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## ON THE COVER:

Chatham Flotilla 11-1 has just started using teleconferencing to conduct unit and committee meetings. See full article on Page 6.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

It was a "Stop the Presses!" moment for the *Nor'Easter* Production Team. We were busily at work on our usual Spring issue devoted to National Safe Boating Week and recreational boating safety. But when the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic became apparent, then the Auxiliary received orders to stand down, we shelved that issue to put out this special issue instead as quickly as possible. The Auxiliary is now standing down. Nevertheless, there are many ways for individual members to remain active, continue growing their knowledge base and skill sets, and stay on task supporting the Gold Side in its many mission areas. This issue lays out twelve such ways, among a number of others that undoubtedly exist.

Engaging in the activities described certainly presents its challenges. Many of us are still working, perhaps telecommuting to offices. Others are wrangling children or caring for older or ill family members at home. Some are even on the front lines as essential services and emergency healthcare workers. For those individuals, being active for only a few hours, now and then, is all that will be possible. A large number of us, however, have more time on our hands and we also may be looking for positive, constructive things to do. This is especially true if we are sheltering in place at home. If this is the situation that you are in, please consider picking and choosing among the twelve activities highlighted in this issue and remain active in the Auxiliary during the course of the stand down.

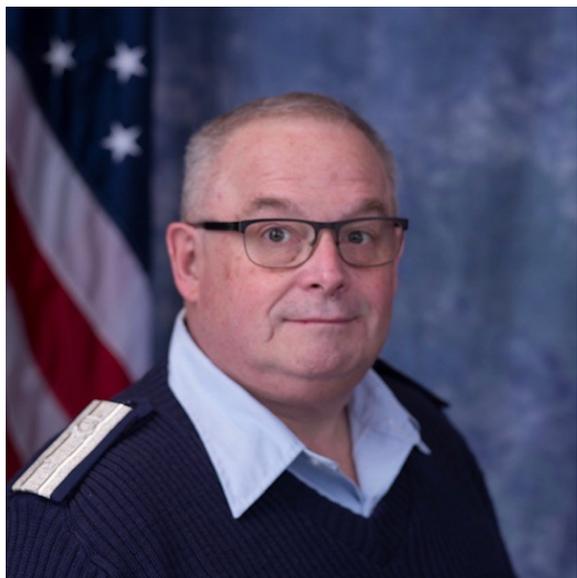
Finally, all the members of the PB mission, throughout the district, hope that you and your families stay safe and healthy during this difficult time in the history of our country and the Auxiliary.

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Right now, we're in unprecedented times. Not since 1918 have our country and indeed the world been in the throes of a malady quite like this one. It's difficult for all of us. Every single one of us is fearful for the health of our families and ourselves. You don't have to look far to find tragedy in this pandemic. I myself know someone who has lost both his brother and father within six days of each other. In many ways, it resembles a world war.

This is an especially difficult time for us as Auxiliaries. We've trained to respond to national incidents and emergencies, but this is one we can't even begin to get involved with. We're told to stay home, shelter in place and maintain "social distancing." All of this is something we're just not used to doing.

But we must do it. Fortunately, in the process of standing down, we are finding new ways to do things. While there is no substitute for actual face-to-face human interaction, many of our members have been able to adapt and come up with creative alternatives. Instead of conducting regular meetings, groups of Auxiliaries have been holding social gatherings on line using Zoom, Skype or Free Conference Call. Public education classes, started in person before the outbreak, were finished on line though with written tests postponed for the time being. Training classes are also being held on line.

Many of us in our personal lives have adapted in the same way. Families are getting together on line, and friends who would normally socialize in person are now doing so remotely. My wife and I spent Easter communicating with our family members via my iPad. I don't want to go so far as to say that this is the new normal, but I do feel it's forced people to think outside the box in how they interact. Some of it may still be with us when the pandemic ends.

That said, we Auxiliaries are people who are hardwired to be either out on the water or in a classroom teaching boaters how to be safe. Without shipmates alongside us, our Auxiliary lives are not the same.

So, what I would like to ask is this: Please stick with us and stick together. Find ways to keep your fellow members interested in the Auxiliary while maintaining social distancing. Use whatever tools you have to keep your shipmates close by. Hold a video gathering or just pick up the phone and check in. For some of our shipmates, the Auxiliary is a huge part of their lives. Some live alone and will have no interaction with anyone unless we reach out to them. One of the best ways to maintain fellowship during this crisis is to extend an offer of help to fellow members.

Some may be too proud to ask for your help. But by making them feel important enough to warrant a check in, you will be doing a great service to these shipmates.

Soon this will be over. We will be back out doing what we've been doing for years. When that happens, we can look back on how we rose to the challenge by keeping ourselves and those around us safe.

Semper Paratus.

**Charlie Grossimon**  
**District Commodore**

# DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF'S MESSAGE



Wow. I'm struck by that famous curse, "May you live in interesting times." We certainly are living in such times right now.

First, I hope you are all safe and healthy. To those of you who are essential workers and must continue to do your jobs, thank you. Thank you for keeping the country running.

