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With COVID restrictions loosening, in-person meetings resuming and a facelift for our Flotilla 74 Brandon building-

We are ready for a great year!

Article by Dottie Riley. Photographs by William Sage and George Papabeis



Just as in-person meetings resume, in April Flotilla 74 Brandon members took on the tasks of pressure washing and painting our building's exterior. A fresh new look is a great way to celebrate Spring!

Our cleaners, patchers, and painters included members William Sage, August Miller, Dan Jairamsingh, Clark Pittman, Richard Strehl, and friends Bill Downs (Sage's brother-in-law) as well as James and Elaine Nabach.

After a two-year hiatus, not everyone could fit into their uniforms. Hence, not everyone who attended the April meeting was in uniform. Time to cut back on the calories and begin to get active again! It is wonderful just to be in each other's company after such a long time apart.

Photos of our painters at work and of our first meeting are on page three.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting.Ω

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Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

3006 South Kings Ave., Brandon, Florida

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Painting photos:

1. Bill Downs on the ladder painting the upper trim.
2. Dan Jairamsingh fills the roller with paint.
3. From the rear: Elaine Nabach, Bill Downs and Dan Jairamsingh working together to complete one wall.
4. James Nabach trimming in a window.

These as well as the cover photo by William Sage.

Meeting photos:

Top: William Sage swears in Clark Pittman and Tanner Piliego as new members.



Mid page: William Sage presents Dan Jairamsingh a certificate of appreciation for his contributions in painting the building.

William Sage presents Richard Strehl (below right) and: August Miller (below) certificates of appreciation for their part in painting the building.

Meeting photos by George Papabeis



From the Helm

William Sage Flotilla Commander



A few things are simple to do and yet required when in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Most members find the items listed below straightforward, while others struggle with one or two of these. They are:

Make sure to keep your status updated in Auxiliary Data System (AUXDATA). You need to have a current address, current email address, and at least one working telephone number. The Auxiliary must be able to contact you whenever necessary.

Respond to Everbridge alert/notifications. These notifications typically start at the beginning of hurricane season. You will generally get an email and a telephone call, one of which requires a response. Sometimes, in addition to the automatic Everbridge contact, you will receive a telephone call from a designated fellow flotilla member asking if you and your family are safe and doing ok.

We must respond to these requests. I report our flotilla status to the division, they report to the district, etc. If you are out of the area, on vacation, or at your second home in Michigan, etc., notify me that you will be out of our area of responsibility (AOR), and I will not call you. We will list you as being out of the area and unavailable for contact.

Pay your dues on time. Our Flotilla Standing Rules state that next year's dues are payable in July of the current year. It starts this early because we have specific timelines that we must meet. The first year's dues are prorated as determined by district policy and submitted with the enrollment application.

Personal qualifications – You must become and remain current in your CORE Training. All newly enrolled members must complete the eight CORE courses and the seven modules in the Basic Qualification II (BQII) Course to move from Approval Pending (AP) status to any other Auxiliary membership status. Also, if you desire to serve on the water as a boat crew or coxswain, you will need to take the ICS

100 and 700 FEMA courses. Some of these courses must be renewed every five years.

Flotilla leadership wants to help everyone succeed in whatever they choose to do. To succeed, you need to review and do what is listed above. If you need help, check with your Flotilla Staff Officer-Member Training, the Flotilla Vice Commander, or the Flotilla Commander. We will do what we can to help you succeed. We will show you where to go, how to do it, and help wherever possible. Remember, all we can do is help you, but you must take the required training yourself.

Bill Sage,

Flotilla Commander, 74 Brandon

Auxiliary CORE training (AUXCT)

<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=core-training>



From the Helm



Dorothy Riley Flotilla Vice Commander

After 20 years as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I have painstakingly avoided serving as an elected officer except for one other time three years ago when the crunch was on, so

to speak. This year we face a similar crunch, so once again, I find myself serving as Flotilla Vice Commander. My reluctance to serve in an elected position in no way diminishes my gratitude to you, the members for your trust in me. My reluctance reflects my doubts about my preparedness to hold this office, but I must trust that I will 'grow' into it.

Over a decade ago, I resisted appointment as District Staff Officer-Publications just as ardently only to discover that the position well suited me. I doubted that I was prepared to assume that position as well. I doubted my expertise and abilities and doubted that I would grow into the position through hands-on experience. I did, and I served as the district's Publications officer for over a decade and earned the district several national Publications awards. I tell you this not to talk about myself, but to encourage you to consider and accept a flotilla staff officer position even though you may feel ill-prepared.

