WOW!
“Pushbutton” Websites

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January 25, 2015

WOW is a project of the National Information Technology’s Computer Software & Systems Department
What You Will Hear Today

- Overview – Why WOW
- Review a few sample pages from existing WOW websites
- Logging into the WOW dashboard
- Adding an External Link
- Adding a New Announcement
- Editing an Existing Announcement
- Adding a Photograph
- Adding a menu item linking to Public Boating Education page
- Changing an External Menu Item
- Role Based Pages
- Contact Form & Hidden Menu
- Using WOW as a secondary site
Welcome to the Flotilla 4-3, District 5NR Web Site

Who We Are
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Our Vision
Flotilla 4-3 Contact and Meeting Information

Serving the Broomall PA Area

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Location: PAXSON HOLLOW MID. SCH. BROOMALL
Meeting Time: 1ST MONDAY of each month, at 19:00 hours.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES:

Flotilla Commander (FC)
Timothy M. Crann

Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC)
Richard O. Danley

Human Resources (FSO-HR)
Larry Faden
### Flotilla 4-3 Staff List

**Elected Officers**

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<td>FSO-SR  Secretary/Records</td>
<td>Anthony Dimaggio</td>
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<td>FSO-VE  Vessel Examination</td>
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Flotilla 4-3 Member Training

Friday, August 17, 2012

USCG AUX
AUXWeb

Flotilla 4-3
Broomall

Division 4
About Flotilla 4-3
What's New!
Member Training
Boating Courses
Vessel Exam Info
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Uniforms
Other Sites of Interest
Members Only
Member Activities
Photographs
7029 eForm
7020 Webform

5NR WOW Pushbutton Website Presentation
Here is a buoy that made us do a double take.

It is a green nun Buoy, it is on the green side of the channel, it is marked with an odd number. But if we rely on shape ??? WE ARE IN TROUBLE.
Creating Your New WOW Website

You will Need:

- To presently Not Have a WOW Site
- Your Auxiliary Employee ID
- Your Member Zone Password
- Your Unit Number
- To go to http://wow.uscgaux.info
This site uses your National Member Zone credentials

Obtain or Change a Password

Log Into Auxiliary WOW II Website

Auxiliary Employee ID

Member Zone Password

Unit (e.g., 081-03-24)

Log In

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(2) Use is strictly limited to listed members of Coast Guard Forces.
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Logging In

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Adding An External Link

You will Need:

• To be logged in to your WOW Site
• The menu name for your link
• A tip or description for your link
• The URL of where you want it to go
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Please Note:
The 1-800-368-5647 Boating Safety Hotline number has been discontinued.

Manuals
- Manuals
- Auxiliary Forms (maintained by the Auxiliary "I" Department)
- ANSC Catalog
- ALCOASTS released to the Auxiliary (prior to 29 February 2008)
- All ALCOASTS as of 29 February 2008

Publications
- SITREP
- Navigator
- CG Magazine
- CG Reservist
Editing an Existing Page

You will Need:

• *To be logged in to your WOW Site*

• *The information you want to change or add*
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New Uniforms Announcement Entry Page

Caption

Posted By: Linda Skvarla

Posted Date: 15 Aug 2011

Start Date: 15 Aug 2011 (Do not display before)

End Date: (Do not display after/leave empty for "perpetual")

Sequence: 20

Protected: No

Show on page?

To enter/edit HTML directly (not recommended) click on the HTML button (lower left).

For help with the editor above, please visit the Cute Editor Help Files.
Flotilla 4-8 Uniform Information

District 7 Material Center - The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7 Material Center is an excellent source for Auxiliary items!

Soldier City - A great site to purchase Forced Entry 8 inch Tactical Boot with Slide Zipper at a great price! These boots are just as good as the Super Boot at half the cost!

- Full grain leather vamp, action leather upper
- Pigskin leather collar
- Steel shank
- Gusseted tongue
- Slip resistant sole
- Rust proof hardware
- Speed laces
- Moisture wicking lining
- Height: 8 inch
- Available in black

District 11 NR Store - The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 11 Northern Region one stop shopping for Coast Guard Auxiliary Items!
Adding a Public Boating Class Link

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- Interest in providing a link to Boating Classes
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Our Mission
To minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of U.S. Waterways by the public.

Join the Auxiliary
Entire Boating Courses page and all content deleted.

What's New With WOW II?

PE CALENDAR: ENTERING THE SAME COURSE WITH DIFFERENT DATES (CLONE)
If you are offering the same Public Boating Course several times during the year, you or your PE officer may enter it one time, and then "clone" it repeatedly, changing the dates, etc. for each additional copy, as required.

To do so, in the PE Dashboard, simply EDIT the course you want to clone, change the necessary information, and use the 'SAVE AS NEW' button.

This technique may also be used after a course has concluded, and you wish to re-use the information for a future course. In such a case, do not simply change the dates and use SAVE, for this does not send a new "Notice of Intent to Teach" to the DSP-PE, but use the SAVE AS NEW button.

