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## District Fall Conference and Elections



PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right from Top):  
CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX addresses the conference attendees.  
The newly elected District Bridge gets sworn in (from left) Robert Roetz DCAPT(C), DCO Harold Robinson, DCOS Ken Brown, K.C. Murphy DCAPT(W), Gene Morris DCAPT(E).  
Alfred Signor FC FL69 is awarded his AUXOP by DIRAUX and Rear Admiral William "Dean" Lee.  
Stan Friedman FC FL85 is awarded his Coxswain device by ADM Lee.  
Dan McFadden IPFC FL85 is awarded his Coxswain device by ADM Lee.  
The District's "Duffers" enjoyed playing on a PGA Tournament rated course. This year's Golf Outting was coordinated by CDR Glena Tredinnick and John Tredinnick FL82.  
Norman Fehr FSO-VE FL49 and Tom Dever VCDR 04 accepting FL49's National VE Award-2nd Place presented by DIRAUX and ADM Lee.  
Ann and Thomas Klein VFC FL84 enjoying the Conference Banquet.





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On the Cover: This issue's "Back to School" cover replicates a Composition Book to remind Auxiliarists to keep training and maintain their qualifications.	

*Editorial...*

## The Best Issue of Topside?

**A**lthough it is the fourth issue, I consider this issue to be THE BEST since taking the helm as Editor.

Why? - Because this issue contains the most articles and photographs from our members.

Topside is more than a "ship" run solely by its Editor and ADSO's. This "ship" needs a dedicated "crew" to sail and function properly. This issue's voyage made way thanks to:

John Fisher FL16-07, Jim McClellan FL82, Robert Babezki FL81, Linda Jones FL84, Kay Carnahan FL12-09, John Ballantyne FL12-09, Al Grimminger FL12-05, Manny Halperin FL13-03, Dennis Georgia FL16-07, Betsy Bauer FL16-07, Gary Swain FL66, Jay Brandinger FL69, and Art Zack FL13-03 for sending us interesting articles and photographs.



Our ADSO's, Carolyn Dunch, Marjorie Ignozza, Stanley Olsen, and Phillip Stamm continue to prod and cajole members in their respective areas to submit articles and photographs.

My predecessor, Edna Winans (who has yet to learn the definition of retired) faithfully sends us updated membership rosters and information from her corner of the District.

Harry Dyer, a true renaissance man, continuously amazes me with the scope of his abilities. When he isn't busy updating and printing the District Calendar, Harry submits articles and helps research historical aspects of the publication.

Why not add your name on the list of contributors for the next issue? Just email us a nice photo of members or a facility from your unit in action with a brief description, or write an article about a noteworthy event that you want the entire membership to appreciate.

- Joseph Giannattasio, Editor



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## In Memoriam

### DECEASED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

David Kirk	1-04	Joe Gutierrez	7-11	James Alfred Gunter	12-05
George Grable Jr.	4-02	Inge Swenson	7-12	(retired)	
Robert Charles	4-03	Francis MacDonald	7-12	Cletus Moyer	12-05
Robert Sabatino	4-07	Krygowski, Victor	7-12	Lawrence Gross	14-01
Eric Leslie Pennell	4-09	Beatrice (Bonnie) Bonner		Elizabeth Wilkinson	14-01
Wilson, Lee (retired)	7-04		8-01	Joseph Cook	14-07
William Morrison	7-09	Angelo Caracciolo	8-02		

## District Awards

### COXSWAIN

Robert Babezki 8-01  
Stanley Friedman 8-05  
Dan McFadden 8-05

### AUXOP

Alfred Signor 6-09

### NATIONAL AWARDS

~ 1st. Place Photography ~  
Joseph Giannattasio 8-02

~2nd. Place Vessel Examinations~  
Flotilla 4-09

### CG AUXILIARY COMMANDANT'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Bruce Long 8-02

### COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

~ PaddleSports America Course ~  
Aleda Fehr 4-09  
Norman Fehr 4-09  
John Morrison 4-09

### COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION

~ 5NR IDP Guide ~  
Robert Amort 12-05  
Kenneth Brown, Sr. 14-05  
James Emery 7-04  
Joseph Giannattasio 8-02  
Kenneth Kendall 7-12  
Bruce Long 8-02  
Harold Robinson 4-09  
Russell Vreeland 4-09  
John Witemeyer 16-07

### CG AUXILIARY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Kenneth Brown, Sr. 14-05  
Jan R. Munroe 4-11  
Robert J. Perrone 12-03

# Never Too Young to Learn Water Safety

## Water n' Kids

Article and Photos by John M. Fisher, Jr. IPFC 16-07

Of all the missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary perhaps Public Education is the most important. Reaching out to folks and preparing them for the unforeseen as they enjoy water activities is essential for their well-being. Flotilla 16-07 (5NR), based at Station Manasquan Inlet in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, has expanded its role beyond offering the standard ABS, BS&S, and Paddlesports courses to include the Auxiliary course entitled "Water 'n Kids".

Begun many years ago in Division 16, it was Dona Turner (16-08) and Patti Witham (16-07) who persuaded new member Brenda Moscatiello (16-07) in 1991 to become qualified as an Instructor and join them in teaching young children. She became known as "Miss Brenda" to all the children where she brought Water 'n Kids program. As the program grew Mrs. Moscatiello enlisted shipmate Jack Witemeyer (16-07) in 1998 and then Ron Coleman (16-07) in 2001. Today, the program is spear-headed by Jack Witemeyer COMO 5NR. Joining Jack in offering boating and water safety classes to children are 16-07 members Gerard San Antonio, Dennis Georgia, Bill Castagno, Charmaine Schermondstires, and John Fisher, as well as Mr. Coleman. The flotilla has been called upon to teach children from age three all the way to age seventeen. Groups of children in local nursery schools, elementary



schools, scouting programs, and Summer library and recreation programs all have received instruction in ways to be safe around the water and in boats.

Classes are interactive in that show and tell items such as plastic boats, throw rings and life jackets are displayed and discussed. The children are encouraged to try on the life jackets when discussing proper sizing. Safety items like first aid kits, flashlights, and radios are included in the items that should be aboard any vessel. Sitting quietly while a boat is in motion can be boring for youngsters, so ways to be helpful, like being a lookout, are discussed.



Pollution and the environment are additional topics presented to the children. The impact of soda cans, plastic water bottles and bags, and plastic six-pack soda can rings are reinforced by stories about "Inky the Whale" and "Officer Snook". The three R's of recycling – reduce, reuse, recycle – are stressed. Youngsters are encouraged to follow the adage: "If you load it at the dock, unload it at the dock." As the age level of the children increases, so to does the complexity of the lesson and the books utilized. "Boating Fun – Adventure on the Water" and

"Waypoints – A Guide to Boating Safety" are used in the instruction process.



Sometimes adults are in attendance at these classes and they are quite thankful for the information given to the children. Hearing their comments and seeing the smiles on the faces of the youngsters makes it all worth the effort.

If you are an Instructor and wish to expand your horizons, look into this program. You will be stimulated beyond belief!



**PHOTO CAPTIONS:**  
DCO Jack Witemeyer helps fit a PFD at ABC Nursery School, Brick, NJ.  
Ron Coleman SO-PE at Brownie Troop 545, Manasquan, NJ.  
"Mr. Jack says..." DCO Jack Witemeyer at Ocean County Library, Jackson, NJ.  
Ron Coleman SO-PE at Brownie Troop 545, Manasquan, NJ.

## District Auxiliarist in ACTION

### Serving the Families of New Guardians

by Jim McClellan, FSO-HR FL82

A few years ago, I remember driving to South Carolina from northern New Jersey to attend my son's graduation from Marine Corps Basic Training: Driving twelve straight hours, arriving in a strange town, not knowing anyone, and feeling quite lost.

