



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 8-2 Volunteer Guide

A Tradition of Service



New and prospective Flotilla members looking to ‘give back’ to our country and community are encouraged to inquire about the many opportunities to serve. Members aren’t required to have boating knowledge or military background, just a desire to be part of something larger than themselves. Below are some of the many formal and informal volunteer opportunities that await based on your interests. Some roles require specialized training and certification, but many do not and can be just as rewarding. If you have questions about any of these jobs/tasks, please feel free to reach out to the contact person listed, HR officer or your mentor. If you know of other volunteer opportunities to add to this list please contact [Marty Sannino](#). Note: The contacts names and numbers are subject to change annually and periodically.

Volunteer Jobs	Description	Contact
ATON Maintenance (training/certification required)	The local waterways can only be as safe as the Aids to Navigation permit. Flotilla 82 assists USCG ANT Cape May by verifying the location and condition of each waterway daymark and buoy in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay and inland bays and tributaries.	Lorraine Bianco 609-886-2342
Boat Crew (training/certification required)	Patrolling local waters, assisting the USCG with SAR and training missions is something the Auxiliary engages in every boating season. Being a boat crew member extends the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard by being a force multiplier. If you have a passion for seamanship and safety on the water you’re urged to inquire. You don’t need to own a boat and all needed training will be provided.	Ralph Atwell 856-889-0237
Boating Safety Instructors (training/certification required)	Boating safety training classes are held for the public every boating season. Our instructors provide the latest material available from the U. S. Coast Guard. The classes also meet New Jersey Boating Safety Certification requirements. If you have an interest in being a boating safety instructor, or if you’d like to provide training day support (registering students, training room set-up), you can be serving in the Auxiliary’s primary mission, boater safety.	Scott Murphy 404-272-0514
Food Services Support (training/certification required)	Every Friday for approximately 48 weeks per year, our food services team assists in preparing and serving up breakfasts for over 300 guests attending recruit graduation day at USCG Training Center Cape May. Their friendly and cheerful attitudes are often the first encounter at the Coast Guard Training	Nelson Brown 609-576-3517



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	Center for many guests who have traveled far to see their “Coastie” graduate. If you have a desire to work with the Food Services team, you will be provided with training and must complete TCT (Team Coordination Training and FEMA ICS 200 and ICS 700 courses.	
Program Visitors (training/certification required)	A Program Visitor is an ambassador representing the Flotilla and the Auxiliary to local businesses and other establishments such as schools and libraries. These partners collectively form a network that allows us to get the word out to the public about boating safety through display of our free publications and advertisements for boating safety classes.	<u>Carol Haggas</u> 856-246-7145
Vessel Examiners (training/certification required)	We help boat owners feel better about their safety by offering free annual vessel examinations at multiple local marinas as well as at their own residences. Our trained Vessel Examiners perform dozens of examinations per year on all types of recreational vessels. Boat owners get the satisfaction of knowing that they are prepared to keep themselves, their family and friends safe in the event of an incident on the water. If you have an interest in being a Vessel Examiner, completion of the online VE training program is required.	<u>Don Sabo</u> 609-226-5248
Tour Guides	One of the unique opportunities being located close to the USCG Training Center (TRACEN) is that members of Flotilla 8-2 can provide tours of the base to various groups. If you are interested in being a tour guide, training will be provided. Requirement: Must be a member in good standing, have a full Trop uniform and be current with core training.	<u>Deanna Brown</u> 609-898-0502
Communication Services	Flotilla leadership relies upon several digital channels for staying in contact with members and the community. These include email, website and social media. If you have experience or an interest in planning and developing new campaigns to increase member and community awareness of the good work we do, your participation is encouraged. Training will be provided.	<u>Marty Sannino</u> 610-329-3772



