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PASS THE WORD!

By LCDR W. Ailiff, DIRAUX

I have been concerned at the apparent lack of communications occurring throughout the Auxiliary in regards to passing on of information. Generating of literature from this office cannot be effective if such information is not given out to the members at the flotilla level. These are the working members of the Auxiliary, the people who perform, and accomplish the missions and goals of the organization. It is inherent that they be properly informed at all times of ongoing programs and kept current with the times in regards to changing rules, regulations, etc. No organization can be effectively run if only a certain percentage "are in the know." To my knowledge no documents are put out in any **classified categories**, all are open to all hands and should be available. Let's open up those lines of communication and start a flow of "the word" to all members.

LADIES AIM FOR NUMBER 1

By Lenore Roush, ADSO-PRW

Well here it is, the boating season is underway. It is time to get those decals out and try to beat last year's record for boat examinations. We would like to see more gals become Courtesy Examiners. As was previously reported, the gals can be out doing boats while the men are out working. Then on week-ends, it's nice to get out and work as a team. As you know this is one of my pet projects in the Auxiliary, so I hope all who are Examiners will get an early start and get our total way up.

The enrollment of gals in the Auxiliary is on the increase. We have been in third place, so how about aiming for first or second. Our lowest place has been fourth and I am sure with a little more activity to get those gals interested who have not been active, we can get up there in a higher place. We have the gals but it is up to each and every one to do their part.

On Public Education. We are trying to get as many instructors as we possibly can to get into the schools and teach the small children. All DivWAC's have received a commentary and pictures for teaching children. I also have coloring books for the children entitled

"Water 'n' Kids." All you need to do is let me know how many children you are teaching and the books will be sent out. I have a little contest going. To the gal who teaches the largest amount of children, and has it verified, she will receive a trophy from me.

The women Auxiliarists in 3rd District (SR) are planning a program entitled "Bicentennial 1976." I have named Carol Kolb of Division IV chairman of this project. All gals have received letters on this, but as yet the plans are not complete. As things progress you will be informed.

Now is the time to start on the "Safe Boating Queen" contest. Only a couple of months till the Cape May Rendezvous when a new District queen will be crowned. By the time we observe Safe Boating Week, all Flotillas should have their Flotilla queens competing for Division queen. I hope all Divisions will have a queen this year. More info on this will be forthcoming.

On uniforms, I have received a letter signed by the Chief, Office of Boating Safety, John F. Thompson. This is the authorization for Auxiliary Women's Tropical Uniforms. The following is the Commandant Notice.

COMMANDANT NOTICE 5199

SUBJ: Auxiliary Women's Tropical Uniform; authorization for

1. *Purpose.* The purpose of this notice is to authorize a women's Tropical uniform for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
2. *Publication Affected.* The Auxiliary Uniform Awards, and Flag Code Manual CG-404 (1974), will be amended to reflect the provisions of this notice.
3. *Background.* Because the U.S. Navy is phasing out the Service Dress Light Blue uniform, stocks of this uniform are becoming difficult to obtain. The problem is compounded because the new Coast Guard Blue women's uniforms are still being developed and test-worn. As an interim solution to the problem, the Coast Guard has authorized a Tropical women's uniform which may be worn under the same conditions as the women's Service Dress Light Blue uniform.
4. *Action.* Effective immediately, the women's Tropical uniform is authorized for wear by all Basically Qualified women Auxiliarists. The uniform consists of Navy blue or Black skirt or slacks, white

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WE CAN USE MORE VOLUNTEERS

With the forthcoming boating season upon us, thoughts of patrols, under orders or voluntary safety patrols are being considered by our members throughout the Southern Region. Some changes have been made to bring such patrols under the proper guidance of CG-305 and Group Commanders in accordance with current Coast Guard regulations.

the following criteria for *voluntary safety patrols, not under orders*, are as follows:

1. Such patrols, must be scheduled in advance with the SO-OP by the FSO-OP, or immediately prior to getting underway, contacting the local CG Unit by land-line or radio to let them know of the area you will be in, *then* after the patrol, giving such information to the FSO-OP or SO-OP who is in control of the patrol area. It is to your benefit to notify the CG Unit whose area you have been operating in of the fact that you have secured your patrol.
2. Marine radiotelephone *is not* a mandatory item for voluntary patrols, *but for patrols under orders.*
3. A facility does not need to be *operational* to perform voluntary patrols, but have a current facility inspection and decal.
4. Uniform must be worn by crew members.
5. Non-crew members should not be utilized in any manner that could jeopardize their health or safety.
6. If you get involved in an assist you cannot handle with your facility, immediately inform the nearest CG Unit or Auxiliary unit on patrol *under official orders* and stand by for further instructions. Do not become *another* assist case yourself.
7. Remember *if not specifically directed by the CG* to assist a boat, you are not covered for liability or damages. *Verbal orders* if given by the CG does give you such coverage.

(Ladies Aim For continued)

short sleeve with open collar, combination cap with white cover (blue wool garrison cap is optional) and black shoes. Collar devices as applicable, shall be worn (either Member collar device or Officers grade collar insignia). All ribbons may be worn. A working uniform modification is authorized for women Auxiliarists engaged in activities requiring boating shoes (blue) and/or culottes in lieu of blue slacks.

5. **Cancellation.** This notice is cancelled upon revision of CG-404 and for record purposes on 31 December 1975.

LATE NOTES ON WINTER CONFERENCE

Two awards were presented at the Winter Conference at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia.

"The Michelob Schooner" was presented to John E. Johansen and read as follows:

Certificate of Authenticity
THE AUGUST A. BUSCH JR. AWARD
PRESENTED TO
JOHN E. JOHANSEN

in recognition of his outstanding contributions and efforts.

This typical one mast sailing vessel has been completely hand crafted in solid sterling silver and has been officially christened "The Michelob Schooner."

This Michelob Schooner is one of a limited edition of 300 and bears registration number 213-300.

