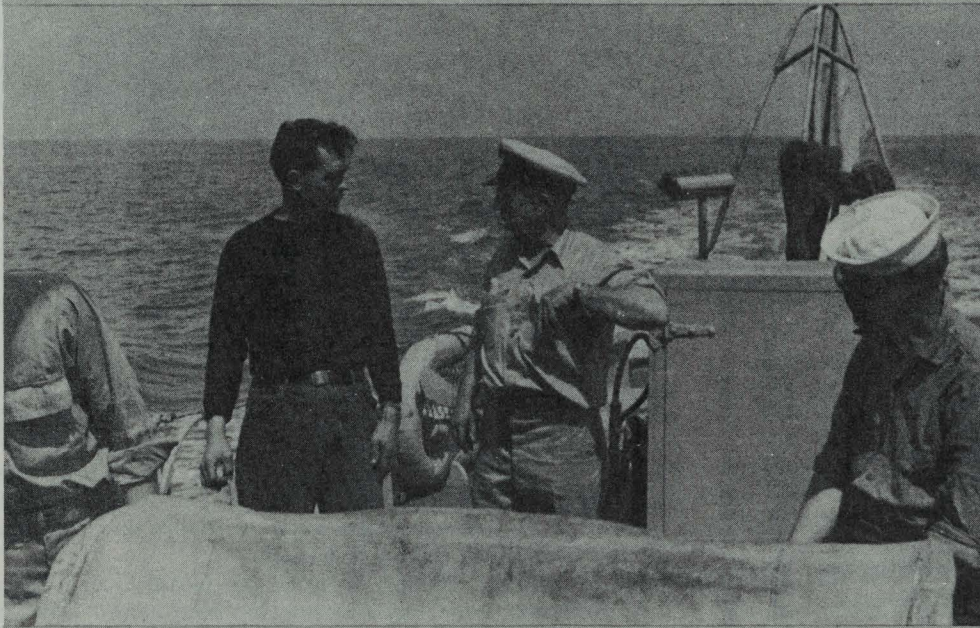


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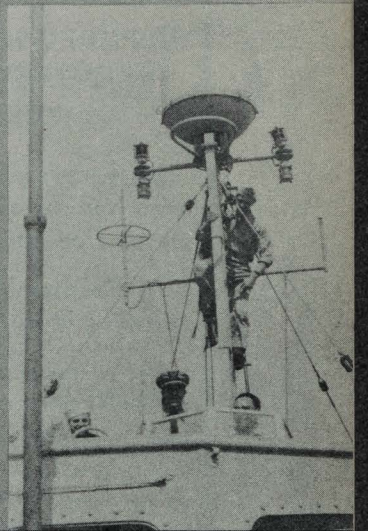
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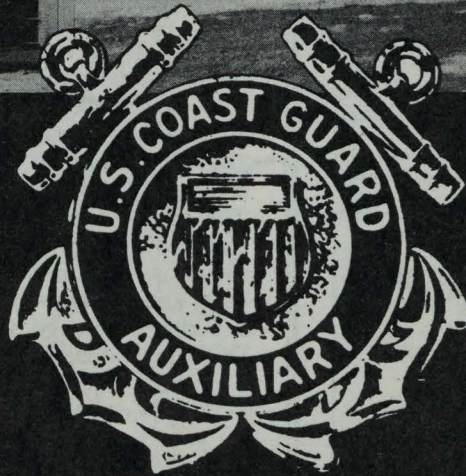
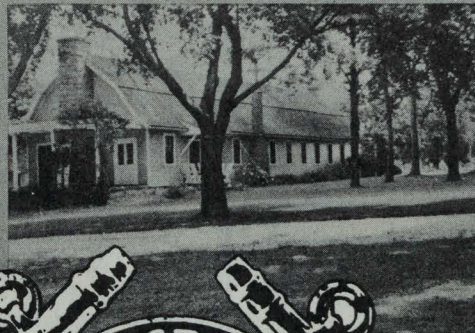


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**NEW BASE AT HARVEY CEDARS**

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**JUNE  
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**FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT**

# TOPSIDE

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## PURPOSES OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

- (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.

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## The Director's Scratch Pad



Commander Hewins

The recent duty at the Lifeboat Stations was a fine example of what the Auxiliary in the Fourth District can do. The activity of the Auxiliary maintained eight stations.

The overall coverage at the stations amounted to 86%, which includes unscheduled watches and a very small number of misses. We had a total of eight clock misses. **All in all, the program was highly successful.**

No sooner had the manning program been secured than we had a call which was *pure emergency*. At 1630, Monday, 13 May, this office was notified of a bomb, which was unguarded on the beach, south of Toms River Station. By 1700 the facts were in the hands of Mr. Joseph Finley, Training Officer of Flotilla 16, Toms River, N. J. When inquiry was made at the Toms River Station at 1900, your Director was informed that a schedule was at the station for the 24-hour period starting at 2000. Commodore Daniels has sent a letter of thanks and commendation to the Flotilla Commander, Howard Keough.

Inquiries keep coming in as to the Coast Guard Reserve. Captain C. A. Anderson, our Chief Director, has been named Chief of the Reserve and your Director will be Reserve Affairs Officer for the Fourth Coast Guard District. As soon as all the details are known, they will be given wide publicity within the Auxiliary and to the general public.

Our schedule of training activities at the shore is under way in the Second Division, which is being used to find and iron out bugs in the situation. It is hoped that similar training can be arranged for the other Divisions.

