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From the Editor's Desk:

OUR FIRST ISSUE

Getting underway is normally the toughest part of any new assignment. On that note, I would be like to begin this message by saying “thanks” to the two previous *Mariner* editors: past DCDR Gil Finklestein (8-5) and current DCDR Joe Giannattasio (8-2). It was their advice and encouragement that made my first venture as an editor much easier than it might have been had I tried it alone.

As I'm sure Joe and Gil will agree, the majority of the credit for any interesting newsletter really goes to the folks who submit the articles and photos. They are the ones who have the keen mind for a story, the sharp eye for a photo, and the skills to put either, or both, on paper. So please keep your original and artistic endeavors coming. They are very much appreciated.

Equally appreciated, is the constructive feedback, the useful ideas, and the practical suggestions relayed to me by other members even before I chose my first format. As you have will see, I have used two of those ideas, trivia (pg. 6) and marlinspike seamanship (pg.10), in this issue. If you can think of any new and/or special features that you believe would be of interest to our members, please don't hesitate to send them to me.

And, as always, the primary focus of this publication will be on our members and flotillas. Let's continue, with stories, features, and photos, to highlight the people and the activities that make Division 8 one the most esteemed in the highly regarded Fifth Northern District.

Respectfully,

Howard

Remembering Those That Have Fallen

By Robert N. Babezki, ADSO-CS

Photos - PA3 Cindy Oldham, USCG

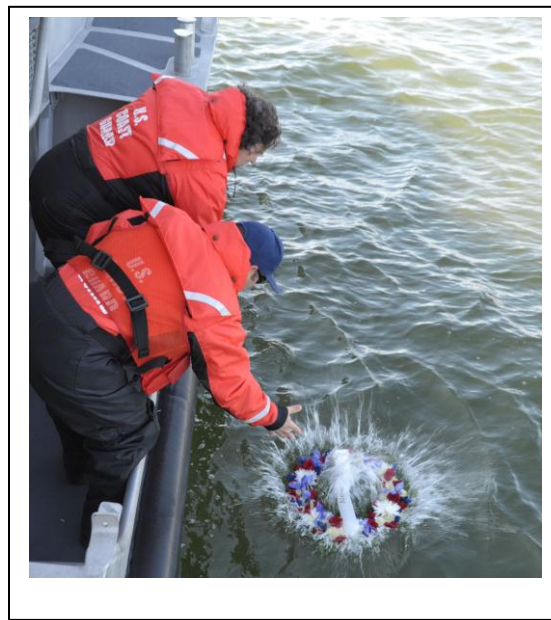
During a furious Nor'easter on March 6, 1932, members of Station Atlantic City responded to a distress call from the Fishing Vessel *Anna* that was reported going down in a nearby fishing area. Lt. James Turner, the Commanding Officer of the Station, launched a 30-foot wooden boat to respond to the distress call. Surfman Harold (Hal) Livingston, age 24 and Surfman William R. Garton, age 19, were the crew members on that rescue boat. On their way out to the offshore fishing grounds, their boat capsized, throwing all three men into the icy water.

Employees of the nearby Steel Pier observed the accident, saw the men in the water, and informed the Station. A 28 foot power surfboat, with three seamen aboard, was dispatched. It encountered 18 foot seas as it left the inlet and was never heard from again.

Lt. Turner was able to make it back to the beach. He spent the next several days in the hospital before he was able to resume his duties. The bodies of Surfmen Garton and Livingston were recovered many days later.

On the 80th anniversary of this tragic event, members of Station Atlantic City held a series of memorial services to commemorate the courage and devotion to duty of these brave young men. The first memorial ceremony was a wreath laying service held in South Dennis, Cape May County at the gravesite of Surfman Harold Livingston. Former Division 8 Commander Marilyn Hughes, represented the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The second memorial ceremony was held aboard a 47-foot Motor Lifeboat out of Station Atlantic City. BM1 Paul Vanacore and retired U.S. Navy LCDR Jim Risley (nephew of Surfman Hal Livingston) placed a wreath upon the waters in remembrance of the lost Surfmen: Charles Graham, John Barnett, and Marvin Rhodes..



