



Members of Flotilla 15-02 out on patrol aboard the Abigail.



Rick Moore and Karen Weber during a Lake Champlain patrol this month. (Photo by Alan Nye)

Q: Does the Coast Guard approve boating safety courses?

A: No. Boating safety course[s] are currently approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and approved by each individual state. Look for the NASBLA logo when researching for an approved boating safety course or contact your state boating agency.

<https://uscgboating.org/content/frequently-asked-questions.php>



FC Robert White presenting the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation to Gerry Desmarais for his participation with the 2018 Vermont Boat and Marine Show Public Affairs Team. (photo by FSO-PB Ruth Ring)

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Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

Flotilla Commander: Robert T. White

Flotilla Vice Commander: Bob Bernier

Flotilla Human Resources: Rick Moore

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/about.php?unit=014-15-02>

<https://www.facebook.com/US-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-15-02-Burlington-VT-351235695499189/>



The USCG Boating Safety App features include:

- Find the latest safety regulations
- Request a vessel safety check
- Check your safety equipment
- File a float plan
- Navigation Rules
- Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- Report a hazard
- Report pollution
- Report suspicious activity
- Request emergency assistance

<https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>

EMBEDDED LINKS

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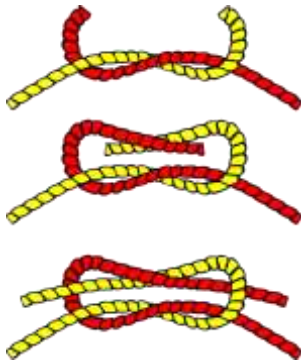
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

D-TRAIN 1SR

Mar 2020

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

Square Knot



<https://www.animatedknots.com/square-knot>

Official Vermont Boating Safety Course Online

<https://www.boat-ed.com/vermont/>

October Flotilla Meeting will be on 9 Oct 2019

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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Open Flotilla Positions

FSO-NS	Navigation Services Officer
FSO-IS	Information Systems Officer
FSO-MV	Marine Dealer Visitor Officer
FSO-MT	Member Training Officer
FSO-PA	Public Affairs Officer

Please consider volunteering for one of the positions listed above. You will learn a lot, help the flotilla function more effectively, and receive help from other knowledgeable members when needed.

To read the general job descriptions for these positions, check out this link posted by another unit:
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130-05-02&category=staff-officers>

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.



Flotilla Information Systems Officer Job Description

http://itgroup.cgaux.org/documents/howto/fso-is_job_description.pdf

1. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Exercise staff responsibility and supervision over all matters pertaining to the collection, recording, and forwarding of Flotilla data, keeping members and flotilla leadership informed of all developments in this area.
- b. Initiate and maintain close liaison with the Division Information Systems Staff Officer (SO-IS) in order to ensure proper credit is received for the members' and Flotilla's activities.
- c. Make adequate provisions to ensure that members without computer or Internet access receive timely printed information as required.
- d. Coordinate and cooperate with other Flotilla Staff Officers so that they are kept advised of the progress in each of their program areas of responsibility.
- e. Maintain such records as may be required to effectively discharge your responsibilities.
- f. Periodically write articles for your unit newsletter to ensure widest distribution of information relating to your office.
- g. Immediate supervisory responsibility for your office is vested in the VFC. Cooperate with the VFC in every way to ensure that the Flotilla's activities are effectively and accurately recorded.
- h. Upon expiration of your term of office or when so directed by the Flotilla Commander, transfer all property and records of the office to your successor.

2. GENERAL DUTIES

- a. Attend all Flotilla meetings, giving the VFC notice when unable to attend.
- b. Be knowledgeable of the contents of the AUXDATA/AUXINFO User Guides and related forms. Continuously monitor Auxiliary Web Site for updated forms.
- c. Be aware of Flotilla and member activities, encouraging members to submit appropriate AUXDATA input forms to reflect such activity.
- d. Collect, review, and ensure correctness of all data input forms from flotilla members prior to entry or submission to the SO-IS for processing. Note: In order to properly perform AUXDATA data entry functions, you must achieve a satisfactory level of proficiency that can be achieved in one of two ways. You are strongly encouraged to attend the AUX-10 C-School offered through the Coast Guard as the primary means of receiving such training (this is a pre-requisite for DSO-IS appointments.) However, if attendance cannot be achieved in a timely manner (i.e. – within two months of appointment,) then you must complete your District-approved training program to the satisfaction of your DSO-IS who may then recommend you for a password for data entry. If you are subsequently able to attend the AUX-10 school, then you may still apply for AUX-10 training.

- e. Provide timely feedback to members on specific information concerning member-initiated errors.
- f. Review AUXDATA/AUXINFO reports in a timely manner to ensure that all flotilla members' input data are accurately reflected in the reports. Review all variances with the SO-IS when appropriate.
- g. Assist leadership and members by making them aware of the proper distribution of Auxiliary forms.
- h. Generate and distribute AUXDATA/AUXINFO reports to Flotilla leadership and program officers.
- i. Conduct training sessions to promote better understanding and use of AUXDATA/AUXINFO procedures.
- j. Train the other FSOs on how to download and interpret their respective reports through either AUXDATA or AUXINFO.
- k. Monitor the status of all members qualified in a program that requires periodic activity to retain certification; especially Operations, Instructor, Vessel Examiner and RBS Visitor. Keep the responsible Flotilla Staff Officer for that area informed of member status to minimize the lapse of certifications.
- l. Retain a yearly file of processed data forms to ensure that data reported by members were entered into AUXDATA and as a historical reference file to answer member questions relating to their reported activities.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=aux10>

Please be aware that the Aux-10 course demands of every candidate an extensive knowledge of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, its missions, its goals, and its procedures. It is highly recommended that any candidate for the Aux-10 course have at least two years of experience in the Auxiliary. It is also recommended that candidates have achieved at least one qualification, so that they have a sound understanding of the PQS process.

Performing duties as the Flotilla Information Systems Officer (FSO-IS) is probably not as daunting as it may appear. For more information on fulfilling the FSO-IS position, you may want to contact the Division SO-IS and ask about expectations and requirements.