LTJG Alan B. Kegerise was awarded the "Coast Guard Achievement Medal with the accompanying citation: *Lieutenant (junior grade) KEGERISE is cited for outstanding achievement and superior performance of duty while serving as Assistant Director of Auxiliary, Third District (Southern Region) during the period June 1972 to December 1974. Demonstrating exceptional ingenuity and professional competence Lieutenant (junior grade) KEGERISE prepared complete revisions of the Auxiliary Officer's Manual and the Auxiliary Awards Manual for the Southern Region which have greatly assisted the Auxiliary officers in performing their administrative functions. He willingly gave of his own time and talent to further the aims and programs of the Coast Guard Auxiliary by traveling extensively to the Flotillas and the Divisions in the Southern Region. Lieutenant (junior grade) KEGERISE's excellence in public presence and his remarkable sense of responsibility while meeting with Auxiliarists, state boating officials, and civic organizations has enhanced the image of the United States*

Coast Guard. Additionally, he assumed the added responsibility of Director of Auxiliary (Southern Region) during the period November 1973 to January 1974, and through his untiring efforts and expertise provided a smooth transition until the arrival of the newly assigned Director. Lieutenant (junior grade) KEGERISE's diligence, initiative and aggressiveness are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

COIN FLIPPING

By LTJG Alan B. Kegerise, Asst. DIRAUX HEADS

As the boating season explodes into full swing this month Coast Guard Units are preparing, as they have prepared since 1915, for yet another hectic Search and Rescue Season. It quickly becomes the same old story - all available men and equipment stand by ready to answer the call. Usually more calls for assistance are received than there are boats to respond and Coast Guard SAR Units are anxious for the support of the Auxiliary. Yet when man-power and time are of the essence, the well intentioned Auxiliarist may prove to be more of a hindrance than a help. Bad help is worse than no help at all.

The Auxiliarist who decides Wednesday he wants to patrol Saturday creates a mad scramble for both the Auxiliary-Area-Coordinator and the Coast Guard's Auxiliary Liaison Officer. They must verify the facility status, cut official orders, get them signed and mailed. The problem continues on Saturday when the Auxiliarist realizes he is not certain of the Patrol area and patrol responsibilities. This necessitates a prolonged radio conversation with the Station Duty Officer. Needless to say, this transmission is not the time for an impromptu Auxiliary Patrols Procedure course. The result is an Auxiliarist who wonders if the Duty Officer knows what is going on and a Duty Officer who knows the Auxiliarist knows nothing at all.

TAILS

Characterized by a strict sense of responsibility and a need to serve, Auxiliarists continually put in a full week at the office and then choose to volunteer their free week-end assisting the Coast Guard. Unfortunately, even these "aquatic saints" have other commitments and cannot carte blanche offer themselves and their facility for an entire summer. They do not always know until only days before when they will be free from business and family obligations to oblige the Coast Guard. So as soon as they are certain (Wednesday) these selfless well intentioned seamen offer their service for the week-end. **IF ONLY** the Coast Guard could say "yea

sure, we will love to have you out there on Saturday and if you find anything let us know. By the way, we will be glad to take care of your expenses out of our petty cash." I could stop right here.

BUT the Coast Guard is directed by public law to keep detailed records of all boating safety activity and all boating related incidents. It must also accept complete financial responsibility for Auxiliarists and Auxiliary vessels functioning in the public behalf. It must accomplish this within its bureaucratic system, all of which eliminate a simple, off-handed approach and requires more complicated and directed systems.

THIS THEN IS BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN

A very effective solution to this annual problem is found in Division I Operations Manual for the Northern Chesapeake Bay. The Division Operations Officer and Area Patrol Coordinator schedule and assign patrols for the entire SAR season in early May. They also arrange for and train a small contingent of operational facility owners for stand by purposes. The advantages to pre-scheduling patrols for an entire summer are numerous. By committing an Auxiliarist for one, perhaps two week-ends in an entire summer, he can arrange his schedule accordingly, knowing exactly when he is obligated and satisfied that patrols are continually being made by fellow Auxiliarists. Likewise, the Coast Guard receiving the entire summer's patrol schedule in May has adequate time to issue orders and additional instructions that may be necessary to both Auxiliarists and Duty Standers. More importantly, the Auxiliarist knowing exactly where and when his patrol is to be, has ample time to find out what his responsibilities will be while he is on patrol. In the event that an Auxiliarist cannot make a patrol the stand by contingent is called upon. Facility information on the standbys was previously sent to the Coast Guard with the initial schedule and these pre-trained men can effectively complete the patrol with minimal preparation time. In short, the Auxiliarist makes the most effective use of his time while still fulfilling his boating safety obligation and the Coast Guard has maximized their preparation time during a season when time is critical.

In actuality, Division I has followed this program over the past few summers and a firm respect for the Auxiliarists patrolling in the Northern Chesapeake by Coast Guard Group Baltimore has grown. This respect has grown into reliance and ultimately into safer boating for all.

By the way, my tour in the Coast Guard as Assistant Director ended on 6 June. I am expressing my gratitude by maintaining my membership in your organization. No one whose draft lottery number could have been so fortunate. See Ya!

division & flotilla NEWS

Division I

OFFICE CODES

By Lavinia R. Hodgden, SO-PR, Div. I

P.D.Q. M.O.-P.D.Q.

A new secretary for any level of the USCGAUX has plenty of new titles with which to become familiar. However, on Division I, 3(SR) Change of Watch Roster members and guests present, on which the members had been very helpful in listing their offices-as DSO, FSO, and FC, this secretary came upon two listings NOT found in any Coast Guard Auxiliary manual!

Patty Williams P.D.Q.

Betty Hudson M.O.-P.D.Q.

Being acquainted with the two, helped the light to dawn-to wit

Patty Hudson Williams - Past Division Queen

Betty Hudson - Mother of Past Division Queen
the family of Richard B. Hudson IPDCP, DIV I

EXPOSING YOUR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

By Ed Szumowski, PDCCP, Div. I

Many words have been said about the competitive spirit of individuals. Almost since the day we were born, we were subject to compete against one another. How many of you can remember parents, teachers, or coaches asking such questions as, "Why aren't your grades better than his, or why don't you play that sport better than she does, etc?"

Growing older hasn't changed us one bit. In fact, age has probably increased our awareness and desire to compete or strive to be better than the next person. This competitiveness has overflowed not only into our working lives, but also even into our social lives, and is evident within us as members of the Auxiliary. AND we are still asked the same questions. "Why don't you do as many CME's or patrols, etc. as he does?"