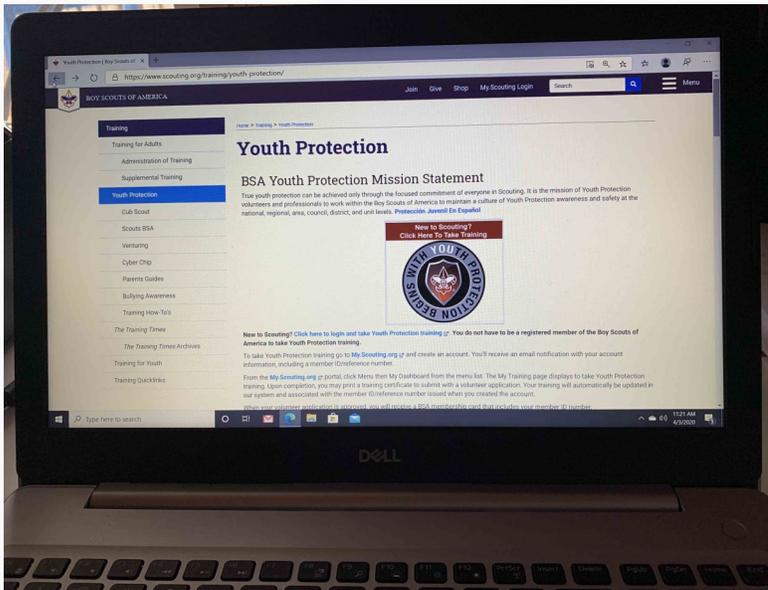
Secondly, if you are quarantined or sheltering at home, please use this time to get as much electronic training done as possible. If you are having issues getting on line, contact your FSO-MT for assistance. We are all here to support one another, and staying active and in touch is important.

I am planning some video conference calls so we can chat, but you do not have to be in a leadership position to chat with each other. For some, isolation can be overwhelming. Reach out to your shipmates—throughout a phone call, Skype, one of the free conference call services, FaceTime, Messenger, Whatsapp, or some other app out there to chat with each other. I'm using several apps with airline friends to stay caught up and support one another. All of us can do the same in the Auxiliary.

Stay ready. We will be open for business again, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

**Byron A. Moe, Jr.**  
**District Chief of Staff**

# #1 TAKE SCOUT YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING



During the stand down, free member training is available for anyone wanting to be prepared to carry out the Coast Guard's recreational boating safety mission with the Sea Scouts. This training is mandatory for any Auxiliarist who works with Sea Scouts "regularly," defined as having contact with a Sea Scout at least once a year. It is also required for certain elected and staff officers of Auxiliary flotillas and divisions that charter Sea Scout Ships.

The first step is to create a personal account at **my.scouting.org**. (You need not be a Boy Scout/Sea Scout member to do so.) You then will have a user name and password for accessing the Youth Protection Training course located on this site. (Photo Wes Baden)

Detailed information about the Youth Protection Course can be found at **scouting.org/training/youth-protection**.

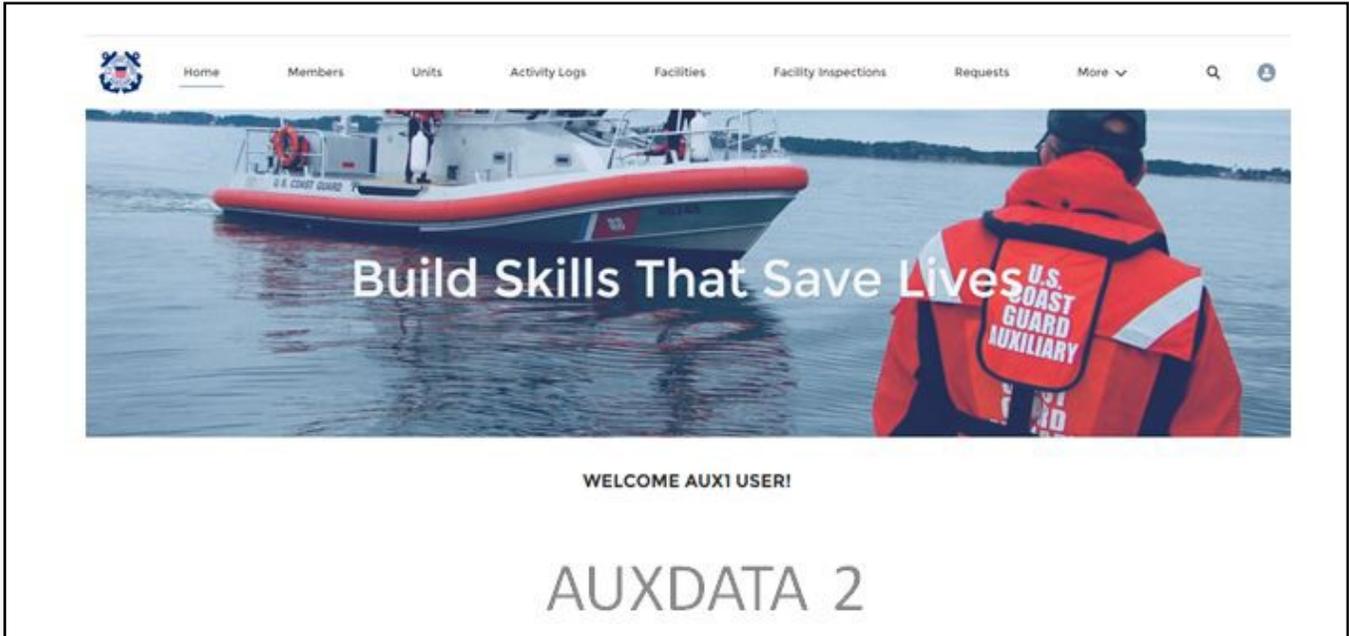
Google Chrome must be used to take the course. When you have finished, send a copy of the completion certificate to your Flotilla Commander for forwarding to DIRAUX and placement in your Auxiliarist training record.

Feel free to direct any questions or requests for help in completing training to the District AUXSCOUT Team: DSO-AS Jason Oliveira, ADSO-AS April Oliveira, and Division 4 SO-AS Mark Lapham. They also have information about additional Scout training opportunities. (Photo Sea Scouts)



# #2

# GET READY FOR AUXDATA 2



The new AUXDATA 2 welcome page. (Computer screen shot Laurel Carlson)

DSO-IS Laurel Carlson and the initial D1NR Training Team are hard at work implementing the new AUXDATA 2 system. There are things that you yourself can do now, to get ready for the change. Also, you will be able to make use of a variety of training tools in late April and May.

