



United States Coast Guard
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FM: CHDIRAUX
TO: ALAUX
ALAUX 021/23

Subj: OPERATION DRY WATER

1. The purpose of this ALAUX is to provide notice of the 2023 Operation Dry Water (ODW) heightened awareness and enforcement weekend and to encourage maximum participation from Coast Guard units. This year, ODW will take place Saturday, July 1, 2023, through Monday, July 3, 2023.
 2. Alcohol use continues to be the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating-related deaths. ODW directly supports the National Recreational Boating Safety Program's efforts to eliminate alcohol and drug-related marine accidents and casualties. The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety's Boating Safety Division, (CG-BSX-2), in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and many other members of the boating safety community, will help coordinate this nationwide event.
 3. Please read ALCOAST 138/23, OPERATION DRY WATER, for more information about ODW and what you can do to help your local Coast Guard units. The ALCOAST is attached to this message for your convenience. "Please boat safely."
 4. Internet release is authorized.
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For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email CGAUX@uscg.mil.

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A. 2021 Recreational Boating Statistics, COMDTPUB P16754.35

B. U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Manual (MLEM),
COMDTINST M16247.1H

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2. Alcohol use continues to be the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating-related deaths (18% in 2020 and 16% in 2021 per REF (A); 2022 data will be released later this month). ODW directly supports the National Recreational Boating Safety Program's efforts to eliminate alcohol and drug-related marine accidents and casualties.

3. COMDT (CG-BSX-2), in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and many other members of the boating safety community, will help coordinate this nationwide event. Maritime law enforcement agencies throughout the Federal government and the 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia ("States") will intensify boating under the influence (BUI) awareness and enforcement through increased patrols and established sobriety checkpoints. In 2022, all States participated in the ODW event. Over 7,800 maritime law enforcement officers representing 630 agencies and their local units nationwide, including 177 Coast Guard law enforcement units, made contact with 350,472 boaters on 126,832 recreational vessels. Federal, state, and local maritime law enforcement officers made 794 arrests for BUI. Additionally, there were 11,869 citations and 33,198 warnings for other boating related safety violations during the three-day weekend.

4. Operations permitting:

a. Coast Guard units are encouraged to partner with state boating law administrators and local law enforcement agencies. Participation must be consistent with Area and District Commanders' direction. Units are reminded that BUI enforcement is to be conducted in conjunction with normal law enforcement operations. Thus, Coast Guard blockades or other checkpoints designed to specifically detect intoxicated operators will not be conducted. However, that does not preclude Coast Guard units from assisting and participating alongside law enforcement partners in establishing blockades or checkpoints. Review REF (B) to ensure compliance with current Coast Guard policy.

b. Sector PAO's are encouraged to coordinate ODW promotional activities for events within their AOR.

5. Units planning to participate in this year's event:

a. To ensure that participation by Coast Guard units is

accurately captured, units participating must register at their earliest opportunity:

(Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)

<https://www.nasbla.org/operationdrywater/enforcement/register-report>

To help prevent double counting and provide accurate reporting, participating units are reminded to report all persons aboard each vessel contacted and submit individual unit reports vice combined Sector totals.

b. At the conclusion of the ODW event, units must fill out the online report form on the ODW website within 30 days of the completion of ODW. An example report form is posted at:

(Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)

<https://www.nasbla.org/operationdrywater/enforcement/register-report>

Units must not submit the paper form for official reporting.

c. For the "Vessels contacted" measure on the reporting form, Coast Guard units should only count boardings.

6. Units that achieve high numbers of vessel contacts, boater contacts, BUIs detected, and/or media contacts made will be recognized in a subsequent message once ODW results are tabulated from information submitted to the ODW website.

7. Units having additional questions or wishing to participate in this operation are encouraged to contact their respective District Recreational Boating Safety Specialist for guidance in coordinating efforts.

8. POC: Mr. Brian Moore, COMDT (CG-BSX-2), (301) 535-7781 or Brian.M.Moore@uscg.mil.

9. RDML Wayne Arguin, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), sends.

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