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*U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary*

*"America's Volunteer Lifesavers"®*

### PURPOSE

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, primarily the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety Mission. Over twenty-Seven thousand (27,000) members strong, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary continues to be a major force multiplier in normal and surge operations for the US Coast Guard. Our roles and responsibilities are changing, but our readiness is unwavering. The Auxiliary is the driving force behind the Coast Guard's boating safety initiatives. Carrying the flag for public awareness about boating safety and the maritime community in the classroom, on the boat ramp or in the press, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary strives for excellence in all of the educational outreach initiatives.

Adapting to the changes in the post 9/11 era, the operational forces continue to provide superior support to the Coast Guard commands across the country. The Auxiliary workforce places a high value on operational excellence, training to the standards of our active duty counterparts and ready to assist a disabled boater or provide disaster response. We are a visible operational presence in our ports, waterways and coastal areas in vehicles, vessels and aircraft. Our knowledge and understanding of these areas allows for astute observational capability, and make us uniquely qualified to contribute to Maritime Domain Awareness. Whether in the classroom, doing vessel safety checks, inspecting a port facility or on patrol, Maritime Domain Awareness permeates our activities.

New Direction for the Auxiliary makes a firm commitment that the Auxiliary will provide its membership, the Coast Guard and the country, not just a continuation of the superior level of service that the Auxiliary has provided these past 68 years, but a bold enhancement of that service to include an entirely new set of actions and directions in support of America's Maritime Homeland Security. The Auxiliary is at work on a transformation from an organization which was solely concerned with maritime safety to one which gives equal attention to maritime security. Furthermore, it affirms our efforts to achieve an optimal balance between traditional boating safety missions and emerging homeland security requirements.

Besides boating safety, there are many areas where Auxiliarists may be able to assist state and local governments with trained people and facilities including boats, airplanes, and radios. One of the most important assets of the Auxiliary is its people power, 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 youngsters or saving lives Auxiliarists are eager to contribute. They come trained, tested and qualified to help.

The Auxiliary is always looking for volunteers, American citizens 17 years or older, to become members. Since 2004, all members must pass a background check; the level of background check depends upon in which programs the member participates. Members who participate in Operational Support activities are fingerprinted and checked for felony convictions. Members participating in Direct Operational activities undergo a more detailed background review. Auxiliarists are eager to serve, and are more than willing to assist people or agencies to accomplish a joint effort. The Coast Guard supervises the Auxiliary through a network of Directors of Auxiliary, regular Coast Guard officers assigned to districts or regions. 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 capabilities of the Auxiliary. Obviously, it cannot list every asset, but it is meant to convey the main things Auxiliarists do. If you or your group thinks the Auxiliary could lend a hand to you or your activity, contact the Auxiliary, and you will be rewarded with an energetic and eager group of dedicated volunteers.

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**FOREWORD**

The purpose of this publication is to furnish information to those who would need assistance in contacting the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for a service to the recreational boating public. There are three (3) sections to this document:

**SECTION I**, A thought provoking list of services and activities of the Auxiliary.

**SECTION II**, Addresses the History of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to expose the type and depth of the Coast Guard Auxiliary organization. It also provides a narrative of services available through some of the mission areas of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, to include details about Operation Patriot Readiness I [ OPR I ], as well as a web link to view various goals and objectives associated with OPR III. Some of those OPR III goals and objectives include, but are not limited to:

1. District Facility Mapping,
2. Standard Operations (MARSEC 1),
3. Surge Operations (MARSEC 2 & 3),
4. Readiness Exercises,
5. RBS Initiatives,
6. AUXPAL (Auxiliary Personnel Allowance List),
7. Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Support.

**SECTION III** Offers a chart of Administrative Districts and Regions to help identify geographical areas of Auxiliary activity. Lists of Auxiliary State Liaison Officers and District Directors of Auxiliary are provided as an avenue of contact to the Flotilla nearest the location where the service is needed. In this publication you will find there are many ways to contact the Coast Guard Auxiliary using telephone, fax, radio, e-mail and personal contact. You are likely to find Auxiliaries at boat shows, safe boating classes, local marinas, vessel examination locations and public activities where marine affairs are promoted.

**MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS**

Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) is an evolving concept that has emerged as the United States seeks to improve the safety and security of its citizens in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 (9/11).

In December 2002, the Coast Guard published its “Maritime Strategy for Homeland Security,” which established key objectives and means to achieve them to mitigate the risks associated with threats to our Nation’s maritime security and to prevent terrorist attacks. The primary components of this strategy include awareness of threats and vulnerabilities, prevention and protection against these threats, and response to potential attacks.

