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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

We hope you are encouraged by the smiles of the Cadets from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy as they appear on the front cover of our newsletter.

These Cadets are participating in the Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program. You can read more about these Cadets starting on page 6.



What about becoming a Vessel Examiner or an instructor of a safe boating course.

Please imagine doing just that. We need more auxiliarists interacting with the recreational boaters.

Why not imagine saving a life as a Vessel Examiner or instructor.

So imagine this summer. Mom, dad, with all the kids, a couple of fishermen with all their gear, teenagers with all their friends, an elderly couple with all their memories of past summers, sitting on their boats safe and sound because we inspected their boats and equipment and provided them with safety information.



ON THE COVER: Five Cadets, in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, stand on the deck of the famous CG 36500 Motor Life Boat. From left to right: Alexa Smith 3/C, Jacob Bolles 3/C, Cole Francavivilla, Abigail Le Lievre, and Mitchell Campbell.

The front cover photo courtesy of Lisa A. Goodwin, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5/1/2022

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Welcome to summer 2022. All activities are ramping up, and it is very nice to be back working together. I want to update you on a few programs for this summer.

The first is the Save a Life, a new RBS initiative. John Hume, head of Prevention, is spearheading an effort to work better as a team to get our message out.

We are trying to drive more traffic for VEs and PEs and reach a broader swath of the public. We will soon be distributing QR codes for members to print out and use that will allow the public to request VEs & PEs and get the USCG Safe Boating app.

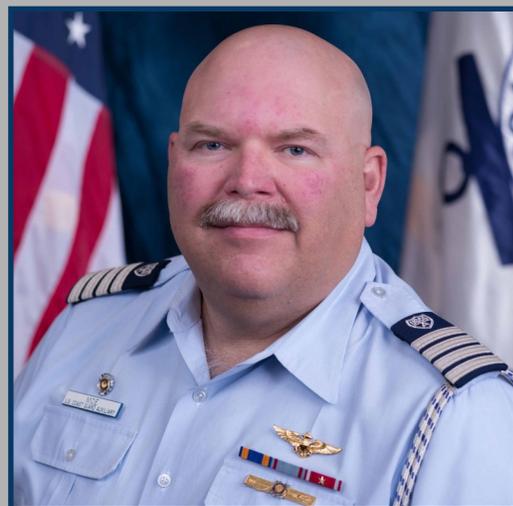
We also want members to build local relationships with the Town Clerks, Police, Fire, and EMS personnel. We get a broader contact group by providing them with our QR codes and having them issue "Just Found" stickers with registrations and a public interface.

Moreover, by talking with your local insurance broker about the benefits and risk mitigation of a safe boating class and vessel inspection and the QR codes and "If Found stickers", we again get a broader outreach with minimal efforts and, hopefully, maximum benefit. If we can prevent an accident, we have reached a goal.

Additionally, working with Don Ladd, DSO-Member Training, we are beginning a Leadership Virtual Seminar.

We haven't had the Leadership Development Academy in a few years, and I feel this training is critical for success. This class will be rolling out in early June 2022, and we are working with D1SR to give current and future leaders some core basics.

After this ends, I want to continue with a monthly leadership call/training program.



This is an opportunity to address issues, compare notes, and talk about what is good and what needs to be corrected. I also want to open this up to current leaders and potential future leaders. If you want a staff or elected position or are just not sure what it is all about, you are welcome to join us, have some fellowship, and learn some new skills.

We are moving into another busy summer. I hope to get to see many of you.

Please be safe, have fun and enjoy this upcoming summer season.

COMO Byron Moe
DCO -1NR



Greetings Shipmates,

I am thrilled to see our many members surviving COVID restrictions and returning to Job 1.

Attending in-person training, Change of Watches, and Public Education has warmed my heart. As I did Vessel Exams last week, it felt like "Old Times."

We have many members who have stepped up to the plate with bat ready to hit home runs. I congratulate you and your support team that helped us get through the past two years. It wasn't easy, but we did it.

Now that we are back in the swing, don't hesitate to try something new such as manning an ATON trip, a PA event or put that apron on and give the culinary team a hand.

