions on navigation by C. B. M. Ross McDonald, and the expert instructions on boat handling by C. B. M. Lee Smith, Flotilla 24 is scheduled for a good voyage for 1943 and 1944, with all hands on deck in good shape.

—W. R. Peterson, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 27, SALEM — Flotilla 27 had an active month. In addition to the routine duties, addition of members, and the introduction of a few new practices, the Flotilla managed to find time for a dinner dance.

The dinner dance was the event of the month. It was held at the DuPont country club on 8 October. Paul Walker, chairman of the dinner dance committee, did a fine job.

Ensign Evan D. Pearson opened the business meeting at 2030, when the guests were introduced. The guest list included Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, Director C. G. Auxiliary; Lieut. (j.g.) Frank Hineine, Captain 2nd Division, and former Commander of the Flotilla; Lieut. Richard Nelms, Chairman Camden Base; Lieut. (j.g.) W. W. Robinson, Assistant to the Director; Ensign G. Frederick Petry, Chairman of Boat Inspection; Commander Henry Hagar-dine, Commander Flotilla 41; Jr. Commander William D. Bradford, Jr., Commander Flotilla 41.

The high spot of the meeting was the induction of Evan Pearson as an Ensign. This induction was conducted by Lieutenant Hineine. Then Ensign Pearson inducted the new Flotilla members.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing to the music of Bart Dutton's Orchestra.

Other members of the committee were John S. Campbell, James B. Filer, George Johnson, Richard Leedy, and Donald S. Willis.

Most of the Flotilla Coxswains have now completed both written and practical qualifying examinations. The twenty-four hour, seven day a week schedule of patrol work on board the picket boat has been maintained. New members have been coming in steadily. A schedule of visitations to other Flotillas by our members has been set up. A series of lectures on subjects of interest to boatmen has been started by Coxswain Tice, his first topic being boat handling.

In the meeting of 1 October the Flotilla expressed its appreciation of the interest and work of Ensign Petry by electing him to honorary membership in the organization.

—George Boehner, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER — Five SPARS have been accepted and are now in training or on their way toward serving in the Women's Reserve of the U.S.C.G., through the efforts of the Flotilla. With several more applications on hand, our SPAR Recruiting Office has been a busy place these past few weeks. With the first anniversary of the Flotilla just past and that of the SPARS coming up this month especial effort will be made to make November a banner month in recruiting.

Considerable impetus has been given the local SPAR campaign by the weekly visits of a touring mobile Recruiting



"Under Cover Stuff"

Unit consisting of Specialists Gertrude Emerson, Ronald Brooks, Edmund Staats and Virginia Taylor. SPARS Taylor and Emerson certainly pepped things up around the office!

A substantial increase in the membership of the Flotilla was made during the early fall with fifty men enrolled and another group completing the entrance examination on 26 October. Two more members of the Flotilla, William E. Kinn and Daniel Flory recently received the rating of coxswain, bringing the number of ratings in the Flotilla to seven. Vice-Commander Gardner C. Wilson has been giving the members some excellent instruction in Blinker signalling with the aid of an electrical device especially built for that purpose. Several members availed themselves of the opportunity for instruction in boat handling and maneuvering by attending reviews at the Esington Base on a recent Sunday.

—John P. Samuels, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR—November, and a swell time to appreciate our winter wear issue, finds Flotilla 23 in a very healthy state.

Membership enrollments during the past month have swelled our ranks to 103 auxiliaries with 76 men of this total actively engaged as U. S. Coast Guard Reservists(T). For over a month now a 24-hour River Patrol has been maintained and to date the men's enthusiasm has outpaced that of the patrol boats.

Our Flotilla is well along in the navigating and piloting course skippered by the eminent authority, Capt. Olsen. This course, attended by 65 members of the Flotilla, has attracted senior members including Commander Knorr, as well as newcomers and there is no doubt we all will profit from this excellent instruction.

On 30 October our dinner dance was held at the Walt Whitman Hotel. This was planned for the purpose of presenting our Flotilla membership to District Office officials. On this occasion a service flag unveiling took place honoring those of our group who are now in military service. Eleven such members have answered the call including our original Commander, Lieut. William Sayer, now actively engaged in U.S.C.G. service.

We were honored with the presence of several District Office officers invited by the Flotilla, including Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, our new Director; Commodore Victor Lazo, Lieut. Wick, Lieut. Hineine, Lieut. (j.g.) W. W. Robinson, Ens. Scott and others. In addition, all Flotilla commanders of the Second Division, 4th Naval District, were cordially invited to attend.

The dinner dance, well attended, was a complete success and in our opinion the colorful presence of our ladies contributed in no small way. It is the general opinion following the fun, that the dinner dance shall continue as an annual affair. We should modify this determination in view of the time element as at this date we are undertaking a 24-hour Base Establishment Duty watch at the Port Richmond base in addition to our regular River Patrol. No doubt some of us will cut a fine(?) figure in bell bottoms and watch caps but we're all ready for a shot at it when we realize that each watch we stand relieves a Coast Guardsman for active duty.

May we mention, with great respect and appreciation, the swell way we have been treated by "Cookie" and his crew at the base, particularly in respect to the day crews, who we believe are looking bulgy at the waist line. It's too bad that our new and hard-working

operations officer, Leroy Hoch, can't allocate day patrols more generously so that all might taste the benefits but as it is, some must be content to listen to the fortunate ones lay it on.

—William B. Pyle, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 32, STONE HARBOR



—Honorable Spy pleased to report that through the efforts of Commander Strandberg in contacting civic leaders in nearby shore resorts, we hope to be

able to train enough personnel to man three Watch Towers. He has been very ably aided in recruiting and instructing this personnel by H. E. Pike, B.M. 1/c of Flotilla 32, who instructed the members who are now successfully manning Stone Harbor Watch Tower twenty-four hours per day.

James A. Finan, C.B.M., of Stone Harbor, has just completed the classes of instruction for this work with the Sea Isle group holding meetings and classes in the City Hall every Friday evening.

Not to be outdone by Stone Harbor and Sea Isle in patriotism, a group of fifteen residents from Avalon, N. J., attended their first class of Instruction last Friday evening in the Borough Hall. Mr. Finan and Mr. Pike have prepared for five classes of instructional lectures along with weekly homework which should prepare these men for duty in the U.S.C.G. Reserve (T).

This increasing activity for Watch Tower Service is making Stone Harbor Flotilla the fastest-growing Shore Flotilla in the Third Division. The original group of Stone Harbor members is continuing to serve on the Commercial Fishing Dock Patrol at Ottens Harbor in Wildwood (where the famous gather).

Honorable Spy also pleased to report that Lieut. (j.g.) Earl Huston, Captain of the Third Division, and H. E. Pike, B.M. 1/c, have been actively engaged every Thursday evening for the last five weeks in organizing a new Flotilla in Cape May, N. J.

Ensign Harry Attmore, Operations Officer of the Third Division, has been devoting every weekend to promoting the Watch Tower and Dock Patrol for all Flotillas in the Third Division.

Honorable Spy pleased to report that Mr. Lou Zimmerman has been advanced from Seaman 1/c to Chief M.Mc.M. and Paul Austin has been advanced from B.M. 1/c to M.Mc.M. 1/c and Mr. T. Webster Boyer has been advanced from S. 1/c to M.Mc.M. 1/c. These men are to be congratulated for qualifying for these ratings.

Two members of the Stone Harbor Flotilla have resigned from the Temporary Reserve to enter the Armed Forces of the Army Transport Service. They have both received Master Class A Skipper's Licenses. The Flotilla extends best wishes to John A. Reynolds and Joseph C. Davis.