AOM ceased to exist on March 31. AUXDATA, as we knew it, was closed effective April 5, and AUXINFO was updated for the last time on April 6. However, it is still possible for members to document activity and make sure that it gets recorded. You should continue to use current paper forms and e-forms found on the National web site, then send them to your FSO-IS. He or she will enter the information into AUXDATA 2 until you have your own system account and are able to record data. The plan is for all members to have AUXDATA 2 accounts by the end of May.

AUXDATA 2 will have the functions of AUXDATA, AUXINFO, AOM and the Skills Bank all in one place. By necessity, the first accounts in the new system will be issued to DIRAUX, DIRAUX support staff, IS officers and Boat and Air Facility owners and operators. Boat Crew coxswains and air pilots and commanders also have priority in receiving accounts in April. Members at large will receive their accounts beginning mid-May.

All members will need various levels of training in how to use AUXDATA 2. The training schedule is still in the process of being finalized. It will include PowerPoint presentations, 3-5 minute videos about how to perform specific functions, online webinars, and in-person sessions when the stand down is lifted. Check email frequently for announcements about training, plus look for posts about training on the district web page.

Carlson is the point of contact for questions or additional information about AUXDATA 2.

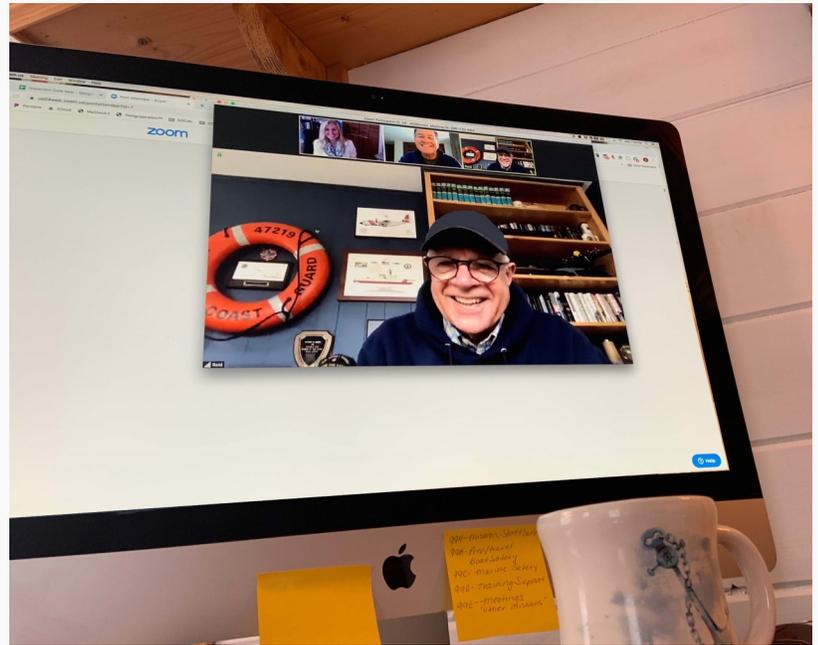
# #3

# TELECONFERENCE

During the pandemic, until further notice, the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX) has authorized Auxiliary units and committees to use telephonic and electronic means to conduct meetings.

A Chatham Flotilla 11-1 committee has just used ZOOM, a video conferencing platform, to design and work out the final details for a flotilla challenge coin. Now monthly flotilla meetings will be conducted using videoconferencing too.

At the 11-1 online meeting were Kathlene Ruhan FSO-CS (left inset), John Geurtsen FC (inset) and Reid Oslin VFC (inset and enlarged on computer screen). (Photo Kathlene Ruhan)



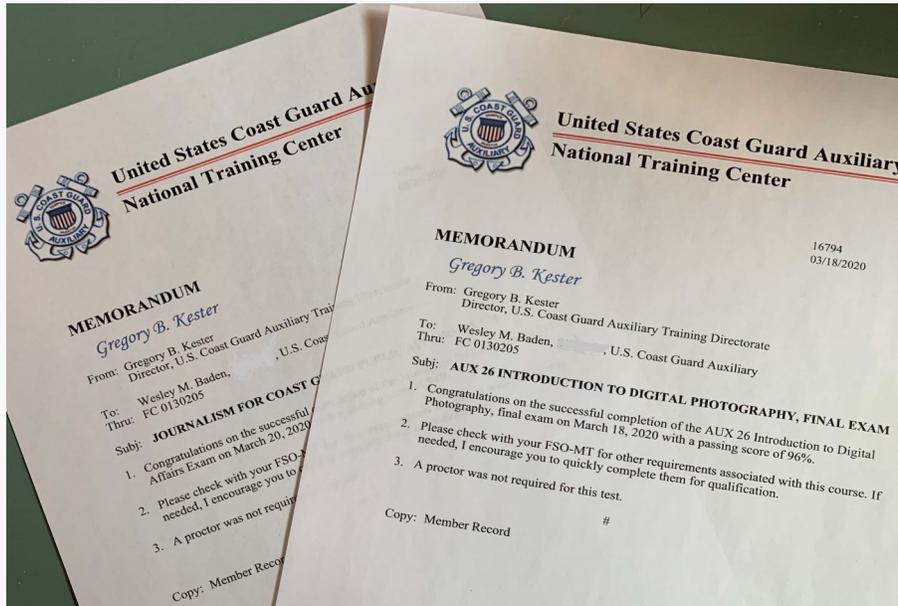
According to Ruhan, also a National PA Branch Chief, there are a number of teleconferencing platforms that are available for use. Besides ZOOM, they include Skype, FaceTime and Houseparty. Some are free of charge while others offer limited free time before requiring a monthly fee. Whatever platform is used, Ruhan recommends that the following types of precautions be taken to avoid “bombing” or other hacking: use of secure passwords, meeting notices sent only to individuals who will attend, and no posting of meeting information on the web at large where the general public might see it. Ruhan may be contacted for further information about teleconferencing and best practices for its use. When the stand down is over, Auxiliary units will need to develop written electronic meeting plans and standing rules for telephonic/electronic meetings if they have not done so already. CHDIRAUX has waived this requirement for the time being.

