



# OPERATION TURTLE

OR

all you ever  
wanted  
to  
know  
about  
*chelonia mydas*

but were  
afraid to ask



Pointing out the "drop area" (near the island of Niihau in the northern Hawaiian chain), CWO Charlie Cannon, TCO, (second from left) explains the maneuver to Mr. Ronald Walker, Acting Chief Wildlife Branch, State of Hawaii (far left), the BUTTONWOOD's navigator Ensign Ed Thompson, Mr. Eugene Kridler, Wildlife Administrator for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and Mr. David Olsen, Assistant Wildlife Administrator.



On Saturday 24 March another important milestone was added to the Coast Guard annals. OPERATION TURTLE began. Due to the obviously critical and unusual nature of the project (loading and transporting eleven sea turtles averaging over 300 pounds each) a TCO (Turtle Control Officer) was appointed aboard the Coast Guard Cutter BUTTONWOOD. Although the title changed hands it finally rested with CWO Charlie Cannon, the cutter's 1st Lieutenant. "The operation", according to Mr. Cannon, "went without a hitch, unless you want to count a few half hitches used to make the unusual guests safe and secure."



Although everyone was sure that the turtles would have preferred a different method, the loading of live cargo began with "coaxing" the Green Sea Turtles into a cargo net and gently placing them onto the buoy deck of the tender. Commands such as "watch that fin!" and references to the assumption that "they only bite Boatswain's Mates" could be heard throughout the operation. In the end the turtles were placed "shell down" in tires on the deck.



The loading operation accomplished, the new guests were immediately taken into the hearts of the crew. In the tradition of Coast Guardsmen throughout the world, the Coast Guard "trademark" was applied.

Upper right: LCDR Dave Smith, BUTTONWOOD's skipper, applies his artistic talent to the underside of an unidentified turtle.

*Story and Photos by  
PA1 John Stafford*



TCO Charlie Cannon, undecided as to whether his consignment was cargo or a part of the passenger list, tries to coax a name from one of the turtles. At last report he wasn't very successful, this particular creature being the strong silent type.



# ALCOHOLISM



As a nation, we have long been aware that alcoholism and the abuse of alcohol are widespread, serious problems in our society. We have reacted to these problems in various ineffective ways - by prohibiting alcohol, by punishing drunkenness, and by stigmatizing the alcoholic. Perhaps most commonly, we have tried to ignore the problem.

Mounting evidence indicates that such patterns cannot continue. Alcoholism has become such a widespread illness that it is currently regarded as one of the nation's foremost health problems. The relationship between alcoholism and alcohol abuse to other illnesses, accidents, crime, poverty, and a myriad of other problems is becoming tragically well known.

Less well known had been the impact of alcohol problems on the employer or command. However, the Comptroller General's report on "Alcoholism Among Military Personnel" estimated that the annual cost to the Federal Government due to alcoholism is \$240 million.

The Coast Guard is keenly aware that the incidence of alcoholism and alcohol misuse/abuse among its personnel, both military and civilian, is substantial and costly.

Recognizing that alcoholism is a highly complex illness, Coast Guard personnel having the illness will receive the same careful consideration and assistance, including treatment where applicable, that is currently authorized for personnel having any other illness. Nevertheless, the alcoholic must accept responsibility for his behavior, inasmuch as the acceptance of responsibility.



With a little help from her friends Sally Surefoot rushes to the side of a water liggered victim to give him her mouth to mouth recessitation treatment. Sally keeps up with water safety. Why don't you try to keep up with Sally?

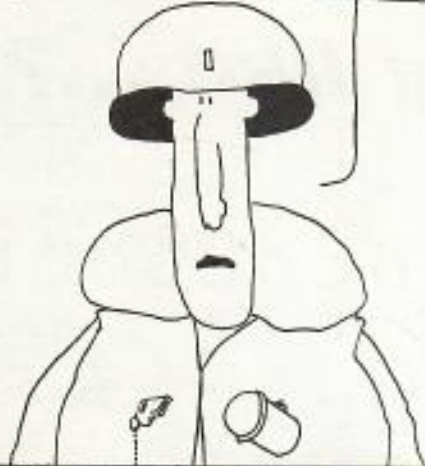
## Quiz Answer

After being just flooded by answers to our coconut puzzle in last month's Pacific Shield, we are forced to reveal the answer, 79.

