



Flotilla 054-25-06, Occoquan-Fairfax Virginia  
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, D5SR



**DATE:** May 9, 2023

**FROM:** Joey Taguding, Flotilla Staff Officer – Member Training (FSO-MT)

**TO:** Mike Spollen, Flotilla 25-06 Vice Commander (VFC)  
TBD, SO-MT 054-25

**SUBJECT:** MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT for APRIL 2023

**A. GOALS for 2023:**

1. Work with DSO-MT and SO-MT to support District and Division goals for 2023.
2. Work with flotilla members that are currently in REYR and/or REWK to get them back in good standing.
3. Create Training Plan for 2023. Secure 30-minute training for each monthly flotilla meeting – Completed January 2023.
4. Flotilla sponsored Mandatory Core Training course.
5. Flotilla sponsored First Aid/CPR/AED class – Completed April 22; 10 students.
6. Flotilla sponsored TCT Refresher Class – Completed March 18; 12 students across Division 25.
7. Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program (AUXPAD) Training within the flotilla. To include Paddlecraft Training for Ashore and Afloat Components of AUXPAD.
8. Reach out to new flotilla members to promote and encourage interest in all things Auxiliary.

**B. ACTIVITIES PERFORMED or COMPLETED THIS MONTH:**

1. Attended Division 25 meeting on April 3 and Flotilla’s meeting on April 20.
2. **Mentoring members that are currently in REYR/REWK and coordinating their efforts to get them out of REYR/REWK.**
3. Assisted with flotilla sponsored **First Aid/CPR/AED class to be held on Saturday, April 22 taught by Matt Ballard** for 10 students.
4. Continue with planning, coordinating, and student registration for **AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academy to be held:**
  - a. **June 2-4, Shady Side MD, Lead Instructor Ron Price (054-23-01)**
  - b. **June 2-4, Kill Devil Hills NC, Lead Instructor Roland McDevitt (054-16-07)**
  - c. **June 16-18, Northern VA, Lead Instructor Joey Taguding (054-25-06)**
5. Performed VSC of Occoquan Park’s kayak rental fleet on April 7.
6. Attended on-line meeting to discuss AUXPAD participation with Rebecca Winer-Skonovd, Senior Project Manager for the **Baltimore Blueway Initiative** on April 18.
7. Instructor/Assistant in several National Paddlecraft Division sponsored online Zoom Seminars:
  - a. 04/05/23 - Vessel Safety Checks for Paddlecraft and AUXPAD Ashore
  - b. 04/10/23 - The Women’s Leadership Initiative and AUXPAD
  - c. 04/12/23 - Introduction To AUXPAD
  - d. 04/24/23 - The AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academy



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**C. ACTIVITIES PLANNED:**

1. Instructor/Assistant in several National Paddlecraft Division sponsored online Zoom Seminars:
  - a. 05/08/23 - Paddlecraft Navigation
  - b. 05/15/23 – AUXDATA II Procedures for Patrol Requests & Completion
  - c. 05/22/23 – AUXPAD Communications
2. 05/20/23 – **AUXPAD Paddlecraft Patrol for Occoquan River Kayak Races** from 9am-12pm.
3. Participate as Instructor for AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academies to be held in June 2-4 and June 16-18 at Shady Side MD, Kill Devil Hills NC, and Northern VA.

