MEMBER TRAINING
&
PROGRAMS

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TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

• Auxiliarists can pursue training in programs to increase knowledge and skills, and to attain qualifications for participation in various Coast Guard and Auxiliary programs.
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Members can enjoy many activities in the Auxiliary. Most of them require additional training before you can become involved.

You can choose training for
- Boat Crew, Instructor, Radio Watchstander, Coast Guard Boat Crew, Air Crew, Vessel Examiner, Aid to Navigation Verifier
- Program Visitor
AP (Application pending) status is the administrative status for all Auxiliarists during the time between acceptance of their enrollment package and receipt of a Favorable PSI determination.

Auxiliarists in AP status have the privilege of participating in virtually the entire range of Auxiliary training and qualification programs.
IQ (Initially Qualified) – member has received acceptance of enrollment package

Auxiliarists in IQ status are authorized to:

- Participate in all training for which AP Auxiliarists are authorized.
- Attend Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary C-schools.
- Be qualified by the Director in Auxiliary programs that only require IQ status.
To achieve BQ status, an Auxiliarist must have completed all of the requirements for IQ status and must have successfully completed one of the following courses which must be approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA):

(1) Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S)
(2) America’s Boating Course (ABC)
(3) About Boating Safely (ABS)
(4) Sailing Fundamentals (SF)
(5) Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S)
(7) U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS) Boating or Boat Smart Course
(8) A State boating safety course (minimum eight-hour duration)
Once qualified, you will be allowed to teach in the Auxiliary’s public education and member training programs. This program teaches you how to teach, not what to teach.
Vessel Examination Program

Vessel Examiner (VE)

Once qualified, you may conduct Vessel Safety Checks on recreational vessels.

This is a primary prevention program of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. Recreational Boating Safety Program
• **VESSEL EXAMINERS**

- Vessel examiners conduct free vessel equipment safety checks.

- This is not a law enforcement action and the results are not reported to any law enforcement authority.

- The vessel safety check program is one of the U.S. Coast guard auxiliary’s best ways to educate boaters and involve new members

- To become a vessel examiner you must pass the boating skills, become familiar with the contents of the vessel safety check manual

- Take and pass the **VE** qualification examination which can be done online

- Satisfactorily conduct 5 vessel safety checks under the observation of qualified vessel examiner.
Recreational Boating Safety Visitor Program:

• Once qualified, you will be able to visit marine dealers and other businesses to educate them on boating safety and gain their support for our boating safety program.

• Some examples:
  - Marinas
  - Marine suppliers
  - Restaurants
  - Doctors Offices
  - Insurance Agencies
  - Barber Shops and Hair salons
  - Retail Stores, etc.
The visitation program is an important task in the promotion of public awareness of the U.S. Coast guard auxiliary's safe boating programs.

The U.S. Coast guard auxiliary works to facilitate a cooperative relationship between the U.S. Coast guard and area business.

Provide them with and obtain information from them regarding boating safety information, regulations, and educational programs available to the boating public.

Program dealer visitors are trained auxiliarists who travel to commercial locations in order to provide them with the latest safety information to disseminate to the public.
Aviation Training Program

Air Observer and Air Crewman:

• Once qualified as Crewman or Air Observer you will be able to serve as part of an Auxiliary air crew operating under official Coast Guard Orders.

• Pilot (Co-Pilot, First Pilot, Aircraft Commander):

  • Once qualified, you will be able to pilot and command an Auxiliary air facility under official Coast Guard orders.
Operations Program

- The auxiliary operations program qualifies members as
  - Boat Crew, Coxswains,
  - Air observers, co-pilots, first pilots, aircraft commanders,
  - Aids to navigation (ATON) verifiers,
  - Watch standing at coast guard active duty units or auxiliary radio facilities.

Qualified auxiliarists can also serve as crew or engineer on coast guard vessels when these vessels are not engaged in law enforcement or military operations.
• Your first qualification entitles you to wear the Operations Program ribbon.

• Each additional qualification entitles you to wear a bronze star on the Operations Program ribbon.

• Upon earning your sixth qualification the bronze stars are replaced with a silver star.

• Coxswains and aircraft pilots wear breast devices signifying their accomplishments.
BOAT CREW QUALIFICATION PROGRAM:

Trainees work with assigned mentors and other qualified boat crewmembers to learn all required tasks and work toward qualification.

When your mentor or the FSO-MT deems you ready you will be tested by a Qualification Examiner (QE), who approves boat crew tasks for candidates.
**BOAT CREW QUALIFICATION PROGRAM:**

- **Auxiliary Boat Crew**: Once qualified at this level, you may serve as a crewmember on an Auxiliary vessel facility while on official Coast Guard orders.

