

# Introduction to Sea Partners

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The Coast Guard's Environmental  
Outreach Program



# What is Sea Partners?

The Sea Partners Campaign is an environmental education and outreach program focused on communities to develop community awareness of maritime pollution issues and to improve compliance with marine environmental protection laws and regulations.



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Sea Partners is the only Coast Guard initiative to meet the Coast Guard's legacy obligations for public education under the:

- Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act
- The Atlantic Protected Living Marine Resource Initiative
- The Coral Reef Task Force
- The Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee
- The Whitewater to Bluewater Initiative





# Goals of the Sea Partners Campaign

1. Increase compliance with Marine Environmental Protection (MEP) laws and regulations by educating waterways users on how those laws affect them.
2. Raise community awareness of marine pollution issues.
3. Prevent discharge of marine pollutants.
4. Increase citizen reporting of marine pollution by publicizing the National Response Center spill reporting number:

**800-424-8802**

# Sea Partners History

- Established in 1994 and remains the only environmental public education program in the Coast Guard.
- During 1997, the Coast Guard expanded the program to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Auxiliarists are encouraged to earn a Prevention Outreach Specialist qualification to better prepare them in conducting Sea Partners events.



# Legislative Authority

The primary legislative authority for the Sea Partners Campaign comes from the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act of 1987, which requires the Coast Guard to conduct a public outreach program regarding:

- The harmful effects of plastic pollution
- The need to reduce such pollution
- The need to recycle plastic materials
- The need to reduce the quantity of plastic debris in the marine environment





# Sea Partners Presentations

Sea Partners can be presented at these events:

- Classroom settings
- Boat Shows
- Boating Safety Classes
- Workshops with interest groups
- Public Service Announcements
- Distribution of leaflets and posters
- Other appropriate means



# Uniform of the Day for Sea Partners Events

- Indoor events: **Tropical Blue**
- Outdoor events: **ODU** or **AWU**
- Active Duty uniform is determined by the Sector or Station (usually ODU)
- Members that do not yet have uniforms may work at the event in proper civilian apparel. (See AUXMAN chapter 10)
- Uniforms should be clean and pressed, in good working condition. If uniform becomes worn or unusable it needs to be replaced prior to working a Sea Partner event.





- Sea Partner hours must be recorded on a 7030 form in order to count toward work on the Marine Safety badge. Only verifiable 7030 mission hours are allowed to be used toward the required 96 hours per year.

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| <b>SECTION IV CREW ASSIGNMENTS</b>  |              |  |          |   |   |          |               |
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| Use <b>Member Activity Log (ANSC-7029)</b> for missions not reported on VE (ANSC-7038).<br>RBSVP(ANSC-7046) on this form and for Travel & Prep time previously reported on this form. |              |  |          |   |   |          |               |
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# Successful Sea Partners Events

Working with members from other areas (i.e., Public Affairs) can help in having a successful Sea Partner event.





# Successful Sea Partners Events



Discussing boating safety, safety on and around the water, along with the Sea Partner mission of discussing water pollution, effects of pollution on the water, etc., makes for a successful event.

# Sea Partners Materials

- Materials for use at events can be found at the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC)

[https://cgaux.org/members/ANSC\\_Catalog\\_Jan-24.pdf](https://cgaux.org/members/ANSC_Catalog_Jan-24.pdf)

- Online materials can be found on the National Prevention webpage:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=P-DEPT>





# Sea Partner Materials: Trash Game

- Make a Trash Game for use at events. Instructions:

[http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wowII/P-DEPT/pdfs/Trash\\_Game\\_Construction.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/P-DEPT/pdfs/Trash_Game_Construction.pdf)



# Sea Partner Materials: Monofilament Line Disposal Station

- Make monofilament fishing line disposal stations for installation near boat launch ramps.

Instructions:

[http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads wowII/P-DEPT/pdfs/fishing\\_line\\_disposal\\_station.pdf](http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/P-DEPT/pdfs/fishing_line_disposal_station.pdf)



# Questions?

If you have questions on how to join Sea Partners or how to have your own Sea Partner event, contact your Flotilla Staff Officer for Marine Safety for details on how to get started.



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