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USCG Station Washington Change of Command

A long-standing tradition, the Change of Command ceremony officially reaffirms the ongoing authority held by the commanding officer. This unique military ritual symbolizes the complete transfer of responsibilities, authority, and accountability from one person to another. On Friday August 1st, 2025 United Coast Guard Station Washington held the Change of Command Ceremony saying good bye to LCDR Kim L. Jenish and welcoming the new Commanding Officer Lt Victor M. Alma. We wish LCDR Jenish the best as she continues on with her next steps in her career.



LCDR Kim L. Jenish, Trooping of the Line.



LCDR Kim L. Jenish's final remarks as Commanding Officer Station Washington D.C.



LCDR Kim L. Jenish, CAPT Patrick C. Burkett and LT Victor M. Alma

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Meet LT Victor M. Alma

The following was taken directly from the Change of Command Ceremony Program.

Lieutenant Alma reports to Station Washington, D. C., following his tour as Commanding Officer of the Gulf Regional Fisheries Training Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. In that role, he led the living marine resources training of 552 law enforcement officers and mission managers from the Coast Guard, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and five Gulf Coast state fish and wildlife agencies. His leadership reinforced regulatory enforcement across a \$900 million commercial fishing industry within an area spanning two Coast Guard Districts and the entire U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the Gulf of America, from Brownsville, Texas, to Key West, Florida. He also played a pivotal role in restructuring all five regional fisheries training centers, expanding their mission scope to support border security and territorial integrity operations.



Change of Command from LCDR Kim L. Jenish to LT Victor M. Alma, overseen by CAPT Patrick C. Burkett

Lieutenant Alma's other ashore assignments include serving as the Assistant Chief of Response at Marine Safety Unit Morgan City, Louisiana, where he directed all law enforcement and boat forces missions and interagency response operations during six hurricanes. He also served on the joint National Transportation Safety Board and Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation into the 2021 capsizing of the lift-boat Seacor Power. While assigned to the Command Center at Sector Key West, Florida, he coordinated over 700 multi-mission responses spanning search and rescue, law enforcement, and migrant interdiction operations in one of the Coast Guard's busiest regions.

A proud cutterman, Lieutenant Alma's afloat tours include duty abroad CGC JACOB POROO (WPC 1125) as a deck watch officer, operations officer, and plankowner; CGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750) as a combat information center watch supervisor and electronic warfare operator; and CGC POLAR SEA (WAGB 11) as a deck seaman. In these assignments, he contributed directly to the protection of marine resources from illegal exploitation, countered transnational criminal organizations, and supported U.S. access to the Arctic in alignment with national economic and security interests.



LT Victor M. Alma

Lieutenant Alma enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2008 and achieved the rate and rank of Operations Specialist First Class before earning his commission through Officer Candidate School in 2017. He holds a Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Disaster Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Security. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College's Command & Staff Program (Joint Professional Military Education, Phase 1) and is currently in Seminary pursuing a Master's in Theological Studies.

A native of Lake Elsinore, California, Lieutenant Alma has been married to Lieutenant Commander Melissa Alma (formerly Gilday), U. S Coast Guard, since 2018. Together they have two daughters, Teagan and Reagan.

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September 13, 2025, 11AM -6PM
Prince William Marina, Occoquan VA

A poster for the 'Patriot Cruise & Salute' event. The background is a large American flag. The text 'PATRIOT CRUISE & SALUTE' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below this, there is a smaller image of an American flag waving on a pole. Underneath the flag image, the text 'SIGN UP TO HELP!' is written in bold, yellow letters. Below that, 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025' is written in bold, yellow letters. At the bottom, the text 'BOATS, CAPTAINS, FIRST MATES, AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' is written in bold, dark blue letters, followed by 'PATRIOTCRUISE.ORG' in bold, red letters.

Wonderful partnership opportunity with an organization that takes veterans on the water. Although not a USCG Auxiliary event, check out the website if you are interested in helping September 13th. Help is needed with check-in, dinner, and other areas. If you want to volunteer as a captain of your own boat or crew on another – you would need to attend their briefing Aug 22nd as outlined on their website.

