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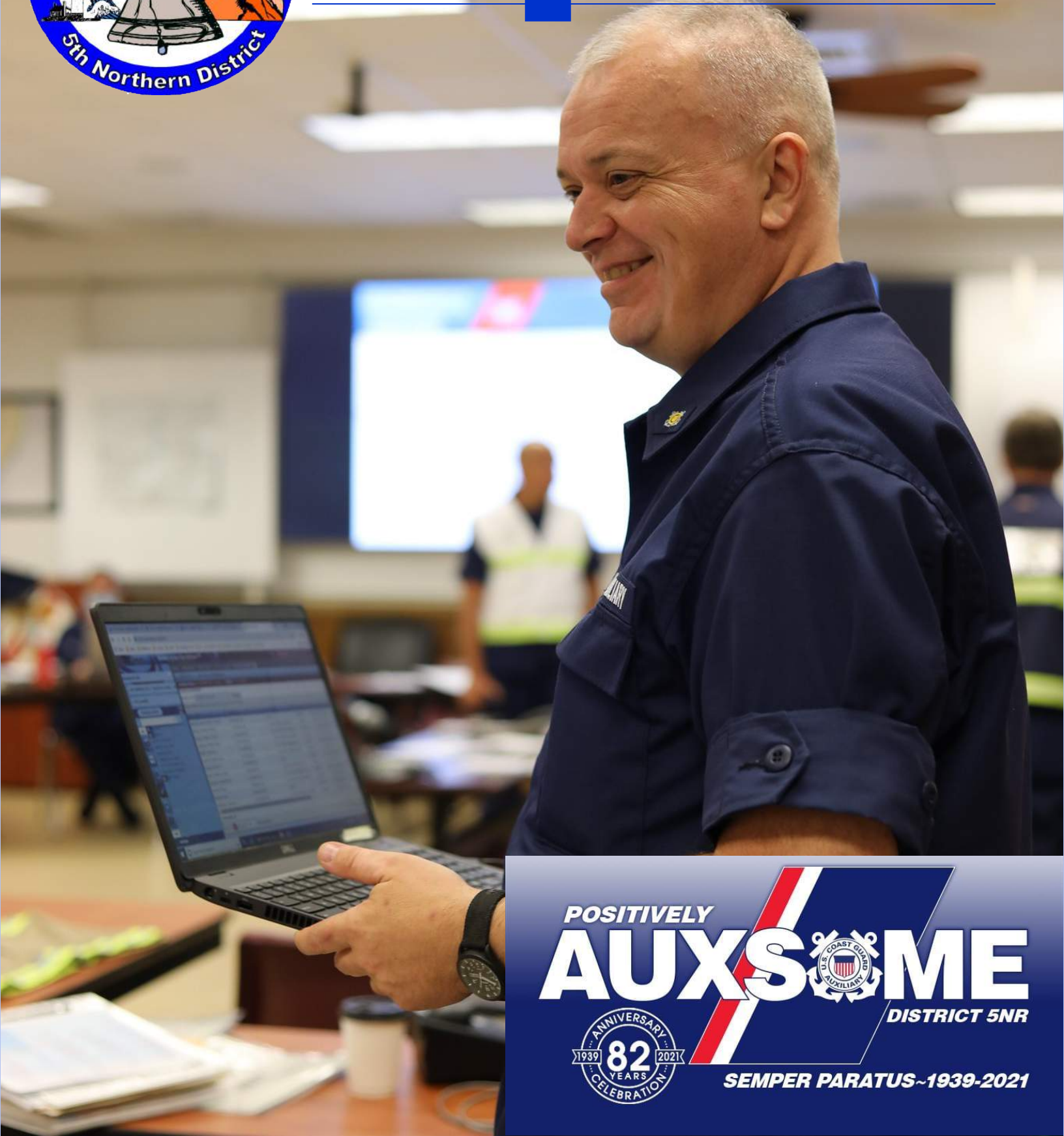
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Front Cover: Philadelphia; Michael Pittinger is hard at work during the Incident Management Auxiliary Support Team (IMAST) Hurricane Exercise at Sector Delaware Bay on July 12-15, 2021. More photographs of the exercise are on page 48 in this newsletter.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Barbara Sama

From the Desk of the Commodore

7 Benefits of Auxiliary Membership that Will Inspire You to Take Action

by **COMO Joseph Giannattasio**

Why be an active Auxiliarist? The benefits of being a proactive Auxiliarist can last a lifetime—not only for those who you are helping, but for you as well. If you are on the gunwale about diving into a new Auxiliary experience or have doubts about whether or not participating is right for you, you might find yourself surprised at just how much you can gain from taking the plunge.

Let's learn more about the many benefits of being an effective member and how to start getting involved!



Commodore Joseph Giannattasio
District Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region

1. You get to Network and Socialize with others.

As a member of a flotilla and division in your community, you meet a lot of people you might not otherwise get to know. For example, I've been a boater for decades, so I knew certain people in the local boating community. Yet when I joined the Auxiliary, not only did I meet a variety of boat owners, I also met workers and service people from other aspects of the maritime industry. If I had stayed cocooned in my fair-wind-sailor life, I never would have met these interesting people! Now they're some of my closest friends, and they've helped me expand my social life, as well as led to many important professional contacts. Getting outside of your usual circle really helps expand your life.

2. Accrue the Health Benefits of being an Auxiliarist.

It's true! There are many physical benefits that come from volunteering, and most important is that it can help reduce stress! Spending meaningful time with others can reduce stress and the health effects it has on our bodies. Reduced stress translates into several physical health benefits. You'll sleep better, get sick less often, and even prevent heart disease! In fact, some studies have even found lower mortality rates in volunteers vs non-volunteers in older adults. This makes sense because as we give our attention to others, we take our attention off of our own problems and concerns. It can also put our stresses into perspective and feel more gratitude in our day-to-day lives.

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From the Desk of the Commodore, continued

3. You gain Experience.

Training, qualifying, and participating in various Auxiliary activities will give you a variety of new experience, whether you're doing something you've never done before, or even if you're using your everyday skills for a new purpose. Never be afraid to ask questions or ask for help when you're an Auxiliarist. Make sure you understand what you're expected to do so you can get the most out of it, as well as help the most you can. Then you'll have experience that you can use the more you're involved in the organization, or take it with you on your vocations, or even take it back to your regular job.

4. You Fulfill your Potential.

The Auxiliary can help you fulfill your potential. Getting paid to do certain duties is one thing, but do you leave your job every day feeling like you're tapped out, that you've done all you can do, and that you've helped others? It's rare to feel that fulfilled from a paid position. Serving the Coast Guard and your community helps you be more well-rounded, which means you can still work full-time at one position while doing something different in the Auxiliary. Doing a variety of different skills and missions will help you feel like you're using your full potential.

5. Increase your Brain Functioning.

Every Auxiliary opportunity has its own set of tasks, and some of those might require you to learn new skillsets and challenge yourself. This means you'll be keeping your brain busy and limber! Volunteering has been shown to increase your ability for problem solving, increase your long-term and short-term memory, and reduce your risk of developing age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's. So, time to get started!

6. You get Satisfaction.

Being a Coast Guard Auxiliarist is about helping others, but it's ok to feel good about what you do. You should get satisfaction from helping others. Make sure you allow yourself to accept thanks and compliments from Auxiliary leadership and the active duty, and let yourself feel proud of your hard work. You're going above and beyond by helping out for nothing in return, so soak up that appreciation and pat yourself on the back!

7. You Help Others.

It's obvious, right? The Auxiliary is about helping others. But it's a great reason to volunteer. It's so easy to get caught up in the daily grind, getting swept away by small problems that seem important to you but don't really matter in the scheme of things. But serving the Coast Guard and your Country out of the good in your heart is an amazing reason to do anything, and hopefully this reason alone will inspire you to go out and be more involved today!

Whether you are helping set up tables and chairs for a flotilla meeting, a Program Visitor supplying a Vendor Partner, or supporting a Coast Guard unit, when your efforts go towards making the Auxiliary better for all members, we all feel better. It's a win-win situation.

Good luck on your search for the right Auxiliary experience for you and let us know how your experience goes! Thank you, Shipmate!

J. Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W

Welcome back to doing what we have missed over the last year! It certainly is great to be back into operations with only a few restrictions remaining. The Western Area had a great start to the season. Without knowing what the future held, the majority of the membership had spent the first part of the 2021 getting ready for the anticipated season of activity. Preparation with virtual training sessions, some limited in-person activity, and just doing what had to be done to be Semper Paratus post Covid. AUXDATA II created some hurdles, but never stopping this group from finding ways to work around the challenges. Members have remained strong and determined, coming back into the Auxiliary workforce with a renewed passion for what has been missing over the last year. Recruitment has increased, reflecting a well-needed growth in membership for the District.

While it is awesome to have the renewed sense of excitement, it is also important for all of us to periodically review our goals, missions, proper uniform wear, etc., remaining cautiously vigilant in making sure we are being safe in everything we do. Situational awareness is a term I frequently use, and it should provide a live and constant update of information in everything you do in each moment of your day. These examples are extremely important to share, teach, and mentor to our newer members, and will always be a great review for those of us with “experience.”

As we seem to quickly roll through the second half of the year, I wish all of you the best in health and safety with everything you do in both the Auxiliary and in your personal life. You are an amazing group of volunteers, showing your dedication and perseverance for this organization over the last eighteen months. Thank you for everything you continue to do for the Coast Guard Auxiliary! I am very proud to work with all of you and be your representative as the District Captain-West.

Semper Paratus,

Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W
District Captain-Western Area
Fifth Northern District
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



J. Douglas Willwerth
District Captain—West
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
5th District-Northern Region



Cynthia C Chaimowitz , DCAPT-C

The Loss of a Station's Mascot

Recently Mr. Beefy passed away. For those that did not know him, he was Station Indian River's mascot for about 11 years. He was a rescue dog from Georgetown SPCA. He was part of the crew, a "shipmate". Beefy snored "worse than 10 men" loved to run on the beach but hated the water. Beefy had a way of consoling crew members and knew if a SAR case had gone well or not. He always greeted the crew when they returned from an event. As much as Beefy wandered the station, he knew he couldn't go in the galley! He would sit at the doorway and look inside.



I've heard this story before and must share it. A contractor was on site to do some work at the station and Beefy would not let him out of the truck. He barked and barked at the contractor! After an hour of sitting in the truck the contractor

threw his WAWA sub out the window, Beefy ate and walked away letting the contractor out of the vehicle. The funny thing is this went on for the entire week the contractor was there. Beefy just was letting the contractor know he was hungry.

Tim Precht, DCDR Division 12, had the honor of attending the Station's ceremony for him. A marker was placed in front of the station sign in his honor. They also promoted him from PO1 to CPO. CWO Muskalla and BM2 Freeman, both previous station personnel were able to attend.

He will be remembered by all the folks at the station and the surrounding community.

A Petty Officer put together a YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tc2F4LApN9I>

Until we meet again at the Rainbow Bridge!

Cindi Chaimowitz
DCapt Central Area



Cynthia Chaimowitz
District Captain—Central
Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Message from the DIRAUX, Commander Taylor-Davies

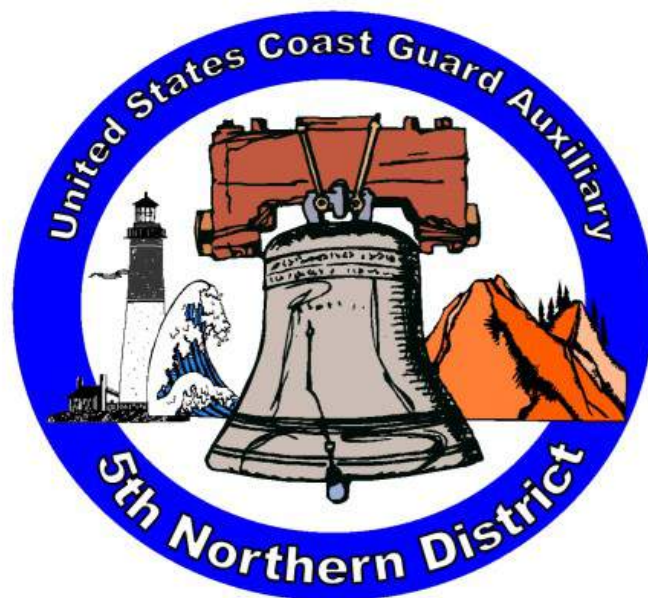
Thank you to the District Five Northern Auxiliarist who have chosen to volunteer in an elite organization. By doing this, I know you have taken extra responsibilities and dedicated more of your time to serve while pursuing additional training and education. As part of team Coast Guard, you now are held to a much higher code of conduct and ethics; thus, the public looks at you with the utmost respect. Another part of team Coast Guard is that we look out for one another; we want to know your joys and your sorrows and offer any help that we can provide. One way that we look out for one another is by using the Everbridge System to account for our members during and after storms or events that may impact you personally. We send a message to you to make sure you are safe and, I personally report the status of our member's safety up my chain of command to our Admiral. She shares my concern about the safety of our members, wanting to know that you are safe and accounted for. If we do not account for you, then we have to assume you are not safe and in need of help; therefore, requiring the deployment of either Auxiliarists or Active Duty Personnel to knock on your door, as we do not leave one person behind. Please remember the importance of pushing that button when you receive an Everbridge message, asking if you are safe; as this is one of the many responsibilities that makes you part of an elite group of people. Stay AUXSOME!



CDR Victoria L. Taylor-Davies
U.S. Coast Guard
Director of Auxiliary
Fifth District - Northern Region



A Focus on 5NR Departments



Marine Safety

National Marina Cleanup Day

On 12 June, 2021, Gregg Bollinger, representing Flotilla 19-04, participated in National Marina Cleanup Day, held every year on the second Saturday in June across the nation. Peach Bottom Marina, located on the Susquehanna River in southern Lancaster County, PA, participates in the yearly effort to keep not only the Marina clean, but also a sizable section of the river's Lancaster County shoreline.

Exelon Power Corp. is the marina's owner as well as others in York County, PA and Harford County, MD. Exelon provided gloves, bags, drinks and snacks as well as a large receptacle for collected trash.

Overall, the Marina itself was relatively clean. The Marina recently was dredged making it a more viable launching/docking facility.

After the Marina was tidied up, volunteers set-out in boats provided and crewed by Delta Waterfowl International, a group dedicated to safe Waterfowl hunting and a cleaner environment. Four boats made three trips along the shoreline between 0900 and 1200. Each trip brought back a boat filled with trash and debris ranging from old tires to a refrigerator to glass, Styrofoam and plastic trash. A 25' container at the marina was easily filled.

If you are interested in keeping our marinas and adjacent waterways clean, I urge you to participate in next year's National Marina Cleanup Day.

Gregg Bollinger, Th.D.
DSO-MS, D 5 NR



***Gregg Bollinger
DSO
Marine Safety***



Gregg Bollinger, DSO-MS is at the National Marina Cleanup Day at Peach Bottom Marina.

Photo by Delta Waterfowl International employee

Marine Safety

National Night Out, 2021

National Night Out has been around for quite some time, but participation in it was a “first” for Flotilla 19-04, D 5 NR located in Lancaster, PA. Through the organizing efforts of FSO-PA Rick Young and FSO-VE Ed Seda, Flotilla 19-04 launched a “two-front attack” on National Night Out, henceforth referred to as “NNO.” By “two-front attack,” I mean that Auxiliarist Young joined Flotilla 19-05 from York County, PA in their outreach at the “NNO” held in Craley, PA while Auxiliarist Seda joined with Auxiliarists Jeff Wilt (FSO-MA) and Gregg Bollinger (FSO-MS) for an outreach at the Manor Township, Lancaster County PA “NNO.” Young and Flotilla 19-05’s personnel advanced all aspects of the Craley Auxiliary Public Affairs outreach while the Manor Township effort concentrated upon Vessel Exams and Marine Safety.

This article deals specifically with the Marine Safety outreach as that is the department of which as FSO-MS, I have oversight. We were directed to set up in the huge parking lot of a bowling alley along with representation of equipment and personnel from all the police and fire departments of Manor Township. In addition to this, various private, civic organizations that assist with providing assistance to the general public were represented; one even operating a dunk tank!

Anticipating a large crowd made up of children, I did a “sea trial” of an interactive activity that I have named “Take Aim at Invasive Species,” along with my usual Marine Safety Information Booth. Little did I know how popular this activity would be. It consists of a small cardboard box decorated with photos of various invasive species with three paper cups also with a picture and the name of an invasive species upon it. The box and cups rested upon the righthand side of my MS booth. A small, toy rubber dart gun was used to “take aim” at the invasive species and knock it off its perch on the box from a distance of about eight feet or shorter, taking into account very small children. I very quickly mentioned a few key points about eradication of invasive species to participants as the darts were retrieved and the dart gun reloaded but I rather suspect that the participants were more interested in their next shot! Three shots were given to each person and if all three invasive species cups were “eradicated” (knocked-off) a “Save the Coral Reefs” bookmark was given as a small prize.

Almost as soon as I had everything set-up, I had participants (mostly children with a few adults) actually lining-up to shoot. At one point, there were 10 people lined-up waiting to participate. After about an hour and 45 minutes, the “weaponry” gave up the ghost. One of the three darts broke apart while the other two simply refused to load in the toy gun. I have to admit that I wasn’t sorry to see this happen as by that time I had been run ragged retrieving darts that went over the cardboard backstop. As this was the first time I had conducted this activity at an event, I learned that in the future I would need a more durable gun and darts, as well as more of them, and a higher backstop, perhaps a large tri-fold board.

In what few brief interludes there were from the game, I was engaged in speaking with passers-by and handing-out MS informational materials—some of which I depleted entirely but were re-ordered the next day by FSO-MA Jeff Wilt who as I mentioned at the outset was at the “NNO” as well.

All-in-all, it was a very productive, but exhausting, evening during which the MS message was gotten out to the public along with that of Vessel Exams through the booth of FSO-VE Ed Seda.

Semper Paratus,

Gregg Bollinger, Th.D., DSO-MS, D 5 NR

Navigation Systems

The duties and responsibilities of the Navigation Systems (NS) department are spelled out in several places, but how do these duties translate to actions in 5NR? Let's take a look.

