



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 8-2 Volunteer Guide

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Volunteer Jobs	Description
ATON Maintenance (training/certification required)	The local waterways can only be as safe as the Aids to Navigation permit. Flotilla 82 assists USCG ANT Cape May by verifying the location and condition of each waterway daymark and buoy in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay and inland bays and tributaries.
Boat Crew (training/certification required)	Patrolling local waters, assisting the USCG with SAR and training missions is something the Auxiliary engages in every boating season. Being a boat crew member extends the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard by being a force multiplier. If you have a passion for seamanship and safety on the water you're urged to inquire. You don't need to own a boat and all needed training will be provided.
Boating Safety Instructors (training/certification required)	Boating safety training classes are held for the public every boating season. Our instructors provide the latest material available from the U. S. Coast Guard. The classes also meet New Jersey Boating Safety Certification requirements. If you have an interest in being a boating safety instructor, or if you'd like to provide training day support (registering students, training room set-up), you can be serving in the Auxiliary's primary mission, boater safety.
Culinary Assistants Team (training/certification required)	Every Friday for approximately 48 weeks per year, our food services team assists in preparing and serving up breakfasts for over 300 guests attending recruit graduation day at USCG Training Center Cape May. Their friendly and cheerful attitudes are often the first encounter at the Coast Guard Training Center for many guests who have traveled far to see their "Coastie" graduate. If you have a desire to work with the Culinary Assistants team, you will be provided with training to be certified as a Culinary Assistant.
Program Visitors (training/certification required)	A Program Visitor is an ambassador representing the Auxiliary to local businesses and other establishments such as schools and libraries. These partners collectively form a network that allows us to get the word out to the public about boating safety through display of our free publications and advertisements for boating safety classes.
Vessel Examiners (training/certification required)	We help boat owners feel better about their safety by offering free annual vessel examinations at multiple local marinas as well as at their own residences. Our trained Vessel Examiners perform dozens of examinations per year on all types of recreational vessels. Boat owners get the satisfaction of knowing that they are prepared to keep themselves, their family and friends safe in the event of an incident on the water. If you have an interest in being a Vessel Examiner, completion of the online VE training program is required.



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Tour Guides	One of the unique opportunities, being located close to the USCG Training Center (TRACEN), is that qualified Auxiliarists may provide tours of the base to the public. If you are interested in being a tour guide, training will be provided. You are required to have a full Trop uniform, be current with core/mandatory training and be able to walk a distance of approximately one mile.
Communication Services	Flotilla leadership relies upon several digital channels for staying in contact with members and the community. These include email, website and social media. If you have experience or an interest in planning and developing new campaigns to increase member and community awareness of the good work we do, your participation is encouraged. Training will be provided.
Lifeguarding at TRACEN Pool	Experienced lifeguards, if you're interested in lifeguarding at the TRACEN pool a few hours per week this would be an appropriate service for you. It's also a good opportunity to stay in swimming shape year-round.
Seamanship School Instructor Assistants	Boat Operations members can volunteer their time to teach line handling and knots to the recruits at the Coast Guard Training Center. If you enjoy teaching and have an interest in working directly with the recruits, this is an excellent opportunity to share your seamanship knowledge and skills.
Station Cape May - Watchstanding (training/certification required)	You can train to become a Communication Watchstander at STATION CAPE MAY. You will monitor all radio/phone communications in our area of responsibility and be the voice that the public hears when they contact the STATION. This allows Active-Duty personnel more time to spend in other needed areas such as their own on-water training and qualification.
Coast Guard 87' Cutters – (training/certification required)	This is a highly rewarding role as you actually serve as the In-port Office of the Day (OOD) representing the Officer in Charge (OIC). You will be responsible for all aspects of the ship while it is in port. Generally, Auxiliarists serve four hours shifts but they can be longer if you wish. Training and the qualification exam is detailed, to ensure competency and safe oversight of the vessel. We have fully qualified AUX OOD's who will be happy to assist you with the training.