We have our new AUP students ready to conduct their 5 VEs, and members are learning to stand watch. Mentors are needed, and you can be one. Think out of the box and get involved.

Recently, we have had several new training events, such as AUXCA, for new students and instructors on board the Eagle.

SSNE Training was held "in person" with 100 members attending. Now we have members sailing on the Eagle for weekends and weeks.

Be ready to take classes for PE Instructors and Program Visitors. VSC examiners are learning the process, and UPV training is available.



Lastly, we need to recruit new members to fill our expanding roles with Active Duty.

Let's go out and recruit at least one new member each. Congrats to Flotilla New Bedford for swearing in eight new members in May.

We have the best District Leadership Team I have ever seen, and they are willing to help in any way that it can.

Let's do it!

David G McClure Ed.D,
Chief of Staff D1N

DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF'S MESSAGE



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary University



CG 36500 Motor Life Boat

Spring Commissioning by Lisa A. Goodwin



Cadet Mitchell Campbell



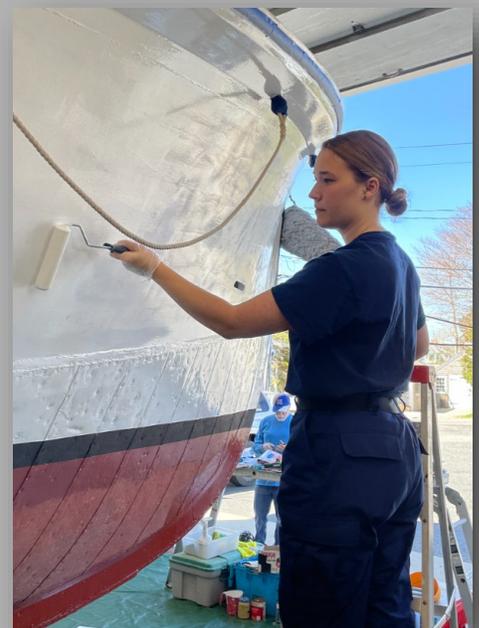
Cadet Jacob Bolles



Cadet Alexa Smith



Cadet Cole Francavilla



Cadet Abigail Le Lievre

Five Cadets in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program at Massachusetts Maritime Academy volunteered on the famous CG 36500 Motor Life Boat, helping with Spring commissioning work.

The cadets learned more about the history of the boat and the 1952 Pendleton Rescue made famous by the Disney movie "The Finest Hours."

They then went to work painting the entire hull, including the bottom and topsides.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary University



500 Officers

Here is one: Cameron Craveiro by Lisa Goodwin

The United States Coast Guard has an ever-increasing need for officer candidates not only for Surface and Air Operations but for Environmental Protection, Marine Science, Legal, Marine Safety, Engineering, Facilities Management, Humanitarian Assistance, and Homeland Security, just to name a few of the career paths open to successful AUP program graduates.



The United States Coast Guard is looking to commission 500 new officers each year for the next five years, with less than half of that number coming from The Coast Guard Academy graduates. The Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program is striving to be the predominant source for the remaining 250 plus officer candidates needed annually.

Cameron Craveiro, an Auxiliary University Program Cadet from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, received an Operational Support Award for having the 3rd highest hours of Administrative Coast Guard Support for the year in the District. Mr. Craveiro, a member of the Onset-Wareham-Marion Flotilla, logged 283 administrative support hours in 2021. He graduated from MMA this June and has been accepted to OCS. Cameron received his award at Sector Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, on April 24, 2022.



Photo: RADM Tom Allan, First District Commander USCG and Cadet Cameron Craveiro. Photo courtesy of Lisa Goodwin, USCG Auxiliary, April 24, 2022

The above information is from the website www.cgauxedu.us/news-1 (USCG Auxiliary University Program).

Auxiliary University Program



Learning the Ropes? (Learning to Stop a Leak)

Damage Control by Lisa Goodwin

Auxiliary University Program students take advantage of a day of Sector South East New England training classes. This training (how to stop a leak or wet damage control) not only teaches what to do in a flooding emergency to save your crew and your vessel but emphasizes creative thinking, communication, and teamwork. These pics are of the AUPs that participated in Damage Control with the wet trainer trailer. The course instructor Lisa Goodwin is also involved with the AUP at MMA and the Auxiliary National program.