Awareness is clearly a key component, because the success of prevention, protection, and response clearly requires awareness. **Maritime Domain Awareness is defined as “the effective understanding of anything associated with the global maritime environment that could impact the security, safety, economy or environment of the United States.”**

MDA is deeply embedded in every Coast Guard and Auxiliary mission. Auxiliary missions act as an effective force multiplier, broadening the reach of Coast Guard forces in the vital task of providing safety and security on America’s waterways.

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## **SECTION I, 1-1 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

**PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Classes on boating techniques and safety offered on a scheduled basis throughout the year. Special classes are available to meet local needs, including **YOUTH CLASSES:** Classes designed to educate children, K-3, boating safety and water safety.

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS:** Free safety checks offered to recreational boaters on their boats, for their benefit. Not reported to Coast Guard or local law enforcement.

**MULTI-MISSION PATROLS:** Surface patrols on navigable and local waters to promote safety awareness, assist boaters in distress, save lives and property and perform disaster relief operations as well as air patrols to provide logistical support, Search and Rescue (SAR) missions, and Maritime Safety & Marine Observation missions.

**REGATTA SUPPORT MISSION:** Assist sponsors of large marine events in crowd control and spectator safety.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION:** Provide audits on federal and private aids to navigation.

**MARITIME SAFETY & MARINE OBSERVATION MISSION:** Surveys of docking and fleeting areas for safety and environmental concerns.

**RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY VISITORS PROGRAM:** Assist marine dealers, marinas and the recreational boating community with safety information, access to Coast Guard resources for recalls and consumer complaints.

**BASIC & ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATION:** Classes designed to educate the boater on the finer points of navigation over the water.

**CHART UPDATING:** A program designed to update nautical charts.

**COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL INSPECTIONS:** A program designed to help commercial fishermen meet inspection requirements.

**BOAT SHOW SAFETY BOOTHS:** Setting up and staffing boat show safety booths, answering questions from attendees, and handing out safety literature,

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** Activities include participating in parades, doing public appearances and demonstrations, speakers bureaus, writing articles and news releases.

**LOCAL WATER COUNCILS:** Participate on local water councils, dealing with water and boating safety issues, conflicts of interest, and waterways management.

**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK:** Extended to year round activity, but with a kick off week in preparation for boating season. Seeks contributing partners in boating safety.

**COAST GUARD, STATE, AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE.** Providing a variety of assistance to governmental agencies, such as watch standers, communication stations, logistical help, translators, and administrative assistance. The Auxiliary is able to augment disaster-planning committees.

**PERSONNEL SERVICES:** The Personnel Services responsibilities include the basic human resources functions which include the recruiting and processing of new members, processing Personnel Security Investigations, the retention of current members, conducting the diversity program to encourage recruiting and retention of non-traditional members and functional expertise in uniforms and protocol. Personnel Services supports all Auxiliary missions which in the current environment make this organization a key player in maritime homeland defense.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** Using land and mobile facilities, able to set up and staff radios to provide or supplement telecommunication nets.

**SECTION II, 2-1**  
**THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

The United States Coast Guard is the nation's oldest continuous seagoing service. It is over 200 years old. When our nation was born almost all trade was done by ship. Immediately there became a need for an organization to ensure safe transportation and enforce U. S. law. The roots of the U. S. Coast Guard date back to 1790. Over the years the duties of the Coast Guard have expanded. Today they include Search and Rescue, National Security, Boating Safety, Aids to Navigation, Bridge Administration, Merchant Marine Safety and Ice Operations. The Coast Guard promotes safety on, over, and under the high seas and navigable waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The Coast Guard is authorized by law to develop, establish, maintain and operate search and rescue facilities. The Coast Guard is authorized to perform any-and-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 can be effectively used. However, there is no legal duty for the Coast Guard to undertake any particular rescue mission. The Coast Guard is the world's leading maritime humanitarian safety service and is viewed as a strong contributor to our nation's security. National security is woven through all of 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 a military service. Further, the Coast Guard contributes significantly to our national economy, as marine transportation remains the primary method of trade movement today. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the U.S. Coast Guard moved from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security.

**SECTION II, 2-2**  
**THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary traces its beginning back to June 23, 1939, when the United States Congress enacted "The Coast Guard Reserve Act of 1939". In February 1941 a new act created the Military Reserve and renamed the original Reserve the "Coast Guard Auxiliary". The act provided that the Auxiliary shall be composed of citizens of the United States, and that the purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard; to further interest of safety of life at sea and upon navigable waters; ... to promote efficiency in operation of motorboats and yachts; ...to foster a wide knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts; ... to facilitate other operations of the United States Coast Guard. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary moved with the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security.