Also, is not completely clear how Auxiliarists may be able to use teleconferencing for purposes other than meetings. Mentors helping new members and shipmates assisting others with PQS workbook requirements are possibilities, but they do not appear to be expressly authorized at this time. This matter probably will be clarified in the immediate future. Seek guidance from the Chain of Leadership.

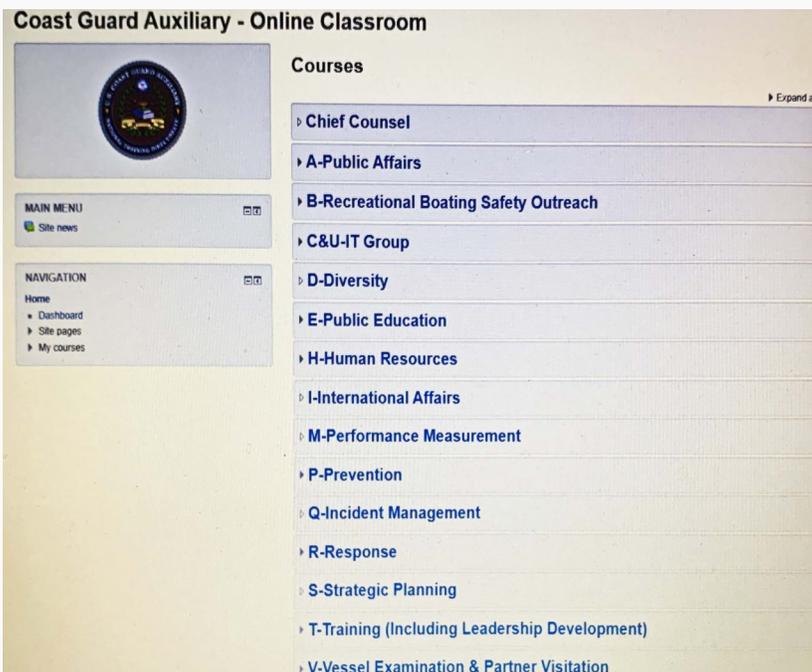
Units interested in teleconferencing or other uses of technology are encouraged to work with their local communication services officer or contact William Bell, DSO-CS.

# #4

# TAKE ONLINE COURSES



DSO-PB Wes Baden is using available free time to sharpen writing and photography skills. Above are certificates of completion for two online Public Affairs courses, AUX 23, Journalism for Coast Guard Public Affairs, and AUX 26, Introduction to Digital Photography. (Photo Wes Baden)



Public Affairs, Public Education, Human Resources, Prevention, Incident Management, Response, Leadership Development, Vessel Examination & Partner Visitation, and more—whatever your interests as an Auxiliarist, you can find training courses on the Coast Guard Auxiliary Online Classroom, [classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/](http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/).

All courses contain relatively short individual learning topics or units. You may start and complete them any convenient time, prior to reviewing study materials and taking final examinations whenever you want.

# #5 MENTOR A NEW MEMBER

DSO-HR Dewayne Roos asks if perhaps the better question is, “Who *wouldn't* want to be a mentor when everyone involved profits in some way?” Mentors, new members and the Auxiliary all benefit from the experience of mentoring. Mentors benefit by developing leadership skills, experiencing renewed enthusiasm and broadening their understanding of the Auxiliary. New members benefit because of greater engagement with shipmates, new learning experiences and skills development, and faster certifications and qualifications. And the Auxiliary benefits through higher levels of flotilla retention, involvement and satisfaction, with more members who are willing and able to support a wide variety of mission areas, especially recreational boating safety.

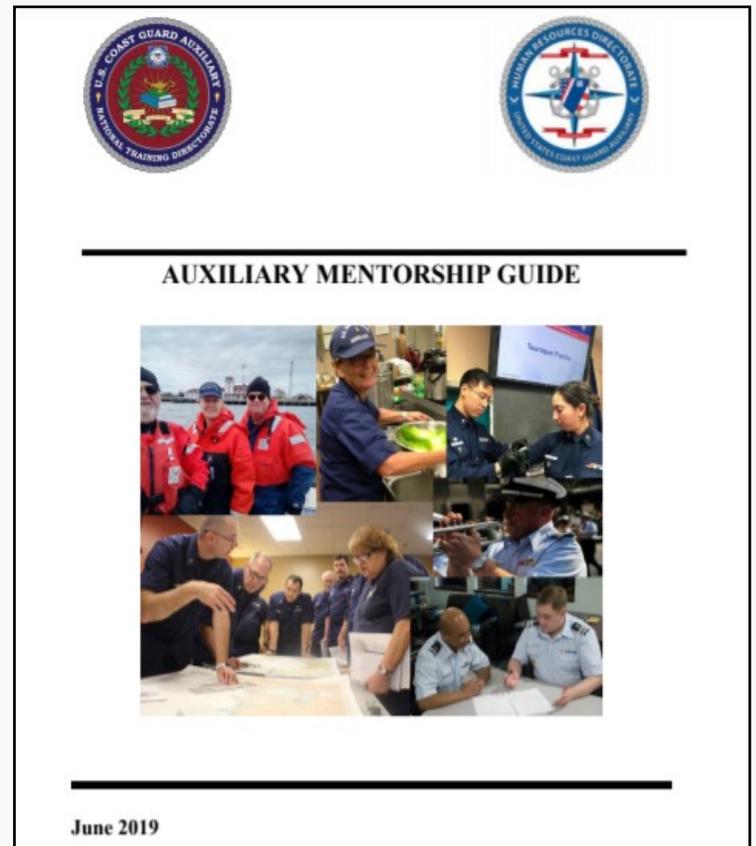


CGAUX PowerPoint

Being a mentor, at first glance, may seem difficult if not overwhelming. Some may feel that they lack the tools to do a good job. But there is good news. A new Auxiliary Mentorship Guide became available in June 2019. It is found on line at [www.uscgaux.info/Uploads\\_wowII/AUX60/AUXILIARY\\_MENTORING\\_GUIDE\\_6\\_19.pdf](http://www.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/AUX60/AUXILIARY_MENTORING_GUIDE_6_19.pdf). (Note: the “II” in this URL is two capital “i”s, not two small cap “L”s.)