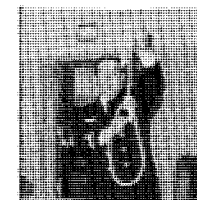
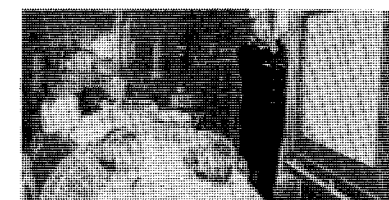
Sometimes we get so wound up in this competitive spirit that we forget what the Auxiliary is all about and why we originally joined this organization. Trophies and plaques serve a useful purpose and can be a



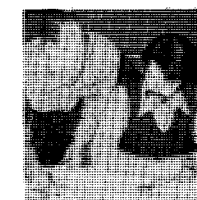
FLOTILLA 14 PE CLASSES AWARDS mark the year OMS Offers Boating Course

For the past two years, the Oglethorpe Middle School has offered an elective course called the "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills & Seamanship." Mr. John Evans, the instructor of the course, believes that it is the only one in the State of Delaware being offered as part of a middle school program. Students who pass examination receive a certificate from the coast Guard Auxiliary at a special ceremony.

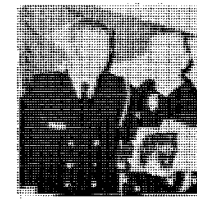
This past week, Mr. John Hopkins, Past Flotilla 14 Commander, visited the school to show the class how to solve problems in chart reading and navigation.



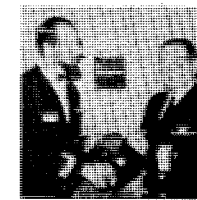
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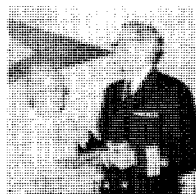


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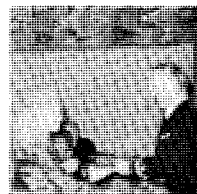


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BURT & LAVINIA HODGDEN

20 YEAR MARK FOR FLOTILLA 14

By R.B. Hudson, PDCP, Div. I

The evening of 1 March 1975 held special significance for the officers and members of Flotilla 14, Newark, Delaware, as they celebrated their 20th anniversary at the West End Boat Club, Chester, Pa.

It was on 24 March 1955 that Milton E. Baker and nineteen local boating enthusiasts banded together to form the first U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla in the Newark area. The State of Delaware was then under Division 4, 3(SR). The Flotilla was officially established as Flotilla 44. It was not until 1 January 1956, when Division I was established that they became Flotilla 14.

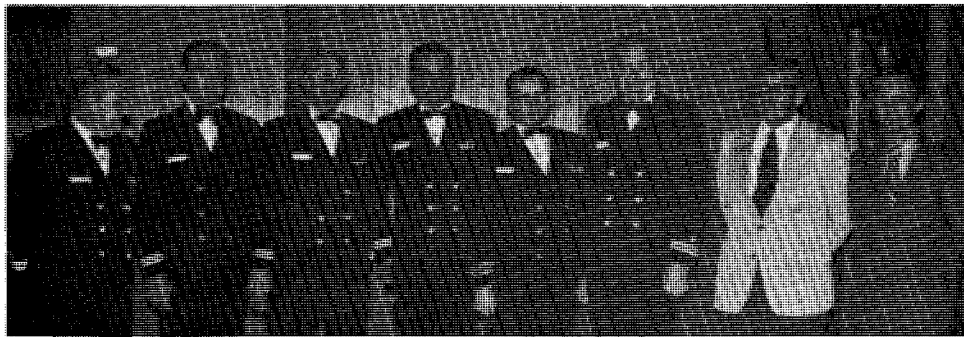
After the initial growing pains, the Flotilla continued to develop, actively participating

in all phases of the Auxiliary program. Flotilla 14, on 27 January 1958 formally recommended the discontinuance of carbon tetra chloride as an active ingredient in fire extinguishers. The recommendation to the Coast Guard was approved and so published in the Federal Register of 25 December 1958 with a deadline of 1 January 1962 for discontinued use of this type extinguisher.

For a brief period interest waned and it became questionable if the Flotilla would be able to continue in the performance of their duty. New active membership was obtained and the Flotilla has continued to grow. It now boasts sixty-eight members with excellent potential for continued growth in the years ahead.

Flotilla 14 has been a consistent DIRAUX Honor Roll member since its inception. They have been runner up for the past commodore's trophy and have won numerous district CME and operations awards. It has contributed three captains to Division I, two National SAR school graduates and currently has three AUXOP members with a very real possibility of doubling that number before the year is out.

Flotilla 14 has enjoyed its participation within the Coast Guard and looks forward to a continued close working relationship with the Coast Guard in the promotion of safe boating.



COMMANDERS, FLOTILLA 14

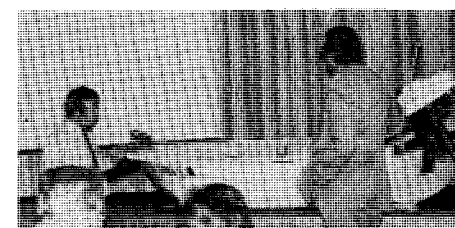
B.B. Hodgden 1975—E. Wegert 1974—N. Jedlicka 1973—L.A. Busse 1972
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FLOTILLA 18-WE TRIED IT & LIKED IT

By Michael A. Conner, Flot. 18

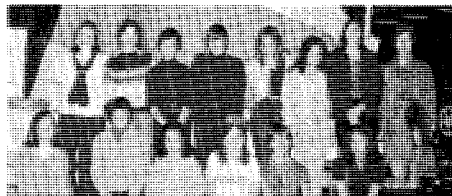
During one of the winter/spring safe boating public education classes at Carrcroft School on Foulk Road the instructional staff from Flotilla 18 Coast Guard Auxiliary came up with a unique idea . . . don't take the class to a Courtesy Motorboat Examination Station . . . bring the Courtesy Motorboat Examination to them . . . and . . . that's exactly what they did. Flotilla members Bill Steward, Vessel Examiner and Vice Commander Walter Moulder demonstrated the proper equipment required for a current USCGAUX decal. The vessel was completely outfitted from stern to bow with such required items as capacity plate, portable

fuel tanks, lights, complete identification of vessel, anchor, flares, line, fire extinguisher, etc. Class reaction to this unusual lesson was one of wholehearted enthusiasm . . . and there's nothing like learning first-hand.



Vessel Examiner points out bow light requirements as "Owner" stands by.

