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Auxiliarist Comes to Aid of Disabled Boat

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Dan Brewer, USCGA

On Sunday Sept 27th the Coast Guard's motto *Semper Paratus*, Always Ready, was tested when Dan Brewer, of Richland Center, WI., an off duty US Coast Guard Auxiliary crewman from the Prairie du Chien Flotilla, and his brother Pat were on the Mississippi giving Dan's newly purchased 21foot SeaRay her shakedown cruise.

Leaving McGregor they headed south and near Hovie Island were flagged down by two boats. The skipper of a disabled pontoon boat stated that they had lost all electrical power, were dead in the water and needed assistance returning to port.

While the SeaRay was not yet a fully equipped US Coast Guard facility Dan did have his towing bridle on board which he and Pat used to safely tow the disabled vessel with a crew of two, through the narrow and winding passages to the landing at River of Lakes.

Dan stated, "After we got them tied up they thanked us and I told them I was glad the Auxiliary was able to help them. I feel that if it wasn't for the training I received from the Auxiliary I would not have been able to help much let alone had the confidence to do so."

Dan's boat is docked at River of Lakes Marina and will soon be added to the Auxiliary's list of assets as a US Coast Guard facility.

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