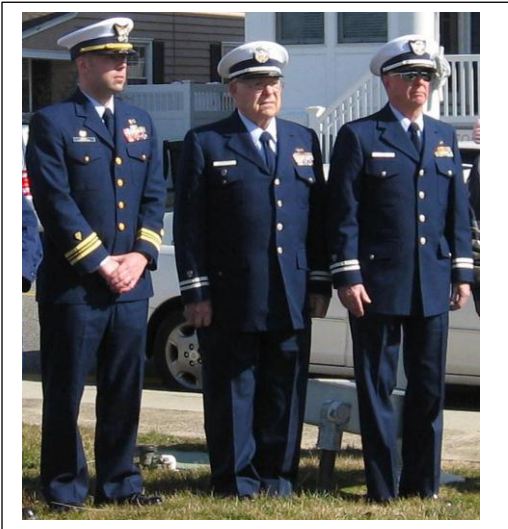
Later in the day, a third ceremony was held in Longport to honor Lt. James Turner. (next page)

Capt. Turner Memorial Service

Reported by Tom Klein, FC 8-4

The Capt. James Turner Memorial Service in Longport (NJ), sponsored by the Longport American Legion, was attended by Auxiliarists Tom Klein and Paul Rudolph of FI-84, LCDR Jeffrey Craig, Commanding Officer of Station Atlantic City, and several Coast Guardsmen. At the start of the ceremony, two helicopters from Air Station Atlantic City did a Fly Over as a tribute to the Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives that day.

The photo on the front page is that of John Stroebale, former Army Lt. Colonel and Longport American Legion member, describing the location where the brick with Capt. Turner's name will be placed in the Longport Memorial Park.



Tom & Paul speaking to reporter.

TRACEN Auxiliarist of the Year

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 9AM, the Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May (TRACEN) delivered the annual State of the Training Center Address in the Ida Lewis Auditorium.

Capt. Bill Kelly spoke to an audience of more than 300 military, civilian, and Auxiliary personnel highlighting both the significant accomplishments of the training center staff in 2011 and the challenges they face in 2012.

During the address, Capt. Kelly also recognized Training Center Cape May's award recipients. The award for Training Center Cape May's Auxiliarist of the Year for 2011 was presented to Mrs. Judy Dempsey of Flotilla 8-2.



Brigantine and Wildwood Crest, connected by history

At May's division meeting, in Brigantine, NJ, I ended my SO-PB report with the following:

“One type of suggested article (for the *Division 8 Mariner*) was ‘Trivia’ involving interesting facts and stories related to our organization and/or to our geographical area. As an example of that proposal, and in honor this evening's host, Flotilla 8-5, I have written the following:

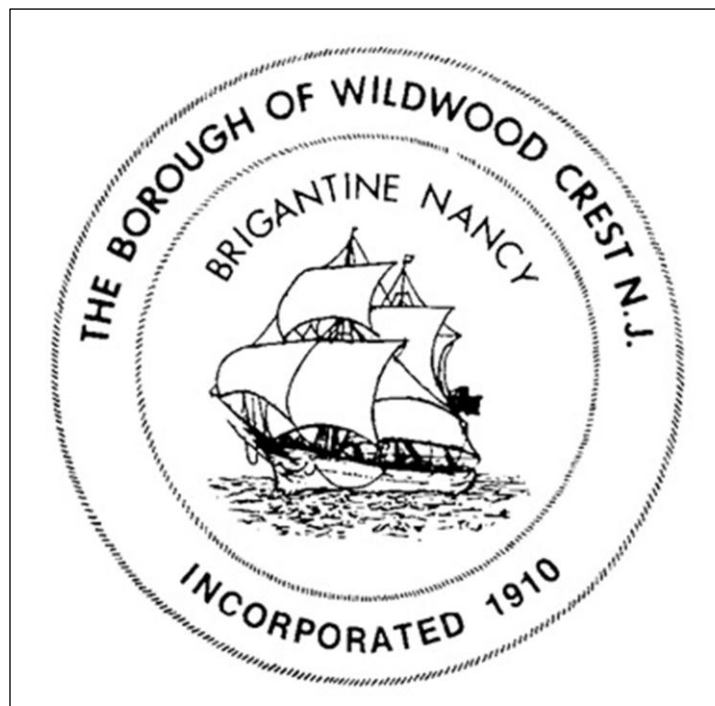
Brigantine, NJ was named after a type of two-masted sailing ship popular during the 18th and 19th centuries. Originally, it was a small ship that carried both oars and sails and was found mostly in the Mediterranean. In the late 17th century, the Royal Navy used the term brigantine to refer to small two-masted vessels designed to be rowed as well as sailed.