In a very broad view, NS consists of two types of duties, administrative (staff officers) and operational (aid verifiers). NS professionals in both of these duties must be thoroughly familiar with the various publications associated with aids to navigation (ATON). These publications include:

- Charts, both paper and electronic. NS professionals must maintain updated charts covering their area of responsibility (AOR). They must be aware of all ATON and private aids (PATON) in the AOR.
- Local Notice to Mariners (LNM): NS professionals must completely understand all of the information included in the LNM and must be able to explain this information to other Auxiliarists or to the general public as needed. The LNM is published weekly on Wednesday. This information includes:
 - ◊ Existing ATON and PATON discrepancies
 - ◊ ATON and PATON discrepancies that have been corrected
 - ◊ Temporary changes in ATON
 - ◊ Chart corrections
 - ◊ Advanced notice of upcoming changes in ATON
 - ◊ Proposed changes in ATON
 - ◊ Noticed of specific events such as military exercises, marine events, dredging, etc.
- Coast Pilot: NS professionals must know and understand information included in the Coast Pilot and must be able to explain this information to other Auxiliarists or the general public as needed. This information includes, but is not limited to:
 - ◊ General navigation information
 - ◊ Anchorages and pilotage areas
 - ◊ Endangered species
 - ◊ Tide, current and weather information
 - ◊ Small craft facilities



Frank J. Williams
DSO
Navigation Systems

As mentioned above, the administrative positions are the FSO-NS, the SO-NS, the ADSO-NS and the DSO-NS. These staff officers maintain control over NS activities in their AOR. This consists of three broad duties.

First, the FSO/SO-NS works closely with the FSO/SO-OP to assure coxswains have the most current navigation information available for their patrols. At the very least, this involves a weekly review of the LNM to advise coxswains of known ATON discrepancies or issues and of any special events expected to occur in the AOR during a given patrol. This may be a weekly email sent to the FSO/SO-OP advising that staff officer of known issues.

Next, the FSO/SO-NS tasks the qualified AVs in their unit. The DSO will publish a periodic list of required activities. The SOs will pass this list to the FSOs who will task the AVs.

Finally, all staff officers will submit a monthly report up the Chain of Leadership and Management summarizing activities accomplished and difficulties encountered during the month and activities planned for the coming months.

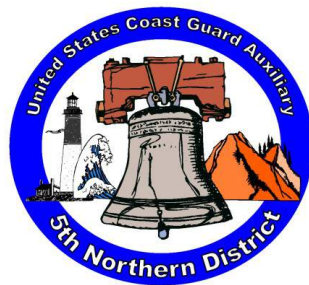
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Navigation Systems, continued

The AVs are responsible for verifying all PATON in the AOR according to District (CCGD5) schedules. CCGD5 has stated in writing that all Class I and Class II PATON should be verified in person by an Auxiliary AV whenever possible to do so. There are 178 Class I and Class II aids in 5NR. These are not evenly distributed. Most are in southern Delaware or central New Jersey. Many of these aids are in shallow water and can present a challenge to verify. That is an issue the DSO-NS is currently trying to resolve. Add to this the fact that these two areas have the fewest qualified AVs, and the verification duties become more challenging. This is also an issue the DSO-NS is currently trying to resolve.

There is one final perk to being an NS professional. Since I am retired and have nothing else to do, I volunteer with the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Philadelphia three days a week. I am qualified boat crew, basic climber and aid technician and I am working toward ATON boat crew and advanced climber.

So, if any of this sounds interesting to you, please consider joining our cadre of NS professionals. Especially if you are in Delaware or central New Jersey.



District Historian Seeking Help

The District Historian, Steve Marthouse, is looking for old Topside Magazines from the 1940's thru 1961.

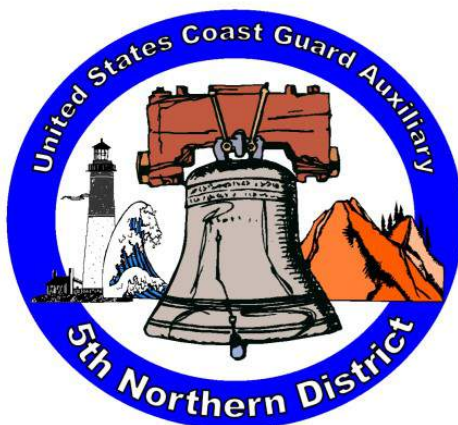
We are currently digitizing these old magazines and making them available for researching on the 5NR website. It is a great way to look back to understand the roots of the Auxiliary.

If anyone or any Flotilla or Division has access to either "Sea Bag" or "Topside" magazines, please contact the District Historian - sjmarthouse@gmail.com

Help Wanted

For additional requests see:

<https://5nr.org/auxiliarists-help-wanted/>



ADMIN SUPPORT IN RECRUITING OFFICE

1. Description of Duties:

CGROs Philadelphia and Atlantic City are seeking 3-4 Auxiliarists each to directly augment their office in their recruiting missions. This augmentation is through the Human Resources Directorate's Coast Guard Recruiting Support Program (CGRS).

Tasks can range from:

- Performing administrative/office duties
- Interviewing and processing USCG Applicants
- Preparing Applicants for MEPS
- Attend recruiting events with recruiters at schools, colleges, community events
- Assisting with other collateral duties as needed.

Information regarding the program, including the SOP, PQS and application can be found here:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=uscg-recruiting>. Auxiliarists are

NOT to, under any circumstances initiate contact with any recruiting office regarding augmentation. An application for the program must be submitted through the CGRS web page

2. Skillset Needed:

Interested Auxiliarists need strong working knowledge of the Coast Guard, The Auxiliary and its missions. Strong customer service personality.

3. Timeline Needed:

Support is ongoing during normal business hours. Scheduling is flexible, you may work any day(s) Monday through Friday. You may work any amount of hours as long as they are between 0700 – 1600.

4. Point of Contact:

AUX William Beattie:

215-214-9119

William.r.beattie1703@uscg.mil

5. Number of Aux needed:

Three to Four Auxiliarist needed.



AUX Support Request – Property Verification

Description of Duties:

This is a property assistant position that will help the Sector's Accountable Property Officer with maintenance of the property account. Jobs include conducting property audits and entering property information into adobe and excel forms.

Skillset Needed:

This position is administrative in nature. Candidates need to be able to use excel and adobe forms in order to enter property data.

Timeline Needed:

2 to 4 times a month for about 4 hours a day, but weekdays only.

This would be an ongoing position with no end date. There will be more work in the beginning while we bring the account up to speed and then routine maintenance after that. We will take the assistance for as long as folks are willing to help.

Point of Contact:

Please contact/email if interested in volunteering:

LCDR Andrew Kennedy

215-271-4883

Andrew.A.Kennedy@uscg.mil

Please copy D05-smb-nrdiraux@uscg.mil

Number of Aux needed:

One to Two Auxiliarists Needed.

Location:

Sector Delaware Bay
1 Washington Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19147



AUX Support Request – LDAC Representative/Member

Description of Duties:

The Leadership Diversity Advisory Council (LDAC) goal is to create and maintain a positive workplace environment where everyone is encouraged to use their unique talents and skill sets to achieve their full potential and maximize their contribution to the Coast Guard. LDAC typically host one event a month to include: volunteering, cultural observances, and leadership events. We request one or two Auxiliarist to attend monthly meetings on first or second Wednesday of each month. Disseminate information and events to auxiliary members and provide suggestions for events.

Skillset Needed:

N/A

Timeline Needed:

Ongoing

Point of Contact:

Please contact/email if interested in volunteering:

LT Miranda Luna

215-271-4965

Miranda.A.Luna@uscg.mil

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Number of Aux needed:

One to Two Auxiliarists Needed.

Location:

Sector Delaware Bay
1 Washington Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19147



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Please contact/email if interested in volunteering:

LCDR Andrew Kennedy

215-271-4883

Andrew.A.Kennedy@uscg.mil

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5. Number of Aux needed:

One to Two Auxiliarists Needed.

6. Location:

Sector Delaware Bay

1 Washington Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19147



AUX SUPPORT REQUEST FUNERAL HONORS

1. Description of Duties:

Attend Coast Guard Military Funerals with Active Duty Personnel. Auxiliarist would assist in folding the flag with the Active Duty member at the funeral; then the Active Duty Member would hand the flag to the deceased member's family.

2. Skillset Needed:

WE WILL TRAIN! Needs to look sharp in uniform. Uniform needed is Bravos with Combo Cover. We will provide white gloves.

3. Timeline Needed:

Ongoing

4. Point of Contact:

Please contact/email if interested in volunteering:

Chief Roy Snyder

609-224-9623

Roy.A.Snyder@uscg.mil

Please copy D05-smb-nrdiraux@uscg.mil

5. Number of Aux needed:

Ten Auxiliarists Needed.

6. Location:

Meet at Sector Delaware Bay or Funeral Location. The areas of funeral will be Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware.



Information from Around the District



A Family Mission

by Christopher M. Orlando AUXPA2

At every DTrain banquet, the spouses, supporters and loved ones of our District are asked to stand up and receive a round of applause because of their support for the USCGAUX mission but some of the spouses, supporters and loved ones are also in uniform next to us.

Meet Janet and Chris Malzone of Flotilla 053-16-07, who joined the USCGAUX in February 2003. Both Chris and Janet are Vessel Examiners, Instructors, and Academy Admissions Partners for the US Coast Guard Academy. When asked what it is like to serve with your spouse, they said it is much easier because of your spouse's understanding of the service. Janet said, "The most positive thing about working together is the ability to discuss Auxiliary matters with each other, any time, any place."

It also allows them to "tag team" activities such as Vessel Exams and group instruction for the boating safety classes. Janet said, "Chris enjoys exploring the bilges and everything below deck (going back to Navy training and the era when he was a marine officer/engineer on board huge tankers), while I do the paperwork and have discussions with the owners."

Chris and Janet have shown dedication in public education. Both of them have served in the FSO-PE position for over 15 years, each one supporting the other. "One of us is better in front of a classroom and the other is better at behind the scenes organization. Together, the job gets done smoothly."

When asked what their favorite mission to do together is, they say being Academy Admissions Partners for the US Coast Guard Academy which started before they even joined the USCGAUX. "Our daughter was a cadet at the US Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 2000, and we would go to the local high schools to talk about attending a 'different' college with a 'mission' upon graduation. We became fully qualified as Partners and have attended countless college fairs and congressional events to talk about the US Coast Guard Academy, as well as spending several weeks during the summers to assist with the AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) program."

You may also know Melanie and Mike Piscetelli from Flotilla 053-07-09 who have been members for six years. Mike explained that he was interested in going and Melanie joined him for support and was so impressed by what she heard she decided to join as well. Mike and Melanie serve many different roles in the USCGAUX. Mike is Vessel Examiner, Public Education, Public Affairs, Food Service, Crew, and Flotilla Commander while Melanie is Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor, Food Service, Crew, and serves as FSO-MA and SO-MA.

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A Family Mission, Continued

Mike and Melaine explained the best part of serving with their spouse is the ability to share the time together even if they are doing different missions on a particular day. Mike and Melanie said, “We find the time we give to the Aux to be very rewarding since we are doing something that really matters and makes a real difference.” They continued, “Our reason for wanting to join the Aux was when our son went overseas to Afghanistan and we felt powerless. We wanted to do something to help. If not our son, maybe someone else’s son or daughter and perhaps someone would do the same for our son.”

Mike and Melanie said their favorite mission together is serving in Food Service. “Food Service has been great and has become a real tradition for us. We cook every Christmas at Station Barnegat Light. We don’t get to make these big meals anymore and we love the opportunity to cook for them. They appreciate the meal and we love it.”

Another couple that is a part of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is Andy Crowley and Celia Crowley, Flotilla 053-04-09. The Crowleys were looking for a way to give back following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and while attending a boat show, Celia saw a person in their tropics uniform and learned about the Auxiliary, even learning that when she was in high school, her and her father ran out of gas on the Delaware Bay with an oncoming ship and the Auxiliary stepped in to assist. Following that meeting at the boat show, the Crowleys joined in June 2003.

The Crowleys are thankful for the Auxiliary because it has offered them incredible opportunities. “In 2011 we lead the effort to establish the Paddle Craft Operator program in Fifth Northern, now

AUXPAD. We are heavily involved in surface operations, Andy as Coxswain, Celia as Boat Crew. Our 21 ft walk-around is a facility. Andy is also the SARDET Marcus Hook Coordinator. Cel serves as FSO-SR and SO-SR. She leads the Fifth Northern Joy and Sorrow program. Andy is a new Flotilla Commander.”

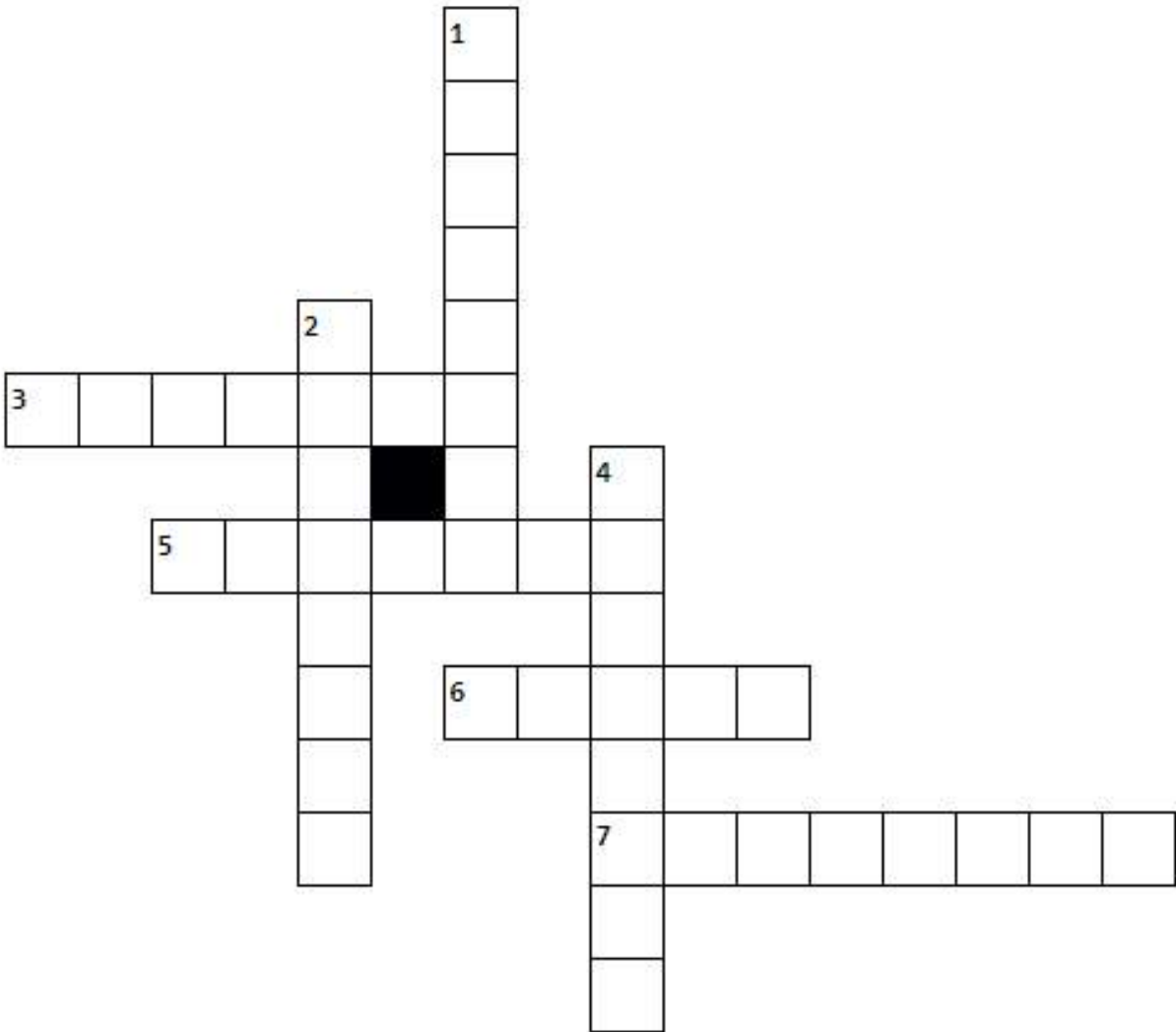
The Crowleys shared that from the beginning, the Auxiliary has been something they enjoyed doing together even if they worked in separate mission areas.

The Crowleys did share that an important part of success in serving with your spouse is to avoid competition. “An important challenge to avoid is competition. Each spouse brings a different skill set to the adventure. We work consciously to encourage each other and celebrate achievements, even if one spouse is working in an area that does not appeal to the other spouse.”

To the spouses, supporters and loved ones of our District Auxiliarists, thank you for allowing us to serve. To those who are considering joining their loved ones, attend a meeting! There is room for everyone.

Crossword Puzzle

Auxiliary Leadership



Across

- 3. USCGAUX Vice National Commodore
- 5. Chief Director of Auxiliary
- 6. Deputy National Commodore, Recreational Boating Safety and Atlantic East
- 7. Deputy National Commodore, Mission Support & Atlantic West

Down

- 1. Deputy National Commodore, Operations & Pacific
- 2. USCGAUX National Commodore
- 4. Deputy National Commodore – Information Technology & Planning

The TOPSIDE Newsletter

Archive is Now Online

By **COMO Joseph Giannattasio**

Coast Guard Auxiliary District Fifth-Northern (D5NR) is proud to introduce their newsletter TOPSIDE's online archive for all Auxiliarists, Active Duty and the public at-large to enjoy on the D5NR website at <https://5nr.org/topside-archives/>. TOPSIDE is the official newsletter of Auxiliary District Fifth-Northern. Launched in March 1943, it is the oldest continuously published Auxiliary newsletter in the U.S. The TOPSIDE online bibliotheca contains the most complete collection of TOPSIDE from March 1943 to present.

The second half of the twentieth century bore witness to the revolutionary development of the Coast Guard's volunteer organization that shaped the Auxiliary as it is today. Containing over 92 issues and more than 1,400 articles, the TOPSIDE online archive offers readers amazing insight into the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard throughout this period. Online users can search through every digital issue of TOPSIDE back to March 1943.

