

Shipmates:

Having gone up the Chain of Communications in the Auxiliary and having met with LTJG Harbison [AUX Liaison] the following policies regarding VE missions are to be adhered to:

1. Before leaving on a VE mission, you **must always notify** another Auxiliarist before you leave for the VE mission and you must get a receipt of confirmation. If you don't get an immediate reply to an email or text, call. This person doesn't have to be a commander, as was previously stated, just another Auxiliarist. A VE mission is to be treated as any other mission, whether we are going on the water, making marine visits, or attending and/or instructing at a PE class. Simply, someone needs to know you're safe.
2. When doing VEs, there **must be another person with you**: another Auxiliarist, a boat owner, or a marina representative. According to the Vessel Examiner Manual, the owner or operator must be in attendance during a VE, and present when the decal is affixed by the Vessel Examiner. (2014 version of The Auxiliary Vessel Examiner Manual, "Conducting the VE" p. 2-3.
3. You **must wear a life jacket** during any and all VEs whenever you are on the water on a dock. (Chapter 2, paragraph B, sub-paragraph 3 (pg. 2-1) of the Vessel Safety Check Manual, dtd., October 2014.) A life jacket is not necessary if the boat is on a trailer and you are on land.
4. When you are standing down from the mission, it is imperative that **you call the person you had notified earlier**. Technically, this means you are covered by the Coast Guard's umbrella from your home to the VE and back home again. If you stop somewhere else on the way home, you are no longer on that mission. These policies are for your safety and for Coast Guard liability purposes.
5. Once a month a **VE activity report** is to be sent from the individual flotilla's VE Officer to the Vessel Safety Coordinator (VSC). The VSC is the Division VE Officer.

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HOT WEATHER UNIFORM

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H.3. Hot Weather Uniform

Though not authorized for active duty personnel, the Hot Weather Uniform is authorized as an optional uniform for Auxiliarists. The Director shall prescribe the proper season for its wear. It is appropriate for personnel performing outdoor activities in locations where humidity and high temperatures cause physical discomfort and extreme work environments require it. It is not appropriate for routine office wear. It is not authorized for wear while commuting to and from a Coast Guard duty station or any public affairs setting, although it may be worn directly to and from a point of Auxiliary patrol or vessel safety check activity.

H.3.a. Shirt

The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed shirt with this uniform. It shall be worn stenciled or embroidered with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the front left chest in white $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch tall block-style letters (they must be stenciled identically to promote unit identity and professional appearance). It shall be in good condition with no tears or stains. It may be 100 percent cotton or be made of a cotton-polyester blend to facilitate moisture wicking. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities, and the optional VE shirt may be worn when conducting vessel safety checks. Any shirt worn with this uniform must be worn tucked into the shorts.

H.3.b. Shorts

Modified standard Coast Guard blue utility or ODU trousers hemmed at the knee or 1 inch above the knee are worn.

H.3.c. Belt

If modified standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers are worn, then a black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn. The buckle may be plain or display the Auxiliary emblem. If modified ODU trousers are worn, then the standard black

ODU belt or the optional riggers belt is worn (see section H.4 of this chapter).

H.3.d. Socks

Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.

H.3.e. Shoes

Well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots are worn. Excess laces shall be tucked away so they cannot be seen. The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and non-marking sole) is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of type ODU that is worn (regular or hot weather version). All white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid/nonmarking soles are also authorized for Auxiliarists.

H.3.f. Insignia

Metal collar or sew-on insignia are worn with this outfit. No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt.

H.3.g. Breast Insignia/Devices

Depending upon the type of shirt worn, name tags/tapes and insignia/devices are worn in accordance with section F.4 of this chapter. Badges and ribbons are not worn. No insignia are worn on the ODU T-shirt, the Operations Polo Shirt, or the VE polo shirt.

H.3.h. Hat

The blue working utility cap, Auxiliary ball cap, and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with this uniform. The Tilley hat may be worn in accordance with section D.3.f of this chapter.



God grant me a vacation to make bearable what I can't change. A friend to make it funny and the wisdom to never get my knickers in a knot because it solves nothing and makes me walk funny.