Think you do not have the required knowledge or abilities? You will learn as you serve! Nothing trains you faster than hands-on experience, and more experienced members are there to guide and mentor you. Don't wait until you feel ready because you never will. As one sneaker ad says, "Just Do It!" As I encourage you, I take my own advice to heart knowing there are others who will teach and mentor me.

We must rebuild our flotilla and increase our participation. Only you can accomplish this. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation throughout the rest of this year.

Thank you!

Dottie Riley, Flotilla Vice Commander



Articles of Interest

Auxiliary New Member Advancement Process

Source: ALAUX bulletins. Submitted by William Sage, FC

All newly enrolled members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary must complete the eight CORE Courses and the seven modules in the Basic Qualification II (BQII) Course to move forward from Approval Pending (A.P.) to any other Auxiliary membership status.

Upon completing the seven BQII modules, both new and existing members will receive credit equivalent to completing the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) needed to advance in elected office. They will be awarded one leadership credit toward their Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP) qualification.

Auxiliary members who are familiar with customs, traditions, and history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, understand our missions and programs, the operational structure, the policies and regulations that guide us, and our protocols and uniform wear will be far better prepared to serve the Coast Guard than less knowledgeable members.

- The CORE Classes and BQII classes, can be found on the Auxiliary training website (<http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>)

by selecting “courses,” scrolling down to the letter “T” for training...then selecting “CORE” classes, and when completed.... then clicking on the link for “Basic Qual II Course.”

- The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists and all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy.

Purpose of Auxiliary Mandated Training (AUXMT).

AUXMT prepares members to effectively serve as a volunteer organization that is in frequent contact with the American public, and which augments and supports a military organization. AUXMT requirements provide a basic understanding of critical human relations policies, personal safety, and organizational security topics, as well as the National Incident Management System.

Content: The table below lists the courses contained in the **CORE Training program**. Courses can be taken online where results are automatically input to AUXDATA for credit.

Course Code	Course #	Course Name	Frequency
SP	502379	Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide	Every 5 years
SETA	810030	Security Fundamentals	Every 5 years
PAWAR	810015	Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information	Every 5 years
POSH	810000	Sexual Harassment Prevention	Every 5 years
SAP	810045	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	Every 5 years
CRA	502319	Civil Rights Awareness	Every 5 years
ET	502306	Ethics 1/Personal Gifts	One time only
INF	502290	Influenza Training	One time only



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Elements of the BQII course

(Also mandated for new members.)

Basic Qualification Course (BQC)

Module 1: History, Purpose and Administration of the USCG Auxiliary

This module explains the History, Purpose and Administration of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to include Coast Guard Core Values and their importance to our mission. It provides a framework for how we must interact with the general public, active duty Coast Guard, and each other.

Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to explain to others the History, Purpose and Administration of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to include Coast Guard Core Values and their importance to our mission.

Module 2: Membership Requirements and Organizational Structure of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



This module explains the Membership Requirements and Organizational Structure of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Core Objective: Upon completion

of this seminar, the Auxiliarist will be able to explain to others the Membership Requirements and Organizational Structure of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Module 3: Member Training and Qualifications, Uniforms and Customs

This module explains the Member Training and Qualifications, Uniforms and their Proper Wear and Customs of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to explain to others Member Training Qualification requirements, and demonstrate proper uniform wear and customs of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Module 4: Personnel Management and Auxiliarist Recognition and Awards

This module explains the Personnel Management and Auxiliarist Recognition and Awards programs of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to explain to others the personnel policies that govern behavior within the organization as well as kinds of Recognition and Awards that are available to Auxiliarists.

Module 5: Auxiliary Regulation and Policy

This module explains the Regulations and Policies of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to explain to others the regulations and policies that govern behavior within the organization.

Module 6: Support, Basic Materials and Reimbursement

This module explains the Support, Basic Materials and Reimbursement Policies of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to describe to others facilities and support programs available for use by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as the reimbursement
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policies that support Auxiliarists while executing their mission.

Module 7: Courtesy and Protocols for Auxiliary Units and Auxiliarists

This module explains the Courtesy and Protocols for Auxiliary Units and Auxiliarists specific to the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Core Objective: Upon completion of this module, the Auxiliarist will be able to describe and demonstrate to others basic Courtesies and Protocols for Auxiliary Units that Auxiliarists may encounter while executing their mission.

Lastly, if you desire to serve on the water as boat crew or coxswain, you will also need at least two FEMA courses:

- ICS 100
- ICS 700

FEMA administers these on their website: (<https://training.fema.gov/is/>).