The Stone Harbor Flotilla holds regular meetings and instruction classes every Thursday evening at 2000 in the University Club, 16th and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, and welcomes any visiting members who care to attend.

—Carl T. Roth, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK—

Campaign ribbons for rescue on patrol work were presented to Lt. Earl Leonard, Commander Burdge, Frank Buehler, Lawrence Marshall and Charles Miller, all

members of Flotilla 13.

Motion pictures, furnished by the Public Relations Office, Philadelphia, were shown featuring Coast Guard Auxiliary activities, which contributed in making it one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. The members wish to thank Lieut. (j.g.) Cook, Jr., for his cooperation in making the films available.

Flotilla 13 commemorated Navy Day at the regular meeting on Wednesday, 27 October, 1943, with Dr. Richter, Jr. Commander, giving a short, stirring address on "NAVY DAY, why we observe it during war times and peace times." On closing, Dr. Richter rendered an impressive prayer in supplication for the boys who are so gallantly serving their Country overseas. During the thoughtful moments of retrospect, our own individual service dwarfed in comparison with the unselfish patriotism of those men and women.

—Leslie Broomfield, Publicity Director.



FLOTILLA 11, ATLANTIC CITY

—Other than the recent deluge of two wild and wooly nor'easters which drove the tides up to an unprecedented height of one foot above the floor of our fish

dock shack, the greatest excitement of the past month has been the large influx of new recruits.

About thirty new men have been sworn into the Reserve and many more are ready to take the oath of allegiance.

So great has been the enthusiasm of the new men that a special course of

training and study has been arranged for them. A class meets each week for three weeks in one of the local schools. Under the direction of Gil Mansfield and his three assistants, the fundamental seamanship and boat duties are taught to each group of new recruits.

The efficiency of such a system has been proved by the fact that no one has failed to pass the entrance exams and better still, without exception, the marks have all been very high.

Just as soon as the new men are sworn in they are immediately assigned to Watch Tower or Dock Patrol duty. That their work is needed and useful can be attested to by the many kind words offered in their behalf by Lieut. Thomas, Commander of the local base.

—James Dooley, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY —

Never let it be said that the drive for new recruits in the Ocean City area was half-hearted, or limited in scope and effectiveness. On the other hand, there is

no evidence yet that anyone was actually signed up from the Nudist Colony. Reports reaching the ear of this Publicity Officer are to the effect that considerable emphasis was placed on encouraging interest in joining the SPARS. But a good recruiting officer can talk his way out of almost any situation.

As a result of publicity given the Auxiliary in recent weeks, the roster of Flotilla 31 has grown steadily. Ocean City and the adjacent territory have produced a creditable number of men, some of whom are already in uniform while others are completing initial training leading to the entrance examination. Tower Watch units are rapidly being organized and slight alterations in other assignments have been promptly provided for.

Flotilla 31 is now operating on winter schedule insofar as weekly meetings are concerned. Members living in the vicinity of Philadelphia convene each Tuesday evening at Hahnemann Hospital. The South Jersey contingent holds forth on Friday nights at Ocean City. In addition to routine entrance instruction, more advanced training is consistently being conducted.

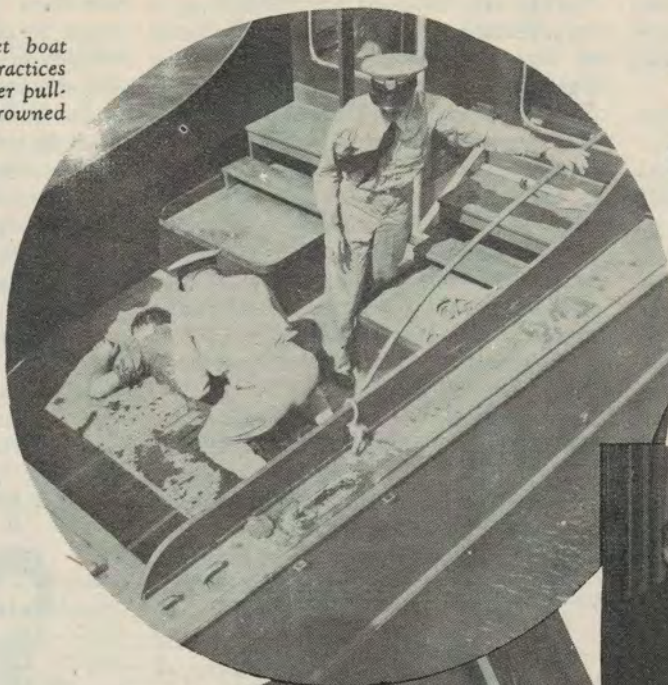
Among other activities which mark the expansion of this Flotilla has been a reorganization of various committees. To keep pace with the changing problems and responsibilities, Commander Vandegrift and other officers have re-constituted personnel and re-designated duties

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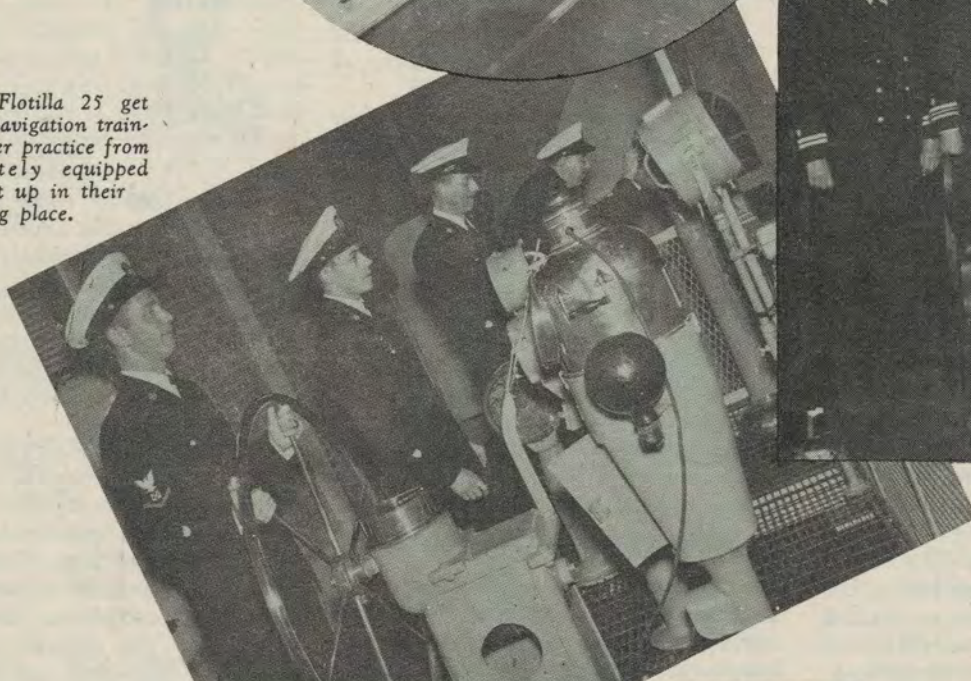
PICTURE

COOPERATION IS

The crew of a picket boat in Little Egg Inlet practices artificial respiration after pulling aboard a "nearly drowned fisherman."



Members of Flotilla 25 get piloting and navigation training and blinker practice from the completely equipped "bridge" set up in their meeting place.



With the purpose of coordinating the act Philadelphia Naval Districts, the Directors and inaugurated a series of regular meetings on Captain Jones, Chief Director (seated, center), Assistant Director (seated, right). This picture shows the meetings.



