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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- OPCOM 2021
- In case you missed this historic event.
- Below please find the link to the OPCOM 2021 Virtual Meeting video held Saturday 23 January.
- This historic meeting was streamed live on YouTube with many viewers attending. The guest speaker was USCG Vice Admiral Linda Fagan, Pacific Area Commander. Vice National Commodore Gus Formato presided over the meeting.
- IT IS LENGTHY BUT EXTREMELY COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED WITH ALL THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS GIVING REPORTS ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORATE.
- After viewing, one should truly grasp the Auxiliarists' role within the USCG...
- Enjoy it!!!
- <https://youtube.com/watch?v=W35j6imNFdU&feature=share>
- Attachments area
- Preview YouTube video OPCOM 2021



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Shipmates,

Consider participating in the upcoming course free to Auxiliarists. For those of you who are in managerial positions at not for profits, this could be a resume builder as well.

Understanding and Leading Volunteers

- Course Name: Understanding and Leading Volunteers
- Date/Time: Thursday, January 28, 2021 (OPEN REGISTRATION)
- Place: Live Video Event on Zoom
- Educator: VCDR William Dahl
- Uniform of the Day: ODUs (Operational Dress Uniforms)

Topic: CLE-UNDERSTANDING & LEADING VOLUNTEERS

Time: Jan 28, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252616353?pwd=Q2dabllyYlMyejJZC9pdm1VdnZJZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 5261 6353

Passcode: 001366

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WITH ALL THE TRAININGS AND PV OPPORTUNITIES, THIS AWARD IS VERY ATTAINABLE:



Auxiliary Sustained Service Award

This award is presented to an Auxiliarist contributing a documented total of 750 volunteer hours of Auxiliary service. Subsequent awards are presented for each additional 750 hours of service until the tenth award is achieved. Auxiliarists indicate multiple awards by adding 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars, until the tenth award, at which time an hourglass device will be used. This award includes a miniature medal, ribbon, and certificate. Eligibility for this award is documented by the Director, using AUXDATA information, whose staff shall then forward the initial medal/ribbon set issue and a prepared certificate to be presented per district/regional policy. Subsequent awards receive the star or hourglass device and a certificate showing the number of hours being recognized.

REMINDER ITS THE END OF THE MONTH

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR HOURS FOR THE MONTH.

IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING IN PLEASE CONTACT

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PV Qualification:

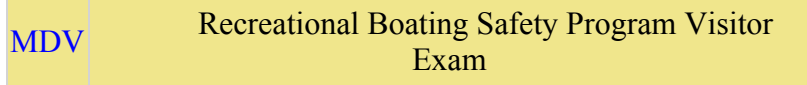
PV Program Update

The PV program is in full effect Aux Henoch FSO-PV continues to lead the charge with a productive day of nine visits in City Island. Other sites have been recognized and lined up. Members are encouraged to participate in future sessions.

Pick up some tips regarding the approval and submission process. Aux Gil Lugo from the City Island flotilla, has graciously invited any interested members from our flotilla, for future sessions at City Island.

Avi Henoch FSO PV

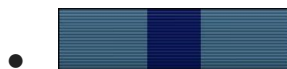
- One of the quickest and easiest qualifications to get is becoming a Recreational Program Visitor. All you need to do is take and pass the online test called:



- [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.



The latest manual can be found at this link-



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http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/V-DEPT/RBSVP_Manual_COMDTINST_16796.3D_2020_DEC_09.pdf

HAM Radio Course Continues

AUX John Kiernan continues HAM Radio Course every Wednesday at 8pm. 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 course will culminate with an opportunity to garner an FCC license.

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 AUX John McNamara VFC, FSO-PE at: cgauxjwm@gmail.com

Suddenly in Command (2 hours):

Personal Watercraft Course (1 hour):

Paddler's Guide to Safety (1 hour):

Waypoints (1 hour):



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