Surprised?...so were we.



I KNOW YOUR DEVOTION TO THE COAST GUARD IS BOUNDLESS!!



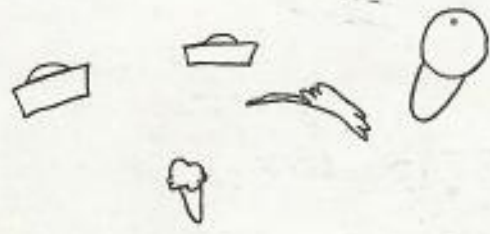
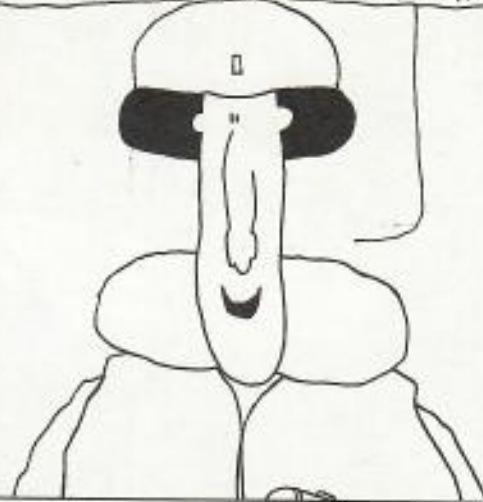
I KNOW YOU ALL ARE BRAVE AND FEARLESS SEAMEN!!



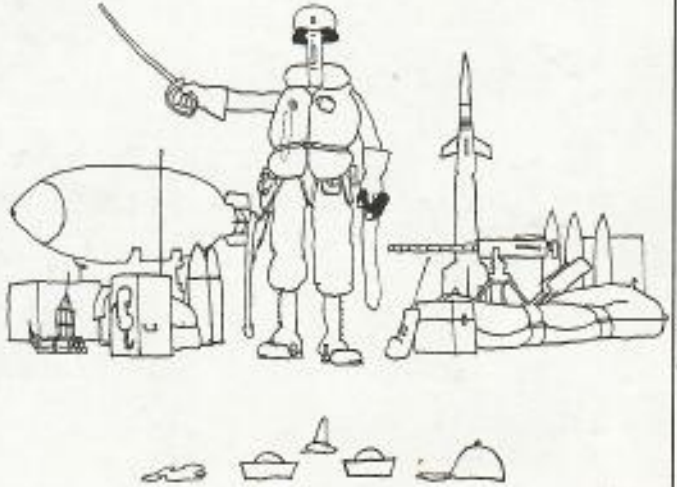
**SEMPER PARITUS**



THIS IS WHY I VOLUNTEERED ALL OF YOU FOR THIS VERY DANGEROUS MISSION!!!!



**ZWIT!!**



# ***What is an Officers Job really like....?***



If he has just taken command, it will be some time before he gets to know his unit.

If he has commanded the unit for some time, it is time for a change. If his previous duty was on a staff, he has been away for the troops too long.

If he has an abundance of command experience, he is in a rut.

If he takes charge, he should delegate more authority.

If he delegates too much authority, he is unsure of himself.

If he questions the judgement of his superiors, he is "fighting the problem".

If he concurs with his seniors, he is a "bootlicker" and lacks the guts and ability to rationalize.

If he tries to make the system work, he is impractical and does things the hard way.

If he cuts corners he will get his tailfeathers scorched if he hasn't already.

If he makes quick decisions, he is impulsive and doesn't consider their ramifications.

If he ponders the problem, he is indecisive.

If he supports his officers and chiefs, they have him snowed.

If he questions their judgement, he undercuts their morale.

If he requires his subordinates to work via the chain of command, he makes himself inaccessible.

If he has an open door policy, and makes himself accessible, he leaves himself open to letting personal feelings interfere with good judgement.

