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## Ice Rescue RFO

Station Calumet Harbor completed their "RFO" (Ready for Operations) Ice Rescue drills the last week of January. An inspection team from Sector Lake Michigan evaluated the readiness of equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE), followed by live drills on the ice and in the water.



In the current evolutions, there are two primary pieces of specialized rescue equipment that are used. To retrieve people from the water, the MARSARS Ice Rescue Sled permits rescuers to keep their weight back from the open water while reaching and retrieving a person in the water.



The person in the water can put an arm through the red cuff to permit the rescuers to pull him/her onto the sled; or they can pass the sling around the victim's body to pull them to safety.

To reach a person in the water over open water, the Oceanid Versatile Rescue Rapid Deployment Craft (aka *banana boat*) can be paddled out to the scene.



In parts of the Ninth District where offshore ice rescues are more common, some units have been using an air boat for ice rescue.



In the old days, Coast Guard crews would drag an aluminum ice skiff (either v-bottom or flat bottom punt) with a 9 h.p. outboard over the ice until it broke through, then the crew would climb in to complete the rescues.



Over New Year's, the station's ice rescue team responded to save a person who had fallen through the ice near 71<sup>st</sup> Street.



Photos of station personnel provided by CWO Mark Stevens

**Chili Cook-Off  
Cements Fourth  
Cornerstone!**

Sunday, 2 FEB about eighty members and friends of Team Coast Guard gathered for the Third Annual Calumet Harbor Chili Cook-Off. Even though FS1 Kevin Johnson did not enter (after winning the first two cook-offs), the top five chilis (judged by a blind vote by everybody) were prepared by active duty. First Prize went to MK2 John Palmer's entry.



Photos by Brian Hinton



### **You Might Be an Auxiliarist...**

If you're talking to your buddy on the two-way radio and you know dang well his name is Fred, but you keep saying "Roger"... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you'll spend 750 hours folding newsletters, stuffing envelopes, and licking stamps for a 34-cent ribbon to put on your shirt... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you've spent your time messing with boats, ever since CB radio went out of style... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you think shirts with epaulets are a fashion statement... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you'd apply for a job with long hours, crummy benefits, and no pay, then feel really disappointed if you didn't get it... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you spent your youth trying to stay away from the Army, and now you spend your time and money getting closer to the Coast Guard... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you own a steel-belted radial-ply cummerbund... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If your spouse seems to have left you for something on the computer called the Members' Forum... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you open your mouth and acronyms fly out... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you'd read every word of a 3-inch-thick government manual... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If, every time something bad happens, you blame it on AUXMIS... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you drive a boat like an expert, but can't seem to work a lawn mower... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you think a red and yellow flashing light would make a really swell Christmas present... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you've ever worn black socks with Topsiders... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you'd spend fifty hours teaching boating classes, on the off chance it might save somebody's little girl... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you love to help others, when others are helping themselves... you might be an Auxiliarist!

If you get an inch taller when they play the National Anthem... you might be an Auxiliarist!

*Courtesy of Steve Reams, DCO 8WR, provided by Jim Bell, SO-OP 35*

### **WYTM 90, CGC Arundel**

When the broadcast weather forecasters reported that *arctic sea smoke* was visible over Lake Michigan due to the extreme cold snaps, and more than 50% of Lake Michigan is covered by ice, memories were recalled when Chicago was the home port for the Coast Guard Cutter Arundel.



#### History:

Arundel was one of four 110-foot tugs built for the Coast Guard. They were a follow-on to the 110-foot Calumet-class tugs and were capable of breaking ice up to three feet thick. They were officially referred to in the Coast Guard Description of Cutters document as a "Harbor Cutter." Arundel was built by the Gulfport Works in Port Arthur, Texas. She was launched on 24 June 1939 and commissioned on 6 July 1939. During the winter of 1940 she broke ice on the Hudson river. During World War II, she was assigned to CINCLANT (DESLANT) and was stationed at Boston, Massachusetts. She served on the Greenland Patrol.

In 1945 she transferred to New York, where she was assigned to law enforcement, search and rescue, and light ice-breaking duties. She transferred to Portland, Maine, in 1947. In 1948 she transferred to New Bedford, Massachusetts. In 1952 she transferred to Chicago, Illinois. From 8 to 9 April 1956 she was towed to Detroit, Michigan, by the CGC Mesquite. On 20 August 1965 she assisted in the search for debris from United Airlines crash in Lake Michigan.

On 15 February 1968 she helped free the tug Silver Star from the ice and escorted her to Holland, Michigan. On 26 February 1968 she helped medevac a crewman from the tanker Meteor near St. Joseph, Michigan. On 5 April 1968 she helped free the grounded M/V Inglehart in the St. Mary's River. On 11 April 1970 she helped free the grounded M/V Stadacona near the Mackinaw 2 Bridge. On 17 April 1970 she stood by the M/V 8 Denton following the fouling of her propeller by a buoy chain.



She transferred for the final time to Buffalo, New York, in 1980. She was decommissioned in 1982.

<http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/Arundel1939.pdf>

**Navigator**

The national magazine Navigator has been mailed to all members. If you did not receive your copy, you can download an electronic copy from <http://cgaux.org/library/newsletter/navigator.php>.