Lieut. Redgrave and Chief Griffin, U.S.C.G., of Bonds Coast Guard Station, discuss patrol area with Commander Gibbons-Neff and Operations Officer Remington, of Flotilla 18.



Lieut. (j.g.) Earl Leonard, Flotilla 18, presents campaign ribbons for rescuee Burdge, Frank Buehler, and Charles M. Leonard and to Charles M.

E PARADE

IS THE KEYNOTE

ing the activities of the New York, Boston, and
irectors and Assistant Directors of these Districts
meetings on 30 September in New York, with
seated, center) and Lieut. Comdr. Kimberly,
This picture was taken at the first of those



Leonard, Flotilla 13, presenting
s for rescue work to Comdr.
uehler, and Lawrence Marshall.
also awarded to Lieut. (j.g.)
to Charles Miller, all of 13.



Receiving and sending sema-
phore and blinker is practiced
by members of Flotilla 18
from atop their picket boat in
Little Egg Harbor.



Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown
and Ensign Fred Petry review
the members of Flotilla 25 at
an inspection and drill in the
Flotilla's Camden Armory
meeting place.



Members of Flotilla 51 get some very concrete
inspiration for their Spar recruiting program.

for the purpose of carrying on the work in an effective and disciplined manner.

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 15, POINT PLEASANT

—Flotilla 15 is in for a busy winter.

Owing to the fact that so many of the Flotilla members have their winter residences at some distance from Point Pleasant, it was decided at the October meeting to meet only once a month during the winter until we increased the size of the Flotilla to a point where we could maintain a Watch Tower unit, but following the visit of the Recruiting Jeep we got so many recruits that Vice-Commander Moore decided to hold instruction meetings on 16, 23, and 30 October. At the present time we have fifteen recruits in Point Pleasant and about twenty from Lakewood. In view of this number of recruits, we have inaugurated an instruction program, consisting of a series of five lectures, the first of which was given on Saturday, 30 October, and the next on Saturday, 6 November, the day following the regular monthly meeting. We will continue to hold instruction meetings every week until further notice.

—Aaron E. Carpenter, Commander.



FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

Since Farragut Flotilla 25 has changed its headquarters from Farragut Sportsmen's Association to the new and palatial United States Naval Militia Armory in Camden, there have been commendable reports from the lips of all visitors, to whom, incidentally, we extend a most cordial welcome to visit our headquarters on Monday nights. This change in quarters was made possible by the benign help of Mr. Emory Kates who engineered the arrangement of which we are naturally proud and for which we are unanimously thankful.

On 18 October, a general Drill and Inspection was held. Chief O'Brien put the men through Drill, while Lieut. Commander Victor Lazo, Lieut. Hine-line, Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, Director of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ensign C. Frederick Petry, Ensign Pearson of Flotilla 27, and our own Commander, Dr. C. Frazer Hadley, Jr., made the inspection and visited the various classes of instruction. They were all very much impressed with our progress and the methods of instruction.

Motion pictures were shown at the Flotilla on Monday evening, 25 October. They consisted of pictures on Navy Eti-

quette, Pistol Proficiency, and Anchoring. In addition to the practical information they contained, these pictures were most interesting and entertaining.

Dr. C. Frazer Hadley, Jr., our "up-and-at-'em" Ensign, has surrounded himself with a fine group of men who help to perform the many and varied duties that are required to continue the work of which we are justly proud.

Other tidbits of information reveal that classes in Navigation are being held on Wednesday nights at the U.S.N.M. Armory under the expert instruction of Ex-Commander Hammerle. Louis Gray, beside being a Navigator and a practical Boatman, is now our new Jr. Commander. Patrols and the Gate Watch are continuing successfully under our Operations Officer, Chief Charles Sproules, and our Gunnery Officer has instructions that Pistol Practice will soon be resumed.

—John A. Bauer, Publicity Officer.



FLOTILLA 16, TOMS RIVER

Flotilla 16 has now moved into its new Headquarters at the Toms River Yacht Club and will have an official opening on 16 November with a party.

The Flotilla has 25 candidates studying for their entrance examination under the able guidance of Chief Petty Officers Campbell and Conti. Six new members have been sworn into the Auxiliary and are awaiting their acceptance in the Reserve and their uniforms. As soon as the new men are sworn in and uniformed another tower will be taken over, relieving more men for sea duty.

Commander Brouwer is trying hard, through the officers and members, for new candidates and his constant urging, plus the advertising through the newspaper and the Coast Guard Traveling Unit, is showing good results.

The Flotilla was honored by a very pleasant and unexpected visit from Captain Woodside, Commander of the U.S.S. Colorado. The Captain is a brother-in-law of one of our very active members, E. L. Willson.

Flotilla 16 boy makes good! Joe Finley, Elec. Mate 1/c, received the highest mark of all the members attending the plane identification school held in Philadelphia. And Kiefer didn't do so bad either!

The members of the Flotilla are erecting a memorial at their present headquarters in memory of Dave Grimes. When the memorial is completed it will be dedicated with a ceremonial befitting the occasion.

THE KAIGHN'S POINT TRAINING BASE

★ Progress has been more than satisfactory towards the construction of the operations and training base at Kaighn's Point, Camden, New Jersey. The committee of prominent industrialists and financiers, pledged to the raising of the necessary funds, has responded enthusiastically and but a little more is required to go over the top. The deadline is set for 15 November, 1943, and thereafter it is expected that the actual work of construction will soon begin.

To handle the funds and the business details of this outstanding project, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been organized under the name of Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District, Foundation. The charter was granted 31 August, 1943, and duly recorded as of 13 September, 1943. The original typewritten charter remains on file in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, but an engrossed charter with all the original signatures will be framed and hung at the new base.

The charter provides that members of the corporation shall be appointed by the director of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District, and all assets of the corporation shall be used for the benefit and purposes of the Auxiliary. The officers of the corporation are Lieut. Comdr. Victor Lazo, President; Lieut. A. K. Brouwer, Vice-President; Lieut. F. Travis Cox, Treasurer; and Ensign Bertram K. Wolfe, Secretary. In addition to the officers, the following are directors and members of the new corporation: Lieut. Richard W. Nelms, Lieut. Henry L. Schimpf, Jr., Lieut. (j.g.) H. Earle Huston.

The lease for the property at Kaighn's Point, negotiated with the Reading Company, has been duly executed by the parties and is in force for a term existing until six months after the termination of the war. Plans and specifications for the building have been prepared and all is ready to break ground just as soon as the financial committee gives the signal to go ahead.

After each of the meetings the members have been receiving instructions in plane and ship identification and also in electronics.

We also anticipate having gunnery practice as soon as the gunnery officer, Chief Barkalow, can find guns and then a target range. It is rumored that he has located the ammunition.

—Leslie W. Reynolds, Publicity Officer.



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LIEUT. COMDR. H. E. ABBOTT



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LIEUT. (j.g.) JOHN W. BROWN

“WELL DONE”

★ Lieut. Commander Henry E. Abbott, U.S.C.G.R., was relieved of his duty as Director, C.G. Auxiliary, 4th Naval District, under Headquarters' order, dater 21 October, 1943. Simultaneously, it was announced that he had been designated Personnel Officer for the District.

Thus, Headquarters removed one of the top Auxiliary Directors in the Country in order to utilize his outstanding abilities to a greater extent wherein he might be of more value to the Service as a whole.

