



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



DATE: June 11, 2023

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

TO: Mike Spollen, Flotilla 25-06 Vice Commander (VFC)

Larry Markham, SO-MT 054-25

SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT for MAY 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. Flotilla sponsored Mandatory Core Training course.
4. Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program (AUXPAD) Training within the flotilla. To include Paddlecraft Training for Ashore and Afloat Components of AUXPAD.
5. Reach out to new flotilla members to promote and encourage interest in all things Auxiliary.
6. Flotilla sponsored Surface Operations Workshop for Division 25 – Completed May 1; 18 students from across Division 25; 2 students in-person attendance; 16 students via Zoom.

B. ACTIVITIES PERFORMED or COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

1. **05/01/23 - FSO-OP Mike Spollen provided Surface Operations Workshop for Division 25.**
2. Attended Division 25 meeting on May 1 and Flotilla's meeting on May 18.
3. **Mentoring flotilla members that are currently in REYR/REWK and coordinating their efforts to get them out of REYR/REWK.**
4. Continue with planning, coordinating, and student registration for **AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academy to be held:**
 - a. **June 2-4, Kill Devil Hills NC, Lead Instructor Roland McDevitt (054-16-07)**
 - b. **June 16-18, Northern VA, Lead Instructor Joey Taguding (054-25-06)**
5. Instructor/Assistant in several National Paddlecraft Division sponsored online Zoom Seminars:
 - a. 05/08/23 – Paddlecraft Navigation
 - b. 05/15/23 – AUXDATA II: Patrol Order Requests and Completion
 - c. 05/22/23 – AUXPAD Communications
6. **05/20/23 – AUXPAD Paddlecraft Patrol for Occoquan River Kayak Races and Occoquan River Maritime Association Blessing of the Fleet** from 9am-12pm.
 - a. After Paddlecraft Patrol, several Paddlecraft Operators stood up and manned a Public Affairs Table from 12pm-3pm.

C. ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

1. **Participate as Lead/Assistant Instructor for AUXPAD Operator On-Water Training Academy to be held:**
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b. June 16-18, Northern VA, Lead Instructor Joey Taguding (054-25-06)

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES / COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Remaining 2023 Flotilla Training Schedule

Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker/Organization
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

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://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=auxpad>

	DOW	Date	Time	Presentation	Speakers
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 & Joey Taguding
9	TBD	TBD	TBD	The Paddler’s Guide To Safety	TBD

3. CHDIRAUX ALAUXs for May 2023:



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- a. **18/23: AUXILIARY COXSWAIN AND BOAT CREW INITIAL QUALIFICATION WAIVABLE TASK BY DIRECTOR (DIRAUX) POLICY LETTER RELEASED**
 - i. The Chief Director of Auxiliary signed CG-BSX Policy Letter 001-23, AUXILIARY COXSWAIN AND BOAT CREW INITIAL QUALIFICATION WAIVABLE TASK BY DIRECTOR (DIRAUX).
 - ii. The purpose of this policy letter is to update the process of waiving tasks by the DIRAUX in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Handbook, ABQH 16794.52 (series).
 - iii. The policy letter can be found on the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-BSX) website at: [CGBSX Policy Letters](#). Auxiliary Facility Inspector (AUX-EU) Qualification, dated 01 Jan 2023
- b. **19/23: 2022 CAPTAIN NIELS P. THOMSEN INNOVATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS**
 - i. On May 17, 2023, the Coast Guard announced the winners of the 2022 Captain Niels P. Thomsen Innovation Award.
- c. **20/23: NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK**
 - i. Since 1958, the President has proclaimed the week prior to Memorial Day weekend as National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). Boating remains a highly popular, relatively safe, and memory-creating form of outdoor recreation. Preventing loss of life and damage is nonetheless a goal we all share, and we ask you to take precautions and encourage others to do so to make boating as safe as possible. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX) and the CG Auxiliary work extensively with the States and the recreational boating safety community on efforts to encourage model boating behavior. This year NSBW is from Saturday, May 20, 2023, through Friday May 26, 2023.
- a. **21/23: OPERATION DRY WATER**
 - ii. The purpose of this ALAUX is to provide notice of the 2023 Operation Dry Water (ODW) heightened awareness and enforcement weekend and to encourage maximum participation from Coast Guard units. **This year, ODW will take place Saturday, July 1, 2023, through Monday, July 3, 2023.**
 - iii. Alcohol use continues to be the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating related deaths. ODW directly supports the National Recreational Boating Safety Program's efforts to eliminate alcohol and drug-related marine accidents and casualties. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety's Boating Safety Division, (CG-BSX-2), in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and many other members of the boating safety community, will help coordinate this nationwide event.
- d. **22/23: 2023 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS**
 - i. Please read ALCOAST 204/23, 2023 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS, for the announcement of the award recipients. Congratulations to District 8 Eastern Region Auxiliarist Buford Ridgeway for his selection as the Commodore Charles S. Greanoff Award winner. Bravo Zulu!



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

Very respectfully,

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