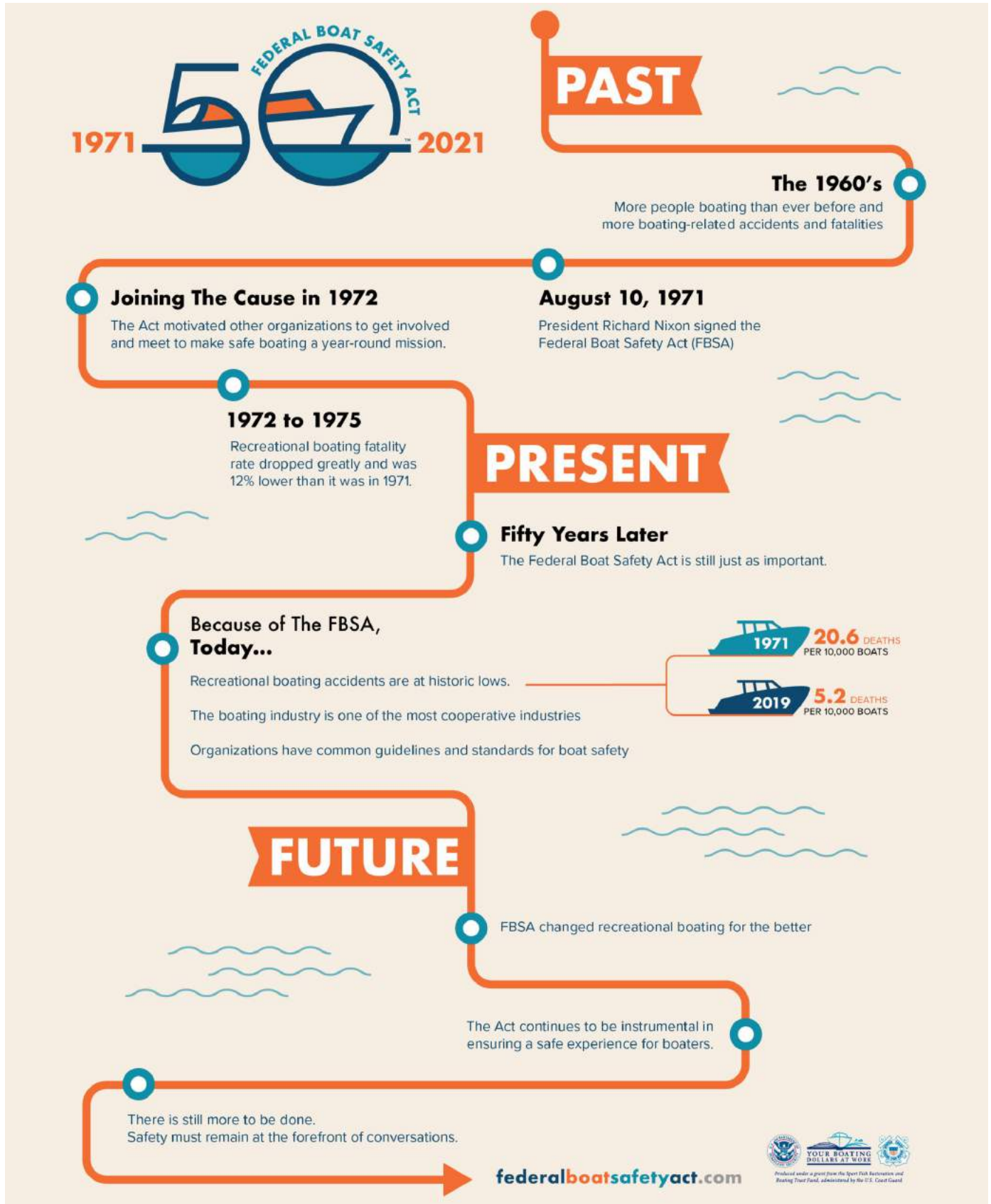
The district's Historian, Steve Marthouse, assembled a dedicated multi-disciplined team of members to find a cost-effective means to insure the preservation of the collection of old TOPSIDE newsletters. Soliciting help from an educational institution, the team - Melvin Borofsky, COMO Joe Giannattasio, Tim Marks, Linda Skvarla, Rick Taylor and Mark Wirtz digitally scanned each issue and uploaded them onto a section in the district's website where they could be stored and accessed.

TOPSIDE's online archive reveals a wealth of treasure from the Auxiliary's history. Gems include a 1944 article chronicling the Auxiliary's response to the "Great Atlantic Hurricane" of September that year, the golden 50-year anniversary fall 1989 issue featuring the "History, 5th (Northern Region) Coast Guard Auxiliary," and policy pieces including the 2003 essay about the Auxiliary being the only volunteer organization to be included in the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

The TOPSIDE archive is an integrated part of the Auxiliary District Fifth-Northern website. All users can browse and download issues in the online archive via <https://5nr.org/topside-archives/>. Users can browse by year and issue.



Federal Boat Safety Act



NACON 2021 is Postponed

As we all know, the Delta variant of COVID-19 is sweeping across the United States. The State of Florida is the nation's number one hot-spot, centered in the crosshairs of this virulent and seemingly relentless virus. It is being reported that currently there are ZERO hospital beds available in Orlando, so if a member was to become ill, even from a non-COVID related issue, they might be unable to obtain appropriate care.

The overarching concern of your Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary leadership in these never-to-be-forgotten times continues to be the safety of the workforce. Whether active duty, reserve, Auxiliary, or civilian, nothing is more important to me, to the Commandant, and to the Secretary of Homeland Security than protecting the health and well being of those who serve. If we have learned anything from our intensive risk management training, it is that we must constantly weigh the risks we are undertaking against the gain that would come from executing the mission. We are trained to do that when we are assigned to duty, and we are urged to utilize that same calculus in our daily lives. I have done that, and in consultation with the Chief Director of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, the Commandant, and multiple Flag Officers of our Coast Guard, I have concluded that there is no rational alternative to postponing NACON.



COMO Alex Malewski
National Commodore

Without question, the training we receive, the connections we make, the information that we share, the relationships that we strengthen, and the camaraderie and fellowship that we enjoy at NACON contribute immeasurably to our being ready, resourceful, relevant, and resilient. But there is also no question that the risk posed to our lives and well being by this deadly virus is real and far outweighs the potential gain from holding NACON in August as planned.

I am exploring the options available to us, such as holding NACON later this year if conditions permit, or perhaps combining NACON with NTRAIN. Nothing is off the table, but my first priority must be the safety of our members. Travelling to Florida and meeting in person is just not consistent with honoring that priority. Obviously this is a fluid situation with critical information changing minute to minute. Guidance will be forthcoming shortly regarding orders, hotel reservations, and airline tickets. Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully,
Alex Malewski, National Commodore
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



New Chief Director

It is a true honor to relieve the watch this week as your Chief Director. Since 1939, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has had and will continue to have a myriad of ever-evolving missions that includes our ultimate responsibility to promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety as well as provide the Coast Guard with high quality operational, administrative, and logistical support. This is an incredible and humbling responsibility to shoulder, and one that requires an unfailing commitment to excellence in mission execution and support. I look forward to leading this highly motivated and talented group of 23,000+ Auxiliarists!

I can still remember the first time that I was introduced to the Coast Guard by a Coast Guard Auxiliarist in my home town of Plymouth, Massachusetts. I am forever grateful for this introduction and experience. Over the past 21 years, I've had the privilege to serve my country and the Coast Guard as both an Aviator and Aero Engineering Officer. I've led Coast Guard personnel in both operational and mission support roles. Now, as your Chief Director, I look forward to learning more about your missions and working with National Commodore Malewski and his staff to carry out the goals laid out in the Auxiliary Strategic Plan for us by Admiral Schultz and Commodore Malewski.



Captain Troy P. Glendye
Chief Director of Auxiliary

When I'm not in uniform, I'm a family man and I enjoy spending quality time with my wife Sara and four children that are between the ages of 20 and 8. We recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and enjoy numerous outdoor activities to include boating on Lake Norman. To find out a little more about me, please visit my Biography page at: [CAPT GLENDYE BIO](#)

Ladies and gentlemen, you have my commitment that I will strive to work with you and lead in a way worthy of our mission, your respect, and the sacrifices that so many of you have made and continue to make to keep us safe and worthy of the public trust. Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to our nation, Semper Paratus!

Sincerely,
Captain Troy P. Glendye, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief Director of Auxiliary



Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (AuxA)

Did you know that purchases made in AuxA (uniform items, accessories, devices, etc.) results in rebates directly to the District to defray conference costs? Plus the prices are usually better than other sources! Please support the AuxA!

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association

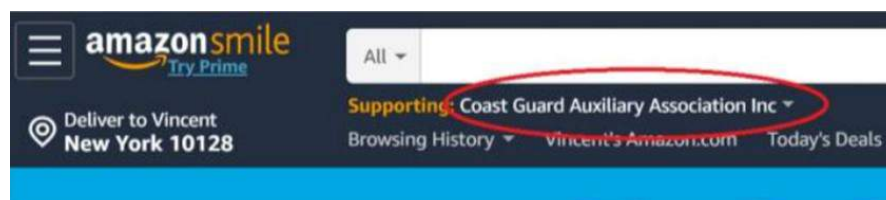


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AUXPA1 Specialist

Congratulations to Barbara Sama, 053-01-04, for earning her AUXPA1 Specialist qualification. This is a major Auxiliary qualification, and now Barbara is among only 60 Auxiliarists with the AUXPA1 designation.

You can find info on AUXPA1 here: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=A-DEPT&category=pa-specialist>



55-Year Member Recognition

On March 27, 2021, Flotilla 19-04 Auxiliary member, Audrey Markle was recognized for her dedicated service of greater than 55 years. She has served in many roles throughout her Auxiliary career, including secretary in her Flotilla and Division. Audrey has supported nearly every Public Education class in her Flotilla, and has been instrumental at each and every fellowship event.

Although she was hesitant, her husband John finally convinced her to join the Auxiliary in 1964. One of my first memories with Audrey was at a PE class held in the banquet room at the Distelfink Inn in Lancaster with a record-breaking 100 plus students. I have known her for over 30 years, and she continues to have the same passion and dedication to her fellow Auxiliarists and the boating public. As a member, she has been through many changes, transitions, mergers, and the increased security after 9/11. As an active member, she has kept her core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion To Duty in everything she does for this organization.

Please join me in recognizing this dedicated member in our 5th Northern District and congratulate Audrey Markle for her service to the Coast Guard Auxiliary of over 55 years.

Bravo Zulu Audrey!

Douglas Willwerth, DCAPT-W



Doug Wilwerth, DCAPT-W (right) presenting the 55-Year recognition award to Audrey Markle.

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Tony Madonna

Joys and Sorrows

7/4 – Aux Frank Stewart (18-08). Passed 6/29/21. Mr. Stewart disenrolled from the AUX before serving 15 consecutive years as outlined in the AUX Manual and therefore was not eligible for retirement status. Enrolled 2007. Even though Mr. Stewart has been disenrolled from the AUX for past several years, he is still fondly remembered for his devoted fellowship among members, constant dry humor and by those members he mentored. During Mr. Stewart's Watch as Division Commander 18, he contributed to the Operations Program and implemented procedures that are still actively practiced to date within Division 18. He was boat crew, coxswain, held multiple offices including Division Commander. His contributions to the Auxiliary and the boat crew program, and to being a true gentleman and remarkable friend, are immeasurable. He left a huge legacy to follow.

7/5 – Joyce Kretsch, wife of Aux Fred Kretsch (16-05). The family was present when she passed on May 25, 2020. Services may not have happened yet.

7/13- Aux Wayne Terry (17-01) passed away Nov 8, 2020. He enrolled May 2, 2005. Wayne was an Eagle Scout and Navy Veteran. There are no services at his request. His obituary reads, "Has left the building."

7/13- Aux Michael Schmidt (17-01). He enrolled June 9, 2016. He lost his battle to cancer a few days after we were made aware of his grave illness at 63 years old.

7/22 – "Beefy" – USCG Station Indian River's mascot. Beefy was hit by a car. Station Indian River Inlet, 39373 Inlet Rd (at Coastal Highway), Rehoboth Beach DE 19971.

7/26 – Aux Dominic Anthony Calafati (12-03 Retired) passed away **Jan 26, 2021**. He enrolled 6/11/96 and retired 12/16/11. He served as crew on Lake Nockamixon and with the USCG out of Indian River CG Station. He was a WW2 Veteran. Also was FSO-PE.

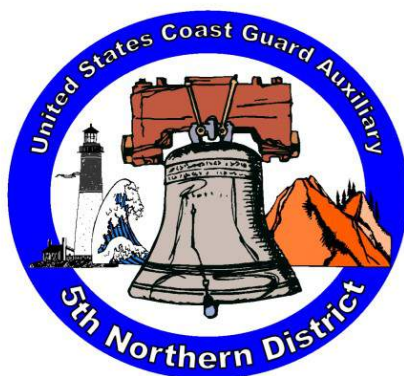
7/27 – James R Capobianco (18-05) – passed away June 24, 2021.

Joys!

7/1 – Aux Kristi Miller (19-04) gave birth to a baby girl, Ruth. 6', 7oz.

7/6 – Aux Jackie Dever-Kamboj (04-09) gave birth to Clara Noelle Dever-Kamboj by emergency C-Section in Mt. Sinai West Hospital, NYC. Both are healthy. Spouse Josh Kamboj. Congratulations to the new **GRAND-PARENTS**, too! **COMO Tom Dever (04-09) and wife Laurie.**

History of the District



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USCG Station Histories

Written by 5NR Historian Steve Marthouse, 5NR Historian

USCG Station Barnegat Light

Two of the original eight 1848 USLSS Stations were located on Long Beach Island NJ. They were Harvey Cedars under control of Samuel Perrine on the north end and Bonds under the control of Thomas Bonds on the south end. Over time, the USLSS established a total of 6 stations on LBI. The Barnegat Station was built in 1872. Samuel Perrine, Jr. was appointed keeper on November 22, 1872, and resigned late in 1877. He was replaced by Joel H. Ridgeway on February 18, 1873 and served until August 16, 1899, due to physical reasons. Following the prohibition era, the USCG placed several of these stations into a caretaker status with only 2 or 3 men assigned. At the beginning of WWII, all stations were once again fully manned.



Steve Marthouse
5NR Historian
ADSO-PB History



Following the outline of these articles, I am deviating from a Gold Medal rescue story and telling the story of a tragic incident that took place that deeply affected the history of the Barnegat Station. It reflects the constant danger faced the early crews. The following is a reprint from the Philadelphia Record of March 1, 1886, which describes the wreck of the Austrian Bark Kraljevica.

“The death of Capt. Joel H. Ridgway, a veteran of the Life Saving Service here (Barnegat) recalls one of the most heroic episodes in the history of the Jersey coast. For many years Capt. Ridgway was keeper of the Government station house at Barnegat Inlet, under the shadow of the tall Barnegat Light, where the dreadful Barnegat Shoals jut out several miles into the ocean to claim many lives and many stout ships as their prey.

On February 10, 1886, Keeper Ridgway and his crew of six men, Solomon Soper, John I. Soper, Firman Perrine, Cornelius D. Thompson, William Inman and Henry Reeves were at their station. During an extremely heavy storm that morning at 1:30 o'clock the Austrian bark, Kraljevica, Captain Sverlynga, with a crew of thirteen men, stranded on the shoals. The Kraljevica was bound from Marseilles to New York with a cargo of salt and bilged almost as soon as she struck. Her captain and crew took the longboat and went rapidly down the beach before the northeast wind and attempted a landing at daylight below Harvey Cedars. Eight of the crew were drowned in the surf and the surviving 6 who clung to their boat helped one another ashore. The patrol had just passed before they struck the beach and they took refuge in a gunner's box, where they found fuel, food and clothing and stayed all that day as the storm kept increasing in violence and turned into cold blizzard out of the northwest.

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When the bark struck a rocket had been shot off and this was seen by the patrol from Ridgway's station who hurried in and reported. At daybreak the outline of the bark could be seen about one half mile at sea on the south edge of Barnegat Shoals but too far out for the life line to reach. Supposing the crew were still aboard, there was but one thing for Keeper Ridgway to do in line of duty – to launch the life boat even though there was one chance in a hundred for her living in the sea that was running on the shoals.

Before leaving the station, Keeper Ridgway called upon his friend and neighbor in Barnegat Village, Keeper Grimm, of Loveladies Island station, next below Barnegat station and told him what he was about to do, so that Grimm had his men out on the beach to succor Ridgway's men in case of need. The boat used was then an innovation – the Beebe, self-bailer, else none of the seven would have lived to tell the tale, no ordinary boat having power to keep afloat in such a rough sea.

The Beebe life boat was launched under the shelter of the bar at 5:30 as day was breaking. For two hours the crew struggled to make the distance to the bark and got within fifty yards of her – near enough to see that she was deserted. The men were now completely exhausted, and their boat was full of water and loggy in the heavy seas. They tried to put her toward the shore. By watching their chances, they got her within 400 yards of the beach, when a big hollow comber towered above them, broke amidships of their craft and filling her with water, capsizing her like a mere chip.

Keeper Grimm and his Loveladies crew were on the lookout and succeeded in pulling Captain Ridgway, Thompson, Reeves and Inman out of the surf as they struggled ashore in the ice-cold water. The two Sopers and Perrine were picked up later in the day. Reeves and Inman were unconscious, and Inman had to be carried to the station house where it took two hours and a half of straightway work to revive him

The bodies of the drowned men had to be taken across the inlet in boats, because the bay was full of ice and carried fifteen miles to Seaside Park, put on handcars and sent to Toms River and from there sent home by train, reaching Barnegat at 8:30 p. m. on Friday, two days later.

All Barnegat village turned out to honor the dead heroes that night. The following Sunday the funeral services were held and the three were buried in the village graveyard, where afterward the United States Government by special act of Congress erected to each a tall marble shaft, telling of their death.

The Austrian Government also took note of the affair and a year afterward, the Austro-Hungarian Minister in Washington sent a fund to be divided among the families of the dead surfmen.