Lieut. Commander Abbott first entered the Service in April, 1942, when he was appointed Lieut. U.S.C.G.R., Assistant Director of the C.G. Auxiliary, serving under the keen guidance of Lieut. Commander I. E. Eskridge, U.S.C.G. When that officer became the District Operations Officer in November, 1942, Lieut. Abbott took over the duty of Director. In December, 1942, he was made Lieut. Commander, in which capacity he enters upon his new assignment.

The success which Lieut. Commander Abbott has enjoyed as Auxiliary Director is too well-known to require extended comment. Basing his leadership upon the principles laid down by Commander Eskridge, he has generated a spirit and a desire to serve among the Auxiliary members in the District. The growth in total membership and number of Flotillas in the District has been in direct proportion to the tremendous energy and zeal which has characterized Lieut. Commander Abbott's tenure of office. He leaves behind him a well-knit organization, trained and capable of performing whatever duties may be required of it by

the Service. He has done an exceptional job in the opinion of Headquarters, and in the eyes of those men who have had the honor to serve under his command. As a small token of their esteem, the Flotillas of the District presented Lieut. Commander Abbott with a pair of gold cuff links.

Succeeding Lieut. Commander Abbott as Director of the Auxiliary is Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, U.S.C.G.R., formerly a member of Wildwood Flotilla 33, C.G. Auxiliary. Like his predecessor, Lieut. Brown has a pedantic background and a record of service in World War I. Lieut. Brown is no novice in the work which he is undertaking, inasmuch as he has been the Assistant to the Director since he entered the Service in April, 1943, during which time he has had the opportunity to become acquainted not only with the members of the various Flotillas, but also to familiarize himself with the basic, sound principles which have dictated Auxiliary policies in the 4th Naval District. We are fortunate in having a Director of the caliber which Lieut. Brown represents, and the steadily increasing enrollment will undoubtedly be used in the best interests of the Service under his leadership.

Providing the Auxiliary membership gives to Lieut. Brown the superb cooperation and support which they have so generously exhibited under Lieut. Commander Abbott, the future of the C.G. Auxiliary in the 4th Naval District is full of promise.

To Lieut. Commander H. E. Abbott a “WELL DONE”, and to Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown a sincere “CARRY ON.”

SPARS' FIRST BIRTHDAY

★ November marks the first anniversary of the founding of the Spars. Appropriately, our cover is devoted to this organization that is doing such good work in relieving regular Coast Guardsmen for active duty on the fighting fronts.

Since the inception of this organization in the Fourth Naval District, the Auxiliary has referred 77 candidates to the Spar Recruiting Office. Of these, 24 have been enlisted and 13 are pending. Most active in their cooperation in this important work have been Flotillas 18, 22, and 52, each of which is credited with four enlistments; Flotillas 13, 21, 23, and 51 with two enlistments each.

The Spars are grateful to those Flotillas that have set up information desks, realizing, of course, that not every Flotilla is so geared as to make this possible. Nor is it possible at all times for the Spars to furnish recruiters. The most resultant work, per ounce of effort expended, is the talking-up that Auxiliaryists do in their neighborhood, business, and fraternal clubs. If every Flotilla member would consider it his personal responsibility to refer at least one Spar candidate to the office between now and the end of the month, it would virtually assure the attainment of the current quota. Remember that girls must be at least 20 years of age.

Shooting the Breeze tells the story of the near-sighted old lady who asked a Spar whether she was a Wave, a Wac, or a Spam, to which the Spar replied, “Madam, we replace Coast Guardsmen—not ham!”

FIRST CALL FOR MUSICIANS

★ Can you play a piccolo, strum a guitar, toot a horn, beat a drum, or make a violin sing? The Fourth Naval District wants musicians!

At the suggestion of Lieut. Comdr. Victor Lazo, Charles Mohacey, who is a member of Flotilla 16 (and the composer of the music of the Coast Guard Auxiliary song), has volunteered to undertake the task of organizing three bands—one for each Division of the Fourth Naval District.

These bands, when trained, would be available for District Banquets, Flotilla entertainments, and dances. As has been the case in the past, when the Fourth Naval District sets the pace by starting something new, others soon follow suit, giving us credit for our initiative.

If you can play any musical instrument, drop a note right away to Mr. Charles Mohacey, telling him what instrument you can play, what experience you have had, and what time you have available for practice and performance. Address: Mr. Charles Mohacey, 1443 West Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

FROM THE BRIDGE

By LIEUT. (j.g.) JOHN W. BROWN
Director, C.G. Auxiliary

★ In taking over the duties of the Director, C.G. Auxiliary, 4th Naval District, several problems present themselves to your new Director.

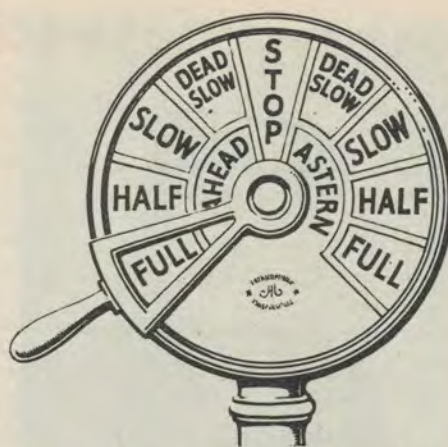
The first, and most pressing problem, is connected with the fulfillment of the C.G.A.-4033 twelve hour per week contract, signed by every member of the Class (T) Reserve who has been uniformed by the United States Government. In facilitating the operations of the Coast Guard in the 4th Naval District, it is definitely our responsibility to see to it that each uniformed Class (T) Reservist is scheduled for twelve hours of duty each week; and it is our responsibility to see to it that this duty is properly performed.

The second problem which presents itself has to do with the heavy influx of applications from citizens who wish to join the Auxiliary. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian organization, based primarily on the ownership of motorboats. This organization of civilians forms the training ground for prospective members of the Class (T) Reserve. The membership of the Auxiliary is controlled primarily by a sense of patriotic duty and a love of boats. However, the boat-owning membership of the Auxiliary is not increasing, while the associate membership is increasing by "leaps and bounds." A strong membership in the Auxiliary is our safeguard and so-called "pool" from which is drawn the membership for the Class (T) Reserve.

When it comes to the consideration of the Class (T) Reserve, it is the policy of this office to uniform those men for whom active duty has been approved by the D.C.G.O., or for duty which is imminent; and it is not the policy of this office to uniform a large number of men for so-called "standby duty."

It is, however, imperative that the membership of the Auxiliary and also of the Class (T) Reserve be trained in Coast Guard duty, so that when assignment to duty is made the individual Class (T) Reservist will be capable of performing that duty. It is widely known that the United States Coast Guard performs a multiplicity of duties, both ashore and afloat, so that it is our purpose to so instruct the men in the Auxiliary that they may adapt themselves readily to whatever type of duty may be assigned to them.

In assuming my new duties as Direc-



tor, I wish to express my heart-felt appreciation for the great number of messages of congratulations and pledges of cooperation which I have received from every Flotilla and from a large number of individual Auxiliarists. I appreciate very greatly the fine support which the members of the Staff are giving to the administration of Auxiliary functions in the District, particularly, the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Staff Director, Division Captains, and Flotilla Commanders. This group of officers, together with the Chairmen of the Staff Committees, are giving without stint of their time and resources to the furtherance of the work that the Auxiliary is performing; and with this type of support and help, I look forward with confidence to a fulfillment of the purposes of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and, particularly, of the fourth purpose, "to facilitate operations of the Coast Guard."

JOHN W. BROWN,
Director, C.G. Auxiliary.

