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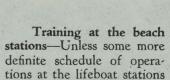
- (1) To promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters;
- (2) To promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts;
- (3) To foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts; and
- (4) To facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

FOR TOPSIDE 22 JULY

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Commander Hewins

is evolved, the entire program will bog down, through failure of the subsistence problem. The flotillas involved must furnish a set number of men who will be at the stations from 0800 Saturday to 1900 Sunday. In this way, the service can anticipate the correct amount of food needed. Waste of food is always expensive — now it is well-nigh criminal. It seems best that the Auxiliary furnish eight men per week. This copy of TOPSIDE will be in the press before the first week-end of operations after the maritime strike, but will not be in the hands of the members until the following week.

Rendezvous — The Hance's Point Rendezvous enjoyed a perfect week-end. Those who attended certainly enjoyed the entertainment and the beautiful setting offered by the base. Admiral Farley and Captain Anderson sent regrets, due to previous commitments to the Fifth District. The District Office was represented by Commander R. R. Waesche, Jr., and the Commodore came as his own representative. We had a fine time. The Director's 83 footer was present among about two score auxiliary craft. It is hoped that this number will be swelled at our next affair.

Commodore Huston has accepted the invitation of Commodore Smith, 3rd District Auxiliary, to attend the New York rendezvous at Eaton's Neck this (July) month. He and his staff have reserved the FLORENCE V for the occasion. If things break right, the Director plans on attending in an 83 footer.

Uniforms — The Chief Director has requested all districts to get rolling in bringing the outfit in line with the new instructions. In line with this, put the "bee" on your flotilla officers to get your khaki sleeve devices and get your uniforms up to date. Get your orders in for the following items through the flotilla to the Director:

Sleeve devices (brown on khaki, gold on blue and red on blue) Officers' cap device Auxiliary Buttons

All of the above are on hand now in this office, or can be obtained in ten days, until we get a little ahead, purchases are cash on the barrel head.

Vessel Inspections — The new inspection forms are here. All Flotilla Inspectors are expected to complete their fleet inspections no later than 15 August of this year. Inspectors can get the new forms and instructions by asking for them from the Director. Headquarters wants this done without fail.

WEEK-END TRAINING AT TOWNSEND'S INLET

By JAMES MCHENRY, JR. - Photos By Tom MAGUIRE

Ten members of Flotilla 25 left the Camden Naval Militia Armory, Friday 24 May, at 1900, for C. G. training at a shore station. Upon arriving at the station, at 2130, Bos'n Miller assigned the men to lockers and bunks.

Saturday morning, 25 May, found Bos'n Miller explaining the operation of the telephone switchboard and the radio. Tower watch needed no further explanation, due to the men having served duty during the month of April this year.

Having granted Fred Miller a 48-hour pass, Chief Barton took over in the afternoon, with the Breeches Buoy, which was next on the training program. After wheeling the drill cart into position, Chief Barton explained the importance of having all your equipment in the correct locations. This drill reached a climax when Dan Martin, a member of Flotilla 25, came down in the chair of the breeches buoy.

Artificial respiration finished the day of training, with all hands taking part.

Sunday afternoon, 26 May, brought the week-end to a close, with a trial run in the surf boat.

Of course, we must not overlook galley training. All in the group took their turn in keeping the galley clean and orderly.

As for food and recreation, the group just didn't know when they had enough. It was butter down, bread down, milk down, meat down, — etc. Shooting darts (Chief Barton is champ), playing cards, softball, volley ball, and going swimming brought this training program to an end.

... and never let it be said that the regulars are not a swell group of fellows to train with.



Dan Martin, Flotilla 25, being "rescued" by way of the Breeches-buoy.



Chief Barton giving instructions on the pointing of the Lyle gun.



The patient Chief explains method of stowing the gear in the drill cart.



Auxiliary men (all members of Flotilla 25) man the surf boat for a practice run through heavy surf.

A FEW PICTURES AND A REPORT ON THE JAMBOREE AT HANCE'S POINT

Jamborees are usually lots of fun, and the one held at Hance's Point base on 22 and 23 June was no exception. There were a great many renewals of old friendships and the usual "Toasting of the Gang." All in all, everything was orderly, pleasant and without doubt the men who came all agreed that this base is tops.

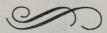
When you cruise down "Chesapeake Way," be sure to stop in.