**D. OTHER ACTIVITIES / COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. 2023 Flotilla Training Schedule

Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker/Organization
<del>01/19/23</del>	<del>No Training</del>	<del>N/A</del>
<del>02/16/23</del>	<del>Flotilla 25</del>	<del>Craig Burkhardt, Sea Scout Ship 25 Skipper</del>
<del>03/16/23</del>	<del>Assignment To and Qualification For Duty</del>	<del>Bernard Brown IPDCDR Div 9, ADSO-LP Sector NC</del>
<del>04/20/23</del>	<del>Fire Safety &amp; The Importance of PPE</del>	<del>Matt Hooper, FSO-Communication Services Active Duty Recruitment Support</del>
05/18/23	United States Coast Guard Academy	Annette Wagner, USCG Academy Admissions Partner
06/15/23	Marine Safety & Environmental Protection / Sea Partners	Guy Campbell, FSO-Marine Safety & Environ Protection
07/20/23	Emergency Trauma – Care and Prevention Before and While Underway	Matt Ballard, FSO-Public Education
08/17/23	Diversity (This is Proposed, Not Yet Confirmed)	Leon Nicely, FSO-Diversity
09/21/23	How To Perform VSC on a Kayak (At flotilla picnic??)	Joey Taguding, FSO-Member Training
10/19/23	Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms	Jim Fagan, ADSO-Assistant Member Training
11/16/23	Preparing for An Active Assailant Incident	Susan Duke, FSO-Human Resources
12/21/23	No Training due to Holiday Party	N/A



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2. The National Paddlecraft Division will be performing several On-line Zoom Seminars shown in the following table. For link to join a seminar, see the AUXPAD Training Calendar at the National Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program Website - <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=auxpad>

	DOW	Date	Time	Presentation	Speakers
1	Sun	03/26/23	7:00PM EDT	The AUXPAD Handbook	Robin Pope
2	Wed	04/05/23	7:00PM EDT	Vessel Safety Checks for Paddlecraft and AUXPAD Ashore	Mark Marosits & Mike Moloney
3	Mon	04/10/23	8:00PM EDT	The Women's Leadership Initiative and AUXPAD	Roland McDevitt, Todd Wilkinson, & Joey Taguding
4	Wed	04/12/23	7:00PM EDT	Introduction To AUXPAD	Roland McDevitt, Todd Wilkinson, & Joey Taguding
5	Mon	04/24/23	7:00PM EDT	The AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academy	Roland McDevitt
6	Mon	05/08/23	7:00PM EDT	Paddlecraft Navigation	Scott Szczepaniak & Joey Taguding
7	Mon	05/15/23	7:00PM EDT	AUXDATA II Procedures for Patrol Requests & Completion	Roland McDevitt
8	Mon	05/22/23	7:00PM EDT	AUXPAD Communications	Scott Szczepaniak
9	TBD	TBD	TBD	The Paddler's Guide To Safety	TBD

3. CHDIRAUX ALAUXs New - this Month (April 2023):

**a. 17-23: Auxiliary Waterways Management and Auxiliary Facility Inspector Qualification Update**

- i. A. Auxiliary Waterways Management (AUX-WM) Qualification, dated 05 Aug 2015
- ii. B. Auxiliary Facility Inspector (AUX-EU) Qualification, dated 05 Aug 2015
- iii. C. Auxiliary Waterways Management (AUX-WM) Qualification, dated 01 Jan 2023
- iv. D. Auxiliary Facility Inspector (AUX-EU) Qualification, dated 01 Jan 2023
- v. This ALAUX announces the termination of references A and B, and the promulgation of references C and D above.

**b. 15-23: Chief Directors Final Action on National Board Recommendations at NTRAIN 2023**

- i. The following recommendations were placed before the National Board. They are summarized, with the Chief Director's final actions, below:
  - 1. Recommendation: Aiguillette Wear for Deputy Assistant National Commodores (ANACoD) and National Commodore Executive Assistant (N-EA) – Approved.



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- ii. Recommendation: Reduce National Dues for Youth Members – Approved.
  - iii. Amend Chapter 11 Section A.18 Regarding Anniversary Streamers – Approved.
  - iv. Establish Pathway for Honorably Discharged and/or Retired Members to Join the USCGAUX – Approved.
  - v. Amend the Auxiliary Manual Referencing the Auxiliary Diversity Award – Approved.
  - vi. **Paddle Craft Operators Awarded 1 Point for Each Patrol Hour Toward Earning RBS Insignia – Approved.**
- c. **14-23: Expansion of Coast Guard Exchange Privileges**
- i. Effective immediately, Auxiliarists of appropriate age are authorized to purchase alcohol and tobacco products from Coast Guard exchanges

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this activity report.

Very respectfully,

**Joey Taguding**

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