The brigantine “Nancy” took part in the Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet during the American Revolutionary War. But that's another story for another division meeting.”

Here are more details. Turtle Gut Inlet connected the Atlantic Ocean to Sunset Lake (and thereby to the Intracoastal Waterway) in Wildwood Crest, NJ. It was filled in by the county in 1922 and has long been forgotten even by most of the residents who occupy homes above it. Today, a marker commemorating the Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet stands at Miami and New Jersey Avenues, across from Sunset Lake, in Wildwood Crest.

For those of you who are still curious about the above facts, a photo of a brigantine, the *Exy Johnson*, is on the front page and below is the Seal of Wildwood Crest and the URL for the story of the “battle”.

<http://www.cresthistory.org/turtlegut.php>



Off Season Patrol - by Gil Finkelstein, FSO-PB

(Re-printed from "Bridge Chatter" – Flotilla 8-5)

I was on a training patrol down in District 7 on March 31 with Marc Brody a Flotilla 85 expatriate now living in Boca Raton, Florida. Marc is now a lead QE in District 7 and I needed to get re-qualified there.

We left Boca Inlet and headed down to C.G. Station Fort Lauderdale to meet up with another Aux Boat for two boat training and sign offs. The training was serious and very professional. Large freighters, cruise ships, and other commercial vessels are constantly moving in and out of Port Everglades. It was important for all crew to keep a sharp lookout.

Throughout the morning, the Navy was issuing a "Securite, Securite, Securite" alert on Channel 16, warning maritime traffic that they were doing maneuvers in the area south of Port Everglades, 1/2 to 1 mile off shore, and warning all mariners that they were a hazard to navigation. (In this area of Florida the water depth is several hundred feet just 1/2 mile off the beach.)

Upon completing our patrol mission, we headed out on our 26 ft Boston Whaler. We turned South at the entrance buoys of Port Everglades, our flashers turned on, and traveled at slow speed for several minutes when we saw an unusual smokestack in the distance. We came to a dead stop and the unusual vessel started to come closer. We then realized it was a submarine on the surface with the conning tower exposed. We did not move. The submarine moved off our port side 200 feet off our beam. It stopped and the people on the sub's bridge looked at us through binoculars to check us out.



This is **my** version of the story: We spotted the submarine. They spotted us. We held our ground. They slowly and cautiously approached us within 200 feet. They looked at us and we stared back. They announced they were a US Navy War Ship. We stated we were a USCG Auxiliary patrol boat. They said they were armed with 24 Mark 48 torpedoes. We replied that we carried knives and a flare gun.. After a very brief discussion with our crew we surrendered and the sub moved off to continue its mission. To say the least, it was a very unusual patrol proving that you never know what's in Florida waters.

