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### ***FROM THE COMMANDER:***

#### **All: Our Website has a BUG!**

Please stay away from the **DIVISION 5 Web Site** until I get the all clear from Google, it appears that my web-site was compromised by a hacker. I have been working with my internet provide to clean the site up, we think that this is taken care of, however until I get the all clear from Google, please do not access this site.

**Dennis Grinstead, DCAPT elect South**

### ***FROM THE VICE COMMANDER:***

I just wanted to make sure all of you know that we will not be having a Division Meeting in December.

We will resume January the 18th for our meetings, which will take place every other month.

In the meantime I would like to extend our warmest Holiday Greeting to you and thank you for your service and dedication in the USCG Auxiliary. I am really looking forward to serving with you in 2011.

May your Christmas and Hanukkah Holiday Season be safe and all you celebrations be joyous

**Tony Ashlin, DCDR (elect) 5**

**To: Newly Elected Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders.**

CC: Current Elected (soon to be IPFC) Commanders

### **Subject: Division 5 GAR**

First of all, thanks for your sacrifice of a Saturday this past weekend for the Elected Officers Academy. I came away learning some new things and I hope you did too.

I have put together an Excel spread sheet of what has been recorded in AUXDATA / AUXINFO in terms of activities from the flotillas in Division 5. The numbers are as of Dec 13, 2010.

Please look it over and use it as a tool when you get together with your Flotilla Staff Officers to plan your year.

I just received the mandatory training list from Kim Armstrong for 2011. Some new stuff to learn but we have some areas that really need to be addressed in flotilla before we loose track of where we are trying to fulfill the requirements of the District and National required programs.

### **In a nutshell, we must return to basics.**

I would like to set these goals for first quarter 2010 but please start now if you are so inclined:

1: Get all members in our flotillas that have been enrolled longer than 6 months out of IQ and into BQ status. Those who have not provided proof of a boating safety class to DIRAUX must either take on or challenge one of the ABC BSS or SSS tests. If they need someone to administer the test please notify me.

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2: Go to : <https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/>

Log in and check each member of your flotilla for qualifications.

There are many members throughout our division who have no qualifications. This is alarming! They have either lapsed or I suspect some member have lost interest in getting them. Granted, not all cases are the same and we have many older members who might simply allowed those QUALS drop for health reasons. I am concerned that newer members might need a little guidance in getting that starting push into their careers as active Auxiliary members. It could be very possible that some have begun their training but something might have fallen through the cracks in the process of their qualifications. Lets make sure all the paper work is in properly. I would like to encourage all FC's and VFC's to meet with every member in your flotilla (face to face if possible) and review their QUALS and discuss their goals. Assign them a mentor if they have not yet done so. Also, our legacy members need to be reminded what a valuable asset they are to this organization and how much they contribute. Be sure to thank them for their support and encourage them to stay active in mentoring, member training and public education.

If you encounter obstacles from some members please remind them that when they enrolled that they agreed to participate in at least ONE USCG AUX activity. (ie: Public Education, Marine Dealer Visitations, PATON Inspections, Vessel Examinations, Marine Domain Awareness or Operations.)

3. This year an alarming number of members face disenrollment for non-payment of dues. Commodore elect Jacobs is meeting with all Division Commanders to discuss the problem via SKYPE this evening.

Many of us are not yet sworn in so his will be an informative round table discussion regarding the problem but we will have to propose a solution and possibly vote on it following our swearing in ceremony at the first District 11S meeting in January during the District Conference. District membership is actually up about 9% and we have over 80 members in AP status but if 245 members are dropped out over non-payment of dues this will put a financial crunch on the district.

In response to this my third goal is to make sure that all members take an active role in recruiting new members.