Of the four survivors Inman never recovered from the exposure. He was made postmaster at Barnegat but soon went blind from the effects of the hours spent in the icy water and shortly afterward died. "Hen" Reeves and "Colonel" Thompson are still hale and hearty.

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Capt. Ridgway remained in charge of the Barnegat station until a few years ago when he was retired because of age by a grateful Government and allowed to subsist the last few years of his life on his small savings from his \$65 per month pay while on duty.

From the follow up report, we learn that the captain and crew of the Kraljevica abandoned the vessel at approximately 2 am in the ship's longboat with 14 men onboard. At that time, the sea was moderate, so the men made no attempt to land and just drifted with the winds and current for several hours. At daybreak they could dimly see the beach and began to row in that direction. All went well until they reached the outer bar and rolled over several times casting all into the surf. Eight of the crew began to swim to shore and were quickly drowned. The captain and five of the crew clung desperately to the capsized boat and eventually managed to reach the beach almost dead from exhaustion. This was about 8:30 am at about a mile south of the Ship Bottom Station and around 9 miles from the wreck. With a heavy fog, the men were not able to see the station, but they did find a "gunners hut" beyond the dunes. They broke in, found some food and started a fire. Finding some bedding material, they quickly were lost in a deep sleep. These men did not emerge from the hut until the morning of the 12th when they decided to find a means to reach the mainland. As they retraced their path from the previous day, they noticed the footprints of the beach patrol and quickly followed them and overtook Surfman Oliver P. Inman from the Ship Bottom Station who conducted them to his station. A total of 11 lives were lost in this tragedy, 8 from the Kraljevica crew and 3 from the Barnegat Station.



Barnegat Station Plaque .

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the need for additional manning was obvious and became critical as the German submarines began attacking commercial shipping long the east coast. Along with the attacks at sea, on 13 June 1942, U-202 surfaced off the coast of Amagansett, Long Island. Four German saboteurs were off loaded in a small raft and landed on the shore. At about the same time of the landing, Seaman 2nd class John C. Cullen left the Amagansett station on foot to patrol the beach and walked about ½ mile when he confronted the four men who stated they were fishermen who had run aground. Seeing boxes and bags scattered on the beach and being offered a bribe, Cullen left the scene and returned to the station to report and get armed support to capture the men but upon their arrival to the scene found them gone. Four nights later, U-584 surfaced 50 yards offshore of Ponte Vedra, Florida. Once again four saboteurs reached the shore, changed clothes and set off to carry out their planned attacks. Luckily by June 25, all the would-be Nazi saboteurs had been captured. By 25 July 1942, a National Beach Patrol Division was organized at Coast Guard Headquarters. Because the Coast Guard was now an integral part of the Navy, it was tasked with operating an information system by means of beach patrols, picket boat patrols and lookout towers. Basically, the Coast Guard was to be the "eyes and ears" of the Army and Navy. It was to guard the coast, not repel an invasion.

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Prior to the onset of WWII, two of the six Coast Guard Stations on Long Beach Island namely Loveladies and Long Beach were in “caretaker” status. This means they were not operational or fully manned. The active-duty stations were Barnegat, Harvey Cedars, Shipbottom, and Bonds. Immediate need for additional manpower and vessels followed the December 7th attack. Following the passage of the Coast Guard Reserve Act in 1939, the initial recruiting for members focused on local yacht clubs. Entry into WWII increased the recruiting efforts of the existing units and the formation of new Flotillas.

The stations on Long Beach Island received the needed resources from several flotillas. Barnegat, Loveladies and Harvey Cedars were supported by Flotilla 16 (Tom’s River), Flotilla 13 (Seaside Park) and to a lesser degree Flotilla 15 (Point Pleasant). The station at Ship Bottom concentrated on a tower watch and the mounted Beach Patrol activity. Long Beach and Bonds station receive major support from Flotilla 18 (Little Egg Harbor).

Flotilla 13 was established on 22 December 1940 while both Flotillas 14 and 15 were established in 1941. Through the efforts of Wesley Heilman, Sr., the 1941 Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Commodore, Flotilla 18 was formally chartered 21 May 1942. Of the 25 original members, 12 were members of the yacht club. Wes held the office of Vice Commander and Operations Officer in his first year. Auxiliary vessel facilities belonging to the yacht club members were moored on pier B of the club and guarded 24 hours a day. Members of this Flotilla included both local as well as Philadelphia area residents who owned summer cottages in Beach Haven.



With the submarine menace began on the East Coast, the Coast Guard called upon these members and their boats to supplement the regular Coast Guard. A rescue and observation offshore patrol was established and from April to December 1942, the small boats belonging to and manned by the members went to sea. Wes Heilman was quoted as stating, “On his first day out on patrol, he picked up an empty Norwegian lifeboat from a ship sunk five miles off the Barnegat Inlet. Armed with only a 45 revolver, he and his crew would have had little defense had the U-Boat surfaced”. By the end of 1942, the offshore patrols were taken over by the regular Coast Guard and Temporary Reservists took over inlet picket boat duty and river patrols. The following is the numbers showing the effort on the offshore patrols by unit.

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Flotilla	Date	No. of Boats	No. of Patrols	No. of Crews	No. of Hours
13	5/3-11/29	21	219	700	2006
15	10/3-11/30	3	8	21	49
16	4/14-11/30	33	300	1020	1851
18	5/14-11/17	12	235	1049	1242

All the flotillas continued with inlet and picket boat patrols. Beginning in 1943, Flotilla 18 also undertook 12-hour patrols on the Delaware Bay to transfer pilots to larger vessels and keep close observation of all ships moving and in the anchorages. On March 16, 1943, a special meeting of Little Egg Harbor Flotilla 18 was held at the Engineers' Club, in Philadelphia. At this meeting with the Vice Commodore, Captain of the Northern New Jersey Division, and the Director of Coast Guard Auxiliary addressed the members and laid plans for 24-hour patrols of the Beach Haven Inlet utilizing a Coast Guard vessel manned by Auxiliarists from Flotilla 18. By the end of 1944, virtually all the coastal inlet patrols were suspended.

Mounted Beach Patrol

In October 1942, Headquarters approved the use of horses as practicable in place of foot patrols along shore fronts where the terrain was suitable. In May 1943, newly trained patrolmen arrived at Brant Beach where Army barracks had been brought in sections and erected, however the horse stables were constructed slightly north at the Ship Bottom Coast Guard Station. Patrols were four hours on and four hours off was the routine in this area of the New Jersey Coast. All night patrols and foggy day patrols consisted of two men per mile, but for normal day duty one man was considered sufficient. All patrolmen were armed and made reports at various points along their route. The barracks in Brant Beach was closed in January of 1944 and all remaining men were transferred to the Ship Bottom Station. In May 1944, the number of patrols were significantly reduced and as of 15 June all mounted patrols were discontinued. Patrols were then sent out only during fogs and storms or in cases of emergency. However, all the lookout towers continued to be manned and maintained full wartime surveillance.



Temporary Reservists were no doubt involved with the Mounted Beach Patrol on Long Beach Island; however, I have not been able to find any source for specifics.

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Tower Watch

Temporary Reservists were most generally used for manning coastal lookouts which either existed at original stations or were specially built. These came under the jurisdiction of the nearest lifeboat station and the watch schedules were arranged by its commanding officer. Flotilla 18 provided a total of 40 men that provided full coverage of both the Long Beach Tower beginning September 1943, and the Bonds Tower in November 1943. Flotillas 16 and 13 provided manpower to cover the towers at Barnegat, Loveladies and Harvey Cedars stations. Most watches were monotonous, but every activity had to be observed and recorded and, if of an unusual nature, reported to District Headquarters. Length of watches varied by District but was normally 6 hours in New Jersey locations. Flotilla 18 which covered the tower watch for Long Beach and Bonds, reported in 1944 the watch schedule changed to two 6-hour watches and three 4-hour watches.



Bonds Tower

September 1944 Hurricane



A destructive hurricane sped northward over the Atlantic Ocean on September 14, 1944. Its course had been plotted by the National Weather Bureau and most localities had received ample notifications. Temporary Reservists and other Coast Guard personnel warned and helped evacuate local residents. They aided crews of vessels tied up at wharves by handling extra lines. Small craft were checked and made as secure as possible some being moved to more secure locations. The majority of TR's of the Fourth Naval District either had been or were being sent to the New Jersey beaches. Members from several inland Flotillas were assigned to augment the local unit. Long Beach Island was one of the hardest hit areas in southern New Jersey. The storm began to impact the island at approximately 1530. Wires were down the entire length

of the island and there was no fresh water. Temporary Reservists transported water in milk cans from the mainland. Bodies of three civilians were recovered the next morning from Beach Haven Inlet. Many rescues and much hard work were never even reported. During the height of the storm, these men were exposed to dangerous high winds, sweeping tidal waters and flying debris. Reports received stressed the fact that Temporary Reservists and Auxiliarists worked energetically and efficiently alongside the regular men in performing all the tasks brought on by

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Below are two letters that were sent to the Director's Office:

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF TRADE OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Representing Beach Haven, Long Beach Township, Surf City, Harvey Cedars, Ship Bottom-Beach ·Arlington, Barnegat City

September 25th, 1944.

Director U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 210 West Washington Square Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Director:

The Long Beach Island Board of Trade and its six member communities, Beach Haven Inlet to historic Barnegat Light, wish to register with you their full thanks for the excellent service of Flotilla 18 of the Auxiliary during the September 14th hurricane along the New Jersey Coast. Ensign (T) Sidney S. Blake of that unit is to be particularly commended for his foresight in beginning protective measures and the evacuation of civilians as early as 1500 on the day of the storm in the Beach Haven area. The vast amount of aid to the injured, police work, and personal heroism will never be properly praised - except by those whose lives were saved in the midst of almost certain disaster. In addition, to the splendid work of Flotilla 18 under the command of Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, may we also express to you as Director of the Auxiliary, our additional thanks to the members of Flotilla 21 of Philadelphia, many of whom deserted their work and homes at the first call to come to Long Beach Island for lengthy periods of duty following the full fury of the storm. Naturally, our admiration for Lieut. Kent M. Redgrave of the Beach Haven Group and Chief Fred Griffin and the men of the regular service attached to Bond's Station was measurably increased by their brave performance of unusual duties.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ HOWARD E. SHIPLER, President

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BEACH HAVEN, N. J. 8 October; 1944. TO : Director, USCG Auxiliary
Subj. : Operations; USCG Auxiliary, hurricane September 14, 1944.

1. You have received a report from Flotilla 18 covering its operation during the recent hurricane which caused the loss of five lives and over \$1,500,000 damage in this area. Having received a copy of this report, I wish to take this opportunity of endorsing it in full.
2. The Coast Guard Auxiliary played a very important part in the work that the Coast Guard was called upon to perform. They worked with our regular men efficiently and in a manner that could reflect only credit on the organization. They performed every duty assigned them, which bore out the value of the training and experience that they have built up during the time that they have been identified with the Coast Guard.
3. I also desire to express my appreciation for the help given by Flotillas 21, 24, and 17, who all assisted in a very able manner.
4. I desire especially to commend Lieut. (j.g.) (T) Morton Gibbons-Neff, commander of Flotilla 18; Ensign (T) Sydney S. Blake, Operations Officer; and Bos'ns (T) J. Wesley Heilman and Joseph Haines for their special meritorious work during the time of the emergency operations.

/S/ K. M. REDGRAVE, Commanding Officer.

Present Day

Today the members of Division 7 have continued to support USCG Station Barnegat and Station Beach Haven by having members qualified in the following areas:

- 2 members are qualified Radio Watch standers
- 4 members are qualified in Food Service

Several members assist in the annual Barnegat Station open house

Public Affairs event as well as provide the normal Auxiliary support in the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Mission.

The History of Auxiliary District Fifth Northern's Air Program

by COMO Joseph Giannattasio

The origins of Coast Guard Auxiliary Aviation date to World War II when aircraft operated by the Auxiliary participated informally within the United States; the exact number of aircraft during the war years seems to be unknown. That changed in 1945 when congress passed the law adding owners of aircraft and radio stations to those eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. The postwar period brought the Coast Guard cutbacks in funding and reductions in the number of personnel, aircraft and vessels available for search and rescue while at the same time the need was increasing. The Auxiliary augmented the Coast Guard, and over the years to come, the Auxiliary was relied on to fill the gaps. Aircraft utilization increased and as a result there were several Auxiliary districts that had aviation flotillas, including District Fifth Northern Region (5NR).

The Third District History, one of the most thorough and professionally-produced records of the wartime Auxiliary, simply noted (p. 133) that "acceptance of aviation members has been left entirely to flotilla membership where it properly belongs," and that its complement of aircraft-owning members stood at 10 in 1949. (Auxiliary District 5NR was previously the Third District until 1975.)

Though available units' records are sketchy, early issues of TOPSIDE, the newsletter of District 5NR, documents the Auxiliary aircraft utilization for operations in 1962. There were three pilots with airplanes; Horace B. Oliver, Jack Ryan, Jr., and Horace E. Oliver who was also the Operations, Aircraft Staff Officer. Another member, Dick Unien, Jr. became an Auxiliary pilot in 1963 flying his Cessna 175 aircraft. Air missions back then were quite different from today's air operation program. As noted from Unien's aircraft's certificate of inspection dated 1 July 1963, certification too was much different from the present form. In the early years, an aircraft facility was used only on a call out basis from the Coast Guard.

Staff Officer reports published in TOPSIDE newsletters of the period indicate Auxiliary Air operations in the early sixties were only minimal at best. Air observers were an unknown quantity as no such program existed yet, Air Operations Workshops were also non-existent then. Cooperation between the Coast Guard Air Operations was only basic and not as thorough as those we enjoy today. The pilots' only contact with the ground was through aircraft signals and calls on the UNICOM - a nongovernment air/ground radio communication station network. These were relayed via landline through the airport operator to the applicable Coast Guard Station or Base. Long Range navigation (LORAN) systems in small civilian aircraft did not exist, the pilot did it all; and, as those of you who fly can imagine, was a very busy aviator.



Top: Coast Guard Auxiliary gold pilot wings, late 1940's until 1967 when the change was made to the silver version. Note the very early wings weren't manufactured, but customized USCG pilot wings with a USCG Auxiliary collar device fused onto.

Middle: Coast Guard Auxiliary silver pilot wings, 1967 to present.

Bottom: Coast Guard Auxiliary air crew wings, 2000 to present.

USCG Auxiliary photos by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.

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The History of Auxiliary District Fifth Northern's Air Program

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Beginning in the 1970's, air patrols within the district consisted of pollution spotting and source identification, search and rescue, logistics flights, waterways ice monitoring and ATON patrols through the 1980's. Also noted is the beginning of cooperation with Coast Guard aviation in SAR training and public outreach events. In 1976 Russell "Bald Eagle" Appler, ADSO - Operations-Aviation (ADSO-OPA) formally organizes the District's air program. Several reports indicate there seems to be some sort of "working relationship" with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) beginning in 1978 until late as 1998. District officer directories from the period indicates a CAP Liaison; hardly any details or information has been found to-date.



Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Joseph Giannattasio

In the 1980's, annual air operations seminars became mandatory for Air Program members, most held at USCG Base Gloucester, NJ and Group Cape May, NJ. Beginning in 1983 pilots and observers (new and current) are required to pass a written test. The district appointed the first of two female air program managers, Elsie Nichols, ADSO-OPA in 1981, and later Caroline Sweigart, ADSO-OPA from 1991 to 1992.

The 1996 Coast Guard Auxiliary Act greatly expanded the missions of the Auxiliary. Auxiliary aviation began to expand rapidly and was tasked to assist the Coast Guard missions. In January of 1997 AUXAIR was upgraded and a standard command and control network was established, having its own structure, separate from surface operations and organized on a district basis without a parallel structure at the division or flotilla level. USCG Air Station Atlantic City becomes the issuing authority for orders and requests for Auxiliary air facilities, and providing program oversight.

In 2000 standards were established in the Auxiliary for Air Crew qualification. The program began conducting Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) training missions with Coast Guard helicopters out of USCG Air Station Atlantic City, ice observation patrols of the Delaware River for the Captain of the Port, and documenting ICW obstruction patrols for USCG Small Boat Stations in New Jersey. Most recently, the district air program was featured in Coast Guard and Auxiliary publications for its development and execution of a number of unique training exercises including rendezvousing with surface vessels underway, searching and locating lost hunters, and wilderness search and rescue operations.

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The History of Auxiliary District Fifth Northern's Air Program

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The history of District Fifth Northern's Auxiliary Air Program is indelibly intertwined with the history of US Coast Guard aviation. To better understand this program's history, members must learn and appreciate the origins of both organizations and how each impacts the other, the partnership is a proud one that has served both organizations well.

SOURCES:

- TOPSIDE, 5NR Newsletter. 1943 to present issues.
- USCG Auxiliary Third District History and Roster 1939-1949.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(All photos of items from COMO J. Giannattasio's personal collection.)

District Fifth Northern Air Program Coordinators

1962 to 1963	Horace Oliver - Operations, Aircraft
1963 to 1971	?
1972 to 1975	Charles Malloy (ADSO-OPA*)
1976 to 1977	Russell Appler (ADSO-OPA*)
1978	?
1979 to 1980	Lewis Sweigart (ADSO-OPA*)
1981	Elsie Nichols (ADSO-OPA*)
1981 to 1982	Daniel Coons (ADSO-OPA*)
1983 to 1986	Russell Appler (ADSO-OPA*)
1987 to 1988	Daniel Maxim (ADSO-OPA*) [DSO-OP]
1989	Robert G. Waters (ADSO-OPA*)
1990	Robert C. Allison (ADSO-OPA*)
1991 to 1992	Caroline Sweigart (ADSO-OPA*)
1992 to 1994	William "Ken" Laird (ADSO-OPA*)
1995	Fred Vitale DSO-AV
1996	?
1997	William "Ken" Laird (ADSO-OPA*)
1998 to 2000	Fred Vitale DSO-AV
2000 to 2005	Donald Vaughn DSO-AV
2006 to 2009	Wesley R. Pace DSO-AV
2010 to 2016	Richard Heller DSO-AV
2017 to 2018	Joseph Giannattasio DSO-AV
2019 to present	William Fithian DSO-AV

* Originally, directors of the District's Air Program were Operations, Aircraft [Staff] Officer, then ADSO-OPA [Operations-Aviation] in the 1970's, until sometime until the late 1990's when they were DSO-AV.