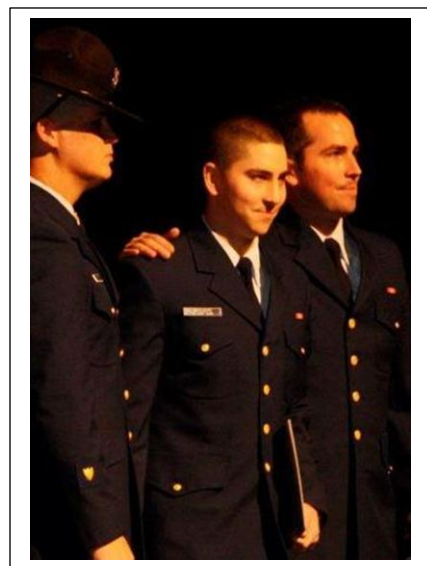
“OPERATION FIRESIDE”

Story & Photos - (Walter) Steve Haas*

As part of Operation Fireside, I've hosted USCG recruits over the years but 2011 was quite special. This year I followed the progress of these two gentlemen, Ben (glasses) and Jordan, from our initial meeting Thanksgiving morning through graduation day.

After attending their graduation last month (my first) and meeting the families of these young men, I was truly honored to be part of this wonderful community outreach program. As a former board member of the Cape May Chamber of Commerce, I have always promoted this special program to other members as well as continue to spread the word throughout our community.

*Ed.- Steve has completed the application process and will soon be a member of Flotilla 8-2.



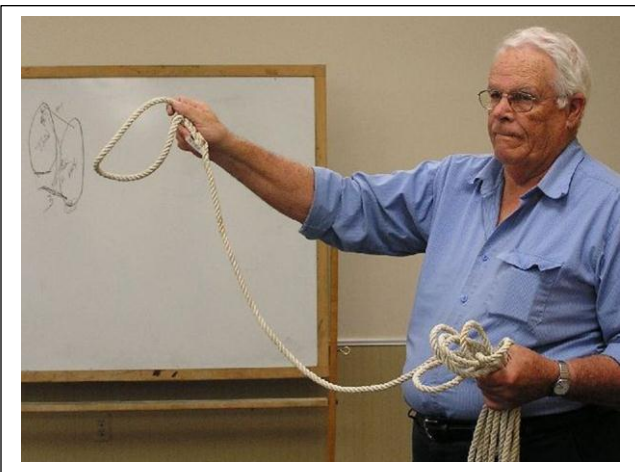
Coxswain Training (Classroom)

On consecutive Saturdays during the end of April and beginning of May, nine qualified Auxiliary crewmen assembled in a meeting room at the Linwood (NJ) Library to begin their coxswain training. The classes were arranged by Walt Alsegg, Assistant Division Operations Officer (ASO-OP). Assisting Walt with the instruction were four veteran coxswains: Marilyn Hughes, 8-1; Alan Wood, 8-1; Ken Wilde, 8-1; Howard Friedman, 8-3.

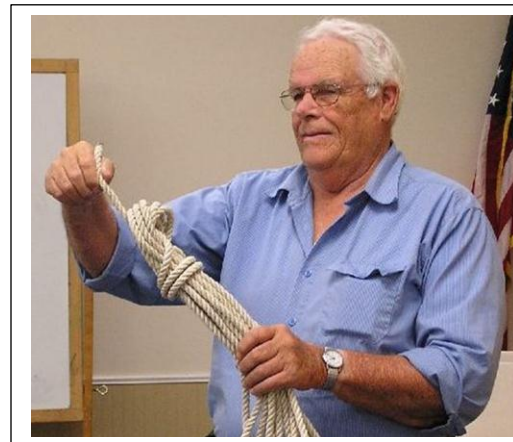
Front Page – Using models, Alan Wood demonstrates correct procedure for side-by-side towing.



< Left – Chart plotting practice.
Above – Hitch tying instruction.



“Always give the eye end to the distressed boat.”



After 2 sessions. Alan “wraps it up.”

With their classroom tasks signed off, the crewmen are now ready to begin their on-the-water training.