Well, I guess I wasn't the only person to have this experience. Three years ago the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) Cape May, RADM Cari Thomas came up with the idea to make the Coast Guard recruit graduation ceremony more enjoyable for attending families and friends by providing a nice breakfast in a comfortable atmosphere prior to the event.

With the help of Public Affairs Officer CWO Veronica Colbath, Auxiliarists Bruce Long, DCAPT (E) and Judy Dempsey FL82, a plan was created. Once arriving at TRACEN, Auxiliarist provide guests transportation to the Harbor View Club for breakfast. During the ride, Auxiliary members indicate the base's various points of interest and answer questions. Upon their arrival at The Harbor View Club, family and guests are greeted by a senior Auxiliarist who welcomes them inside.

Then the real hospitality begins.

Auxiliarist serve everyone with smiles and warmth, often with a dash of laughter; all included with the meal at no extra charge! Not only is the feeling of fellowship advantageous to the guests, but so contagious that many other Auxiliarist want to be part of this weekly function. Imagine that - too many volunteers!

In addition to the goodwill created by what we call "The Breakfast Club," the modest fee charged for the breakfast helps maintain The Harbor View Club and also generates money for the Coast Guard MRW Fund.

All this would not be possible without the civilians and Guardians working the kitchen, the Coast Guard provided facilities and vehicles, and the dedicated Auxiliarist from Flotillas 82, 83, and 86.

Why not join the fun? Helping at the "Breakfast Club" is open to all members. If you're interested in participating, just email me at: Surf1964@aol.com



PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right from Top): Nelson Brown FL82 serves visiting loved ones. Brenda Hollway FL86 and Marga Matheny FL82 dishing up great food and conversation. John Gallagher ADSO-NS greets family and friends upon arrival. Brenda Hollway FL86 makes sure everyone feels welcomed. Leo Scheidecker FL82 pulls duty in the galley.





# Flotilla 81 Celebrates 70th Anniversary

## What it All Means

Robert Babezki, FSO-PB FL81

It is not often that we, as individuals, get the opportunity to participate in what could be considered an historic milestone. Normally, we do not even perceive the magnitude of an event that we may be witnessing. Such events tend to get lost in the hectic rush of our daily lives.

However, we are fortunate to be able to experience and savor a unique experience with our fellow shipmates. I refer to the 70th anniversary of the founding of Flotilla 81, Ocean City New Jersey, of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our flotilla recently celebrated this event with a gala dinner at the Flanders Hotel on June 3, 2010.



But what was so special about this event and the circumstances it commemorates? In 1939, with war clouds gathering in Europe and the Far East, visionaries within the U.S. Coast Guard saw a need to mobilize resources from the public to begin providing safety and security to the growing fleet of recreational boaters along the coasts of the country. Seeing that the Coast Guard was the only member of the nation's armed forces without a reserve component, Congress

enacted legislation in the summer of 1939 to organize a volunteer force of private boat owners into what was then known as the Coast Guard Reserve. This was the beginning of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The first organized



flotilla in the auxiliary was formed at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City in November of that same year. Flotillas were later organized during the spring of 1940 in Atlantic City,

two on the Delaware River in the Philadelphia area, and the fifth in Ocean City on June 1st, 1940.

The Ocean City Flotilla is now the oldest, continually active Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla in the State of New Jersey. The service provided by our Flotilla during the early years of World War II stand as a bold testament as to what can be accomplished by a band of volunteers working towards a common goal. The Ocean City Flotilla provided more hours of patrols during 1942 than any other Auxiliary organization. Ocean City also had the only Flotilla operated and staffed hospital in the country.



When we gather as a group each month, and address our normal tasks that have been

assigned to us, we tend to forget those that have gone before us and what they achieved. Our 70th anniversary party was a chance for us to glimpse what our organization means to others in our community, in local government and to the Coast Guard itself. Invited guests US Congressman Frank LoBiondo, NJ State Senator Jeff Van Drew and NJ State Assemblyman Nelson Albano all praised the outstanding work that Flotilla 81 has provided to the Ocean City community over its seven decades of service.



