

# U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY OUTREACH DIRECTORATE



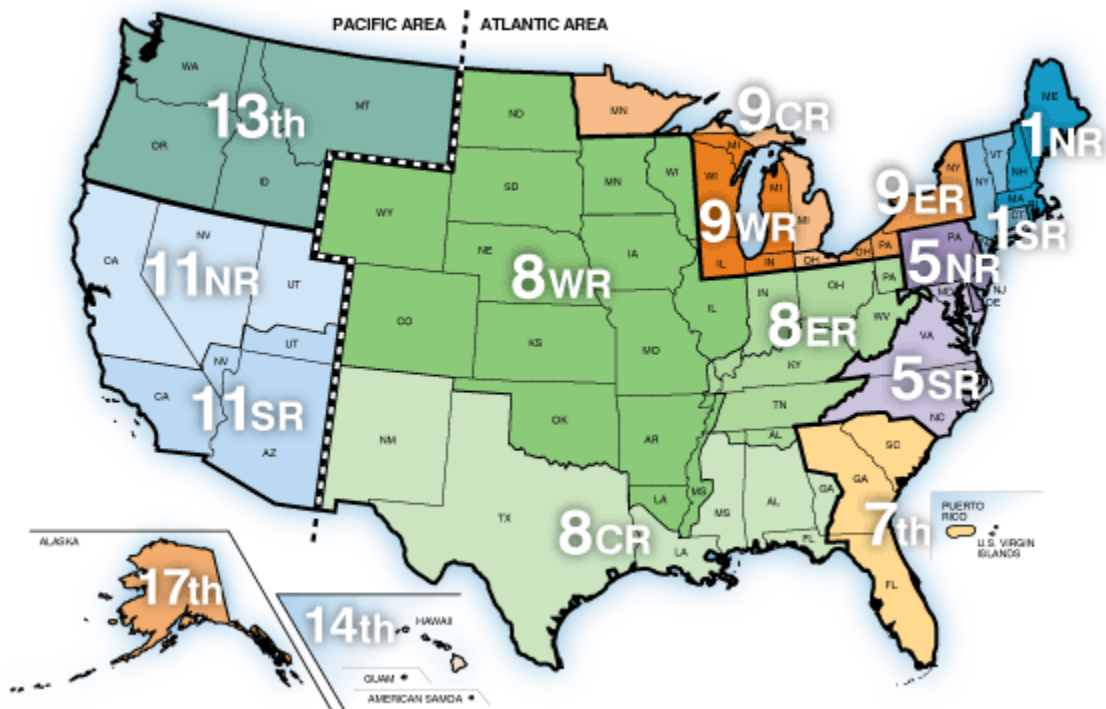
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The purpose of this publication is to furnish information to individuals and groups that need assistance contacting the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for a service.

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### U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AREAS, DISTRICTS AND REGIONS



## INTRODUCTION

The Directory of Services of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a guide for the reader to become acquainted with the capabilities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and its members. The civilian volunteers of the Auxiliary contribute their time and resources to promote the Coast Guard and its missions.

Over thirty-one thousand members strong, the Auxiliary is a major force multiplier in operations for the Coast Guard. Our roles and responsibilities are changing, but our readiness is unwavering.

The Auxiliary's primary function is recreational boating safety. Our boating safety missions operate in alignment with the Coast Guard's national boating safety program. The focus of the Auxiliary programs is to save lives through education in the classroom, on the docks and knowledge through boating partners. The maintenance and growth of the boating safety program portfolio is vital to meeting our mission.

As the Coast Guard Auxiliary enters the second decade of the 21st Century, it has re-examined the role it plays in support of the Coast Guard. In the years following 2001 and the September 11 attacks, the Auxiliary has emphasized maritime security issues with its traditional boating safety missions.

The Auxiliary continues to meet ever-changing needs through increased attention to recreational boating safety, security of our waterways and educating the boating public. We work with other like-minded organizations to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of safety on the water.

Besides boating safety, there are many areas where Auxiliarists are able to assist state and local governments with trained personnel and facilities, including boats, airplanes and radios. One of the Auxiliary's most important assets is its members, who are dedicated to serving their fellow citizens.

