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FROM: Flotilla Staff Officer – Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (FSO-MS)
TO: Flotilla 25-06 Vice Commander (VFC) and SO-MS 054-25

SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT for September 2025

Reference: [Auxiliary Flotilla Procedures Guide](#), page A-14, Duties of FSO-MS

1. MS Flotilla Goals.

- Sea Partners/Environmental, Outreach and MS/MEP Training & Promotion.

2. Activities initiated, planned upcoming activities that will contribute to the goals.

- AUX-Assistant Container Inspector (AUX-EC), Auxiliary support to the weekly container missions in the Port of Baltimore are on temp hold during Fed Gov Shutdown. A Multi-Agency Strike Force Operation (MASFO) was conducted on 29 Sep.
- AUX-Assistant Pollution Responder (AUX-ED), Training with Sector MD-NCR at USCG Yard, Curtis Bay, MD is the first Wednesday of the month from 0900-1100. The October Training was Thursday 2 October, this was a Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training.
- Sea Partners/Environmental (70N) Opportunities: [Auxiliary Beach Cleanup Guide](#)
 - National Park Service (NPS), Fort Washington Park, [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 13 Sep, 11 Oct
 - NPS, Oxon Cove Park, [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 21 Sep, 19 Oct
 - NPS, Foote Park, [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 27 Sep
 - Mason Neck VA State Park: [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 27 Sep, 25 Oct, 29 Nov, 21 Dec
 - Potomac Conservancy, [Shoreline Cleanups](#), 20, 27 Sep; 18 Oct; 29 Nov; 17 Jan
 - Leesylvania VA State Park, [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 27 Sep
 - Widewater VA State Park, [Shoreline Cleanup](#) via Kayak, 27 Sep
 - Four Mile Run Conservator Foundation: [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 12, 19, 25, 26 Oct.
 - Note: Flotilla 25-25 will support the 25 Oct Shoreline cleanup.
 - NOVA Cleanup, Roosevelt Island: [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 7 Sep
 - Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC): Occoquan River, [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 27 Sep
 - Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO), Occoquan Fall [Shoreline Cleanup](#), 4 Oct
- MS/MEP Training (70U) Opportunities: Online twice a month training, 2nd Monday and following Thursday.
- AUX-America's Waterway Watch Program [AWW] (70V): Effective 10 Sep 2025 the Auxiliary is no longer promoting AWW. AWW has been replaced by DHS "See Something, Say Something" (SSSS).

3. Other activities, Information from District/National/Others: (See below links for details)

- [Safety Alert: 12-25, 13-25, 14-25, 15-25, 16-25, 17-25, SA-101](#),
- [Marine Safety Information Bulletin: 07/24, 01/25-Update, 02/25, 03/25, 04/25, 05/25](#),
- [Proceedings](#), Summer 2025, USCG Journal of Safety & Security at Sea
- [USCG Homeport, Sector MD-NCR](#).
- [Recreational Boating Safety \(RBS\) Job One](#), Volume 10, Issue 2, Fall/Winter 2024
- Prevention Directorate Newsletter, [Safety Lines](#), Spring 2025
- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), [Beware the Invasive Species](#).

5. Comments / Recommendations: In 2020 a re-validation of the GAP Analysis for the 2018-2024 USCG Auxiliary Strategic Plan identified opportunities where Auxiliarist can augment or backfill active-duty personnel. Following MS PQS for Sector Maryland-NCR have Immediate, Need or Nice to have (NTH) requirements.

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| • AUX-Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (AUX-CFVE) | [Need], NC & VA NTH |
| • AUX-Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner (AUX-UPV) | [Need], NC & VA NTH |
| • AUX-Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUX-MEES) | [Need], NC Need, VA NTH |
| • AUX-Assistant Waterways Management Representative (AUX-WM) | [Need], NC Need, VA Immediate |
| • AUX-Assistant Container Inspector (AUX-EC) | [NTH], NC NTH, VA Immediate |
| • AUX-Environmental Response Investigator (AUX-ED) see ALAUX-4-/25 | [NTH], NC & VA NTH |
| • AUX-Assistant Facility Inspector (AUX-EU) | [NTH], NC NTH, VA Need |

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**EASTERN DISTRICT SOUTHERN REGION
MARINE SAFETY FORUMS
2025**



All sessions will be from 1900-2030, the 2nd training session of the month is a repeat session. Access to all MSEP training will be with this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6092892496?pwd=V3B2VXZjdVBvemt1QlhGRXB DUUJoQT09&omn=86393146620>

- February:** 10th (MON): Introduction to Prevention
13th (THU): Introduction to Sea Partner
- March:** 10th (MON): AWW (America Waterway Watch)
13th (THU): Microplastics Effect the Environment
- April:** 14th (MON): Environmental Impact of Recreational Boating
17th (THU): GOODMATE
- May:** 12th (MON): IMSEP (Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection)
15th (THU): High Tide Flooding in D5SR
- June:** 9th (MON): Clean Marina Program
13th (THU): AUX-Marine Safety Administrative and Management (MSAM) PQS Overview
- July:** 14th (MON): Innovations In Oil Spill Technology
17th (THU): AUX-MEES PQS
- August:** 11th (MON): Introduction to the Prevention Directorate
14th (THU): Aquatic Nuisance
- September:** 8th (MON): Environmentally Friendly Fishing
11th (THU): ~~America Waterway Watch~~ Micro-Plastics
- October:** 13th (MON): Emerging Pollutants n the Marine Environment
16th (THU): Coastal Erosion and Habitat Preservation
- November:** 10th (MON): Climate change and the impact on Marine Environment
13th (THU): Boating Effects on Marine Mammals