AVIATION

WANTED

Pilots for Auxiliary Aviation Program



The 5NR Aviation program is looking for pilots and observers.

The aviation program has never been more important to Team Coast Guard than right now. Active duty Coast Guard aviation is working at full capacity. Members and non-members, this is a great way to recruit new members, who are interested in flying important security and public safety missions should contact:

**Don Vaughn DSO-AV at:
donvaughn@earthlink.net**

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AIR PATROL



Flotilla 14-1 Pilot Les Jones and observers Mike McGurl and Bob Herr on a Delaware Bay/ New Jersey air patrol on November 3, 2001. D5-NR Auxiliary Air Patrols operate out of Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City.

Photo Don Vaughn, DSO-AV
Harrisburg, PA

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Workshop "Class Photo" on the ramp at the Harrisburg, PA Jet Center

A regional aviation workshop held Saturday, 26 Jan, at the Harrisburg, PA Jet Center - it was arranged by DSO-AV Don Vaughn, with training sessions provide by DSO-PA Mike McGurl, ADSO-Flight Safety Officer Judy Redlawsk and ADSO-Aviation Ops Officer Les Jones - 25 persons attended from various Divisions (mostly from the Western and Central areas) - training sessions included: patrol and communications procedures, cockpit resource management (pilot-crewman-observer team), uniforms/equipment, survival review and program administration.✿

Article and photos by CDR Stephen J. Minutolo, USCG, Director of Auxiliary D5-NR, Philadelphia, PA



(above) Les Jones, ADSO-AV (AVO), instructing the class.

(below) Wes Pace, FC 11-9, egressing from the survival raft.



(above) Judy Redlawsk, ADSO-AV (FSO) reviewing raft set-up.

(below) Raft demonstration (l to r) Helen Diodato, VFC 14-4, Sandra Reck, FSO-IS 14-4, Suzanne Lincoln, 11-9, and Wes Pace, FC 11-9



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The History of Auxiliary District Fifth Northern's Air Program

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Certificate of Inspection

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

AIRCRAFT 1339 6605E

This AIRCRAFT has been inspected this date and found to fulfill in all respects the requirements of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Authority is hereby granted to fly the Auxiliary flag and to display the Auxiliary insignia during the present calendar year, provided the facility and its equipment are maintained in present condition.

J. J. GARRETT, CDR, USCG
Director of Auxiliary

1 JULY 1963
(Date)

THIRD(SA) Coast Guard District

GPO 951884

1963 Air Facility Cert

Copy of Dick Unien, Jr.'s
Aircraft Facility Certification
from 1963.

*Scan from
TOPSIDE article, 1995.*



Scan from previous TOPSIDE article

Photos from Across the District





Radio watchstanders, boat crew and coxswains from several USCG Aux OPFACs out of AUX-TRACEN Marcus Hook meet after a successful day of patrols on the Delaware River.

*Photograph by
COMO Thomas Dever*

USCGAUX 19-01 and 19-02 Team at support the Goldsboro Pa. National Night Out.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photo obtained by
Mel Collins, 19-01*



19-01 and 19-02 on Patrol



USCGAUX 19-01 and 19-02 on patrol at Lake Frederic, Dauphin Pa.

Photos by Mel Collins



Swim Tests



Photographs from this year's annual AUXAIR member swim & life-raft boarding test at the pool at TRACEN.

Photographs by Lorraine Bianco



Photographs from a recent swim and treading water performance practical for Auxiliary Boat Crew candidates at the pool at TRACEN.

Photographs by COMO Joseph Giannattasio.

19-01 PA Event



Millersburg PA; 19-01 attended the Ned Smith festival August 31 .

Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by Mel Collins



Coast Guard Day - August 4, 2021



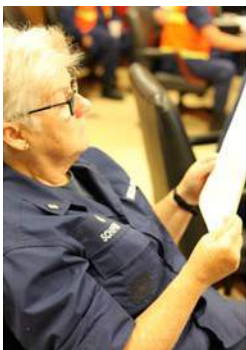
Photographs
taken by
Barbara Sama,
ADSO-PB

*More to come in
the next issue.*

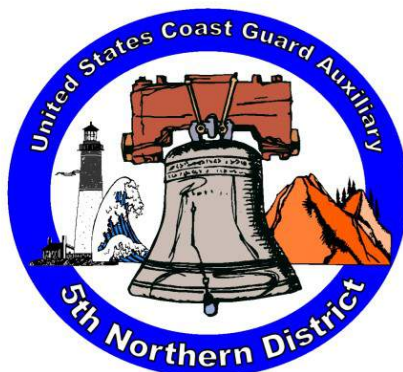


IMAST Hurricane Exercise

Photographs taken by Barbara Sama, ADSO-PB



COMMS Center



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NEWS FROM 5th DISTRICT-NORTHERN SECTION

FWD: FROM:
DISTRICT CAPTAIN EAST, 5th Northern

Commanders,

This information concerning TRACEN was announced at last evening's (May 7) Division meeting. If you have any questions or concerns in regard to this information, please contact me first and I will follow up for you. Please do not contact the DCAPT E Jim Hans directly. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Semper Paratus,
Tom Don
DCDR D5NR-07

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **James Hans** <beached920@aol.com>
Date: Thu, May 6, 2021 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Reopening of TRACEN (PLEASE READ TILL END)

To:
Division Commanders

Please disseminate to all Flotilla Commanders for distribution to all Auxiliarists throughout District East.

Shipmates Across District East, / 5th Northern:

I am very happy to announce that many aspects and entities of TRACEN (Training Center Cape May) are once again open to Auxiliarists.

There are several different aspects of accessing TRACEN, based upon your geographic and Flotilla location. Please read this entire email to determine which applies to you.

Auxiliarists who are members of Flotillas 81, 82, 83 & 86: To date all members who are currently in good standing may access TRACEN. You may want

to reconfirm with your FC that your name was submitted on a master list and forwarded to our TRACEN AUC. Marty Sannino.

Auxiliarists who are members of Flotillas 84, 85, & 87: Please submit your name and employee id number to your FC, requesting TRACEN access. Flotilla Commanders, assuming your member is in good standing, please forward your members name to TRACEN AUC Marty Sannino. Aux. Sannino will forward his/her name to TRACEN security for access approval. Please allow 7 days for submission of names before attempting access. This process will only have to occur one time.

Auxiliarists who are located in Divisions 07, 16 and 18: if you plan on visiting TRACEN, please submit your name and employee number on an individual basis to your FC. Your FC will then forward your information to TRACEN AUC MARTY SANNNINO for security processing. Again, please allow 7 days for processing. Flotilla Commanders, you are reminded that all members requesting TRACEN access, must be in good standing with the Auxiliary to include being current with their financial obligations and no ongoing disciplinary actions. This process will only have to occur one time.

Listed below is a current list of what is and is NOT open to Auxiliarists.

- CGEX, yes
- Harborview, yes
- Galley, yes
- Lucky Bag, yes
- Storage Units if they rent one, yes
- MWR Parking lot if they rent a space, yes

Currently the GYM and TRACEN POOL ARE NOT open to Auxiliary use. A determination on accessing the pool and gym will be made within the next 45 days.

It is essential and of paramount importance that all Auxiliarists understand and acknowledge that access to TRACEN and TRACEN'S amenities are a privilege, THEY ARE NOT A RIGHT. As such, all Auxiliarists will be expected to conduct themselves in a way that represents the highest values of the Coast Guard. I regret that I even have to draw attention to proper conduct while onboard TRACEN. However, in the past, a few isolated circumstances in which certain members failed to exercise good judgement, have jeopardized all Auxiliary members from enjoying the benefits of accessing TRACEN. Flotilla Commanders have the authority at the local level to determine if a member is in good standing. At the Division and District level, the right to revoke access to TRACEN based on behavior or inappropriate actions remains vested in the judgment of the Division Commander and District Captain. I reiterate, please enjoy the many and unique opportunities we have at our disposal at TRACEN, while at the same time, representing yourselves, and your fellow ship mates in way that makes us all proud to call ourselves Coast Guard Auxiliarists.

Flotilla Commanders: For submission of names to TRACEN please respond to: Marty Sannino TRACEN AUC

EMAIL MSANNINO@gmail.com.

Anyone with questions regarding TRACEN access may be emailed directly to me.

Very Respectfully
James E. Hans
District Captain East
5th Northern

**NOGI 24MAY21-Operational Offer For Use Guidance
District-wide Distribution to ALL Members**



**IMPORTANT POLICY/PROCEDURES GUIDANCE
Facility Offer-For-Use Approval Processes**

FROM THE DISTRICT COMMODORE

**Greetings Auxiliary OPFAC owners and
Operational Members,**

Below is a guide for the Facility Offer-For-Use (OFU) Approval Process to facilitate members in approving Boat, Radio, Aircraft, and Vehicle Facilities.

I realize how challenging it has been for some Facility Owners to enter their Offer for Use (OFU) into the new AUXDATA II (ADII) system. Nearly all issues and delays in approving Boat OPFACS are due to incorrect or missing information.

I am also providing the following list of common issues experienced to help members correctly and completely fill out their OFU entries in AUXDATA II:

A PERSONAL TIP:

I found that it is helpful to review an 'Approved' OPFAC record in ADII and use it as a guide in determining what information is needed and how to enter it, as well as how and where to upload/attach photos and documents. You can search ADII for 'approved' boat (Radio and Aircraft as well) and view or print it out as a reference.

OPFAC INSPECTION FORMS are to ONLY be entered and uploaded into the AUXDATA II program by the Vessel Examiner (VE).

**CHECK FOR THE MOST COMMON
ERRORS:**

- Incorrect submission - must be submitted via AUXDATA II.
- Blurry documents
- Documents that cannot be opened by CG's computer system.
- Incomplete forms (items not checked, signatures, value, fuel data missing)



TURNAROUND TIME—Keep in mind that there is up to a two-week turnaround time for correctly submitted forms; so, forms sent in yesterday should not be expected to be completed the next day. (You recall, this is the same as it was before ADII.)

The majority of members are completing Offer For Use in AUXDATA 2 without issues.

And I appreciate how challenging the transition to the new data and orders system is for some members. There's a popular saying, "Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end." Like most things we've all experienced in life.

BE A GOOD SHIPMATE—Once you become familiar with various aspects of ADII - help others become proficient.

Respectfully,

Joseph Giannattasio
District Commodore
Fifth District - Northern Region
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

USCG 5NR AUXDATA II GUIDE

Facility Offer-For-Use Approval Processes

This document details the various Offer-For-Use approval processes for each type of facility. Please note all red text indicates an automated update. All other updates are manually done by the end user. Everything but create New Facility record. The records have migrated over from old AD to ADII.

An owner will find their facility in ADII, and submit a new facility inspection, not create a new facility record if already in ADII.

BOAT FACILITY SUBMISSION

- Your facility record should have migrated over from the old AUXDATA to AUXDATA II – User must find their facility in AUXDATA II. (ONLY IF THERE IS NO FACILITY RECORD, User creates a new facility record.)
- User needs to review their facility record to make sure it is accurate and complete, and inputs all facility information including related information such as facility ownership, NAVAIDS, engines, onboard radios, and RDFs

- In order to submit the facility into the Offer-For-Use approval process, the user must create a new facility inspection record with a record type boat
 - User is required to input the vessel examiner and DIRAUX users and the Requested Inspection Date
 - User saves the new facility inspection record
 - User is able to click on the Submit for Approval button
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the vessel examiner and the facility inspection status is updated to Under Inspection (vessel examiner receives email alert)
- When the vessel examiner inspects the facility, they can log into AUXDATA II and upload any inspection files on the Files related list on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The Inspection Date on the facility inspection record is updated to reflect the date the examiner approved the facility inspection.
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DIRAUX user and the facility inspection status is updated to DIRAUX Review (DIRAUX user receives email alert)
- The DIRAUX user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection status is updated to Approved, the facility status is updated to Operational, the facility Last Re-Inspection Date is updated to the date the final approver (DIRAUX) approved the facility inspection, and the Inspection Expiration Date is updated to reflect Last Re-inspection Date + 410 days
- The user who submitted the facility inspection receives an email notification that the facility was approved

RADIO (NON-HF) FACILITY SUBMISSION

- Your facility record should have migrated over from the old AUXDATA to AUXDATA II – User must find their facility in AUXDATA II. (ONLY IF THERE IS NO FACILITY RECORD, User creates a new facility record.)
- User needs to review their facility record to make sure it is accurate and complete, and inputs all facility information including related information such as facility

ownership, NAVAIDs, engines, onboard radios, and RDFs

- In order to submit the facility into the Offer-For-Use approval process, the user must create a new facility inspection record with a record type radio
 - User is required to input the facility inspector and DIRAUX users and the Requested Inspection Date
 - User saves the new facility inspection record
 - User is able to click on the Submit for Approval button.
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the facility inspector and the facility inspection status is updated to Under Inspection (facility inspector receives email alert)
- When the facility inspector inspects the facility, they can log into AUXDATA II and upload any inspection files on the Files related list on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The Inspection Date on the facility inspection record is updated to reflect the date the examiner approved the facility inspection
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DIRAUX user and the facility inspection status is updated to DIRAUX Review (DIRAUX user receives email alert)
- The DIRAUX user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection status is updated to Approved, the facility status is updated to Operational, the facility Last Re-Inspection Date is updated to the date the final approver (DIRAUX) approved the facility inspection, and the Inspection Expiration Date is updated to reflect Last Re-inspection Date + 1140 days
- The user who submitted the facility inspection receives an email notification that the facility was approved

HF RADIO FACILITY SUBMISSION

- Your facility record should have migrated over from the old AUXDATA to AUXDATA II – User must find their facility in AUXDATA II. (ONLY IF THERE IS NO FACILITY RECORD, User creates a new facility record.)
- User needs to review their facility record to make sure it is accurate and complete, and

inputs all facility information including related information such as facility ownership, NAVAIDs, engines, onboard radios, and RDFs

- In order to submit the facility into the Offer-For-Use approval process, the user must create a new facility inspection record with a record type radio
 - User is required to input the facility inspector and DIRAUX users and the Requested Inspection Date
 - User is also required to input the BC-RTI and DVC-RT users under HF Radio Approvers
 - User saves the new facility inspection record
 - User is able to click on the Submit for Approval button
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the facility inspector and the facility inspection status is updated to Under Inspection (facility inspector receives email alert)
- When the facility inspector inspects the facility, they can log into AUXDATA II and upload any inspection files on the Files related list on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The Inspection Date on the facility inspection record is updated to reflect the date the examiner approved the facility inspection
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DIRAUX user and the facility inspection status is updated to DIRAUX Review (DIRAUX user receives email alert)
- The DIRAUX user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the BC-RTI user and the facility inspection status is updated to BC-RTI Review (BC-RTI user receives email alert)
- The BC-RTI user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DVC-RT user and the facility inspection status is updated to DVC-RT Review (DVC-RT user receives email alert)
- The DVC-RT user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection status is updated to Approved, the facility status is updated to Operational, the facility Last Re-Inspection

Date is updated to the date the final approver (DVC-RT) approved the facility inspection, and the Inspection Expiration Date is updated to reflect Last Re-inspection Date + 1140 days

- The user who submitted the facility inspection receives an email notification that the facility was approved

VEHICLE FACILITY SUBMISSION

- Your facility record should have migrated over from the old AUXDATA to AUXDATA II – User must find their facility in AUXDATA II. (ONLY IF THERE IS NO FACILITY RECORD, User creates a new facility record.)
- User needs to review their facility record to make sure it is accurate and complete, and inputs all facility information including related information such as facility ownership, NAVAIDs, engines, onboard radios, and RDFs
- In order to submit the new facility into the Offer-For-Use approval process, the user is required to populate the DIRAUX field under DIRAUX Approval and click on the Submit for Approval button on the facility page
 - Since vehicle facilities don't require an inspection, the user does not need to create a facility inspection record
- The facility record is assigned to the DIRAUX user and the facility status is updated to DIRAUX Review (DIRAUX user receives email alert)
- The DIRAUX user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility status is updated to Operational; the facility Last Re-Inspection Date is updated to the date the final approver (DIRAUX) approved the facility inspection, and the Inspection Expiration Date is updated to reflect Last Re-inspection Date + 410 days
- The user who submitted the facility inspection receives an email notification that the facility was approved

AIRCRAFT FACILITY SUBMISSION

- Your facility record should have migrated over from the old AUXDATA to AUXDATA II – User must find their facility in AUXDATA II. (ONLY IF THERE IS NO

FACILITY RECORD, User creates a new facility record.)