ENSIGN HARGADINE

Henry W. Hargadine, Commander of Flotilla 41, was sworn in as Ensign, U.S.C.G.R. (T) on Tuesday, 9 November, 1943, at the State Militia Armory, DuPont and Tenth Streets, Wilmington, Delaware, by the Director. Ensign Hargadine, U.S.C.G.R. (T) has secured the use of the State Militia Armory, at Wilmington, for Flotilla meetings, and is carrying out a program of instruction which bids fair to be a model for the entire District.

DIVISIONS RENAMED

Coast Guard Auxiliary Regulations have been amended to provide new nomenclature for the five Divisions of the Fourth Naval District, as follows:

- Division 1—Northern New Jersey
- Division 2—Delaware River
- Division 3—Southern New Jersey
- Division 4—Delaware
- Division 5—Eastern Pennsylvania

The new designations are now mandatory.

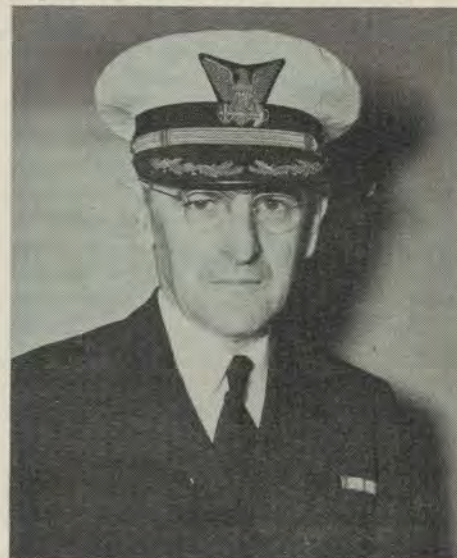
NEW MANUAL

A new manual entitled, "Information for members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Temporarily Enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve" has been published by the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District and is being distributed with this issue of TOPSIDE to all our Reservists. Its 32 pages contain many useful facts concerning Regulations, concluding with the scopes of the various rating examinations.

LOST!

C.G. Auxiliary insignia cut for printing Flotilla stationery. All Flotilla Commanders check to see if the missing cut is in your possession. This cut was loaned to one of the Flotillas and has never been returned. It is urgently needed by new Flotillas. When found, please return at once to the District Office.

COMMANDER WELLS IS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN



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Lester E. Wells, since 1939 a Coast Guard Commander in the Fourth Naval District has been promoted to the rank of Captain. In his twenty-five years of service, Captain Wells has seen active duty in the Atlantic and the Pacific. He was commissioned in 1918 at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. He will remain as Assistant District Coast Guard Officer, Captain of the Port and Security Officer. The Auxiliary extends its congratulations to Captain Wells on his richly-deserved promotion.

We are delighted to pass along news of another well-deserved promotion at the District Office. It's Lieut. (j.g.) W. W. Robinson, now. Congratulations, sir!

A TRIBUTE to "DICK" NELMS

★ TOPSIDE this month pays tribute to the man who named it; our genial past Commodore, Richard W. Nelms, better known to his host of friends as "Dick".

Dick Nelms recently resigned his office as Commodore of the Auxiliary of the Fourth Naval District to assume the office of Chairman of the Board of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fourth Naval District Foundation, and to devote his time and talents to supervision of the construction and maintenance of the new Base to be erected at Kaighn's Point, Camden, N. J.

Mr. Nelms' career in the Auxiliary goes back to 1939 when it was known as the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve; but knowing that almost every member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary of the Fourth Naval District is acquainted with Mr. Nelms, we shall give them only a thumbnail sketch of our genial shipmate's past. He was born in Philadelphia on 1 July, 1886, and educated at Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1904 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. This military training immediately explains his tall, erect figure with the shoulders still square after more than half a century.

This is only the beginning of the military slant in the Nelms' family. His son, Paul L. Nelms, is now a Captain in the Field Artillery, Army of the United States, present whereabouts unknown; and even his daughter carries on the military tradition, for his son-in-law, Orville A. Petty, is a Major on Staff Duty, Army Ordnance, in Washington, D. C. Yet, with all this background in which the military seems to predominate, Dick Nelms has a very nautical background that goes back to his childhood days. He has always been interested in boats even as a youngster when he used to pester the surfmen at the U. S. Life Saving Stations along the Jersey Coast. As a young man, he was attracted to power boat racing and has a notable collection of trophies at his summer home at Ocean City that bears testimony to his proficiency in this sport.

As early as 1910 he became connected with the Ocean City Yacht Club and at the present time is on the Board of Governors of that Club. He has in addition been Harbor Master at Ocean City, N. J. for the past several years.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelms have made extended cruises to Long Island Sound and to the Buzzard's Bay area in his twin-screw cabin cruiser, CHUMMIE II.

In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Nelms is a member of the Masonic Order and a life member of the Philadelphia Country Club. We often wonder how a man who has led such a full life ever managed to make a living with all his other activities taking up so much of his time. With the same efficiency displayed in everything he has ever tackled, he seems to have appeared on deck with the right answer. As a much younger man during the last war he applied for duty with the Navy's Inshore Patrol, being at that time Superintendent of a large mill engaged in war work. The mill owners had him put in the 5th Class (very much against his will) as he was a technical executive doing war work. Following the war, in 1920, he started in business for himself as owner of a thriving yarn house in Philadelphia—a business that he has organized so efficiently that it runs itself with a minimum of his time. Were it not for his unselfish and untiring efforts in promoting the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Temporary Reserve, in which he has the rank of Senior Lieutenant, we should classify him as semi-retired.

He has long been affiliated with the U. S. Power Squadron, having served as Lieut. Commander of the Delaware River Squadron in 1940 and 1941 and as Commander of the same Squadron in 1941 and 1942. When the old Coast Guard Reserve was organized, the U. S. Power Squadron was the first major unit to become interested in what is now the Auxiliary. Mr. Nelms made his application for membership in the Coast Guard Reserve on 13 November, 1939. His exceptional qualification and his wide acquaintance among boatmen made him an ideal man for Commander P. D. Mills, USCG to contact to facilitate the organizations of Flotillas in this District.

Being in a semi-retired status and having some little time to devote to such worthwhile duties, Mr. Nelms gave himself whole-heartedly to the organization of Auxiliary Flotillas in the Philadelphia and Coastal areas. With the formation of the Ocean City Flotilla on the 1st of June, 1940, Mr. Nelms assumed the first title, that of Commander, in an Auxiliary career that was to see him the recipient of many honors. After the initial phase of Operations, Flotillas started somewhat easier and Mr. Nelms was able to delegate the tasks, one such appointment being his selection of J. A. C. Foller as Commander of Flotilla 22 which sprang up as a result of Power Squadron interest in the new organization.

In looking over the tremendous volume of correspondence at the Auxiliary Office, it is amazing the amount of time and effort which Dick Nelms so lavishly devoted to the interests of the Service through the Auxiliary. Never once has his interest nor his unselfishness faltered, and those men who now enjoy the right to serve their country as members of the Class (T) Reserve should realize the debt of gratitude which they owe to Dick Nelms.

Editor's Note: The above article was written by Boatswain Sturm of the District Office, who very kindly accepted the assignment due to his long service with the Auxiliary and his knowledge of the beginnings of the Flotillas and the men responsible in this District.