By conducting a wide variety of Patrols and Search & Rescue Missions, lives and property are saved. Operations are a demanding activity where qualified Auxiliarists may use their knowledge, skills and facilities in an active and satisfying manner. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer civilian organization under the direction and administration of the Coast Guard. The functions of the Auxiliary include promotion of safety and support to active duty units.

The Auxiliary operational facilities are excellent resources, which can, within their capabilities, enhance the Coast Guard's ability to respond to maritime emergencies. The Auxiliary has a proud tradition of support to the Coast Guard and helping mariners needing assistance on the water. "The purpose and future mission of the Coast Guard 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" (From the Coast Guard Act of 1995/1996).

## **SECTION II, 2-3 ADMINISTRATION MISSION**

Under the administration of the Coast Guard, the membership of the Auxiliary is organized with four levels of administration and supervisory responsibility. These levels are Flotilla, Division, District and National. Officers responsible for unit administration and supervision are elected at each level. These officers in turn appoint staff officers to assist in carrying out Auxiliary missions.

**THE FLOTILLA**, initial charter requires at least fifteen Basically Qualified members and is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and the working level that translates programs into action. Each Flotilla is headed by a Flotilla Commander.

**THE DIVISION**, five or more Flotillas in the same general geographic area are grouped into Divisions. The Division provides administrative and training support to Flotillas. A Division is headed by a Division Captain.

**THE DISTRICT** is composed of Divisions that are organized into Districts that are comparable to the Coast Guard Districts and must be assigned the same District number. A District Commodore heads each Auxiliary District or Region.

**NATIONAL**, the highest level of administration contains National Elected Officers and a National Staff. The Auxiliary is headed by the National Commodore. The National Elected Officers and National Staff make up the Auxiliary Headquarters organization, which maintains general supervisory authority over all Auxiliary programs.

## **SECTION II, 2-4 AUGMENTATION MISSION**

Coast Guard forces are comprised of Active Duty, Reserve, civilian and Auxiliary people. The Coast Guard District Commander determines which units shall be employed for various missions. Reservists and Auxiliarists must be trained and found competent to work at certain jobs, determined by the active duty Commanding Officer. Reservists and Auxiliarists can augment active duty units, replace active duty personnel and be employed on or at regular units, such as Stations, vessels or aircraft. Auxiliarists may be employed on any Coast Guard mission except those dealing directly with law enforcement or military actions at the discretion of the Coast Guard.

### **SECTION II, 2-4(a) OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS MISSION**

As a result of the 9/11/01 national tragedy, the Auxiliary (USCGAUX) has been tasked with and responded to the Coast Guard's need for additional support. The main thrust of this support has occurred under the Operation Patriot mission. This is best described from the actual "All Coast Guard" COMDTNOTE 16790, which follows:

1. Following the events of 11 Sep 2001, thousands of Coast Guard Auxiliarists have provided support to Coast Guard forces during maritime security (MARSEC) surge operations. As of 1 Jan 02, the USCGAUX exceeded 150,000 dedicated volunteer hours supporting the Coast Guard's MARSEC mission by conducting multi-mission harbor patrols, providing continued search and rescue capability, and backfilling active forces in operational missions and administrative duties. This emphasis on MARSEC will not diminish the Auxiliary's cornerstone mission of recreational boating safety even as the Auxiliary, like the Coast Guard, adapts its mission profile to arrive at the "new normalcy."

2. Inspired by the extraordinary sense of duty displayed by so many Auxiliarists, the USCGAUX leadership consulted widely and developed Operation Patriot Readiness (OPR), the Auxiliary's first-ever operational order. This OPORDER is designed to move Auxiliarists, and the USCGAUX as a whole, to higher levels of readiness and capability in support of Coast Guard missions, with an emphasis on support for MARSEC surge operations. While the OPORDER for Patriot Readiness is already at the district/regional commodore level for execution and development of action plans, it is important that active duty CG units understand its importance and the ability it provides in leveraging operations.