The Bartender, "a busy man was he."



On the second deck of the Barracks, plenty of "soft sacks."





Commander Hewins and his crew, aboard the director's personal boat, the 83501, pass the Editor in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal on the way to the Jamboree. (We kept pace with her all through the canal . . . but brothah, when she hit the Elk River . . . zoom — there she goes . . . and that was the last we saw of her till we came into Hance's Point.)





This proves that our Treasurer, F. Travis Coxe, is not "merely a Desk-Man." The Editor will testify to his ability to handle a boat.





Herb Brenneman looks things over.



Looks like Phil Zeigler (third from left), is losing an argument for a change.

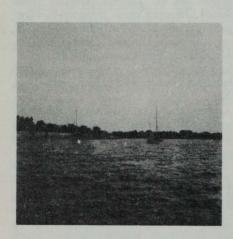


Jerry Marcus and Jim McCloskey "counting their chickens before they are hatched."

You can't get in without the password. (Note the knowing smile on Earl Huston's face . . . he knew the password.)



Commander Hewins stops a minute to partake of "the pause that refreshes."



Part of the "sail-boat gang" who came in just at dusk.

Let's Get Together ... and Dig!

Digging is lots of fun. Especially if you are digging in a gold mine. Digging in gold mines is one sport that your editor has never refused and now . . . we all have a chance to participate.

Just where is this gold mine??? It's right next door, it's in the slip next to where you tie up your boat, it's in the office next to yours, the house next door . . . and in a million places where you would least expect to find it.

The gold mine that I refer to has nothing to do with the sort of gold that your Uncle Samuel buried, or the gold that folks trade for dollar bills. This particular gold mine is the well of friendship, the everlasting kind of golden joy that comes from the pal-like feeling that one boating man develops for another.

To "dig" in such a gold mine, let's all look around and when we find a new boat owner (there will be thousands of them this season), let's invite him into the Auxiliary . . . remember how thrilled and happy YOU were when you were first elected to membership.

Dig around, get hold of these fellows who are buying all these boats, get them into your flotilla or make a suggestion that they apply for membership in a flotilla that is near to their home. Don't pass this opportunity by, it will swell the ranks of the Auxiliary

with boating men... and will pay off big dividends in friendship and in the thought that when this "newcomer" approaches your boat on the waterways, he won't be likely to run you down or smash into your beautiful mahogany transom if he's properly trained.

The Auxiliary can train new men faster than they can learn alone. It will be to everybody's advantage, so dig up new members from the new boat-owners.

HERE'S A BIG, CAPABLE ORGANIZATION

ready to help you with your boating problems.

We have 4 marine railways, a great carpentry and paint shop, a swell machine shop... and the most complete store in the district.

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FLOTILLA 13, SEASIDE PARK

The feature attraction now looming up for Flotilla 13 is the cruise on the Florence V, scheduled for 3, 4, and 5 August. Plans have been slightly changed so that instead of sailing north from Atlantic City, it is now proposed to travel southward to Ocean City, Maryland, and in Delaware Bay. "Tex" Sutorius, a regular member of the crew of the Florence V, is in charge of the arrangements, and men who would like to sign up for the cruise should make reservations with Tex promptly, as accommodations are limited.

For the past two months, our dinner meetings have been held inland, so that our shore-dwelling members have driven part way to meet those of us who come from the western part of New Jersey and from Pennsylvania. As this is written, however, it is planned to return to Seaside Park for the July meeting, and probably for subsequent summer meetings.

Since the completion of our temporary tower-watch schedule, all the Lifeboat Stations in our district have been closed down. The other day, your correspondent drove past Mantoloking Station, to find its painted shingles littering the ground and its bare rafters exposed. Like Bay Head, Mantoloking has been sold, and is being torn down and removed by its new owners. Our men stood watches for only a brief period at Mantoloking, but we view its passing with regret.

At our last meeting, the entertainment committee varied the program a bit and avoided the nautical. Mr. Craig Meade, of Trenton, described and pictured the building of the Peace River bridge on the Alcan Highway during the war.

Commander Burdge would like to hear from any members who have recently acquired boats, as these should be listed with him and with Headquarters.

—Victor H. Panek, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON

Our May meeting was held on Monday night, on the 27th, at Walber's, in Essington, Pa. Despite the heavy rains, there was a large attendance and many important subjects were discussed.