Two 83-footers are being operated by the Third Division, basing on the West End Base at Cape May. This patrol is designed to cover the large fleet of small open boats used by landsmen for fishing, over the weekends. The boats will patrol Saturdays and Sundays, throughout the summer.

Two 38-foot picket boats have been made available to the Second Division for a safety patrol of the Delaware River, north and south of the industrial waterfronts of Philadelphia and Camden.

The Rendezvous at Hance's Point Training Base on 22-23 June is an excellent opportunity for District wide renewal of old acquaintances and the making of new friendships. Herb Brenneman is hard at it to arrange a big time, which is all this officer needs to anticipate big doings. *The Flotilla Commanders are requested to take a positive position in this case and to make a real effort to help Herb along.* Individual boat owners should get off a note to Herb now, giving the name, size and type of their boats and the number of guests they are taking along. The Hewins family is taking advantage of the occasion to hold a family rendezvous with the Director's father in MAID OF KENT, and yours truly in the Director's 83-footer.

Write Herb Brenneman, R. D. Glen Mills, Pennsylvania,  
for your berth assignment and give him the dope on your boat and party.

## THE "SEASON IS ON"

Last week-end, your editor and a crew consisting of his youngest son, Stevie, and Brother Mike (who acted as photographer and reeled off a bunch of the photos for the cause), started on a run that will cover the entire 4ND, in search of some li'l stories that are a wee bit out of the ordinary, for the summer issues of TOPSIDE.

The best to date is this:

On pulling into the Atlantic City Coast Guard Base at the inlet, after a slightly dusty 5-hour run from Cape May, and tying up the Blue Water Baby at their dock, I called on the Officer in charge at the time, who was our good friend, Chief Bill Sturgis.

With traditional Coast Guard hospitality, Bill promptly proceeded to act

the genial host and fill our empty bellies with "Vittles and Jamoke."

While we were stirring the sugar and spreading the butter, a message came through, to this effect . . .

"There's a fellow on the 'phone who has a boat stranded in Love Lake, down in back of the Ventnor Boat Works. He says his battery is down and wants us to bring him a fresh battery."

Bill stirred his coffee in the reverse direction . . . looked out the window with that quizzical gaze of his, stirred some more (this time clockwise) and asked . . .

"Where's this guy 'phoning from?"

"Pleasantville," came the prompt response.

"Pleasantville . . ." gasped the as-



**"Hello! Is this the Coast Guard . . . ? Can you send a man down to weigh my anchor?"**

tounded Bill (he stopped stirring at this point), "How the hell did he get from his boat to Pleasantville?"

"Well . . ." came the reply, "he says he took his dink and rowed ashore so he could 'phone us to bring him a battery."

The reader can guess whether or not the Coast Guard promptly sent the 63-footer, with Chief Weeks and his Air-Sea rescue crew, down with a battery.

I certainly hope the stranded boatman wasn't a fellow Auxiliariast.

## ANOTHER COMMENDATION FROM THE DCGO . . . !

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Reply to  
Commander  
Fourth Coast Guard District

28 May, 1946

Mr. Arthur A. Austermuhl  
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Flotilla 35  
Cape May, New Jersey

Subject: Commendation

Sir:

1. On Saturday, 25 May, 1946, at 1520 in Delaware Bay, while standing in for Cape May Canal in your yacht "ELIZABETH A", you rescued from drowning, five men, who would have perished but for your alert and skillful seamanship.

2. Your prompt action in going to

the assistance of these men is in keeping with the traditions of the service and will enhance the traditions of the Auxiliary.

3. It gives me great pleasure to commend your actions in this assistance case. A copy of this letter will be filed in your record.

M. R. DANIELS.

Mr. Jerome Marcus, Editor,  
TOPSIDE,  
642 N. Broad Street,  
Philadelphia 30, Pa.  
Dear Mr. Marcus:

21 May, 1946.

In the May issue of TOPSIDE, under heading "Operation of Plan ABLE," there appeared an article with reference to the manning of the Coast Guard Life Boat Stations on the Jersey coast. It was apparent that the writer did not have all the facts in his possession, although, at the meeting in the early part of April, when the plan was set up, Cape May Station was covered, as well as all the others, and we believe that a correction, therefore, is due the members of Flotilla 51, of Reading, Pennsylvania, Flotilla 52, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Flotilla 53, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who manned this Station between them for the period from April 8th to May 6th inclusive.

The Cape May Flotilla, 35, manned the Station on 7 and 8 May only.

Considering that the men of these Flotillas traveled from 135 miles minimum to as much as 175 miles in each direction to complete their duty assignment, and stayed on the job anywhere from three days to a week, it would seem that their efforts were worth some mention, to say the least.

Cordially yours,  
O. L. WILLIAMS, captain,  
Eastern Pa.-Delaware Div.

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# FLOTILLA 23 WORKS HARVEY CEDARS

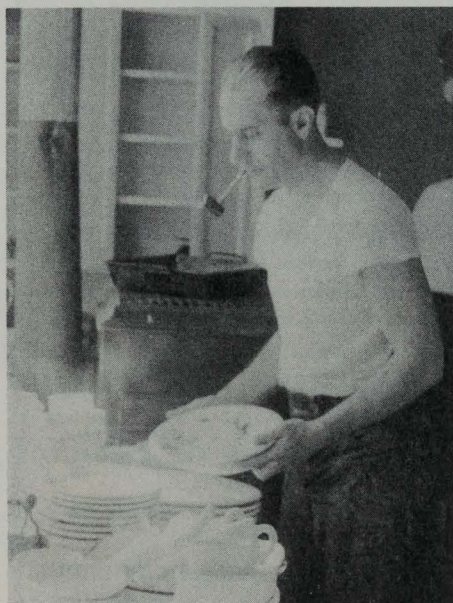
By PAUL W.



HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE . . . OR PARTLY ANYHOW.

Flotilla 23 feels that it has been mighty fortunate in obtaining the use of the abandoned Coast Guard station at Harvey Cedars, on Long Beach Island, as a "seashore home." The following paragraphs give a résumé of the history and the future plans of the project.

In the Autumn of 1945, one of the members of our Flotilla informed Commander Knorr that he had heard that



the Coast Guard had several buildings available in various localities, which they were releasing for training and recreation purposes to Reservists. Com. Knorr contacted the proper officials and in due time, by conforming to certain regulations, we were informed that our Flotilla would be given the use of the former Harvey Cedars station.

A committee was appointed to investigate the property and they found a great many obstacles which would have to be overcome before we could make use of the base. The furnishings had, of course, been removed when the station was evacuated. Some of the equipment which remained, had been broken. However, we were not discouraged and once more, Coast Guard authorities were contacted and they agreed to lend the necessary equipment on a custody receipt.

One Saturday, early in the winter, a group from the Flotilla met Lt. Com. John W. Brown, then Director of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District. He took our men to the "small stores," where they met Lt. Com. Kane, who was most cordial and helpful. We asked for the equipment he recommended, as best suited to meet the Flotilla's needs in making the station livable.

On a following Saturday, we received two Coast Guard truckloads of supplies. A working party from our Flotilla and the C.G. motor transport took the equipment to Harvey Cedars. The next two Saturdays were busily spent in hauling down more loads. We obtained some furnishings from the abandoned bases at Absecon and Toms River. From the Toms River station, a hard working crew of members took radiators and piping to replace the crippled heating system at Harvey Cedars. This crew of men is to be congratulated for the grand job they have done.

On this trip, Com. Knorr was in such a hurry to reach Harvey Cedars that he over-shot the speed limit and a State Trooper, recently discharged from the



Coast Guard, very nobly overlooked the offense. Perhaps he hated to dampen the enthusiasm of so ambitious a crew.

Scarcely a week-end has passed since the arrival of our equipment that some loyal members have not been hard at work cleaning, replacing or repairing. So now, all quarters are "ship-shape," and ready for use. Even gas tanks have been installed, so our "chow-dispensers" need no longer labor over hot plates.

The supplies so generously given us include a complete galley, with utensils for cooking and serving, electric refrigeration, a large range, and mess hall tables and benches. The second floor is furnished with bed and bedding for 36 men. A wide range of reading matter, recreation room equipment, 2 heating stoves, desks and chairs for an office and other miscellaneous items were all loaned us.

# S AND PLAYS AT THEIR S SEASHORE BASE

W. CARLETON, JR.



The station consists of a large main building, similar in appearance to all our seashore stations, and a garage large enough to accommodate a boat building project or other hobbies. The station is ideally situated mid-way between ocean and bay, with a view of both from any point above the first deck.

Our tentative program for the coming months follows:

## I. OPERATIONS

1. Assist U.S.C.G. by performing duty at Ship Bottom and Barnegat Stations when requested.
2. To have a two-way radio communication system set up in the Harvey Cedars Tower and on shallow draft boats, to facilitate the work of the C.G. on Barnegat Bay by rendering assistance to distressed boat operators.
3. To render assistance to distressed bathers within the vicinity of the station and to administer first-aid whenever requested by local authorities.
4. To maintain a round-the-clock schedule of personnel at the station from June 1 to September 1 to make the above operations complete.



5. To have classes of instruction so that the men will be schooled in the necessary subjects, to perform adequately all the duties requested of them, to facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard.

## II. TRAINING

Week-end classes starting  
May 1, 1946.

- A.-1. Boat handling, the use of lines, knot tying, etc.
2. Motor Mechanic Instructions under operating conditions.
3. Care of boat equipment and maintenance.
4. Proper application of paints and varnishes to boats, as to type, weather conditions, and salt water effects.



- B.-1. Communications
  - a. radio
  - b. semaphore
  - c. blinker
- C.-1. Piloting Course
  - a. pictures
  - b. chart work
  - c. practical application aboard ship
- D.-1. Navigation Course
  - a. lectures in celestial navigation
  - b. instruction in use of sextant and practical application
- E.-1 First Aid
  - a. short refresher course

## III. SOCIAL

1. Dedication ceremonies of Harvey Cedars Station as Auxiliary Base, June 1, 1946.  
Flag raising and ceremonies in afternoon.



Dinner and Dance in evening.

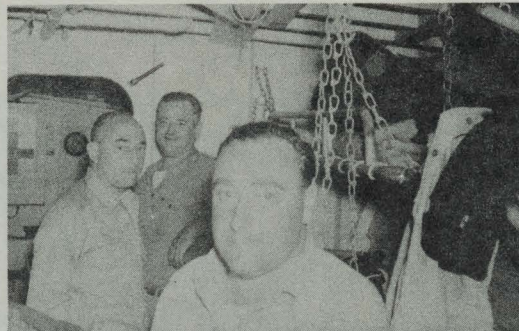
2. Father and Son Day, July 6, 1946.  
Games, fishing, boating and bathing in afternoon.  
Dinner in evening.
3. Surf Fishing Contest, July 20, 1946.  
Fishing in surf and casting contest.  
Dinner in evening.
4. Family Day, July 27, 1946.  
Games and bathing in afternoon.  
Dinner in evening.
5. Off-shore fishing party, August 10, 1946.  
Dinner in evening.
6. Fish Fry, August 24, 1946.  
Old-fashioned get-together of husbands and wives.
7. Clambake and Clay Pigeon Shoot, September 21, 1946.
8. Halloween Party, October 26, 1946.
9. Turkey Dinner, November 16, 1946
10. Lobster Dinner, December 14, 1946.