You will be required to request a FEMA ID before taking any course. Next, select "independent study" and log in with your new FEMA ID at the top header. Find ICS 100, 700, and after the successful conclusion of each course, download and copy the PDF showing your passing grade. Forward this to the FSO-MT (member training) or your Flotilla Commander. Ω

<http://www.wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=core-training>

<http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>



Photos: Page 5: USCG Auxiliary images. Top of this page: USCG Color Guard unit displays the customs and courtesies of which the Auxiliary is proud. USCG Auxiliary photograph.

Bottom this page: John McLoughlin, a member of Flotilla 75 Apollo Beach uses a utility pole to remove a cross member, a hazard to navigation Jun 2014. Photo by Dick Risk, Flotilla 72 St. Petersburg



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Weird Facts About Water

Water is weird. Everyone knows the chemical symbol for water is H₂O, and that all living things need water to survive. Here are eight facts about weird water that you might not know!

1. **Water is alien.** All water on earth arrived as ice on asteroids and comets from space.

2. **All water on earth has been recycled** through animals, plants, rocks, oceans, and clouds. In other words, you're drinking dinosaur pee.

3. **Water doesn't follow the normal rules of chemistry.** Water is made of two elements: oxygen and hydrogen, both of which are very light. The rules of chemistry say that on earth, liquid water should not exist. Instead, if water followed the rules, it would exist on earth only as water vapor.

4. **Water is the only chemical that expands when it goes from a liquid to a solid.** Because solid water, aka ice, is less dense than liquid water, ice floats. This allows ice to insulate the liquid water underneath it. Without this unique property, life would not have survived earth's many ice ages.

5. **Hot water freezes faster than cold water**, and no one knows why. This is known as the Mpemba effect, named after the Tanzanian student who discovered this phenomenon.

6. **Water molecules are so good at sticking to each other that they can overcome the force of gravity.** In biology, this is called capillary action and is the mechanism that allows plants to move water from their roots to their leaves. This unique property of water also allows oxygen and nutrients to reach the outermost edges of your brain.

7. **Water is the second most common molecule in the universe**, after molecular hydrogen. There's water on Mars, the moon, and almost every other object in our solar system, including Pluto.

8. **Water is a universal solvent.** Water is able to break most chemical bonds and dissolve most chemicals. It is very difficult to create pure water even in a laboratory setting, as nearly all chemical compounds will dissolve in water. This makes water one of the most reactive compounds known to man.



Source: Alta Ski Area "Snow Brains" website.

Watch the BBC video on the Alta Ski Area "Snow Brains" website at:

<https://snowbrains.com/eight-weird-facts-about-water-you-didnt-know/> Ω





*The ship that changed
Hellenic naval history:*
The Battlecruiser Georgos Averof

George Papabeis



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While scouting a location for filming in Greece last summer, I found myself at the maritime museum at Floisvos at Palaio Faliro, just south of Athens. First among the moored vessels was the legendary battleship “Georgios (George) Averof.” The Averof was instrumental in forging new political and geographical frontiers for Greece.

At the turn of the 20th century, the Hellenic navy (Greek navy) had a small, limited force of antiquated vessels. In 1908, the Italian navy commissioned three Pisa class heavy cruisers designed by Giuseppe Orlando. The first two were completed and delivered to the Regia Marina, the Italian navy. The third vessel was put up for sale before completion. Greek merchant and philanthropist Georgios Averof offered a sizable deposit of one-third of the total value of the ship from his personal funds to secure the vessel. The remainder of the funding came from the Greek government.

The Hellenic navy received the vessel May 16, 1911, and was dispatched to participate in the Coronation naval review of King George V and to take on ammunition. Unfortunately, she ran aground in Spithead and had to be dry-docked for repairs. The vessel commander was replaced by Captain Pavlos Kountouriotis, who later became vice admiral of the Hellenic navy and the president of Greece.

The naval victories during the First Balkan War of December 1912 (Battle of Elli) and January 1913 (Battle of Limnos) cemented the battleship in history. The Georgios Averof used its speed, maneuverability, and the courage and savvy of Captain Sofoklis Dousmanis and Admiral Kountouriotis to remove Ottoman influence in the Aegean Sea decisively.

After that, Georgios Averof saw action in WWI and the Greco-Turkish War (1919-1922). In WWII, the crew of the Georgios Averof disobeyed orders to scuttle the ship and made a daring escape from the port of Piraeus to Cairo. She continued duty as a convoy escort in the Indian Ocean. At the end of the war, Georgios Averof brought the Greek government-in-exile from Cairo to Athens. The ship was decommissioned in 1952. From 1957 to 1983, the battleship was anchored on the Island of Poros. In 1984, after

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thirty years of abandonment, the navy ordered the restoration of the battleship just south of Athens. It was towed from Paros to Faliro. And there she is still moored, in beautiful condition and repair, for anyone to visit for the price of 3 euros- pocket change.