Maeve Greally 4/C and Joshua Desmond 4/C try to find a solution to the pipe leaking on the USCG damage trailer . .



Domenic Ardizzoni, 3/C and Abigail Le Lievre 3/C try their hand at stopping a leak aboard the USCG Damage trailer.



Joshua Desmond, Lisa Goodwin, Class Advisor, and Maeve Greally,

Auxiliary University Program



Learning the Ropes? (Learning to Stop a Leak)

Damage Control (continued)

If you were a commercial fisherman, you would have the equipment in the photo on the right. All kinds of plugs with hammers to slam the plugs into the hole in your vessel's steel or wooden hull.

In addition, you would have clamps of all shapes and sizes, waterproof tapes, and different sizes of rubber strips to fit around pipes. The crew would need rope and twine to hold items in place. Wooden shingles and even two by 4s to wedge into cracks to stop leaks should be on board a commercial fishing vessel.

But most importantly, as were the lessons from S- Train this past April, being prepared will save the day. Creative thinking, communications, and teamwork get the job done.



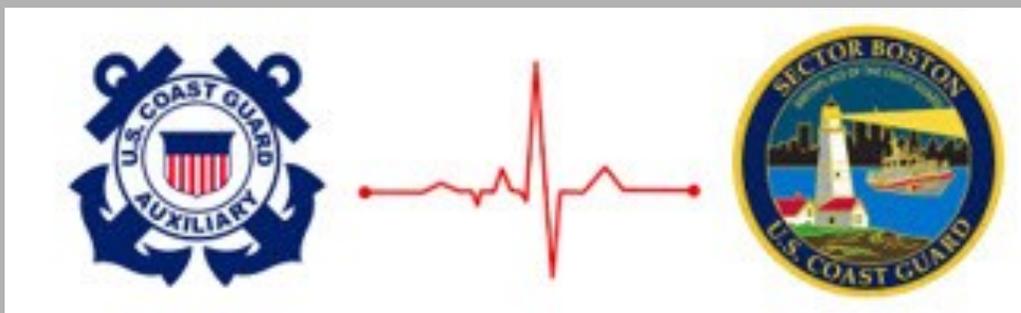
All smiles, and why not. Maeve Greally and Joshua Desmond just saved their ship and crew from sinking

Operation CPR



Boat Crews of Sector Boston Certify for CPR/AED and First Aid with Help from Auxiliary

By Mark Sedgwick, BC – HNS



Operation CPR

In a collaborative effort between Jim Healy, USCG Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC), and the United States Coast Guard, *Operation CPR* was kicked-off on May 9th. *Operation CPR* is a joint mission between the Auxiliary and Sector Boston to maintain and provide required CPR / AED / and First Aid Certifications for the men and women of the crews at USCG Station Boston.

USCGC PENDANT (WYTL 65608.)
Photo Courtesy of Mark Sedgwick CG Auxiliary (May 9, 2022)

Certified CPR instructors conduct the training. The Auxiliary has a team of instructors and access to the CPR training department at the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Massachusetts. The CPR Chairman at the Grand Lodge, Robert F. Stanley, was contacted by Mark Sedgwick of the Marblehead Flotilla to conduct the training. Both Jim Healy and Mark Sedgwick are responsible for finding instructors and coordinating the training for the crews.



BM1 Johnathan Clow, Robert F. Stanley CPR Chairman for The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Massachusetts, BC-HNS Mark Sedgwick
Photo Courtesy of John Keyes USCG Aux. (May 9, 2022)

Operation CPR



Joint Mission (Continued)

Boat Crews of Sector Boston Certify for CPR/AED and First Aid with Help from Auxiliary



Photo courtesy of jelicks, www.flickr.com/photos/1136802

The first crew of seven to pass through the training is assigned to the USCGC PENDANT (WYTL 65608.). The USCG 65' small harbor tug is a class of fifteen tugs used by the United States Coast Guard for search and rescue, law enforcement, aids-to-navigation work, and light icebreaking.

