



Date: August 14, 2023

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 July 2023

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

1. Progress Update: Nothing Significant to Report.

2. Meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., conducted:

- MS/MEP Training (70U) Opportunities:
 - Marine Safety Training Forum: Twice a month training via Zoom. The Zoom link for the sessions can be found on the [District 5SR Website Calendar](#).
- Sea Partners/Environmental (70N) Opportunities: [Auxiliary Beach Cleanup Guide](#)
 - Leesylvania State Park, [Trash It Tuesdays](#), Potomac River shoreline cleanup – May - August
 - [National Harbor River Cleanup](#), Potomac River shoreline cleanup – 5 Aug 2023
 - [SeaScouts](#), Safety at Sea, Curtis Bay, MD – 16 Sep 2023
 - Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition ([PWTSC](#)); Upper Occoquan River Cleanup – 23 Sep 2023
 - [National Harbor River Cleanup](#), Potomac River shoreline cleanup -14 Oct 2023

3. Activities, projects, events, etc, that contributes to accomplishment of MS goals and or upcoming events: See recurring meeting.

4. Information from District/National/Others: (See below links for details)

- [AL AUX 017-23](#), Auxiliary Waterways Management and Auxiliary Facility Inspector Qualification Update
- [AL AUX 006-23](#), Marine Safety Administrative Management (AUX-MSAM) Qualification Update
- [Safety Alert: 02-23, 03-23, 04-23, 05-23, 06-23, 07-23, 08-23](#), Safety Advisory: [01-22](#), NTSB: [SA-087](#)
- [Marine Safety Information Bulletin: 01/23, 02/23, 03/23, 04/23, 05/23, 06/23, 07/23, 08/23, 9/23](#)
- [Proceedings](#), Summer 2023, USCG Journal of Safety & Security at Sea
- [USCG Homeport, Sector MD-NCR:](#)
- [Recreational Boating Safety \(RBS\) Job One](#), July 2023
- [Safety Lines](#), Winter 2020/2021, The Prevention Directorate newsletter.
- [Coffee with Coasties](#), D5SR Podcast.
- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), [Beware the Invasive Species](#).

5. Issues/Concerns: 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. The following MS PQS, Sector Maryland-NCR has Immediate, Need or Nice to have (NTH) requirements.

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| • Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (CFVE) {Active Duty PQS} | [Need], NC & VA NTH |
| • Assistant Uninspected Passenger Vessel (AUX-UPV) | [Need], NC & VA NTH |
| • AUX-Marine Environmental Education Specialist (AUX-MEES) | [Need], NC Need, VA NTH |
| • Assistant Waterways Management Representative (AUX-WM) | [Need], NC Need, VA Immediate |
| • Assistant Container Inspector (AUX-EC) | [NTH], NC NTH, VA Immediate |
| • Assistant Pollution Responder (AUX-ED) | [NTH], NC & VA NTH |
| • Assistant Facility Inspector (AUX-EU) | [NTH], NC NTH, VA Need |
| • * Assistant Port State Control Dispatcher (AUX-PSC) | [NTH], NC NTH, VA Immediate |
| • * Assistant Port State Control Examiner (AUX-PSCE) | [NTH], NC & VA NTH |
| • * Note: PQS Discontinued as of Jan 2023 | |

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**FIFTH SOUTHERN DISTRICT
MARINE SAFETY FORUMS
2023**



The Sessions will be held twice a month on the 2nd Monday and following Thursday. The Training Sessions will be conducted on below dates from 1930 to 2100. Access to on-line forums via Zoom is provided below as the link on the on the [District 5SR Website Calendar](#) is not functional currently:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517663439?pwd=MFo3R28yNGtuaTI5Qnk1SVovL3lzZz09>

- February:** 13th (MON) and 16th (THU)
Training Topic: Introduction to MSEP and Prevention
- March:** 13th (MON) and 16th (THU)
Training Topic: Good Mate
- April:** 10th (MON) and 13th (THU)
Training Topic: IMSEP Part 1
- May:** 8th (MON) and 11th (THU)
Training Topic: IMSEP Part 2
- June:** 12th (MON) and 15th (THU)
Training Topic: Environmental Impacts of Recreational Boats
- July:** 10th (MON) and 13th (THU)
Training Topic: Introduction to Prevention, Environmental Protection and Marine Safety.
- August:** 14th (MON) and 17th (THU)
Training Topic: AUX-MEES (AUX Prevention Outreach Specialist) Part 1
- September:** 11th (MON) and 14th (THU)
Training Topic: AUX-MEES (AUX Prevention Outreach Specialist) Part 2
- October:** 9th (MON) and 12th (THU)
Training Topic: AUX-MSAM (AUX Administrative and Management Specialist) Part 1
- November:** 13th (MON) and 16th (THU)
Training Topic: AUX-MSAM (AUX Administrative and Management Specialist) Part 2

FIFTH SOUTHERN DISTRICT MARINE SAFETY PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES: 2023

MS STAFF:

D5SR Staff

DSO-MS-D5SR - David Tester
ADSO-MS-NC - Dan Boyette
ADSO-MS-VA - Vacant
ADSO-MS-MD/NCR - Henry Hays

Division 25 & Flotilla Staff

SO-MS, 054-25 - Guy Campbell
FSO-MS, 054-25-01 - Alex Rytel
FSO-MS, 054-25-06 - Guy Campbell
FSO-MS, 054-25-07 - Nicholas Zarembo
FSO-MS, 054-25-12 - Craig Fletcher
FSO-MS, 054-25-25 - Vacant

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.