What we do in the Auxiliary is important. It is important to our community as a whole. It enriches our lives and positively impacts the lives of many other people. Our teamwork with the active duty Coast Guard further proves that we can and do make a difference to our country. So, take this opportunity to enjoy the thanks that we have earned from the people whom we serve. Semper Paratus!

PHOTO CAPTIONS (clockwise from top): Ken Wilde FC FL81 receives an official Resolution from State Senator Jeff VanDrew and Assemblyman Nelson Albano.

BM1 "Hitch" Hitchner and wife Jennifer enjoying the festivities.

Richard Keast FL81 is recognized for his 45 years of service by CDR Gary Thomas. John Bodin FSO-NS FL81 chats with Rep. Frank LoBiondo.



## District Photo Scrapbook



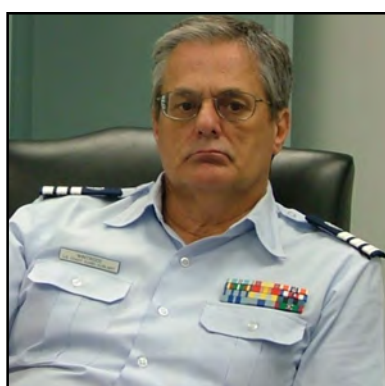
### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Left to Right from Top) Bruce Long DCAPT(E) receives his Meritorious Team Commendation and Letter of Commendation from CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX and Rear Admiral William "Dean" Lee. CDR Glena Tredinnick and husband John FSO-CS FL82. Dan Hartman DCDR 08. Lee Crossman, President - Past Captain's Association. Maurice and Marianne Simpkins. The District Color Guard. Drs. Sandy and Richard Weiss VFC FL82. Doug Smith DCDR 16. Division 8 VE's onboard a Coast Guard RB-S during NSBW. John and Carol Halligan. Joe Giannattasio VCDR 08, Phil Appenzeller FSO-OP FL82 and Walt Niwinski FC FL82.





## ... picture yourself in **topside**



### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Left to Right from Top) K.C. Murphy DCAPT(W). Howard Friedman FSO-HR receives his AUXOP from DCO Witemeyer. Helo and OPFAC in Cape May Harbor. John Burns WS FL82 preparing to get underway onboard USCGC IBIS. BOSN3 Sean McGarigal and wife Nancy. Daniel and Krista Tinney. James Wintrobe DCDR 13. Bob Babezki FL81 awarded his Coxswain by DIRAUX and OTO McGarigal. CAPT Meredith Austin. Norman Fehr FL49 teaching PaddleSports seminar. *Photos: Jay Brandinger DCAPT(C) and J. Giannattasio*



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# Historian's Corner

## The Coast Guard Auxiliary: Past and Present

C. Kay Larson BC-ASH

Boating always has been one of America's favorite pastimes and entered the sport arena in the early nineteenth century. Rowing and yachting races were among the most popular spectator sports through the 1930s. With the development of the single-operator motorboat and the outboard engine at the turn of the twentieth century, the number of recreational boaters skyrocketed. In 1939, the Coast Guard reported that there were more than 300,000 boats operating in federal waters. Boaters needed to be better trained in seamanship and federal law. At the same time, civilian yachtsmen were pressing the Coast Guard to establish a volunteer arm of the service.

As a result of these demands, on June 23, 1939, the Congress passed legislation that established the Coast Guard Reserve, its volunteer civilian component, to promote boating safety and to facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard. Groups of boat owners were organized into flotillas and these into divisions within Coast Guard Districts around the country. Members initially conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. Then in February 1941, a military reserve was created and the volunteer Reserve was renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Following America's entry into the World War II in December of 1941, recruits flooded into Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. June 1942 legislation allowed Auxiliarists to enroll in the Coast Guard Reserve on a part-time temporary basis. These reservists, along with newly enrolled civilians, performed coastal

defense and search and rescue duties. They patrolled bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare.

Following the war, by 1950 the four traditional Auxiliary cornerstone missions of public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship had been established. During the past decades, the Auxiliary has continued to grow in membership which today totals more than 30,000 members in the United States and its territories. Training is held at every level from the flotilla to national training schools. Leadership and management training, award programs, and data management systems ensure a high level of professionalism.