I would like to remind every member in Division 5 that Chapter 2 of our Member Manual Page 58 Section A.2: ***The first and primary mission of the Auxiliary is to attract, recruit, develop, train, nurture, and retain***

### ***Auxiliarists for assignment to duty.***

I am going to propose that the other Division Commanders join me in a program of active recruiting. If each flotilla in our District 11S recruits 3 new member in the first quarter we can make up the loss and possible break past the even mark with our already AP status members. Granted, the USCG AUX is not for everybody but please talk it up at your offices, places of worship, clubs, or anywhere you meet prospective members.

Please pass this message on to all your members along with my wish that every member in Division 5's Holiday Season be a safe and joyous one.

I look forward to serving with you in 2011.

**Tony Ashlin, DCDR (elect) 5**

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### ***FROM THE DIVISION:***

#### **PUBLICATIONS – Jackie Garrabrant**

Thank you all for the kind words and condolences sent to us on the passing of our son Mark. He was a special guy and we will miss him.

Sorry that you did not receive your November Newsletter in the mail. If you would like an E copy let me know.

### ***FROM THE FLOTILLAS:***

**FLOTILLA 52 – Ken Edwards, FC**

**FLOTILLA 53 – Donn C. Kirby, FC**

**FLOTILLA 54 – Everett Harper, FC**

**FLOTILLA 55 – James Stewart, FC**

**FLOTILLA 57 – John Kinner, FC**

**FLOTILLA 58 – Brian Regalbuto, FC**

**FLOTILLA 59 – Rose Castrobran, FC**

**FLOTILLA 5-10 – Stanley Lintner, FC**

**FLOTILLA 5-11 – Geoffery Emery, FC**

The evening air was brisk, but dry allowing several members of Flotilla 05-11 to celebrate the holiday season dockside at the Acapulco restaurant in San Pedro on Saturday, 4 December. FC Geoff Emery, his wife, VFC Mar Jean, HR/PE staff officer Alice Curran and FN/PA staff officer Marion Haynes shared the evening with a

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gift exchange followed by the meal and viewing of San Pedro's annual Christmas boat parade.

Plans were made to continue the event next year on the Emery's vessel enjoying the end of the parade at their Cabrillo Marina dock where, nearby, all of the participant vessels make several rotations through the area. We'll have an even more "up close and personal view".

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!

### **FLOTILLA 5-12 – Edward Green, FC**

Press Release: Boating Skills and Seamanship Class Flotilla Public Affairs Contact Tony Ashlin FSO-PA 5-12 (562) 972-5900

**The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Basic Boating Skills and Seamanship is for both beginning and experienced power boaters. The course covers power-boats, sailboats, crew responsibilities, rules of the road, personal flotation devices, introduction to navigation, boating safety, weather and radio operation.**

**Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete courses such as these along with Sailing Skills and Seamanship or About Boating Safely.**

**All students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates.**

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-12 will be holding a class this class on Thursday Nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Cost of the class and book is \$35.00**

**This Class begins on Jan 13, 2011 and will be held at:**

- **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
11600 Los Alamitos Boulevard  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**

**Contact Doug Conwell (562-431-0326) or e-mal at:**

**[conwellfour@yahoo.com](mailto:conwellfour@yahoo.com) for more information.**

### **FLOTILLA 5-13 – Jason Gant, FC**

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#### **FROM THE DISTRICT:**

#### **INFORMATION SERVICES – Ken Edwards, DSO-IS**

##### **Current progress:**

- Continuing to improve system data entry to keep consistent with Commodore's Goals

##### **Accomplishments in your Department**

- Continuing to assist in training of new SO-IS officers from various Divisions and Flotillas. This year I assisted in training four SO-IS Officers and several FSO-IS, not counting, of course, the AUX10C Class the first week of August.

##### **Assistance required**

- The submittals of the ANSC 7007 forms from the Divisions and Flotilla's in nearing an end as we are running out of time for the preparation of the new District Directory. Some of the Flotilla's and one Division still have not submitted their 7007 Form, and those of you who have not yet submitted your forms, know who you are so I will not list Unit Numbers here. Remember, no 7007 form submittal results in a blank page in the new District Directory, **YOUR CALL**. Remember, all office positions need not be filled in order to submit this form. Missing appointments can be submitted at a later date.