If he is considerate of his officers and men, he coddles them.

If he is a Spartan with his men, he is a sadist.

If his outfit has a high court martial rate, it is reflected in his ability to command.

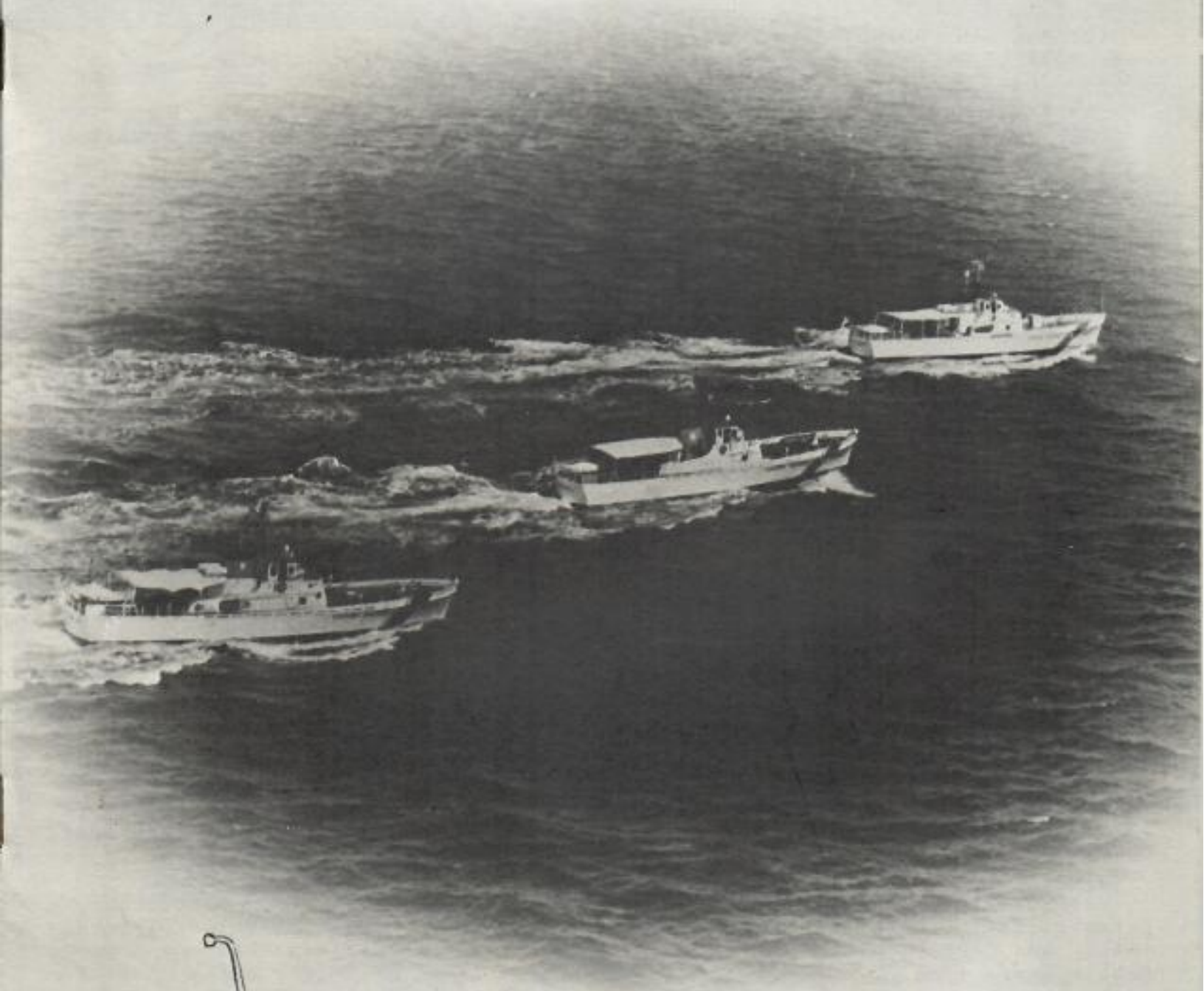
If his unit has a low court martial rate, then the men are getting away with murder.