# Safety Patrol on r



Bill Hopper nurses the 600 HP engines.



Cleaning up after Patrol.

By

ED. L. JOHNS

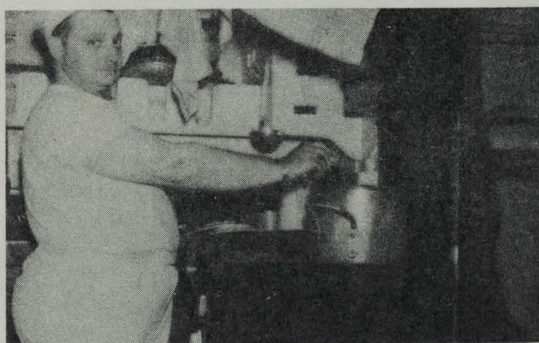
THIS PATROL IS PART  
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Army crash boat passes in canal.

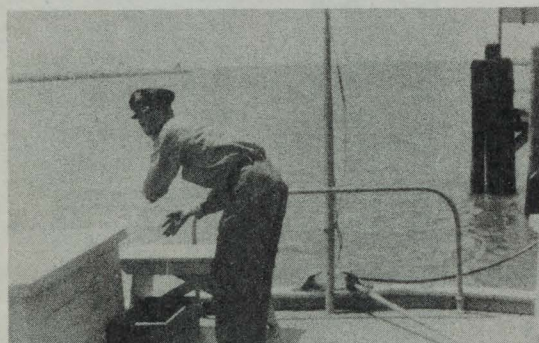
Fishermen and boatmen in the lower Delaware Bay, from Egg Point Light to Cape May can thank the far-sighted policy of the United States Coast Guard for providing added protection on Saturdays and Sundays. This is in the form of two 83-foot CG cutters which are now assigned to patrol duty each week-end "for protection of life and property of any pleasure and fish boat activities within the area." Under orders issued by Captain R. J. Mauerman, Acting Commander, 4th CG District, the vessels patrol well defined sections of Delaware Bay with a complete crew of Auxiliarists. One regular Chief is aboard at all times.

Many of the Auks went aboard their ships the evening before duty began, in order that they might familiarize themselves with the facilities of the patrol boats. (Both boats had seen service in the North Atlantic during the war. They are Wheeler built and powered with twin Sterling Viking diesel engines of 600 HP each.) Some of the men had met with Commander S. F. Hewins, USCG, Director of the Auxiliary for this District, whose enthusiasm had largely been responsible for this assignment. The Commander was attending a meeting of Wildwood Flotilla 33 the night of 17 May, at which time this Flotilla was honoring Lt. Cmdr. John W. Brown, USCGR, former Auxiliary Director.



Nyman preparing mess.

Activity prior to departure from the dock began with the dawn. Supplies came aboard, crew assignments were made and at 0918, CG 83516 cast off, to be followed immediately by her sister ship. One vessel patrolled roughly, from Brandywine Shoals light south to the Cape and the other, from the same point north to Egg Point light. Many pleasure and fishing craft were scattered over the bay and a vigilant eye was kept on them. Variable courses were pursued following the main ship channel and



Warren Fox supplements supplies with fish line.



Part of the CGA crew on deck of CG 83516 including R. H. Gifford, CO of Flotilla 31.

The first Safety Patrol was in... when CG 83516 and CG 83501... bay side of the Cape May canal, ea... City Flotilla 31, for an 0800 to 200... tive skippers were H. R. Vandegrift... the ships' crews were comprised as

CG 83516

J. E. Lewis, C MoMM, USCG

USCG AUXIL

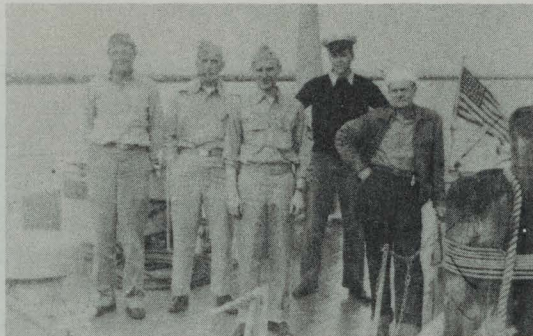
H. R. Vandegrift  
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E. E. Eddowes  
M. Rogesuer  
L. C. Ambrozy  
W. R. Moyer  
G. H. Carey  
W. Hopper  
D. B. Bertman  
E. L. Johnstone

# the Delaware Bay

By

L. JOHNSTONE

IS PART OF AN ENTIRE  
RIVER AND BAY OPERATION



On deck of CG 83501. Includes R. M. Morford, the skipper, Gifford and CBM C. L. Lewis, USCG.



Chief Phillips, an old friend, comes to watch the departure.

reaching landward over the fishing grounds. All kinds of weather occurred on the first day of the patrol. The departure was made under overcast skies and on a calm sea. As the day progressed, the sun came out intermittently, the wind increased and decreased, a heavy mist rolled in briefly and just before the patrol was secured, a wild thunderstorm whipped the bay into froth and torrential rains deluged the area.