The new guide provides a wealth of information along with best practices for planning and executing effective mentoring. You will find that much of what you need for successful mentoring has already been done. Included in the guide are samples for a Mentoring Development Plan, Mentoring Agreement and Individual Development Plan.

Roos and his team of human resources officers may be contacted for further information about mentoring programs and how to make them effective and successful in your units.



# #6

# PASS THE VE EXAM

The Auxiliary's most important mission is saving lives. Conducting as many Vessel Safety Checks as possible is one way that that mission is accomplished. The process of becoming a qualified Vessel Examiner is something that you can begin now during the stand down.

You will not be able to finish the final requirement, five supervised safety checks, until the stand down has ended. But you can take and pass the online classroom VE exam anytime that you want. (Photo John Stevens USCG AUX)



**Vessel Examiner Qualification**

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  - My courses

**ADMINISTRATION**

- Course administration
- Unenroll me from VE
- Grades

This is a non-credit course designed to help members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary prepare for and pass the Vessel Examiner Exam located on the National E-Testing Portal.A

- News forum
- Vessel Safety Check Manual
- Vessel Examination Activity Report
- Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Form
- Current Vessel Examiner Workshop
- Old Vessel Safety Check Manual

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**Topic 1**

Introduction - Chapter 1

- Quiz 1 - Introduction - Chapter 1

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**Topic 2**

Chapter 2A -A Vessel Safety Check Techniques

- Quiz 2 - Vessel Safety Check Techniques

The Vessel Examiner course is located on the Coast Guard Auxiliary Online Classroom, at [classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/](https://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/). After passing exams at the end of each topic, as well as the final exam, you are ready to complete supervised checks when the stand down is over. You then will be fully qualified as a CGAUX Vessel Examiner.

Reach out to your FSO-VE for help as needed. (NOTE: This may be necessary in order to access the Vessel Safety Check Manual and study its contents for the exam topics.) He or she, along with everyone in your flotilla, is eager to have you be part of the VE mission. One of the best experiences that you can have, as an Auxiliarist, is knowing that you just may have saved the life of the boater you talked with while conducting a safety check.

# #7

# BUILD A BOAT



It's often said that we learn from the ground up. But what better way is there to learn seamanship than from the keel up?

David Racicot, IPFC, Boothbay Harbor Flotilla 25, is building a lightweight, 20-pound canoe. The wood frame will be covered with Kevlar roving and Dacron skin.

Over the years Racicot has built six paddle craft, some of his own design, and restored four wood and canvas canoes. He also has built a rowing dinghy and a sailing dinghy.

Racicot says that building paddle craft himself enhances his credibility with local paddlers and has made conducting paddle craft Vessel Safety Checks much easier. (Photos David Racicot)



# #8

# Review Uniform Wear

No one knows exactly when the current stand down will end. When it does, Auxiliarists once again will be in uniform at Coast Guard stations as well as public events and activities. This is therefore a great time to refresh our memories about proper uniform wear and possibly even learn a few new things while doing so.

A number of Tropical Blue uniform errors were observed at March 2020 D-Train. Head to toe, they include:

- Glasses resting on the head
- Crew neck T-shirts
- Incorrect ribbon precedence
- Unbuttoned cardigan sweaters
- Unzipped jackets
- Cap-toed dress shoes

All such errors are easily correctable.

A useful place to begin reviewing uniform wear is “2019 Coast Guard Auxiliary Uniforms.” It can be found on the web at [cgaux.org/members/USCGAUX\\_Uniform\\_Presentation-01082019.pdf](http://cgaux.org/members/USCGAUX_Uniform_Presentation-01082019.pdf).

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2019  
Coast Guard  
Auxiliary Uniforms

Revised & Approved - December 2018

Topics

- Uniform standards
- Types of uniforms
- Uniform descriptions
- Proper placement of ribbons, name tags & devices
- Grooming standards
- Where to procure your uniforms

Uniform Standards

The word "uniform" implies consistency and conformance to certain standards.

Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1G  
Chapter 10 - Section C.3  
"Uniformity in Grooming and Appearance"

COMDTINST M16790.1G

Chapter 10  
Uniforms

**Introduction**

Auxiliary uniforms are similar to those worn by Coast Guard officers. Silver braid and silver buttons replace the gold braid and buttons worn by Coast Guard officers. Auxiliarists may also wear other authorized emblems, insignia and ribbons. This chapter provides information on the various uniforms and their proper wear. Directors are the source of any additional information on uniforms.

All Auxiliarists are authorized and encouraged to wear the various Auxiliary uniforms or the Blazer outfit. Auxiliarists must adhere to uniform policies when engaged in Coast Guard and Auxiliary programs and activities. Uniforms shall be worn as prescribed in Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), except as noted in this chapter.