HOW TO KEEP A SHIP'S LOG

By FREDERIC REMINGTON, C.B.M.
Operations Officer, Flotilla 18

PART TWO

If you were a meteorologist and wanted to get an evening full of belly-laughs, you could take almost any set of Auxiliary logs for any month and spend an evening reading them. The greatest collection of incorrect entries, impossible cloud conditions, bouncing barometers, and unheard-of sea conditions would provide more amusement than a night at Minsky's. You will find a visibility record of "9" in rain squalls and "4" on a clear, cloudless, fog-free day. Such entries simply indicate a lack of knowledge of the visibility scale which runs from "0" to "9." Beaufort's Wind Scale gets a severe manhandling, especially between "1" and "6." The state of Weather symbols are seldom recorded properly, yet they could be learned in half an hour.

Cloud definitions seem to be determined by the man keeping the log asking the next fellow what the sky looks like, and he, not wishing to appear ignorant, replies "Cumulonimbus." This typical, summertime thunderhead winds up on the log as "Ci", which is the symbol for Cirrus. The ten cloud descriptions in the standard log book are hard to beat for simplicity. Study them. Memorize them. Use them.

Nautical Double Talk

In our amateur efforts to follow nautical terms, we sometimes overshoot the mark to such an extent that if our log sheet were used as formal evidence in Court, the entries might not only be confusing but might lead the Court to believe that something entirely different had happened. For example, an entry

such as "Gassed at Smith's" might conceivably mean that there had been action and that the crew had been subjected to a poison gas attack. Actually, the log meant to state that the gasoline tanks had been filled and the entry should have so stated.

Another entry reads, "Unable to enter basin due to dredging." According to all subsequent entries, the poor vessel and her unhappy crew are still there, for there is nothing to show where they went, or where they finally tied up, or when! This is an error of omission rather than commission, but it is one of the most frequently encountered. Make sure that every entry starts with the recording of the proper time and then presents a clear statement of what was done. Make the log precise and brief but adequate enough to be clear to anyone who was not present. Endeavor to include all the types of entries and try to use the modes of expression suggested, as well as the correct symbols and figures for cloud formations, visibility, state of the sea and weather, and wind velocity.

STATE OF WEATHER

(Symbols to be used in recording the weather in tabulated form)

- b = Blue sky, cloudless.
- bc = Blue sky with detached clouds.
- c = Sky mainly cloudy.
- d = Drizzling, or light rain.
- e = Wet air, without rain.
- f = Fog, or foggy weather.
- g = Gloomy, or dark, stormy-looking weather.
- h = Hail.
- l = Lightning.
- m = Misty weather.
- o = Overcast.
- p = Passing showers of rain.
- q = Squally weather.
- r = Rainy weather, or continuous rain.
- s = Snow, snowy weather, or snow falling.
- t = Thunder.
- u = Ugly appearance, or threatening weather.
- v = Variable weather.
- w = Wet, or heavy dew.
- z = Hazy weather.

VISIBILITY

(Numerals to be used in recording visibility in tabulated form)

- 0 = Prominent objects not visible at 50 yards.
- 1 = Prominent objects not visible at 200 yards.
- 2 = Prominent objects not visible at 500 yards.
- 3 = Prominent objects not visible at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- 4 = Prominent objects not visible at 1 mile.

- 5 = Prominent objects not visible at 2 miles.
- 6 = Prominent objects not visible at 4 miles.
- 7 = Prominent objects not visible at 7 miles.
- 8 = Prominent objects not visible at 20 miles.
- 9 = Prominent objects visible above 20 miles.

CLOUD DEFINITIONS

1. **Cirrus (Ci)**—Detached clouds of a delicate and fibrous appearance, without shading, generally white in color, often of a silky appearance.

2. **Cirrocumulus (Cc)**—A cirriform layer or patch composed of small, white flakes or of very small globular masses, usually without shadows, which are arranged in groups or lines, or, more often, in ripples resembling those of the sand on the seashore.

3. **Cirrostratus (Cs)**—A thin, whitish veil which does not blur the outlines of the sun or moon, but usually gives rise to halos. Sometimes it is quite diffuse and merely gives the sky a milky look; sometimes it more or less distinctly shows a fibrous structure with disordered filaments.

4. **Alto cumulus (Ac)**—A layer (or patches) composed of laminae or rather flattened globular masses, the smallest elements of the regularly arranged layer being fairly small and thin, with or without shading. These elements are arranged in groups, in lines, or waves, following one or two directions, and are sometimes so close together that their edges join. **Alto cumulus Castellatus (Acc)**—Cumuliform masses with more or less vertical developments, arranged in a line, and resting on a common horizontal base, which gives the cloud a crenelated appearance.

5. **Altostratus (As)**—Striated or fibrous veil, more or less gray or bluish in color. This cloud is like thick cirrostratus but without halo phenomena; the sun or moon shows vaguely, with a faint gleam, as though through ground glass. Sometimes the sheet is thin, with forms intermediate with cirrostratus. Sometimes it is very thick and dark, sometimes even completely hiding the sun or moon. In this case differences of thickness may cause relatively light patches between very dark parts; but the surface never shows real relief, and the striated or fibrous structure is always seen in places in the body of the cloud.

6. **Stratocumulus (Sc)**—A layer (or patches) composed of laminae, globular masses or rolls; the smallest of the regularly arranged elements are fairly large; they are soft and gray with darker parts. These elements are arranged in groups, in lines, or in waves,

alined in one or two directions. Very often the rolls are so close that their edges join; when they cover the whole sky they have a wavy appearance.

7. **Stratus (St)** — A low, uniform layer of cloud, resembling fog, but not resting on the ground. **Fractostratus (Fs)**—When this very low layer is broken up into irregular shreds it is designated fractostratus.

8. **Nimbostratus (Ns)** — A low, amorphous, and rainy layer, of a dark gray color, usually nearly uniform; feebly illuminated seemingly from inside. When it gives precipitation it is in the form of continuous rain or snow. But precipitation alone is not a sufficient criterion to distinguish the cloud which should be called Nimbostratus, even when no rain or snow falls from it. There is often precipitation which does not reach the ground; in this case the base of the cloud is usually diffuse and looks wet on account of the general trailing precipitation, virga, so that it is not possible to determine the limit of its lower surface.

9. **Cumulus (Cu)** — Dense clouds with vertical development; the upper surface is dome shaped and exhibits rounded protuberances, while the base is nearly horizontal. When the cloud is opposite the sun the surfaces normal to the observer are brighter than the edges of the protuberances. Then the light comes from the side, the clouds exhibit strong contrasts of light and shade; against the sun, or on the other hand, they look dark with a bright edge. **Fractocumulus (Fc)**—True cumulus is definitely limited above and below, its surface often appears hard and clear cut. But one may also observe a cloud resembling ragged cumulus in which the different parts show constant change. This cloud is designated fractocumulus.

10. **Cumulonimbus (Cb)** — Heavy masses of cloud, with great vertical development, whose sumuliform summits rise in the form of mountain or towers, the upper parts having a fibrous texture and often spreading out in the shape of an anvil. The base resembles nimbostratus, and one generally notices virga. This base has often a layer of very low ragged clouds below it (fractostratus, fractocumulus). Cumulonimbus clouds generally produce showers of rain or snow and sometimes of hail, and often thunderstorms as well. **Cumulonimbus Mammatus (Cm)**—This description is given to all clouds whose lower surfaces form pouches or breasts. This form is found especially in stratocumulus and in cumulonimbus, either at the base, or even more often on the lower surface of anvil projections. It is also found, though rarely, in cirrus clouds, probably when they have originated in the anvil of a dispersing cumulonimbus.