Future Ladies Of The Auxiliary



20 young ladies, ages 13 and 14, from Cadette Troop 823 of the Carrcroft School, Mt. Pleasant district, presented a special summer boating display in the Concord Mall in the middle of March. Each had taken the safe boating course presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 18. Six of the girls are presently working on the Girl Scout Small Craft Merit Badge with one student participating in a special sailing course this summer. The troop also engaged in an overnight canoe outing. The troop leaders are Mrs. Anne Donaghy and Mrs. Judy Zahnow.

Division IV AUXOP SPECIALTY

By Ann D. Paul, SO-PB, Div. IV

West Chester's Flotilla 49 hosted members of Division IV who were interested in studying for AUXOP Specialty in Piloting. Classes were held bi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

With Vice Captain George Fender "leading" the way, Flotilla members have been an enthusiastic group of budding navigators working on the advanced techniques of Piloting.

Jim Steele of Flotilla 42 conducted a class in Aids to Navigation with the help of an exceptional training aid - a multifaceted buoy.

Participating members represented flotillas 42, 45, 48, 49, 4-10.

FLOTILLA 42

By Joseph F. Brown, FSO-PR, Flot. 42

Flotilla 42 held its first courtesy Motor Boat inspection station at Willowbrook Marina, 1 June 1975, from 09:00 to 1700. The CME station was manned by the following: George L. Fender, VCP IV; Peter Schad, VFC 42; George Blair, SO/MGR IV; John Johansen, PDCO; and Jim Parsons, FSO/PE. Although the morning was cloudy and rainy, the weather cleared up in the afternoon and there were approximately twenty-five (25) boats inspected, of which twenty (20) CME's were awarded. We considered this a successful day due to the weather.

SAFE BOATING QUEEN



Captain Ed Burns of Division IV crowns Pam Ronayne Safe Boating Queen for 1975. Pam will represent the Division in the District's Safe Boating Queen contest to be held at the Cape May Rendezvous.

FLOTILLA 45

By Larry Brooks, FSO-PUB, Flot. 45

On a sunny Sunday, 1 June 1975, Flotilla 45 of Paoli under the command of FC Frank Houck and VFC John Owens prepared to get underway (after late morning showers) to participate in the annual Malvern Memorial Day Parade starting at 1400 hours. This year two fourteen foot facilities belonging to PDSO-CC Frank Brooks and PVFC Charles Wallace were escorted by Division IV's Safe Boating Queen, Marie Dudinetz. Miss Dudinetz carried the bouquet of red, white, and blue carnations, that were placed during the ceremonies at the Memorial Grounds in Malvern, Pa. Also participating were fellow members: PDSO-CC Leon Weckerly, Alice Weckerly, Rachel Wallace, Ethelwyn Brooks, Barbara Brooks, and FSO-PB & PR Laurence Brooks.

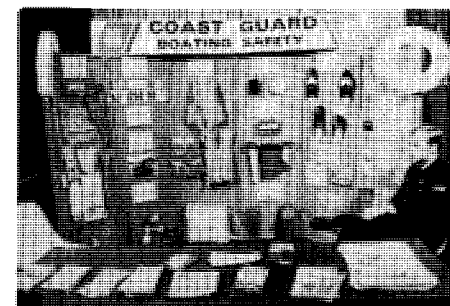
FLOTILLA 47 CELEBRATES IT'S 20th.

Flotilla 47 celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding on 22 March at the West End Boat Club, Chester, Pennsylvania. Five of the founding members are still in the flotilla; one of them, I.T. (Punk) Knight, is still an active member and received an award to celebrate his 20 years with the flotilla.

Members of Flotilla 47 have held two Division Captaincies, two Division Vice-Captaincies and served as Division Staff Officers for Training (2), Public Education (2) and Materials and as District Staff Officers for Operations and Membership Training.

The flotilla also has the first unsighted member to be sworn into the Auxiliary. He is

HOW DO WE COMPARE?



U. S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety booth at the Philadelphia Boat Show.

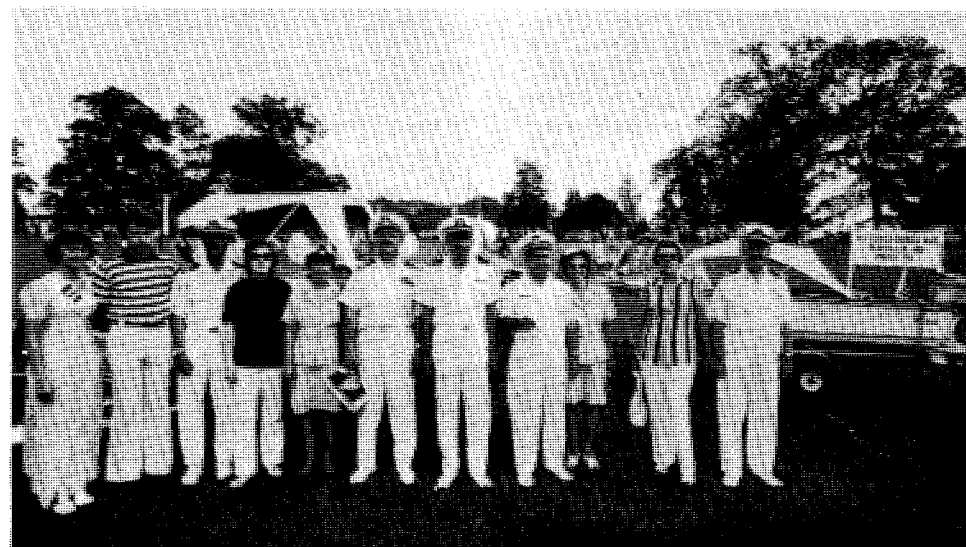


Frank Houck, Commander 45 and Bob Barker of Flotilla 47 man the Auxiliary's booth at the Philadelphia Boat Show.

HIGH MAN CME

By Laurence M. Brooks, FSO-PR, PB, Flot. 45

Division Captain Edward Burns presented a plaque to Laurence Brooks of Paoli at the Division's monthly meeting on 18 March 75. The plaque was for doing 210 Courtesy Motorboat Examinations for 1974, which makes Larry the Division's No. 1 examiner.



