



Aerial photo of Crown Point Bridge near Chimney Point, Vermont. (Photo by Ruth Ring, FSO-PB)

Boating Safety Factoid

When boating on federally controlled waters in an 18ft boat, what equipment are you legally required to have on board?

U.S. Coast Guard - approved visual distress signals.

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Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

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<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 editor, acting as an Observer with 3 members of D1SR, on a mission of Lake Champlain. Photo taken at Heritage Aviation (Oct 2017). Peter Stauffer, far right, was the Aircraft Commander, and is an ADSO-AV with D1SR.

FC Robert White has added to the D1 Auxiliary Cyber Task Force. New Cyber Flotilla details will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

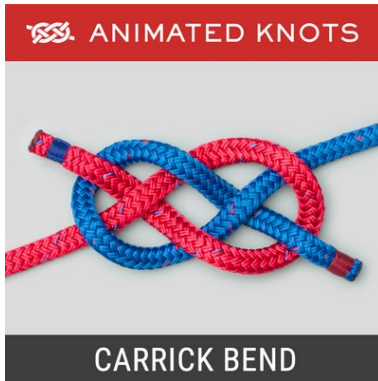
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****No Scheduled events at this time ****

Online opportunities include the Basic Qualification Course for New Members, Leadership courses, AUXSEA, Intro to Marine Safety, AUXPAT, Mandatory Training requirements, and many others.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=t-dept>

Carrick Bend Knot



<https://www.animatedknots.com/carrick-bend-knot>
Official Vermont Boating Safety Course Online
<https://www.boat-ed.com/vermont/>

Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Updates

<https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/>
<https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/FAQ/fbclid/IwAR2Kg3w0E2BL043k3cBHDGh3zI8WhFhz7ZAkXP-k-I33n2sbt3Z5XAAX3dA/#auxiliary>

Note: No In-Person meetings at this time due to COVID-19.

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

Open Flotilla Positions

FSO-IS Information Systems Officer
FSO-MS Marine Safety & Environment Officer

If anyone is struggling with isolation and needs to talk with someone, please reach out to the flotilla leadership. We are all in this together.
FC Robert White

Boating Safety Education Card

Carry the Card: Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

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



Wear It! Inflatable Life Jacket Education video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFEDdkhZuAg&feature=email>

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

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USCG AUXAIR

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=053&category=about-auxair>

What is AUXAIR?

AUXAIR is an Auxiliary operational program organized on a district level rather than on a flotilla and division basis. AUXAIR aviators have varied aviation backgrounds and many have prior military experience. AUXAIR aviators volunteer their aircraft for use as facilities, just as surface operators volunteer their boats. All Auxiliary aircraft meet strict U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration requirements. These aircraft are inspected annually per the Commandants instruction.

Missions:

AUXAIR participates in many Coast Guard missions including:

Search and Rescue
Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security
Marine Safety
Pollution Response
Aids to Navigation
Ice Reconnaissance
Logistic Transport Missions.



AUXAIR is an integral part of the Coast Guard search and rescue team and its homeland security forces. As with surface operators, air facility operators are issued patrol orders.

Orders are issued based on the needs of the Coast Guard and the availability of crews and facilities. Coast Guard Air Stations are the Order Issuing Authority for AUXAIR. This alignment of Auxiliary aviation assets in a district with an Air Station is known as the “squadron concept”, because aviation orders and direction flow directly between the Air Station and the district aviation staff.

Auxiliarists involved in AUXAIR take Auxiliary aviation training, completing the syllabus for their level of qualification. After having their knowledge and skills approved by an Auxiliary Flight Examiner, they may be certified by the District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) as Pilots, Observers or Air Crew in the AUXAIR Program.

For more information on getting started in AUXAIR, click on the following link:

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=053&category=aviation-training>

While there currently aren't any AUX Aviation facilities (aircraft) located in Burlington, VT, there could be. All it takes is members with qualified facilities who have met all of the training requirements. If you are interested in participating as an Observer or Pilot, look over the training requirements, pass the AUX Observer and Pilot tests (online), meet the other basic training requirements (BQ, PSI, ICS 100 & 700) and contact the D1SR DSO-AV. It will probably require travel to Cape Cod or Rhode Island to meet Water Survival and Egress Training requirements. D1SR conducts the air missions along the coast of Lake Champlain. It's possible to function as a qualified Observer on some of these flights, with pickup/dropoff at the BTV airport.

Check out the 1st Quarter 2020 Navigation Express for more info on the Aviation program:

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/online.fliphtml5.com/bekkg/qesh/qesh.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJHMOTBN5CJM6PDBQ&Expires=1588006546&Signature=Qzm%2BY6FO4W9Bc6zysMD%2F53h%2F0pA%3D>