- **Auxiliary Coxswain**: Requires a higher degree of knowledge, skill, and experience. Once qualified you will be able to command an Auxiliary vessel facility while on official Coast Guard orders.

- **Personal Watercraft Operator**: Operates personal watercraft (PWC) on Auxiliary patrol orders. Like the coxswain, the PWC Operator is in charge of the facility, and is responsible for the safe operation and navigation of the PWC as well as carrying out the assigned mission.
Aids to Navigation Verifiers:

Once qualified you will be able to verify the operation, condition, and location of aids used for navigation.
Radio Watchstander

• Once qualified, you will be able to stand radio watches at Coast Guard and Auxiliary operated installations.
Advanced Training.

Operational Auxiliarist (AUXOP)

• AUXOP program consists of core, leadership, and elective credit elements to give variety to Auxiliarists,

• Increase practical AUXOP relevance to Coast Guard missions

• Better assist the Coast Guard to fulfill needed skill sets.

• Auxiliarists are required to successfully complete a minimum of seven (7) credits from three categories of courses
Most courses can be taken on line. Most exams are closed book with a Proctor present, and can be taken on line

The three required core courses, each worth one credit are

(1) Auxiliary Weather Specialty Course (AUXWEA).
(2) Auxiliary Seamanship Specialty Course (AUXSEA).
(3) Auxiliary Communications Specialty Course (AUXCOM).
Auxiliarists are required to complete one of the following leadership courses, worth one credit each (AUXOP credit will not be applied for more than one course from this category).

**These courses include:**

1. Auxiliary Leadership and Management (AUXLAMS)
2. Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course (AMLOC-A).
3. Auxiliary Mid-Level Officers Course (AMLOC-B).
4. Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) – classroom versions.
5. Auxiliary Senior Officers Course (ASOC).
Auxiliarists are required to complete their AUXOP credits by completing a combination of the following elective courses, totaling three or more credits:

2 credits courses

- Auxiliary Navigation Specialty Course (AUXNAV). Part A & B
- Auxiliary Search Coordination and Execution Specialty Course (AUXSC&E)
- Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP)
  - IMSEP is open book exam no proctor required
Auxiliary C-Schools

• Auxiliary Aids-to-Navigation (ATON) and Chart Updating
  • Requires attending a C-school - 1 credit

• Coast Guard Incident Command System (ICS) 300 & 400
  • (ICS 210 cannot be used as a substitution) - 1 credit.

• Auxiliary Air Coordinator
  • Requires attending a C-school - 1 credit.
Auxiliary C-Schools

- Auxiliary C-schools are Coast Guard-funded formal training events.

- They are at least two days in duration, but last no longer than five days.

- They deal with specific subject matter
  - (e.g. distance education technology, information systems, aviation spatial disorientation).

- C-schools normally require students to travel to a Coast Guard training center, although some C-schools are exported so that instructors travel to regional locations to deliver the training to students in the local areas.
The Auxiliary C-school web site:

• [http://cschool.auxservices.org](http://cschool.auxservices.org) is an excellent source of information about all available C-schools

• Their schedules, and school policies.

• The same schools are usually offered each year, but class dates and locations change.

• Individuals selected for a C school are expected to check these sites and consult with their Member Training officer in order to fully understand the school requirements and expectations before applying for them.
MANDATORY TRAINING

• https://auxlearning.uscg.mil/

• Web site for mandatory courses
Go to Web page

Click on agree after reading
Special Notices

FOR AUX MEMBERS Only

For a list of frequently asked questions please visit:

If you need additional assistance please contact the Auxiliary Help Desk at:
http://help.coaux.org

Please Note: Your “Username” is your primary email address in AUXDATA. This email address must be unique as it cannot be the same address in use by or registered to any other Auxiliarist.

FOR Non- AUX MEMBERS

Q. I am having technical issues, how do I obtain support?
A. Please submit a help ticket to OSC Martinsburg at System Support
MANDATORY TRAINING

Required to be performed by all Auxiliarists during their first year of enrollment and then once every five years thereafter:

(1) Suicide Prevention.
(2) Security Education & Training Awareness.
(3) Privacy Awareness.
(4) Prevention of Sexual Harassment.
(5) Sexual Assault Prevention.
(6) Civil Rights Awareness (titled changed from Human Relations Awareness).

Required to be performed only once by all Auxiliarists (new members during their first year of enrollment):

(1) Ethics Training.
(2) Influenza Training.
MANDATORY TRAINING

- **502290** Influenza Training
- **502306** Ethics 1 - Personal Gifts
- **502319** Civil Rights Awareness – must attend a class not available on line
- **502379** Building Resilience and Preventing Suicide in the Coast Guard
- **810000** Sexual Harassment Prevention – mandated workshop
- **810015** Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information
- **810030** Security Education and Training Awareness
- **810045** Sexual Assault Prevention/Response