

## **1950s**

**1950:** First 8-lesson boating safety course developed.

**1951:** Bert C. Pouncey, Jr. elected first National Commodore at the first National Conference; National Board is created.

**1952:** AUXOP established as original premier operational training program.

**1953:** CG-289, first Courtesy Marine Examination manual issue.

1955 Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) program is begun which recruits potential cadets for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Presently, approximately 200 high school students get a taste of "swab summer" prior to their senior years by attending AIM Week at the Academy each year.

Operations in 17th District in Alaska reactivated following hiatus after World War II.

**1957:** Ole Evinrude Award presented to Auxiliary for its "outstanding contribution to recreational boating afloat."

**1958:** Auxiliary helps implement provisions of the Federal Boating Act as well as new vessel numbering system through public education and CME programs. State law enforcement officials are trained in the new law and seamanship. Between 1950 and 1960, 18 million Americans move to the suburbs, a factor that increases the number of boating "enthusiasts" to 40 million by 1959.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaims National Safe Boating Week under Congressional resolution. First initiated under the leadership of Steve Sadowski of the 1st Coast Guard District in 1952.

**1959:** First operations manual/training course initiated.