Whether it is disaster planning or relief, communications, patrols, examining recreational boats, conducting boating classes, teaching the public or saving lives through search and rescue, Auxiliarists are eager to contribute.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is always looking for new volunteers. You must be an American citizen, 17 years or older, to become a member. As well, all members must pass a background check.

The Coast Guard supervises through a network of Directors of Auxiliary and Coast Guard officers. While the Auxiliary elected leadership provides general supervision, the Director of Auxiliary represents the legal authority enabling Auxiliarists to participate in certain activities. Contact with the Auxiliary may be made through the appropriate Auxiliary unit or a Director of Auxiliary.

This Directory of Services has been established to inform the public and any interested agency about the Auxiliary's capabilities. It cannot list every asset, but it is intended to convey a sense of many of the opportunities available to Auxiliarists. If you think you could lend a hand, contact the Auxiliary, and you will be rewarded with becoming part of an energetic and eager group of dedicated volunteers.

## SECTION 1. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The United States Coast Guard is the nation's oldest seagoing service with its roots dating to 1790. When our nation was born almost all trade was done by ship. It was soon apparent that an organization to ensure safe trade and enforce laws was needed.

Over the years the duties of the Coast Guard have expanded. Today they include search and rescue, national security, boating safety education, aids to navigation, bridge administration, merchant marine safety and ice operations. The Coast Guard aids safety on the high seas and navigable waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

The Coast Guard is authorized by law to develop, establish and operate search and rescue facilities. The Coast Guard is authorized to perform all acts necessary to rescue and

aid persons and save property at any time and at any place where its facilities and personnel are available and effectively used.

The Coast Guard is the world's leading maritime humanitarian safety service and is viewed as a strong contributor to our nation's security as part of the Department of Homeland Security. National security is woven through all its missions, especially maritime law enforcement and its role as one of the five armed forces of the United States.

The Coast Guard is a professional organization whose personnel are proud of their traditions as lifesavers, guardians of the sea and military service. The Coast Guard contributes significantly to our nation's economy as marine cargo remains the primary method for moving trade.

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Boating has been one of America's favorite sporting pastimes and since the early nineteenth century. Rowing and yachting races were among the most popular spectator sports through the 1930s. The wealth generated in post-Civil War America along with the growth of railroads spurred the development of resorts, country homes and the suburbs—all providing places to go boating.

With the development of the single-operator motorboat and the outboard engine at the turn of the twentieth century, the number of recreational boaters skyrocketed. In 1939, the Coast Guard reported that there were more than 300,000 boats operating in federal waters.

In the previous year it received 14,000 calls for assistance and had responded to 8,600

"in peril" cases. It was apparent that boaters needed to be better trained, and civilian yachtsmen were pressing the Coast Guard to establish a volunteer arm of the service.

As a result of these demands, on June 23, 1939, Congress passed legislation that established the Coast Guard Reserve, a volunteer civilian component to promote boating safety and to facilitate Coast Guard operations. Groups of boat owners were organized into flotillas within Coast Guard districts around the country. Members initially conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Act.

When a Coast Guard military reserve was created in Feb. 1941, the volunteer Reserve was renamed the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Following America's entry into World War II in Dec. 1941, recruits flooded into the Auxiliary in a burst of patriotic fever. Legislation in 1942 allowed Auxiliarists to enroll in the Coast Guard Reserve on a part-time, temporary basis. Throughout the war, some 50,000 Auxiliarists constituted the core of the Temporary Reserve membership.

These reservists performed coastal defense and search and rescue duties. They patrolled bridges, factories, docks and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels and conducted anti-submarine warfare. As their ranks grew, thousands of active duty Coast Guard personnel were freed for service overseas.

Following the war, by 1950, the four traditional Auxiliary cornerstone missions of public education, operations, vessel examinations and fellowship had been established. The public education program now trains tens of thousands of boaters in seamanship, piloting, rules of the road and weather, with other topics, annually

Specially qualified coxswain and crew members conduct search and rescue missions in their own boats and support Coast Guard missions. Auxiliary pilots and air observers

search for boaters in distress, floating hazards, pollution spills and ice-locked vessels. Communications watchstanders handle calls at Coast Guard and Auxiliary radio stations.

As well, Vessel Examiners conduct Vessel Safety Checks, which recreational vessels are examined for properly installed federally required equipment and systems.