NAVAL OR NAVEL TAKE YOUR PICK

By Robert C. Feuer, FSO-PUB, Flot. 47

Just as seamen docking at Jidda head for the *suk* to replace naval activity with navel activity, the graduates of Flotilla 47's ten-week BS&S course took a break in the middle of graduation ceremonies to watch the teacher and students of an adjacent evening class at Northley Junior High School show off their talents. Graduates and auxiliaries were treated to a display of belly dancing. Veils fluttered to the floor, finger cymbals clicked, reflections winked off jeweled navels, and the watchers gazed enraptured as the girls gyrated through the *Magam* to the recorded strains of oud, canun, and dumbeg.

Graduation exercises at Northley and at Penncrest High School were accompanied by a less pulse-quickening activity, courtesy motorboat examinations of boats trailered in by students and by other area residents who read of the CME stations in the local newspapers.

It will come as no great surprise that Flotilla plans to repeat its classes in the fall, including the graduation exercises.

FLOTILLA 49 Stands Along In DIV. IV As The Only One To Make The Directors Honor Roll.



Lee Paul, Commander of Flotilla 49 is congratulated by LCDR W. Aliff. The flotilla was the only one in Division IV to make the 1974 Director's Honor Roll.

INSIDE WE GO

WHAT'S A SAILBOAT LIKE YOU
DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

As part of Flotilla 49's Principles of Safe Sailing course, John Ronayne, FSO-PR, brought his 18 foot sailboat to class to demonstrate the proper rigging of a sailboat. It is interesting to see the reaction of the public when they come upon a boat under full sail in the driveway of Henderson High School in West Chester, Pa.

FC Lee Paul and FSO-VE Bob Hillenbrand were on hand to give a Courtesy Motorboat Examination to John's boat to familiarize the students with the procedure.



Division V

By Robert F. Lyter, SO-PUB, Div. V

It only seems a short time ago that LCDR Joseph E. Tamalonis came on the scene when the USCG opened the ASST. DIRAUX office in Harrisburg for the ever expanding Auxiliary in the western area of the 3rd SR. Lt. Tamalonis took over the helm of the ASST. DIRAUX office and set to work to get the western area in shape. While in Harrisburg Lt. Tamalonis was promoted to his present rank of LCDR. As it is said all good things must come to an end meaning that his tour of duty was up on 3 July 1975 when he was transferred to New London, Conn. where he is the Captain of the Post. On June 2nd a dinner was held in his honor at King of Prussia paying tribute to his fine work with the 3rd SR. May we say good luck on your new assignment and congratulations.

Maybe the title should have been a Double Farewell as LTJG Alan Kegerise, Asst. DIRAUX in the Director's Office in Gloucester City, N.J. has left the Coast Guard for civilian life. Alan was also honored at the dinner held at King of Prussia. We are sure he will be missed by all of us in the Auxiliary, and may we wish him well in his new endeavor.

Enough farewells for one article and let us welcome a newcomer to the ASST. DIRAUX office in Harrisburg. On 30 May 1975, YN-3 Ronald D. Boyd arrived to help

bolster the office force and give a lift to Mrs. Motter who was LCDR Tamalonis's secretary. We are sure that they will be able to carry on the work of the Auxiliary until the new ASST. DIRAUX arrives sometime in August.

Safe Boating Program At Harrisburg Mall

By Mildred G. Tebbs, SPO, NSBW, Div. V

The Central Pennsylvania Safe Boating Committee which is sponsored by the USCG Auxiliary, USPS, Penna. Fish Commission, American Red Cross, Harrisburg River Rescue and the New Cumberland River Rescue held a Safe Boating Week Promotion the week of June 16th at the Harrisburg East Mall.

Members of Division V, USCG Auxiliary conducted a six-lesson boating skills and seamanship course each day from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the upper Wanamaker Court. Each evening *ee* films were shown on boating safety from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. On Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 am a "Water and Kids" slide presentation was presented.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, from 6:00 pm until dark, Courtesy Motorboat Examinations were given at the parking lot of the shopping center. Also, on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 pm a fire fighting demonstration was conducted on the use of portable fire extinguishers for use on fires onboard your boat (also for the home for those attending who didn't have boats.)

Daily dry land boat demonstrations were held by the Harrisburg River Rescue. Resuscitation and lifeline demonstrations were given by the American Red Cross and entries in the Coast Guard Auxiliary "Safe Boating" poster contest were displayed.

Winding up the week of activities, on Friday and Saturday at the Center Court, coloring books were distributed to all participating youngsters in the "Safe Boating" poster contest.

WORK WITH CAP

By Leonore K. Youngblood, FSO-PUB, Flotilla 5-10

Civil Air Patrol 1106 Squadron, Bloomsburg, Pa., recently combined forces with two local service organizations in a coordinated program designed to aid the citizenry of Columbia County, Penna. during a nuclear attack.

CAP surveyed possible evacuation routes for vehicular and foot traffic. Two aircraft were used to conduct aerial radiological monitoring of simulated hot spots. Commander Ted Piotrowski of Flotilla 5-10 and Russell Kressler, Past Commander of the

(Flotilla 5-10 continued)

same Flotilla, used water craft to survey the river for emergency quarters and first-aid facilities. Aerial observations of the river and streams, plus reservoirs, also were conducted by flotilla members.

This was a very successful operation and the Auxiliary's participation enhanced our growing cooperation and rapport with Civil Air Patrol.

AWARDS FOR FLOTILLA 5-10

By Leonore K. Youngblood, FSO-PUB, Flot. 5-10

Flotilla 5-10 and its members again received many awards, this time at the Division Change of Watch in Williamsport on 15 March 1975.

Commander Thaddeus Piotrowski won the Director's Award for meeting required standards in education, growth and membership training. There are 83 flotillas in the District and only 21 of them reached this height. "Ted" also received an award for personally examining 68 motorboats in 1974. Awards for having more than 20 hours of instructor teaching also went to Commander Piotrowski and to Linwood Purnell, PE Officer. Plus, a most coveted plaque was given to Ted for heading the most active flotilla in the Division, as determined by a point system for Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey - the 3rd C.G. District.

Division VI

Open House & Annual Willingboro Parade



Members of Flotilla 66 Walt and June Rutkowski, and Jim Kelly show the way to safe boating at an open house on April 22 at Grice Junior High School in Trenton, New Jersey.

Division VII

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

By Bob Rochester, FSO-PB, Flot. 71, Div. VII

On 22 September 1975, the vessel JONNA II, out of Bay Shore Marina, Barnegat, N.J. headed for Philadelphia, Pa. via the inland water way. The captain of the vessel was Steve Dzmelik, and Herb Martin of Flotilla 71 was the crew-member.