3. This OPORDER has four major initiatives:

a. An Auxiliary-wide data call conducted at the flotilla level. Each Auxiliarist is asked to update information including current qualifications, interest in attaining additional qualifications, and the extent of the member's availability to volunteer. Further, each Auxiliarist has been asked to identify skill sets outside of traditional CG/USCGAUX qualifications. These skill sets (e.g., machinist, dentist, EMT, etc.) are identified as volunteer, non-traditional resources for the potential purpose of expanding Auxiliary support in new ways during high tempo and new normalcy operations.

b. Establishment of a dedicated senior Auxiliary member to serve as a liaison officer (LO) to all Coast Guard units within a geographic area. The LO will match and prioritize the right and ready Auxiliary resources with requesting units support needs. This initiative will apply to essentially all Coast Guard units extending well beyond traditional Auxiliary support roles to groups, stations, air stations, and marine safety offices.

c. Drive to qualify more coxswains and boat crew members: improve the proficiency of those already qualified. This initiative will be accomplished through operational workshops which focus on readiness, safety, and the conduct of multi-mission patrols.

d. Increase the number of surface, air and communications facilities available to the Coast Guard as operational resources.

4. Operation Patriot Readiness provides an excellent opportunity to better align the USCGAUX with Coast Guard operational units and fully embrace the broad range of both traditional and non-traditional volunteer services and talents available. Auxiliarists stand ready and, with Operation Patriot Readiness, are preparing to be even more ready to assist in watch standing, providing SAR standby capabilities, providing administrative and logistics support, and much more – all in addition to their traditional missions of recreational boating safety and public education. Some examples of recent support include: chart corrections on cutters, unit logistics support, cutter homeport logistics tiger teams, carrying out unit morale programs, cutter in-port quarterdeck watch standing and underway quartermaster and boatswains mate of the watch watch standing. Also, the USCGAUX has a well-established, often-used 300 member language interpreter corps representing 43 languages, which is available for operational matters needing interpreter services. USCGAUX Spanish, Russian, and Japanese speakers have embarked in cutters deployed to the Caribbean and Bering Seas, in support of law enforcement patrols.

5. Coast Guard active and reserve units, which have not been contacted and desire auxiliary support know that they may contact their local USCGAUX flotilla or division, or district/regional Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) for assistance in contacting the appropriate USCG AUXLO.

6. In order to reflect the critical contribution of the USCGAUX to the overall CG operational readiness, COMDT (G-PCX), the USCG headquarters Office of Auxiliary, has initiated a partnership with the readiness task force to include USCGAUX-related readiness measures and standards as an integral part of the CG Readiness Management System.

7. While Coast Guard Forces have always counted on USCGAUX members, since 11 Sep 01, the Coast Guard proudly advises all of us that they could not have successfully responded to the attack on America without the high level of devotion to duty displayed by each and every one of "their" outstanding Auxiliarists.

8. In late 2003, the OPR III web site was launched, providing a number of tools to help members become more aware of OPR. For more details on the OPR program, visit <http://www.opr.auxnstaff.org> .



## **SECTION II, 2-5 TRAINING MISSION**

The Department of Training's core responsibility is to provide advanced, value-added, and leadership management training for our members. The Department of Training serves our members by designing innovative and effective performance solutions enabling members to achieve their personal goals, support the myriad of Recreational Boating Safety and operational support missions and provide valuable assistance in protecting our shoreline and the Nation.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is closely aligned with its parent organization -- the US Coast Guard -- and its members are constantly training to be mission-ready and mission-capable. The Department of Training develops or partners with other Auxiliary Departments to ensure that our members are prepared and ready to execute our existing and emerging missions.

We develop and provide training materials that provide the essential tools to develop strong leadership for the administration of all our programs. The Department of Training team is dedicated to providing the highest quality learning opportunities available to our members. We stand side-by-side with the Coast Guard and we are - Semper Paratus - *always ready* to answer the call of the Nation.

## **SECTION II, 2-6 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK MISSION**

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) 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 VSC partner organizations with the Auxiliary, e.g. Power Squadrons, USACE and several state agencies, who have been specially qualified as Vessel Examiners may conduct Vessel Safety Checks. In the 12 month period ending 31 December 2008, Auxiliarists alone performed 118,000 vessel safety checks with over 75% passing. A vessel safety check will be conducted only with the consent of, and in the presence of, the owner or operator of a vessel. It is made solely as an educational service to the boating public. If a boat does not pass a Vessel Safety Check, no violation report is made to the Coast Guard or to any law enforcement agency. The intent of the Vessel Safety Check Program is to insure that the vessel is in compliance with federal and state equipment requirements. In addition, the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examiner will recommend certain additional safety items and will discuss safe boating practices. The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) actively promotes boating safety by using trained Auxiliary and other aforementioned "partner" volunteers to educate the boater through a direct, face-to-face boating safety information exchange with the owner or operator, and providing instruction on equipment to be carried on board and other matters affecting safety. Federal and local equipment regulations and Auxiliary VSC requirements are explained as well as other matters of interest

## **SECTION II, 2-7 PUBLIC EDUCATION MISSION**

Vital to the success of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's boating safety efforts is an informed and knowledgeable boating public. The Coast Guard and the Auxiliary believe that education is the best approach to preventing accidents. Members of the Auxiliary present public education classes throughout the country as a service to the boating public. Those courses are:

**ABOUT BOATING SAFELY:** This basic boating course is for the new boater or one who wants to update his/her skills. This 6-8 hour course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

**BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP:** A NASBLA approved intermediate boating course offered in Auxiliary classrooms. This course builds upon the knowledge gained in our basic courses.