WOW II AND CHANGES OF WATCH (STAFF CHANGES)
End of the year is election time, and as new leaders are elected, the changes in leadership are inevitably recorded into AuxData. When those changes percolate down to AuxOfficer (1-3 weeks), then the "About This [Unit]" page and the Staff List pages will automatically change to reflect the new postings.

If it bothers you if the new staff appear much before your change of watch, then your only recourse is to ask the appropriate IS officer to hold off on entering the changes in AuxData until a few weeks before the change of watch. If holding off beyond a certain date is contrary to certain District deadlines, then your unit will just have to remain calm, and recognize that the subsequent year's crop of officers will show up equally as prematurely, and everybody will have been treated equally and consistently, year over year.

ADDING YOUR OWN CONTENT TO THE DEFAULT HOME PAGE
Many of you have expressed interest in "hacking" the default home page to add your own photographs, or additional content.

The default home page is built-in, and cannot be edited per se. However, there is nothing preventing you from creating your own home page with exactly the same underlying code as is used on the default home page. All you need is the code. Well, here it is:

http://wow.uscgaux.info/documents/story.zip

Here is how you use it:

http://wow.uscgaux.info/documents/story.zip
The Public Boating Courses Dashboard is accessed through the 053-04-03 website, from the Public Boating Courses page. You must be logged on as a flotilla commander (FC), vice flotilla commander (VFC), public education flotilla staff officer (FSO-PE) or instructor (IT).

Since you meet one or more of these criteria already, the button below is for your convenience to reach the PE Dashboard directly.
### Auxiliary Public Boating Courses Nearby

**Course Finder by ZIP Code**
Click SUBMIT with no data to display courses offered specifically by this unit.

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<tr>
<th>Your ZIP Code</th>
<th>19468</th>
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<tr>
<td>Distance in Miles</td>
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**Courses Offered Within a Radius of 50 Miles**

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<th>START DATE</th>
<th>LOCATION/DIST</th>
<th>CONTACT</th>
<th>DETAILS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Boating Skills &amp; Seamanship</td>
<td>Thu, 20 Sep 2012, 5 Weeks App</td>
<td>Pottstown, PA 6 Miles</td>
<td>Mary Ann Gindlesperger <a href="mailto:jegmag@verizon.net">jegmag@verizon.net</a></td>
<td>Flyer Map</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sailing Skills &amp; Seamanship</td>
<td>Tue, 18 Sep 2012, 2 Hours</td>
<td>West Chester, PA 15 Miles</td>
<td>Sharyn Flaherty <a href="mailto:sharyn@chestercountynightschool.org">sharyn@chestercountynightschool.org</a></td>
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<td>About Boating Safely</td>
<td>Wed, 05 Sep 2012, 2 Hrs Each Night</td>
<td>Media, PA 20 Miles</td>
<td>Timothy Crann <a href="mailto:timcrann@comcast.net">timcrann@comcast.net</a></td>
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Add/Edit Public Boating Courses

053-04-03

There are currently no entries. Click "Add New Course" to enter a new course.

WARNING: If you have difficulty entering a specific address, submit a Feedback/Bug Report and include the entire exact address you were attempting.

ADD NEW COURSE  RETURN TO UNIT PAGE  FEEDBACK/BUG REPORT

Request: list_classes  Menu ID:  Fallback:  Rights: Dash: OK, PE: OK,
Category:  Upper template: dash.tpl  Lower template: pe_listing.tpl

WOW System conceived and programmed by Bill Pritchard • Additional code by Steve Johnson
# Add Public Education Course

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Changing an External Menu Link

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• To know menu name of the page you want to change
• To have either a new menu name or a new link or both
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aDDdddf.ww.uscgauz.info
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where "DDdddf" is your 7-digit canonical unit number without dashes, such as "1141204" for District 11SR.
Welcome to the Flotilla 4-3, District 5NR Web Site

Who We Are

The Coast Guard’s philosophy is to be SEMPER PARATUS (ALWAYS READY) against all threats and all hazards. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of that philosophy and the Coast Guard Forces. We conduct safety patrols on local waterways, assist the Coast Guard with homeland security duties, teach boating safety classes, conduct free vessel safety checks for the public, as well as many other activities. The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam.

Our Vision
Using Role Based Pages

What are Role Based Pages

In typical use, WOW webmasters normally create three types of pages in WOW: unprotected, “protected,” and “hidden.” The characteristics of these three types of pages are as follows:

• Unprotected pages are those which are visible to all viewers,
• Protected pages are only visible in the “Member Zone”, that is, to Auxiliary users who have “logged on.”
• Hidden Pages are unprotected pages that do not appear in the left navigation menu.
Role Based Pages

Unprotected and protected pages are automatically shown in the left navigation menu, with protected pages identified with a special “Do Not Enter” icon “∅”. As mentioned above, hidden pages do not appear in the left navigation menu.