Ship Characteristics:

- Length: 140 m
- Maximum width: 21.5 m
- Draft: 7.5 m
- Weight: 10.200 tons
- Diameter of the barrel of both bow and stern turrets (2 twin towers): 234 mm (9.21 inches)
- Diameter of the barrel of side turrets (4 twin towers): 190 mm (7.46 inches)
- Crew: 670
- Max crew: 1200 Ω



The Greek battlecruiser Georgios Averof docked at the marina of Floisvos, at Palaio Faliro, functions as a floating museum and its interior is preserved, including the sailors' quarters (shown), the chapel of Agios Nikolaos and the galleys and the cabins of the captain and the officers (not shown). The photographer, George Papabeis, a member of Flotilla 74 Brandon visited the museum Aug. 20, 2021.



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Uniform Review



After nearly two years of Auxiliary stand-down and Zoom meetings, we are meeting face-to-face. Many of us attended the Zoom meetings in civilian clothing and members may need a reminder about wearing our uniform correctly. This is critical.

We suggest that all members, both seasoned and new, review the Auxiliary uniform guidelines at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=H-DEPT&category=auxiliary-uniforms>. All of us can use a reminder, and the few words and images published here are excerpts- not the entire 'book.'

Uniform Standards

- Wear the uniform with pride!
- YOU are a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Elected and Appointed officers are expected to set the example.
- Human Resources staff (Flotilla Staff Officer/ Division Staff Officer /District Staff Officer-Human Resources) can assist with your uniform questions.
- Uniform standards are established by:
- USCG Uniform Regulations Manual – COMDINST M1020.6 (series)

- USCG Auxiliary Manual – COMDINST M16790.1 (series)
- Uniform Board announcements and ALCOAST/ ALAUX messages.



(From the Human Resources PowerPoint presentation at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ab4G_gSO-QmSbBszZzrgr47KI_MD3EmuS/view)

The images on the following pages are from the *U.S. Coast Guard Reservist Magazine, special uniform edition, 2006* : <https://www.cuttersguide.com/pdf/Military-and-Uniforms/Coast%20Guard%20Reservist%20Magazine%20Uniform%20Special%202006.pdf>

Note: Both Coast Guard and Auxiliary presently wear the untucked version of the operational dress uniform. Coast Guard buttons, trim and insignia (on hats and sleeves) are gold while Auxiliary buttons, trim and insignia are silver. Ω



Articles of Interest

TROPICAL BLUE LONG (MEN)

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR
Worn year-round at all occasions where coat and tie are not required or expected.

HEAD GEAR

Combination cap, garrison cap, or ball cap.

LIGHT BLUE SHIRT SHORT SLEEVE

Military creases optional.

SHOULDER BOARDS (OFFICERS)

Enhanced shoulder boards are required.

COLLAR INSIGNIA (ENLISTED)

Collar rank insignia is centered between the visible top & bottom collar edges & center of device is one (1) inch and parallel from the forward edge.

NAME TAG

Centered with bottom edge 1/4" over right pocket.

RIBBONS

Centered with bottom edge 1/4" over left pocket.

QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

Most recent qualification insignia is centered 1/4 inch above ribbons or top of pocket on the left. Second qualification insignia is centered 1/4 inch below upper edge of pocket flap. If assigned as incumbent CO/OinC, device is worn centered 1/4 inch above nametag.

MINIATURE DEVICES

Device is centered 1/4 inch below top edge of left pocket flap. If wearing two formerly earned devices with or without an insignia: Devices are symmetrically centered on either side of the button 1/4 inch below top edge of pocket flap, with most recently earned device placed inboard.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Device is centered 1/4 inch below top edge of right pocket flap. If wearing two formerly earned devices: Devices are symmetrically centered on either side of the button 1/4 inch below top edge of pocket flap, with most recently earned device placed inboard.

BLACK BELT WITH BRASS BUCKLE

LONG TROUSERS

BLACK SOCKS

Socks are worn with oxfords.

BLACK OXFORD SHOES



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TROPICAL BLUE LONG (WOMEN)

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR
Worn year-round at all occasions where coat and tie are not required or expected.



HEAD GEAR

Combination cap, garrison cap, or ball cap.