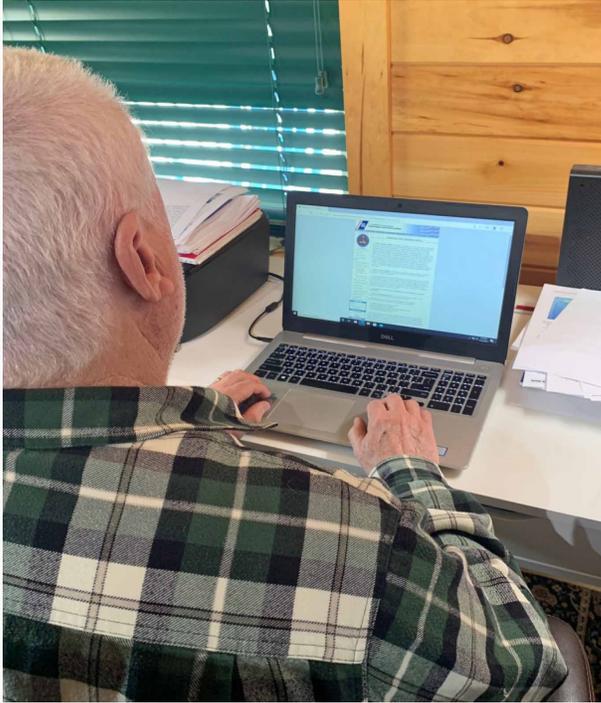
The illustrations in this chapter show Auxiliary uniforms now authorized and the appearance of each uniform when worn properly. A description with

The Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, “Uniforms,” prescribes proper uniform wear in detail. Be sure to use the AUXMAN with the most recent changes and annotations. Auxiliarists can find answers to most uniform questions there.

David McClure, District Captain SSNE, is an excellent resource. He invites your questions about uniform wear and says that you may contact him anytime.

# #9

# COMPLETE/REPEAT CORE TRAINING



Now is the perfect time for new Auxiliarists to complete Core Training (required in the first year of membership) and for current members to repeat certain classes as necessary (required every five years). Failure to do so places members in **REYR**—**RE**certification needed to meet **Yearly Requirements**. Auxiliarists in REYR status must complete all program-specific requirements in order to regain program currency and authorization to perform program activities. Bottom line: Members are essentially dead in the water until they have done all of Core Training.

It is necessary to take two courses, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers, in addition to five or seven USCG Core Training courses depending on your membership status. The FEMA courses need to be taken only once. They are:

- ▶ Incident Command System ICS-100, IS-100.b
- ▶ National Incident Management System, IS-700.a

Access these courses at [training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx](https://training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx) on the FEMA web site.

[a013.uscgaux.info/members/AUXMT.htm](https://a013.uscgaux.info/members/AUXMT.htm) is the link to use for the USCG Core Training courses.

Two of them need to be taken just once:

- ▶ Ethics 1/Personal Gifts, 502306
- ▶ Influenza Training, 502290

These also must be taken but then repeated only every five years while an Auxiliary member:

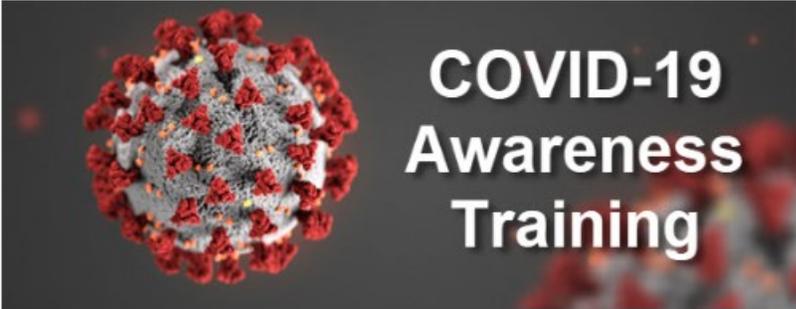
- ▶ Civil Rights Awareness, 502319
- ▶ Prevention of Sexual Harassment, 810000
- ▶ Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information, 810015
- ▶ Security Fundamentals, 810030
- ▶ Workforce Resilience, 502379

Be sure to contact your flotilla member training officer, flotilla human resources officer or flotilla commander if you experience any difficulty in beginning or finishing Core Training. These shipmates are there to help you if needed. (Photos Wes Baden)



# #10 TAKE COVID-19 AWARENESS TRAINING

WELCOME to AUX COVID-19 Training. Your progress ?



The graphic features a 3D model of a coronavirus particle on the left, with the text "COVID-19 Awareness Training" in large white letters on a dark background to the right.

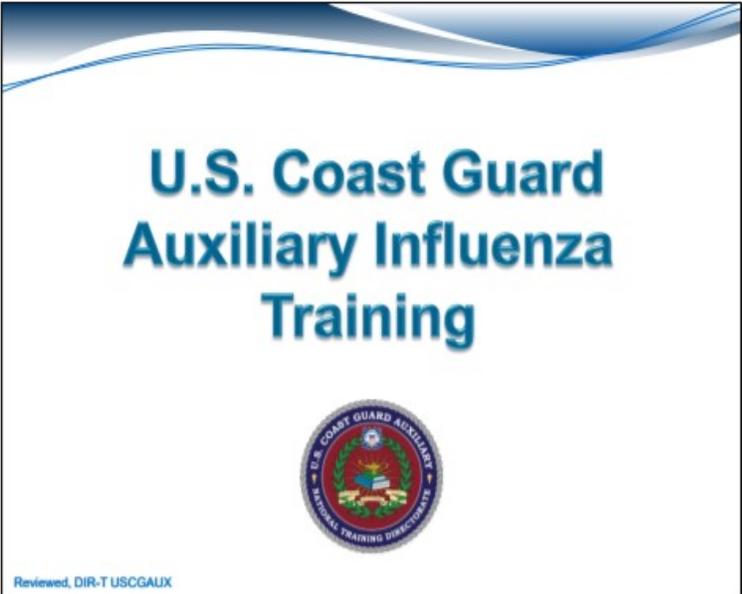
Welcome to the COVID-19 Awareness Training. This training provides factual information, insights and strategies for coping with the current crisis. The learning content in this course is sourced from multiple reputable sources. In particular we would like to thank EJ4 for providing free access to their resources.