“Knots” 4 You

Imagine you are at a barbeque, a picnic, packing a vehicle, on a camping trip, or on a boat. A line is needed to form a knot, lengthen a line, or to hold something securely. Your friends, children, grandchildren, etc. turn to you because you are a Coast Guard Auxiliarist. How confident are you in your marlinespike seamanship skills?

Terminology - What to a landlubber is “rope” and “knot tying”, to a seaman is “line” and “marlinespike seamanship.”

Definitions - KNOTS, BENDS, and HITCHES

KNOT - a line tied to itself

BEND - a line tied to another line

HITCH - a line tied to an object

Four For the Boat Crew Program -

BOWLINE - Temporary loop

BECKET BEND (aka SHEET BEND) – Joining 2 lines of the same or different sizes

CLOVE HITCH – Temporary fastening

ROUND TURN AND 2 HALF HITCHES – Permanent fastening

Two Others For Various Uses –

CLEAT HITCH – Securing a line to a cleat

SQUARE KNOT – Joining 2 lines of the same size

Useful Websites -

<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexboating.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

http://www.netknots.com/html/boating_knots.html

Bowline: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hldsTZTUI6E&feature=related>

Sheet Bend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3reZ3NuGaQ>

Clove Hitch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aewgmUeHpuE&feature=related>

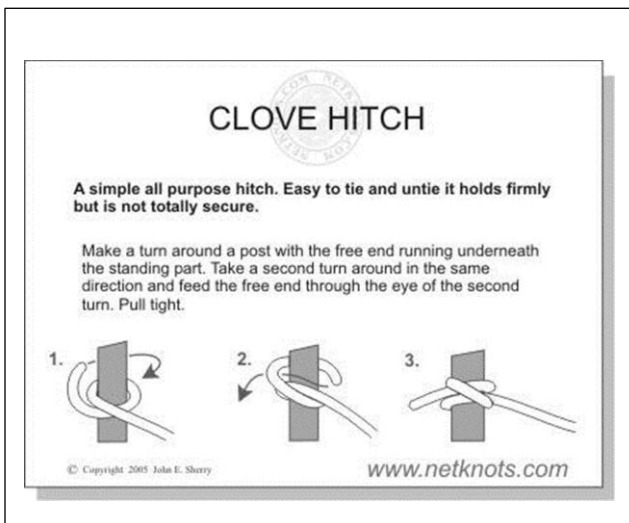
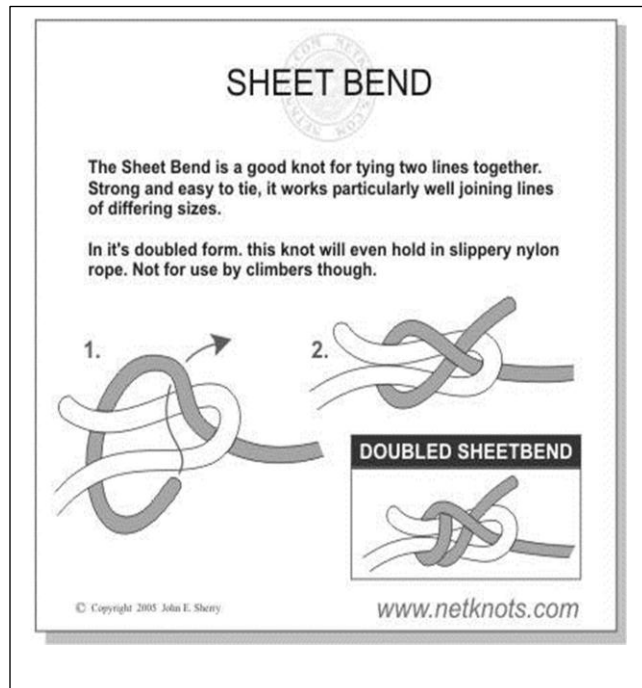
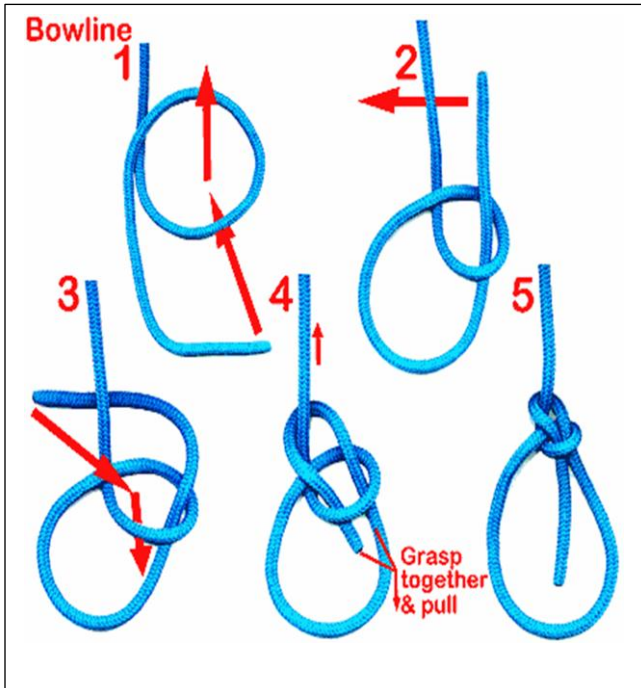
Two Half Hitches: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g93YpbVEXAM&feature=related>