After a night at Cape Island Marina, Cape May, N.J. they headed out on a clear day at 1000 hours. One hour out of port, Herb Martin experienced severe chest pains and a call for help was issued and answered by a nurse on a fishing vessel. It was suggested that fast medical attention be sought.

The Coast Guard was then called and two cutters and a chopper were sent along with a para-med. Upon arriving on the scene, and after examining Herb, the cause of his chest pains were believed to be a possible heart attack.

Due to his condition they were unable to air-lift him to the hospital, so the two cutters escorted Herb to the shore where an awaiting ambulance rushed him to Millville hospital. After hours of treatment they transferred Herb to a local Pa. hospital for intensive testing. Final diagnosis-severe indigestion.

Here is another good example of how quickly the Coast Guard answered this call for help and got the help that was needed to save another life.

MORE NEWS FOR Division VII

By Robert G. Russo, SO-PR & PUB, Div. VII

We of Division VII have a wealth of news to publicize as the division grows in size and stature.

We are pleased to report the appointment of Christian B. Gray of Flotilla 71 as our new Career Coordination Officer and would like to wish his predecessor, Joseph Riggs, a speedy recovery and we hope to see him around and well very soon. Also, Robert Arnold of Flotilla 71, was appointed as our new Operations Officer and would like to wish Ralph Usher, his predecessor, good luck in his new business ventures. To these new officers of Division VII, we give our full support and wish them well as they have a big responsibility on their shoulders.

We would like to send our best wishes to Flotilla 74 who celebrates their 15th Anniversary in June and hope that they have many more years of success and uphold the proud traditions which they have lived by.

Congratulations to our 5 candidates who were chosen for the AIM Program and who will visit the U.S. Coast Guard Base, Cape May, with one eventually being chosen as a candidate for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Division VII would also like to announce a large scale SAR drill, the likes of which this area has never seen, and would like to welcome Division 16, our northern neighbor, who has expressed a desire to be part of this drill. Together we feel this will be a most educational drill and full of practical experience which can help all auxiliaries.

This brings to mind another subject I would like to briefly touch upon and that is the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Blue Ensign

and what it means. I don't mean only to us, I am talking about what other boaters think when they see this flying from a facility. Are we just another bunch of old ladies, similar to the ones in the auxiliary well-known men-only clubs? We know this is not true. Now let's convince all the boating public that this Ensign can mean education, aid, safety, saving of lives and property, and many other items too numerous to mention. And the only way to do this is through Public Relations and Publications. In Division VII alone, in 1 two week period, assists to the boating public included rescuing 2 men who had abandoned a burning boat, rescuing 10 stranded passengers from a grounded sailboat after it became apparent that the boat could not be removed from the sandbar by the auxiliary boats on the scene. This also resulted in the injury of an auxiliary in the line of duty. Also, pulling 4 persons from the water after their rented sailboat capsized, refloating the sailboat, and securing it for the owner. This is all done with no payment asked. But unless the news media gets more of this information, the ideals that the Blue Ensign stand for will never be fully realized by the boating public.

In closing, I would also like, on behalf of the Division, to send wishes for a speedy recovery to Ray Klett of Flotilla 71. We need you back aboard, Ray, so hurry back. We also send our deepest sympathy to Flotilla 79 on the death of its member, James E. Sonia, who was active so many years in the Auxiliary. He is now at the helm of his ship on the sea of everlasting calm and tranquility.

FLOTILLA 7-12

By Ray Rittersbach, FSO-PR, Flot. 7-12, Div. VII
The educational program of Flotilla 7-12 under the leadership of Emanuel Greenwalt, Flotilla Public Education Officer, continues at full speed ahead.

Thirty students successfully completed the twelve-lesson course recently and received certificates for their accomplishment from Hamilton K. Harris, Flotilla Commander. In addition, J. Folwell Scull, Flotilla Vice Commander, Edward Frank, Flotilla Special Projects Officer, D. Burnie Cole and Henry F. Pohl gave basic swimming and boating safety instruction to all pupils attending the two schools on Long Beach Island. The two courses, "Water 'n Kids" and "Young People's Boating Course" were enthusiastically received by the students.

On June 21 a seven-lesson course on "Principles of Safe Sailing" began at Long Beach Island Fishing Club under the direction of D. Burnie Cole and George Jones.



FLOTILLA 74

By Estelle Lieberman, Flot. 74

Flotilla 74 USCG Auxiliary will hold a picnic at Ocean County Park, Manahawkin, New Jersey, to celebrate their 15th anniversary and to welcome in new members and their families. We are also using this occasion to honor past Commander Joseph Riggs for his dedicated service to our flotilla.

Division VIII

By George F. Adams, Jr., FSO-PR, Flot. 82

Vice commander Eugene Darcey who spent many years as an officer of the U.S. Coast Guard and Commander Edward J. Forler were invited "Mess Night" at the Coast Guard Base, Cape May, on 2 May 1975. Mess night is a military tradition as old as the military itself. These banquets conducted in accordance with the rules of etiquette for formal occasions have evolved from the days of the Roman Legions.

The guest of honor was Admiral Owen Siler, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, who gave a very interesting speech on anticipated future activities which will be brought about through the changing of the times.

Captain Archibald B. How presided as president of the mess and Lt. Sheilor Denim as vice president. Music was provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Band.

A formal dinner was served followed by toasts and the traditional lighting of the Smoking Lamp and the customary toasts to the Coast Guard.

Also attending was LCDR Lionel Crosman of the Atlantic City Base; Commander Michael O'Brian of the cutter ALERT; Commander Kindom, group commander of the Cape May Base; Hon. Bruce Minnix, Mayor of Cape May; and other dignitaries also attended. At the conclusion of the evening Captain How invited all to join him in a night cap.

On Memorial Day the Cape May Flotilla participated in ceremonies with the Coast Guard Training Base in which a flower-decked vessel was towed to sea with a company of men who gave a gun salute in honor of those lost at sea. The Flotilla supplied a wreath which was dropped into the sea during the ceremony by an aircraft operated by a friend of the Flotilla.



