



THE WHEELHOUSE

Week of 06 JAN 21

Welcome to the Wheelhouse! Flotilla 5-11's Internal Newsletter

COMMAND PHILOSOPHY

Relevance | Mentorship | Education - AUX Ted Wadsworth, Flotilla Commander



The USCG Auxiliary is one of the greatest volunteer organizations in the world. The Auxiliary functions as a bridge between the active duty, civilians, retired military, and the younger generations in search of their path. You will gain knowledge, experience, and friendship. Whatever level of participation, there is a place for you here to thrive. The more you learn the more you will understand the organization and your role in it. You will realize how important you are to the Auxiliary and to your community.

Relevance in the Auxiliary comes from applying your skills to our mission. You have a choice of applying your professional experience to a wide array of Auxiliary missions. Are you a cook, interpreter, lawyer, clergy, or medical professional? Your skills are valued and needed. Your unique talents can be matched to support the Coast Guard. There are also plenty of new skills you can learn in the Auxiliary such as search and rescue, advanced boating skills, and additional leadership training. The skills you learn will be recognized and respected. Combined with your current talents, your knowledge will leave an impact on the Auxiliary.

Mentorship and volunteerism is about giving back. Your life experiences contribute to understanding others, whether a fellow member or a boater in distress. We look out for each other and encourage fellowship through social interaction. A call to a shipmate can mean more to them than you can imagine. It is the difference between feeling alone and having the support you need through a crisis or a shoulder to lean on. Be the example others require. Mentor those around you and that will bring us all up.

Education is paramount. Use your time wisely. Learn as much as you can. Interact with diverse cultural groups. The Auxiliary is about growing together, training, tradition and community. Your reward is what you learn and share with others. The more you put in, certainly, the more you will get out of your Auxiliary career.

The Auxiliary has had a long and varied tradition which has evolved to play a huge role in augmenting the Coast Guard. We continue to look for ways to do work that serves the greater good. I challenge you to make your mark, leave the Auxiliary better than you found it!



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People | Fellowship | Giving - AUX John McNamara, Vice Flotilla Commander

People

Our members are our most valuable resource. They breathe life into the Auxiliary. Giving our membership the tools for the qualification paths that they need, coupled with leadership development is an integral part of our members' many opportunities for advancement.



Fellowship

In the Coast Guard Auxiliary, individual achievement and teamwork involve the all-important binding factor of fellowship. As shipmates working together in our goal of promoting maritime safety, and the prevention of loss of life, we provide support for the Coast Guard in their tasks, shared mutually, as Guardians of the nation's coastal seas, lakes and waterways.

Giving

What is it that makes one stand above with respect and sense of purpose? It is the act of "giving." All of us in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the members of Flotilla 05-11 are dedicated to the primary purpose of saving lives. We give time and talent in order to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of our nation's waterways by everyone.

**"Volunteers receive no pay not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."
- Sherry Anderson**



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Diversity | Community | Tradition - AUX Alex Rico, Immediate Past Flotilla Commander

Diversity

We are one of the most diverse units in the Auxiliary; our multiculturalism and religious diversity provide opportunities to learn from one another. Incorporating these differences into our service enables us to better connect with our community. We continue to focus on expanding our membership to groups that have not traditionally had access to waterfront activities, whether due to a lack of information or due to economic constraints. Our flotilla will continue to embrace diversity in order to better reflect the unique composition of our city.



Community

The successful relationships we have established with our partners has better connected us to our neighbors. Continuing to cultivate these partnerships is vital to expanding our services. Accessing a larger number of community members will help us better understand their needs. To that end, we will continue to pursue a grassroots effort in our approach to our outreach. It is always important to keep those we serve in mind.

Tradition

It is important we continue to work on the activities that have made the Flotilla successful, such as vessel safety checks, food services, and communications. We are fortunate to have founding members within our ranks. These senior members have held positions as past flotilla commanders and instill us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Members should consider them mentors and support the programs that they are active in. We cannot forget where we came from as we build up the unit.