Under legislation passed in 1996, the Auxiliary's role was expanded to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations. Thus, Auxiliarists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels, flying in C-130 aircraft, working in Coast Guard offices and crewing with regular Coast Guardsmen.

The three components of the service—active duty Coast Guardsmen, Reservists and Auxiliarists—truly constitute Team Coast Guard.

During the past decades, the Auxiliary has continued to grow in membership, which today totals more than 30,000 members in the United States and its territories. Training is held at every level. Leadership and management, award programs and data systems ensure a high level of professionalism.

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## SECTION 2. MISSIONS AND PROGRAMS

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### Academy Admissions Partners

Auxiliarists are authorized to assist the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with recruitment of cadet candidates. This assignment includes counseling high school students, attending college fairs and participating in the Academy Introduction Mission Week each summer at the Academy.

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### Coast Guard Administrative Support

Auxiliarists are authorized to augment administrative functions of Coast Guard units.

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### Aids to Navigation

Qualified Auxiliarists are authorized to support and augment the Coast Guard's aids-to-navigation program. This involves verifying the position and characteristics of private aids to navigation after qualifying as an aid verifier. Members assist and support aids-to-navigation units in servicing federal aids after receiving Coast Guard training.

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### America's Waterway Watch Program

Individuals and families are invited to participate in this program, a nationwide initiative similar to the neighborhood watch that asks community members to report suspicious activities to local law enforcement agencies.

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### Bridge Administration

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities are authorized to augment bridge surveys:

- To provide information regarding waterways safety and navigation situations relevant to the bridge program.
- To provide direct assistance and support to bridge program staff.

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### Caribbean Maritime Search and Rescue

This mission was created to enhance the security and safety of life at sea in the Caribbean. It is achieved by strengthening Coast Guard volunteers and non-governmental organizations that provide search-and-rescue and other support. This frees up government forces to better focus on law enforcement and security missions.

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### Contingency Preparedness

Qualified Auxiliarists are authorized to provide platforms and personnel for defense and non-defense exercises. Auxiliarists and their operational facilities may also provide support as unarmed opposition forces. Qualified Auxiliarists are authorized to develop plans and to support contingency response operations for disasters and lesser incidents.

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### Merchant Mariner Licensing

Qualified Auxiliarists are authorized to administer merchant mariner license examinations in remote areas, conduct oversight of approved maritime training courses and provide administrative support for the marine licensing program at the local level.

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### Marine Environmental Protection

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities assist with marine environmental protection and safety programs. Auxiliarists may provide facilities and personnel for public education, pollution prevention activities and for environmental disaster relief operations.

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### Coast Guard Operational Support

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities are authorized to support Coast Guard units.

Auxiliarists must be qualified per current Coast Guard manual and directive provisions and must serve under the active duty unit commander's direction.

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### Port Safety and Security

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities are authorized to support the port safety and security program for:

- Surveillance and reporting.
- Harbor and anchorage patrols.
- Port facility and vessel verification visits.
- Aircraft over-flights.
- Administrative support.

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### Public Affairs Support

Auxiliarists are authorized to support both Coast Guard and Auxiliary public affairs.

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### Public Education

The public education mission is twofold:

- Boating safety education to the public to reduce loss of life, personal injury and property damage by boaters.
- To deliver quality training and materials to support our instructors at every level.

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### Recreational Boating Safety

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities may support recreational boating safety by:

- Conducting public education.
- Performing Vessel Safety Checks.
- Participating in state-liaison programs.
- Conducting marine program visitations.

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### Coast Guard Recruiting

Auxiliarists may qualify as recruiters to support the Coast Guard's recruiting program. This assignment includes qualification as a

military recruiter, proctoring recruiting examinations and administrative assistance to recruiting offices.

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### Search and Rescue

Qualified Auxiliarists and their facilities are authorized to assist the Coast Guard in support of search and rescue operations. These duties include search planning, search operations and the conduct of rescues at sea.

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### Training for Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts

Auxiliary members are authorized to provide shore side and underway training to Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts. This is under a program that is an outgrowth of the Auxiliary's Memorandum of Understanding with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and its Memorandum of Agreement with the Boy Scouts of America.

