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# Mission



Planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support Prevention and Response programs of Coast Guard Operations Directorate.

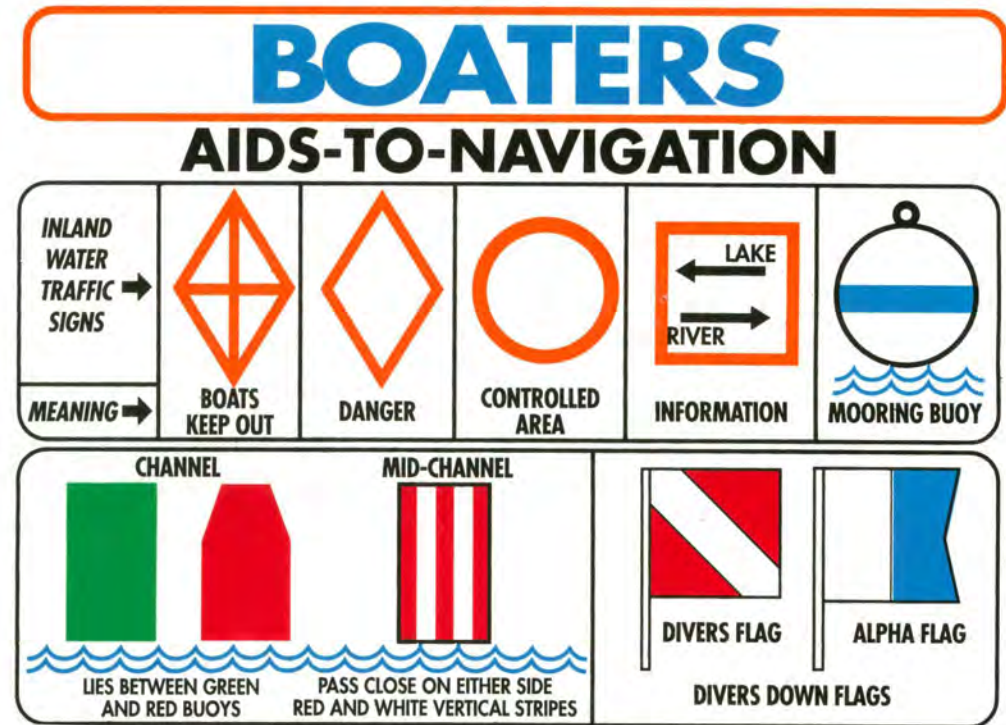
# Marine Safety

“Prevention” is one of four Directorates in the Response/Prevention Directorate, responsible for working to “prevent” safety, security and environmental incidents in marine environments, including both fresh and salt waters, through direct and indirect missions supporting USCG actions, member activities and public outreach.

# Prevention Directorate Divisions and Responsibilities

## Navigation Systems

- AtoN Verification
- PAtoN Verification
- Chart Updating
- Bridge Verification and Administration





# Port and Facilities Activities



- Container Inspections
- Marine Safety-oriented Marine Observation Mission (MOM) Patrols which include looking for pollution, critical infrastructure issues, hazards, suspicious activity, etc.
- Waterways Management, including marine event planning and support.
- Regulated Facilities inspections (not Auxiliary vessels)

# Commercial Vessel Activities

## **Inspected** Commercial Vessels:

Domestic Vessels including T-boats (< 100 GT, < 150 passengers) and K-boats (< 100 GT, > 150 passengers).

## **Uninspected** Commercial Vessels:

Passenger Vessels (UPVs i.e. 6-packs), Uninspected Towing Vessels (UTVs) and Commercial Fishing Vessels (CFVs).





# Prevention Outreach



- America's Waterway Watch
- Sea Partners
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Resources
- Living Marine Mammals Resources
- Good Mate Program

# Communication and Education



- Prevention Directorate Website
- Prevention Directorate Newsletter: *Safety Lines*
- Prevention Grant Support
- Marine Safety Training Program
- Marine Safety Training Ribbon and M-Pro Pin
- Special Projects



# Missions = Activities

**What does the Auxiliary do to promote the achievement of mission goals?**

- Support for environmental response missions.
- Regulated facilities inspections.
- Commercial vessel safety and security inspection support and exams (UTV, UPV, CFV and domestic vessels as previously defined).
- Container inspection assistance.
- Waterway management/navigation systems missions and support.
- America's Waterways Watch presentations.

# Missions....

- Environmental education/Sea Partners missions and presentations.
- Marine Information System for Law Enforcement (MISLE) support.
- Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (MS/MEP) training and administration of programs.
- Newsletter and website information and resources.



# MS/MEP Training: A 3-Pronged Approach

- Education
- Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs)
- Service - Proficiency

# Education: 7 Courses

- Introduction to Marine Safety & Environmental Protection: (IMSEP) This course is worth 2 points for AUXOP.
- Good Mate: Clean boating for marinas and individuals.
- ICS Courses: 100, 200, 210 (or 300), 700 & 800.





# Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs)

Training for MS/MEP qualifications involving an Active Duty or Auxiliary Verifying Officer (VO) who holds the qualification, task sign-off and an oral board to earn a Letter of Designation (LOD) for a particular qualification.



