Briefing Objectives

• Provide an orientation to the Coast Guard Auxiliary
• Explain the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s relationship with the Boy Scouts of America
• Outline how the Coast Guard Auxiliary can help the Scouts
Role of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

• Coast Guard is a military service
• Coast Guard Auxiliary is a civilian component of the Coast Guard
• The Auxiliary fulfills all Coast Guard functions EXCEPT military and law enforcement roles
Who are Coast Guard Auxiliarists?

- U.S. citizens, at least 17 years old, with an interest in boating and water safety
- Desire to help with one of the Auxiliary’s many boating safety programs
Coast Guard Auxiliary

- Recreational Boating Safety (RBS)
  - Public education
  - Vessel examinations
  - Promoting boating safety to the public
  - On Water Operations/Training
  - Working with other organizations
Coast Guard Auxiliary

• Marine Environmental Protection
  – Outreach
  – Education
  – Community Service – coastal cleanup
  – Pollution investigation
  – Environmental response
Coast Guard Auxiliary

- Coast Guard Recruiting
  - Active duty
  - Reserves
  - Coast Guard Academy
  - Academy Introduction Mission
  - Careers in the Maritime Industry
  - Sea Services incl. Navy, Marine Corps
Auxiliary relationship to Scouting

• BSA/Learning for Life is the nation’s foremost youth development organization
• Coast Guard Auxiliary is nation’s foremost volunteer boating safety organization
• Both organizations have a strong interest in promoting safety on the water, environmental concerns, and youth development
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- Promote public education programs
- Collaborate on recreational boating safety activities
- Encourage mutual volunteer support
- Facilitate cooperative efforts
How Auxiliarists help Scouts and Scouters

- Boating safety and marine environmental protection programs to Scout units, district or council events
- “Safety-At-Sea” events for Sea Scouts and other Scout groups
- Adult leader boat operator training (Safe Boating Stds)
How Auxiliarists help Scouts and Scouters

• Offer Vessel Safety Checks to the Scouts, particularly local Scout council camps and Sea Bases

• Provide Auxiliary public affairs exhibits at appropriate scouting venues, such as council and regional events

• Sea Scout exhibits at Auxiliary District Conferences
Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs)

• Designed to help check for all required safety equipment and legal requirements
• Help prepare for emergencies on the water
• Required for non-exempt watercraft under safe boating standards
Paddlecraft

- Paddlesports America course
- Youth and adult orientation
- Vessel Safety Checks
- “If Lost – Contact …” decals (most paddlecraft are unregistered)
- Council watercraft are instructional tools
- Prepare for camp or special outings
Auxiliarists can...

- Offer Public Education (PE) classes to Scout units
- Provide shore side and underway training to Sea Scouts based on the Auxiliary Boat Crew program
- Provide boating safety, marine environmental, and Coast Guard recruiting outreach at Scout events
Auxiliarists can...

• Offer Vessel Safety Checks to scout units, scout camps and councils

• Participate in National Scout Jamborees as members of the U.S. Coast Guard contingent
Auxiliarists cannot ... 

• Sponsor Scout units without prior approval from the Coast Guard Commandant.
Need more information?

- Local Auxiliary Representatives
- AuxBWiki
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