#### **VALUE OF THE AUXILIARY**

In an article in the Fall 2010 *Coast Guard Proceedings* magazine, CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, Director of Auxiliary, 11th District Northern Region, outlined the value of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to the Coast Guard and the Nation.

In the article, CDR Chareonsuphiphat demonstrates that the Auxiliary returns 970% to 1,200% of each dollar the Coast Guard invests in the Auxiliary, notwithstanding the hundreds of lives and tens of millions in property damage saved. The article has been permanently posted on this site under Public Information > About Us > Value of the Auxiliary, and may be downloaded [here](#).

The *USCG Proceedings*, formally called the *Proceedings of the Marine Safety & Security Council*, the *Coast Guard Journal of Safety at Sea*, is the "voice" of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety and Security Council. The 80-100-page quarterly publication is mailed to over 30,000 individuals and organizations each quarter. The audience includes a large segment of the private maritime industry population, including retired officers, fishing vessel captains, river pilots, ocean scientists, marine engineers, tug/tow boat operators, shipping executives, insurance operators, and maritime lawyers. Other subscribers include U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy personnel, mariners, reservists, Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation staff, and allied foreign national readers. Visit the USCG Proceeding Web site [here](#).

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat has served with distinction in the U.S. Coast Guard for 24 years — 10 as a search and rescue helicopter pilot at Air Station Barbers Point and Air Station Los Angeles. He has served as the Pacific Area operations/budget/resource manager. He currently serves as the Director of Auxiliary, District Eleven, Northern Region. 29 Nov 10

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## **DSO PUBLIC EDUCATION - Victoria Jacobs**

Thanks to all of you for the efforts you have made over the last two years, and especially in 2010 to significantly increase the number of Public Education classes and sessions taught. It is quite an accomplishment given the status of the local economy and the resulting reduction in boating.

I recently spent a few days in Lake Tahoe. Quite a big body of water for 11N to patrol. Lake Tahoe is as long as the distance from Southern California harbors to Catalina Island! No wonder 11N has so many patrols and operations hours.

Conference – if you will be there on Friday afternoon be sure and sign up for the “fun run”, which is only a mile or so and is a walk more than a run. Speed is your option and last year most of the participants walked. It is a fun way to meet more Auxiliarists and get some fresh air.

## **NEW PWC SUPPLEMENTAL OFFER FOR USE FORM ON OPERATIONS WEBSITE**

PWCs now have their own Supplemental Offer for Use form. The great PWC minds have come together to reconstruct the Supplemental Offer for Use form for Facilities and have configured it to meet the needs for personal watercraft facilities. Check it out under the "Job Aid Kit-OPFAC" tab in our website.

16 Dec 10 Categories: [DIRAUX Bulletin](#)

## **TYPE I PFD SAFETY ALERT**

Inspect your Type I PFDs for incorrect strap positioning from the manufacturer. All Type I PFDs on facilities and VEs should be inspected for this incorrect configuration and corrected.

Read or download a copy of the PDF Safety Brief [here](#).

15 Dec 10 Categories: [DIRAUX Bulletin](#)

## **MARITIME SAR ASSISTANCE POLICY (MSAP) NOW ON SURFACE OPERATIONS WEBSITE**

The Maritime SAR Assistance Policy (MSAP) is now posted on the District website under Surface Operations- Job Aid Kit for Coxswain and Crew. If you are a coxswain, you are responsible for the information contained in the MSAP. The OTO has highlighted pertinent information concerning Auxiliarists and facilities. This policy should clear up questions regarding when to tow, when to monitor commercial salvage, and nearest safe haven.