**WEEKEND NAVIGATOR:** This course 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 completing this course will have confidence in their charting and piloting skills as they go boating and better utilize the electronic equipment available on their boats.

**SAILING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP:** Teaching the fundamentals of sailing, this course is NASBLA approved. The core Chapters 1-10 provide the boater with basic knowledge about sailing and safety on the water. The second part, Chapters 11-16, provides the students with additional information necessary for a safe return to shore.

**SHORT COURSES:** The Auxiliary offers several short courses for both the new boater and the more seasoned one.

GPS For Mariners	Weather and Boating
Introduction to Navigation	Your Boat's Radio
Powering Your Boat	Safe Operation of Personal Water Craft
Lines and Knots for Your Boat	
How to Read a Nautical Chart	

**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 principals of boating safety.

In the 12-month period ending 31 December 2008, Auxiliarists conducted 4,131 classes totaling 45,914 hours. Approximately 75,089 students graduate each year (including over 35,507 under the age of 17) from our various safe boating courses.

Each year thousands of students attend these classes and you, your family, and your friends are invited to become better boaters by enrolling in the course appropriate for your needs. Enroll today and **BOAT SMART FROM THE START!**

## **SECTION II, 2-8 AUXILIARY OPERATIONS MISSION**

Auxiliarists conduct patrols on and over our nation's rivers, lakes and coasts. These members are a force multiplier for the Coast Guard, helping to secure our homeland and assist the boating public. This includes the traditional Search & 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. Auxiliarists operate about 5,000 vessels and 300 aircraft. Auxiliarists under official Coast Guard orders assist boaters in almost 4,800 marine incident cases and help more than 8,000 individuals per year. They save almost 300 lives and assist vessels valued over \$42,000. Auxiliarists achieved this as a result of the contribution of nearly 500,000 hours in direct operational support to the Coast Guard. 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 Coast Guard 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 CG Auxiliary 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 providing assistance to the Coast Guard in vehicles, on bicycles and on foot as they monitor 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 CG or Auxiliary members assessing the 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.

**SECTION II, 2-9**  
**TELECOMMUNICATION MISSION**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary utilizes MF/HF/VHF communications on vessels, land mobile units, aircraft and fixed-land units. In order for an Auxiliarist to operate radio equipment not installed on a vessel on Coast Guard Auxiliary business, the radio equipment must meet certain Coast Guard requirements, and the Auxiliarist must complete a Coast Guard qualification standard. Auxiliarists and facilities meeting all of these requirements are members of a Coast Guard District telecommunications system and are considered "Government Stations" when conducting official Coast Guard or Auxiliary business. Auxiliarists will receive and transmit information about waterway dangers or problems, overdue vessels and other official communications within the geographic area of a Coast Guard Station. Auxiliary Radio Units coordinate with other government services and with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Military Affiliate Radio Service (MARS) during disasters and emergencies. Use of amateur radio service is available during disasters and emergencies. Auxiliarists committed over 42,000 hours of service standing watch at fixed land radio stations, and performed land mobile radio patrols for nearly 12,000 hours.

**SECTION II, 2-10**  
**RBS-VISITATION PROGRAM MISSION**

The intent of the RBS-Visitation Program is to ultimately save lives and property by providing the marine related businesses with the most current boating safety information and establishing a point of contact for boaters. In 2008, over 2,000 Program Visitors provided on-site services to 25,000 marine related businesses. Customers visiting these businesses will be able to obtain the most up-to-date boating safety and security literature, and information on Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check (VSC) stations and Public Education courses. The main objectives of the RBS-Visitation Program are the following: to establish and/or enhance working relations between the businesses, the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard 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 (VSC), Auxiliary membership, and to distribute Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary handout materials; to provide liaison between the business and the Coast Guard. During 2008, Auxiliarists performed over 80,000 Program Visits.