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### Vessel Inspections

Qualified Auxiliarists assist the Coast Guard in marine inspection missions that include:

- Supporting accident investigations.
- Conducting barge inspections.
- Providing remote area surveillance.
- Examining uninspected passenger vessels and commercial fishing vessels.
- Providing administrative support.

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### Waterways Management

Qualified Auxiliarists are authorized to assist in Coast Guard waterways management mission areas by providing:

- Platforms and unarmed personnel for the Coast Guard and other agencies.
- Input into the analysis process.
- Administrative program support.



## SECTION 3. EXPANDED DESCRIPTION OF SELECTED PROGRAMS

### ADMINISTRATION

Under the direction of the Coast Guard, the membership of the Auxiliary is organized with four levels of administration and supervisory responsibility. These levels are national, district/regional division and flotilla. Officers responsible for unit administration are elected at each level. These officers in turn appoint staff officers to assist in carrying out Auxiliary missions.

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#### National

The Auxiliary has national officers who are responsible, along with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, for the administration and policy-making for the entire Auxiliary. These officers make the National Executive Committee, which is composed of the Chief Director of Auxiliary, National Commodore, Vice National Commodore and the Deputy National Commodores.

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#### District

Divisions are organized in districts comparable to the Coast Guard districts. The district

structure provides administrative support to divisions, and promotes policies of both the District Commander and National Executive Committee. All districts are governed by a District Commodore, aided by a District Chief of Staff and District Captains.

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#### Division

For maximum administrative effectiveness in Auxiliary programs, Flotillas are grouped into divisions. The division provides administrative, training and supervisory support to flotillas, and promotes district policy. Each division is headed by a Division Commander and Vice Division Commander, and usually consists of five or more flotillas.

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#### Flotilla

The flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary, and which principally carry out Auxiliary program activities. Every Auxiliarist is a member of a local flotilla. Each flotilla is headed by a Flotilla Commander and Vice Flotilla Commander.

### AMERICA'S WATERWAYS WATCH

America's Waterway Watch is a combined effort of the Coast Guard and its Reserve and Auxiliary components, and continues to grow. It enlists the active participation of those who live, work or play around America's waterfront areas. Coast Guard Reserve personnel concentrate on connecting with businesses and government agencies, while Auxiliarists focus on building America's Waterway Watch awareness among the recreational boating public.

If you are a tow boat operator, a recreational boater, a marina operator or otherwise live, work or engage in activities around America's waterways, the Coast Guard wants your help in keeping these areas safe and secure. You can do this by participating in America's Waterway Watch. This initiative is similar to neighborhood watch, and asks community members to report suspicious activities to local law enforcement agencies. For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/aww.php](http://cgaux.org/aww.php)



## AUGMENTATION

Coast Guard forces are comprised of Active Duty, Reserve, civilian and Auxiliary personnel. Reservists and Auxiliarists must be qualified to work at certain jobs, determined by the active duty Commanding Officer.

Reservists and Auxiliarists can augment active-duty units, such as stations, vessels or aircraft. Auxiliarists may be employed on any Coast Guard mission, except those dealing with law enforcement or military actions.

## MEMBER TRAINING

The core responsibility of Auxiliary training is to provide advanced leadership training for our members. Training serves our members by designing innovative and effective performance solutions that enable members to achieve their personal goals. It also supports the myriad of boating safety and operational missions and provide valuable assistance in protecting our shoreline and the nation.

Appropriate and effective training of our members is the key to a highly evolved, dynamic, effective and efficient organization. Training enables us to become valuable partners with the Coast Guard, helping them meet mission objectives. Also, we meet our

commitment to be of service not only to the maritime community, but also our community as a whole.

The Auxiliary is closely aligned with our parent organization, the Coast Guard, and its members are constantly training to be mission-ready and mission-capable.

We also develop training materials that provide the essential tools for strong leadership for the administration of all our programs. The Auxiliary provides the highest quality learning opportunities to our members. For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/training/](http://cgaux.org/training/)

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

The Vessel Safety Check is a service provided to owners or operators of privately owned recreational boats, certain federal, state and local government owned boats, and certain other boats which do not come under the provisions of the Coast Guard inspection and certification program.

Only those Auxiliarists and partner organizations, such as the U.S. Power Squadrons and several state agencies, who have been qualified as Vessel Examiners may conduct Vessel Safety Checks. A vessel safety check will be conducted only with the consent, and in the presence, of the owner or operator of a vessel. It is used as an educational service to

the boating public, and to encourage boaters to carry valuable lifesaving equipment.