As auxiliaries in support of the Coast Guard we need to be *Semper Paratus* and ensure we are part of the solution not part of the problem.

The National Training (T) Directorate has just created a distance learning course about COVID-19, providing factual information and insight into coping with daily activities. It consists of 16 mini video lessons on a wide variety of topics, plus web links to government resources. To access the course, go to [classroom2.cgau.org/moodle/](https://classroom2.cgau.org/moodle/), then click on “T-Training,” then “Auxiliary Core and Basic Qualification Training Portal.”

Another course that can keep members healthy and therefore able to support the Gold Side is Auxiliary Influenza Training. This course was dropped as a requirement when “Mandated Training” became “Core Training” in 2018. It is, however, still available on line. Also, like a number of districts nationwide, D1NR still requires members to complete Influenza Training one time if they have not done so already.

The course may be found at [tdept.cgau.org/mt/pdf/Influenza\\_Ind\\_Learn.pdf](https://tdept.cgau.org/mt/pdf/Influenza_Ind_Learn.pdf) as well as [a013.uscgau.info/members/AUXMT.htm](https://a013.uscgau.info/members/AUXMT.htm).



The slide has a blue wavy header and the text "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Influenza Training" in blue. Below the text is the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary logo, which is a circular seal with an eagle and the text "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL TRAINING DIRECTORATE". At the bottom left, it says "Reviewed, DIR-T USCGAUX".

# #11

# STAY FIT AT HOME



AUXFIT Team Leader Rashid Ashraf recognizes the great stress that we are under, much of it beyond our control. Healthy eating, regular exercise and adequate rest—all within our control—are positive, helpful ways to deal with such stress.

Ashraf has created a three-month lifestyle/exercise course on Facebook exclusively for Auxiliary members as well as their families. It is free, and its aim is to help everyone develop a healthy lifestyle. Included is a program that you can do at home to get the benefits of a full-body workout without exercise equipment found in gyms.

You must be a Facebook member. In the FB search bar, enter **AUXFIT D1NR CLASS 001**. When the site appears, click on “Ask to Join” and type in the requested information. (Photo Faizal Ashraf)

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# CREATE HISTORY



Join Surfman John T. Daniels, U.S. Life Saving Service (later merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the U.S. Coast Guard) in recording history in the making. It was Daniels who took the now iconic photograph of the first flight of the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Daniels' act is commemorated in a statue at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk. (Photo *Coast Guard News*, December 17, 2014)

Photographs are one way to document and archive Coast Guard/Coast Guard Auxiliary history during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our D1NR Historian, Janice Koleszar, welcomes photographs of daily life in your home and community during the stand down, plus personnel and activity at bases and stations if and when permitted.



In addition, Koleszar welcomes receipt of written materials, which are also important to preserve and place in district archives. Examples of such materials are:

- Newspaper and magazine clippings
- Downloads from the internet
- Email exchanges
- Chain of Leadership communications
- Flotilla, division and district newsletters
- Personal notebooks and diaries

Contact Koleszar directly (at home, not the Cape Office) if you would like to participate in this activity. (Photo Pixabay)

# MAINTAINING EMOTIONAL HEALTH

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rashid Ashraf, Page 14, reminds us about the importance of healthy eating, regular exercise and adequate rest during the stand down. Maintaining emotional health is also important. Here, FSO-PB Molly Schaeffer and FSO-IS Steven Shaeffer, New Bedford Flotilla 65, share a number of ideas about how to do exactly that. Be aware, however, that any outside activities must comply with all federal, state and local health regulations in effect in your area.

## THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

Get out and get fresh air every day: whether it be walking, bike riding or even in the car



Picnic as much as the weather will allow – pack it up and go by bike, car or foot



Picnic in the car at Ned's Point, Mattapoissett, MA

Picnic by pedal at Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, MA



Bake bread in any form – it takes you back



Fresh fruit at the ready  
because ... IT'S HAPPY

Indulge in a daily treat





Play games at night after dinner (Dominoes are great at any age)

Maintain the beauty



Weekly trash walks: don disposable gloves, grab a couple of plastic grocery bags and take to the sidewalks (if you can do so safely)

# "Many Hands Make Light Work"

## SPECIAL THANKS

In what now seems like another life, I was once sitting in a three-day management training program with about 400 other participants. One afternoon—I don't know if it was planned or we simply had a quick-witted trainer on stage—all the overhead lights in the large room went out. We were in total darkness. In an instant, though, the trainer shouted, "Everyone! Put a hand up in the air and turn it to the right!" It remained dark. "Keep doing it!" he yelled. Ten seconds later, the lights came back on. Not missing a beat, the trainer said, "You see, what they say is really true. Many hands make light work."

So it was with this special issue of *Nor'Easter*. It took a good deal of hard work to rush the issue into production and get the job done in a little more than two weeks time. There were, however, many hands helping the Production Team. In these circumstances it is difficult to acknowledge who is responsible for content on a specific page, as we normally do in our "Contributors" section. But no matter; this was a team effort. Everyone identified below contributed in some important way by suggesting article ideas, submitting written material, and providing photographs and graphics—not all of which we could use due to limited space—and also reviewing copy, suggesting changes, proofreading for errors, brainstorming on the phone or via email, and otherwise assisting in the editing, assembling and production of the issue as a whole.