Role-based Pages allow webmasters to create protected pages that only appear in the left navigation menu when a user is both “logged on” and has either a specific qualification (INT, AIROBS, etc.) and/or a specific office (FSO-CS, DSO-CS, etc.). This information is captured when the Auxiliary user logs on. Like other protected pages, role-based pages are identified with a special “Do Not Enter” icon “∅”.

Uses for Role Based Pages

Role-based pages can be used whenever you want to share information with only a select group of individuals. Some examples might include:

• Team creating a training session for FSO’s/SO’s in a division.
• Pages for special interest groups.

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Creating a Role Based Page

The “visibility” of a WOW page (protected or unprotected) is controlled by radio buttons in the MENU AREA of the WOW Dashboard. Any page can be turned into a role-based page simply by clicking a new fourth radio button captioned “Role”.

![Add Custom Menu Item](image-url)
Once you select the Role radio button, a new field will appear labeled “Offices/Quals.” The Offices/Quals field is used to enter a list of offices and/or qualifications that are required to view this page.
Simply type one or more official codes for the offices and/or qualifications into the field provided, separated by commas, spaces – or any other delimiter except the dash (\textendash) – as shown below. Also, the entries may be in upper or lower case and any mixture of either.
Click on **Save Menu** after you have completed your entry. The program will check to ensure that all qualifications and offices that were entered are valid and if so, the list will be alphabetized and cleaned up when the page is refreshed (see example below).

![Example](image-url)
If you enter an office or a qualification that does not exist, the menu will still be saved. However, the entry or entries that were in error (in this case, YSO-MT) will not be included in the list of roles, and an error message will appear at the top of the Dashboard. To correct the error, simply re-enter the correct code and click on Save Menu.
Office & Qualification Codes

Office and qualification (competency) codes are defined in AuxData, the Auxiliary’s database of record, and appear in AuxDirectory/AuxOfficer, in individual member records. In addition, most office codes are defined in the Auxiliary Manual.

The easiest way to find the official code for any qualification is to visit AuxDirectory at:

http://auxofficer.cgaux.org

and find the qualification of interest under “Qualifications” in the Power Search panel on the right side of the home page. Then, simply hover your mouse over the qualification, and the code will pop up in a “tool tip”.
Conclusion

Role-based pages should be used whenever you want to limit the viewing to “Member Zone” individuals with a specific qualification(s) or office(s). They will be particularly useful when you need to share “special” information with a select group. Do not forget however, that any “special” information must actually be on the WOW page (that is, entered into an announcement), and not simply uploaded documents “linked” from that page. Documents uploaded to the Internet in general, and WOW specifically, are both discoverable and visible to the entire world.

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For more information on Role Based Pages, please go to:

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This site uses your National Member Zone credentials

Obtain or Change a Password

Log Into Auxiliary WOW II Website

Auxiliary Employee ID

Member Zone Password

Unit (e.g., 081-03-24)

Log In

NOTICE:

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**Our Mission**
To minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of U.S. Waterways by the public.

**Join the Auxiliary**
If you are 17 years or older, a United States citizen and have a desire to enhance your boating knowledge, your on-the-water skills, and/or assist the United States Coast Guard in an organized and professional manner, and also have fun, you should consider joining Flotilla 4-3 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary!

**Contact Us**

Enter your name

Email Address

Message

Submit Form  Clear Form
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WOW II User's Guide (Draft Rev 2.4, April 16, 2012)

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Future Plans

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A preliminary presentation on the WOW II system is available for download. Local DSO-CS and SO-CS officers are encouraged to tailor it to their own needs, and present it at division meetings. At the present time, there is no available script, but one is being contemplated. Check the revision date below for updates.

WOW II PowerPoint Presentation (September 6, 2011)
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to Explore
Keeping Your Original Site and Using WOW as a Secondary Site

• Units with an existing web site that want to keep this site as their primary public site may still benefit from a WOW website.

• The most common way to do this is to have a menu link from the original public site forward to a link on a page of the WOW site where you want to add a feature such as photos, etc. On the WOW site, add an External Link labeled “Main Web Site,” that points back to the home page of the main web site.
How Do I Get My WOW Site on the 5NR and National Sites?

• Once your website is ready to be listed on the 5NR or National Site
• In an email to Linda Skvarla, send her your Flotilla’s name, number, location (street address, city, state and zip code)
• Include Webmaster’s and/or Administrator’s name(s), address, telephone number, and email address
• Linda Skvarla’s email is: webmaster5304@juno.com
Additional Information

• **Current user guide:**

  http://wow.uscgaux.info/user_docs/AuxiliaryWOW_II_Users_Guide.pdf

  Menu Item under WOW Utilities

  Use this to report any bugs or problems
Summary

• Overview – Why WOW
• Quick Review of existing WOW websites
• Logged into the WOW dashboard
• Added an External Link
• Added a New Announcement
• Edited an Existing Announcement
• Added a link to Public Boating Courses
• Changed an External Menu Item
• How to create Role Based Pages
• Explored the contact form & hidden menu options
• Discussed using WOW as a secondary site