

Dear Auxiliarists of Flotilla 17-11,

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG Aux) plays a vital role in promoting safety and education during National Safe Boating Week (NSBW), a crucial initiative that advocates for responsible boating practices among recreational boaters. Our devoted members significantly enhance Coast Guard operations through impactful educational programs, meticulous vessel safety inspections, and vigilant waterway patrols—all designed to ensure that every boating trip is safe and enjoyable. As we celebrate the remarkable contributions of our members during National Senior Week, which took place from May 17 to 23, 2025, we reflect on the preparations that set the stage for this vital week. Our efforts began well in advance and included participation in the Boat Show, public education initiatives, and visits to local marinas. These initiatives were pivotal in raising awareness about boating safety and storm preparedness, sparking meaningful conversations within the community.

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Flotilla Commander

Flotilla 17-11, Orlando-Winter Park

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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Flotilla Vice Commander



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Public Affairs - Music Program

Our Flotilla Music Program continues to reach new heights! We are thrilled and proud to announce that it will support the Change of Watch ceremony for the BOSN3 Dawalt Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard at Station Port Canaveral, FL, this July. This is a remarkable opportunity and an exciting venture! You can visit cgauxband.org to print out your music parts, and don't forget to bring a music stand. If you are passionate about music or know someone who would be interested in joining us, please get in touch with Michael Martin at info@cgauxband.org for more information. Let's come together and create incredible music!



National Safe Boating Week serves as a crucial reminder for boaters to embrace safety and responsible practices as they prepare for the bustling boating season, especially as the much-anticipated Memorial Day weekend approaches. NSBW presents an invaluable opportunity for boaters to identify potential hazards, refine their safety skills, and adopt effective precautionary measures, thereby ensuring a safe and enjoyable boating experience. We extend



our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional Auxiliary members for their unwavering commitment to promoting awareness and education during National Safe Boating Week. Additionally, May 17 marks Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day, an



impactful event dedicated to promoting water safety. This initiative aims to reduce drowning incidents by encouraging individuals to wear life jackets while boating and participating in other water-related activities. Our participants are passionately committed to spreading this critical message of water safety, paving the way for a safer boating community. Below are the members from Flotilla 17-11 who participated and supported this year's NSBW activities during May.

Name
Enfinger, Billy
Morgan, Lars
Breece, Sharon
Martin, Michael
Holmes, John
Castro, Christopher
L'Hernault, James
Crary, Mark
Knicrumah, Osei
Olgin, Ronnie
Epplé, Matthew
Mesa, Juan
Carl, Ronald
Hurlock, Clive
Watkins, Vincent
Jovet-Ramos, Rafael
Jovet-Ocasio, Ryan
Abramowitz, Steven



Thank you for highlighting our ability to account for every single member through Everbridge. Let's continue to do outstanding work and place a strong emphasis on safety throughout our emergency procedures. I urge you to respond as swiftly as possible; it is vital that we do not hesitate or disregard this critical drill. Your prompt attention to this matter is of the utmost importance.



****Message from District Commodore Martin Goodwin on District 7's 2025 Mission Hours****

I want to share how we are doing so far this year with our mission hours and thank each of you for your hard work. As of May 2025, District 7 leads all Coast Guard Auxiliary districts by a large margin:

- ****Total Mission Hours (YTD)**:** 152,965.84. This is 24.73% of all Auxiliary mission hours across the country.
- ****Total Active Members**:** 3,699. Our district makes up 19% of all Auxiliary members.
- ****Average Mission Hours per Member**:** 41.35. This is above the national average of 31.7 hours per member and the highest among all districts.

This data shows that District 7 not only has the most total mission hours but also leads in member engagement with average hours per person. This success reflects our district's commitment to our mission, whether it's safety patrols, Recreational Boating Safety outreach, partner engagement, or operational support. By leading in both total mission hours and hours per member, District 7 sets a new standard for efficiency and engagement in the Auxiliary.

****Key Takeaways for Our Team****

1. ****Keep the Momentum Going**:** To maintain this high level of activity, we need clear communication with unit commanders, ongoing training, and to help each member see how their work adds to our district's readiness.
2. ****Recognize Our Members**:** Work with your division and flotilla leaders to identify members who have excelled. This is a great time to nominate them for awards or special recognition.
3. ****Check Data Accuracy**:** Make sure all mission hours are logged promptly and accurately in AuxData. Timely reporting helps us see what we need and what we're doing well.
4. ****Set Goals for the Next Quarter**:** Set realistic but challenging targets for June to August. Let's aim to increase our average mission hours per member and reach out to get more people involved.