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Press Release

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Volunteer Auxiliarists to Support Coast Guard's Newest Vessel at Fleet Week

NEW YORK, NY – With three Coast Guard cutters heading into New York City ports for Fleet Week including the Coast Guard's newest vessel, Cutter Richard Snyder, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarists from throughout the First Southern District stand ready to support their arrival. Many of the Auxiliarists reporting for duty during Fleet Week will come from the Flotillas of Division 5, an area which encompasses the Bronx and the Manhattan piers where many of the activities will take place. After welcoming the Coast Guard vessels into their respective ports, the volunteer Auxiliarists will provide relief to the active duty Coast Guard crews by leading the public on Fleet Week tours of their vessels.

At the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex in Manhattan, USCGC Richard Snyder (WPC 1127), will be docked at Pier 86. The Richard Snyder is the Coast Guard's 27th Sentinel class Fast Response Cutter. Homeported in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, it was commissioned on April 20th, 2018, making it the newest vessel in the Coast Guard fleet. Auxiliarists will provide crowd control and lead the public on tours of the Richard Snyder, relieving the active duty crew from having to perform such duties. This will be the first time that members of the public anywhere will be able to board and tour the Richard Snyder since its commissioning. The Auxiliary will also operate a dockside Marine Safety and Public Affairs booth at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in cooperation with the active duty Coast Guard, offering information for visiting members of the public and special activities for children.

At Homeport Pier in Staten Island, Auxiliarists will also be providing the public with tours of the Coast Guard Keeper-class cutter, USCGC Sturgeon Bay (WTGB 109) from Bayonne, New Jersey, and the Reliance-class cutter USCGC Diligence (WMEC 616) from Wilmington, North Carolina.

Tours of the Coast Guard vessels at Pier 86 of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Complex in Manhattan and at Homeport Pier in Staten Island will be open to the public from Thursday, May 24th to Monday, May 28th. The Marine Safety and Public Affairs booth at the Intrepid Sea,

Air and Space Museum Complex will be operated and open to the public from Saturday, May 26th to Sunday, May 27th. All activities will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm each day.

Now in its 30th year, FWNY is scheduled to take place May 23-29. The weeklong celebration is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services, and an unparalleled opportunity for the citizens of New York and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as witness firsthand the latest capabilities of today's maritime services. The event has been held nearly every year since 1984, and it is anticipated that nearly 2,100 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen will participate this year. For additional Fleet Week information, visit Fleet Week New York's homepage at www.fleetweeknewyork.com.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian, uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security / U.S. Coast Guard. While the Auxiliary is not directly involved in military or law enforcement activities, today, some 26,000 men and women participate in thousands of hours of support that directly supplements the Coast Guard's Maritime Domain Awareness missions which include Harbor Patrols, Vessel Safety and Inspections, Public Education, Radio Communications, Search & Rescue and Marine Environmental Protection. The over-arching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to augment the Recreational Boating Safety Mission of the United States Coast Guard as well as assisting with the security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions.



ATLANTIC BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA - The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Richard Snyder mans the rails during the commissioning ceremony for the cutter on April 20, 2018. The new Fast Response Cutter is the Coast Guard's 27th Sentinel class Fast Response Cutter and is the first of its class to be homeported in Atlantic Beach. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by PO2 Class Nate Littlejohn/Released)



NEW YORK, NY – A US Coast Guard Auxiliarist provides crowd control while members of the public wait in line to tour USCGC Hamilton during Fleet Week 2017. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by AUX Zach Perkins/Released)



NEW YORK, NY – A US Coast Guard Auxiliarist welcomes a member of the public aboard USCGC Hamilton for tours during Fleet Week 2017. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by AUX Zach Perkins/Released)



NEW YORK, NY – A US Coast Guard Auxiliarist demonstrates the use of an inflatable life jacket during Fleet Week 2017. (U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by AUX Zach Perkins/Released)