Under legislation passed in 1996, the Auxiliary's role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant. Thus, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels, flying in C-130 aircraft, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars. The three components of the service—the active duty Coastguardsmen, the Reservists, and Auxiliarists—truly constitute TEAM COAST GUARD.

Over the years, Auxiliary programs also have kept pace with boating trends. The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the largest volunteer marine safety organization in the world and has fostered similar ones in foreign countries. During its seventy years, it has lived up to its motto of— "A Proud Tradition, A Worthy Mission."

### OLD TOPSIDES NEEDED

If you have old issues of TOPSIDE (pre-date 1995) please send them to the Editor; the District's collection is incomplete. We are in the process of digitally archiving all past issues so everyone can access them. Just email the Editor: joetasio@verizon.net and we'll arrange shipping.

### Taking Aux Safety Home

Linda M. Jones FL84 not only promotes Water Safety to the public with her Flotilla, but also practices it at home. On a recent family trip to the Philadelphia Zoo, Linda ensured her grandchildren Ava and Anthony wore their PFD's on an amusement water ride.

Photos by Linda Jones, FL84





# Members Going the “Extra Fathom”

## Introducing a new Section Dedicated to Outstanding Members

### 5NR Auxiliaries Receive State Award

Article by Kay Carnahan, FSO-PA FL12-09

Photo by John Ballantyne, FSO-CS FL12-09

Andy Smith, Public Education officer for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-09, received an award June 8 for being named Boating Safety Volunteer of the Year. He has taught multi-week Basic Boating and Seamanship Courses and the day-long State Safe Boating Course at least twice a year for more than 12 years, totaling hundreds of students.

Sgt. Greg Rhodes, boating education specialist of the Office of Boating Safety, State Division of Fish and Wildlife, presented the 2009 Delaware Duck Stamp and Print to Smith at the Flotilla's monthly meeting at Coast Guard Station Indian River.

“Our office really appreciates Andy's contribution to safe boating,” Rhodes said. “Delaware has consistently one of the lowest boating-accident rates in the country, and these courses contribute to that cause.”

“Teaching is a joy, a pleasure,” Smith said. “It's fun. But I don't do it alone. Flotilla members John Wallo, Bill Tower, John Morrill, Jim LaValley, Dick Stevenson, and John Ballantyne commit their time and knowledge too.”

Smith also noted that the Flotilla's fall 2009 and spring 2010 courses were the largest ever and anticipates many in attendance of his fall 2010 course.



CAPTION: Sgt. Greg Rhodes, boating education specialist of the Office of Boating Safety, State Division of Fish and Wildlife, left, congratulates Andy Smith, right, of FL12-09, who was named Boating Safety Volunteer of the Year on June 8.

Photo by John Ballantyne FSO-CS FL12-09



PHOTO CAPTION: Warren Huff, Flotilla 12-03 (right), receives the Coast Guard Achievement Metal for Superior Performance of Duty from Robert F. Lesperance DCDR 12.

Photo by Al Grimminger, DDC-P



PHOTO CAPTION: Division 13 participated in National Safe Boating Week at a local LL Bean store, the Division's Information Booth included a demonstration where members inflate their Lifejackets in support of this campaign. The Auxiliaries pictured are Michael Russell FL 13-05 (Left) and Gary Knepp 13-03 (Right)

Photo by Manny Halperin SO-PA, PB 13

### ~ Auxiliaries Of The Week Award Continues ~

Any Auxiliary Elected Official or Staff Officer may submit a nomination of a deserving member. When selected as AOW, the member receives a letter from the DIRAUX, a certificate and an Auxiliaries of the Week coffee mug.

Send nominations to CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX:  
Terry.M.Johns@uscg.mil

## Profile In Service

### 45 Years of Service - Dona Turner, Division 16

Article and Photo by Dennis J. Georgia IPDCDR  
SO-VE/FN

I had the pleasure to accompany DCO Jack Witemeyer for the presentation of a 45 year membership award to Dona Turner of Flotilla 16-08. She is in a really special place with this award, as very few of us will ever attain it.

