



### General information about Sea Scouting

**Q:** I don't know much about Sea Scouts. Where can I get a good overview of the program?

**A:** The best two places are the [Sea Scouts BSA website](#) and [Sea Scouts BSA YouTube channel](#). You can also request information on the [Sea Scouts website](#).

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### Burlington VT Flotilla 15-02, 1SR

**Flotilla Commander:** Robert T. White  
**Flotilla Vice Commander:** Bob Bernier  
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<http://a0141502.wow.uscgaux.info>  
<https://www.facebook.com/US-Coast-Guard-Auxiliary-Flotilla-15-02-Burlington-VT-351235695499189/>

### What choices does my flotilla have for supporting Sea Scouts?

[http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php?title=What\\_choices\\_does\\_my\\_flotilla\\_have\\_for\\_supporting\\_Sea\\_Scouts%3F](http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php?title=What_choices_does_my_flotilla_have_for_supporting_Sea_Scouts%3F)

1. Attend the AUXSCOUT [An introduction to Sea Scouts](#) (33:40) workshop
2. Read the [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) and [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#)
3. Appoint a [Flotilla Staff Officer for the AUXSCOUT program \(FSO-AS\)](#)
4. Take the [BSA YPT](#) and [Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training](#) course. Be sure to send your YPT completion certificate through your FC to your Director of Auxiliary (*DIRAUX*) office to be added to your AUXDATA record.
5. Attend the AUXSCOUT [AUXSCOUT Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) workshop](#) (51:35) workshop
6. Become thoroughly familiar with [AuxBWiki](#) and the [Sea Scouts BSA](#) website
7. Identify local Ships in the flotilla's AOR using the [Flotilla-Ship map](#)
8. Decide whether your flotilla will be supporting 1 or more Sea Scout Ships, or alternatively whether it wants to start a new Ship
9. Consider the options presented in the AUXSCOUT [What is AUXSCOUT?](#) (45:30) workshop in the *Recommended engagement activities* section:
  - Pairing up with an existing Ship
  - Start a new Sea Scout Ship
  - Joint public affairs activities with Sea Scouts
  - Safety at Sea events
  - Providing training to Sea Scout Ships

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**First Southern District Staff Officer College**

**REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Participants will have to attend all 7 sessions to receive their certification of completion
- Registration opens on **AUGUST 18, 2020** and will close on **AUGUST 27, 2020**
- Classes begin **September 14, 2020**
- Class assignments and schedules will be emailed to each participant by **September 4, 2020**
- **Please Note:** Careful in scheduling for members will be addressed as needed.
- **Uniform of the Day:** Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)
- Report scheduling conflicts with published schedules to [DTSOC@gmail.com](mailto:DTSOC@gmail.com) for reassignment

**Open Flotilla Positions**

<b>FSO-AS</b>	<b>AUX Scout Officer</b>
<b>FSO-IS</b>	<b>Information Systems Officer</b>
<b>FSO-MS</b>	<b>Marine Safety &amp; Environment Officer</b>

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Registration closes 27 Aug 2020.**

**Register Now!**  
<https://peterbyrne6.wixsite.com/d1soc>

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

**Have you submitted your 7029?**  
Each member should submit one monthly.

**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>

**Adjustable Grip Hitch Knot**



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

**Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Updates**

<https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/>  
<https://www.uscg.mil/Coronavirus/FAQ/fbclid/IwAR2Kg3w0E2BL043k3cBHDGh3zI8WhFhz7ZAKXP-kI33n2sbt3Z5XAAX3dA/#auxiliary>

**Note: No In-Person meetings due to COVID-19.**  
Vessel exams are being done under strict guidelines and with preapproval.

<b>Flotilla 15-02:</b>	U.S.C.G. Station Burlington
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	1 Depot Street Burlington, VT 05401
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 19:00 hours (7 p.m.) *Meetings are currently being held online*

**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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Notes from Bruce Johnson, Youth Programs Division Chief (DVC-HY)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/auxscout>

Reminder to take your BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT)

During this period of enforced inactivity, member training is available for those who want to be prepared to carry out the Coast Guard's recreational boating safety mission with the Sea Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) offers online training to Auxiliarists who are or will be working with Sea Scouts. The Coast Guard is strongly encouraging Auxiliarists who work with Sea Scouts to take Youth Protection Training (YPT). This training is required for anyone who works with Sea Scouts "regularly," which means having contact with a Sea Scout youth at least once a year. It is also required for certain elected and staff officers of flotillas and divisions that charter Sea Scout Ships.

Free Youth Protection Training is available online at:

<https://my.scouting.org> .

Additional information about YPT is available at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> .

When you have completed YPT, give your Flotilla Commander a copy of your completion certificate. They will send it in to your DIRAUX so that it can be added to your AUXDATA training record.

Other BSA training courses on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) that are recommended for Auxiliarists are:

- Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (find in the "Sea Scouts" section)
- Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Hazardous Weather Training (find in the "Expanded Learning" section, "Program Safety" sub-section).