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Lifeguarding at TRACEN Pool (ongoing need)	<p>Experienced lifeguards, if you're interested in lifeguarding at the TRACEN pool a few hours per week it would be most appreciated. It's also a good opportunity to stay in swimming shape year-round.</p>	<p><u>Don Dobson</u> 609-442-9868</p>
Medical Transport Driver (ongoing need)	<p>This service helps the TRACEN medical staff by having volunteer drivers transport recruits to dental/medical specialist appointments off the base, leaving them to focus on their primary job of healthcare. If you are interested in volunteering as a medical transport driver, you only need to complete your core/mandatory training and have an ODU uniform. No special driver's license or training is required.</p>	<p><u>Nelson Brown</u> 609-576-3517</p>
Seamanship School Instructor Assistants	<p>Boat Operations members can volunteer their time to teach line handling and knots to the recruits at the Coast Guard Training Center. If you enjoy teaching and have an interest in working directly with the recruits, this is an excellent opportunity to share your seamanship knowledge and skills.</p>	<p><u>Marty Sannino</u> 610-329-3772</p>
Station Cape May - Watchstanding (ongoing need)	<p>You can train to become a Communication Watchstander at STATION CAPE MAY. You will monitor all radio communications in our area and be the voice that the public hears when they contact the STATION. This allows Active Duty personnel to train in other areas.</p>	<p><u>John Burns</u> Auxiliary Unit Coordinator 609-780-2314</p>
Coast Guard 87' Cutters – Serve as the In-port Officer of the Deck (ongoing need)	<p>This can be a rewarding task as you actually serve as the In-port OOD representing the Officer in Charge (OIC). You will be responsible for all aspects of the ship while it is in port. Generally, Auxiliarists serve four hours shifts but they can be longer if you wish. We have fully qualified AUX OOD's who will be happy to assist you with the training.</p>	<p><u>John Burns</u> Auxiliary Unit Coordinator 609-780-2314</p>
Beach/Nature Center Clean-up Day (bi-annual)	<p>Each spring and fall volunteers from Flotilla 82 participate in a clean up of the Cape May Harbor beach and Nature Center grounds. We often do this with the help of a company of recruits from TRACEN and other members of the community. It takes just a morning and a lot of helping hands to put things back in nature's order. If you like working outdoors and giving back to the community around us, you'll enjoy this team outing.</p>	<p><u>John Tredinnick</u> 856-701-7528</p>



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<p>Flower Boat Decorating (annual event – Memorial Day)</p>	<p>For over 60 years, Flotilla 82 has been commemorating, in a very special way, the military members who have given their lives in service to our country. Each year flotilla members decorate a flower boat that is part of the Memorial Day observance held on Cape May’s beach next to the convention center. If you want to have a hand in continuing this tradition, come to the Shack early on Memorial Day morning to join other Shipmates in decorating the Flotilla 82 flower boat. Whether participating in decorating the boat or not, all Flotilla members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in uniform at the Memorial Day event in Cape May.</p>	<p><u>Ray Kreszwick</u> 610-573-4420</p>
<p>Building Maintenance Committee</p>	<p>Flotilla 82 leases the Shack from the U.S. Coast Guard. We are one of very few flotillas nationwide that have the benefit of our own meeting and storage facility. We are required to keep the building and overall property in good repair. There are seasonal tasks to be completed, general maintenance (cleaning, paint, repairs) and larger renovation projects that require willing team members to bring their skills, ideas and tools to the effort.</p>	<p><u>Marty Sannino</u> 610-329-3772 or <u>John Tice</u> 609-922-0960</p>
<p>Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>Our members work and play with equal proficiency. The Fellowship committee enjoys planning social events year-round that brings our members together to enjoy each other’s company, good food and learning new things. If you’d like to participate in planning or coordinating a fellowship give Denise a shout.</p>	<p><u>Denise Bendig-Fiske</u> 267-237-6097</p>



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Flotilla 8-2 Leadership for 2020 - as of June 20, 2021

The Bridge		
Commander	Marty Sannino	610-329-3772
Vice-Commander	Bob Lamendola	410-598-3766
Immediate Past Commander	Lorraine Bianco	609-886-2342
Staff Officers		
NS - Aids to Navigation	Lorraine Bianco	609-886-2342
OP - Boat Operations	Ralph Atwell	856-889-0237
PE - Public Education	Scott Murphy	404-272-0514
CS - Communication Services	Marty Sannino	610-329-3772
DV - Diversity	Marty Sannino	610-329-3772
FN - Finance	Dave Sedlak	609-602-5847
HR - Human Resources	Ray Kreszswick	610-573-4420
MA – Materials	Denise Lynn Bendig-Fiske	267-237-6097
MS - Marine Safety	John Tredinnick	856-701-7528
MT - Member Training	Bob Lamendola	410-598-3766
PV - Program Visitor	Carol Haggas	856-246-7145
PA - Public Affairs	Sandy Dalton	609-922-0956
PB - Publications	< OPEN >	
SR - Secretary	Denise Lynn Bendig-Fiske	267-237-6097
VE - Vessel Examination	Don Sabo	609-226-5248