You may also want to check your personal information in AUXDATA with your Flotilla Staff, to be sure it is accurate.

**Member Training**

Saturday training continues regularly, either at the Mead Training Center or Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor. Emphasis is swinging from Boat Crew to the other cornerstone activities. Coming topics include:

- 8 FEB First Aid STA
- 15 FEB BCM Crew:Communications Mead
- BCM Coxn:Comm & Admin
- 22 FEB Vessel Examinations for Beginners Mead
- 1 MAR CPR Mead
- 8 MAR New Member Training Mead
- 15 MAR Program Visitor Wkshp Mead
- 22 MAR *No Division training – 9WR Conference*
- 29 MAR Vessel Examiner Workshop STA

Remember to register with SO-MT 35 at least 48 hours prior to any training to ensure you will have materials and/or refreshments.

Watch the District web site for information about the coming District Conference in Lisle, IL.

**Strictly Sail Boat Show**



Photo by Brian Hinton

**Division Commander's Award:**  
*Boat Camp Committee*



**Vice Commander's Award**  
Jeff Bailey, SO-SR 35

**Coast Guard Awards:**

Jim Bell: AUX Commandant  
Letter of Commendation  
Medal



John Hopkins: AUX  
Commandant Letter of  
Commendation Medal



Michael Scott: AUX  
Achievement Medal w/ O

Ruth Aurigemma:  
RBS Device



**Special Recognition:**

FS1 Kevin Johnson  
BM2 Anthony Griffith  
Personnel of STA Calumet Harbor

**Flotilla Awards**

**Member Training:**

095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 230.5 Hrs  
095-35-09 Lake County IN 210.5 Hrs.  
095-35-07 Calumet Harbor 183.2 Hrs.

**Marine Safety:**

095-35-06 Six Chicago 14.5 Hrs.  
095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 9.5 Hrs.  
095-35-07 Calumet Harbor 5.0 Hrs.

**CG Operational Support:**

095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 930.5 Hrs.  
095-35-09 Lake County IN 85.5 Hrs.  
095-35-07 Calumet Harbor 12.5 Hrs.

**Public Affairs:**

095-35-09 Lake County IN 311.0 Hrs.  
095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 209.8 Hrs.  
095-35-07 Calumet Harbor 155.5 Hrs.

**Marine Dealer Visits:**

095-35-09 Lake County IN 321 Visits  
095-35-01 South Suburban 41 Visits  
095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 8 Visits

**Vessel Safety Checks:**

095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 441 VSC  
095-35-09 Lake County IN 93 VSC  
095-35-01 South Suburban 60 VSC

**Public Education:**

095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 81.5 Hrs  
095-35-11 Jackson Harbor 49.0 Hrs  
095-35-01 South Suburban 43.1 Hrs

**Marine Patrols:**

095-35-09 Lake County IN 511.0 Hrs  
095-35-12 Twelve Chicago 338.6 Hrs  
095-35-07 Calumet Harbor 135.4 Hrs.



**Individual Awards**

**Member Training (Lead)**

Michael Scott 50.0 Hrs  
Tom Mullally 39.0 Hrs  
Mel Marcus 24.7 Hrs

**Member Training (Aide)**

Mel Marcus 33.0 Hrs  
Michael Scott 23.0 Hrs  
John Hopkins 18.0 Hrs

**CG Operational Support**

Maryellen Begley 925.5 Hrs  
John Hopkins 74.5 Hrs  
Robert Juskiewicz 12.5 Hrs

**Public Affairs**

Ruth Aurigemma 119.5 Hrs  
Thomas Mullally 116.5 Hrs  
David Mosca 57.5 Hrs

**Marine Dealer Visits**

David Mosca 122 Visits  
James Bell 119 Visits  
Kathleen Chappelle 41 Visits

**Vessel Safety Checks: Paddle Craft**

Nevin Hofing 255 VSC

**Vessel Safety Checks**

Gary Markle 67 VSC  
Shelley Markle 67 VSC  
Rhonda Rush 29 VSC  
John Hopkins 27 VSC