15 Dec 10 Categories: [OTO Bulletin](#), [DIRAUX Bulletin](#)

## **MAJOR OVERHAUL TO AUXOP PROGRAM NOW FEATURED ON D11S SITE; FAQ'S INCLUDED**

A major overhaul in the Auxiliary's "Operational Auxiliarist" (AUXOP) program was announced by the Chief Director recently, in a sweeping [ALAUX Training Memorandum](#). Because of confusion over those changes, the OTO has recently issued a "Frequently Asked Questions" memorandum to supplement that ALAUX.

We're pleased to announce that a new section on the D11SR Website has been dedicated to the AUXOP program, as redefined effective January 1, 2011, and includes the beginnings of an AUXOP Job Aid Kit, the first article of which is the Frequently Asked Questions document.

Please check out this important site addition, under "Member Involvement" > AUXOP Program.

22 Dec 10 Categories: [DIRAUX Bulletin](#)

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## **FROM NATIONAL:**

### **HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS**

Now is a great time for Auxiliary members to find that special gift for the holiday season. Visit the [District Materials Stores](#) for excellent ideas on Auxiliary oriented products. Click on the District Materials Stores link at the top of the [Shop Auxiliary](#) page then login using your Employee ID (EMPLID) and your Password to view gift ideas. You will find Gifts Under \$10, \$20, \$35 and \$65 to meet your specific needs. Don't delay, shop today for that special gift.

*[Posted: Nov 22, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Dir*

It's that time of year and the holidays are just around the corner. It's easy to support the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association (CGAUXA) this holiday season when you shop our affiliates. CGAUXA gains income to offset its budget at no additional cost to you. For your convenience, shopping links for all CGAUXA affiliates are collected

here: <http://www.shopauxiliary.com/index.html> Among the shopping options we offer are: **AMAZON** returns a percentage of each Amazon purchase made through CGAUXA's on-line store to the Association. To assure maximum credit to CGAUXA for all purchases via **AMAZON**, please begin each purchase here:

<http://www.shopauxiliary.com/index.html>

The full range of products and shopping conveniences of **AMAZON** are available at the **CGAUXA On-Line Store**: same prices, same specials, same shipping; all

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options.

Books Music DVDs Video Games Computer Software Electronics Office Equipment Personal Computers Cameras and Photos Kid's Toys... ..and help support the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association as you shop.

On behalf of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Happy Holidays!

Thomas Nunes, Director – Development, USCG Aux.

### **N-TRAIN 2011**

The 2011 National Training Conference (N-Train) is scheduled for the week of January 23, 2011 in St. Louis, MO. N-Train will be held at a new hotel location. The site will be the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet. Just click on N-Train to access the website for this event and view the public schedule as well as hotel information for making reservations. Deadline for hotel reservations is Monday January 3, 2011 [Posted: Nov 25, 2010. Source: Martin L. Phillips, Executive Director, CGAuxA]

### **ICS Requirements for AUXOP**

#### **All AUXOP candidates please note:**

The 300 & 400 courses are the Coast Guard version. The DSO-MTs, Sector, or Homeport (Training section of ICS) will be able to tell a member where the advanced classes are being held and who to contact to register. [Posted: Nov 24, 2010. Source: Dr. R. B. Fong, Sr, DIR-T]

### **The 2011 VSC Decals are available at ANSC**

We have a Distribution Announcement with instructions that you can download and print from this link:

[2011DecalAnnouncement.pdf](#)

And the order form for your FSO-MA of FC to send to ANSC to order your decals which you can get from this link: [VSCFORMNOV-10.pdf](#)

[Posted: Nov 24, 2010. Source: Lillian M Haines DIR-

### **Recreational Boating Safety featured in Fall 2010 Coast Guard Proceedings**

The fall 2010 issue of the Coast Guard Proceedings is focused on Recreational Boating Safety and Boating Responsibility. The issue includes terrific articles on boating safety initiatives, organizations, and resources. If you are not subscribed to the Proceedings, you can download it by going to the [Coast Guard Proceedings web site](#).

