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News Release

Coast Guard Auxiliary continue Labor Day activities in a big way.



Photo taken by Aux. Paul Saba – (Left) Auxiliarists attend a briefing before the start of operations for the day. (Right) Auxiliary boat crew returns two female victims back to shore after their personal watercraft capsized and became inoperable.



Photo taken by Aux. Justin Peck – Auxiliarists assist a local boater with a vessel safety check and informing citizens about things they can do to improve safety upon the water.

San Bernardino – Auxiliarists from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary have been conducting recreational boating safety activities at various locations in the Inland Empire

throughout the Labor Day weekend with increased effort after the recent tragedy on the Colorado River. Volunteers have been performing countless vessel safety checks, public education contacts, and responding to many different emergencies while patrolling in Auxiliary Patrol Facilities. “I planned for a problem on the lake, thank God you guys were here to help.” referred Denise Markham of Colton after being towed back to shore by an Auxiliary Patrol Facility when her personal watercraft capsized. Additionally, teams of Auxiliarists conducted vessel safety checks of vessels coming to Lake Silverwood State Recreational Area. These vessel safety checks allowed Auxiliarists to inform boaters of items they needed to be safe on the water and make them aware of the dangers of not being properly prepared.

“Lack of proper safe boating training, alcohol, and failure wear your lifejacket are the most common denominators in tragedy on the water.” stated Aux. Paul Saba, USCG Auxiliary Public Information Officer. “People come out to the lake or river expecting a fun weekend filled with fond memories, but sadly leave with nightmare memories that could have been avoided.” continued Aux. Saba. The USCG Auxiliary encourages every boater to participate in a vessel safety education course and to always wear your personal floatation device or lifejacket always when on the water. More information about finding a boater safety course can be found on the USCG Auxiliary District 11 Southern Region website www.d11s.org.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org

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