If a boat does not pass a Vessel Safety Check, no violation is made to the Coast Guard or to any law enforcement agency. The intent of the Vessel Safety Check program is to ensure that the vessel is compliant with federal and state equipment requirements. In addition, the Vessel Examiner will recommend certain additional safety items and will discuss safe boating practices.

The Vessel Safety Check actively promotes boating safety by using trained Auxiliary and other partner volunteers to educate the

boater through a face-to-face boating safety information exchange with the operator. It also provides instruction on equipment to be carried on board and other matters affecting safety. Equipment regulations and Auxiliary

Vessel Safety Check requirements are explained as well as other matters of boating safety interest.

For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/vsc](http://cgaux.org/vsc)

## TRAINING SEA CADETS AND SEA SCOUTS

Coast Guard Auxiliary members are authorized to provide shore side and underway training to Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts. This is under a program that is an outgrowth of the Auxiliary Memorandum of Understanding with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and our Memorandum of Agreement with the Boy Scouts of America.

The training provided includes standard Auxiliary boat crew and coxswain training that is already a part of Sea Cadet and Sea Scout training programs. This includes activities such as preparing a vessel to get underway,

docking the vessel, operating the vessel, anchoring and safety drills.

Training is provided by Auxiliary boat crew selected for their ability to mentor boat crew and coxswain trainees, many having prior experience working with youth or younger trainees. Sea Scouts and Sea Cadets will be provided with the same personal protective equipment as Auxiliarists, including appropriate life jackets. For more information, go to: [auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/dw/doku.php?id=providing\\_shoreside\\_and\\_underway\\_training\\_opportunities](http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/dw/doku.php?id=providing_shoreside_and_underway_training_opportunities)

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

The mission of public education in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is twofold:

- To provide exceptional boating safety education to the American public with the aim of reducing loss of life, personal injury and property damage to recreational boaters.
- To deliver quality training, resources and timely materials in support of our flotilla instructors and public education staff officers at every level.

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### ABOUT BOATING SAFETY

About Boating Safety is for the new boater or one who wants to update his/her skills. This 6-to-8-hour, beginner class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states.

Many boat insurance companies offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safety.

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### BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP

The Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The 13th edition features all new, full-color graphics and updated text. To meet requirements, Chapters 1-8 and Appendix A must be taught, with the addition of your state specific boating laws.

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### WEEKEND NAVIGATOR

Weekend Navigator teaches core concepts of coastal piloting using training charts and classroom exercises. It concentrates on the

use of electronic equipment as an asset in the piloting process. Students who complete this course have confidence in their charting and piloting skills as they go boating and can better utilize the electronic equipment available on their boats.

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### SAILING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP

Sailing Skills and Seamanship teaches the fundamentals of sailing. The core Chapters 1-10 provide the boater with basic information about sailing and safety on the water. The second part, Chapters 11-16, provides the students with additional abilities necessary for a safe return to shore.

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### SHORT COURSES

The Auxiliary offers several short courses for both the new and more seasoned boater:

- GPS For Mariners.
- Safe Operation of Personal Water Craft.
- Paddlesports America.
- Suddenly in Command.
- How to Read a Nautical Chart.

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### YOUTH COURSES

Two youth courses, Waypoints (For children in grades 5 and up) and Boating Fun (for children in grades 1-4) teach future boaters the basic principles of boating safety.

Each year, thousands of youth attend these classes and you, your family and friends are invited to become better boaters by enrolling in these courses. Enroll today and boat smart from the start! For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/boatinged](http://cgaux.org/boatinged)

## RESPONSE OPERATIONS

Response programs are a force multiplier for the Coast Guard, helping to secure our homeland and assist the boating public. This includes the traditional search-and-rescue missions where lives and property are assisted or saved.

Providing this level of direct Coast Guard operational support is a demanding activity where qualified Auxiliarists may use their knowledge, skills and facilities in an active and satisfying manner. On the water, Auxiliary vessels under orders are marked with patrol sign-boards bearing the red slash of the Coast Guard and fly the distinctive Auxiliary white and red Patrol Ensign.