**SECTION II, 2-11**  
**CHART UPDATING MISSION**

In 1962, the National Ocean Service, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary entered into an agreement for mutual cooperation. National Ocean Service (NOS) agreed to furnish each participating Auxiliary Flotilla with a set of charts of its local area. In return, the Auxiliary agreed to report data useful for chart corrections to National Ocean Service, Marine Chart Branch. The personal knowledge of those in the Auxiliary resulted from frequent operation in their areas and is vital to the chart certification activities of U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, and the Marine Chart Branch. The purpose of this cooperation program is to properly report all current chart revision information, in the interest of safe navigation, for mariners.

**SECTION II, 2-12**  
**RECRUITING SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Coast Guard Auxiliary assists the Coast Guard Recruiting Command and Coast Guard Academy Admissions 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 (AAPP). As Academy Admissions Partners (AAP) they 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 (AIM) each summer at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London in three one-week sessions. Participation by Auxiliarists in the AAPP is subject to successful completion of required program requirements as defined and recognized by the Coast Guard Academy Director of Admissions. Information concerning the Academy Partners Program can be found at [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu).

**SECTION II, 2-13**  
**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

The Department of Information and Communication Services is responsible for the planning, collection and dissemination of information and statistics at all levels of the Auxiliary through supervision and direction of AUXDATA, a centralized database information system, AUXINFO, a reports retrieval system, and through supervision and support of the Auxiliary National Internet web sites and other electronic media. For the Auxiliary, web pages and e-mail communications offer a special potential, not only to communicate internal needs and abilities throughout the Coast Guard family, but also for communications to the boating public. The Auxiliary maintains an official website at [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) . Both public and member information are available on this site.

**SECTION II, 2-14**  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS MISSION**

The Department of Public Affairs is charged with promoting greater awareness of all missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including its activities in recreational boating safety and maritime domain awareness. In order to do so, it supports the other Coast Guard Auxiliary Departments and mission areas, as well as to the Coast Guard. Specialists in multimedia provide graphics, photography, video, sound, and website services. Media relations experts gather newsworthy stories from local Auxiliarists, produce news releases, prepare feature articles, and support local Auxiliarists in their media relations efforts. Each Auxiliarist receives a biweekly electronic newsletter which reports on developments throughout the Auxiliary. Training is provided to 1,500 public affairs officers nationwide through live and online training courses. Special projects include National Safe Boating Week, an International Search and Rescue Competition, 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. The Department also preserves the history of all Auxiliary activities.

**SECTION II, 2-15**  
**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MISSION**  
(North American Safe Boating Campaign)

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 NSBW campaign: U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), the Boat U.S. Foundation, and the Canadian Safe Boating Council. Auxiliary units organize appropriate activities, such as boating safety booths, Vessel Safety Check blitzes, public affairs activities, demonstrations, and 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 from the National Safe Boating Council made possible through a grant from the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund, administered by the U. S. Coast Guard. These materials include posters, handouts, billboards, and media guides and releases. They are designed to provide appropriate news items throughout the boating year. Many great initiatives have been used to turn attention to safe boating practices, the objective of the campaign.

**SECTION II, 2-16**  
**PERSONNEL SERVICES MISSION**

The Department of Personnel is responsible for developing membership growth and retention in the Auxiliary. The Department of Personnel has oversight over programs to increase pride and esprit de corps of being a member of the Auxiliary, to increase diversity in the Auxiliary membership, and to develop work/life programs for the membership. The Department also identifies and maintains a list of prospective members for staff positions at all levels of the Auxiliary and provides candidates as requested by appointing authorities. The Department processes prospective member hits on the National Web Page and notifies the nearest flotilla in order to establish channels of communication with the prospective members. Citizens of the U.S. who are at least 17 years of age who are interested in membership may contact the Auxiliary through the [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) web site, by calling a USCG Auxiliary State Liaison Officer or USCG Director of Auxiliary listed in Section III, or may call the Auxiliary recruiting toll-free number at 1-877-875-6296.