Preparations were made to attend the

District Rendezvous on June 22nd and 23rd, and the Flotilla 22 Rendezvous the week-end following. Our Commanding Officer, Mr. H. H. Breneman, is Chairman of the affair and indications reveal that there will be a huge turn out for the event.

Great stress was laid on the importance of Crew Meetings. With a membership of over 300, it is often difficult to relay directives and messages to so large an assembly. So our seven crews hold semi-monthly and monthly meetings in the homes of their members and all men should attend.

Each Crew consists of between forty and fifty men. The Crew Chief presides, the Crew Secretary records the minutes, and the Treasurer handles the cash (and pays the refreshment expenditures). Quizzes are held periodically and reviews of the fundamentals of Seamanship and Navigation are made from time to time.

What makes the meetings interesting, aside from study, is the plan that the "Miracle Men" Crew has inaugurated. Since all of us are active working men or business men, this group has made it a point to have three of its members discuss their own particular trade or business, so the group, as laymen, can understand it. In this way, the group is brought closer together, aside from the fact that more comprehensible knowledge is gathered.

Whenever possible, movies are shown. Guest speakers are invited, and the informality of the Crew meetings, keeps every one at ease, and free to speak his mind.

Whatever findings that are made, suggestions offered, or problems solved, are relayed by the Crew Chief to the Officers at the next Governor's meeting. This saves a great deal of time, and promotes "smoother sailing."

In our Sports Department, the recent rainy evenings ruined our softball practice, but we still feel we are good enough to take on any other Flotilla. Anyone interested in challenging Flotilla 22 to a softball game, please contact our Mr. Louis B. Rose, 259 Powell Road, Springfield, Pa.

For the summer months, our Flotilla meetings will be held the last Tuesday night of the month.

-Martin J. Sandberg, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 23, DREDGE HARBOR

Flotilla 23 celebrated the completion of repairs and renovations of its seashore base at Harvey Cedars, by a formal dedication, on Saturday, 8 June. The ceremonies started at 1800, though most men and their families and friends were "on deck" by mid-afternoon.

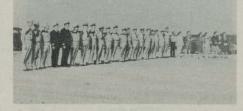


Mrs. Brown "does the honors."

Mrs. John W. Brown, wife of Lt. Com. John W. Brown, former head of the Auxiliary of the 4th Nav. Dist., very fittingly broke a bottle of Delaware River water on the side of the building and thereby our base was properly christened. Following the christening, Mrs. Brown raised the flag and as it was unfurled, many small flags were released from its folds, to flutter impressively into the hands of Auxiliarists. While the flag was being raised to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner, all members of Flotilla 23 stood at attention.

We were honored by the attendance of many U.S.C.G. officers from the 4th Naval District. Among these were Commodore M. R. Daniels, District Coast Guard Officer; Comm. Spencer F. Hewins, Director; Lt. Com. John W. Brown, our war-time Director; and Lt. Com. Wm. Sayre, first Comm. of Flotilla 23. Also present was H. Earl Huston, Commanding Officer, U.S.C.G.R., 4th Nav. Dist.

After the completion of these ceremonies, all Auxiliarists and their guests did justice to the delicious baked ham



At "Attention" as Old Glory goes to the top.

dinner prepared and served by the able ship's cooks, whom Flotilla 23 has among its members. We wish to thank this hard-working crew. During the dinner, there were speeches by various officers.

So our desire for a seashore base, where members and friends might relax and enjoy summer sunshine, and where Auxiliarists might brush up on their knowledge of boating and navigation and be better able to render assistance to the U.S.C.G., has at last become a reality. It has meant much hard work by members and many sacrifices by their families, but we feel the time spent has been well worth-while.

—Paul W. Carleton, Jr., Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER

Our meeting of 3 June, held at D.R.Y.C., brought about a lot of discussion and a few major changes in the administrative department. The resignation of John C. Larkir., from the Auxiliary, is not only a loss to 24, but will probably be felt by the entire district. Those of you who knew John, will agree that his many hours of instruction and his tireless effors to promote training for the district rate a big "4-0."



Entering anchorage at Hance's Point for the Jamboree.

Next came the nomination of a new Training Officer. It was at this point that Flotilla 24 went hay-wire, for they sure pulled a boner in their selection—ME.