[Posted: Nov 24, 2010. Source: Bruce Johnson, DIR-B]

### **Direct Access for STTRs**

Direct Access is now accepting STTRs for the DCAPT, DIR-d AMLOC course at N-TRAIN. [Posted: Nov 23,

2010. Source: Dr. R. B. Fong, Sr, DIR-T]

### **Former Chief Director is an active Auxiliarist**

A former Chief Director of Auxiliary is very active in the Auxiliary and other boating safety organizations. Read the profile of this Auxiliarist and his current endeavors, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Nov 23, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Annual Plymouth Thanksgiving Parade**

The organizers of the parade believe that, "Our mission is to educate the public while preserving our country's important history, starting with the Pilgrim legacy and Thanksgiving story...". They accomplish this goal by producing a Thanksgiving celebration of excellence in Plymouth, America's Hometown, where Thanksgiving began. Auxiliarists of District 1-NR are an integral part of this celebration and have been for a number of years. Read about the history of this event and how the Auxiliary is represented, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Nov 28, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

### **Safety During Lighted Boat Parades**

Lighted boat parades can be spectacular and exciting, especially for children, but they are also inherently dangerous. Participants may lack experience boating at night and become distracted by the festive atmosphere, the bright light displays around them, and having more people on board than usual. Crewmembers who are operating generators for the first time may fail to follow safe procedures when refueling them; they also may be hooking up too many strings of lights, especially if they use incandescent instead of LED lights. They may not have reliable communication devices in case something goes wrong, or may not realize they should never throw candy or beads from their boat, as fish will eat anything.

Auxiliarists can contribute to making these events safer by contacting the parade organizers or safety officers to share their expertise, and they may also be able to utilize their facilities to help establish and maintain safety zones. Auxiliarists could help get the message to these boaters about the importance of always following State and Federal regulations, maintaining a safe speed and distance from other boats, knowing how elaborate decorations can affect the weight and maneuverability of their boats, and wearing life jackets, especially given the colder air and water temperatures.

Locations and contact information for these parades can be found by entering either state or date at the [www.boatus.com/events](#) web site.

[Posted: Nov 29, 2010. Source: Bruce White, BC-BLB]

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## **Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard host USCG Auxiliary**

Auxiliarists from the International Directorate recently traveled to Trinidad and Tobago to meet with senior officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard. Their presence was requested by the Executive Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard. The request, to the U.S. Embassy, sought assistance in forming a Coast Guard Auxiliary in Trinidad and Tobago. Read about this trip and the results achieved, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. [Posted: Dec 6, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP]

## **2011 West Marine VSC discount coupons**

Great News, the West Marine VSC discount coupon will be continuing in 2011. While this is not an endorsement of West Marine, they do provide a great service to the boater. As in the past, the coupon is only for safety items to pass the VSC. West Marine requires the boater present a copy of the coupon and the 7012 or 7012A to receive the 10% discount.

The coupon is available in a black and white smaller file for ease of examiner printing and also in color if you prefer. Please use the download links below:

- [Color Brochure](#)
- [Black and White Brochure](#)

Finally, we are told that these are valid now and until 12/31/11 and coupon stock should be available in local stores early next year. [Posted: Dec 6, 2010. Source: Lillian M. Haines DIR-V]

## **Sea Scouts distribute recycle buckets to boaters**

Read about a couple of Florida Sea Scouts who are distributing recycle buckets to boaters as a part of a school and Scout service project. Is this something that your Flotilla could be doing with local Sea Scouts? Read more about it [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). [Posted: Dec 6, 2010. Source: COMO Nick Tarlson, BC-BLY]

## **To: CS Officers.**

Welcome to the Public Affairs Officer lists. For those of you who are new to the AUXPAO lists, please be aware that this information relates to public affairs, member communications, and Auxiliary web communications. All elected officers and all FSO/SO/ADSO/DSO-PA and PB also receive these messages. Some messages may be of importance to but once segment of the PA community while others are of general importance.