ALL DAY WORKSHOP

By Warren E. Fox, SO-PUB, Div. VIII

The Ocean City Flotilla recently experimented with an all-day boating safety workshop in a well appointed boardwalk motel, using the three lesson course as a base, with coffee breaks and scrumptious lunch to provide discussion opportunities but the cost of \$8.00 was so poorly received that the affair had to be cancelled.

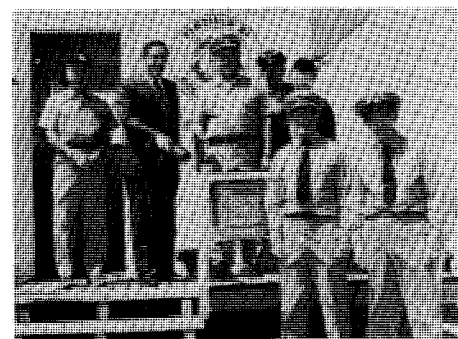
They promptly scheduled a four week course in their won quarters without the niceties for only \$2.00 and filled every seat.

It all points to the need to meet the U.S.P.S.'s Free courses and the N.J. State Marine Police's courses given as part of the curriculum in the public schools.

There Is Only One Way To Go—FIRST CLASS



Finally finished, flags a-flutter and ready to serve -



A bottle for the Mayor (seawater it was) - Mayor B. Thomas Waldman prepares to christen the new Boat Examination Station of the Ocean City Flotilla, 81. The Manischewitz bottle wouldn't break but a following toast got the season off to an official start. The new station replaces the one destroyed in the December 2 & 3 storm and is a little bigger, a lot nicer, and much more efficient to work out of. It will have a

weather reporting radio, coffee pot and whatever else the crew feels is needed for an efficient examination and public relations program.

The "GO" squad involved in this activity are (l to r) SO/VE Benj. Smith, Mayor Waldman (a former C.G. officer), FC Carl Madden, SO/PR-PB Warren E. Fox, FWAC Adelle Stolzer, VFC E. Clayton Dorsey, and high score VE Bill Krouse. Incidentally, Bill has reported hundreds of changes for chart up-dating! Our skyline is changing rapidly and he is using his talents as a Professional Engineer to aid the navigators.

A New Idea On PE Class Promotion

By George Adam Jr.

Beware Of The Sea Serpent

He causes your boat to run out of gas, your battery to go dead and many other troubles when help is not available. Be prepared. Take a Safe Boating Course free with the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary. Call 884-3261.

Lost At Sea—Never Again!

Take a Safe Boating Course with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 82 of Cape May. It is free! Phone 884-3261.

Fire At Sea

Learn how to combat this terrifying experience.

A free safe boating course by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 82 of Cape May tells how. Phone 884-3261.

Boat Collision

Your life is in the balance when this occurs. The safe boating course offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 82 of Cape May will help. It is free. Phone 884-3261.

People do read large headlines. Flotilla 82 said it worked well.



Division X

MANY GUESTS & AWARDS AT DIV. CHANGE OF WATCH

Eighty members and guests from Easton, Allentown, Bethlehem and Pottstown attended a dinner dance at Sunnybrook, Pottstown, Pa. on March 1. Representing the District were Asst. DIRAUX LCDR J. Tamalonis with Mrs. Tamalonis, and RCO (W) Ralph Curtis.

DCP Lee Weaver and VCP Les Richter were sworn in by LCDR Tamalonis, Flotilla Officers by RCO (W) Curtis, and new members by DCP Weaver.

The CE Award was won by Flotilla 10-2 Allentown with 195 examinations. The Membership Award, percentage of members attending meetings, was won by Flotilla 10-5, Pottstown. These are plaques that travel from flotilla to flotilla until one has earned the Award three years in succession.

Door prizes were presented by FC "Chill" Frederick 10-5 and PDCP Chris Stein. "Chill" Frederick, who chaired the committee, was rewarded with a giant strawberry sundae by our host at Sunnybrook.

10-5 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By Elanore P. Stein, UFC, Flot. 10-5

Pottstown Flotilla 10-5 was presented the "Special Recognition" Award for their booth at the Home Show held at Sunnybrook, March 13 thru 18, 1975. The booth this year featured a sailboat, equipment required for a "Safety Equipped Boat" and teaching aids were displayed. Slides from the various PE Courses were shown continuously.

Members assisting in booth construction and manning were: DCP Lee Weaver, PDCP Chris Stein, FC Chill Frederick, VFC Elanore Stein, Harvey Smith, Howard Schultze, Harold Keppen, Pete Yanos, Bill Lippert, Dottie Vath, Fred Grampp, Carl

Moser, Deb Moser, Charles Grisdale, Bob Coldren Leonard Fegley, Bob Ellis and Bob Wade; a total of 108 manhours.

Approximately 25,300 people attended this affair. Each year interested boaters sign up for the Public Education classes and for Courtesy Examinations. We have found this an excellent way to get our purposes before the public. Our members look forward to this event.

BS&S CLASS ONE BIG GIANT STEP FORWARD

By Eleanor Stein, SO-PUB, DIV. X

What do you do with 70 people in a room for 30? On 8 January, Pottstown Flotilla 10-5 started their 12-lesson BS&S class expecting approximately 30 students. They kept coming and coming until—wow a total of 60 the first night. We regrouped and arranged with the Pottstown High School for their Audio room. Additional people signing up the second night of the class swelled enrollment to 70. This class ended on 2 April with 63 finishing the course and 53 receiving certificates. These were presented by FC Chill Frederick assisted by VFC Elanore Stein at the Flotilla meeting on 15 March at "The Elks" in Pottstown.

Instructors for this class, under the direction of PE Officer Chris Stein, were Arvids Bergs, Elanore Stein, Chill Frederick, Robert Wade, George Cockefair, William Lippert, Charles Delp, Lee Weaver, Jay Berman and Robert Ellis.

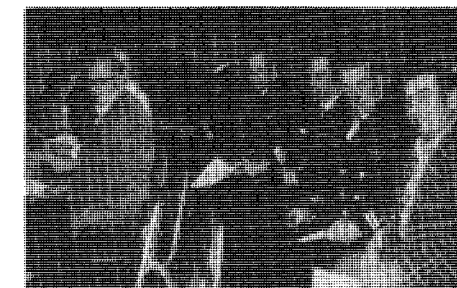
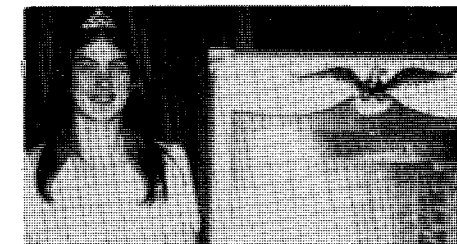
Eleven from this class were accepted as conditional members and are being BQ'd. They are Leon Huber, Vincent Hollis, Francis Shaffer, Walter Warrick, Elmer Stoudt, Walter Weber, William Gorman, Rudy Imrisk, Dennis Wagner, Walter Edwards and John Rahm.