The crew is led by BM1 Johnathan Clow, Executive Petty Officer for the PENDANT. The training for the crew was conducted on May 9th at Station Boston. Mr. Stanley was able to successfully certify the entire crew and presented each of them with their required certifications. *Operation CPR* will continue through spring and summer as the incoming USCG Fast Response Cutters come into port. The crews will be able to maintain their qualifications through the cooperative effort of this program.



Michael Raccio, Johnathan Clow, Adnan Dandan, Robert F Stanley, Jacob Bruzza, Nicolaus Bauer, Samuel Chipman, Jon Christiansen
Photo Courtesy of Mark Sedgwick, U.S.CG. Auxiliary
(May 9th, 2022)

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY INITIATIVE



Knowledge Saves Lives

Getting in Touch with the Recreational Boater

The Recreational Boating Safety Initiative, the subject of John Hume's D-Train presentation, is about improving the delivery of Recreational Safety Information to the Boating Public and encouraging flotilla members to become more involved with recreational boaters.

The two articles that follow are about two points in John's presentation that we at the Nor'Easter would like to emphasize. We hope you agree that these two points are worth mentioning here.

It's all about information flowing from one place (an auxiliarist) to another place (the recreational boater). How do individuals in a flotilla share knowledge with the boater, and how do we do it better. Our first article is about using technology to share knowledge, and the second is about more auxiliarists becoming Vessel Examiners.



Corey Deck, vice commander Flotilla 64, Coast Guard Auxiliary, checks the expiration date of flares during a vessel safety check at the Hammond Marina in Hammond, Ore., Aug. 14, 2015.
Photo courtesy of Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (dvids) U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Levi Read 8/14/2015

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY INITIATIVE



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Our District is not the only organization thinking that a Safe Boating Course and a Vessel Safety Check go together. Just go to the National Safe Boating Council's website. The following infographic is available online for your flotilla's newsletter or safe boating campaign.

An infographic on a light blue background. At the top left is a calendar icon for the month of May with the text "May is a great month to get a Vessel Safety Check". In the center, the words "BOATING SAFETY TIP" are written in large, bold, orange letters. To the right is a graphic of an orange life vest with the text "WEAR IT" and "A program of the National Safe Boating Council". Below this, the question "What should I do before going boating?" is posed. At the bottom, a flow diagram shows a blue circular seal with a star and the text "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION" on the left, a yellow arrow pointing to the right, and a shield-shaped "VESSEL SAFETY CHECK" logo on the right. The shield logo contains the text "THIS VESSEL HAS BEEN CHECKED FOR SAFETY" and "VSC".

MAY
May is a great month to get a Vessel Safety Check

BOATING SAFETY TIP

WEAR IT
A program of the National Safe Boating Council

What should I do before going boating?

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Take a safe boating course

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK
THIS VESSEL HAS BEEN CHECKED FOR SAFETY
VSC

Get a vessel safety check

Infographic Courtesy of National Safe Boating Council's Safe Boating Campaign, <https://safeboatingcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/nsbw-05262022.png>

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY INITIATIVE



Putting the Recreational Boater in Touch

QR Codes

Some things are better when you mix or join them together to make something new. Take peanut butter and jelly on their own pretty well, but mix them to make a sandwich, and you have something extraordinary.

Tom Brady is pretty good, so isn't Ron Gronkowski, but put them together, and you have a TOUCHDOWN!

What about mixing some water with some malt, hops, and yeast; exceptional.

The Auxiliary is about to do some joining and mixing of its own. All to make it easier to communicate with the recreational boater.

We are about to join together a business card and a QR code to provide a unique way to communicate with recreational boaters. The new business card will connect the recreation boater with two different Auxiliary websites. The first site is for the recreational boater to find Boating Safety classes in their area. And the second site is for making arrangements to receive a Vessel Safety Check.

SIDE ONE



SIDE TWO



OR

SIDE ONE



SIDE TWO



RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY INITIATIVE



Putting the Recreational Boater in Touch

QR Codes (continued)

These business cards are a powerful tool.