These privately-owned boats and aircraft become Coast Guard assets and are no longer simply civilian facilities. These crews are trained to rigorous standards, prepared to

meet the challenges of a variety of situations, including emergencies.

Auxiliary members actively contribute to the nation on the water, in the skies and shore side as well. These shore side activities take advantage of the local knowledge that Auxiliary members have about their community. Auxiliary members are aiding the Coast Guard in vehicles, on bicycles and on foot as monitoring the infrastructure of the ports and waterways.

Many Auxiliarists have been trained to a very high standard in Coast Guard training programs and participate in teams with other Coast Guard or Auxiliary members, assessing port facilities and other infrastructure elements. Auxiliarists can also patrol to keep a watchful eye on the marinas, yacht clubs, boat ramps, rental agencies, dive shops and

other areas where the recreational boater and the boating industry meet.

The knowledge and experience of the Auxiliarist is ideally suited to making observations

and partnering with the Coast Guard to help insure the safety of the ports, waterways and coastal areas of this country. For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/response](http://cgaux.org/response)

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Coast Guard Auxiliary uses MF/HF/VHF communications on vessels, aircraft, mobile-land units and fixed-land units. For an Auxiliarist to operate radio equipment not on a vessel on Auxiliary business, the radio must meet certain Coast Guard requirements, and the Auxiliarist must complete a Coast Guard qualification standard.

Auxiliarists and facilities meeting all these requirements are members of a Coast Guard district telecommunications system and are considered “Government Stations” when

conducting official business. Auxiliarists will receive and transmit information about waterway dangers or problems, overdue vessels and other official communications in the geographic area of a Coast Guard Station.

Auxiliary radio facilities, during emergencies, coordinate with other government services, the Military Affiliate Radio Service and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Use of amateur radio service is available during emergencies and disasters. For more information, go to: [cgaux.org/response](http://cgaux.org/response)

## RBS PROGRAM VISITATION

The program visitation’s intent is to save lives and property by providing marine related businesses with boating safety information, and by providing a point of contact for boaters. Customers visiting these businesses will be able to obtain the most up-to-date boating safety and security literature and information on Vessel Safety Check stations and public education courses. The main objectives of the visitation program are:

- To establish and/or enhance working relations between businesses, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary.

- To utilize the business as the contact point for making the boating public more aware of state and federal requirements for boating safety.
- To provide information regarding Auxiliary public education courses, Vessel Safety Checks and Auxiliary membership.
- To distribute Coast Guard and Auxiliary handout materials.
- To provide liaison between the business and the Coast Guard.

For more information go to: [vdept.cgaux.org](http://vdept.cgaux.org)

## CHART UPDATING

In 1962, the National Ocean Service and the Coast Guard entered into an agreement for mutual assistance. The National Ocean Service agreed to furnish each participating

Auxiliary flotilla with a set of charts of its area of responsibility. In return, the Auxiliary agreed to report data useful for chart corrections to National Ocean Service.

The personal knowledge of those in the Auxiliary resulting from frequent operation in their areas is vital to the chart certification activities of the Coast & Geodetic Survey.

The purpose of this cooperation program is to properly report all current chart revision information. For more information go to: [pdept.cgaux.org](http://pdept.cgaux.org)

## RECRUITING SUPPORT SERVICES

The Auxiliary assists the Coast Guard Recruiting Command and Coast Guard Academy Admissions by referring young people with an interest in Coast Guard careers. In addition, qualified members of the Auxiliary augment active duty recruiting staff in branch offices around the country. Others are authorized as part of the Academy Admissions Partner Program.

Academy Admissions Partners directly support cadet recruitment in a variety of ways that include orientation and counseling of

high school students, attendance at college fairs and participation in the Academy Introduction Mission. Three one-week sessions of the mission are held each summer at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London.

Participation by Auxiliarists as Academy Admissions Partners requires successful completion of program requirements as recognized by the Coast Guard Academy Director of Admissions. Information concerning the Academy Partners Program can be found at: [uscga.edu/partners](http://uscga.edu/partners)

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SERVICES

The Information Technology Group is responsible for the planning and dissemination of information at all levels of the Auxiliary through the supervision and direction of:

- AUXDATA, a centralized database information system.
- AUXINFO, a reports retrieval system.

- Auxiliary national internet web sites and other electronic media.