# Performance Qualification Standards (PQSs)

- A PQS is a training tool for an AUX member to acquire the knowledge and skills to execute the duties required of someone who holds the qualification.
- A Letter of Designation, issued by either DIRAUX or the Captain of the Port (COTP) for a specific Qualification, signifies that the member has successfully completed the training, passed an oral board and earned that qualification.

# PQSSs

Many qualifications are available in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection –

Two are Auxiliary only – cannot be trained by Active Duty unless they hold an equivalent qualification.

A. Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist (AUX MSAM) – highly recommended for all MS Staff Officers!

B. Prevention Outreach Specialist (AUX MEES)

**NOTE:** These require a Verifying Officer (VO) who is an Auxiliarist holding a Letter of Designation for the qualification being trained. The Letter of Designation for both qualifications is signed by DIRAUX rather than the Captain of the Port (COTP).

# PQSs

- Two of the remaining PQSs are Active-Duty qualifications:
  - Uninspected Towing Vessel Examiner (UTV)
  - Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (CFVE)
- All other Active-Duty qualifications shall not be earned by Auxiliary members per a 2008 ALCOAST.
- Some PQSs may require a Direct Operational (DO) clearance; this may be waived by the Sector.





# PQSs

- Others are mentored by Active Duty VOs at Sectors on an “as needed” basis.
- These include qualifications such as Assistant Container Inspector, Facility Inspector and Pollution Responder.
- A complete list is available on the Prevention Directorate website under “MS PQS” in the sidebar.

**NOTE:** Each has a PQS book that has been approved for Auxiliary use and includes the same expectations as our Active-Duty counterparts except for Law Enforcement and military or HAZMAT tasks.

# Sector Specific Needs

- Each District may serve more than one Sector; each Sector will have needs based on physical and cultural factors. A Sector will only train AUX members for a qualification that is needed in that Sector.
- Each Sector should send information to the DSO-MS and Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) about opportunities for AUX members to serve at the local Sector in Prevention and Response. The DSO-MS may send a request via the Chain to the Auxiliary Liaison (AUX LO).

# Auxiliary Sector Coordinator Best Practices

- It is recommended that the ASCs have program knowledge in the form of MS course work (IMSEP, Good Mate and the ICS courses) and at least one qualification to enable them to do their job in a professional manner to the benefit of the USCG, the Auxiliary and the general public.

# Service



Any hours in Marine Safety or Environmental Protection that support USCG missions and goals as defined in AUXDATA II.



# Marine Safety Training Ribbon (MSTR) Requirements



- All seven (7) MS Courses.
- One (1) MS/MEP Qualification, as shown by a Letter of Designation, having been earned by completing a Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) and passing the required oral board.
- Signature of the DSO-MS and DIRAUX on MSTR application.

**NOTE:** Highly recommended for all MS Staff Officers serving at any level for program knowledge and managerial competence.

# Marine Safety M-Pro Pin Requirements



- All seven (7) MS courses.
- Any four (4) MS/MEP qualifications as listed on the Prevention Directorate website.
- 96 hours of service in MS/MEP missions per year for five (5) years as recorded in AUXDATA II.
- A Letter of Recommendation from the Captain of the Port (COPT).
- Signature of the DSO-MS and DIRAUX on the M-Pro Pin application.



# Member Activities in Marine Safety Requiring a Qualification

Activities performed in support of USCG Sector missions such as Container Inspections, Facility Inspections, Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams, and Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams. Duties are performed under USCG supervision.

**NOTE:** A member may work on a qualification but may not perform the duties associated with the qualification except under supervision as required by the PQS until he/she has passed an oral board and received a Letter of Designation.

# Activities NOT Requiring a Formal Qualification

There is no formal qualification required for a member to participate in the activities listed below, but the member should be knowledgeable about mission requirements and information.

- AWW or Sea Partners presentations
- PA booth presentations or demonstrations
- PE, VE and PV events which should include MS/MEP materials and information for the general public.



# MS/MEP Guidelines for AUXDATA II

- Information about how to record MS/MEP mission hours is available in the “Member How To” section of the April 2021 AUXDATA II training modules.
- Codes have not changed and the descriptions for mission codes should be carefully checked to determine the proper code to use for any given mission.
- MS Staff Officer hours are recorded as 70K unlike other appointed officer hours.
- Includes activities under USCG orders and Auxiliary Assignment to Duty.





# Chain of Communication



- Should be followed so that **all** personnel are kept informed of ongoing events and information as well as any changes.
- The ASC and DSO-MS are in communication with Sector Prevention and Response personnel to provide support for Sector needs and communicate those needs, training and service opportunities to the Auxiliary Leadership, Staff and members.
- The DSO-MS should transmit such information down the MS Chain to members via the SOs-MS and FSOs-MS. Information should also be relayed up the chain as well.

# Prevention Directorate Website



- National repository for all **current** manuals, forms and information about Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.
- Includes both MS/MEP and Navigations Systems.
- **Google searches MAY return outdated and/or incorrect information.** Unit websites should provide **LINKS** to the Prevention website **ONLY** to avoid needless updates.
- MS Staff Officers and members should visit the Directorate website often to remain informed of MS/MEP events, activities and resources.



**Prevention Directorate contact information may be found in the AUX Directory or on the Directorate website.**