It leaves a boater with the power to make the connection to one or both Auxiliary websites. There is no waiting by the boater to receive an email or phone call from an auxiliarist

There is no lag time and no waiting by the recreational boater for the information. They have all they need—no writing down of long website address.

There is no loss of interest in the information with no lag time.

The transfer of information is quick and easy.

There are two ways of giving the recreational boater the QR code to connect them to the two informative auxiliary websites.

First, your flotilla would have business cards printed with QR codes on each side of the business card.

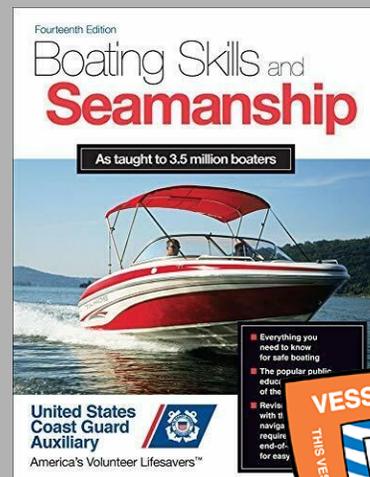
If a boater asked how he could get a vessel safety check, we would give the boater the business card.

The recreational boater uses a smartphone; the boater takes a photo of the QR code contained on the business card.

And that's it. Wala, it's done. The web-site containing the information for Vessel Safety Checks appears on the boaters phone.

The boater has information that will save lives.

The second way is to put the business card in a lanyard an have the boater take a photo of that.



A special thanks to Jim Humes who presented this topic, Recreational Boater Safety Initiative, at our 2022 D-Train. The material presented here is from his presentation.

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY INITIATIVE



Putting the Recreational Boater in Touch

Examiners, PV, PA, & PE

As we all know, a Vessel Safety Check is one of the most successful ways to transfer life-saving information from an auxiliarist to a recreational boater.

But, as we also all know, we do not have enough Auxiliary members involved in Vessel Safety Checks.

We have a shortage. We have a problem.

“Is anyone here interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner? If you are, please talk to our FSO-VE after the meeting.”

No, that approach will not do. We need a different approach.

As Jim Hume tells in his D-Train presentation, planning is our first step.

We hope that flotilla members will consider trying one of the positions listed below. It is not always easy to change. It is not easy to imagine doing something we thought we could not do. But the Auxiliary allows us to visualize and turn that imagining into reality. We hope you will imagine being a vessel examiner.

Vessel Examiner

Program Visitor

Public Affairs Officer

Public Education Instructor

Member Training Officer



**VESSEL
SAFETY
CHECK**



First Day of National Safe Boating Week



Flotilla Cape Cod Canal



Flotilla Cape Cod Canal had two events for the first day of National Safe Boating Week. The first (the photo above) was a Vessel Safety Check Station at Cape Cod Canal with the assistance of the town of Sandwich Harbormaster and the Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) Visitor's Center. The second event (the photo below) was a Recreation Safety information booth on the entrance deck at the ACOE Visitor's Center.



Bob and Natalie Braunstein worked the RBS information booth at the entrance to the Visitor's Center.

Photos this page courtesy of Samantha Gray, ACOE Lead Interpretive Ranger

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2021 District Awards

24 April 2022

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Boston, our District met at Coast Guard Base Boston to recognize our fellow members who did a little extra. In some cases it was quite a bit more extra. The occasion was the 2021 Awards Luncheon.

RADM Tom Allan, the First Coast Guard District Commander thanked all the recipients for their hard work and dedication. RADM Allan encouraged all Auxiliary members to continue their commitment to the Auxiliary and to the Coast Guard.



RADM Tom Allan, First Coast Guard District Commander
Photo courtesy of Lisa Goodwin, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



RADM Tom Allan, First Coast Guard District Commander and COMO Carolyn Belmore



Steve Bogiages



David McClure and Cadet Cameron Craveiro



Dan Grammel, Scott Shay, Lorelle Mulvey, and Carolyn McClure

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RADM Tom Allan, First Coast Guard District Commander and Reid Olson



RADM Tom Allan, First Coast Guard District Commander Carolyn McClure and Lisa Goodwin



CDR Christina D. Sullivan and John Colby

Photo this page courtesy of Lisa Goodwin, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

CG 36500 Motor Life Boat



A Great Place to Visit

It's Great to be a Tourist on Cape Cod

Want to learn more about the CG 36500? Or what about a visit to her home birth in Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts? The 36500 is waiting for you there in its summer birth.

