

Dear Auxiliarists of Flotilla 17-11,

We are thrilled to share vital updates as we strive to elevate Flotilla's presence in the greater Orlando area. Both the Commander and the Vice Commander are wholeheartedly dedicated to making meaningful progress, and it's important that you stay informed about our ambitious goals aligned with District 7 2025-2026 Strategic Plan:

- We are committed to paving the way for substantial advancements in our operations.
- We advocate for simplicity, which not only enhances our effectiveness but also enables us to serve our community better.
- Our united efforts are making a significant and positive impact on the community and beyond.

Your continued support and involvement are invaluable. Together, we have the power to achieve our goals and strengthen our Flotilla's influence in the region. Let's make a difference together!

Mark H. Crary

Flotilla Commander

Flotilla 17-11, Orlando-Winter Park

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Rafael Jovet-Ramos "RJ"

Flotilla Vice Commander



Flotilla 17-11 Leadership

To ensure a safe and delightful boating adventure, make it a priority to don a life jacket, a bright and buoyant guardian that can save your life. Consider enrolling in a boating safety course, where you'll acquire essential skills and knowledge that will transform you into a confident navigator. Always remain vigilant of your surroundings, taking in the breathtaking beauty of nature while being alert to potential hazards. Keep a watchful eye on the ever-changing weather conditions, as they can dramatically influence your journey on the water. Embrace these practices to create unforgettable memories on your boating excursions! Be ready for National Safe Boating Week May 17-23, 2025.



Auxiliary Ceremonial Color Guard (AUXCCG) Program.



On 15 MAR, the incredible 🌸 AUXCCG 🌸 team, featuring Ron Olgin, Clive Hurlock, and Daniel Oliveras, put on an electrifying display as they presented the colors at the VMC to commemorate the 242nd anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution!



Let's give this phenomenal Color Guard huge applause and cheer for their outstanding performance!

Upcoming events and Training:

The report's time and location will be announced on July 7, 2025. This Color Guard event pays tribute to the Station Port Canaveral Command.

September 19, 2025. Information on report time and location is forthcoming. This Color Guard event is dedicated to the District Training (DTRAIN), reinforcing our commitment to excellence.

November 11, 2025. Additional details on the report's time and location will follow. This Color Guard event honors the Veterans Day Parade, shining a light on the valor of our heroes.

For further information and to express your interest, please get in touch with Daniel Oliveras.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Public Affairs - Music Program

We are excited to share some positive developments regarding forming our Flotilla music program, the Orlando Coast Guard Auxiliary Band. Over the past month, we have seen a notable increase in the number of musicians interested in launching this exciting initiative, which we believe will be an excellent addition to our flotilla and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

If you are interested in joining this endeavor or know someone who would be, don't hesitate to contact Michael Matin at info@cgauxband.org for more information.



Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary Marine Safety Program and play a vital role in supporting the Coast Guard Sectors' Marine Safety and Environmental Protection efforts. This program is your gateway to making a significant impact in the community while receiving top-notch training. Our Marine Safety courses are meticulously designed to equip you with essential knowledge and skills. By participating in these courses, you'll be well-prepared to contribute effectively to this critical mission. The offerings include: 1.

Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP), Good Mate Course, Incident Command System (ICS) Courses (ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800) and ICS Course 210. By enrolling in these courses, you'll not only develop your skills but also become an integral part of a mission that protects our waters and environment. Take the next step in your commitment to



marine safety today and make a lasting difference! For more information and interest, please get in touch with Flotilla Vice Commander.



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Paddlecraft (AUXPAD)

AUXPAD is a beacon for paddle craft safety, whether on solid ground or gliding across the water. Much like the esteemed boat crew program, AUXPAD Operators undergo rigorous training that empowers them to navigate their crafts with an unwavering commitment to safety. These skilled individuals are not just operators but dedicated safety ambassadors, poised to engage with the paddling community and foster a safety culture on the water. Their impactful training equips them to conduct vital activities, including vessel safety checks, engaging in public education efforts, and meaningful program Visits. Through their dedication, AUXPAD Operators highlight the significance of safe paddling practices, ensuring that everyone who sets out on the water can do so confidently and carefully. I'm thrilled that a few enthusiastic members are joining this impactful training! Together, we're set to take the lead in enhancing public education and improving vessel safety with a fresh approach. Kayaking is an exciting and popular activity in Florida, especially in the vibrant Orlando area. With Florida being a premier destination for outdoor adventures, we're ready to make a difference in our community!



Training opportunities:

April 19-20 Lake Miona The Villages, FL

May 31-Jun1 Lake Altoona Acworth, GA

Qualification requires much of the same training as that of a coxswain or boat crew, including TCT/Risk Management, Surface Operations, Communications, and Navigation. For more

information and interest, please get in touch with Charles Hayes, BA-Paddle Craft (Underway) D7 AUXPAD Coordinator.



A key mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to inform the public about safety in recreational boating. 2025, our program will include the Boat America course, led by knowledgeable instructors. Every graduate will obtain the Florida Boating Safety Education I.D. The card is mandatory for boaters born after January 1, 1988.

Training Opportunities:

Instructor Course:

- April 14: 1830-2100 — Lessons 1, 2, 3
- April 21: 1830-2100 — Lessons 4, 5, 8
- April 28: 1830-2100 — Lessons 6, 7, 9

To sign up, please contact Ramiro Antorcha, Flotilla Commander 070-17-9, at rjantorcha@gmail.com

Auxiliary Mid-Level Officer Course:

Virtual 1	Tuesday and Thursday	Apr. 1 -	May. 1
Virtual 2	Tuesday and Thursday	Jul. 1 -	Jul. 31
Virtual 3	Tuesday and Thursday	Sept. 2 -	Oct. 2

Start time for all courses is 2100 Eastern / 2000 Central / 1900 Mountain / 1800 Pacific

Courses will be open for enrollment 60 days in advance of the start date.

For more information about the AMLOC online web-conferencing MOODLE courses, please get in touch with Peter Graham, AMLOC-05A Branch Chief, at peter.graham@cgauxnet.us

In the Coast Guard Auxiliary (AUX), a "Citizenship Verifier" (CV) plays a vital role by ensuring the verification of U.S. citizenship during the enrollment process. This important responsibility requires qualified Auxiliarists who have successfully completed a background check. We invite you to join us on our mission by becoming a Citizenship Verifier. Together, we can strengthen our team and meet the essential requirement of at least two qualified individuals. Your participation will make a significant difference!



Coast Guard leadership has recognized that active-duty recruiting is essential to our mission's success. In response, the Auxiliary has taken a bold step by establishing the (CGRS) Division at the request of Coast Guard Recruiting Command. This initiative is designed to bolster local recruiting efforts and enhance remote recruiting as an invaluable "force multiplier." Our specially trained Auxiliary members work hand in hand with local Recruiting Office leadership, including the Recruiter in Charge (RIC) and specialized Coast Guard Recruiters, to ensure we attract the best talent to serve in our ranks. Together, we are committed to building a stronger Coast Guard, and we need your support to make it happen!