- User needs to review their facility record to make sure it is accurate and complete, and inputs all facility information including related information such as facility ownership, NAVAIDs, engines, and onboard radios
- In order to submit the new facility into the Offer-For-Use approval process, the user must create a new facility inspection record with a record type of aircraft
 - User is required to input the flight examiner, DSO of Aviation, and DIRAUX users and the Requested Inspection Date
 - User saves the new facility inspection record
 - User is able to click on the Submit for Approval button
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the flight examiner and the facility inspection status is updated to Under Inspection (flight examiner receives email alert)
- When the flight examiner inspects the facility, they can log into AUXDATA II and upload any inspection files on the Files related list on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The Inspection Date on the facility inspection record is updated to reflect the date the examiner approved the facility inspection
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DSO of Aviation user and the facility inspection status is updated to DSO of Aviation Review (DSO of Aviation user receives email alert)
- The DSO of Aviation user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection record is assigned to the DIRAUX user and the facility inspection status is updated to DIRAUX Review (DIRAUX user receives email alert)
- The DIRAUX user can review the facility details on the facility record page and approve the facility inspection record
- The facility inspection status is updated to Approved, the facility status is updated to Operational, the facility Last Re-Inspection Date is updated to the date the final approver (DIRAUX) approved the facility inspection, and the Inspection Expiration Date is

updated to reflect Last Re-inspection Date + 410 days

- The user who submitted the facility inspection receives an email notification that the facility was approved

OTHER INFORMATION

- If any of the assigned approvers rejects the facility inspection, the user who submitted the facility inspection receives a notification, the facility inspection status is updated to Not Approved, and the facility inspection record is removed from the approval process
 - The user would need to re-submit the facility inspection in order for it to go through another approval process
- When a facility inspection is rejected by the final approver, the facility status is updated in the following ways:
 - If this is a new facility with no previous facility inspections, the facility status is updated to Archived
 - If this is an existing facility with previous facility inspections, the facility status is updated to Non-Operational
- DIRAUX users have access to update all facility inspection fields and all facility fields

FACILITY INSPECTION EXPIRATION EMAIL ALERTS

- When the facility inspection expiration is due within 45 days, the Facility Owner and DSO-AV should receive an email alert for Aircraft facilities.
 - For Aircraft facilities, the Inspection Expiration Date = Last Re-inspection Date + 410 days (365 days + 45-day grace period)
- When the facility inspection expiration is due within 45 days, the Facility owner and Flotilla Commander should receive an email alert for Boat, PWC, and Paddlecraft facilities.
 - For Boat, PWC, and Paddlecraft facilities, the Inspection Expiration Date = Last Re-inspection Date + 410 days (365 days + 45-day grace period)
- When the facility inspection expiration is due within 45 days, the Facility owner and

DSO-CM should receive an email alert for Radio facilities.

- For Radio facilities, the Inspection Expiration Date = Last Re-inspection Date + 1140 days (3 years + 45-day grace period)

Vehicle facilities do not require inspections, therefore, there are no email alerts.

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We need your help in reporting to Senior Coast Guard Officers all of the good things that we are doing

To keep the U.S. Coast Guard 5th District

Commander RADM Laura M. Dickey and USCG Sector Delaware Bay Commander Captain Jonathon Theel informed of Auxiliary activities, we are producing a report that is a look-ahead of the upcoming week's expected activities. The resulting D5NR Outreach Activities Detail Report will be posted on the 5nr.org website after the data is collected.

For the information to be as accurate as possible, we are requesting that each Flotilla report their upcoming activities via an online form that will automatically email the information to the DSO-CS team. The form should be filled out by a designee of the Flotilla which could be the applicable FSO. What is to be reported includes:

- Vessel Exam Blitz or Multi-Unit event (Multiple VEs concentrating on a single or connected sites)
- Public Affairs Events
- Marine Safety event (Clean-up days, School MS Displays, etc.)
- Any other Public Outreach Event

The reporting week runs from the upcoming Monday through the following Sunday with the report feeds coming from each Flotilla or other appropriate level of the organization. Deadline for submission is the Friday before the reporting week. The designated reporter to complete the form on the D5NR site is determined by the Flotilla.

Example: Activities for the week of 26Apr2021 through 2May2021 need to be reported by Friday, 23Apr2021.

The form routes to the District CS team for assembly into a report and distribution.

NOTE: Submitters of the form should use their email address that is registered in AuxOfficer. The Outreach Location on the form is the name of the site such as Bob's Marina, followed by the city and state at which the site is located.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the Gold Side informed of our significant contributions.

<https://5nr.org/upcoming-activities-report-form/>

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WEAR IT
A program of the National Safe Boating Council

NOGI 23Jun-USCGAUX 82nd Anniversary Greetings!
District-wide Distribution to ALL Members



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!
Anniversary Wishes from Senior Leadership



**FROM THE DISTRICT
COMMODORE**

"Happy 82nd anniversary to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary? Since June 23, 1939, Auxiliarists have volunteered their time and resources by land, air and sea to ensure the safety of our waterways and support our active-duty Coast Guard service members. To the more than 1,680 Auxiliarists serving communities throughout the Fifth District-Northern Region, thank you for your devotion to duty! Semper Paratus!"

COMO Joseph Giannattasio
District Commodore
Fifth District – Northern Region
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



**FROM THE DISTRICT
COMMODORE**

"Our fifth District-Northern Region Auxiliarists are AUXSOME (I think that is an obvious statement); I am honored to serve as your director."

Thank you for continuing to serve your community and the Coast Guard. On our 82nd birthday, I want to reach out and say Happy Birthday, and that I hope all of you are well. I am excited to see you face-to-face soon."

LCDR Victoria Taylor-Davies
U.S. Coast Guard
Director of Auxiliary
Fifth District – Northern Region



AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP LINK

From: *L2* Auxiliary Leadership Link
The Digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Activity

26 May 2021



FIRST QUARTER 2021 NAVIGATOR EXPRESS

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The First Quarter Edition of the Navigator Express is available online now!

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- Volunteer Values
- Why I Serve
- Answering the Call to Tutor Coast Guard Families
- Patrol & Crew Guide
- Crew Training Resumes
- Auxiliary Involved with Change of Command
- The Auxiliarist's Guide to Navigating COVID-19
- AUXAIR COVID Response
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- Improving Social Media
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- The National Coast Guard Instagram Takeover
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From: *L2* Auxiliary Leadership Link
The Digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Activity

11 June 2021 Edition

To: All Auxiliarists

NACON 2021 Hotel Registration Cutoff is Fast Approaching

REGISTER TODAY!

Make your HOTEL reservation at the Rosen Centre today while rooms are still available. The hotel is filling up VERY quickly and rooms soon may not be available. [Rosen Centre Hotel Web Site](#)

NACON 2021 is Aug. 16-22 at the
Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

Enjoy this great venue and experience the warm fellowship of other attendees. Learn the latest information on Coast Guard Auxiliary programs and take advantage of very informative workshops. Put faces to the names of the members you have been talking with during the last two years!

Don't forget to explore Orlando and its many fantastic sites and activities!

All COVID-19 protocols current during NACON will be followed. Attendees may wear masks whether or not required by the protocols. Attendees under orders are not required to attend all events.

NACON registration, information, and online hotel reservations are available on the Coast Guard Auxiliary NACON 2021 Website:

[NACON 2021 \(cgauxa.org\)](https://cgauxa.org)



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17 JUNE 2021

On Monday 21 June 2021 the AUXDATA II email address associated with AUXDATA II email notifications will change from "notifications@auxdataii.us" to "auxdata@uscg.mil". The "From" address will show as "Auxdata II Admin <auxdata@uscg.mil>". Examples of AUXDATA II email notifications are patrol request notifications to the Order Issuing Authority (OIA), password resets, and Salesforce login verification codes. AUXDATA II users should identify auxdata@uscg.mil emails as coming from a trusted or safe sender. If you have questions about email notifications or if you do not receive email notifications after 21 June, please submit a Tier 1 Service Request or contact your FSO-IS for assistance.



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2 JULY 2021

This message is for all Vessel Examiners, Instructors, Food Service/Culinary Assistants, and Aviation and Surface Operations qualified members who have not yet completed the required workshops for 2021 in these respective areas.

In accordance with ALAUX 008/21, Auxiliary members holding competencies in the above program areas were required to complete specified workshops NLT 30 June 2021. Per the Auxiliary Manual, anyone who is required to complete a required workshop and fails to complete the workshop by the deadline will have their affected competencies placed into Required Workshop Not Met (REWK) status in AUXDATA II. Members in REWK status may not perform missions in these areas until the workshop is completed and the respective competency is restored to an active status.

Members have until Friday, 9 July 2021 to complete the required workshops. On 9 July 2021, any member

who has not completed the required workshop for their VE, IT, Food Service/Culinary Assistant and

Aviation and Surface competencies will have their competencies set to REWK.

ALAUX 008/21 is available at http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/BX-GROUP/008_21_2021_NATIONAL_WORKSHOP_S.pdf

For questions or assistance, contact your FSO-IS.



From: *L2* Auxiliary Leadership Link
The digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary activity

15 JULY 2021



The NACON 2021 Registration Deadline is Fast Approaching

The July 30, 2021 deadline for registering for NACON 2021 (August 16-22) without incurring a late charge is almost here. After that date late registration will require payment of an additional \$45.00 and rooms at the Rosen Centre event hotel may not be available. If you plan to attend and have not yet registered, now is the time to check that box before rooms at the hotel are gone and the cost of registration includes the late registration fee. To register for NACON 2021, reserve your room at the Rosen Centre, and select the events in which you will participate, go to the Coast Guard Auxiliary NACON 2021 internet registration and information site at : [NACON 2021 \(cgauxa.org\)](http://NACON2021.cgauxa.org)



From: **L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link**
The digest of US Coast Guard Auxiliary activity

19 JULY 2021



MEMORANDUM Date: July 19, 2021

From: Alex Malewski,
National Commodore

To: All
Subj: **NACO GUIDANCE: INCIDENT
OR MISHAP NOTIFICATION**

References: a. Coast Guard Safety and
Environmental Health Manual,
COMDTINST M5100.47
(series)),

b. Auxiliary Operations
Policy Manual (COMDINST
M16798.3 (series))

c. Auxiliary Manual
COMDTINST M16790.1
(series))

It is critically important that the Auxiliary's Senior Leadership be informed in a timely manner if an incident or mishap as defined in this Guidance occurs. The need for such notification is not necessarily confined to those situations in which an Auxiliarist was operating under orders.

The procedures detailed in this Guidance are intended to facilitate timely and accurate notification to the Auxiliary's Senior leadership of the specified types of incidents or mishaps involving members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, whether or not they occur while a member is assigned to duty. These procedures **are in addition** to those in place for reporting mishaps to the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) occurring while members are under operational orders.

A. Procedure:

1. As soon as possible after an incident occurs the member(s) involved, if able, or another Auxiliarist with knowledge of the facts, shall notify the District Chief of

Staff (DCOS), and if under orders, the OIA.

2. If the incident occurred during flight operations or associated ground support activities, the member involved, if able, or another Auxiliarist with knowledge of the facts, shall notify the District Flight Safety Officer (DFSIO) and the DCOS as soon as possible whether or not the incident occurred while under orders. The OIA shall also be notified if the incident occurred while under orders.

3. For all other incidents or mishaps described herein, whether or not occurring while the members are assigned to duty, the member involved or another Auxiliarist with knowledge of the facts shall notify the DCOS as soon as possible.

4. The District Flight Safety Officer, and DCOS shall notify the District Commodore (DCO) of the incident or mishap.

a. The DCO shall notify the District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) and maintain continuing communication with the DIRAUX as needed.

b. If the DCO deems it warranted, the DCO shall notify the Vice National Commodore (VNACO) and the cognizant Deputy National Commodore (DNACO). The VNACO shall notify the National Commodore (NACO).

5. If at any point in the notification process it is not possible to contact the next level as directed herein, or if there is any doubt that the incident notification will be forwarded in a timely manner to the next level, the reporting member will continue to attempt to contact the next higher level until confirmation is received that the information has been successfully passed.

B. Incident or Mishap to be Reported to NACO

1. As noted, this procedure applies not only to an incident involving an Auxiliarist assigned to duty, including incidents occurring during travel to and from the location of the authorized Auxiliary activity, but also includes incidents defined below that did not occur while assigned to duty:

a. Any occurrence causing occurrence causing personal injury requiring medical care beyond basic first aid, death, and any occupational illness, property damage, personal injury, or loss that will generate a claim against the Coast Guard must be reported.

b. Any occurrence reported to Active-Duty Coast Guard is to be reported to the designated Auxiliary officer as described.

c. Any unusual occurrence which significantly interferes with, or negatively impacts, the performance or outcome of a mission is to be reported.

d. Any occurrence which results in intervention or a response by a federal, state, or local agency must be reported.

e. Any incident which results in damage in excess of \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars) or more to an Auxiliary facility or structure must be reported to NACO through the process described.

f. Any other incident, whether or not occurring while a member is assigned to duty or executing a Coast Guard mission, which, in the judgment of the member, is likely to result in positive or negative publicity for the Auxiliary, must be reported.

C. Contents of The Report

1. State the names of the members involved and their District affiliation.

2. Report the date, time and location of the incident.

3. State whether any injuries were sustained, the nature of the injuries, if known, and whether the injured person(s) has (have) been hospitalized.

4. State whether any government agency was notified or responded to the incident.

5. Without delaying the report, provide any additional information considered significant.

6. The report should be considered confidential and not shared beyond forwarding as directed. No information should be passed to anyone other than in compliance with this memorandum. Members of the media inquiring with regard to the incident should be referred to the District Director of Auxiliary.

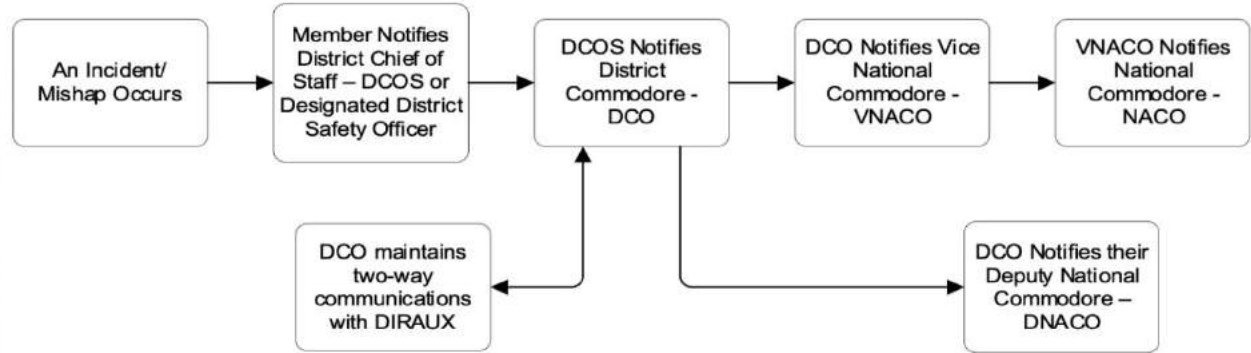
D. Flow Charts

1. The applicable portion of the attached flow chart shall be followed.

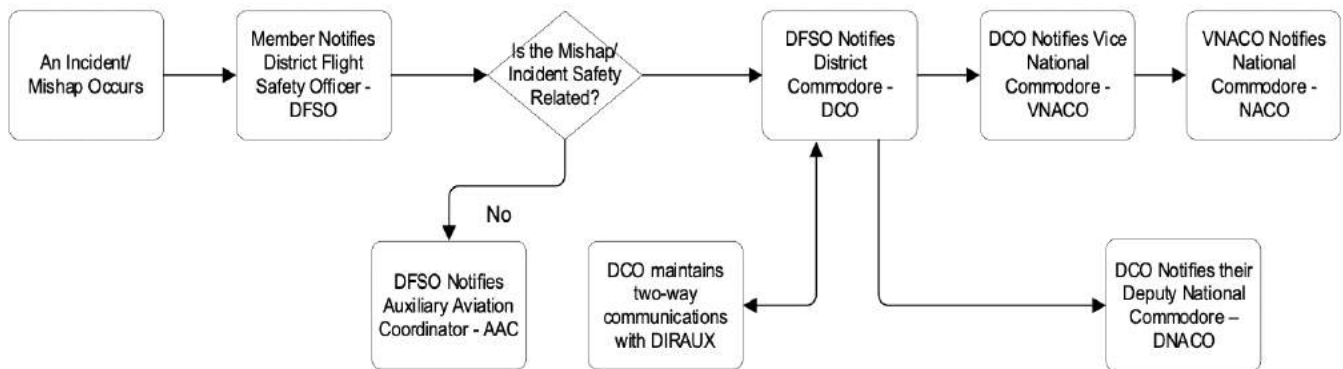
a. Members are required to cooperate with Coast Guard personnel designated to investigate the incident or mishap.

b. Members who do not receive confirmation that the notification has been received shall notify the next level in the Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM). In the case of any government agency related incidents, notification up the chain must be completed.

Incidents/Mishaps



Aviation Incidents/Mishaps



NATIONAL NOTICES



06 MAY 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 013/21

**Subj: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EMERGENCY MANAGERS (IAEM) 2021
UNIFORMED, CIVILIAN, AND AUXILIARY
MEMBER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AWARDS**

1. The Coast Guard recently solicited for nominations for the IAEM 2021 uniformed, civilian, and Auxiliary member emergency management awards. Please submit nominations in accordance with the guidance below.

Respectfully,
Captain Scott L. Johnson
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

R 031501Z MAY 21
FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC
TO ALCOAST
UNCLAS
BT
ALCOAST 169/21
SSIC 1650

SUBJ: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EMERGENCY MANAGERS (IAEM) 2021
UNIFORMED, CIVILIAN, AND
AUXILIARY MEMBER EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AWARDS

1. This ALCOAST solicits Coast Guard nominees for the IAEM Uniformed Service Awards Competition in three award categories: IAEM-USA Military Emergency Manager of the Year, IAEM-USA Civilian Emergency Manager of the Year and the IAEM-USA Auxiliary Emergency Manager of the Year.

These awards recognize individuals serving in the uniformed services of the United States

who have consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field of emergency management while continuously self-developing as emergency managers.

2. The award guidelines are as follows:

- a. Eligibility: Uniformed members may be Active Duty, Reserve or Auxiliary members. Civilians include members of the civil service.
- b. Nominations must be made and submitted by the first O-6 or GS-15 equivalent or above for the Military and Civilian categories. Nominations for the Auxiliary must be made and submitted by any Commodore, Squadron Commander, Director of Auxiliary, or O-6 or GS-15 equivalent or above.
- c. Submission requirements: Command recommendation memo with complete contact information for the nominee and nominator and a one-page description in bullet form of significant achievements and contributions to include the following categories: Accomplishments, Job Performance, Technical Competence, Leadership Ability, Initiative, and Resourcefulness. Use of abbreviations is acceptable with an abbreviation list on a separate sheet. Use only Times New Roman font with 10 or 12 point font size.
- d. Period of award: 1 Jul 2019 through 31 Dec 2020.

3. Additional details about the IAEM award and template for the award nomination can be found at: <https://www.iaem.org/2021-awards-program>.

4. Nominations with command endorsement must be received via email no later than 25 May 2021. Nominations are to be submitted to Jeanita.A.Jefferson@uscg.mil.