**SECTION II, 2-17**  
**MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MISSION**

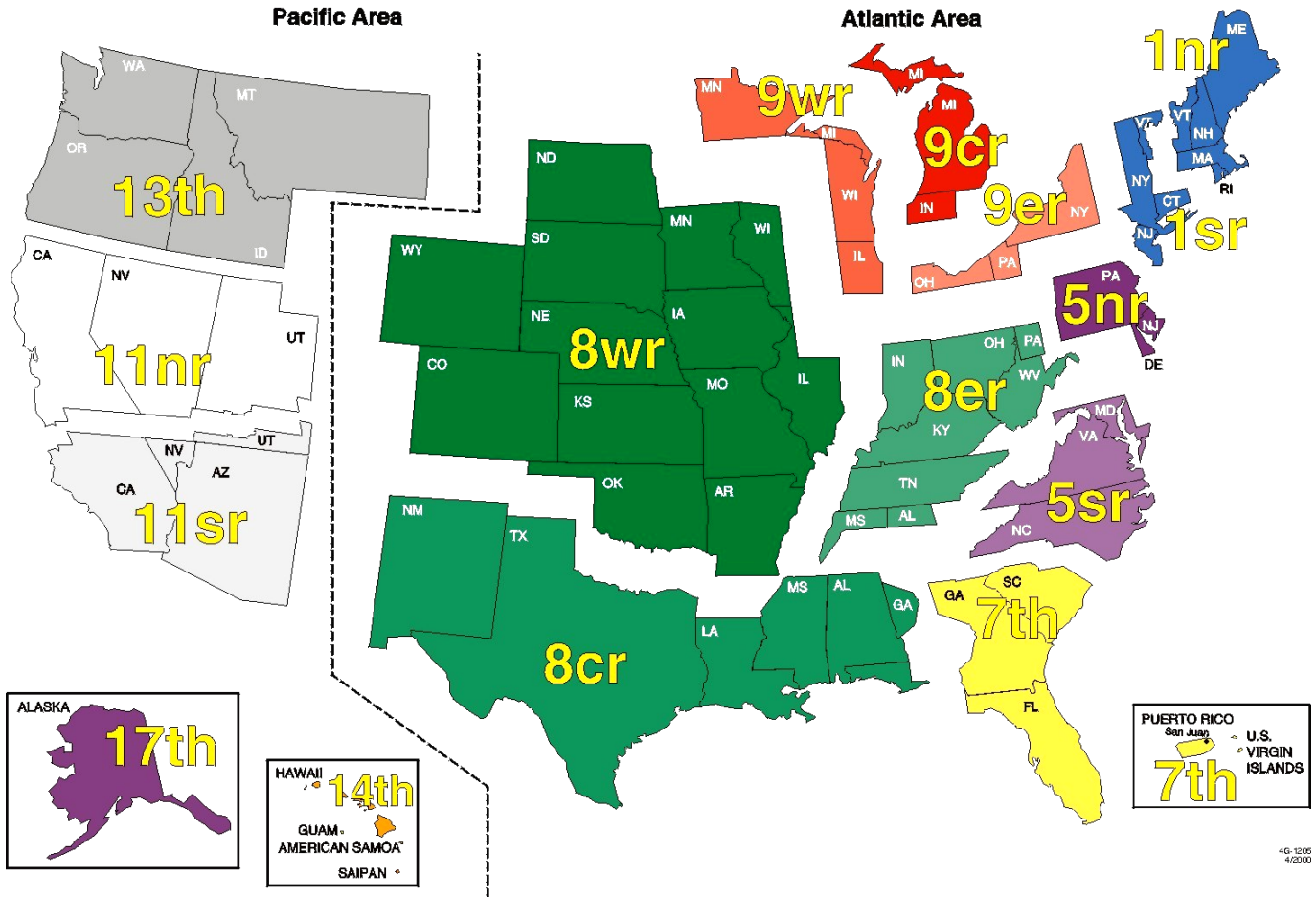
The Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (M) Department is responsible for the planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support the Coast Guard's Prevention Directorate in the execution of its missions. This includes support for such things as Port and Facilities activities, Vessel activities, Mariner Licensing and Documentation, Investigations and Analysis, public affairs, Emergency Response Management, local planning, MISLE support, Waterway Management coordination, environmental education and Americas Waterways Watch outreach programs and special projects, among others.

The "M" Department's program objective is to supply needs-based support to Prevention (formerly marine safety and environmental protection) activities of the Coast Guard, based on local needs 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 and units. The training required by the members to participate in these programs is unique and extensive and includes various courses and on-the-job training. The most significant individual achievement is the qualification of an Auxiliarist to wear the Auxiliary's “M-Pro,” or Trident, pin which signifies substantial training, service and acquisition of personal skills in the “M” field, not unlike the USCG Active Duty “M” Pro Pin.