The *Nor'Easter* Production Team and I extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals, listed in no particular order. ***All were hands that made the work light.***

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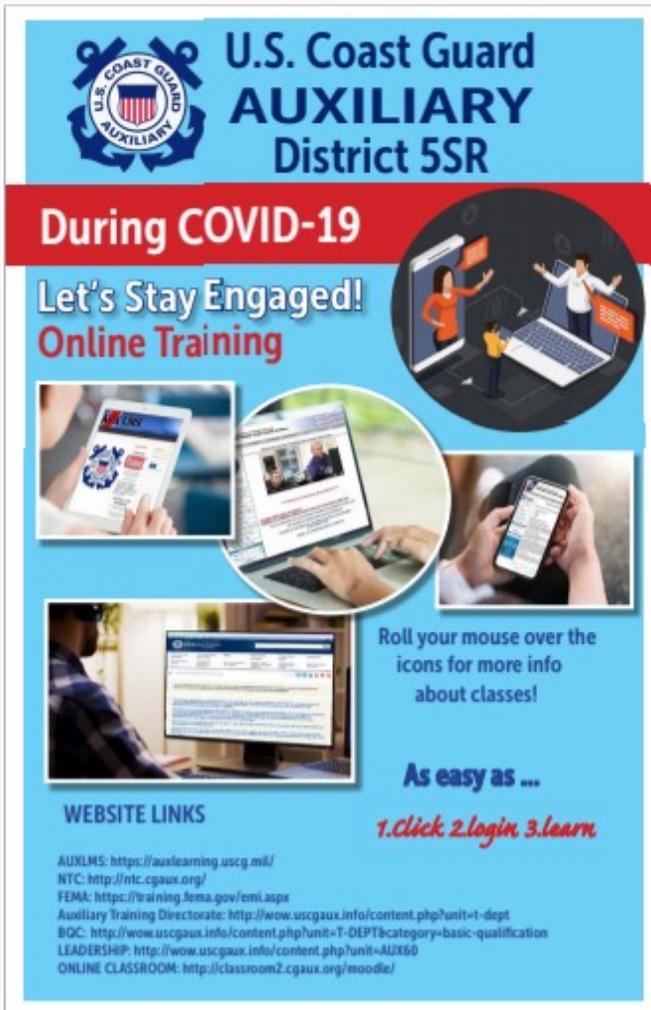
Our apologies to anyone whom we have inadvertently overlooked.

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# AND THANKS ALSO ...

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**During COVID-19**

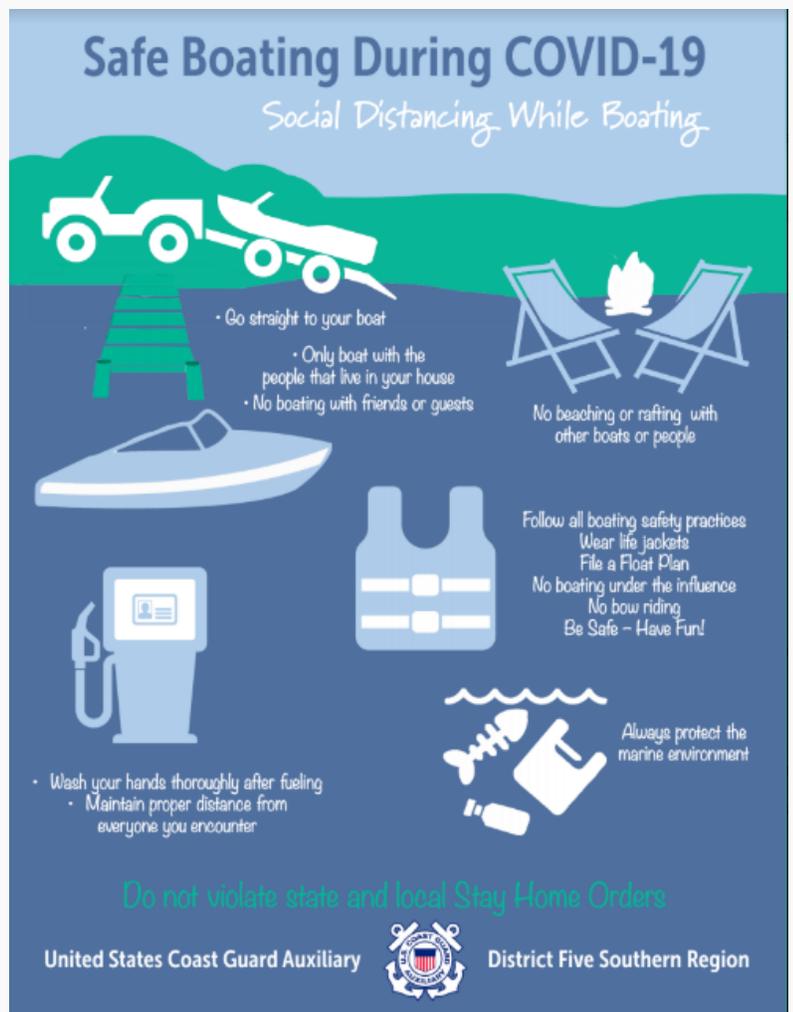
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**Safe Boating During COVID-19**  
*Social Distancing While Boating*

- Go straight to your boat
- Only boat with the people that live in your house
- No boating with friends or guests

No beaching or rafting with other boats or people

Follow all boating safety practices  
Wear life jackets  
File a Float Plan  
No boating under the influence  
No bow riding  
Be Safe - Have Fun!

- Wash your hands thoroughly after fueling
- Maintain proper distance from everyone you encounter

Always protect the marine environment

**Do not violate state and local Stay Home Orders**

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***CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020***

April 24	District Board and Staff	1900	Conference Call
May 3	Awards Banquet	TBA	Salvatore's, Lawrence, Mass.
May 15	District Board and Staff	1900	Assabet Valley RHS, Marlborough, Mass.
May 16-22	National Safe Boating Week		
June 19	District Board and Staff	1900	Conference Call
August 15	Deadline to Submit Letters of Intent to Run for District Office		

**All in-person events are tentative given the stand down.  
See the district website for additional details, other events, and updates.**

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