To help you get up to speed, you may want to take a look at the various guidelines available at:

<http://www.auxpa.org/resources/>

Thomas Nunes, Director - Public Affairs, USCG AUX

## **AUXOP Program Frequently Asked Questions Sheet**

- **I started the AUXOP program several years ago; can I use those courses for the new AUXOP program?**
  - The AUXOP program construct was based on the successful completion of six specialty courses (AUXWEA, AUXSEA, AUXCOM, AUXSC&E, AUXPAT, AUXNAV) expires on January 1, 2011. Past successful completion of any of those specialty courses, will be recognized for AUXOP credit under the new program construct beginning January 1, 2011.
- **Is the Flotilla Leadership Course, the same as the Flotilla Leadership Academy or the District Flotilla Leadership Course? Will they count towards AUXOP?**
  - No, only the Flotilla Leadership Course is permitted for the AUXOPS qualification. Information about the FLC can be found through the Auxiliary Training Directorate website at:  
<http://www.cgaux.org/training/FlotillaCommander.html>
- **Can I use the Coast Guard version of LAMS for the AUXOP qualification?**
  - No, only the Auxiliary Leadership and Management School (AUXLAMS) is acceptable for AUXOP credit. AUXLAMS is delivered in resident training as road show formats. If taking the road show format (which is comprised of two distinct parts, (AUXLAMS-A and AUXLAMS-B), then both parts must be successfully completed for AUXOP credit.
- **How do I get the ICS specialty courses listed for the AUXOP Program?**
  - As of January 1, 2011, only the Coast Guard version of ICS 300 & 400 will be accepted for AUXOP program credit. Only the Coast Guard versions of ICS 346/7/8, ICS 430/440 and ICS 351 are acceptable at all for AUXOP program credit.
  - The CG ICS specialty courses, ICS 300 & 400, ICS 346/7/8, ICS 430/440 and ICS 351 are in class room courses and not offered on line.
  - If you are interested in qualifying in these specialties, you will need to talk to the active duty command and training officer. The active duty would need for you to be qualified in these positions in order to receive the PQS or a billet in the class.
  - If you took the FEMA ICS 300 & 400 prior to January 1, 2011, it will count towards the AUXOP pin but you are responsible for all material covered in the CG version if responding to an event.
- **Do I need to complete both the ICS class and the**

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### **PQS to get credit? What if I complete only one?**

- No, you can complete either the ICS class or the PQS to earn one credit.
- For two credits, you must complete both the ICS class and the PQS.
- You can complete the PQS and sit for the board w/o attending the course to become qualified. You will NOT be qualified if you only complete the class.

### **Do I need to take Initial Indoctrination Marine Safety (IIMS) with the 2010 Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP)?**

#### **What if I completed the old IMSEP?**

- If you have successfully completed the 2010 version of IMSEP, then you do not have to take IIMS.
- If you successfully completed the IMSEP edition that is older than the 2010 edition, and then you must complete the IIMS.
- After January 1, 2011, only the successful completion of the 2010 edition of the IMSEP will be accepted for AUXOP program credit. [Posted: Dec 7, 2010. Source: Gail Venezia, ANACO-RS]

### **Help Desk - On Line FLC and AUXCOM Courses**

Students that are enrolled in the On-Line eBlackboard Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) and the AUXCOM course are advised not to contact the Southern New Hampshire University Help Desk. That Desk is for university personnel only and they are not equipped to help in Auxiliary matters. Please direct all help issues to Dr. Juan Hernandez until further notice. Thank you for your patience and understanding. [Posted: Dec 13, 2010. Source: Dr. R. B. Fong, Sr. (DIR-T)]

### **Good Afternoon Shipmates,**

At 1620 EST today, the process of sending the 16DEC issue of *NAVIGATOR Express* to over 29,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary members by e-mail was initiated. This process should be completed by 1800 EST today.