There was nothing spectacular or unusual about the whole affair. Auxiliarists from Flotilla 31 were proud to man the vessels on this inaugural patrol and the duties were accepted in a serious manner. The opportunity to do "sea duty" was a pleasant prospect and all hands proved to be good sailors — or nearly all! The only known casualties were a dropped coffee pot which threatened to par-boil the toes of men at chow on CG 83516, a mooring line laid sharply across the nose of Paul Ake and a cranky stove in the galley of CG 83501 which called for revision of the menu at the evening meal. No pleasure or fishing craft required aid on the first day, but as wind velocity and seas increased, most of them pulled for shore. Close attention was paid to the radio, but except for requests for weather information, the air held little but routine business. Chow was good and ample and when about 1900 the boats moved back to the dock for the night, the Auks were well pinked up with the sun and ready for the sack.

According to present plan, these Safety Patrols in the hands of members of the Auxiliary who are qualified and willing to volunteer their services will continue to guard the lower Delaware Bay so long as the need may exist.

rol was inaugurated on 18 May, 1946  
CG 83501 left the West End Base at the  
ay canal, each with a crew from Ocean  
0800 to 2000 tour of duty. The respec-  
R. Vandegrift and R. M. Morford and  
omprised as follows:

CG 83501

USCG C. L. Lewis, CBM, USCG

CG AUXILIARISTS

R. M. Morford  
T. Heist  
F. F. Nyman  
P. D. Ake  
W. A. Moncrief  
B. F. Cramer  
J. Pinkham  
D. S. Booye  
E. Ireland  
F. Carter  
W. Fox



Morford points his cigar into the wind on deck of CG 83501.



CG 83516 leaves her berth.



Jim Eddowes off watch.



Carey gets a little sun, Pee Wee Moyer in the background.

# AU REVOIR... BUT NOT GOOD-BYE

To Lt. Commander John W. Brown and Lt. Mina Brown

On 22 May, Staff Officers, Past Officers, our new Director and our ladies gathered to a gala dinner-dance held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Philadelphia in testimony to the deep appreciation we feel for the efforts of our friends, the war-time director of the Auxiliary 4th ND, Lt. Com. John W. Brown and his able assistant, Lt. Mina Brown.

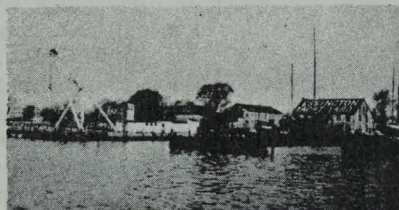
"Brownie" was presented with a large and handsomely engraved silver platter as a token of our esteem.

"Our Mina" received a very fine set of silver service for her hope chest.

We wish both of them, "The bestest of the bestest" as they return to civilian life.



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# A BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE NEW BASE

HANCE'S POINT, MD.



The birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary falls in June. To celebrate this event, all of the auxiliaries of the Fourth Naval District are invited to attend a celebration of this event at Auxiliary Training Base, Inc., near Hance's Point, located on the Northeast River, Maryland, on June 22, 23, 1946.

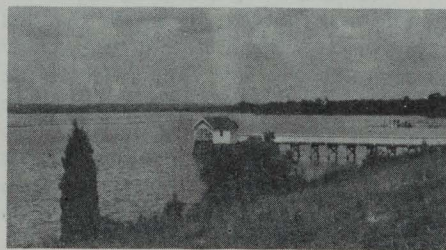
You may ask what is it; where is it; and what do we do after we get there?

What is it? The Auxiliary Training Base, Inc. is a corporation formed by Auxiliary members of the Coast Guard of the Fourth and Fifth Division of the Fourth Naval District to own and operate the 55½ acre tract of land situated on the Northeast River, Maryland. It contains acres of beautiful lawns with numerous shade trees of various kinds, a wonderfully well laid-out clubhouse with the usual necessary equipment to entertain those who like to find a lot of water around—to sail boats—also has a large dormitory equipped with 175 steel bunks to provide sleeping accommodations (we have excellent mattresses for these bunks but no blankets). This property has a river frontage of 700 feet, with a pier extending out into the water at least 100 feet long. A float is provided at the end of the pier so that the boat crews may come ashore. Moorings will be provided for those coming by boat. The depth of the water at the end of the pier, low tide, is six feet. This is one of the most beautiful sites along the Northeast River, directly across the river from Charlestown, Maryland.

The corporation members at present are from the regular Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserves, and Coast Guard Auxiliary members. Membership is

available to male members only of these three branches of the service. Membership is by election.

Where is it? To those coming by car, the tract of land is located about three and one-half miles south of Northeast, Maryland, on the Hance's Point Road. The roads are excellent and you should have no difficulty in locating Northeast, as it is not very far from Elkton, Maryland. Once in



Northeast, no difficulty should be encountered in finding Hance's Point Road. Ample parking facilities will be provided, and we ask that you follow signs so as to prevent any congestion of traffic on the road. To those coming by boat, it is the first pier projecting out into the Northeast River, north of Hance's Point, on the east bank; and as stated above, directly across the river from Charlestown, Maryland.

What to do after you get there? We will provide sleeping accommodations overnight for those arriving on June 22 to the limit of our capacity to do so. We do not have any blankets or pillows, you will have to provide your own, if you intend to stay overnight. No provisions have been made for food but the restaurants in and around Northeast will be able to provide for those who care to patronize them. For those who care to bring their families and provide their own food, ample accommodations can be had on the lawns for picnics. We expect representatives from every Flotilla in the Fourth Naval District so that you will meet many of your friends. You can inspect the property which consists of 33 acres of woodland in one tract and 22½ acres of open fields, and lawns, in the other tract.



