

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

### A

AAM: Auxiliary Achievement Medal  
ABS: About Boating Safely  
ACLOC: Auxiliary Commandant's  
Letter of Commendation  
ACM: Auxiliary Commendation Medal  
ADIZ: Air Defense Identification Zone  
ADMS: Auxiliary Distinguished Service  
Medal  
AIRSTA: Air Station  
ALOM: Auxiliary Legion of Merit  
AMSM: Auxiliary Meritorious Service  
Medal  
AOI: Area of Interest  
AOO: Area of Operations  
AOP: Area of Probability  
AOR: Area of Responsibility  
AOU: Area of Uncertainty  
ASC: Auxiliary Sector Coordinator  
ATC: Air Traffic Control  
ATON: Aids to Navigation  
ATONIS: Aids to Navigation  
Information System  
AUP: Auxiliary University Program  
AUXACN: Auxiliary Advanced Coastal  
Navigation Specialty  
AUXCOM: Auxiliary Communications  
Specialty  
AUXMIS: Auxiliary management  
Information System  
AUXNAV: Auxiliary Navigation  
Specialty  
AUXOP: Operational Auxiliarist  
Qualification  
AUXPAT: Auxiliary Patrols Specialty  
AUXSAR: Auxiliary Search and Rescue  
Specialty  
AUXSARDET: Auxiliary Search &  
Rescue Detachment  
AUX SC&E: Auxiliary Search

Coordination & Execution  
AUXSEA: Auxiliary Seamanship  
Specialty  
AUXWEA: Auxiliary Weather  
Specialist  
AWACS: Airborne Early Warning and  
Command System

### B

BA: Bridge Administration  
BAH: Basic Allowance for Housing  
BAQ: Basic Allowance for Quarters  
BARD: Boat Accident Reporting Data  
BIC: Basic Introductory Course  
BM: Boatswain's Mate  
BMR: Boat Mission Report  
BNTM: Broadcast Notice to Mariners  
BWI: Boating While Intoxicated  
BY: Budget Year  
BZ: Bravo Zulu (well done)  
B-0: Bravo-Zero status (underway in  
30min from SAR alert)

### C

CAA: Commander, Atlantic Area  
CAP: Civil Air Patrol  
CAPT: Captain (USCG O-6)  
CBP: Customs and Border Patrol  
CDR: Commander (USCG O-5)  
CERCLA: Comprehensive  
Environmental Response  
Compensation and Liability Act  
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations  
CFVE: Commercial Fishing Vessel  
Examiner  
CFVSE: Commercial Fishing Vessel  
Safety Exam  
CG: Coast Guard (USCG)  
CGA: Coast Guard Academy (USCGA)  
CGAUX: Coast Guard Auxiliary  
(USCGAUX)

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

CGC: Coast Guard Cutter  
CGHQ: Coast Guard Headquarters  
CGI: Coast Guard Institute  
CGMA: Coast Guard Mutual Assistance  
CGYD: Coast Guard Yard  
CIM: Commandant Instruction Manual  
CINC: Commander-In-Chief  
CIP: Container Inspection Program  
CMC: Command Master Chief  
CME: Courtesy marine Examination  
CNO: Chief of Naval Operations  
CO: Commanding Officer  
COC: Chain of Command  
COCO: Command and Control  
COL: Chain of Leadership  
COMDT: Commandant, US Coast  
Guard  
COMDTINST: Commandant Instruction  
COMMS: Communications  
CONUS: Continental United States  
COPT: Captain of the Port  
COW: Change of Watch  
CPA: Commander, Pacific Area  
CPA: Closest Point of Approach  
CPO: Chief Petty Officer (USCG E-7)  
CVS: Commercial Vessel Safety  
CWA: Clean Water Act  
CWO: Chief Warrant Officer (USCG  
CWO2 – CWO4)  
CZ: Coastal Zone

### D

DC: Damage Control/Direct Current  
DHS: Department of Homeland Security  
DIRAUX: Director of Auxiliary  
DIST: District Commander  
DIW: Dead in the Water  
DMB: Datum Marker Buoy  
DO: Direct Operational Auxiliarist  
DOD: Department of Defense  
DOT: Department of Transportation  
DR: Dead Reckoning  
DRM: Direction of Relative Movement  
DSO: Designated Senior Official

DDB: Dinner Dress Blue Uniform  
(SDB)  
DDW: Dinner Dress White Uniform  
(SDW)

### E

EAD: Extended Active Duty  
EBA: Emergency Breathing Apparatus  
EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone  
ELF: Extremely Low Frequency  
EN: Ensign (USCG O-1)  
EO: Engineering Officer/Executive  
Order  
EOQ: End of Quarter  
EOW: Engineer Officer of the Watch  
EP: Estimated Position  
EPA: US Environmental Protection  
Agency  
EPAC: Eastern Pacific Ocean Area  
EPIRB: Emergency Position Indicating  
Radio Beacon  
EPOY: Enlisted Person of the Year  
EPPP: Emergency Planning,  
Preparedness, and Prevention  
Guide  
ESA: Endangered Species Act  
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure  
EWS: Early Warning System