Dona became a member in Sept. of 1964 and began compiling a very impressive record for an Auxiliarist. She completed the Administrative Procedure Course (APC) and the Leadership and Management Course (AUXLEA). Over time she became AUXOP qualified, and Coxswain, Instructor, VE, and RBSV certified. She served in these positions on the flotilla and division levels. For years she taught the instructors course enabling many of us to bring boating safety education to the public. She completed vessel exams right at her own bulkhead; and on many occasions she was the go to person when a coxswain was needed for a patrol or mentoring. She completed all of the ICS courses when they became required.

Perhaps her crowning achievement was being a radio watch stander at Station Manasquan Inlet. For a long time she was the voice behind the mic and we all knew her. She was described to me as a "very good" watch stander.

Now in full retirement she dearly misses the Auxiliary, her fellow members, and the joy and excitement of the Auxiliary missions. She wanted me to say hello to everyone and express how much she misses her old friends.

Job well done!

Bravo Zulu



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# Around the District

## Happenings within 5NR submitted by our Members

Don't see your Flotilla or Division featured? - Just submit a digital photo or article so everyone can enjoy the accomplishments within your unit.

### Flotilla Member Training with NJ State Police Marine Bureau

Article and Photo by Betsy Bauer, FSO-PB 16-7

During the 03 February meeting open to all members in Division 16, Trooper Rich Brown of the NJ State Marine Services Bureau provided an informative and interesting program. Trooper Brown has been with the Bureau for over 21 years and has extensive experience covering the major rivers and waterways, in and surrounding New Jersey. One of his duties is issuing the Boating Safety Certificates to the students who have successfully completed their boating safety course.

Trooper Brown discussed



changes in the boating certificate program and laws governing the program. As of 6/1/09, all boat operators were required to have such certificates, regardless of age or experience. The USCGAUX is by far the largest provider of the Public Education Boating Safety Course. Also discussed, were administrative/legal changes affecting waterways and PWC's.

Due to the increasing use of kayaks, rules governing their use are also in effect. Mentioned was the movement now underway to require anyone on a vessel under 21 feet to wear a life jacket in colder weather; the status of this initiative is uncertain. New York is one state with such a regulation.

A brief review of some Instructor Requirements was discussed. Patrols were another topic, with Trooper Brown noting that our focus is to watch and look for law violations. Homeland Security emphasized awareness, with patrols being important in areas such as the ports and refineries. He distributed the "Maritime Security Initiative" (MSI) pamphlet, which is published by the NJ State Police. This pamphlet addresses the changing trends in terrorism and criminal activity. It encourages citizens to keep an eye on their surroundings and report suspicious activity.

The NJ State police website is: [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org)



PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right from Top): Trooper Brown with Dan Fuchs, FSO-MT 16-7. Members attending training meeting at Station Manasquan Inlet Sail Loft.



### Classic Truck gets Attention and New Members

Article and Photo by Jim McClellan, FSO-HR - FL82

I have heard that America is Mom, Baseball, Apple Pie, and Chevrolet, but I don't know if the latter meant a 1954 Chevrolet pick up truck.

About six months before joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary I began restoring a vintage Chevy pick up truck that I located in Arkansas. During the restoration and after joining Flotilla 82 in Cape May, N.J., the truck, in my mind began taking on the look of an antique Coast Guard vehicle. With this inspiration, a spot light, driving lights, and a USCG Auxiliary license plate was added to the restoration to make the vehicle look a little more "salty".

The more I worked on the truck and the more I became involved in the Auxiliary, the prouder and the more enthusiastic I became. Just prior to the first showing of the pick up at an Auxiliary function a twelve inch diameter Auxiliary Plaque was constructed and added.

I hope using the Chevrolet at future auxiliary events will attract additional attention to the USCG Auxiliary at Information Booths and help with recruiting new members.