**SECTION II, 2-18**  
**AUXILIARY INTERPRETER CORPS MISSION**

The USCG Auxiliary Interpreter Corps has provided support in Coast Guard operational and administrative missions for nine years. The Interpreter Corps boasts over 300 highly proficient Auxiliary Interpreters holding various Coast Guard qualifications ready to serve authorized Coast Guard missions supporting 43 foreign languages. Auxiliary Interpreters have served on cutters from the Caribbean to the Bering Sea. Additionally, these valuable linguistic assets assisted in supporting numerous Coast Guard missions involving Foreign VIP Tours, SAR Training Events, MSO Training Events, Boarder Guard Training Events, Conferences, Incident Investigations, plus many translations of documents such as the Federal Requirements for Fishing Industry (CFVS) being translated into Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese. All Interpreters are profiled on a secure database which is accessible on the Coast Guard intranet. This enables any Coast Guard unit to find the right interpreter in a geographic area within minutes.

# AUXILIARY DISTRICTS, AREAS AND REGIONS



**SECTION III, 3-2**  
**U. S. COAST GUARD DIRECTORS OF AUXILIARY**

**1NR** - First Coast Guard District Northern Region, Boston, MA. Auxiliary Units in the First Northern Region may be contacted through the First Northern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY (oax-NR), 408 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA 02210-3350. 617-223-8214 FAX: 617-223-8309

**1SR** - First Coast Guard District Southern Region, New York, NY. Auxiliary Units in the First Southern Region may be contacted through the First Southern Region, Director of Auxiliary, 1 South Street - Battery Park Bldg., Rm. 212, New York, NY 10004. 212-668-7990 FAX: 212-668-7975

**5NR** - Fifth Coast Guard District Northern Region, Philadelphia, PA. Auxiliary Units in the Fifth Northern Region and be contacted through the Fifth Northern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, Commander (dpa-n) Fifth Coast Guard District, One Washington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 14197-4393. 215-271-4937 FAX: 215-271-4858

**5SR** - Fifth Coast Guard District Southern Region, Portsmouth, VA. Auxiliary Units in the Fifth Southern Region may be contacted through the Fifth Southern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004. 757-398-6509/6688 FAX: 757-398-6203

**7TH** - Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, FL. Auxiliary Units in the Seventh District may be contacted through the Seventh District, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, Brickell Plaza Federal Building, 909 S. E. First Ave, Suite 446 Miami, FL 33131-3050. 305-415-7050 FAX: 305-415-7059

**8CR** - Eighth Coast Guard District Coastal Region, Auxiliary Units in the Eighth Coast Guard District Coastal Region may be contacted through the DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY (dpa-1126), Eighth CGD Coastal Region, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras St. New Orleans, LA 70130-3396 504-589-2972/73 FAX: 504-589-3653

**8ER** - Eighth District Eastern Region, Louisville, KY. Units in the Eighth Coast Guard Eastern Region may be contacted through the Eighth District Eastern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place Suite 360A, Louisville, KY 40202-2263 502-779-5350 FAX: 502-779-5391 1-800-217-4420

**8WR** - Eighth Coast Guard District Western Region, St Louis, MO. Auxiliary Units in the Eighth Coast Guard District Western Region may be contacted through the Eighth Coast Guard District Western Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. 314-539-3900 Ext. 212 FAX: 314-539-2685

**9TH** - Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, OH. Auxiliary Units in the Ninth Coast Guard District may be contacted through the Ninth Coast Guard District, DIRECTOR OF. AUXILIARY, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060. 216-902-6148 FAX: 216-902-6081

**11NR** - Eleventh Coast Guard District Northern Region, Alameda, CA. Auxiliary Units in the Eleventh Coast Guard Northern Region may be contacted through the Eleventh Coast Guard Northern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, Coast Guard Island, Building 50-2, Alameda, CA 94501 510-437-3950 FAX: 510-437-2728.

**11SR** - Eleventh Coast Guard District Southern Region, San Pedro, CA. Auxiliary Units in the Eleventh Coast Guard District Southern Region may be contacted through the Eleventh Coast Guard District Southern Region, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, P.O. Box 8, BLDG. 39, Terminal Island, San Pedro, CA 90731-0208. (310) 732-7291 FAX: 310-732-7299

**13TH** - Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Seattle, WA. Auxiliary Units in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District may be contacted through the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3498 Seattle, WA 98174-1067. 206-220-7080/7083 FAX: 206-220-7084.

**14TH** - Fourteenth Coast Guard District, Honolulu, HI. Auxiliary Units in the Fourteenth Coast Guard District may be contacted through the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, PJKK Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm 9-134, Honolulu, HI 96850-4982. 808-541-2087 FAX 808-541-2235.

**17TH** - Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Juneau, AK. Auxiliary Units in the Seventeenth Coast Guard District may be contacted through the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY, P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, AK 99802-5517 907-462-2244 FAX: 907-463-2256