If he...well whatever he does is wrong. It is a miracle that he was retained by the Coast Guard. He ought to retire while he is ahead.



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## In This Issue

Well Pacific Shield fans, your wish has come true; another issue of your favorite mag has hit the stands again. This month brings you the best in reading. A close look at man's best friend the turtle, heads the top of the list in good reading. A visit to the CAPE SMALL on her very special day and a host of small interesting articles to help you on your way. Have a good day...

## On The Cover

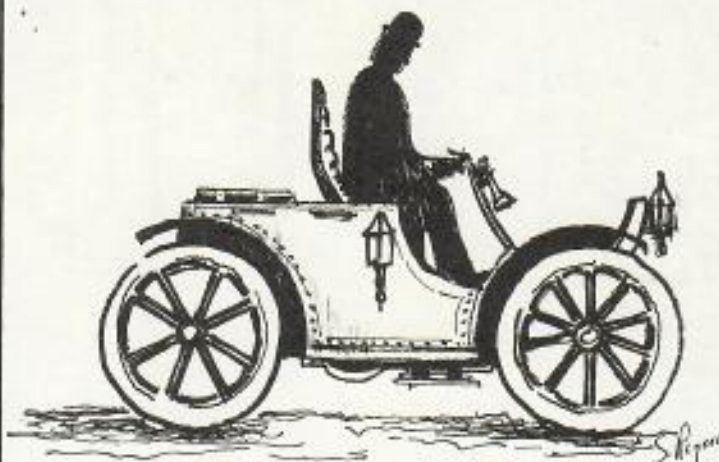
Posing with pride, our three 95ft patrol craft, (CAPE NEWAGEN, CAPE SMALL and CAPE CORWIN) speed along Oahu's shore line.

BACK

Treated in a special way a common sight aboard every Coast Guard ship becomes an interesting sculptor of lines

INSIDE. BACK

What else could you say?



Car exhaust is the chief cause of air pollution in this country.

Now experiments are underway to supplant the internal combustion engine. Little battery-driven cars are one possibility. So are other car engines that run on the principle of the team engine.

Experimental models of electric cars have been developed by two major American auto companies. A recent opinion poll shows that as many as 50 million Americans might be interested in buying an electric runabout, especially if the cost is under \$2,000. At the moment, however, there are real disadvantages to the electric cars. They can travel only one hundred miles at a stretch. And they can go only 60 miles per hour.

When the batteries run down, they can be recharged overnight by plugging the car into an electrical outlet. And the electric car - which, causes no air or noise pollution can be useful for short trips within city limits, where pollution is heavy.

Another kind of nonpolluting car will work like a steam engine but will use a chemical called Freon, widely used as a cooling agent in refrigeration, instead of water.

The engine, the manufacturers claim, has almost pollution free exhaust and emits less than one part, per million of deadly carbon monoxide compared to about 25,000 parts per million emitted by present internal combustion engines.

There is really no telling what the future holds in the way to transportation.



## *GERONIMO....!*

A disgruntled air crewman vying for early liberty? No, these photos were taken of a periodic training program that Coast Guard Air Station Barber's Point has recently undertaken. Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachment team members display their prowess in another method of air-sea rescue.



## HISTORY NOTES

- 1791 Hopley Yeaton commissioned as "Master of a Cutter in the Service of the United States for the Protection of Revenue" This was the first commission to a seagoing officer in the U.S. It was signed by George Washington and witnessed by Thomas Jefferson (Mar 21)
- 1898 Lieutenants Jarvis, Bertholf, Surgeon Call of the cutter BEAR reach Point Barrow on their historic mission bringing relief to almost 300 stranded, starving whalers. (Mar 29)
- 1944 The Coast Guard manned USS LEOPOLD torpedoed off Iceland with loss of all officers and 158 of 186 enlisted men (Mar - 9)
- 1951 Ron Marlett is born, family banned from city (Mar 6)
- 1971 Ensign Bafflestir is born (Mar 15)



Break, break, break,  
On thy cold gray stones, O sea!  
And I would that my tongue could utter  
The thoughts that arise in me

TENNYSON

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## QUAINT QUOTE

When I was happy I thought I knew men, but it was fated that I should know them in misfortune only.