For the Auxiliary, web pages and email communications offer a special potential, not only to communicate internally, but also for communications to the boating public. The Auxiliary has an official website at: [cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org)

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Auxiliary public affairs is charged with promoting greater awareness of all missions of the Auxiliary, including in recreational boating safety and maritime domain awareness.

Specialists in multimedia provide graphics, video and website services. Media relations experts gather newsworthy stories from local Auxiliarists, produce news releases, prepare feature articles and support flotillas in their media relations efforts.

Special projects include National Safe Boating Week, community outreach, and contests among photographers, public affairs and internal publications. Coastie the Safety Boat seeks to ensure that youngsters across the nation build safe boating habits early. Public affairs also preserves the history of Auxiliary activities.

For more information, go to: [auxpa.org](http://auxpa.org)

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

National Safe Boating Week has been expanded to encompass the entire year. Because Canada, our neighbor to the north, has joined the event, the campaign is now called the North American Safe Boating Campaign. The campaign is centered on a week's activity just before Memorial Day in May.

There are eight partners involved with the National Safe Boating Week campaign: the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Safe Boating Council, Boat U.S. Foundation and Canadian Safe Boating Council.

Auxiliary units organize appropriate activities, such as boating safety booths, Vessel Safety Check blitzes, public affairs activities, demonstrations and programs with other

boating organizations. These efforts are aimed at the boating public to increase their awareness of safe boating practices. It is a great opportunity to publicize the Auxiliary's programs, vessel safety exams and safe boating classes, as well as membership in the Auxiliary.

Auxiliarists work with their local media to promote these events. Campaign materials are available for order by flotillas and divisions. These materials include posters, handouts, billboards, and media releases. They are designed to provide appropriate news items throughout the year, not only for the special events of the week. Many great initiatives have been used to turn attention to safe boating practices.

For more information go to: [safeboating-campaign.com](http://safeboating-campaign.com)

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Auxiliary human resources is responsible for developing membership growth and retention in the Auxiliary. It has oversight over programs used to increase pride of being a member of the Auxiliary, to increase diversity in the Auxiliary membership and to develop work/life programs for members. Human resources also identifies and maintains a list of prospective members for staff positions at all levels of the Auxiliary.

Auxiliary human resources processes prospective member hits on the national website and notifies the nearest flotilla in order to establish channels of communication and follow up with prospective members. Citizens of the U.S. who are at least 17 years of age, interested in membership, may contact the Auxiliary through either [join.cgaux.org](http://join.cgaux.org) or [hdept.cgaux.org](http://hdept.cgaux.org)

## MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Auxiliary's prevention mission is responsible for the administration of programs to support the Coast Guard's prevention programs. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Marine environmental response.
- Port safety and security inspections.
- Commercial vessel safety and security inspections.
- Container inspection assistance.
- Licensing, documentation and course audits for mariners.

- Public affairs.
- Area contingency planning.
- Waterways management.
- America's Waterways Watch.
- Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement database support.
- Environmental education.

As such, we assist and augment the Coast Guard's vital role, ensuring the safety and environmental protection of our nation's waterway resources. The Auxiliary is dedicated, vigilant and ready to engage this mission on behalf of our fellow citizens.

The prevention mission's programs provide needs-based support to prevention activities

of the Coast Guard based on local requirements and member capabilities. This is accomplished by providing training, expert resources and field technical support to Auxiliary members and local units as well as to Coast Guard units. The training required by members in order to participate in these programs is unique and extensive and includes both courses and on-the-job training.

The most significant individual achievement is the qualification of an Auxiliarist to wear the Auxiliary's Trident Device which signifies substantial training, service and acquisition of personal skills in the prevention field. For more information, go to: [pdept.cgaux.org](http://pdept.cgaux.org)

## AUXILIARY INTERPRETER CORPS

The Auxiliary Interpreter Corps provides support to various Coast Guard missions. The Interpreter Corps involves over 400 proficient Auxiliary interpreters who serve authorized Coast Guard missions supporting over 40 foreign languages.

Auxiliary Interpreters serve on cutters from the Caribbean to the Bering Sea, as well as on foreign tours, search and rescue, training events and incident investigations. They also assist in translating documents. For more information, go to: [icdept.cgaux.org](http://icdept.cgaux.org)