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Missions

Program Visitor (PV) and Vessel Examiner (VE) Missions are possible following the guidelines established by the District. If interested in conducting a mission contact your appropriate Flotilla Staff Officer.

AUX Sam Adams, FSO-VE | AUX Avi Henoch, FSO-PV

PA Training – 14 Jan 2021 8pm:

Provide a refresher on Auxiliary Public Affairs, basics in talking points, and a recruitment strategy brainstorming session.

Agenda.

- Promotional items
- Materials to order from MA officer
- Talking points
- Possible courses to study in advance

PV Qualification:

One of the quickest and easiest qualifications to get is becoming a Recreational Program Visitor. All you need to do is take and pass the online test called:

MDV Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor Exam

[click here to take test](#)

Once you pass this course you will have to complete 2 visits under the supervision of someone already certified.

Once you complete this and are approved you are authorized to wear the Visitor/Examiner Ribbon.



If you complete 60 or more visits in 1 year you will receive the RBS excellence ribbon



If you complete 120 visits (vessel exams, PA hours, instructor hours also count) for 2 consecutive years you will earn the RBS device.





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Looking for Instructors

We are planning on offering the following four courses in a virtual format over the President's Day weekend in February. We are looking for instructors interested in conducting these courses, as well as members who are interested in qualifying for the Instructor Qualification. Exact schedule TBA. If interested, please contact John McNamara at: cgauxjwm@gmail.com

Suddenly in Command (2 hours):

The captain becomes incapacitated or falls overboard, or you purchase a new boat for the first time. You are Suddenly in Command. This boating safety primer is designed for those not generally at the helm, and will help you to be prepared with the basics in case of an emergency.

You will learn about your vessel, nomenclature, and operating principles such as starting the engine, basic boat handling, and your on-board equipment. Included are descriptions of what causes boating mishaps and how to minimize them. This course is a must for family members in case something happens to the boat operator.

Personal Watercraft Course (1 hour):

Personal Watercraft Course is a basic introduction to the safety issues involved when operating a PWC. The purpose of the course is to teach that PWCs are true boats and that their skippers have the same legal responsibilities, and should learn the rules of the road to the same degree as any other boater.

Paddler's Guide to Safety (1 hour):

The objective for this course is for novice paddlers to be aware of the basic issues and needs for paddling safety, the basic equipment they should have, and to provide some info about paddling that will help them be a more knowledgeable and safer paddler.

Waypoints (1 hour):

Waypoints is designed as a pre-teen program about basic boating safety. However, anyone interested in learning about basic boating safety will benefit from taking this course. Topics include parts of a boat, life jackets, keeping your balance in a boat, safety equipment, basic boating rules, and what to do if someone falls out of the boat.



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HAM Radio Course

John Kiernan will be conducting a HAM Radio Course beginning January 13 at 8PM, and every Wednesday at 8 thereafter for at least four weeks. If Interested email John at: ke2un@msn.com

If you want to find out more about Amateur radio go to ARRL.org which has a great detail of the subject. Amateur Radio has many facets. When they become a Ham, they can get involved in fast scan TV. Talking to Astronauts in the space station, use amateurs' satellites to communicate with other hams, work digital stations, build their own radios and so on. Amateur radio is a constant learning experience There would not have been cell phones if there were not hams who developed the service.