By Guess Who? \_\_\_\_\_

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# SS3 ON TOP

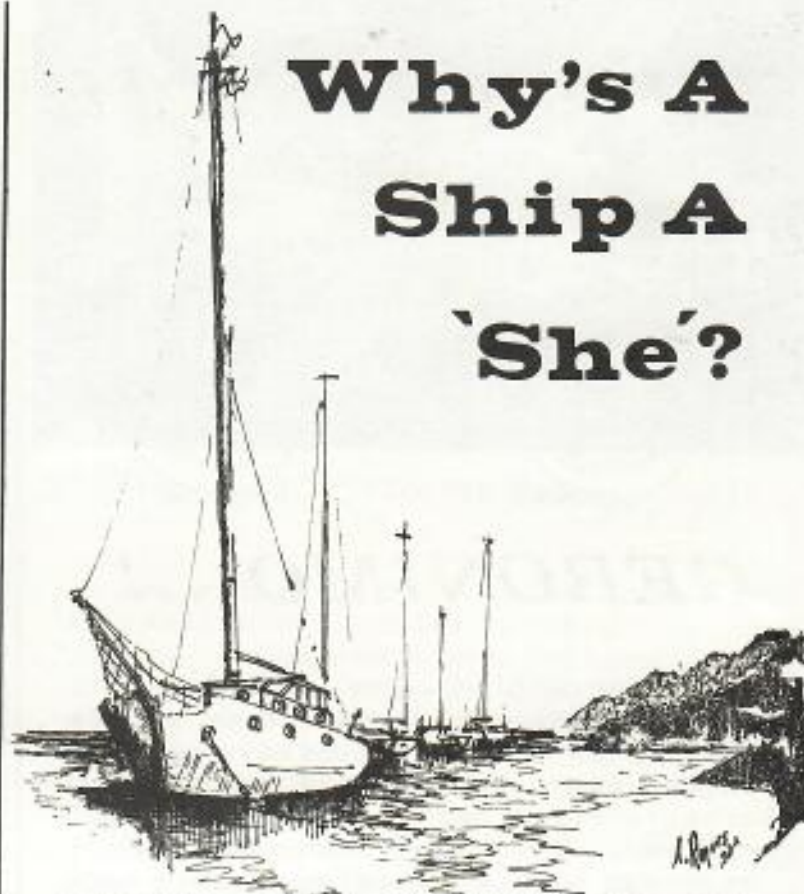
I am very pleased to note the generally outstanding performance of all segments of the SS3 Chain during Jan.

LORSTA VAP deserves special praise for its 100 percent operation. This exceptional accomplishment reflects both a great deal of teamwork and individual attention to duty.

I wish all of you continued success in providing excellent loran coverage to NWPAC. Well done.

RADM PRINS

# Why's A Ship A 'She'?



A SHIP IS CALLED A "SHE" BECAUSE SHE'S ALL DECKED OUT AND USUALLY PRETTY WELL STACKED. SHE HAS PLEASING LINES FROM STEM TO STERN AND THERE'S GENERALLY A GANG OF MEN AROUND HER.

IT'S NOT HER INITIAL COST THAT BREAKS YOU; IT'S THE UPKEEP. HER RIGGING COSTS A FORTUNE AND SHE ALWAYS LOOKS HER BEST IN A NEW COAT OF PAINT.

THERE'S USUALLY A LOT OF BUSTLE ABOUT HER, BUT SHE USUALLY MANAGES TO SHOW OFF HER SUPERSTRUCTURE TO ADVANTAGE.

WHEN ENTERING HOME PORT SHE HEADS STRAIGHT FOR THE BUOYS. WHEN YOU WANT TO ATTRACT HER ATTENTION, A WHISTLE'S THE APPROPRIATE SIGNAL.

