

## Coast Guard Uniform Policies

Uniform policies were recently changed, as described by ALCOAST 291-11, and these changes will affect Auxiliary members in the Florida Keys.

### Tropical Blue Uniform

1. May be worn year round for appropriate assignments to duty. It may be worn in lieu of the SDB (Service Dress Blue), but not to functions where civilian dress is coat and tie.
2. Authorized for wear in a travel status pursuant to Coast Guard assignment to duty.
3. Prescribed outer wear with the Tropical Blue are the windbreaker & trench coat with combination cap or garrison cap. (Ball caps of any type are not authorized for wear with the Tropical Blue Uniform.) The overcoat, reefer coat, or work jacket will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Tropical Blue Uniform as of 12/31/12

### Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

1. May be worn year round primarily as a field utility and watch-standing Uniform, and may be worn in an office environment.
2. Shoes that may be worn with the ODU will be blackened 8 inch or 10 inch safety boots. When worn in an office, boots shall be shined, with excess laces tucked away, so they cannot be seen. The boat shoe (dark blue or brown leather, low cut moccasin type construction) is an authorized option for Auxiliarists, regardless of type ODU that is worn.

### Hot Weather Uniform

1. Though no longer authorized for active duty personnel, the Hot Weather Uniform remains authorized for Auxiliary wear.
2. Dark Blue crew neck T-shirt with stenciled or embroidered with USCG Auxiliary will be worn. When doing Vessel Exams, hot weather uniform may be worn or the Vessel Examiner T-Shirt or Polo shirt. The Standard Coast Guard (Air Force) short sleeve shirt (undress blue) and the standard CG dark blue shirt (working blue) will no longer be authorized for Auxiliary wear with the Hot Weather Uniform.