LOG ENTRIES

1. Aid to other branches of the public service.
2. Anchorage data for plotting vessel's position on chart.
3. Anchoring, mooring, and getting underway.
4. Assistance of whatever kind rendered to any person or vessel in distress.
5. Bearing and distance of prominent points of land, lighthouses, lights, light vessels, and important buoys.
6. Barometer, sudden or rapid deflections or risings, and extraordinary oscillations.
7. Circumstances of importance or interest to the ship, her officers or crew or to the service.
8. Convoy, position of, at end of each watch.
9. Courses steered.
10. Current, set and drift of, from noon to noon.
11. Dockings.
12. Drills, when held and when omitted.
13. Fuel, quantity received and consumed during, and quantity remaining on hand, at the end of each day.
14. Grounding of or injury to vessel.
15. Hospital treatment received by officers and crew.
16. Injuries, casualties, etc., to persons.
17. Inspection of ship.
18. Lighthouses, light vessels, and particular buoys passed, or serviced.
19. Loss or injury to outfits.
20. Meteorological observations.
21. Meteorological phenomena, water-spouts, auroras, halos, icebergs, fata morganas, corposantos, extraordinary refractions, etc.
22. Moon, time of rising and setting, when observed.
23. Occurrences of importance or interest.
24. Passengers.
25. Places touched at.
26. Points passed.
27. Ports, roadsteads, or strange coasts, anchoring on; the bearings of prominent objects on shore, adjacent points of land, islands, rocks, or dangers, and the depth of water within distance required for working ship.
28. Sea, atmosphere, or heavens, peculiar or unusual appearance of, preceding or following sudden changes of wind, heavy squalls of wind, or heavy gales.
29. Sea, discolored, tide rips, driftwood, icebergs, strange birds, fishes, etc.
30. Sea, state of.
31. Seized vessel, property removed from.
32. Ship, position of, at 8 a. m., noon, 8 p. m., by D. R., and observation.
33. Ships sighted or spoken at sea.
34. Signals; the fact that they were made and with whom.
35. Soundings, deep-sea, with character of bottom, depth, and where no bottom is obtained, a statement to that effect, with number of fathoms paid-out.
36. Speed, increase of.
37. Stores, outfits, provisions, and supplies received.
38. Surf, condition of.
39. Temperature.
40. Vessels boarded and examined.
41. Vessels, behavior under different circumstances of weather and sea, such as pitching, rolling, etc.
42. Vessel, loss of or injury to.
43. Vessels seized or reported.
44. Water, quantity expended, received, or distilled during the 24 hours.
45. Water, quantity remaining on hand and fit for use at the end of each day.
46. Weather, state of.
47. Wind, direction and force of.
48. Wrecked vessel, property removed from.

MODES OF EXPRESSION

Modes of Expression, to be used in recording characteristics, weather, atmosphere, winds, state of the sea, and motions of the vessel had to be omitted from this article for lack of space. Consult the standard Navy log for this information.

BEAUFORT'S SCALE

Beaufort No.	Description of Wind	Miles per hour (Statute)	Miles per hour (Nautical)	Terms used in U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast
0	Calm	Less than 1	Less than 1	
1	Light air	1-3	1-3	
2	Light breeze	4-7	4-6	Light
3	Gentle breeze	8-12	7-10	Gentle
4	Moderate breeze	13-18	11-16	Moderate
5	Fresh breeze	19-24	17-21	Fresh
6	Strong breeze	25-31	22-27	Strong
7	Moderate gale	32-38	28-33	
8	Fresh gale	39-46	34-40	Gale
9	Strong gale	47-54	41-47	
10	Whole gale	55-63	48-55	Whole gale
11	Storm	64-75	56-65	
12	Hurricane	Above 75	Above 65	Hurricane

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REVS UP FOR WINTER

★ The Staff Committee has been directed to develop a program of instruction for use in all Flotillas in the Fourth Naval District. Also, the Committee is conducting all entrance examinations and has augmented its members to take care of that part of the program. Another function of the Committee is the conducting of classes held at the Benjamin Franklin High School two nights a week, for the instruction of beginners preparing to take the Auxiliary Entrance Examination, and including Indoctrination Lectures.

The rapid expansion of the Auxiliary has made the program of Flotilla instruction and examination of primary importance. In fact, the major function of, and main justification for the existence of Auxiliary Flotillas is the preparation and instruction of personnel for service in the Reserve, Class (T). Consequently it follows that the instruction given must be of uniform and superior quality. It is realized that all Flotillas do not have the men available for instructional work who can devote the time necessary for devising courses and providing lectures because of their many other duties. To aid these Flotillas and at the same time provide uniform instruction, the Staff Committee is preparing lecture outlines and home-work sheets covering all subjects to be found in the Entrance, Rating, and Navigator Examinations. Additional lectures are being prepared covering other subjects which might be classed under the heading of Indoctrination, such as Military Law and Law Enforcement.

The supervision of entrance examinations given by the various Flotillas to their new recruits has been a function of the Educational Committee for several months. Each Flotilla in the District has been assigned a night when regularly-scheduled entrance examinations may be given by a member of the Staff Committee. The marking of the examination papers is done by the Committee, at which time grades are tabulated and a picture obtained of the instructional work as reflected by the results. In this way, the Flotilla instructors may be guided toward the improvement of their work.

The Commodore and Staff of the Fourth Naval District have envisioned a program designed to make this one of the outstanding Districts in the country. The Camden "Model" Base is but one of the manifestations of their ambitious program. As a step in this direction, considerable publicity was given and classes were started at the Benjamin Franklin High School for the instruction

and indoctrination of those men who have answered the call for volunteers to serve the Coast Guard in such capacity as they may on a part-time basis.

About 250 men are regularly attending these classes. Their interest is reflected by the type of home-work they are turning in. Nearly every man is making close to 100% for his work. The use to which this group of men will be put or how they will be distributed throughout the District is a matter to be decided by the Staff and is not a function of the Educational Committee. However, some very excellent material has been found by means of this program.

The preparation of instructional material has been assigned to men who have indicated the ability and willingness to do this type of work. Lecture outlines have been prepared or are in the state of preparation, by the following: Victor Boden, Flotilla 18; Dr. John Hammerle, Flotilla 25; David Schantz, E. Merritt, Charles Anderson, Flotilla 31; Dr. T. A. Richter, Flotilla 13; Henry Maconachy, Guy deFuria, Guy Knight, James Chapman, A. M. LaSor, Lloyd Carman and A. C. Howard, Flotilla 22; James Finan, H. Pike, Flotilla 32; F. Mansfield, Flotilla 17; B. Rochestie, Flotilla 26. This material will be available to the Flotillas as soon as it is edited and ready for distribution.

The administration of entrance examinations is being carried on by the following committee members: E. Merritt and Dave Schantz, Flotilla 31; Dr. T. Richter, Flotilla 13; F. Mansfield, Flotilla 17; A. M. LaSor, Lloyd Carman, H. Maconachy, Flotilla 22; Dr. John Hammerle, Flotilla 25; L. Tice, Flotilla 27; James Finan, Flotilla 32; O. Williams, Flotilla 52. G. F. Petry, Flotilla 23, Chairman of the Staff Boat Inspection Committee, has very kindly assisted on a number of occasions.

The instruction and administration of the Benjamin Franklin High School classes has been handled by A. M. LaSor and Lloyd Carman, Flotilla 22; E. Merritt and Dave Schantz, Flotilla 31; Dr. John Hammerle, Flotilla 25; Morton Gibbons-Neff and Victor Boden, Flotilla 18; assisted by a detail of uniformed men supplied by several Flotillas and under the command of W. Lyle Holmes, Flotilla 24, Staff Personnel Officer.

