

FLOTILLA 7-4



- May-Safe Boating Week/Month
- Training

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National Safe Boating Week

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was created by the United States Congress in 1939 and is the leading agency protecting Americas Seaward Frontier in Recreational Boating. They are the Uniformed Civilian Component of the United States Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary partners with a number of state and national organizations promoting the safety and welfare of recreational boaters across the nation and in Texas.

Coast Guard Auxiliary and Partners: Boat Responsibly

The National Safe Boating Council and its partners are kicking off the annual Safe Boating Campaign the weekend before Memorial Day with National Safe Boating Week. It was held from May 18-24, as many important safety reminders for boaters were released as the busy boating season gears up. "We are excited to join forces with partners around the world to encourage everyone to wear a life jacket when on the water and always boat responsibly because the best boating experience is a safe boating experience," said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council. In 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard reported 658 deaths in the U.S. from boating incidents, with 75 percent of those deaths caused by drowning. Of those deaths, 85 percent are reported as not wearing their life jackets. "Wearing a life jacket is the simplest safety step a boater can take, just like a driver wears a seat belt in a vehicle," continued Phillips.

National Safe Boating Week kicked off with **Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day on Friday, May 17**. This annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles. Boating enthusiasts are encouraged to wear their life jacket to work, snap a picture, and share their photo on social media with the hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safe boating.

The Safe Boating Campaign continues throughout the boating season with local outreach efforts around the world, including **Ready, Set, Wear It Life Jacket Events** on various dates. These family-friendly events teach boaters about the importance of always wearing a life jacket, along with helpful care and maintenance information. Boaters can connect with campaign partners in their local community at safeboatingcampaign.com/become-a-partner.

The Safe Boating Campaign reminds boaters to follow these safety tips:

- Take a boating safety course.
- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Watch the weather.
- No distracted boating.
- Travel at safe speeds.
- Never boat under the influence.
- Have more than one communication device that works when wet.

More safe boating tips and educational resources can be found at safeboatingcampaign.com.

Source: MAY 1, 2019: National Safe Boating Council

Membership Activities and Training: Flotilla 7-4 San Antonio

Risk Management: Green, Amber, Red Training

As part of the CG Auxiliary and Flotilla 7-4 disaster readiness training, Auxiliarists from across the state, met in San Antonio to complete instruction in *Risk Management*. This course, known as *GAR 2.o/TCT*, is a four hour course taught by the active duty. BOSN4 John Rice from Sector Corpus Christi and Station Port O'Connor, was the course instructor. Training took place on 01 June. 6 of 7 flotillas of Division 7 were represented.



Aux Weather Training - May 4-5

The second piece of disaster readiness instruction, is training for weather events. Members of four flotillas successfully completed the program and proctored exam, for the AuxWEA program. Bruce Schoenbucher, a seasoned operations instructor from 7-5 (Austin) led the 2-day class. Upcoming classes/



Class Members



Instructor, Bruce S.



Feeding the Troops!

proctored exams are AuxSEA in SEP and AuxCOM in NOV. AuxPAT, another specialty course was taught by George Tate, DCDR of Division 6, via 5-2 hr. webinars throughout May and June.

Silver and Gold: US Coast Guard Cutter Axe:

Coast Guard DC-1 (Damage Control-1) Levi Myslicki receives his new collar devices at Morgan City, LA. Pinning was by Flotilla 7-4, Staff Officer, Russ Poppen. DC-1 Myslicki will be reporting to his new duty location in Alaska late this summer. He and his family are avid wildlife/



sports-fans and look forward to their posting.

The Axe Crew appears to the right.



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What we do! "America's Volunteer Lifesavers".

Our primary mission is promoting and supporting recreational boating safety and that includes involvement in Search and Rescue efforts, Maritime Domain Awareness, Underway Operations, Marine Safety, Public Education, and Vessel Safety Examinations, both recreation and commercial. In addition to that, we have members with special skills like radio operators, webmasters, computer specialists, pilots, public affairs specialists, and language interpreters.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081>



PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS WEAR LIFE JACKETS, AMATEURS DON'T.

Wear your life Jacket to Work Day

Just Wear it!

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day is a campaign designed to help bring awareness about the use of life



Pictured on the left is Staff Officer, Russell Poppen and to the right is VFC Alex Shapovalov.

jackets and the many different types of jackets that are available. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite life jacket to work and to post a photo on their favorite social media site.



Just wear it!

Outreach Programs

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081>

COMPASS program deploys Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian, and Auxiliarists into their communities to increase America's Understanding and Awareness of the Coast Guard.

Partnership in Education (PIE) program enhances educational opportunities and career awareness for the nation's youth through direct participation in education related programs. PIE is an excellent way to access young audiences of all backgrounds, show the Coast Guard colors, and contribute to the community in your area.

