What can I do in the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

The answer to this question starts with, “***The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the premier public boating safety organization in the United States***”. When attached to the fact that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a force multiplier to the Coast Guard a very large number of possibilities appear as answers to the question. The following will address Coast Guard Auxiliary jobs and opportunities. While auxiliary membership itself is direct support of the Coast Guard. Individual direct support opportunities and activities to the Coast Guard will be addressed separately.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary accomplishes boating safety issues through three primary activities; Boating Safety Education, Vessel Safety Checks and on the Water Safety Patrols. Members of the Auxiliary who can perform the basic requirements of the activity can step up and receive training and qualify for one or more activities. Some of the qualifications available are as a Instructor, a Vessel Examiner, a Boat Crewman or Coxswain. In addition to these activities there are many associated activities such as Marine Dealer Visitor, Navigation Aids Verifier, PWC Operator, Coastie the Safety Boat Operator to name a few. Public appearances at boat shows and other events is also an important function of the Auxiliary in promoting Boating Safety.

Auxiliary educational opportunities are numerous. All Auxiliarists have the ability to take advantage of Auxiliary Specialty Training courses in Weather, Patrols, Communications, Coastal Navigation, Search & Rescue and Seamanship. These courses may be taken in the order that the Auxiliarist desires. Each course can be done either by self-study or in a class room atmosphere when offered. There are additional educational opportunities in many other areas that are directly connected to many aspects of auxiliary activity such as Incident Command System (ICS), marine Safety to mention a few. Educational opportunities are directly related to the individual Auxiliarist’s level of activity.

Guests are welcome to attend meetings. So attend a meeting and get started!

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