Phone: (703) 930-2095

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Contact@patriotcruise.org

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Events 2025

Upcoming Events

August 16th – VSC – Gravelly Point

August 16th-24th -National Training Summit, Dallas TX

Sept 1st – VSC – Columbia Island Marina

Sept 4th-7th 5TH District Southern Region D- Train – Marriott Short Pump, Glen Allen, VA

Sept 6th - Pohick Bay Kayak Races (Time TBD). Need AUXPAD Operators for on-water patrol

Sept 13th – Safety at Sea- USCG Yard Curtis Bay, Baltimore

Sept 13th – Patriot Cruise and Salute, Prince William Marina

Sept 27th – Scouting Fall Jamboree Kayak Patrol – Silver Lake Regional Lake, Haymarket

You are reminded to complete the suicide prevention core training by December 31, and to check on other core training expirations this year

Past Events

January 10th-12th – 2025 Fredericksburg Boat and Water Expo, Fredericksburg VA

January 11th – Boating Safety Class, Fredericksburg, VA

January 26th – Change of Watch- Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Mt. Vernon VA

February 22nd – Boating Safety Class - Hope Springs Marina

March 1st - Sector Training: Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, MD

March 7th – VSC – Pohick Bay Rental Kayaks

March 7th – 9th – Chantilly Family Boat Show – Chantilly Expo Center

MARCH 15th – Boating Safety Class – Prince William Marina

March 21st – Paddlecraft VSC - Pohick Bay Rental Kayaks

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March 22nd – Paddlecraft VSC – Occoquan Rental Kayaks

April 10-13 – D Train - Richmond VA

April 12th – VSC Prince William Marina

April 19th -VSC Columbia Island Marina

April 28-May 2 - Spring AUXPAD Training – Charleston, SC

April 26th – VSC - Belmont Bay

May 10th – Boating Safety Class – Prince William Marina

May 10th - VCS – Prince William Marina

May 16th – Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day

May 17th – 23rd - National Safe Boating Week

May 17th – PA/VSC West Marine - Woodbridge

May 24th VSC – Neabsco Creek, Pilot House & EZ Cruz

May 24th – PA/VSC West Marine , Alexandria

May 24th – VSC Columbia Island Marina

May 31st - Wessynton Waterway Celebration (11am-4pm): Shore based event - will setup PA table, perform VEs, and may perform demos in pool

June 3rd – Boat Crew Training

June 3rd – National Harbor Swim Event

June 7th – VSC, Neabsco Creek

June 4-5 - AUX CA Support for USCGC Rankin Special Events

June 7th - Occoquan River Paddle Challenge (Time TBD).

June 14th – Paddlecraft Support – Baltimore Inner Harbor Flotilla

June 14th VSC – Gravelly Point or Capitol Yacht Club

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June 17-18 - AUX CA Support for USCGC Rankin Special Events

June 19th -22nd – Auxpad Academy - Yorktown Training Center

June 28th – Great Falls National Parks Event – Fairfax County VA

June 28th - Gwynn Island Paddlecraft Regatta (8am-1pm): This event is just for fun. Register here
- <https://mocva.net/regatta/>.

June 28th - Anacostia River Boat Tour – Anacostia Boat Ramp, 12-1PM

July 5th – VSC – Columbia Island Marina

July 12th – Celebrate Your Independence Event - Chesapeake and Ohio National Park, Maryland

August 1st - Change of Command ceremony for LCDR Kim Jenish – Station Washington

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FIFTH SOUTHERN DISTRICT MARINE SAFETY FORUMS 2025

- AUX-Assistant Container Inspector (AUX-EC), Container missions in the Port of Baltimore will continue.
- AUX-Assistant Pollution Responder (AUX-ED), Training with Sector MD-NCR at USCG Yard, Curtis Bay, MD has resumed on the first Wednesday of the month from 0900-1100 the first class was 2 April. If interested in participating let your ADSO-MS, SO-MS & FSO-MS know by the last Wednesday of the month.
- Sea Partners/Environmental (70N) Opportunities: Auxiliary Beach Cleanup Guide –
 - National Park Service (NPS), Fort Washington Park, Shoreline Cleanup, 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May –
 - NPS, Fort Foote Park, Shoreline Cleanup, 15 Mar, 19 Apr –
 - Leesylvania State Park, Shoreline Cleanup, 26 Apr, 7 Jun, -
 - Mason Neck State Park: Shoreline Cleanup, 30 Mar, 25 May, 1 & 29 Jun, 27 Jul, 31 Aug –
 - Widewater State Park, Shoreline Cleanup via Kayak, 7 Jun –
 - Four Mile Run Conservator Foundation: Shoreline Cleanup, 27 Apr –
 - Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC): Neabsco Creek, Shoreline Cleanup, 1 Mar –
 - PWTSC: Marumsco Creek/Veteran's Park, Shoreline Cleanup, 22 Mar –
 - Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO): Shoreline Cleanup, 5 Apr - NOVA Cleanup, Roosevelt Island: Shoreline Cleanup, 7 Sep

Sessions will be held on the below dates from 1900 to 2030. Access to forums will be with the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6092892496?pwd=V3B2VXZjdVBvemt1QlhGRXBduUJoQT09&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) and 13th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

July: 14th (MON) and 17th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

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August: 11th (MON) and 14th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

September: 8th (MON) and 11th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

October: 13th (MON) and 16th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

November: 10th (MON) and 14th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

December: 8th (MON) and 11th (THU): Training Topic: TBD

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