Talks and tours with a boat volunteer take place on most Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season from 1 to 3 pm.

The above information is from the website www.orleanshistoricalsociety.org/ (Orleans Historical Society).



Photo courtesy of Orleans Historic Society.

The staff at the Nor'Easter would like to invite you to tell the readers of our district's newsletter about a place to visit in your area. Something of a nautical theme. Or information that would help our readers understand more about your flotilla and the environment it operates in.

The article could include an invitation to visit your flotilla's monthly meeting while an Auxiliarist is on vacation in your area. The name of a contact person to call to say you would like to join a meeting would be needed.

If you decide to contribute an article, please provide lots of photos.

You do not have to be a writer to contribute; our staff can cross the T's and dot the I's.



Photo courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard from the website www.uscgaux.info/content



Putting the Recreational Boater in Touch

Secret Code?

What is a QR Code?

Short for “Quick Response code,” QR codes are square barcodes first developed in Japan. Unlike traditional UPC barcodes, which are made up of a number of horizontal lines, a QR code can be captured more quickly and can contain more information.

QR codes are machine-readable labels — computers can understand them much more easily than they can understand text. QR codes are used for everything from tracking products to identifying items — typical tasks where they function as improved UPC barcodes.

However, QR codes aren’t just a stuffy technology used to track items in warehouses and scan products at the checkout counter. They’ve moved into the consumer realm, where they’re found all over the place on advertisements, business windows, product packaging, billboards on the side of the road, and even on some websites.

How Can I Use QR Codes?

If you want to use QR codes, all you’ll need is a barcode reader app on your smartphone.

Android: Android has an included barcode reader that you can access by performing the “scan a barcode” voice action. You can also use an app like Google’s own Google Goggles or the popular Barcode Scanner.

iPhone: iOS has many QR code scanner apps, including the popular RedLaser.

Just open your app, start a scan, point it at a QR code, and the app should recognize and take action based on the QR code — generally opening its website in your browser.

Dedicated apps that use QR codes (such as Google Authenticator), have their own QR code scanners that they’ll launch when you need to perform a scan. You don’t need to use a separate app for this.

The information above is from Chris Hoffman Editor-in-Chief of *How-To Geek*, an online technology magazine (www.howtogeek.com) and is reprinted here with his permission. To reprint this article you will need his permission.



And The Answer Is?

Polaris

There were two questions: what direction is the viewer looking, and what time of year is it?

Those two questions appeared in our last issue of the Nor'Easter, along with the drawing on the following page.

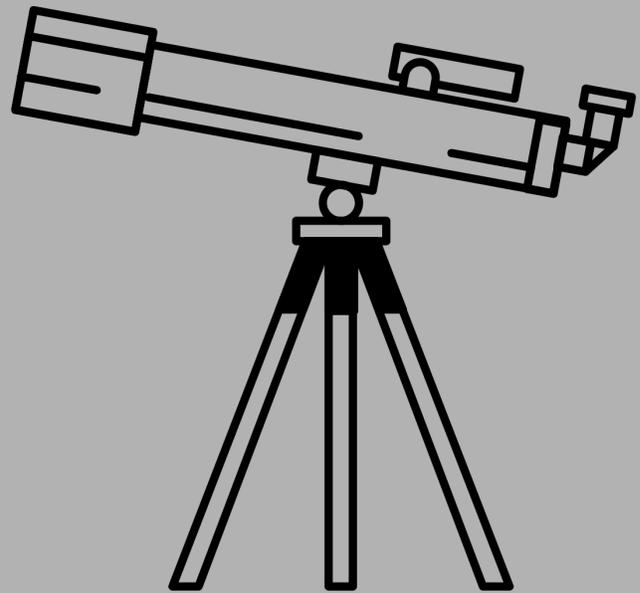
I received two responses from Auxiliarists, one from an amateur astronomer and the other from a captain who has a commercial captain's license.