We have received reports from some members that they have not received the last two issues of *NAVIGATOR Express*. Our tech team believes this is primarily due to the SPAM filters at certain Internet Service Providers (ISP's) activating due to the large amount of non-valid e-mail addresses in our membership database. Hence we have initiated a process to purge non-valid addresses from the *NAVIGATOR Express* mailing list during each mailing. We expect this will help to alleviate the problem.

In the meantime, we are asking all members who desire to receive *NAVIGATOR Express* to place the e-mail address navexpress@uscgaux.com into their e-mail "safe

list." For instructions on how to do this, please contact your ISP or e-mail service provider.

In addition, we are requesting all Flotilla Commanders to work with their Public Affairs and Publications Officers to ensure that a copy of *NAVIGATOR Express* is forwarded to any flotilla member who is not receiving *NAVIGATOR Express* directly. This should include recent member applicants, friends and family of the flotilla, and local Coast Guard units who may have an interest in a portion of our content.

Thank you for your continued patience and support of the *NAVIGATOR Express* project. I wish you all Season's Greetings!

Christopher Todd, Deputy Director, Public Affairs

### **NEW MANDATED WORKSHOPS FOR 2011**

Be aware that the 2011 mandatory workshops (6 of them) are now required every 5 years and the new contents have not been released yet (except for POSH – see below) Here is the info posted for District:

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) Human Relations Awareness.

\* Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) (effective immediately): This course has been developed by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). It has been reviewed and approved for Auxiliary use by the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CG-542). It now replaces prior Sexual Harassment Prevention (SHP) training materials, and a corresponding AUXDATA field for completion entry is available. The course is only available on DVD from ANSC. It should be reviewed by the planned facilitator before presentation because it requires a nominal degree of audience preparation (e.g. - having pen/paper ready for pre/post quizzes) and it is designed for discussions throughout its presentation.

Robert E. Holm. ADSO- MT, District Member Training

### **ALL FSO/SO-IS OFFICERS AND ALL MEMBERS:**

Because we have the capability of putting in the new officers in AUXDATA as soon after elections that the list is available, it is presenting a problem in AUXOFFICER and the e-form transmissions.

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AUXOFFICE updates the new officer and the e-forms are being sent to the new IS officer who will not take office until 1/1/2011. So if you have received any electronic forms and you are not yet entering data, PLEASE forward them to the current IS Office so that the forms will be entered in a timely manner.

**ALL FSO/.SO/DSO-CS OFFICERS and ALL MEMBERS WITH SAVED BOOKMARKS::**

Remember that at the beginning of the New Year, any AUXINFO preformatted reports that you have on your web sites will have to have all of your Bookmarks updated to obtain the new information.

AS OF 01/01/2011, AUXINFO will have the capability to retrieve performance hours by Sector regardless of which districts are working with them. *[Posted: Dec 18, 2010. Source: Marilyn McBain, DVC-IUI]*

**To: ALAUX**  
**From: CHDIRAUX**  
**Subj: 2010 COMMANDANT'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS -044/10**

From: Papp, Robert ADM  
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 10:02 AM  
Subject: 2010 Holiday Greetings

**Shipmates,**

In the midst of this holiday season, Linda and I want to take a moment to send our wholehearted thanks to you and your families.

Each and every day you provide for the safety, security, and stewardship of our Nation and its waters. Your outstanding work over the past year, whether active duty, reserve, civilian or auxiliary, once again showcased the value of our small service. In Haiti, you were first on-scene to provide humanitarian assistance in the wake of a devastating earthquake, and you have led, and continue to lead, the extraordinary clean-up and oversight of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response. We also remember our retirees, who continue to support us and still serve as members of the Coast Guard family. This year, our family also experienced the painful loss of

shipmates. We remember them. We miss them. We will never forget them.

