



USCG Auxiliary

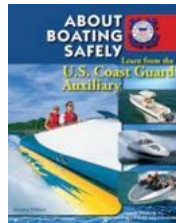
Division 3 Newsletter

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~ " Read All About It! " ~

This year, the Auxiliary members have been focused on many tasks and activities on the coast. From online classes and in-person courses, we have all taken the time to do our duty to promote safety, security, and assistance for the citizens of the United States. This includes the harbors, seaports, coast, canals, and rivers across the country and in the air. We have strived to succeed in our most prominent role for recreational boating safety classes for the auxiliary members.



Recreational boating safety classes provide us with knowledge about giving free vessel safety checks to recreational boaters and delivering a public education program, which consists of a range of courses on boating-related topics such as seamanship, laws, regulations related to boating, weather, and navigation. Boating classes also teach how to act as a liaison to local businesses/organizations, such as Marine boating clubs or Civic clubs.



In June, it was a great day for recruits who took part in a 10-week B company V-203. This event gave them the chance to demonstrate the skills they'd spent the first 7 weeks learning and using teamwork to overcome a series of challenges. These challenges were designed to show their knowledge in a variety of facets, including seamanship, damage control, and basic military instruction. After completing the challenges, they earned their colors with the non-rate Coast Guard insignia!

~ The History...~

In June, the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary also celebrated its 84th birthday! Sector Deputy Commander attended, as well as ANACO Commodore Patrick Feighery. We want to thank all of our guests and members who joined us for our celebration! Let's take a quick look at the history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary...



The development of the single-operator motorboat and later the outboard engine during the early 20th century increased the number of recreational boaters operating on United States Federal waters. By 1939, there were more than 300,000 personal watercrafts in operation. The previous year, the Coast Guard had received 14,000 calls for assistance and had responded to 8,600 "in-peril" cases.

The Coast Guard Reserve Act of 1939 was passed by the United States Congress, creating a volunteer Reserve Force for the United States Coast Guard. They were charged with promoting safety at sea, increasing boater efficiency for American citizens, assisting them with laws and compliance, and supporting active-duty Coast Guardsmen. The auxiliary conducted Safety and Security patrols and helped enforce the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts. Russell Waesche and Commodore Malcolm Stuart Boylan are credited as the founders.

~What's New? ~

- All of Division 3 received the NACO 3 Star award for Diversity, meaning all Flotillas & the Division. The District's percentage for submissions went up to 62%, and we were less than 20% last year.
- We have a New Auxiliary Sector Coordinator: Mr. Michael Hocks
- Michael Smith will be taking over the National Staff Possession of HR Assistant Branch Chief, from Mr. Henry Rice, former DCAPT East.
- Gregory Bone from Division 3 is the new DSO-PA as of June 2023.
- **SEPTRAIN 2023** is in Mobile, please see the Division website for details!

Gulf Quest will have a United States Coast Guard art gallery from August to December 2023. This special exhibit will feature nearly 40 works of art by 28 different artists that captured the missions and purpose of the United States Coast Guard. The location will be held at the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico at 155 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama.

~The More You Know~

We are striving to bring in new auxiliary members and teach our current members and the public about boating safety!

The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to shine a light on the boating safety seven rules...

The Boating Safety Seven



1. Wear your life jacket
2. Take a boating safety class
3. Carry all required safety gear
4. Use your engine cut-off device
5. File a float plan
6. Be aware of weather and water conditions
7. Boat sober, and be considerate of others



Life jackets are the core of safe boating, whether using a motorized or non-motorized vessel. The US Coast Guard reports 81% of boating deaths in 2021 were due to drowning, and 83% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket. Good swimmers still need life jackets.

When people fall off a boat, they may become disoriented, injured, or unconscious. Life jackets can keep victims' heads above water so they can breathe and can be rescued more easily. Every child should always wear a life jacket when boating. Choose the right life jacket for the activities you will be doing...double check to make sure the life jackets are US Coast Guard-approved and fit correctly. ALWAYS make sure your jacket is properly fastened!

~Training Reminder~

Auxiliarists are required to complete six mandated training courses within their first year of joining the organization and then must complete them all again every 5 years. These six courses cover the fundamentals of security, suicide prevention, privacy, sexual harassment and assault prevention, and civil rights awareness. In addition, auxiliaries must complete influenza and ethics awareness just once in their career using the Coast Guard auxiliary learning management system. The Coast Guard Auxiliary requires the auxiliary to take mandatory Incident Command System courses. Four of the incident command system courses are offered through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, and another course is offered through the auxiliary learning management system. Auxiliaries are required to acquire the skills necessary to perform in an ICS support role. As part of ICS training, all auxiliaries must respond immediately to Emergency Response alerts, and participation is mandatory.

Thank you for all you do in the Coast Guard Auxiliary
&
Thank you for being a part of Division 3!

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