First Book is a unique partnership between the US Coast Guard and **First Book** - a national, private, non-profit organization whose mission is to give disadvantaged children the opportunity to read and own their first books. Their primary goal is to work with existing literacy and mentoring programs to distribute new books to children, who for economic or other reasons have little access to books.

Flotilla 7-4 Vessel Safety Exams

On March 17, 2019, members of our flotilla conducted Vessel Safety Exams (VE) for the San Antonio Fishing Flotilla at the Emmanuel AME Church parking lot. Vessel Examiners participating were **Ben Rosario Alex Shapovalov, and Karen Lathrop**. Examiners trainee **Darlene Beeson** participated and **Lou Manganiello** conducted examinations for recertification. There were 7 boats present to be examined. VE's can be completed on land or in the water. They can even be completed when on vacation as Auxiliarist McNamara did this last May!

The San Antonio Fishing Flotilla members encouraged their children to learn about boating safety. The children drew pictures of boats and added in the safety devices they each felt were necessary for safety. One fisherman mentioned that he knew some of the children used Google to get the information needed. We were very impressed with the drawings that the children made.



1. Auxiliarist Darlene Beeson discussing the VE checklists with one of the members of the San Antonio Fishing Flotilla in March 17, 2019. Flotilla 07-04 Vessel Examiners were in hand at Emanuel AME church to inspect vessels. To qualify as a vessel examiner, one must pass a written exam and complete five supervised inspections yearly. To recertify one must complete two supervised inspections and the five additional to remain current for the year.



2. Auxiliarist Lou Manganiello is shown safety equipment as part of the vessel exam by the boat owner.

3. A San Antonio Fishing Flotilla member showing off the boating safety drawings the children made while Lou Manganiello finishes up a vessel examination.



4. Another drawing of safe boating equipment drawn by one of the children.



Submitted by Auxiliarist Karen Lathrop.

Bravo Zulu to all!

Join the Cost Guard Auxiliary! Our web page: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081-07-04>

"The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard as authorized by the Commandant, in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission, or operation authorized by law."

Please visit the National Join The Auxiliary Web Site join.cgaux.org and fill out the form. Someone will contact you.

	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
	PLAQUE OF MERIT
	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
	AWARD OF OPERATIONAL MERIT
	AWARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE MERIT
	AWARD OF MERIT
	CG SUSTAINED AUXILIARY SERVICE AWARD
	SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD
	COAST GUARD UNIT COMMENDATION
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
	COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION
	*CG AUXILIARY GROUP ACTION AWARD
	COAST GUARD BICENTENNIAL UNIT COMMENDATION

Auxiliary Awards



	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD
	COAST GUARD SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICE RIBBON
	COAST GUARD RECRUITING SERVICE RIBBON
	SPECIALTY TRAINING RIBBON
	OPERATIONS PROGRAM RIBBON
	EXAMINER PROGRAM RIBBON
	INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM RIBBON
	AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP SERVICE RIBBON
	FLOTILLA MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
	*AMOS MEMBER RESOURCES AWARD
	*AMOS VESSEL EXAMINATIONS AWARD
	*AMOS PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD
	*AMOS OPERATIONS AWARD

HISTORY CORNER: D-Day: *How 60 Coast Guard Cutters Saved Over 400 Men On D-Day*



... "0530, accompanied invasion barges into shore under severe shelling attacks and with mines going up all around us. 0730, LCF-31 hit by shell 800 yards off shore, sinking immediately. While engaged in picking up survivors, a shell struck PC-1261, which disintegrated, scattering men and debris over a wide area. While so engaged, shells and bullets were falling nearby, and just after last man picked up, small landing craft only few hundred yards off shore blew up. Proceeded to spot and picked up all living survivors." (CGC-16 Log.) This is how June 6th, 1944, began for the crew of CGC-16. They were part of a group of US Coast Guard patrol boats assigned to the Invasion of Normandy during World War 2.

On paper, their mission was simple: assist any allied ships in distress. In practice, though, it proved to be anything but. The plan to have Coast Guardsmen rescuing ships in the invasion originated only a matter of weeks earlier. President Roosevelt requested that Admiral Ernest M. King, chief of naval operations, create a small group of rescue ships to help lower the casualty count at D-Day. Knowing the Coast Guard had the experience and ships necessary, King then contacted the Coast Guard Commander, Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche.



Waesche selected the 83-foot cutters of the "Matchbox Fleet", small wooden ships used for antisubmarine patrols off the coast. 60 of these small, lightly armored ships were sent over to England to prepare for the invasion. From the very beginning of the action, it was clear nothing would go according to plan. Most of the cutters formed up with the rest of the fleet around 05:30 AM, often to a mixed reception. While some troop ships simply told these small craft to stay back out of the fire, HMS Hind almost fired on four of them.

There was a constant fear of German torpedo boats hindering the invasion, and from a distance, the German and American vessels looked similar. Other vessels, though, understood the usefulness of the small ships and greeted them enthusiastically. And despite the early SNAFUs, these ships proved their worth during the battle. Out of the 60 ships, three especially distinguished themselves.