**Public Education (Lead)**

Michael Jacobson 47.0 Hrs  
Richard Tamraz 42.0 Hrs  
Paul Malave 27.7 Hrs

**Public Education (Aide)**

Philip Aszling 49.7 Hrs  
John Hopkins 48.0 Hrs  
Jay Samstag 37.3 Hrs

**Coxswain Marine Patrols**

James Bell 356.0 Hrs  
Michael Scott 310.0 Hrs  
John Hopkins 155.0 Hrs

**Crew Marine Patrols**

Dianne Dolezal 227.4 Hrs  
Kelly Flores 198.9 Hrs  
Maryellen Begley 133.0 Hrs



Photos by Rudy Lyles

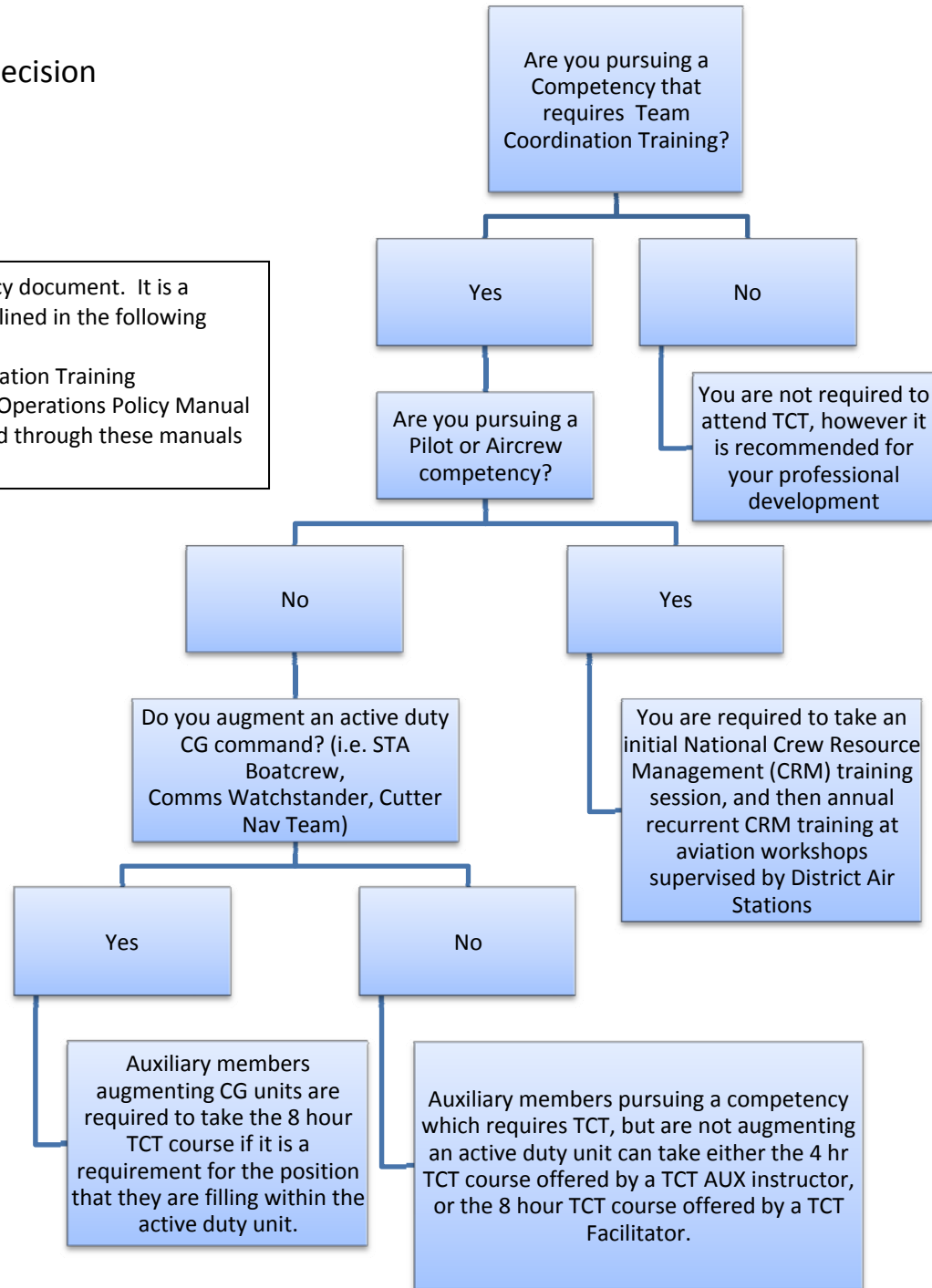


# Coast Guard Auxiliary TCT Decision Flowchart

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This flow chart is provided by DSO-NS 095 for general information.

NOTE: This flowchart is not a policy document. It is a reflection of the requirements outlined in the following instructions:  
COMDTINST 1541.1 Team Coordination Training  
COMDTINST M16798.3E Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual  
Any questions should be addressed through these manuals or through CG-BSX-1



February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 CalHbr Chili Cook•	3	4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 First Aid @ USCG Tinley Park Fishing
9 Tinley Park Fishing	10	11 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	12 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	13	14 Our World Underwater @ Donald E Valentine's Day	15 Coxn: Com & Admin Crew: Comms @
16 Our World	17 Presidents' Day	18 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	19	20 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	21	22 VEs for Beginners @
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 CPR @ Mead

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 CPR @ Mead
2	3	4	5	6 Division Mtg 1900 @	7	8 New Member
9 Daylight Saving	10	11 Flo 35-1 Mtg 1930 Flo 35-7 Mtg 1900 @	12 Flo 35-9 Mtg 1900 @	13	14	15 PV Wkshp @ Mead
16	17	18 Flo 3512 Mtg 1900 Flo 3516 Mtg 1930	19	20 Flo 3511 Mtg 1930	21-22 9WR Conference	
23 9WR Conference	24	25 Flo 35-6 Mtg 1900 @	26	27	28	29 VE Wkshp @ USCG
30	31 Anderson Grant	1	2	3 Division Mtg 1900 @	4	5 Nav Review @ Mead