ONCE YOU GET OT KNOW HER, YOU NEVER WANT TO LEAVE HER. ON A BALMY NIGHT OR ON A CALM MOONLIT NIGHT, SHE CAN MAKE MEN FORGET THEIR TROUBLES.

FINALLY, SHE HAS AS MANY TRICKS AND TREASES AS ANY WOMAN AND CONSEQUENTLY IT TAKES A VERY CAPABLE MAN TO HANDLE ONE PROPERLY.

Author Unkown  
(Probably a Bachelor)

CREDIT TO THE CAPE MAY EAGLE

## PHYSICAL-NOTE

In the past decade, a Coast Guard service wide physical fitness program has been administered in varying degrees of accomplishment. This program has not achieved the goal of insuring that all personnel are in prime physical condition on a day to day basis. This may be attributed to the lack of any form of recognition of superior and outstanding physical fitness accomplishments.

The President's Council on Physical fitness and sports has established the Presidential Sports award as an incentive to get more adults, 18 years of age and up, to become active participants in their favorite sport(s) rather than being just spectators.

Standards for the Presidential sports award program were developed by the council in cooperation with 45 major sports governing bodies and coaches' associations. The award is being offered in 31 sports, ranging from archery to water skiing. The list includes such esoteric (and increasingly popular) sports as orienteering and kayaking, plus such standbys as bowling, tennis, golf, cycling, skiing, jogging and swimming. The basic principle governing qualification for the new award is a minimum of 50 hours of participation spread over at least 50 activity sessions within a four month period. Concessions have been made in a few sports where seasons are short or access to facilities is limited. Upon completion of the award requirements and payment of a \$3.00 fee, participants in the award program will receive a certificate bearing President Nixon's signature, an enameled pin and an embroidered emblem.

Personnel are encouraged to participate in this excellent physical fitness program. A free personal log book; which when completed and signed serves as an application form and a set of qualifying standards for all 31 sports may be obtained by writing to:

PRESIDENTIAL SPORTS AWARD  
P.O. BOX 129  
RADIO CITY STATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019



## A THOUGHTFUL DONATION

YN2 Peggy Blackman, a veteran of nearly 16 years active service recently presented a tricycle to the School for Blind Girls in Cholon, Saigon, South Vietnam. Peggy has helped support the school since "about 1965 when the Coast Guard began its involvement in Vietnam." The school was originally "adopted" by Coast Guardsmen serving with Squadron One. The tricycle is only the most recent in a continuing line of gifts ranging from money to clothing and "a transistor radio for each of the girls at Christmas."

Yeoman Blackman visited the school in February of 1972, thus becoming the only SPAR to have "served" in Vietnam. Since Peggy originally enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II she also holds the distinction of being the only SPAR to have "served" in two wars.

Peggy is currently yeoman for the Chief, Engineering Division, 14th Coast Guard District.

The staff of Pacific Shield joins with the 14th District in offering a "well done" to our favorite SPAR.

# 20



The Coast Guard Cutter CAPE SMALL marked her 20th anniversary in ceremonies held in Hilo this month. The CAPE SMALL, is the first cutter to be built for the Coast Guard in her class, was launched on 19th March 1953 at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Maryland.

Being 20 years "young" hasn't affected the search and rescue craft's performance during a recent operational inspection the cutter and her 16 man crew scored an overall excellent in all phases of operation. The CAPE SMALL has spent her first twenty years stationed in Hilo serving the island of Hawaii and the south eastern area of the Hawaiian chain. During that time she has been involved in

numerous search and rescue cases and credited with saving over one-half million dollars worth of marine property at sea last year alone.

The CAPE SMALL along with more than 30 sister ships which later followed were built to replace the wooden-hulled 83 foot patrol boats. The 14th District is sure that the CAPE SMALL will continue to play an important role in the Hawaiian are for years to come.