Then, in the absence of our Treasurer, F. D. Kurtz, who is kept from the meetings for the summer months due to business, it was duly moved and seconded that we nominate an assistant Treasurer. The post was immediately filled by our good friend, Wesley C. Cunningham. With two bankers handling the dough, we should have nothing to worry about. Kurtz is with Central-Penn and Wes is the Manager of West Office, Western Saving Fund Society.

The cruise on the Florence "V" 22 and 23 June was a great success. We all had a swell time; we especially enjoyed checking in at the Jamboree at Hance's Point. River Safety Patrol is well manned and we still have volunteers for duty at the Atlantic City Life Boat

Station, where our help is greatly appreciated.

Perhaps we can have some pictures and news of the "Lightning" boys for the next issue, now that yours truly is on the casualty list and can't work on his own, which is almost complete. Yes, if the safety guard had been in place when he was using his jointer, here's one guy who would still have a whole right thumb and the boat would be in the water 4 July, 1946.

-Edward P. Willard, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

The group of ten men who spent a week-end at Townsend's Inlet, 25 and 26 May, returned with a feeling of having been able to put into practice that which they had read about only in books.

Elmer Pearl and Ed Cox handled their safety patrols, 8 and 9 June, in true Coast Guard style by going to the rescue of several boats in distress. See Dick Fine to get on one of these Safety Patrols

The Florence V trip, 15 and 16 June, turned out with great success. Nineteen men on board cruised from Georgetown, Maryland, to Orchard Beach on Stony Creek and returned.

Ed Cox still has some "Wartime History of Farragut 25" books on hand. The men who ordered same, please get in touch with Ed as soon as you can and pick up your book.

The regular meeting of Chapter No. 423, Coast Guard League, will be held the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month, at Mechanic's Hall, Mechanic and Haddon Avenues, Camden, N. J. All former "T" men are welcome.

-James McHenry, Jr., Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON

Trenton is well pleased with their summer Assignment in the interest of safety at sea and facilitating the operations of the Coast Guard.

Great Egg Lifeboat Station at Longport, where we served our hitch at Tower Watch, has been turned over to us for summer week-end operation under the direction of Foster M. Waddell, CBM and his able first mate, Dick Whidbee.

Being a first class boat station the men are able to obtain at first hand all of the experience under actual operating conditions that would have been available under the training program which has been temporarily held up. By actual use, the men have learned to operate the davits, handle the large boat trailer, the marine railway and other equipment at the station . . . as well as the floor waxing machine and brass polish. They

have cleaned and scrubbed the boats, stowed the equipment aboard . . . and done almost all the operations that you can attribute to a Coast Guard Station since the first day of June.

Our thanks for this fine opportunity to aid the Coast Guard go to the Regulars, who co-operated, our own Commander Feaster and Commander Hewins. We certainly appreciate their confidence in us to handle this job.

-Robert J. Bailey, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

Frankly, Mates, if you want anything about your Flotilla in this issue, about all that you can expect is some drooling about non essentials. The reasons are legion. But foremost is the fact that this outfit has been doing so much recently that it can't be summarized in a column.

The Delaware Bay Safety Patrol, the station duty and boat handling details at Ocean City, the vigorous emphasis on class work to train for summer activity, the rescues in the bay and at sea, all of these things have given the unit a shot in the arm which is reminiscent of the high pressure of war years.

What would the country do without

a Coast Guard Auxiliary?

-E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER

June 1st and 2nd were the two days scheduled for our first cruise on the "Florence V." Eighteen members participated in the cruise and all returned expressing a desire to go back for more on the next cruise which will be August 31st and the 1st and 2nd of September, a three-day affair. The Florence left Georgetown Saturday A.M. and arrived at Cambridge in late afternoon after which the boys cleaned up the boat as well as themselves and headed for town. Sunday A.M. when the Florence departed for the return trip a little rough weather was encountered which lasted the rest of the day. It has been said that the water was breaking over the wheel-house most of the day and as a result, a lot of the fellows got to feeling a little green around the gills.

Since the last column was written we have had two "alerts," to which the Flotilla responded most favorably. Not long after an item was put in the local newspaper about the alert due to the rail strike, calls started pouring in to our commander requesting to go on duty. A few days later the flood alert was broadcasted over our local radio station and thirty-five members were ready to go to the flooded areas to assist wherever they could.