### F

FAA: Federal Aviation Administration  
FAQ: Frequently Asked Question  
FC: Flotilla Commander  
FCS: Fire Control System  
FCZ: Fisheries Conservation Zone  
FINCEN: Finance Center  
FLAR: Forward Looking Airborne  
Radar  
FLETC: Federal Law Enforcement  
Training Center  
FMLA: Family and Medical Leave Act  
FNP: Federal navigation Plan  
FO: Fuel oil  
FOSC: Federal On-Scene Coordinator

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

FOUO: For Official Use Only  
FSO: Flotilla Staff Officer  
FSO-CM: Communications  
FSO-CS: Communications Services  
FSO-FN: Finance  
FSO-HR: Human Resources  
FSO-IS: Information Services  
FSO-MA: Materials  
FSO-MS: Marine Safety and  
Environmental Protection  
FSO-MT: Member Training  
FSO-NS: Navigation Systems  
FSO-OP: Operations  
FSO-PA: Public Affairs  
FSO-PB: Publications  
FSO-PE: Public Education  
FSO-PV: Recreational Boating Safety  
Program Visitor  
FSO-SR: Secretary/Records  
FSO-VE: Vessel Examinations  
FVS: Fishing Vessel Safety  
FWPCA: Federal Water Pollution  
Control Act  
FWC: Florida Fish & Wildlife  
Conservation Commission  
FY: Fiscal Year

### G

GAR: Green, Amber, Red Scale  
GHA: Greenwich Hour Angle  
GIS: Geographic Information System  
GMDSS: Global Maritime Distress and  
Safety System  
GOMEX: Gulf of Mexico  
GPS: Global Positioning System  
GQ: General Quarters

### H

HAZMAT: Hazardous Material  
HDC: Harbor Defense Commander  
HF: High Frequency  
HIN: Hull Identification Number  
HR: Human Relations  
HWU: Hot Weather Uniform

### I

IADT: Initial Active Duty for Training  
(basic training)  
IAP: Incident Action Plan  
IC: Internal Combustion  
ICS: Incident Command System  
IFQ: Individual Fishing Quota  
IFR: Instrument Flight Rules  
IHP: Indicated Horsepower  
IIP: International Ice Patrol  
IMO: International Maritime  
Organization  
INMARSAT: International Maritime  
Satellite  
INS: Immigration and Naturalization  
Service  
INTEL: Intelligence  
IPFC: Immediate Past Flotilla  
Commander  
IR: Infrared  
IS: Information Systems  
ISO: International Standards  
Organization  
IT: Information Technology/Instructor  
Training

### J

JCET: Joint/Combined Exercises for  
Training  
JOOD: Junior Officer of the Deck  
JTF: Joint Task Force

### K

### L

LAT: Latitude/Local Apparent Time  
LCDR: Lieutenant Commander (USCG  
O-4)  
LE: Law Enforcement  
LF: Low Frequency  
LLNR: Light List Number  
LMT: Local Mean Time

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

LNB: Large Navigational Buoy  
LNM: Local Notice to Mariners  
LOA: Length Over All  
LOB: Line of Bearing  
LONG: Longitude  
LOP: Line of Position  
LORAN: Long-Range Aid to Navigation  
LOS: law of the Sea/Line of Sight  
LPO: Leading Petty Officer  
LPOC: last Port of Call  
LPOP: Listening Post/Observation Post  
LPV: low Profile Vessel  
LRA: long Range Aircraft  
LRS: Long Range Surveillance/Search  
LT: Lieutenant (USCG O-3)  
LTJG: Lieutenant Junior Grade (USCG O-2)  
LWOP: Leave Without Pay

### **M**

MA: Mission Analysis/Materials  
MAR: Mission Analysis Report  
MARAD: Maritime Administration  
MARB: Marine Assistance Request Broadcast  
MARIS: Maritime Information System  
MARPOL: The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships  
MBL: Maritime Boundary Line  
MCT: Meritorious Team Commendation  
MDSU: Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit  
MDZ: Maritime Defense Zone  
MEC: Medium Endurance Cutter  
MEDEVAC: Medical Evacuation  
MEP: Marine Environmental Protection  
MER: Marine Environmental Response  
MF: Medium Frequency  
MFCMA: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act  
MHA: Military Housing Area  
MHT: Mean High Tide  
MI: Maritime Inspection and Investigation

