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Commander's Corner

This issue of the Commander's Corner we want to re-print an important, and still relevant message from our Former National Commodore.

Important message from James E. Vass, Former National Commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 2010-2012

It is the policy of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to ensure that all citizens, regardless of race, gender, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, religion, or physical or mental disability have an equal opportunity to become a volunteer of this organization. It is after all, part of our mission to become the volunteer organization of choice.

As the National Commodore, I will personally lead the diversity initiatives and challenge all who serve to do the same through leadership, mentorship, service, and example. As someone committed to diversity, I understand that providing training is one of the strategies that helps build an inclusive environment, which is crucial to attracting and retaining top talent, building member engagement, and fostering creativity and innovation. Our Strategic Plan for Managing Diversity will guide us in our efforts towards accomplishing this goal.

Diversity of thoughts, ideas, and competencies of our people, keeps the Auxiliary strong and empowers us to mission readiness and excellence.

Diversity is an imperative to the Auxiliary; it can increase morale and impact our success. In essence every member is responsible for fostering an inclusive team atmosphere and being a contributing part of Team Coast Guard.

The Auxiliary is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment, a journey guided by the deeply held values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, as America's Guardians, we understand that diversity is not a problem to be solved but is an asset to be developed.

Health and Safety

AUX Henoch, MD, who contributes to Health and Safety, has recently completed a tour on the Coast Guard Tall Ship, Eagle. In our next issue we look forward to his report. Click on the link below for info on the Eagle: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USCGC_Eagle_\(WIX-327\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USCGC_Eagle_(WIX-327))

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Boating Safety

National Safe Boating Week is May 21-27, 2022

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/news/national-safe-boating-week-is-may-21-27-2022/#:~:text=National%20Safe%20Boating%20Week%20will,prepare%20for%20the%20boating%20season>

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Rescue is faster when you use the USCG Float Plan

Whether you are a power boater or kayaker, the U.S.C.G Float Plan works for you. Set up a basic plan, ahead of time and save it on your computer. Update it when you decide where and when you're going to go. Then, e-mail your completed plan to whoever you choose to follow up should you not return, or check-in as planned.

Visit the site below:

<https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org/>

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Auxiliary Public Boating Courses

Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) is one the Auxiliary's primary missions. The U.S. Coast Guard offers numerous boating and seamanship classes to the general public. If you are a boater or are interested in becoming one, visit our website:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/peclass.php?unit=014-05-11>

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How a Zig-Zag Coast Guard Search Pattern Helps Save Lives

Have you ever wondered what is involved in a Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) operation? Here is a link to an interesting video that reveals some of the complexities involved in a SAR operation:

<https://interestingengineering.com/video/how-a-zig-zag-coast-guard-search-pattern-helps-save-lives>

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Women's History Month

Honoring Women's History

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Auxiliary are proud of our efforts to be inclusive. We strive for our members to be representative of all segments of our national family and offer all members the opportunities to raise as far up the ranks as possible.

Below are a couple of links that are representative of our goals. Take a look.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/coast-guards-first-female-four-star-admiral-reflects-on-her-journey-and-the-services-mission/#x>

<https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Portals/7/First%20District/Bios/CAPT-MERCHANT-BIO.pdf?ver=2020-09-01-150606-447#:~:text=Captain%20Zeita%20Merchant%20assumed%20the%20duties%20of%20Deputy.system.%20Prior%20to%20joining%20Sector%20New%20York%2C%20Captain>

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Events

New York Boat Show

After a hiatus due to the covid-19 pandemic, the New York Boat Show was back at the Javits Center for 2022. The exhibit was from Wednesday, January 26 until Sunday, January 30, 2022, and the U.S.C.G Auxiliary manned a booth representing the US Coast Guard.

For the general boating public, we promote marine safety, recreational boating safety courses, and youth outreach. Free educational literature was available.



Photo: AUX W.H. Linder

The Auxiliary is also looking for people who want to volunteer their time to serve the boating public and the country by joining us.

And finally, we are recruiting for the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Academy.

Lots of free literature on marine safety, boating safety and regulations was available to the public.

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Upcoming Meetings

In compliance with Covid-19 precautions, the size of public events and gatherings are still monitored.