For the rest of the mission:

Go to this articles source:

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/guard-cutters-saved-400-men-d-day.htm> and

Resources: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpAF3ulwHX>



AUXILIARY SPOTLIGHT

Flotilla 7-4: Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA)

Officials have designated July 27, 2019, as this year's annual Guadalupe River clean up day. The event is a public service event with an emphasis on protecting the environment. Flotilla 7-4 has accepted the UGRA's invitation to attend the event as a participating sponsor, along with many other public service minded organizations and individuals. The event will take place at Flat Rock Park in Kerrville, Texas, and will begin at 10:00 am, and scheduled to last until about noon. The crowd is generally composed of groups of families, scouts, and coworkers. For more information about how and where to volunteer your services, please contact UGRA's Natural Resources Coordinator Tara Bushnoe at (830) 896-5456, ext 227. For more information about Flotilla 07-04's efforts, please contact Ben Rosario, Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Exams, at (830)792-7171.

B-Z: Ben Rosario

Paddle Craft Safe Boating: The Coast Guard Auxiliary **AUXPAD** program helps fill the knowledge gap for novice paddlers. **AUXPAD** consists of two components, **AUXPAD** Ashore and **AUXPAD** Afloat. <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=RB-GROUP&category=paddle-craft-safety>

www.safeboatingcampaign.com www.uscgboating.org

The United States Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG-BSX) has a National Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program. The 2017-2021 Strategic Plan is published on the [uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) webpage. "Every year, more than 70 million Americans participate in recreational boating. Recreational boating has significant economic impacts and is an important part of the American heritage and culture".

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=A-DEPT&category=nsbw>

See Flotilla 7-4 Facebook: Safe Boating proclamations by the Governor of Texas and Mayor of San Antonio

Diversity Corner



National Commodore's Official Policy

It is the policy of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to ensure that all citizens, regardless of *race, gender, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, religion, or physical or mental disability* have an equal opportunity to become a volunteer of this organization. It is after all, part of our mission to become the volunteer organization of choice.

As the National Commodore, I will personally lead the diversity initiatives and challenge all who serve to do the same through leadership, mentorship, service, and example. As someone committed to diversity, I understand that providing training is one of the strategies that helps build an inclusive environment, which is crucial to attracting and retaining top talent, building member engagement, and fostering creativity and innovation. Our Strategic Plan for Managing Diversity will guide us in our efforts towards accomplishing this goal.

Diversity of thoughts, ideas, and competencies of our people, keeps the Auxiliary strong and empowers us to mission readiness and excellence.

Diversity is an imperative to the Auxiliary; it can increase morale and impact our success. In essence every member is responsible for fostering an inclusive team atmosphere and being a contributing part of Team Coast Guard.

The Auxiliary is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment, a journey guided by the deeply held values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, as America's Guardians, we understand that diversity is not a problem to be solved, but is an asset to be developed.

Valuing Diversity Cornerstones

1. Diversity is about inclusion and engagement!
2. The most important issue is always human dignity and total quality respect!
3. Prejudice is eliminated by developing high performance teams!
4. True diversity is ensuring diversity of thought at all levels of the organization!
5. Everyone adds talent and value; each person must be developed and offered full opportunity to achieve!
6. Diversity solutions must be situation specific!
7. Diversity is a philosophy and is everyone's responsibility!

Source: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=D-DEPT&category=diversity-resources>

Meetings, events, and training

06 June 2019 Flotilla Meeting
Training: Uniforms/7029s/7030s

22 June 2019 VE Day at Canyon Lake
And Picnic—

CG Auxiliary 80th Anniversary

08 July 2019 **NO Regular Flotilla Mtg**
Division Meeting, Sector-HQ
Corpus Christi, TX

03 AUG 2019 Flotilla Meeting
CG Birthday Picnic - BSTW Gazebo
1230-1530 Food, Fishing, Swimming

07 SEP 2019 Flotilla Meeting 11-12:30
07-08 SEP 2019 AuxSEA course test

02 NOV 2019 11-12:30 Flotilla Elections
02-03 NOV 2019 AuxCOM course test

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[http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?
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2019 Diversity Holidays: [https://
www.diversitybestpractices.com/2019-
diversity-holidays](https://www.diversitybestpractices.com/2019-diversity-holidays)

FEMA Training Online: [https://
training.fema.gov/](https://training.fema.gov/)

District 8 Website:
[http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?
unit=081](http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=081)

CGAUX.ORG is the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary official web portal.

Follow us online for flotilla date additions, events and changes.

Sea Scouts: [https://seascout.org/
southern-region-news/texas-sea-scout-
academy/](https://seascout.org/southern-region-news/texas-sea-scout-academy/)

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Flotilla 7-4 Website QR Code

Meeting Location:

Blue Skies of Texas West
5100 John Ryan Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78245

1000—1200 hrs.

Mtg followed by training as needed.



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