PHOTO CAPTIONS: Jim McClellan (left) and FL82 Shipmates with Jim's classic 1954 Chevrolet pick up truck.

# Around the District

## TOPSIDE Submission Guidelines

1. **KEEP IT SIMPLE:** Sometimes all that is needed to tell a story is a photograph with a concise caption. Articles and stories of any length up to approximately 700 words are welcome. TOPSIDE has no set minimum number of words.

2. Every article or photo caption should answer the basic questions: Who is this about? What is this story about, or what is pictured in the photograph? Where and When did the story take place? Why is the action being done? and How is this performed? As an all-volunteer organization, nearly every thing we do can be noteworthy. Always provide the name of the photographer as well as the author's name, or byline.

3. Most people can improve their photos by just getting closer. Take pictures from **NO MORE** than 10-12 feet away from your subject. **Photographs must be high-resolution images.** Set your camera for the highest resolution possible. Check your camera's documentation on how to do this.

4. When writing an article for submission never use all capital letters unless you are typing an acronym, and always spell out the complete name the first time followed by the abbreviation or acronym in parenthesis after it. Thereafter, the acronym may be used.

5. All submissions to TOPSIDE should be forwarded to your respective regional ADSO's.

All of this information and more can be found on the Public Affairs website. I encourage every Publications Officer to take advantage of this site. You will find any number of resources: from Power Point presentations to written guides on numerous topics; from how to write an effective news or feature story to how to take high resolution photographs and, of course, the Publications Manual. If you have not visited this site recently then you might be amazed at the vast number of resources available to you.

Get out those cameras and start writing. We need to tell everyone what a great job our members are doing!

*Joseph Giannattasio DSO-PB, Editor*

~ Continued ~

## Happenings within 5NR submitted by our Members

### 5NR Auxiliarist receives National Safe Boating Council Horizon Award

Article by Gary Swain DCDR 06

At the 2010 International Boating and Water Safety Summit, the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) announced that their Horizon Awards would be given to Major General Don T. Riley of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and to Dr. L Daniel Maxim of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Major General Riley was



Dan Maxim, TCT-F teaching Team Coordination Training at the District Fall Conference.

- photo: J. Giannattasio

given this award in recognition of his support of a controlled life jacket wear regulation study on four Mississippi Lakes--an initiative that might later be implemented nationwide on lakes controlled by the Corps of Engineers.

Dr. Maxim, a former National Directorate Commodore for Recreational Boating Safety in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and resident of Princeton Junction, New Jersey, was given the award in recognition of his work in the analysis of boating safety statistics.

NSBC presents the award to individuals and organizations, professional or volunteer, whose vision for the advancement of safer boating sees beyond the horizon to the next level of boating safety development. The actual award is a brass mariner's telescope like those used aboard ships by the early mariners to scan the water's horizon.

### 50 Year Service Award

Article and Photo by Kay Carnahan FSO-PA FL12-09

Flotilla 12-09 member Andy Assimos of Rehoboth Beach was recognized for 50 years of volunteering by Commander Glenna T. Tredinnick, Fifth Coast Guard District, of Philadelphia, on May 15 at Coast Guard Station Indian River. Assimos has held a number of positions within the flotilla over the years and has been responsible for several rescues and assists.



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# Parting Shots



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(Clockwise from top left) Philip Walmsley D-AD. James Wintrobe DCDR 13 and George Morris VCDR 13. Sammy the USCg Otter. CDR Glenna Tredinnick. Ken Brown DCOS-Elect and wife Janet. COMO-Elect Harold Robinson and wife Charlotte. Robert Roetz DCAPT(C)-Elect and wife Lisa. Gene Morris DCAPT(E)-Elect and wife Andrea. John Burns WS raising the colors onboard USCGC IBIS. Joe Giannattasio PA Specialist III  
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### **~ Auxiliarist Of The Week Award continues. ~**

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Send nominations to CDR Terry Johns DIRAUX: [Terry.M.Johns@uscg.mil](mailto:Terry.M.Johns@uscg.mil)

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