5. POC for this award program is CDR Jeanita Jefferson, COMDT (CG-OEM-2), Jeanita.A.Jefferson@uscg.mil or 202-372-2261.

6. Ms. Dana Tulis, Director, Emergency Management (CG-5RI), sends.

7. Internet release is authorized.





11 MAY 2021
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 014/21

Subj: **QUALIFICATION EXAMINER (QE)
CHECK RIDE TASK EXPIRATION DATE
EXTENSIONS**

Ref: (a) ALAUX 032-20 Auxiliary Currency
Maintenance Changes for 2020
(b) Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual,
COMDTINST M16794.51A

1. Reference (a) announced specified currency maintenance task expiration dates in CY 2020 were extended to the end of CY 2021 including the triennial QE check ride task for surface operations competencies. For some districts, extension of the QE check ride task expiration dates creates an unmanageable CY 2021 workload that exceeds capacity to conduct required QE check rides. This check ride workload issue, if not addressed, will repeat itself in 2024.

2. Effective immediately, all QE check rides that were last completed in 2018, 2019, and 2020 will have their task expiration dates extended by one year in AUXDATA II (e.g., if a check ride was last completed in 2018 and is due by the end of 2021, then the expiration date is extended by one year to 2022). QE check ride expiration dates will be updated in AUXDATA in the near future.

3. This extension does not include QE check-ride tasks that were waived/extended by reference (a), **nor is it a blanket waiver to exempt surface operators from having to complete a check-ride.** It allows districts to manage their risk, proficiency and check-ride workload by prioritizing their most urgent check-rides. If a district has the capacity to complete all QE check-rides which have task expiration dates in CY 2021, then they can coordinate their QEs to do so. Once a check-ride is completed and the task is entered in AUXDATAII, the new expiration date will automatically be set to the end of the third year from the date of the new QE check-ride per reference (b).

4. There is increased risk when QE check-ride expiration dates are extended. Districts and all levels

of the Chain of Leadership and Management must employ appropriate strategies to manage and mitigate any increased risk.

5. Questions must be sent through the Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).

6. Internet Release is authorized.



21 MAY 2021
FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 015/21

Subj: **2019 ASSOCIATION FOR RESCUE AT
SEA (AFRAS) AWARD RECIPIENTS**

1. Please read the following ALCOAST announcement of 2019 AFRAS award recipients. Congratulations to Seventh District Auxiliarists Stephen Wyatt and Gloria Wyatt on their award of the Silver Medal for their response to a 40-foot motor vessel on fire near Matanzas Inlet, St. Augustine, Florida in July 2019. Their heroic actions brought great credit to the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Honorable mention is provided to boat crews from D5-Northern Region (Auxiliarists Andy Crowley, John Yowell, and Tim Youngern) and D9-Western Region (Auxiliarists Joshua Zajac, Sally Stelnicki, Les Piskopos, and Ruth Aurigemma). Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,
Captain Scott L. Johnson
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)



R 131705Z MAY 21
FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC
TO ALCOAST
BT
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ALCOAST 182/21

SSIC 16100

SUBJ: 2019 ASSOCIATION FOR RESCUE
AT SEA (AFRAS) AWARD RECIPIENTS
A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC
241019 MAR 20/ALCOAST 102/20

1. Per REF (A), this ALCOAST announces the recipients of the 2019 AFRAS Gold and Silver Medals. The Gold Medal is awarded annually to a Coast Guard enlisted member who

exhibited exceptional courage and heroism during a rescue at sea. The Silver Medal is awarded annually to a deserving Coast Guard Auxiliarist for a heroic rescue for lives saved in either inland or coastal waters.

2. Due to COVID, AFRAS delayed the selection and presentation of the 2019 awards for one year. Presentation will be as per paragraph 6 below.

3. GOLD MEDAL.

a. The 2020 Gold Medal is awarded to AST1 Eric Young and AST1 Nathan Newberg, Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, Georgia. Both are recognized for their superior performance of duty while serving as Rescue Swimmers on Coast Guard helicopters 6531 (CGNR 6531) and CG44 (CGNR 6544) during the 08 September 19 rescue of survivors from the M/V GOLDEN RAY. M/V GOLDEN RAY, a 656-foot cargo vessel containing over 4,200 vehicles, equipment and 24 crewmembers, suffered a shipboard fire and capsized in St. Simons Sound, Georgia.

b. Upon arriving on scene, CGNR 6531 lowered AST1 Young over 100 feet onto the GOLDEN RAY, who found a group of survivors using their chem-lights to show their location. While connected to the hoist cable, AST1 Young then traversed the near-vertical deck and recovered a survivor using a rescue sling. CGNR 6531 again repositioned and lowered AST1 Young 130 feet to recover three additional trapped crewmembers, including one severely injured.

c. As CGNR 6531 departed the stricken ship to transport the survivors to medical services, CGNR 6544 arrived on scene and deployed AST1 Newberg to the starboard bridge wing. AST1 Newberg secured a section of fire hose to the ship railing and rappelled into the bridge, where he located the trapped master and pilot. The Captain initially refused to leave the vessel without knowing the status of the crewmembers trapped below. Displaying exceptional

physical stamina, AST1 Newberg was able to lower the pilot to the port bridge wing and then an additional 40 feet to a rescue boat. With CGNR 6544 low on fuel, AST1 Newberg returned to the Captain, communicated to him the status of his engine room crewmembers, extracted him from the bridge, and safely hoisted him onto CGNR 6544. AST1 Newberg then conducted a survivor interview that shaped the next 36 hours of rescue operations focused on recovering the additional GOLDEN RAY crewmembers trapped below.

d. AST1 Young and AST1 Newberg demonstrated outstanding courage, quick thinking, and the ability to adapt to an extremely demanding situation, resulting in the rescue of six lives and locating four additional crewmembers trapped below deck.

4. SILVER MEDAL.

a. The Silver Medal is awarded to Auxiliarists Stephen Wyatt and Gloria Wyatt, who are recognized for their superior performance of duty during the 03 July 2019 rescue of four persons from a burning boat on the Intercoastal Waterway, near Matanzas Inlet, St. Augustine, Florida.

b. While participating in a recreational boating outing on their private vessel, PUMPDOG II, Auxiliarists Stephen and Gloria Wyatt observed the 40-foot motor cruiser DAYDREAMER on fire. Auxiliarist Stephen Wyatt headed for the burning motor cruiser and then radioed a distress call to Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville advising them of the situation and the presence of four persons in the water.

c. Auxiliarist Stephen Wyatt maneuvered the PUMPDOG II, and directed a second vessel operated by another family member, to approach the four victims who were within twenty-five feet of the burning vessel. Braving the intense heat and danger presented by the unstable burning vessel, Auxiliarists Stephen and Gloria Wyatt were able to bring the victims aboard the rescuing vessels. As the victims were pulled from the water, a propane tank on the burning vessel exploded. Both rescuing vessels immediately retreated to a safe distance to tend to the victims.

d. Auxiliarist Stephen Wyatt directed the transfer of victims aboard the second vessel

to the PUMPDOG II where his son, a U.S. Air Force medical doctor, evaluated their physical condition. Auxiliarists Stephen and Gloria Wyatt remained on scene assisting the rescued family and helping to ensure there were no significant injuries that required additional treatment. The motor cruiser DAYDREAMER was a total loss, but the family onboard the cruiser escaped serious injury due to the heroic efforts of Auxiliarists Stephen and Gloria Wyatt.

5. In addition to the Gold and Silver Medal recipients, the other AFRAS award nominees demonstrated exceptional courage and have further enhanced the Coast Guard reputation as the Lifesavers and Guardians of the Sea. These outstanding nominees include:

- a. Auxiliarists Andy Crowley, John Yowell, and Tim Youngern – USCG Auxiliary District 5 – Northern Region.
- b. Auxiliarists Joshua Zajac, Sally Stelnicki, Les Piskopos, and Ruth Aurigemma – USCG Auxiliary District 9 – Western Region.

6. The Gold and Silver Award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony hosted by AFRAS in the House Rayburn Congressional Office Building, Washington, DC in the Fall, 2021.

7. Congratulations to the AFRAS Gold and Silver Medal recipients and all the nominees on a job well done.

8. COMDT (CG-SAR) AFRAS awards POC: Mr. Michael Clarke (202) 372-90, Michael.E.Clarke@uscg.mil.

9. Ms. Dana S. Tulis, Director, Emergency Management (CG-5RI), sends.

10. Internet released is authorized.

02 JUN 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 018/21

**Subj: RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON
AUXILIARY C-SCHOOLS - CG-BSX POLICY
LETTER 21-01**

1. On 28 May 2021, the Chief Director of the Auxiliary signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 21-01, Resumption of In-Person Auxiliary C-schools. The purpose of this policy letter is to provide guidance for the resumption of in-person Auxiliary C-schools as restrictions and limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic evolve.

2. The policy letter can be found on the Coast Guard Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: [CG-BSX Policy Letters](#).

3. Internet Release is authorized.

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**United States Coast Guard**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**17 JUN 2021**

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 019/21

**Subj: JUNE 2021 COAST GUARD  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
CREDENTIAL BOARD RESULTS**

1. Please read the following ALCOAST announcement of the June 2021 Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential Board results. Congratulations to Auxiliarists William Steadman, Joseph Gleason, Anthony Marzano, Camilo Olivieri, Stephen Kastensmidt, Joseph Leonard, Jr., and Michael Mason for earning this highly advanced credential! Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,  
Captain Scott L. Johnson  
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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TO ALCOAST
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SSIC 4102

SUBJ: JUNE 2021 COAST GUARD
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CREDENTIAL
BOARD RESULTS

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC
191056Z APR 21/ACN 043/21

B. U.S. Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential (CGEMC) Application Guide, April 2021

1. This ALCOAST announces the June 2021 Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential Board results, which convened May 31-June 4, 2021 in accordance with REFs (A) and (B).
2. The CGEMC Board was established in 2021 to recommend Coast Guard personnel who have demonstrated the highest levels of expertise and proficiency in the field of Emergency Management (EM) for a credential. This credential is a cornerstone effort designed to advance crisis leadership skills within the Coast Guard by promoting the principles of EM. The CGEMC is available to any active duty (officer or enlisted), civilian, reserve (officer or enlisted), or auxiliary member who meets the training, experience, and test criteria, regardless of specialty or assigned duty station/position. The CGEMC Board was modeled after the ICS Competency Review process.
3. The June 2021 Board was the first CGEMC Board. Members were chosen based on, among other criteria, their current possession of a Certified Emergency Management (CEM) Credential issued by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) or other comparable agency. CG members who hold a valid CEM from IAEM or other comparable agency are awarded a CGEMC, once applied for, IAW REF (B). Members for future boards will hold the CGEMC. The June 2021 Board reviewed 53 applications resulting in 50 credentials recommended, of the 53, 39 were CEM or other comparable agency credential holders.
4. The Director, Emergency Management, COMDT (CG-5RI), approved the recommendations from the

Board and found the following members to have achieved the CGEMC credential as indicated below:

CAPT Kailie Benson, COMDT (CG-OEM)
CDR LuAnn Kehlenbach, Sector Northern New England
CDR Martin Schell, USCGR, Pac-35
CDR Dawn Prebula, Air Station Corpus Christi
CDR Jason Ingram, Sector Virginia
CDR Scott Smith, Sector Anchorage
CDR Michael McGrail, MSST New Orleans
CDR Paul Rooney, USCGR, District 1 Boston
CDR Allison Cox, Sector Guam
CDR David Dixon, District 17 Juneau
CDR Sharon Russell, USCGR, Joint Staff South
CDR Matthew Walter, Sector Sault Ste Marie
LCDR Amanda LeMonde, Pacific Strike Team
LCDR Robert LeMonde, District 14 Honolulu
LCDR Brittani Koroknay, District 5 Portsmouth
LCDR David Vihonski, TRACEN Yorktown
LCDR David Fernandez, Sector San Francisco
LCDR David Ruhlig, COMDT (CG-00-CAG)
LCDR Rhene Allen, Sector Virginia
LCDR Kristina Butler, COMDT (CG-OEM)
LCDR Ben O'Loughlin, Sector Ohio Valley
LCDR Nathaniel Sargent, Sector Northern New England
LT Daniel Dunn, Gulf Strike Team
LT Enrique Quinones, Sector Maryland-NCR
LT Amber Larson, COMDT (CG-OEM)
LT Andrea Prosser, Sector San Francisco
LT Patrick Chamberlin, Sector Detroit
LT Terry Plank, Sector Delaware Bay
LT Leah Roach, DCMS-81
LT David Steele, District 5 Portsmouth
LTJG J. Austin Newcomer, Sector Columbia River
LTJG Andrew Grady, District 5 Portsmouth
LTJG Brandon Young, TRACEN Yorktown
MSSR4 Todd Wardwell, Sector Delaware Bay
MSTC Terry Hasenauer, COMDT (CG-IMAT)
MLES3 Lee Conroy, COMDT (CG-MLE)
Mr. Steven Maynard, COMDT (CG-OEM)
Mr. Robert Gore, COMDT (CG-OEM)
Mr. Paul Stocklin, Sector Puget Sound
Mr. Peter Killmer, MSU Cleveland
Mr. Thomas Tarrants, COMDT (CG-OEM)
Mr. Frank Cesario, Sector Miami
Mr. Patrick Nelson, District 9 Cleveland
AUX William Steadman
AUX Joseph Gleason
AUX Anthony Marzano
AUX Camilo Olivieri
AUX Stephen Kastensmidt
AUX Joseph Leonard, Jr.
AUX Michael Mason

5. Recipients should expect to receive certificates electronically via the email address provided in their applications. COMDT (CG-OEM-1) will enter the CGEMC into Direct Access/ESS.

6. Each Board convening, COMDT (CG-OEM) will implement Board feedback to improve the application submission and review process as well as current guidance. Applicants can expect to see process improvements as well as successful application tips detailed in the Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential Application Guide annually. Furthermore, COMDT (CG-OEM) amplifies the information contained in the Guide through webinars, sample applications, FAQs and announcements all posted to the COMDT (CG-OEM-1) CGPortal Page at: (Copy and Paste Below URL into Browser)

<https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/cgcpe1/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

7. Members seeking to apply for Credential or require application guidance, can e-mail CG-OEM-1@uscg.mil.

8. Submission timelines and procedures are located in REF (B). All applications for the next Board are due by 15 August 2021 for the October 2021 Board convening.

9. The June 2021 Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential Board membership included:

Name

CDR LuAnn Kehlenbach, Board President

LCDR Amanda Le Monde

LCDR David Vihonski

LT Daniel Dunn

LT Enrique Quinones

MSSR4 Todd Wardwell

Mr. Steven Maynard served as Board Secretary and COMDT (CG-OEM-1) representative.

10. Questions regarding the June 2021 Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential Board results should be directed to CG-OEM-1@uscg.mil.

11. POC: CDR Laura Miller COMDT (CG-OEM-1), 202-372-2143 or Laura.S.Miller1@uscg.mil.

12. Ms. Dana S. Tulis, Director, Emergency Management (CG-5RI), sends.

13. Internet release is authorized.



United States Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

23 JUN 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 020/21

Subj: 82ND BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. Today marks the 82nd birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your continued vigilance and professionalism over the past year. Your commitment to service and drive to overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic are truly inspirational. Let us continue to serve with pride and forge ahead into the future.

2. Also, please find the link here for an article written by my staff celebrating the Auxiliary's Birthday: [Happy Birthday to the Coast Guard Auxiliary! > United States Coast Guard > My Coast Guard News \(uscg.mil\)](#)

3. Happy Birthday, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary!

Respectfully,

Captain Scott L. Johnson

Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC

TO ALCOAST

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ALCOAST 218/21

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SUBJ: 82ND BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

1. Happy birthday and congratulations to all United States Coast Guard Auxiliarists on your 82 years of devoted service to a grateful United States Coast Guard and maritime public.

2. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has forged a rich heritage and stellar reputation since its creation in 1939 when Congress established an organization of volunteers to promote boating safety in the United States and augment the U.S. Coast Guard. As the years have passed, the scope of Auxiliary support of Coast Guard units and missions has incredibly expanded, surpassed only by the enthusiasm, dedication, and compassion of Auxiliarists themselves.

3. In our 21st century Coast Guard, it is not surprising to find Auxiliarists delivering interpreter and translation services in dozens of foreign languages, honing cyber skills to assist the defense of Coast Guard information systems, and providing vital religious ministry support to the District Chaplain community, in addition to exercising their traditional roles and recognized strengths in recreational boating safety, search and rescue, and public outreach. This year we also celebrate the Auxiliary's commitment to service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the extraordinary challenges presented, Auxiliary personnel made significant impacts nationwide. Whether flying medical supplies to those in need in remote locations, supplying critical health services support to Coast Guard clinics, or furnishing compassionate chaplain support at Coast Guard units, the Auxiliary consistently answered all bells and facilitated Coast Guard response across the board.

4. Even more impressively, the Auxiliary employed remarkable flexibility in adapting to the necessities of a virtual environment. The Auxiliary rapidly and creatively leveraged technology to successfully conduct more than 1,000 virtual unit elections integral to the continuity of Auxiliary leadership. It also successfully held its first-ever online Auxiliary National Board meeting in which the Vice Commandant and I were privileged to participate.

5. The Auxiliary's steadfast determination and remarkable ingenuity are hallmarks of National Commodore Alex Malewski's Watch Words, "Ready, Resourceful, Resilient." The Auxiliary sets the standard we can all appreciate and emulate in our quest for mission excellence. I am extremely proud of our Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please join me in recognizing this significant milestone in a long and distinguished history of service by congratulating our Auxiliarists for their outstanding performance and 82 years of exceptional adherence to our defining core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Semper Paratus.

6. POC: CDR Edgardo Cruz, COMDT (CG-BSX-11) at: Edgardo.Cruz@uscg.mi

7. ADM Karl L. Schultz, Commandant (CCG), sends.

8. Internet release is authorized.

25 JUN 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 021/21

**Subj: RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON
AUXILIARY C-SCHOOLS – REVISION TO
CG-BSX POLICY LETTER 21-01**

To all Coast Guard Auxiliary Personnel:

1. On 24 June 2021, the Chief Director of the Auxiliary signed the first revision to CG-BSX Policy Letter 21-01, Resumption of In-Person Auxiliary C-schools. The purpose of this policy letter is to provide expanded guidance for the resumption of in-person Auxiliary C-schools as restrictions and limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic evolve. Auxiliarists vaccinated against COVID-19, as well as unvaccinated Auxiliarists, are now authorized to attend in-person Auxiliary C-schools subject to provisions of this policy letter.