Bring your bathing suits if you desire to take a swim in nice clean water. No one has tried the fishing, as yet, but we know it's good. With the spacious grounds, a number of outdoor sports can be indulged in, provided you bring your equipment with you. As mentioned, the equipment in the clubhouse should take care of the entertainment of those who wish to partake of its facilities. A supply of small change may be found advantageous.

Boat owners will assist by bringing their boats in case we need additional sleeping quarters. Ex-Lt. Mina Brown and her very able crew of Spars and Ex-Spars intend to be present, and these girls may need extra sleeping quarters if a large number attends.

This property was purchased only last fall, and many of the things we contemplate doing have not been done as yet, but you will be able to have a wonderful time in this beautiful spot. You are invited to bring your families but not to expect sleeping accommodations for them. You may come any time Saturday or Sunday. Our members will do their utmost to make this one of the most enjoyable affairs you have ever attended.

JAMES F. McCLOSKEY,  
President.



**YOU ARE INVITED . . . JUNE 22 & 23**

*Come, Join in the fun.*

# The **LOG** of FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES

## FLOTILLA 16, TOMS RIVER

The emergency is over for a while we hope, and the members of this Flotilla cannot be said to be weeping over the fact that it is over, after the many hours spent in the Towers during the War, it gets a little bit tiresome watching the fishing boats have fun, whilst you punch the old clock.

At the regular meeting of May 7, Commander Keough thanked the members who co-operated so wholeheartedly in standing watch, in many cases sacrificing valuable time from business to do so, he told them they did a swell job, he also said a few kind words about the Secretary, who was jockeyed into acting as Operations Officer. John Ebere has now been made Staff Officer, so any further jobs like that will be his grief.

This Flotilla is making arrangements to patrol the races this summer, using Coast Guard equipment and supplementing the Regular Coast Guard; this at the special request of the Barnegat Bay Yachting Association, we are in hopes that a crash boat will be available for this duty.

We are a little bit proud that a call from the Toms River Coast Guard Station, made at 1700 for guards to go on emergency duty on the Beach, was met by this Flotilla and two men assigned and on duty at 2000, the first watch being taken by H. Cox and Harry Wellbrook, the second watch was filled by Lester Ayres and John Ebere, the 0400 to 0800 was filled by the Damon and Pythias of the Flotilla otherwise Joe Finley and Charlie Hotaling. They were quite upset when they found the cause for duty had been removed, however, their intentions were excellent.

Quite a few new boat owners are cropping up in this section, and the crowded condition of the river is going to make this Flotilla very careful about transgressions of Road Rules. Charlie Hotaling has generously offered the use of his equipment for rescue work, and has accepted along with Marvin Campbell the appointment of Boat Inspector for the Flotilla. A slip will be reserved for this work.

It looks as if our annual boat rides to the Inlet are going to continue. Marvin Campbell and Don Applegate have

been appointed to make the arrangements. These rides are really something, ask Ernie Parkyn.

Commander Hewins, Director of the Auxiliary 4ND, is now living near here, so no doubt we will have the pleasure of his company on some of our outings.

WALTER H. PORTER,  
Secretary.

## FLOTILLA 21, QUAKER CITY

The first thing to say in the log this month is . . . "Com 'on out to our new meeting place. We now meet at the Wissinoming Yacht Club, 11 Delaware Avenue, Lardner's Point, (Phila.) on the 1st Thursday of each month. Classes are held at the Yacht club for our men on the following Thursday each month."

Eighteen of our men spent a pleasurable week-end on the Florence V on a cruise that took us to Annapolis. We arrived just in time to see the first sculling races since the beginning of the war. These races are the outstanding event of the year at Annapolis. Movies of these activities will be shown soon at our regular meeting.

Your scribe has the real pleasure to announce that eight new boat-owning members have been accepted into 21. Welcome aboard, fellows.

The new Delaware River Safety patrol is now under way and all men who would like to join in should get in touch with the chiefs in charge, Ed and Herb Bleam. It's great stuff, men and even if you wear your shoes while on duty (Dave Fuiman usually takes his off) you'll enjoy it.

Commander Bielman wishes to thank the men who made the Bond Station operation a success . . . that's the ole 21 spirit.

At a recent meeting of the Division board, it made me feel great (and I hope you will, too) to hear the Flotilla 21 was the only flotilla in the Division that had placed a COMPLETE list of men available for the operation of Plan "ABLE" in Mr. Whitehead's hands ON THE DEADLINE.

JACK SADER.

## FLOTILLA 22, ESSINGTON

Our April meeting was held at Walber's, in Essington, and we were hon-

ored to have as our guests, the Director of the USCG Auxiliary, Commander Spencer Hewins, and his assistant, Lieut. (j.g.) Mina Brown. Commander Hewins spoke to us about the importance of being prepared to meet emergencies, and explained plan ABLE.

Miss Brown, who was associated with the Auxiliary for more than 28 months, advised us that her work would be terminated within the month. She is a loyal and interested worker, a swell person, and we all wish her the best of luck in civilian life.

We are gratified at the showing of our Flotilla in its response to the Jersey Watch Tower duty. Bill Leavitt, our Operations Officer, has seen to it that men were available for duty, and he reports a 95% coverage. The men, who served at Ship Bottom and at Bond's, were enthusiastic about the manner in which they were treated by the personnel at both stations.

Mr. Charles Beals, CBM, Officer-in-Charge at Ship Bottom, and Mr. Fred Griffin, CBM, Officer-in-Charge, at Bond's, both welcomed our men heartily and made them feel at home immediately. The food was excellent, and the quarters, spotless. It was indeed a pleasure to serve at these stations.