MIL-STD: Military Standard  
MILSPEC: Military Specifications  
MIO: Marine Inspection Office  
MIS: Management Information System  
MISLE: Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement  
MLB: Motor Life Boat  
MLE: Maritime Law Enforcement  
MLT: Mean Low Tide  
MMD: Merchant Mariner's Document  
MMPA: Marine Mammal Protection Act  
MOB: Man Overboard  
MOM: Maritime Observation Mission/Medal of Operational Merit  
MPA: Maritime Patrol Aircraft  
MPAR: Mission Performance Assessment Report  
MRB: Medium Response Boat  
MRS: Medium Range Surveillance/Search  
MS: Marine Safety  
MSDS: Materials Safety Data Sheet  
MSEP: Marine Safety & Environmental Protection  
MSU: Marine Safety Unit  
MUC: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
MWR: Moral, Welfare and Recreation

### **N**

NASBLA: National Association of State Boating Law Administrators  
NACO: National Commodore  
NAS: Naval Air Station  
NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
NAVAID: Navigation Aid  
NAVCEN: Navigation Center  
NCO: Non-Commissioned Officer (USCG E4 - E-9)  
NDBC: National Data Buoy Center  
NDRS: National Distress and Response System  
NDS: National Distress System

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act  
NF: Non-Factorable  
NIS: Navigations Information Service  
NISA: National Invasive Species Act of 1996  
NIST: national Institute of Standards and Technology  
NJP: Non-Judicial Punishment  
NM: Nautical Mile  
NMC: national Maritime Center  
NMDMP: National Marine Debris Monitoring Program  
NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service  
NOAA: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration  
NOV: Notice of Violation  
NPOC: Next Port of Call  
NRC: National Response Center  
NTM: Notice to Mariners  
NVDC: National Vessel Documentation Center

### O

OCONUS: Outside Continental US  
OCS: Officer Candidate School  
OD: Officer of the Day  
ODU: Operational Dress Uniform  
OIA: Order Issuing Authority  
OIC: Officer-in-Charge  
O&M: Operations and Maintenance  
OMB: Office of Management and Budget  
OOD: Officer of the Deck/Day  
OPA 90: Oil Pollution Act of 1990  
OPAREA: Operational Area  
OPCEN: Operations Center  
OPFAC: Operational Facility  
OPM: Office of Personnel management  
OPNAV: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
OPREP: Operations Report  
OPSEC: Operational Security  
OPSUM: Operational Summary

OR: Operational Readiness  
OSC: On-Scene Commander  
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
OT&E: Operational Test & Evaluation  
OVBD: Overboard

### P

PA: Public Affairs  
PACAREA: Pacific Area  
PATCOM: Patrol Commander  
PB: Patrol Boat  
PCS: Permanent Change of Station  
PDS: Permanent Duty Station  
PFD: Personal Flotation Device  
PHS: Public Health Service (USPHS)  
PIW: Person in the Water  
PO: Petty Officer (USCG E4 – E6)  
POB: Persons on Board  
POC: Point of Contact  
POD: Probability of Detection  
POE: Point of Embarkation  
POE: Port of Entry  
POE: Projected Operational Environment  
POV: Privately Owned Vehicles  
PPE: Personal Protective Equipment  
PQS: Personnel Qualification Standard  
PSC: Port State Control  
PSS: Port Safety and Security  
PSTFS: Pollution Spill Trajectory Forecast Service  
PSU: Port Security Unit  
PTSA: Port and Tanker Safety Act  
PUC: Presidential Unit Citation  
PVA: Passenger Vessel Association  
PVC: Polyvinyl Chloride  
PWC: Personal Watercraft  
PWSA: Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972

### Q

QM: Quartermaster  
QPR: Qualified Personnel Required

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

QSS: Qualification Standards System  
QTR: Quarterly Training Report

### R

RA: Radio navigation Aids  
RACON: Radar Beacon  
RADHAZ: Radiation Hazard  
RADM: Rear Admiral (USCG O-7  
Lower Half – O-8 Upper Half)  
RBS: Recreational Boating Safety  
RCC: Rescue Coordination Center  
RCRA: Resource Conservation and  
Recover Act of 1986  
RF: Radio Frequency  
RFD: Request for Deviation  
RFW: Request for Waiver  
RHIB: Rugged Hull Inflatable Boat  
RIG SAAFEARM: Recognition ID  
Guide to Ship Associated Flags,  
Ensigns, and Aircraft Rondel  
Markings  
RML: Relative Movement Line  
RMP: Risk Management Plan  
RN: Radio navigation  
ROD: Report of Discrepancy  
ROE: Rules of Engagement  
ROTC: Reserve Officers Training Corps  
ROTHR: Relocatable Over the Horizon  
Radar  
RP: Reference Point  
RP: Responsible Party  
RPM: Revolutions Per Minute  
RQ: Reportable Quantities  
RRI: Response Resources Inventory  
RTC: Reserve Training Center  
RW: Relative Wind