LIGHT BLUE SHIRT SHORT SLEEVE

Military creases optional

SHOULDER BOARDS (OFFICERS)

Enhanced shoulder boards are required.

COLLAR INSIGNIA (ENLISTED)

Collar rank insignia is centered between the visible top & bottom collar edges & center of device is one (1) inch and parallel from the forward edge.

NAME TAG

Centered with bottom edge 1/4" over right pocket.

RIBBONS

Centered with bottom edge 1/4" over left pocket.

QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

Most recent qualification insignia is centered 1/4 inch above ribbons or top of pocket on the left. Second qualification insignia is centered 1/4 inch below upper edge of pocket flap. If assigned as incumbent CO/OinC, device is worn centered 1/4 inch above nametag.

MINIATURE DEVICES

Device is centered 1/4 inch below top edge of left pocket flap.

If wearing two formerly earned devices with or without an insignia: Devices are symmetrically centered on either side of the button 1/4 inch below top edge of pocket flap, with most recently earned device placed inboard

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Device is centered 1/4 inch above top edge of nametag. Except DoD badges which are worn centered 1/4 inch above top edge of ribbons. If wearing two formerly earned devices: Devices are symmetrically centered 1/4 inch above top edge of nametag/ribbons with most recently earned device placed inboard

BLACK BELT WITH BRASS BUCKLE

LONG TROUSERS/SKIRT

BLACK SOCKS OR HOSIERY

Socks are worn with oxfords, may wear hosiery with oxfords or pumps. When hosiery is worn with a skirt it will be plain and approximate the wearer's flesh color. Black or flesh colored hosiery, including knee-high stockings, may be worn with oxfords or pumps when wearing trousers.

BLACK OXFORD SHOES OR PUMPS

Oxfords or pumps are worn with either trousers or skirt for women.

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OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (MEN)

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

Worn in any situation where any form of dress uniform is not required or more appropriate and while commuting, including brief stops for gas and drive-thru business. It is not a liberty uniform.

HEAD GEAR

Ball cap

CG BLUE ODU TOP

Sleeves rolled up (accordion style, with only the cuff showing) or down.

CG BLUE CREW NECK T-SHIRT

COLLAR INSIGNIA

Metal insignia are standard. Sew-on cloth insignia are optional.

NAME TAPE

Cloth name tape is sewn above right pocket. Velcro type nametape authorized as optional item. Direct embroidery on shirt is not authorized.

USCG ID TAPE

Cloth tape with "U. S. Coast Guard" is sewn above left pocket. Velcro® type tape authorized as optional item. Direct embroidery on shirt is not authorized.

QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

Most current authorized. A single embroidered insignia is authorized. Direct embroidery on shirt is not authorized.

MINIATURE DEVICES

Embroidered device is authorized for incumbent COs and OinCs. Metal is optional when not a safety issue.

IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Authorized for incumbent only.

BLACK BELT W/SUBDUED BUCKLE

ODU TROUSERS

Bloused with safety boots, straight with low-topped shoes or boat shoes.

BLACK SOCKS

BOOTS

Safety boots. Low-topped shoes or boat shoes may be prescribed in specific cases or medical reasons.



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USCG ID TAPE

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QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

Most current authorized. A single embroidered insignia is authorized. Direct embroidery on shirt is not authorized.

MINIATURE DEVICES

Embroidered device is authorized for incumbent COs and OinCs. Metal is optional when not a safety issue.

IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Authorized for incumbent only.

BLACK BELT W/SUBDUED BUCKLE

ODU TROUSERS

Bloused with safety boots, straight with low-topped shoes or boat shoes.

BLACK SOCKS

BOOTS

Safety boots. Low-topped shoes or boat shoes may be prescribed in specific cases or medical reasons.



OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM (WOMEN)

OCCASIONS FOR WEAR

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Earth Day

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- 71 percent of the earth is covered in water.
- NOAA calculates the USA shoreline length at 95,471 miles (153,646 kilometers).
- Explore the many Marine Safety options available to help protect and restore our marine environment throughout the year.

FLOT is a military acronym meaning "forward line of own troops." FLOT line or "forward edge of battle area" (FEBA) are technical terms used by all branches of the U.S. armed services to designate the forward most friendly maritime or land forces on the battlefield at a given point in time during an armed conflict.

We are not a military force engaged in armed conflict. We are, however, the frontline of the struggle to save the lives of recreational boaters, and we face this great endeavor armed with Vessel Safety Checks, Public Education classes, and all the other Recreational Boating Safety programs in our arsenal. Our newsletter banner serves as a reminder of this mission.

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