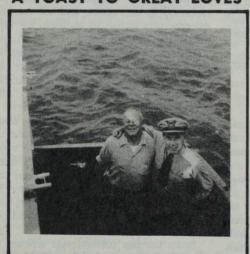
-Wm. L. Bomberger, Publicity Officer.

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HERE'S WHERE TO FIND PARTY BOATS FOR A BIT OF OFF SHORE OR BAY FISHING

NOTE: These have not been checked by TOPSIDE, this is not a paid ad, and does not carry an endorsement of any kind. It is offered for the convenience of Auxiliarists who have written, asking for such a list.

A TOAST TO GREAT LOVES



HARRY ATMORE and JOHN BROWN

To a love that is greater than that of a lady, To a love that is purer than that of a baby, To a love that is deeper than that of a mother, To the love that one boatman holds for another.

-Apologies to Dick Nelms.

The Cape May-Wildwood Partyboat Owners' Association has set the price per passenger at \$3.50 this season. This is a 50-cent increase over last year. However, the captains will provide all kinds of bait available instead of clam bait only. Cost includes Federal transportation tax. The county is sponsoring again its annual fishing contest with many prizes in each class, plus weekly prizes. Enter any large or unusual fish. Address: P. H. Jackson, Director. Cape May Court House, N. J. Blanks are available at most fishing spots.

No "Fisherment's Special" trains will be run to the shore unless the railroads changed their minds. Special fisherment's busses, however, will leave every morning from Public Service terminal at 13th and Filbert sts., to reach Cape May-Wildwood in time for boat sailings and will return each evening. Get schedule.

Several kinds of fishing are available in Cape May county: Offshore, angling in the smaller bays on the Atlantic Ocean side, surf and Delaware Bay sistings. We'll start this survey at Reed's Beach on the Delaware Bay side, work down to the Bay, around Cape May Foilm and up to Ocean City.

REEDS' BEACH—Six partyboats salling from here, the Capt. Bill Malvina, Olive, Louise, Snow White and Saille II. Ralph Teears have towing service. Bait at Barry Errickson's store, some tackle, open at 7A. M. Bait prices (general for Robinson Ged oven Survey. Schowley's place. 10 at Carrie Schwetze's place.

PIERCE'S POINT—15 rowboats available at Agnes' Place. 10 at Carrie Schwetze's place.

SUN RAY BEACH—Nix Pound Aprowboats, back in business here with 49 rowboats, back in business here with 49 rowboats,

rowboats. Beginning of black drum beds which run south to Town Bank from which run south to Town Bank from here.

SUN RAY BEACH—Wilson Eldridge is back in business here with 49 rowboats, towing service at 35 cents, fishing from pier, \$1 for single-oared rowboats with 75 cents for each extra passenger; \$2 for two pairs of oars. Lunch at Cassidy's near pier, bait at Sun Ray Bait stand out the road at Green Creek.

MIAMI BEACH — 10 rowboats, pier fishing at Leibley's Pier.

WILDWOOD VIILAS—Lou Pizzo injured back this March, but has 45 rowboats over, lunch, tackle, towing. The Wildwood Villas Fishing Club sold the 10 boats it used to rent to the public. NORTH HIGHLAND BEACH—Drum center. 24 boats and tackle at Clint Clement's place; 15 rowboats, lunch and tackle at Bob Neely's newly-opened spot. WILDWOOD HIGHLANDS — 24 rowboats, light lunch at store. Heavy run of weakfish at this writing.

TOWN BANK—Town Bank Inn has 16 rowboats over.

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NORTH CAPE MAY—About 20 rowboats available.

CAPE MAY POINT—Big fleet of 50 or more rowboats available here at Hughes.

CAPE MAY—Southernmost parly and charter boat center with several good restaurants, tackle shops. Tremendous increase this year in number of party-boats. At Scotty's Wharf there are 35 (phone Cape May 154), including the Mussy. Miss America, Elizabeth, Rita C. Estella, Sea Flea IV. Clipper, Ogle, Grant Bethel, Sea Gull, Gertrude W., Sea King, Dawn, Helen M. Vera, Leisure Hours, Bozo, Capt. Kidd, Halfmoon, Lois II, Buccaneer, Pelican, Lenox, Malvar, Teresa, Hercules, Rema, Tillman, Geocydick, Norma, many of which are familiar names. Some are for charter, some are partyboats

At Bucks' Landing and other docks in the Cape May center are other well-known craft, the Gloria, Robbie, Jackie

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