Several Flotillas have taken advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the Benjamin Franklin High School classes and have sent some of their new men there for instruction. The Commodore recommends that the Flotillas drawing men from the Philadelphia area make

further use of these facilities, which include, in addition to the five subjects covered by the scope of the entrance examination, lectures on Military Law, Law Enforcement, School of the Recruit, Military Customs and Etiquette, and History of the Coast Guard.

Lieut. (j.g.) John W. Brown, Director of the Auxiliary, has indicated that the next examination scheduled will be for Navigators, on 12 December. The need for ratings will be supplied by special examinations to be given from time to time to men qualified and recommended. Consequently the course of lectures is designed to take care of the instruction of these groups. Where Flotilla facilities do not permit of a number of classes operating simultaneously, the lectures may be arranged to fit in with the available instructors and classroom space.

ENSIGN A. M. LASOR, U.S.C.G.R. (T),
Chairman, Committee on Instruction
and Examination.

SPAR CRUISE

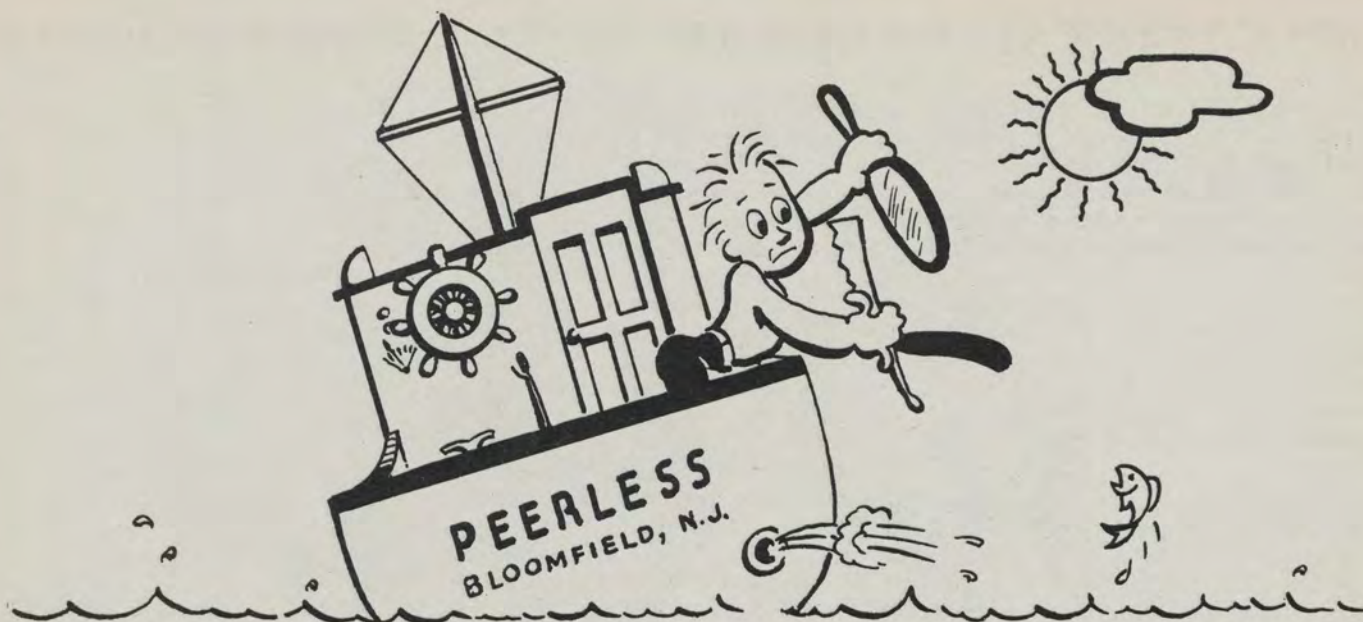
★ The pristine beauty of the Spar officers in this District was subjected to the saline touch of white water on Sunday, 26 September, when Lieut. (j.g.) Frank B. Hineline, U.S.C.G.R. (T), skipping his cruiser, the "Eight Bells", was host to the following Spar officers on a cruise from the Cohansey River to Cape May, New Jersey:

Lieut. (j.g.) Priscilla Metcalf, Ensign June Chapman, Ensign Dorothy Dow, and Ensign Gwladys Jones.

Aboard were a goodly crew, consisting of Boatswain Judith Hineline, Water-tender (2nd. Cl.) Elizabeth Robinson, Ship's Cook James Pardee, Coal Heavers Robert Clarke and Roland Haines, Lieutenants (j.g.) John Danner and Wolcott Robinson, acting in their official capacities as Boiler Inspectors.

On the way down the river, the party inspected the Miah Maull Light, clambering aboard and up the ladder to the delight of the keeper and his men. All Spars agreed duty on the S. S. Ayer Building preferable to 16 days on and 7 off aboard the light. Pleasant trip through the new Cape May County Canal marred only by failure of Navy blimp to dip its rudders in salute to pulchritude aboard the "Eight Bells."

Lieut. Metcalf reports no seasick remedies expended, and the morale office noted upsurge of .02 per cent in attitude displayed by U.S.C.G.R. (W) officers on Monday morning. A most pleasant cruise, skippered by a sailor and a gentleman of the first water. Thanks from the District Office go to Frank Hineline and the Auxiliary.

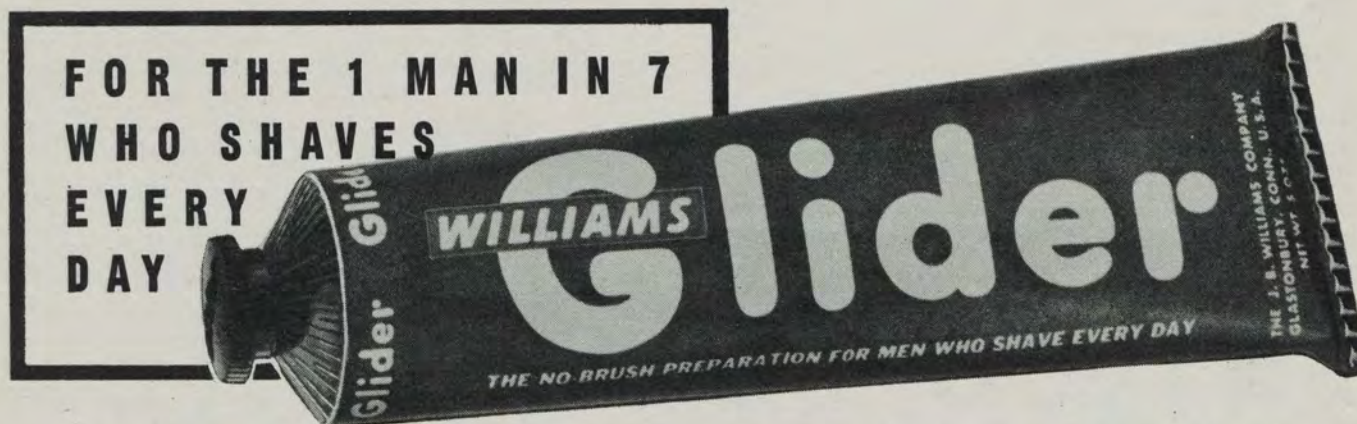


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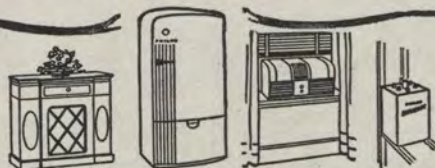
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