Our Sports Department, under the guidance of "Old Reliable" Lou Rose, is getting up steam for the coming Spring and Summer events. We have many men interested in soft ball, tennis, and other out-door sports. Those interested in "heaving" quoits will be represented. And for those who favor the less strenuous (but more intellectual) forms of diversion, we are getting a Chess and Checkers team together.

Don't be surprised, you men of the other Flotillas, when you receive challenges from Flotilla 22 — we've got some darn good men, and we're proud of them.

Our first Dinner-Dance-Show, held at Walber's, Friday night, April 26, was a huge success. There was a large turnout, the dinner was superb, the show entertaining, the orchestra, "in the groove," and the guests were happy. "Who could ask for anything more?" Bill Cooper and his Committee were congratulated for their fine work. —Martin J. Sandberg, Publicity Officer.

## FLOTILLA 24, DELAWARE RIVER

We had a lively meeting at the Delaware River Yacht Club, 6 May, 1946 and were honored by several top ranking guests. Mr. Waesche, Jr., Mr. Houston, Miss Brown, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Sproul were in the spotlight to answer our questions and give us the low-down on things in general.

There were a lot of loose shots flying around until we were put straight about some of the plans and rumors that had kinda stuck in our craw—so to speak—and it is quite apparent that every one was in good spirits when the meeting finally broke up and we made an attack on the dagwood sandwiches, etc., that always top the meetings at 24.

The future looks rather bright, with crews made up for the new River Patrol which starts in June. Training Program volunteers lined up for a two-day visit at the Life Boat Station, Atlantic City, 25 and 26 May, and the week-end cruise on the Florence "V", 22 and 23 June.

Instruction classes are still in progress and the men building and repairing are getting excited about "when will she be ready to launch?"

Every one from Flotilla 24 who has done duty at the Atlantic City Life Boat Station has found a group of Regulars who are "Regular Guys." There is just no other base where eggs, toast and coffee were served to an Auk at 0130 when he hit the deck for tower watch.

Two of our fellows coming off watch at 0400 Easter morning were invited to attend services aboard ship, an 83-footer which departed the base at 0500 for participation in a Memorial Service in conjunction with the Sunrise Service at Steel Pier. Frank Lovett and Paul Wilde of 24 were among those present when the services were broadcast from the after-deck, conducted by a Navy Chaplain, and transmitted by walkie-talkie to the set on Steel Pier. There was prayer, a short memorial sermon, and two Spars threw flowers into the

### BOX SCORE

#### Cumulative Total as of 8 May, 1946

Number of members enrolled in USCG Auxiliary from 24 April to 8 May, inclusive .....	0
Number of members disenrolled in USCG Auxiliary, 4th CG Dist. from 24 April to 8 May inclusive	174
Total number of members enrolled in USCG Auxiliary, 4th Coast Guard District .....	3149

sea in honor of the men who paid the great sacrifice.

Including the Gold Braid, there were some sixteen men and spars aboard. Our fellows were quite impressed by the service and greatly appreciative of the invitation to go along. So to Mr. Sturgis and his men at Atlantic City, we of Flotilla 24, offer our thanks for the hospitality shown us during our month of assistance to them.

—Edward P. Willard, Publicity Officer.

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## FLOTILLA 25, FARRAGUT

At the regular May meeting, the first Monday evening of the month, two new members, William L. Yingst, Jr., and Lehman W. Egbert, were sworn into the Auxiliary by our Commander "Cy" Bowden. Welcome aboard, fellows.

Week-end training with the Coast Guard, at Townsend Inlet, for our Flotilla has been arranged by the 4th C.G. Dist. This will enable a group of ten men, at one time, to learn how to use regulation equipment in time of an emergency. Ten man groups are being organized by "Cy." Get your name in early.

Safety Patrol on the Delaware River is now under way. This Flotilla has Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 June. And every fourth week-end from this date. The patrol will run on Saturdays and Sundays only, from 1000 to 1700. A thirty-eight foot C.G. boat is to be manned 100% by men of the flotilla. Patrol area starts from Gloucester, heads north to Mud Island, then returns. Operations are in charge of Dick Fine. Sign up for a Saturday or a Sunday Safety Patrol.

C. Frazer Hadley, Captain, 2nd Division, would like to see all Flotilla men wearing their khaki Auxiliary uniform to all meetings, starting not later than 1 July. In so doing it makes us feel more Auxiliary conscious.

At the 29 April meeting the "War-time History of Farragut 25" books were distributed. Many thanks go to John Dwyer for such a swell book. See Ed Cox any Monday evening at the Naval Militia for your book.

The C.G. motion pictures that have been shown to us by Mary Longworth, specialist 2nd class of the Spars, have been well attended by the men from this flotilla. Many thanks, Mary, for spending your time with us. And, as you go back to civilian life, may the pen and pencil set, our gift of appreciation, be of some use to you.

The Coast Guard League held their first membership meeting at Mechanic Hall in Camden, 14 May. Commander

M. R. Daniels, USCG, Dist. C.G. Officer, presented the Farragut Chapter No. 423 charter to Commander John F. Dwyer. And Lieut. (j.g.) (T) John P. Henrie, Dist. Adjutant C.G. League, talked to the group on the background and future of the league. The league's next meeting will be the 2nd Thursday evening in June. Come out and see what this group can do for you as a former member of the Coast Guard Reserve (T).

Don't forget 15 and 16 June. It's not too late to go on the Florence V outing. See Sam Hunt for details.

—James M. Henry, Jr., Publicity Officer.