- The Technician class license is the entry-level license of choice for most new ham radio operators. To earn the Technician license requires passing one examination totaling 35 questions on radio theory, regulations, and operating practices. The license gives access to all Amateur Radio frequencies above 30 megahertz, allowing these licensees the ability to communicate locally and most often within North America. It also allows for some limited privileges on the HF (also called "short wave") bands used for international communications. The course will train the student to be able to pass the Technician class license. The class will have video, powerpoint and classroom questions and answers which will cover the question pool. The student will be required to study the chapter in the manual. The course is designed to help the student to better understand what he has studied. Most students pass the test after classroom training. The student will require to obtain the Ham Radio License Manual 4th edition. Depending on the student's choice of manual the price will range from \$20 to \$30. They can get the manual from Amazon or ARRL.org. The manual comes in 3 forms Kindle, paperback or spiral-bound. The first session will be an overview of the course. Using video and student questions All are invited. Note this is not a Coast Guard Auxiliary course. I do believe it will help a student who is interested in radio communication to better understand the Auxiliary courses and also learn how to communicate over the radio.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and its members offer a tremendous array of free courses and certifications. This is one example of an opportunity being offered by one of our shipmates to begin next week.

The course will culminate with an opportunity to garner an FCC license.



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2021 Flotilla Bridge

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Congratulations to all our FSO's on being appointed to their respective offices for 2021!



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Important Dates & Events

2021 Flotilla Meeting Dates:

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 13
- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- December 12 (meeting & fellowship event)

Meetings will be in a virtual format until further notice.

2021 Division Meeting Dates:

- Monday February 1st
- Monday March 1st
- Monday April 5th
- Monday May 3rd
- Monday June 7th
- Monday July 5th
- Monday August 2nd
- Monday September 6th
- Monday October 4th
- Monday November 1st
- Monday December 6th

2021 District Meeting Dates:

- January 9th
- March 13th
- June 12th
- September 11th
- March - Preseason Strategies
- June - Operations
- September - Year end admin



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2021 Events:

- Alexander Hamilton's Birthday | January 11th
- New York Boat Show | Canceled
- Virtual Leadership Development Academy | January 16th
- Kids Week on the Intrepid | TBD
- D-Train Training Event | February 13-20
- Little Red Lighthouse Festival | March 6th
- NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade | March 17th
- President Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday | April 27th
- Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day | May 21
- National Safe Boating Week | May 22-28
- Fleet Week | TBD
- City Island Memorial Day Parade | TBD
- USCG Auxiliary Day | June 23rd
- Independence Day | July 4th
- US Coast Guard Day | August 4th
- National Lighthouse Day | August 7th
- Flotilla 5-11: Upper Manhattan's Birthday | September 12th
- NYC Marathon | TBD
- NYC Veterans Day Parade | November 11th
- Throggs Neck Veterans Day Parade | TBD

For more events and updates check the flotilla website.



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Good & Welfare

In Memoriam



In closing, we remember our shipmate, A founding member, and a friend. Shipmate AUX Fred Knox. Mr. Knox was a founding member of our flotilla, a consummate volunteer, and a friend to all. In 2006, Mr. Knox joined the Auxiliary and immediately became an enthusiastic and active member.

During his service, he qualified as an Auxiliary Culinary Specialist, Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator, Vessel Examiner, and Program Visitor. Mr. Knox regularly

volunteered on U.S. Coast Guard cutters and stations to cook for active and reserve personnel. Mr. Knox also took part in local ceremonies and functions, including critical assistance during a World War I Bicentennial ceremony honoring the 369th Infantry Regiment “Harlem Hellfighters,” a decorated African-American unit.

His service to the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary and the American public is in keeping with the highest traditions of patriotism and volunteerism. For his service, Mr. Knox was awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation (3), the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, the Examiner Program Ribbon (with bronze star), the Operations Program Ribbon (with bronze star), and the Membership Service Award (2). Mr. Knox was also an active member of Squadron 379, NYC Group of the Civil Air Patrol. AUX Fred Knox is survived by his wife, sisters, and step-children.

Fair winds and following seas. Rest easy shipmate, we have the watch.



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 Upper Manhattan, NY
 40° 52' N/073° 55' W

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John J. Kiernan	Ty L. Meacham
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Shlomo Ayai	Nicola Perpepaj
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Kayoa L. Corley	Manfred R. Rivera
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Ramon Heard	Laurie A. Venditti
Lowell A. Kachalsky	

Chartered On This 12th Day Of September 2006
In The Year of Our Lord