Vince Kipp, 8-3,
demonstrates the
tying of a Bowline to
students in a public
education class.

“Knots” 4 You (cont’d)

Diagrams from the Internet



Electronic Experiments – Mixed reviews

Earlier this year, Flotilla 8-1 experimented at their meetings with advanced electronic software and hardware. In February, they used Skype as a possible cyber way of allowing their “snowbirds” to attend flotilla meetings. Unfortunately, before the connections with the members could be made, the bulb in the digital projector blew out not permitting the images to be projected onto the large screen. Instead, the laptop’s monitor was used. The reviews were mixed.

At the March meeting, the “away” members had returned so a second Skype attempt was put on hold until next winter. However, VFC Dave Wilson did use an amplified microphone. It worked as planned but again the reviews as to whether or not it was really necessary were mixed.



ADSO-CS Bob Babezki setting up the equipment for the Skype experiment.



Later, Bob served as cameraman during the meeting.



Note the small pic in the lower right corner of the monitor. That is what the “snowbird” sees.



VFC Dave Wilson using an amplified microphone.

Memorial Day 2012

Story – Joe Giannattasio

Photos – Elaine Silverlight & Joe Giannattasio

As they have done every Memorial Day since 1966, members of Flotilla 82 took an active part in the Memorial Day Observance held by the U. S. Coast Guard on the beach in Cape May, NJ.

Special guests at this event were CO TRACEN Capt William Kelly and his wife Angie, CDR Owen Gibbons, CDR Glenna Tredinnick, Master Chief Dawn Smith, and Cape May Mayor Dr. Edward J. Mahaney, Jr. The USCG Honor Guard was led by Chief Grover. Speeches were given in honor of those Americans who gave their lives protecting the freedoms that we continue to enjoy. The guests also paid tribute to our former and retired armed forces members and to the young men and women who are presently serving in our military.

The traditional Wreath Laying and Flower Boat Ceremony began with a twenty-one gun salute. During the bugle of Taps, a small boat laden with flowers and a floral wreath was towed from the beach by lifeguards of the Cape May Beach Patrol. Beyond the surf line, the tow was then transferred to Matt Copeland's Auxiliary facility. The ceremony concluded with the laying of a flower wreath on the boat by a crewman of the USCG RBS.

Afterwards, Flotilla 08-02 hosted everyone at the "Shack" for refreshments and good fellowship. Later, the flowers were distributed to area seniors residing at convalescent homes.

