



Aerial photo of Fort Ticonderoga, New York. (Photo by Ruth Ring, FSO-PB)

Boating Safety Factoid

Q: Am I required to carry a Life Jacket on my Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)?

A: Yes, when used beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area, an SUP is considered a vessel under 46 U.S.C.

Lyme Disease

<https://vtlyme.org/>

Vermont is 2nd in the USA for 3-year average incidence of Lyme disease, with more than double the rate of other endemic states. Many people do not realize that Vermont's [incidence rate](#) for Lyme disease is significantly higher than many neighboring states.

These incidence rates are based on [CDC "confirmed cases" of Lyme disease](#). These statistics do not include "probable cases" or undiagnosed/unreported cases, so the CDC estimates the actual Lyme disease incidence rate is 10x higher than listed in the official [CDC tables](#).

[Additional tickborne diseases](#) are also present in Vermont. These include Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Powassan Virus, and a recently discovered species *Borrelia miyamotoi*. These tick-borne diseases are not included in the CDC surveillance data on Lyme disease. Some of these tickborne infections require different treatment than Lyme disease.

<https://search.cdc.gov/search/index.html?query=Lyme+disease&sitelimit=&utf8=%E2%9C%93&affiliate=cdc-main>

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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/>

MARINE SAFETY ALERT

[HTTPS://WWW.DCO.USCG.MIL/PORTALS/9/DCO%20DOCUMENTS/5P/CG-5PC/INV/ALERTS/1218.PDF?VER=2018-07-24-144436-737](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/portals/9/DCO%20DOCUMENTS/5P/CG-5PC/INV/ALERTS/1218.PDF?VER=2018-07-24-144436-737)

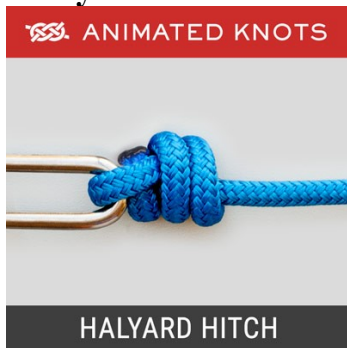
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****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://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=t-dept>

Halyard Hitch Knot



<https://www.animatedknots.com/halyard-hitch-knot>

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 or Vessel Exams at this time due to COVID-19. However, they can be done virtually until the Stand Down is lifted.

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>

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.)
Contact Phone:	802.399.0748 (Ken Watt)

Open Flotilla Positions

FSO-AS	AUX Scout Officer
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

If you go outside, do a tick check afterwards.



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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FSO-MS

Marine Safety & Environment Officer

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-12-04&category=marine-safety>

Marine Safety (FSO-MS)

About

The Coast Guard Auxiliary *Marine Safety* program is designed to facilitate and encourage Auxiliary support for Coast Guard Sectors in the legacy Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Programs (MS/MEP). The program develops, in conjunction with Coast Guard Headquarters program managers and the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Auxiliary-specific qualifications in these programs. The Auxiliary qualifications mirror those of the Active Duty – minus any law enforcement or military activities.

This support includes, but is not limited to, support for marine environmental response assistance, port safety and security inspections, commercial vessel safety and security inspections (UTV, UPV, CFVE and other Foreign and Domestic Vessels) container inspection assistance, mariner licensing/documentation/course audits, public affairs, area contingency planning, waterways management, America's Waterways Watch, MISLE support, and environmental education



Programs

The Marine Safety and Environmental Protection department is divided into several sections, each responsible for specific subprograms. These include:

- Navigation Systems Division
- Commercial Vessel Activities
- Port and Facility Activities
- Prevention Outreach
- Communication and Education

Our key programs include:

The Trident Training Program for Auxiliary members, and America's Waterway Watch and Sea Partners Programs, which are presented to Active Duty, Reserve, Auxiliary and the general public.

Resource Links

[USCG Auxiliary Prevention Directorate Website](#)

<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Port-and-Facility-Compliance-CG-FAC/Americas-Waterway-Watch/>

Duties & Responsibilities

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Please consider volunteering for this position. Our flotilla needs you!