Division XII

By Gertrude Benton, SO-PUB, Div. XII

Division XII has started the year with a bang! We have qualified several new instructors and 4 or 5 members are waiting for the weather to break to get qualified for CME. 2 PE classes are in session, the Boat Show at Blue Hen Mall, in Dover was greeted with great enthusiasm by members and public alike. Youth program off to a good start with over 300 children instructed. Operations Seminar was held in May having a helicopter to assist in the seminar. Finishing touches are being put on the communications unit to be placed at Bowers Beach, Delaware and manned by Div. XII members. Bonnie Dill, the District Safe Boating Queen has been kept busy attending Auxiliary functions. She also took the BS&S Course given by Flotilla

12-5, worked hard, and successfully completed it. Plans are underway for Safe Boating Week and I'm sure Bonnie will be busy that week!



Division XII members at the Winter Conference. 24 members and 3 guests made the trip to King of Prussia.

You Gussed It—That's ALAN K.?



ATTENTION COMMANDERS

By Earl C. Snyder, Past SOV-MT, Div. XII

LEAD YOUR FLOTILLA

Be enthusiastic and proud of your Flotilla - and watch the word spread!! Remember that you have the best Flotilla in the Division of the best outfit in the world, and you are the best Commander the Flotilla ever had. Make your new members feel welcome and needed - Give them a job to do! Call on your inactive members and ask them to help on specific projects. Distribute the work - Don't have the same people doing everything. Meet and work with leaders of other organizations and civic groups. Talk up the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary wherever you go. Don't criticize our organization to outsiders.

Division XIII

WE HAVE ALL HEARD OF BUSING— BUT

By Jos. A. Micciche, FSO-MG, Flot. 13-4

Something new and something different for Flotilla 13-4 "Change of Watch" affair. Would you believe that Dabney Benson and his wife Grace arranged with Tom Baker owner of the "Lobster Shanty", Point Pleasant, N.J. to send down to Oaklyn, N.J. (90 miles) a private bus. The bus picked up members and their wives in Oaklyn and drove them to Pt. Pleasant. The bus contained a full bar loaded with refreshments provided and supplied by Mr. Baker and the food was provided and prepared by flotilla members, served at the built-in tables in the bus. The cordial bus driver gave the group a tour of Pt. Pleasant and the lobster fleet and an education on care and marketing of lobsters. After a delightful dinner of your choice, PDCCP Joseph Micciche swore in George Swindell as Commander and John Poyner as Vice Commander. Awards were presented to members by FC George Swindell. Micheal Waciuk, a new member, was sworn in and presented his card and certificate. After the "Change of Watch" affair a pleasant trip back home with refreshments and goodies.



Inside "Lobster Shanty" bus.

Division XIV

By W.R. Wells, SO-PR, Div. XIV

DIVISION 14 GETS NEW CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN

DCP Russell Shelley and VCP Crum were sworn in by RCO (W) Curtis at special ceremonies in February. The newly chartered Division 14 was shocked late in January by the resignation of Captain Geiger and Vice Captain Donough due to personal reasons. Division 14 is fortunate to be able to replace two highly qualified individuals with

equally qualified leadership such as DCP Shelley and VCP Crum. The transition of leadership in Division 14 went very smoothly. The new Captain and Vice Captain were elected at a special Division 14 Meeting in February.



FLOTILLA 14-1 PROGRAMS UNDER WAY

85 persons were enrolled in Flotilla 14-1's twelve lesson Boating Safety and Seamanship Course which was completed April 2nd with the final examination. Refreshments were provided to the graduates. April 9th saw the beginning of 14-1's seven lesson Sail Course which was well attended with 45 students enrolling on the first night. Simultaneously on April 9, a BQ Class was started for potential new members. During this same period, Flotilla 14-1 completed its CME Course and also a Search and Rescue Course which was attended by 14 members from our Flotilla and Flotillas 14-2 and 14-4. On April 18 and 19, Flotilla 14-1 conducted its first CME Station of the year at Park City Shopping Center. This event was covered by local TV Station, WGAL, Channel 8. On April 21, members of Flotilla 14-1 relaxed at a seafood dinner after their regular meeting at the Distlefink Inn. A program was presented by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.



P.E. CLASSES



JURY DUTY—NO IT'S MEMBERSHIP TRAINING



WRITER'S CRAMP



LOTS OF WORK
GOOD FELLOWSHIP
LOTS OF WORK
FUN
LOTS OF WORK
GOOD FOOD
LET'S EAT



—NEW EDITOR FOR TOPSIDE—

H. Charles Freeman, Jr., has been assigned as the new editor of TOPSIDE. Charlie was in NEWSWEEK's Washington Bureau before WW II, in which he served as an artillery captain in Italy and was retired after altercation with a land mine. He managed the Fairbanks, Alaska DAILY NEWS-MINER and then moved to Harvard University to do public relations for the laboratory where the National Blood Program was born. In 1954, he joined the DuPont Company's Public Relations Department, retiring in 1971 to do free-lance public relations.

In the Auxiliary, he is SO-PE-I and FSO-PR and PB-17. Material for future issues of TOPSIDE should be sent to him. His telephone number is 215-459-6617. DEADLINE for next issue is 25 August 1975.

Just think with a little effort — your Division and the various Flotillas could have news about what they are doing on this page.

Also, lets not forget our various staff officers who want to reach all the membership.

Lets get the new editor off to a good start. After all, he will need your support. He has all the qualities to make TOPSIDE a better publication.

A special thanks to all who have contributed articles to us for TOPSIDE during our stay. It has been our pleasure.

Barb & Wayne

Meet Charlie Freeman



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Barb and I have enjoyed the past several years working with Coast Guard Auxiliary and Coast Guard people, on TOPSIDE. With business taking more and more time on both our parts and a young teenage family we have run short of time. We wish Charlie the best and will still be working with him on the production of TOPSIDE.

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