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## FLOTILLA 26, TRENTON

Flotilla 26 completed its assignments at Great Egg Lifeboat Station, handling four days each week without a miss, and are grateful for having had an opportunity to serve the Coast Guard. All of the men have only the highest regard for the reception accorded them at Longport.

We are looking forward to three week-ends of training at Little Egg Station for our part in Operation Plan ABLE. So far we have twenty-five men assigned for the week-ends of 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23 June.

Dave Rochestie, who served so ably as Secretary of Flotilla 26 during the past few years, has resigned that position and the writer is attempting to step into his place.

While it has not been possible for Trenton to be included in the River Safety Patrol, we are hoping that the future will bring forward a job that we can handle during the summer week-ends.

—Robert J. Bailey, Publicity Officer.

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## FLOTILLA 27, SALEM

Twelve members enjoyed a week-end cruise aboard the Florence V. Saturday was rough on the Chesapeake as we plodded toward our goal, Annapolis Yacht Basin where we had a chance to view some beautiful yachts and see some swell boat handling.

Jim Filer, the skipper, was right on his toes through foul and fair weather. L. Newkirk kept the coffee pot charged and besides the regular meals, set up a midnight snack, which was enjoyed by all.

It seems that R. Paulding and W. Jacquett aren't such good fishermen but we can't say they didn't try. Motor Macs on the job were R. Clark, A. Herzog and C. Green.

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## LOG (continued)

At our last meeting held on 10 May we accepted, with regrets, the resignation of George Bohner, our Training Officer, who was an ace instructor. We will all miss his well planned programs of instruction. His new position as a staff member of the Carney's Point Y.M.C.A., consumes a large part of his time, making it impossible to maintain both jobs. The flotilla wishes you the best of luck in your new position, George.

Arrangements were made for a new patrol duty on the river, beginning 18 May. This should prove interesting from details outlined to us from headquarters.

We were commended for our work in the tower at Great Egg Station at Longport. We received a letter from Chief F. A. Waddell, USCG, stating that our Flotilla performed their duties on schedule and did a splendid job during the month of April. We all enjoyed our short stay with a swell bunch of "regulars."

The attendance at our semi-monthly meetings is gradually improving and we are very hopeful of a continuance in this trend. Our next meeting will be held 24 May in the social room of the Pitman Fire Company No. 1, at 20:00.

—Robert C. Guest, Publicity Officer.

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### FLOTILLA 31, OCEAN CITY

MEMO TO DICK GIFFORD, C.O.

Thanks for your note of 10 May. The fact that one of our members sent you a check for 25 bucks following the last issue of TOPSIDE makes me feel that my effort is not entirely in vain.

I note what you have to say about the splendid operations work of Nyman and Storch, and the culinary skills of Smith and Vandegrift. (Van can cook, too?) I think the whole outfit did a

grand job on that emergency station duty, and I'd like to print the total man-hours served.

Sorry, I missed the meeting at the American Legion room when "Foundation 31" was born. It will probably be in order to head this column "Flotilla 31, Inc." hereafter. I did go to the meeting on 10 May when the Safety Patrol on Delaware Bay was introduced. We had the usual wrangle. That guy Bromley is the "resentingest" man I ever saw, but I will say we had a lot of laughs, the whole twelve of us who shot the breeze for a couple of hours. The title of my next novel will be "Bromley Resents" to be followed by sequels called "Nyman Objects" and "Heist Explains." Fox will furnish the basic material from his minutes if he can read them. He can if Junior isn't smoking one of his Dutch Bastards seegars.

That fellow Anonymous, who evidently went back on tower watch in April, sent in the following dirge, to be sung to the time of "It's Been a Long, Long Time:"

#### TOWER WATCH

Punch it once and punch it twice and twist its tail again,

When you're on tower watch.

Punch the clock some more for luck (but never more than ten)

When you're on tower watch.

Even though the war is over,  
Tower watch is still no bed of clover.

So, punch it once and punch it twice and punch its face again

When you're on tower watch!

Signed,

—E. L. Johnstone, Publicity Officer.

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### FLOTILLA 52, LANCASTER

At our last meeting, 13 May, it was decided that Flotilla 52 should be the

ones in Lancaster to get the Coast Guard League under way. S. J. Magee was appointed the chairman of the committee to get things started with L. M. Weaver and A. E. Herr assisting.

Our meetings in the recent past have been nearly all graced with the presence of some prominent speaker.

Our Executive Officer, Wm. E. Kinn, Jr., has turned in his resignation due to the fact that he is attending classes at Franklin and Marshall College on the night that our meeting happens to fall. The new Executive from an election held 8 April is Jack P. Schleenbaker, our Operations Officer. Good luck, Jack.

Our first cruise on the Florence "V" is scheduled for June 1 and 2. Plans have been made as to the destination and training for the two-day cruise. The second cruise is scheduled for 31 August, 1 and 2 September.

The flotilla is planning to launch its boat very soon in the waters of the Susquehanna at Long Level, where many summer days may be spent in training.

Flotilla 52 has again responded to the call of duty. Jack Schleenbaker has in his possession a list of members' names a mile long. The point of duty has been the Cape May Lifeboat Station at which eight members to date have been called to duty, D. E. Flory, B. R. Snavely, J. Cooper and J. L. Shank served from April 1 to April 8; R. L. Reitz, P. H. Behm, V. I. Rhoads and B. R. Edwards served from April 29 to May 6.

In closing, may I request that flotillas who publish a monthly bulletin, exchange their publications with us. Any publications received by this office will immediately be put on our mailing list. Please address to me, at 565 N. Queen St., Lancaster, Pa.

—Wm. L. Bomberger, Publicity Officer.