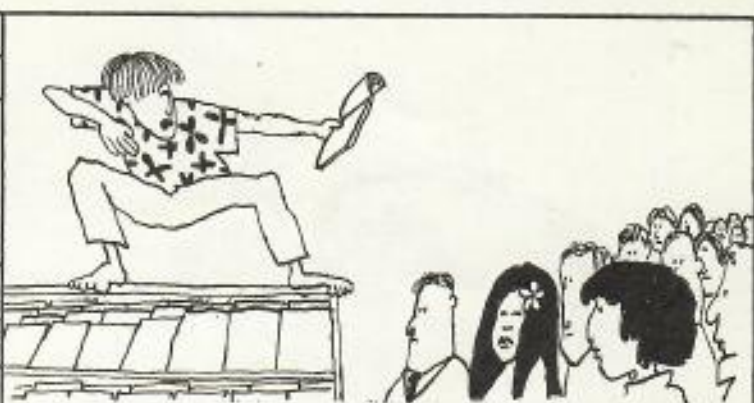
CONGRATULATIONS



# Surfing With Ron Marlett



The eighth lesson is buying your first surf magazine. Go to the nearest paper back stand and look between the porno magazines and the comic books. This geographical position is not done by mistake but by theory of "if you see one surf magazine, you've seen them all".



Take the surf magazine off the stand and begin breezing through it. Everytime you see a photograph, start hooting and say any of these listed expressions. "All Right", "Righteous", "Yeouuuw", "Wuta", "Right On", "Get it On". Be careful not to say, Boss, Groovey, Going Sixty, Twitjin, and Insville because you would not be excepted into the majority group who practices idiotic and meaningless habits to fulfill thier security from being rejected themselves.



Here is a typical picture out of any surf magazine on the market today. The caption will probably read "LOCAL OFF THE LIP/ALA MOANA." The surfer is usually defying the law of gravity on a huge wave, which makes you wonder if he ever made it. This is why you rarely see photographs in sequence because you would never buy the magazine if you knew all the photos were wipe outs and not rides.

The interview with a professional surfer is important in the magazine because it takes up a lot of space. Here is a typical interview:

- S.M. Is it true that you rolled a Tsunami ?  
 P.S.  
 S.M. What was your thoughts when you saw it ?  
 P.S.  
 S.M. Will you ever try it again ?  
 P.S.  
 S.M. Whats your opinion of the new swallowtail surf boards ?  
 P.S.



# AWARDS

## CPO COPS DUAL AWARD



Chief Engineman John Sawicki collected double kudos at recent ceremonies picking up the Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals. While serving in the Coast Guard Cutter Kukui ENC Sawicki upgraded the operation of that vessel's main propulsion plant through his leadership and professional competence, thus winning the Coast Guard Commendation Medal. He garnered his Achievement Medal on board his present unit, CGC Buttonwood, for superior performance of duty as Main Propulsion Project Leader.

Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Andrew Anderson and Senior Chief Engineman Marvin Gaines of Cape Small both received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for outstanding supervision in the construction and administration of remodeling the Mooring Building. The job was very professional and achieved with limited funds. The vessel was also affected by the creative hands of her crew. The sincere dedication brought Letters of Commendation to the following men: ENCS Marvin Gaines, BMC Joseph Kephart, QMC Stephen Day, EN1 Edward Penk, ET2 Donald Opedal, and EM3 Rodney Mastauskas. The Coast Guard looks forward to your continuing ingenuity and efforts in improving your equipment and unit's performance.

Chief Warrant Officer Leonard Bobrowski got the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for outstanding leadership in organizing military, and yard personnel in improving the CGC Buttonwood's hull and engineering plant. He also assisted in the installation of the ship's new auxiliary generators.

The awards and presentations given out this month were all quite varied. Two Letters of Commendation heads the list for this issue along with one Letter of Appreciation also being given out.

In a letter of appreciation, Mayor Frank Fasi gives his thanks to Base Sand Islands Fire Fighters. Since February, Coast Guard Fire Fighters have been responding along with Honolulu Fire Department in seven maliciously set fires on Sand Island. Mayor Fasi says "We look forward to a continued pleasant relationship between the Fourteenth Coast Guard District and the City and County of Honolulu."

### Letters of Commendation

LCDR Dean L. Webster  
HMCS Brendan A. O'Keefe

### Letter of Appreciation

CS1 Robert C. Smith