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<p>Beach/Nature Center Clean-up Day (bi-annual)</p>	<p>Each spring and fall volunteers from Flotilla 82 participate in a clean up of the Cape May Harbor beach and Nature Center grounds. We often do this with the help of a company of recruits from TRACEN and other members of the community. It takes just a morning and a lot of helping hands to put things back in nature’s order. If you like working outdoors and giving back to the community around us, you’ll enjoy this team outing.</p>
<p>Flower Boat Decorating (annual event – Memorial Day)</p>	<p>For 80 years, Flotilla 82 has been commemorating the military members who have given their lives in service to our country in a very special way. Each year flotilla members decorate a flower boat that is part of the Memorial Day observance held on Cape May’s beach next to the convention center. If you want to have a hand in continuing this tradition, come to the Shack early on Memorial Day morning to join other Shipmates in decorating the Flotilla 82 flower boat. Whether participating in decorating the boat or not, all Flotilla members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in uniform at the Memorial Day event in Cape May.</p>
<p>Change of Watch Dinner Planning Committee (annual event)</p>	<p>Flotilla 82 conducts a Change of Watch ceremony and dinner each year after the Flotilla leadership elections and appointments are complete. This requires interested members to help plan venue and logistics for this event.</p>
<p>Building Maintenance Committee</p>	<p>Flotilla 82 leases the Shack from the U.S. Coast Guard. We are one of very few flotillas nationwide that have the benefit of our own meeting and storage facility. We are required to keep the building and overall property in good repair. There are seasonal tasks to be completed, general maintenance (cleaning, paint, repairs) and larger renovation projects that require willing team members to bring their skills, ideas and tools to the effort.</p>
<p>Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>Our members work and play with equal proficiency. The Fellowship committee enjoys planning social events year-round that brings our members together to enjoy each other’s company, good food and often combined with a training session or guest speaker.</p>



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Flotilla 8-2 Leadership Positions

Members are eligible to nominate or self-nominate for elected positions subject to nominating committee review.

The Bridge - * elected positions	
Commander *	Dave Sedlak
Vice-Commander *	Jim Stokes
Immediate Past Commander	Mike Hamilton
Staff Officers – appointed positions	
NS - Aids to Navigation	Lorraine Bianco
OP - Boat Operations	Ralph Atwell
PE - Public Education	Scott Murphy
CS - Communication Services	Marty Sannino
DV - Diversity	<OPEN>
FN - Finance	Nelson Brown
HR - Human Resources	Ray Kreszwick
MA – Materials	Denise Bendig-Fiske
MS - Marine Safety	Jim Descala
MT - Member Training	Mike Hamilton
PV - Program Visitor	Marie Fitzpatrick
PA - Public Affairs	Sue Marker
PB - Publications	<OPEN>
SR - Secretary	Jill Tilsner
VE - Vessel Examination	Vince Ricevuto



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Program/Activities Point of Contact

ATON Maintenance	Lorraine Bianco, FSO-NS
Boat Crew	Ralph Atwell, FSO-OPS
Boating Safety Instructors	Scott Murphy, FSO-PE
Culinary Assistants Team	Nelson Brown, Culinary Assistant Lead
Program Visitors	Marie Fitzpatrick, FSO-PV
Vessel Examiners	Vince Ricevuto, FSO-VE
Tour Guides	Nick Russo, SO-PA
Communication Services	Marty Sannino, FSO-CS
Lifeguarding at TRACEN Pool	Marty Sannino, AUC TRACEN
Seamanship School Instructor Assistants	Marty Sannino, AUC TRACEN
Coast Guard Community Festival	Marty Sannino, AUC TRACEN
Station Cape May – Comms Watchstanding	Robert Bredehoft, FSO-CM
Coast Guard 87' Cutters Watchstanding	Don Dobson, STA-CM AUC
Beach/Nature Center Clean-up Day (bi-annual)	Jim DeScala, FSO-MS
Memorial Day Flower Boat Decorating	Ray Kreszswick, Team Lead
Change of Watch Dinner Planning Committee	Dave Sedlak, FC
Building Maintenance Committee	Dave Sedlak, FC
Fellowship Committee	<OPEN>