2. The policy letter can be found on the Coast Guard Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: [CG-BSX Policy Letters](#).

3. Internet Release is authorized.



25 JUN 2021

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TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 022/21

**Subj: UPDATE TO AUXILIARY
OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL:
AUXILIARY NAVIGATION STANDARDS -
CG-BSX POLICY LETTER 21-02**

To all Coast Guard Auxiliary Personnel:

1. On 25 June 2021, the Chief Director of the Auxiliary signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 21-02, Update to Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual: Auxiliary Navigation Standards. The purpose of this policy letter is to update the Order Issuing Authorities' (OIA) and facility operators' responsibilities regarding Navigation Standards requirements for Auxiliary surface operations. All OIAs and facility operators must comply with the provisions in this Policy Letter.

2. The policy letter can be found on the Coast Guard Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: CG-BSX Policy Letters.

3. Internet Release is authorized.



25 JUN 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX

TO: ALAUX

ALAUX 023/21

**Subj: NEW CHIEF DIRECTOR OF
AUXILIARY**

To all Coast Guard Auxiliary Personnel:

It is a true honor to relieve the watch this week as your Chief Director. Since 1939, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has had and will continue to have a myriad of ever-evolving missions that includes our ultimate responsibility to promote and improve Recreational Boating Safety as well as provide the Coast Guard with high quality operational, administrative, and logistical support. This is an incredible and humbling responsibility to shoulder, and one that requires an unfailing commitment to excellence in mission execution and support. I look forward to leading this highly motivated and talented group of 23,000+ Auxiliarists!

I can still remember the first time that I was introduced to the Coast Guard by a Coast Guard Auxiliarist in my home town of Plymouth, Massachusetts. I am forever grateful for this introduction and experience. Over the past 21 years, I've had the privilege to serve my country and the Coast Guard as both an Aviator and Aero Engineering Officer. I've led Coast Guard personnel in both operational and mission support roles. Now, as your Chief Director, I look forward to learning more about your missions and working with National Commodore Malewski and his staff to carry out the

goals laid out in the Auxiliary Strategic Plan for us by Admiral Schultz and Commodore Malewski.

When I'm not in uniform, I'm a family man and I enjoy spending quality time with my wife Sara and four children that are between the ages of 20 and 8. We recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and enjoy numerous outdoor activities to include boating on Lake Norman. To find out a little more about me, please visit my Biography page at: [CAPT GLENDYE BIO](#)

Ladies and gentlemen, you have my commitment that I will strive to work with you and lead in a way worthy of our mission, your respect, and the sacrifices that so many of you have made and continue to make to keep us safe and worthy of the public trust. Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to our nation, Semper Paratus!

Sincerely,

Captain Troy P. Glendye, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief Director of Auxiliary





01 JULY 2021

FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 024/21

Subj: AUXDATA II UPDATE - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

(a) Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10 (series)

1. Effective today, AUXDATA II has a new functionality to track the issuance and maintenance of issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The PPE function can be accessed from the Member Record on the PPE tab. In order to utilize the PPE functions, selected Auxiliarists will need specific PPE Manager permissions to enter PPE data and manage the PPE process. These selected Auxiliarists will likely be the same people who currently track PPE issuance and maintenance per reference (a). Only District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) or Operations Training Officers (OTO) can grant PPE Manager Permissions.

2. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX) will work with DIRAUX offices to begin the process of training PPE Managers to enter PPE information into AUXDATA II. This effort will be a phased-in approach to ensure the PPE design is working as intended and to make improvements based on initial user feedback. If your DIRAUX office has not given you PPE Manager permissions, please be patient. This will be a significant effort for PPE Managers to learn the process and to enter all of the PPE that is already in circulation in the field. We anticipate that it will likely take between 6-12 months to get all issued PPE entered into AUXDATA II.

3. Thank you to all of the Auxiliarists and OTOs who were instrumental in the development of the AUXDATA II PPE Management functionality.

4. If you have questions, please use the Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).



01 JULY 2021

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TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 025/21

Subj: CHANGE TO THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION (OS PSI) POLICY

1. The below ALCOAST COMDT NOTICE (ACN 063/21) announces an update to the Auxiliary Manual (COMDTINST M16790.1G) that formalizes the current initial and annual OS PSI background check processes which are already in place.
2. If you have any questions or comments, please address them within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) prior to reaching out to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) office.

Respectfully,
Captain Troy P. Glendye, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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TO ALCOAST COMDT NOTICE
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SUBJ: CHANGE TO THE COAST
GUARD AUXILIARY OPERATIONAL
SUPPORT PERSONNEL SECURITY
INVESTIGATION (OS PSI) POLICY
A. Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST
M16790.1G
1. Purpose. This ACN announces an
update to REF (A) to formalize the initial
and annual OS PSI background check
processes needed to enroll and maintain
membership in the Auxiliary. This update
reflects current Auxiliary enrollment and
annual background check policy as
developed by the Office of Security Policy

and Management (CG-DCMS-34) and the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX).

2. Background. Newly enrolled Auxiliarists started undergoing OS PSI background checks based on a Special Agreement Check (SAC) in 2003. The SAC process proved unnecessarily long and prevented newly enrolled Auxiliarists from quickly and fully integrating into Auxiliary service. COMDT (CG-DCMS-34) in conjunction with COMDT (CG-BSX) identified a more efficient and timely OS PSI process by adopting the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Crime Information Center Interstate Identification Index (NCIC-III) check as the vetting standard. This process provides proper background checks for Auxiliarists to enroll, serve, and access Coast Guard facilities without undue delay.

3. Policy. The following changes to REF (A) are in immediate effect:

a. Section 3.C.2. Types and Durations of Personnel Security Investigations (PSI): There are three types of Auxiliary PSIs:

(1) Operational Support (OS).

Applicable for entry level membership and most activities. Must be completed with a Favorable determination prior to enrollment or re-enrollment, regardless if the applicant possesses a current Favorable PSI from any federal agency, as well as on an annual basis thereafter.

(2) Direct Informational (DI).

Applicable for Auxiliarists who require logical access to Coast Guard Standard Work Stations (SWS) and/or networks (i.e., the dot mil domain) due to the nature of the support that they provide to a Coast Guard unit.

(3) Direct Operational (DO). Applicable for more advanced and mission sensitive activities that require an Auxiliarist to hold a security clearance or be security clearance-ready.

Favorable OS, DI, and DO PSI determinations reflect an individual's suitability for different types of service in the Auxiliary as defined in sections C.2.a, C.2.b, and C.2.c of this chapter. At a minimum, applicants for enrollment and re-enrollment must submit to and undergo an OS PSI which is a Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI) National Crime Information Center Interstate Identification Index (NCIC-III) check. Appropriate paperwork to properly conduct the OS PSI must be included as part of any enrollment and re-enrollment package submission. A DI PSI package requires submission of fingerprints in addition to an SF-85 (Questionnaire for Non-Sensitive Positions) package to complete its Tier 1-level PSI (i.e. old National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI)). A DO PSI package requires submission of fingerprints in addition to an SF-86 (Questionnaire for National Security Positions) to complete its Tier 3-level PSI (i.e. old National Agency Check with Law and Credit (NACLC)).

If an applicant or member has undergone a previous DI or DO PSI performed by a federal agency, is still within its effective period, and can provide appropriate source documentation, then the applicant or member must include a copy of such documentation for Coast Guard Security Center (SECCEN) validation in lieu of standard PSI documents in order to avoid having to undergo an entirely new DI or DO PSI process.

Favorable DI and DO PSI determinations reflect readiness for the granting of more extensive access within Coast Guard information systems and to classified information, respectively. Favorable DI and DO PSI determinations do not have an expiration date unless the Auxiliarist is granted a security clearance in which case applicable security clearance renewal and associated PSI update requirements apply. An Auxiliarist with a Favorable DI or DO PSI may otherwise retain that PSI status indefinitely without further review unless otherwise directed by the Coast Guard. Auxiliarists with a Favorable DI or a DO PSI must still participate in the annual NCIC-III check.

b. Section 3.C.2.a. Operational Support (OS): Operational Support (OS) is defined as all Auxiliarists who are not designated as Direct Informational (DI) or Direct Operational (DO) in terms of a PSI. The FBI NCIC-III check is the vetting standard for all new enrollees, re-enrollees, and subsequent annual

Auxiliary OS PSI background checks. A Director or Coast Guard command may also authorize the conduct of an OS PSI as part of a disciplinary investigation or as precursor to potential disciplinary investigation. The NCIC-III check will:

(1) Identify criminal convictions or other issues that would result in an Unfavorable (UNFAV) PSI determination.

(2) Conduct a wants/warrants check.

(3) Conduct a sex offender check.

(4) Look at the Terrorist Watch List.

(5) Conduct a Foreign Fugitive File Check.

(6) Assist DIRAUX offices in determining suitability for Auxiliary Service and physical access to Coast Guard facilities and installations. (Note: Suitability determinations are based off of the results of the NCIC-III check. Results from the check will be compared to the "Criteria for Denying Unescorted Access" document found on the CG-DCMS-341 Coast Guard Portal page which is classified as For Official Use Only (FOUO).)

Essential elements of an OS PSI are: the Auxiliary Enrollment Application (ANSC 7001) with Full Name (first, middle, and last), Social Security Number, Date of Birth; a signed consent to release information for the purpose of a background check (NCIC-III Check); and acceptable form(s) for proof of identity and proof of U.S. citizenship as per page 4 (Lists of Acceptable Documents) of the USCIS Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

c. Section 3.C.2.a.(1). Verification of U.S. Citizenship: The only Auxiliarists who may verify an applicant's status as a national of the United States are those who have qualified as an Auxiliary Fingerprint Technician (FT) or Citizenship Verifier (CV). Such verification may also be performed by Coast Guard or federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel who are authorized to perform such functions. Such verification must be noted in the appropriate section of the Auxiliary Enrollment Application (ANSC 7001).

An Auxiliarist must have at least a Favorable OS PSI in order to qualify as a Fingerprint Technician (FT) or Citizenship

Verifier (CV). Qualification is based on successful completion of the FT/CV training programs available through the Auxiliary Human Resources Directorate web site at:

(Copy and Paste Below URL into Browser)

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=resource-toolkit>

The CV qualification is a sub-element of the FT qualification. There is no FT or CV currency maintenance requirement once qualified.

d. Section 3.C.2.a.(2). OS PSI Results: Results of the OS PSI process will be entered into AUXDATA II by DIRAUX personnel. Visibility will normally be limited to DHS, USCG, and the federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on a need-to-know basis only. However, all information is eligible for official sharing to other federal agencies for official purposes on a need-to-know basis. Auxiliarists shall only know that the results were FAV or UNFAV. No specific or personal data shall be disclosed to other Auxiliarists.

4. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of REF (A), which will be released within the next year.

5. This message will be canceled on 28 JUN 2022.

6. POC: General policy questions may be directed to COMDT (CG-BSX-1), at: USCGAUX@uscg.mil.

7. Released by RDML J. W. Mauger, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P).

8. Internet release is authorized.

28 JUL 2021
FM: CHDIRAUX



TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 026/21

Subj: 2021 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AWARD WINNERS

1. Please see the following ALCOAST announcement of the 2021 Inspirational Leadership Award recipients. Congratulations to District 1-Southern Region Auxiliarist Alexander Rico for your selection as the Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Award winner. Honorable mention also goes out to District 5-Southern Region Auxiliarist Joseph Espino. Bravo Zulu!

Respectfully,
Captain Troy P. Glendye
Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX)

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SUBJ: 2021 INSPIRATIONAL
LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

1. I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 Coast Guard Inspirational Leadership Awards. Bravo Zulu to the following winners:

a. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON
AWARD-Active Duty:

LCDR Kyra Dykeman, CG
SECTOR LA/LB

b. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON
AWARD-Reserve:

LTJG Avery Lowe, CG PSU 308
c. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN
AWARD-Active Duty:
BMC Raymond Coleman, CG ANT
FORT LAUDERDALE

d. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN
AWARD-Reserve:

HSC Travis Roberts, CG PSU 305
e. MR. GEORGE R. PUTNAM
AWARD:

Mr. John Bragaw, CG YARD

f. COMO CHARLES S. GREANOFF
AWARD:

FC Alexander Rico, UPPER
MANHATTAN FLOTILLA

g. CAPT DAVID H. JARVIS
AWARD:

LCDR Stephen Bor, CG SECTOR
LA/LB

h. SM1 DOUGLAS A. MUNRO
AWARD:

MST2 Kristin Melgar, CG MSD
PORT CANAVERAL

2. I applaud the exceptional actions of these individuals and all award nominees. Through dedication to duty and leading by example, these individuals inspire others while advancing the Coast Guard's outstanding service to the nation.

3. CCG and MCPOCG have contacted award recipients and their commands directly to ensure the appropriate level of recognition for these prestigious awards.

a. The Jarvis, Munro, Witherspoon, McShan, Putnam, and Greanoff awards will be presented at the District level.

4. Honorable mention goes to the following nominees by category:

a. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON
AWARD-Active Duty:

LCDR Elizabeth Tufts, CGC
SPENCER

b. CAPT JOHN G. WITHERSPOON
AWARD-Reserve:

CDR Andrea Holt, CG SECTOR
GUAM

c. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN
AWARD-Active Duty:

DCC Gregory Douthit, CGC
WAESCHE

d. MCPO ANGELA M. MCSHAN
AWARD-Reserve:

BMC Patrick R. Davis, CG STA
MAYPORT

e. MR. GEORGE R. PUTNAM
AWARD:

Mr. Scott Rettie, COMDT (CG-93)
f. COMO CHARLES S. GREANOFF
AWARD:

FC Joseph Espino, WEST
ANNAPOLIS FLOTILLA

g. CAPT DAVID H. JARVIS
AWARD:

LTJG Susan West, CGC
DOUGLAS MUNRO

h. SM1 DOUGLAS A. MUNRO
AWARD:

- SN Katlin Kilroy, CG BASE
PORTSMOUTH
5. The selection panel members were:
- a. CAPT Eva VanCamp, CG SECTOR LONG ISLAND SOUND
 - b. CDR Jeffrey Zamarin, CG SECTOR VIRGINIA
 - c. LCDR Emir Holmes, CG PSU 308
 - d. LT Laura Delgado, CG CEU OAKLAND
 - e. Mr. Layne Carter, COMDT (CG-SAR-2)
 - f. CSCS Ivan Garrido, CGC STRATTON
 - g. YN1 Jessica Olmeda, CG DISTRICT SEVEN
 - h. COMO Gary Barth, DNACO-RBS
6. The eight-member panel thoroughly deliberated 108 nomination packages across all eight categories.
7. The Panel recommends that members who were nominated but not selected for these prestigious awards receive due recognition from their commands. At a minimum, documentation of award nomination should be reflected in nominees' performance evaluations or personnel files.
8. For future award submissions, Commands are reminded to adhere to the award nomination criteria, format, and endorsement standards outlined in the award solicitation. Information and eligibility requirements for the Inspirational Leadership Awards are available on the COMDT (CG-128) website (Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)
- <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/leadership/awards>
8. POC: CWO Nicole McKenzie, COMDT (CG-128), at 202-475-5518 or Nicole.E.McKenzie@uscg.mil.
9. Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant (CCG), sends.
10. Internet release is authorized.



A Message from the Editor

Good day 5NR,

I hope you have enjoyed reading the Summer 2021 edition of TOPSIDE. As you can see there are a lot of great things being done by our district. You can be proud to be part of such an active district!

I would like to continue to showcase all the positive things we are doing, whether it is providing services and leadership to the boating community, supporting our active duty brothers and sisters, or educating the general public in the ways of proper boating safety. To that end, if your unit has been involved in something you would like to share, please send me articles,

information, and/or pictures so I can include them in upcoming issues.

As always, continue to do the great jobs you are doing in support of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Additionally, continue to be safe while engage in the activities.

Until next time. Have a super end of summer and start of fall.

Semper Paratus,
Tim Marks
DSO-PB



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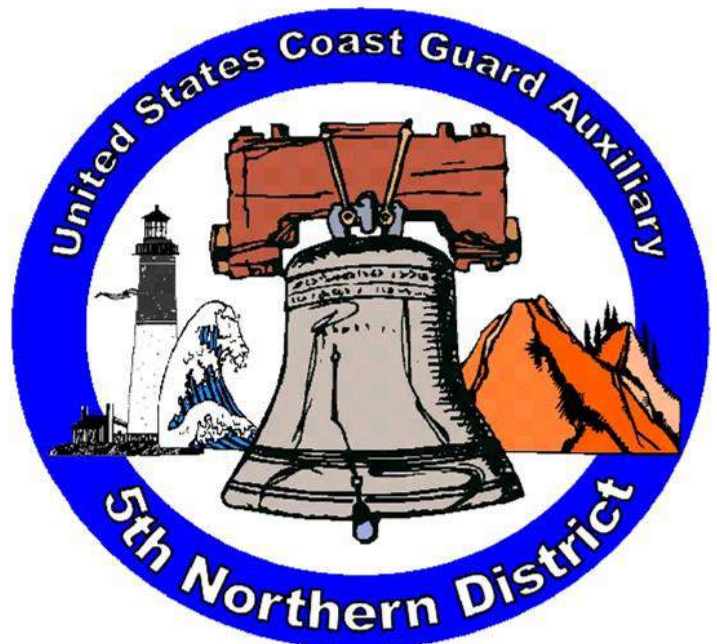
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Parting Shots

TRACEN Cape May: Auxiliarists from the surrounding flotillas (08-02, 08-03, and 08-06) actively support recruit graduation ceremonies by driving shuttles and cooking and serving breakfasts for attending families.

These photos are Auxiliarists from Flotilla 08-02

More photos of this event to come in the Fall 2021 Topside. Stay tuned.

*Coast Guard Auxiliary photos by
Sandy Dalton*