Both responses were about the same;

They were both kind enough to say I should have pointed out where in New England the viewer was standing and what the exact time was.

So the answer, if you're on Cape Cod and it's 1:00 in the morning in January, you are looking north, and in front of you, low on the horizon, is the big dipper right-side up. And the little dipper is just above upside down. And the Nort Star (Polaris) just above and a bit to the left.

And, those other lights (one red and two whites), well, that's a small vessel going west or, depending on what scale you used, a large vessel.

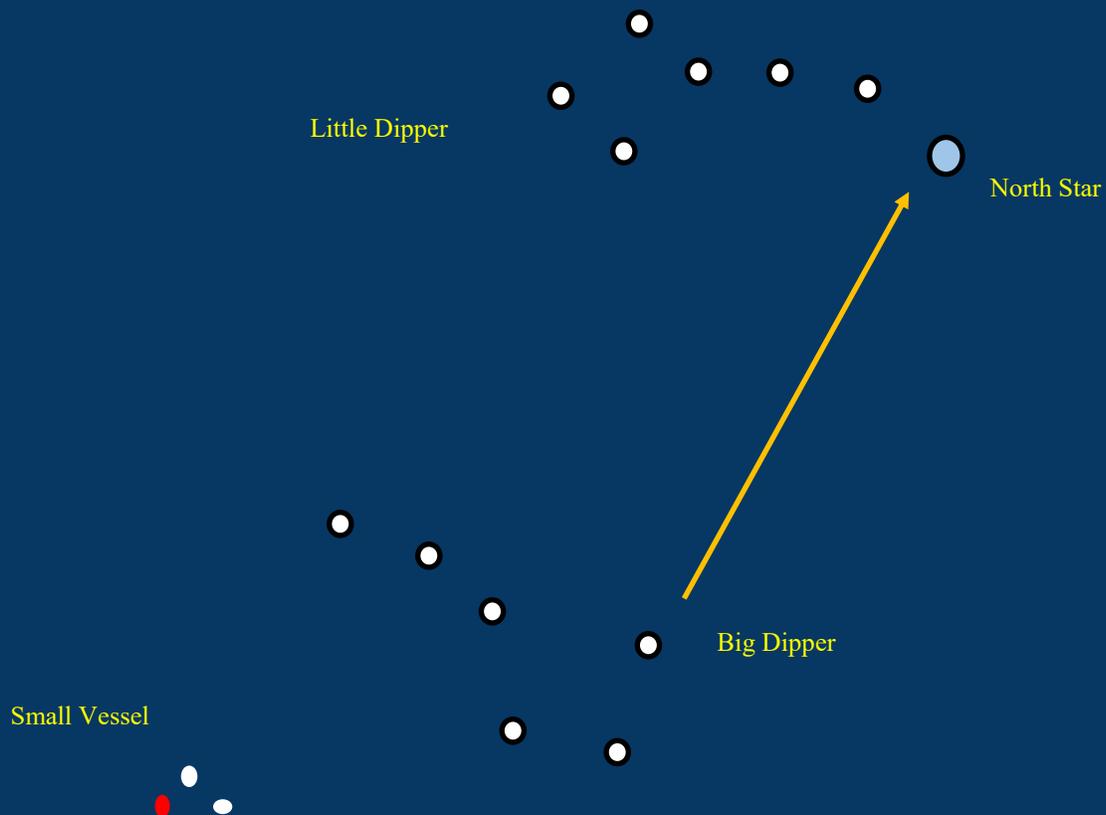


Drawing from ClipArtMag from the website <http://clipartmag.com/telescope-drawing>

STAR LIGHT & NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS

Below is a better representation of the night sky in January.

With the help of our two experienced mariners the drawing below is a better representation of the night sky in January.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

May 30	Memorial Day	
June 21	EXCOM	1900 via Zoom
June 24	Board & Staff Meeting	1900 via Zoom

See the district website for additional details, other events, and updates.

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