

### 2025 Member Offices Division 054-25

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### New DCAPT

Congratulations to Ben Feril: who was elected DCAPT-Sector Maryland/NCR (1st Term). And thank you to Henry Hays for your hard work these past two years.

### **Public Affairs is Everyone's Mission**

By Carol Hostetter, Public Affairs Specialist 3

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the Auxiliary National Training Seminar in Dallas. During this event, I engaged with Public Affairs trainers from across the country. There we learned of the significant changes occurring throughout the auxiliary and the Coast Guard. Issues such as new logos, specific graphic materials to crucial information on Social media posting; did you know we can't publish photos of Auxiliarist wearing sunglasses?

Public Affairs in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is every member's duty. Each Auxiliarist represents the organization whenever we wear the uniform, interact with the public, or participate in missions. Every encounter is an opportunity to share the Coast Guard

Auxiliary's story, and build trust with the community. While Public Affairs Specialist handle official media and outreach, all members contribute by modeling professionalism, communicating the Auxiliary's values, and serving as visual ambassadors. In this way, Public Affairs isn't just a specialtyit's part of the shared responsibility of carrying out the Auxiliary's mission.

Public Affairs training in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is vital because it equips members with the skills to effectively communicate the Auxiliary's mission, activities and successes to the public and media. Well-trained PA Specialists help build community awareness, strengthen partnerships, and attract new members, while ensuring consistent and accurate messaging that reflects positively on the Coast Guard. This training also prepares Auxiliarists to support the active-duty Coast Guard in outreach, crisis communication, and engagement making it an essential part of the Auxiliary's overall mission readiness.





#### **Public Affairs Con't**

The PA mission is critical: every article, photo or social media post builds public trust, attracts new members and promotes boating safety. PA training gives you the tools to do that with confidence, and give you skills to carry beyond the Auxiliary. PA training will help you to become better writers, photographers and public speakers. Members who complete the PA certifications often have more opportunities to work with active-duty Coast Guard units, attend joint training, and take leadership role. We need more voices to tell our story – why not yours?

It is my desire that each of our flotillas have multiple public affairs specialist. Spring D-Train will once again be offering Public Affairs training. Please consider sending members of your flotilla to Richmond this spring. I will gladly assist anyone interested in pursuing the Public Affairs Certification. I will be reaching out to each flotilla about setting up a time to talk with your membership but in the meantime please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Mark Your Calendars

D-Train February 19-22, 2026 Richmond, VA

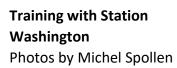


### **Boat Crew Under Way**





**QE Ride Crew**Photo by Jerry Little







Boat crew practicing towing maneuvers with the Sea Scouts on *Guardian* 

Photos by Gary Dawson



### Safety @ Sea 2025

**Photos by Carol Hostetter** 





















### **Events 2025**

**Upcoming Events** 

Oct 6 th - Division 25 Elections

Oct 25  $^{\text{th}}$  — National Target Center Trunk or Treat —  ${\sf Sterling}\ {\sf VA}$ 

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – Fredericksburg Boat Show**, Fredericksburg, VA

February 19th -22nd - D-Train, Richmond VA

Mar 6th - 8th - Chantilly Boat Show, Chantilly, VA

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 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – 2025 Fredericksburg Boat and Water Expo, Fredericksburg VA

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – Boating Safety Class**, Fredericksburg, VA

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – Change of Watch**- Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Mt. Vernon VA

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Boating Safety Class** - Hope Springs Marina

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Sector Training: Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, MD

March 7<sup>th</sup> – VSC – Pohick Bay Rental Kayaks

March 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Chantilly Family Boat Show - Chantilly Expo Center

MARCH  $15^{TH}$  – Boating Safety Class – Prince William Marina

**March 21st – Paddlecraft VSC** - Pohick Bay Rental Kayaks

**March 22** $^{nd}$  – Paddlecraft VSC – Occoquan Rental Kayaks

April 10-13 - D Train - Richmond VA

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – VSC** Prince William Marina

April 19th -VSC Columbia Island Marina

**April 28-May 2 - Spring AUXPAD Training —** Charleston, SC

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – VSC** - Belmont Bay

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – Boating Safety Class** – Prince William Marina

**May 10<sup>th</sup> - VCS** – Prince William Marina

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day

May  $17^{th} - 23^{rd}$  - National Safe Boating Week

May  $17^{th}$  – PA/VSC West Marine - Woodbridge



**May 24<sup>th</sup> 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

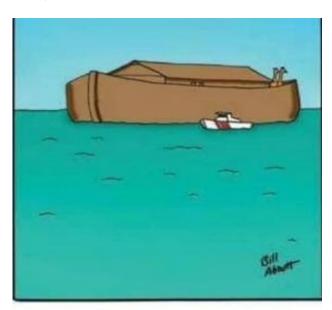
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Boat Crew Training

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – National Harbor Swim Event

June 7<sup>th</sup> – VSC, Neabsco Creek

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

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



'It's the Coast Guard - they want to know how many life-jackets we have onboard." **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Paddlecraft Support –** Baltimore Inner Harbor Flotilla

June 14th VSC – Gravelly Point or Capitol Yacht Club

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

**June 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> – Auxpad Academy** - Yorktown Training Center

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Falls National Parks Event –** Fairfax County VA

**June 28th - Gwynn Island Paddlecraft Regatta** (8am-1pm): This event is just for fun.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> - Anacostia River Boat Tour** - Anacostia Boat Ramp,12-1PM

**July 5<sup>th</sup> – VSC** – Columbia Island Marina

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Your Independence Event -** Chesapeake and Ohio National Park, Maryland

**August 1^{\rm st} - Change of Command ceremony for LCDR Kim Jenish - Station Washington** 

August 16th - VSC - Gravelly Point

August 16th-24th -National Training Summit, Dallas  $\mathrm{T}\mathrm{X}$ 

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – VSC** – Columbia Island Marina

Sept  $4^{\text{th}}\text{-}7^{\text{th}}$  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 13<sup>th</sup> – Salety at Sea-** USCG Yard Curtis Bay, Baltimore

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Cruise and Salute**, Prince William Marina



#### **IFTH 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:

 $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6092892496?pwd=V3B2VXZjdVBvemt1QlhGRXBDUUJoQT09\&omn=863931466}\\ \underline{20}$ 

**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

**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