We face many challenges in the new year. Indeed, there is much important work to be done-but my faith in your ability to complete our challenging maritime missions has never been stronger. For now, I encourage you to enjoy the warmth of the holiday season. Rest, relax and spend time with your families, friends and shipmates. As you enjoy the company of your loved ones, remember our Coast Guardsmen, and all the men and women serving in our armed forces throughout the world, who are proudly standing watch, providing safety, security and peace for this holiday season.

You are an exceptional group of individuals and I cannot express how thankful I am to serve with you. During this holiday season, and for the many that will follow, we will continue to faithfully serve. This is our chosen profession. This is our way. This is what we do. We are the men and women of the United States Coast Guard, past and present.

Stand a taut watch, Semper Paratus and happy holidays.  
Admiral Bob and Linda Papp

**Auxiliary Color Guard presents colors at NFL game**

Quite possibly for the first time; an Auxiliary Color Guard presented the colors before a recent NFL game between the New England Patriots and the Baltimore Ravens. Take a look at this public affairs and patriotic event, now on [SITREP](#), the Auxiliary's National e-magazine. *[Posted: Dec 19, 2010. Source: Mel Borofsky, Editor SITREP ]*

**To increase video skills** to meet the new challenges of the changing world of public affairs, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is hosting a series of live-streamed training sessions based on the new Coast Guard standards JVC video camera. The training, sponsored by Florida State College at Jacksonville and the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a series of four, one-hour Video Production classes that will take you from A-Z in what you need to know to create a video production that can be used for training, social media and/or news events.

\* Dates: Jan.10-13, 2011 Time: 1-2 p.m. EST; 12—1 p.m. CST; 11a.m.-12p.m. MST; 10-11 a.m.

\*PST Streamed Live from Jacksonville, Florida

To view the training please go to

<http://digitalmedia.fscj.edu/streaming.html>

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about 10 minutes before the scheduled time. You may send any questions or comments to Rusty Gardner at [ngardner@fscj.edu](mailto:ngardner@fscj.edu). Active duty and Auxiliary members are invited to participate. There is no limit to the number of people accessing the site.

### **Schedule & Topics**

\* **Monday**, Jan. 10: Preparing a Production. A round table discussion on the various ways that professionals prepare a production. We will compare the "run and gun" method and how it compares to a highly produced production, and all points in between.

\***Tuesday**, Jan. 11: Using the JVC GY-HM100U camera. This session will cover the basic concepts, features and techniques for using the JVC camera. We will also be discussing lighting and sound techniques.

\***Wednesday**, Jan. 12: Introduction to Final Cut Pro. The session will take you through the steps for creating a project in either Final Cut Pro or Final Cut Express. Features will include video capture, file management, transitions, basic editing and basic titles.

\***Thursday**, Jan. 13: Delivery Methods. This session will cover compression standards and techniques, as well as free tools to enhance the delivery of content through Social Media and DVDs.

Thomas Nunes, Director - Public Affairs, USCG Aux

### **From: Publisher December 2010 eBeacon**

1. We are proud to announce the new eBeacon is available for your reading pleasure at our website located here:

<http://www.cgauxa.org/beacon/2010-12-beacon.pdf>

## **E-Learning (Moodle) Work**

The Auxiliary E-Learning website (<http://virtualclassroomuscg.org/usr/moodle2>) will be undergoing major renovations over the next two weeks. As such, the site will be down for most of the next two weeks, and the site should be back up fully on/around 2 JAN 2011. All user accounts will be deleted during this process, and re-registration will have to occur once the new system is fully in place. This work will result in a stabilized E-learning platform for the near future as we continue to develop new ideas for distributed learning. This does not have any effect on the NTC or the Directory accounts as it only involves the Auxiliary E-learning website. *[Posted: Dec 22, 2010. Source: Matt Hammons DVC-TD]*

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*Remember our troops this Christmas Season.*



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