EASTERN DISTRICT SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES: 2025

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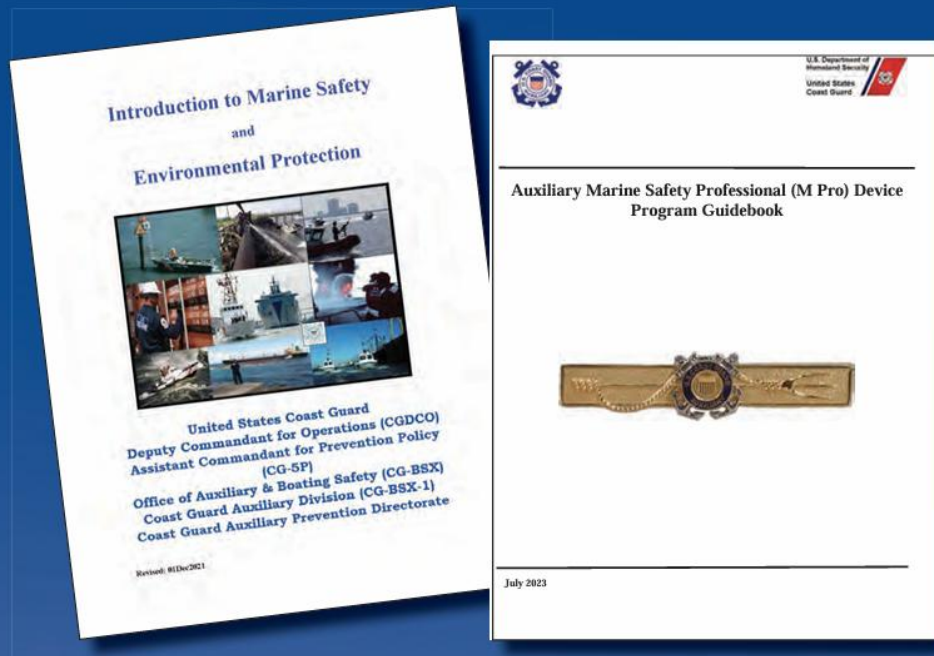
NOTE:

D5SR Policy Manual, Chapter 11, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection:

11.A.1.a. As a Coast Guard team member, every Auxiliarist is responsible for conducting activities with due consideration given to safety and environmental protection. The integration of Prevention Program principles into all relevant Auxiliary activities will be coordinated at each organizational level by the unit's senior elected officer and the Marine Safety Staff Officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Visit cgaux.org web site, then click on Directorates, then click on [Prevention](#): Now review all MS related materials.
2. Get to know your MS Chain of Leadership: Use AUXDIRECTORY to locate MS officers.
3. Register for and attend online monthly [MS Forums](#) via Zoom.
4. Marine Safety Courses are designed to provide a baseline level of training for those interested in the Marine Safety program.
5. The Good Mate MS Course is an Ocean Conservancy course and is designed to encourage ocean and waterway conservation by boaters. The course material is available on the Ocean Conservancy website (linked through the AUX Prevention Directorate website by clicking on the [MS Courses](#) and then the Good Mate links). The exam is available on the National Testing Center.
6. Participate in Marine Safety Outreach Programs (See [Outreach Programs link](#) on the Prevention Directorate website), then participate or organize your unit to engage in these programs.
7. The Introduction to Marine Safety & Environmental Protection ([IMSEP](#)) MS Course is designed to provide an extensive background in the history, policies, laws and regulations pertaining to the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection missions. The course is available on the Department's website. The exam is available on the National Testing Center. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURSE ALSO COUNTS AS TWO POINTS TOWARD THE [AUXOP](#) DEVICE.**
8. Take the AUX-MSAM and/or the AUX-MEES PQSs (Study Guides and Workbooks are found on the Prevention Directorate website under the [MS PQS link](#). You must find a qualified Mentor to sign you off on the tasks. Use AUXDIECTORY to find a nearby Auxiliarist having the qualification.
9. Achieve the Marine Safety Training Ribbon: The application for the [MSTR](#) may be found within the online Prevention Directorate under the Members Only link.
10. There are some 24 MS PQSs we can participate in, but only if your CG Sector needs help in any of these areas.
11. Achieve the [Marine Safety Insignia Device](#) i.e. "Trident Device". The application for the Marine Safety Insignia Device may be found within the online Prevention Directorate under Members Only.



Marine Safety Training Program



Like the three-pronged Marine Safety M-Pro Pin shown above, the Marine Safety Training Program, formerly known as the Trident Training Program, is a three-pronged training, consisting of education, qualifications, and service. Courses required include Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (a two-point AUXOP course), Good Mate, ICS 100, 200, 210, 700 and 800. Members must earn four qualifications from a list of those found on the Prevention Directorate website and then provide a minimum of 96 hours of service each year for five years as recorded in AUXDATA II. This pin indicates a high degree of knowledge, proficiency and dedication, as well as professionalism on the part of the wearer. Ω



The Marine Safety Training Ribbon was created in recognition of the considerable and long-term, sustained effort that Auxiliarists must put forward in order to earn the Auxiliary Marine Safety M-Pro Pin. The ribbon recognizes achievement in the marine safety, security, and environmental protection mission area as a precursor to achievement of the Auxiliary Marine Safety M-Pro Pin.