### S

SADT: Special Active Duty for Training  
SAR: Search and Rescue  
SARSAT: Search and Rescue Satellite  
Aided Tracking  
SATCOM: Satellite Communications  
SBD: Silent But Deadly

SBU: Sensitive but Unclassified  
SC: Search and Rescue Coordinator  
SCBA: Self-Contained Breathing  
Apparatus  
SDB: Service Dress Blue Uniform  
(DDB)  
SDW: Service Dress White (DDW)  
SEH: Safety and Environmental Health  
Semper Paratus: “Always Ready”  
SF: Shore Facilities  
SHF: Super High Frequency  
SHP: Sexual harassment Prevention  
SIGINT: Signals Intelligence  
SITREP: Situation Report  
SIV: Special Interest Vessel  
SLOC: Sea Lines of Communication  
SLTG: Shoulder Line Throwing Gun  
SMT: Senior Management Team  
SMTJ: Special Maritime and Territorial  
Jurisdiction  
SN: Serial Number  
SNAFU: Situation Normal, All Fouled  
Up  
SOA: Summary of Action  
SOLAS: Safety of Life at Sea  
SONS: Spills of national Significance  
SOP: Standard Operating Procedure  
SOPA: Senior Officer Present Afloat  
SOPEP: Shipboard Oil Pollution  
Emergency Plans  
SOS: Source of Supply/International  
Morse Code Distress Signal  
SOV: Special Operations Vessel  
SPBO: Spare Parts Breakout  
SPEARS: Spill Planning, Exercise, and  
Response System  
SPOE: Sea Port of Embarkation  
SRA: Short Range Aircraft/Short Range  
Aids to Navigation  
SRM: Speed of Relative Movement  
SROE: Standing Rules of Engagement  
SRU: Surface Resource Unit  
SRV: Short Range Vessel  
SSB: Single Side Band  
STA: Station  
STANTEAM: Standardization Team

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

STAR: Standard Automated Requisitioning  
STBD: Starboard  
SWOT: Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats

### T

TAD: Temporary Assigned Duty  
TANB: Trailer Aids to navigation Boat  
TBD: To Be Determined  
TCM: Telecommunications Manual  
TDS: Target Designation System  
TGL: Task Group Leader  
TIS: Time in Service  
TL: Task Leader  
TOI: Targets of Interest  
TONO: Travel Order Number  
TRACEN: Training Center/Detachment  
TSD: Time, Speed, and Distance  
TSP: Thrift Savings Plan  
TSS: Traffic Separation Scheme

### U

UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle  
UCMJ: Uniform Code of Military justice  
UCN: Unique Control Number  
UD: Unit Designation  
UDC: Uniform Distribution Center  
UHF: Ultra high Frequency  
UI: Unit of Issue  
UMIB: Urgent Marine Information Broadcast  
UN: United Nations  
UNCLAS: Unclassified  
UNCLOS: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
UOFP: Use of Force Policy  
UPV: un-Inspected Passenger Vessel  
US: United States of America  
USA: United States Army  
USACE: US Army Corps of Engineers  
USAF: US Air Force  
USBP: US Border Patrol  
USCG: US Coast Guard

USCGAUX: US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
USCGA: US Coast Guard Academy (CGA)  
USCS: United States Customs Service  
USF: US Forces  
USG: US Government  
USMC: US Marine Corps  
USMS: US Marshals Service  
USN: US Navy  
USO: United Services Organization  
USPHS: US Public Health Service (PHS)  
USPS: US Postal Service  
USVI: US Virgin Islands  
UTB: Utility Boat

### V

VAC: Volts Alternating Service  
VADM: Vice Admiral (USCG O-9)  
VDC: Volts Direct Current  
VDS: Visual Distress Signal  
VFC: Flotilla Vice Commander  
VHF: Very High Frequency  
VLF: Very Low Frequency  
VMS: Vessel Monitoring System  
VRP: Vessel Response Plan  
VSC: Vessel Safety Check  
VTM: Vessel Traffic Management

### W

WG: Wage Grade (civilian)  
WHEC: Coast Guard High-Endurance Cutter  
WILCO: Will Comply  
WLB/WLI/WLM: Coast Guard Buoy Tender Seagoing/Inland/Coastal  
WMD: Weapons of Mass Destruction  
WMEC: Coast Guard Medium-Endurance Cutter  
WO: Warrant Officer (USCG WO-1)  
WPB: Coast Guard Patrol Boat  
WQSB: Watch, Quarter, and Station Bill  
WTD/WTH: Watertight Door/Hatch  
WTGB: Coast Guard Icebreaking Tug

## US Coast Guard & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Acronyms

WX: Weather

WWM: Waterways Management

XO: Executive Officer

YD: Yard

YN: Yeoman

YR: Year

YTD: Year To Date

ZT: Zero Tolerance