



Navigation Systems (NS)



Division 15 is critically short of qualified Aids Verifiers (AVs). There are more than 100 Private Aids to Navigation (PATONS) on Lake Champlain and the upper Hudson River which must be verified every 3 years, and about that many bridges in the Champlain and Erie Canal systems, and Albany/Troy area that need to be verified annually.

Training focuses on a thorough familiarization with nautical charts and symbols, aid types and requirements, light flashing intervals, the use of GPS systems to determine if aids are on station, the permitting and listing process for ATONs and PATONs, bridge types and legal lighting configurations, proper reporting processes for discrepancies in both the PATON and Bridge databases, and on-water tasks. Bridge work and Chart Updating can be done on land.

Further information can be found at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=P-DEPT&category=aids-verifier-pqs>

If you would like to become qualified as an AV, please contact Thom Simmons, ADSO-NS.

Auxiliary Paddlecraft (AUXPAD)

<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/AUXPAD>

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has initiated a paddlecraft safety program called Auxiliary Paddlecraft, or AUXPAD.

The program has three major points:

- the need to have and wear a proper life jacket,
- the need to be prepared and have proper safety equipment,
- and the need for general awareness about all aspects of paddling safety, including situational awareness and the need to practice skills.

AUXPAD will include traditional dockside Auxiliary boating safety activities such as public education, public affairs, literature drops, and vessel safety exams. One new element is that the Auxiliary will go on-the-water in kayaks to deliver safety messages to novice and occasional paddlers. Participants in this on-the-water program are required to have passed the ACA [American Canoe Association] L-1 and L-2 coastal kayaking skill assessments. Auxiliarists designated as AUXPAD Qualifiers, that is, supervisors, will be required to hold current ACA L-1 and L-2 kayak Instructor certifications.

ACA Instructors and Trainers may be contacted directly by Auxiliarists or by the active duty Coast Guard to arrange training opportunities.

Take a look at an example of this great training opportunity and the great resources available in [this video](#).

Related Information:

- ACA - USCG Auxiliary MOU ([PDF](#))
- Auxiliary Paddle Craft (AUXPAD) Program ([Directive 2018](#) / [Directive 2015](#) / [Appendix](#))
- Paddle Craft Vessel Safety Check ([PDF](#))
- [Additional information](#)

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Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Risk Management Training deadline:
30 Apr 2019
<https://auxlearning.uscg.mil>

Lake Champlain Maritime Festival
Burlington Waterfront, 25-28 Jul 2019

D-TRAIN 1SR

Mar 2020

<https://www.d1dtrain.org/copy-of-schedule-of-events>

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Check out this website for neat videos on tying all kinds of knots: <https://www.animatedknots.com/>

Flotilla 15-02:	U.S.C.G. Station Burlington
Meeting Location:	1 Depot Street Burlington, VT 05401
Meeting Time:	1 st Wednesday of each month at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.)

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<https://www.cgauxa.org/auxa/member-benefits/>

Have you submitted your 7029?

Each member should submit one monthly.

4 Key Points to Discuss with Boaters:

1. Always Wear It
2. Take a Boating Safety Course
3. Get a Vessel Safety Check
4. Don't BUI

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Submit articles/photos NLT 2 weeks prior to the next meeting, or as directed.



Wear It! Inflatable Life Jacket Education video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFEDdkhZuAg&feature=email>



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Program

<http://icdept.cgaux.org/index.php>



Are you fluent in another language besides English?
You might be interested in becoming an interpreter with the USCG AUX!

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps is a component of the USCG Auxiliary International Affairs Department. Interpreters are members of the USCG Auxiliary. They offer their linguistic skills to the US Coast Guard and other agencies of the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps has 2 Competency Levels:

- Level "A" Interpreter fluently reads, writes, speaks and understands a foreign language in addition to English.
- Level "B" Interpreter speaks and understands a foreign language in addition to English, but does not necessarily fluently read or write in any language.

NOTE: We will only accept Applications with Level "A" competency and additional Level "B" competencies as secondary language. We will not accept Applications with Level "B" unless there is a Level "A" as primary competency.

Members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Interpreter Corps measure up to the highest quality standards and already have provided over 50,000 mission hours, mainly in Coast Guard Operational Support.

The Interpreter Corps is made up of over 440 dedicated volunteer Auxiliarists who are fluent in over 48 languages. They are available to the Coast Guard and other agencies for emergency interpretation, translation duties, training exercises and a multitude of other duties. They serve everywhere from their home to all corners of the globe in various assignments and deployments.

http://icdept.cgaux.org/pdf_files/NACON2011Brochure.pdf

Typical missions include: Air Medevac, Boarding Team, Cutter Deployments, Communications Watch Standing, Foreign VIP Tours, Foreign SAR Training Events, Foreign MSO Training Events, Foreign Border Guard Training, Basic Emergency Spanish Training at CG Units, Translations of CG documents, foreign speeches, media articles, Translations of MSO Guidelines, Translations of Incident Investigating Documents, Foreign Conferences, and many other authorized CG missions.

<http://icdept.cgaux.org/questionsandanswers.htm>