Additional information about Sea Scout adult training is available on the Sea Scouts BSA website at

<https://seascout.org/adult-training/>

**ATTENTION SEA SCOUT SHIP SKIPPERS!**  
**GET IN CONTACT WITH A FLOTILLA!**

**WHY GET IN CONTACT?**

1. We Are The Official Youth Organization And Should Support Them!
2. New And Exciting Training Opportunities For Ship Members!
3. More Members For Ships!
4. More On The Water Experience!

Supporting Sea Scouts *cont. from page 1*

- Joint waterway cleanup project
10. Develop a Flotilla AUXSCOUT tactical plan for 2019-20; communicate it to the division's Sea Scout SO
  11. If your flotilla is supporting one or more local Ships, reach out to the Skipper and discuss what support they need
  12. If your flotilla is interested in starting a Ship, contact the Sea Scout Council Commodore or local Scout Council
    - [Chartering a Sea Scout Ship](#) on AuxBWiki
    - [New Ship Organization Kit](#) on Sea Scouts BSA website
  13. Submit monthly reports to the Division Staff Officer - Auxscout (SO-AS) and the Sea Scout Council Commodore
    - [Sample report](#)



## Safety @ Sea 2020

*It's the best virtual fun you'll have all year!*

Registration will open September 7, 2020

Price is only \$5. Participant patch included.

Saturday, November 7, 9am-1pm

Program Includes:

Barque Eagle Tour	Knots, Knots, Knots!	Search and Rescue Plans
Coast Guard Academy Tour	Rescue Helicopter Tour	USCGC Ranking Tour
Boatswains Call Instruction	Rescue Swimmers Interview	Flares
Surfboat Virtual Training	Survival Craft Tour	Electronic Navigation

Registration:

and more to come!

[www.fossom.org](http://www.fossom.org)

**Flotilla AUX Scout Officer  
(FSO-AS)**

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-youth-programs>  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/d84ad4e9bqsb7jh/Flotilla%20Auxscout%20Staff%20Officer%20-%20Job%20description.docx?dl=0>

This staff officer shall be appointed by the Flotilla Commander (FC). The office shall only be filled by an appointee if the flotilla has direct, sustained, and constructive engagement with a counterpart Sea Scout Ship. The FSO-AS shall report to the Flotilla Vice Commander (VFC). The FSO-AS shall provide flotilla-level assistance to flotilla members as they engage in the AUXSCOUT program, and shall be responsible for direct liaison with the cognizant Sea Scout adult leadership.

Qualifications and training requirements: The FC shall consider and validate an FSO-AS' possession and successful completion of the following qualification and training requirements prior to making the appointment:

- 1) A minimum of two years of first-hand experience with the Sea Scouts, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and the AUXSCOUT program preferred.
- 2) Strong knowledge of Auxiliary organization and missions including experience in program and project management with emphasis on working across organizational lines and with senior leaders.
- 3) Innovative attitude and capability to produce high quality professional products (e.g., briefs, presentations, reports).
- 4) Strong collaborative spirit and willingness to mentor junior personnel, excellent writing and communication skills, and high proficiency with virtual work-enabling information technology tools.
- 5) Thorough familiarity with the provisions of the Auxiliary-Sea Scout Youth Development (AUXSCOUT) Program SOP.
- 6) Thorough familiarity with the Auxiliary / BSA / Coast Guard Auxiliary Association MOA of 25 Aug 18; the Auxiliary-Sea Scout Youth Development (AUXSCOUT) Program SOP; the Coast Guard External Affairs Manual, COMDTINST M5700.13 (series); the Auxiliary Manual, COMDTINST M16790.1 (series); the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3 (series); and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs Manual of May 2014.
- 7) Successful completion of the following courses on the BSA's adult training website: a) Youth Protection Training. b) Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training. c) Safe Swim Defense. d) Safety Afloat.

Functions and responsibilities:

The FSO-AS shall:

- 1) Establish and sustain supportive working relationships with the Auxiliary leaders and program managers involved with the AUXSCOUT program as executed by the division and other participating flotillas.
  - 2) Establish and sustain supportive working relationships with cognizant Sea Scout leaders.
  - 3) Mentor flotilla members to establish and sustain constructive relationships with local Sea Scout leaders and local Boy Scout councils that promote and facilitate a spirit of cooperation, open and candid conversation, and enhancement of the AUXSCOUT program.
  - 4) Investigate any issues that adversely affect the flotilla's AUXSCOUT program, and facilitate the resolution of such issues.
  - 5) Prepare and submit timely reports of all meetings with the Sea Scouts to the Division Staff Officer –AUXSCOUT (SO-AS) via the VFC and with copies to other FSO-ASs within the division. Prepare informative news briefs to keep the flotilla informed of highlights of its engagement in the AUXSCOUT program.
  - 6) Conduct AUXSCOUT workshops and training seminars for flotilla members as needed.
  - 7) Provide information to the division and other flotillas in the division about BSA conferences and workshops and encourage participation, and participate in applicable BSA training events whenever possible.
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