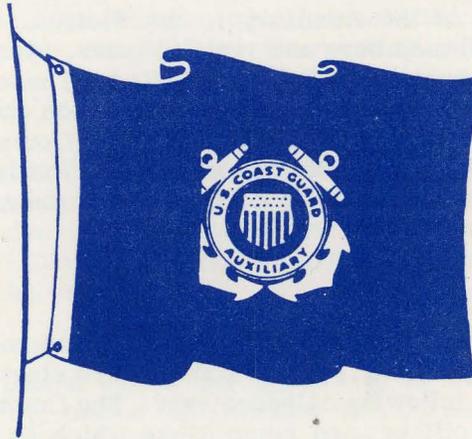


U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

(SECOND C. G. DISTRICT)

BOAT OWNERS!



*By this BLUE ENSIGN you will recognize
a member of the United States Coast
Guard Auxiliary fleet.*

What Is The Coast Guard Auxiliary ?

It is a voluntary, non-military organization authorized by an Act of Congress for civilians who are owners or part owners of yachts, motorboats, aircraft or amateur radio stations.

What Are The Purposes of The Auxiliary ?

The Auxiliary was created in order to assist the Coast Guard:

- To promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters;
- to promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts;
- to foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts; and
- to facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

What Is Offered By The Auxiliary ?

- It offers the boatman an opportunity to acquire, or further, his education in matters pertaining to seamanship.
- It offers the boat-owner an opportunity to pursue his hobby with a purpose higher than mere pleasure, to the benefit of the public and his country.
- It offers him companionship with other boating enthusiasts and the opportunity to plan and enjoy pleasure cruises in their company.
- It affords him the opportunity of participating in scheduled drills and maneuvers, frequently held in conjunction with operating units of the regular Coast Guard.

Membership in the Auxiliary does not oblige anyone to perform military service, or emergency duty, nor does it require the use of a member's boat unless voluntarily offered.

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The basic unit of the Auxiliary is the Flotilla. A Flotilla must have at least ten (10) members and ten (10) boats, aircraft or amateur radio stations to be organized and perpetuated. These facilities must all be inspected. The inspection must be made upon entry and annually thereafter. They are conducted by an Inspection Committee composed of members appointed by the Commander of the Flotilla who himself is elected by the members. In other words, this is the American way of fostering self-regulation.

The Flotilla has three elective offices - Commander, Vice-Commander and Training Officer. These officers are elected in November to serve during the following calendar year. The Commander runs the Flotilla through his officers and committees which he appoints - being guided by the wishes of the membership, the Auxiliary Regulations and Instructions, and directives from this office.

The membership requirements are that the applicant must be a citizen of the United States; must be over 17 years of age; must own not less than 25% interest in a facility; must pass an entrance examination; and, if the application is for membership in an existing Flotilla, the Flotilla members must vote on whether or not the applicant will be accepted. If it is desired to form a new Flotilla the ten or more applications must be submitted to this office with the request that a new Flotilla be established.

Obviously, the Flotillas are the backbone of the organization. Each Flotilla conducts their own monthly meetings which are devoted to business and training. The business session should be reduced to the minimum consistent with proper administration; the major portion of the meeting should be devoted to training. The Training Officer should have a program arranged for each meeting by utilizing the talents of his membership and securing guest speakers.

Such boating items as construction, care and maintenance of the vessel and its engines, boat handling, safety aboard the boat, aids to navigation, rules of the road, Motorboat Regulations, marine radio, etc., are typical topics.

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All Flotillas have certain social functions. Some have dinner meetings, others have snacks after the meeting, all have summer picnics, etc.

During the boating season the Flotillas have maneuvers and cruises which combine training with pleasure. Auxiliary Flotillas have conducted extensive Flood and Search and Rescue operations with the Regular Coast Guard for training purposes. The boat inspection is effected early in the season.

The Coast Guard enters the picture in an advisory capacity by providing an officer, called the Director of Auxiliary, who administers the entire organization. This Service also expects, but does not demand, that the membership assist them as possible on a voluntary basis in such things as patrolling regattas, flood relief work, offering a Winter Lecture Series to the general boating public, and courtesy inspections of non-member motorboats.

Each Flotilla is part of the next higher echelon called a Division which must be comprised of five (5) or more Flotillas. The Second Coast Guard District, which covers 21 states of the midwest including all the rivers, is divided into 13 divisions. The Division is run by a Division Board, the membership of which is composed of the Commanders of the various Flotillas in the Division. These Boards elect their own officers who are known as the Division Captain, Vice Captain and Training Officer.

The Division Captains, in turn, comprise a board known as the District Board. This is the highest authority of the Auxiliary within a Coast Guard District, reporting directly to the Director. This Board annually elects its own officers from the retiring Division Captains. The elective officers are the District Commodore, Vice Commodore and Training Officer.

We have tried to give you a word picture of the general Auxiliary set-up, but obviously cannot reduce all of its ramifications to writing. At least, we hope that you have obtained a fair knowledge of our purposes and organization from this pamphlet. If you desire further information please feel free to contact this office or your nearest Flotilla.

COAST GUARD CONTINUES AUXILIARY'S ASSIGNMENT !

The Coast Guard, in its efforts to make boating safer, called upon the Auxiliary to offer the boating public an inspectional safety service of motorboats. This assignment has developed into the Auxiliary's biggest job — the Courtesy Motorboat Inspection Program.

Upon request of the owner a qualified and Coast Guard-designated Auxiliary-inspector will inspect the vessel not only for legal requirements but will also advise the owner regarding Coast Guard recommendations above required equipment. A vessel passing this inspection will receive a serially-numbered windshield sticker which will be honored by regular Coast Guard inspectors provided no violations are otherwise apparent. The sticker, facsimile of which appears on the inside fold, must be renewed by inspection annually.

Thus, the boat displaying the sticker will, in all probability, not be boarded during the year the sticker is issued. On the other hand, a boat not meeting legal requirements will not be reported nor will any other official action be taken, but the owner only will be advised to correct the faults and how to meet the requirements.

The Auxiliary performs this duty as a public service only at the owner's request, in an educational and advisory manner in the interest of safer boating.

If you want this inspection for your boat, please contact the Auxiliary Flotilla nearest the place your boat is usually kept.

Auxiliary Flotillas are located as follows:

Division I

Flot 1 - LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Flot 2 - Prescott, Wisconsin
Flot 3 - St. Paul, Minnesota
Flot 4 - Stillwater, Minnesota
Flot 5 - Mendota, Minnesota
Flot 6 - Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota
Flot 8 - Rochester, Minnesota
Flot 9 - Winona, Minnesota

Division II

Flot 1 - Quincy, Illinois
Flot 3 - Hannibal, Missouri
Flot 7 - Burlington, Iowa
Flot 10 - Louisiana, Missouri
Flot 11 - Omaha, Nebraska

Division III

Flot 1 to 8 - St. Louis, Missouri
Flot 9 - Alton, Illinois

Division IV

Flot 1 to 3 - Louisville, Kentucky
Flot 4 - Madison, Indiana
Flot 5 - Frankfort, Kentucky

Division V

Flot 1 & 4 - Cincinnati, Ohio
Flot 7 - Lexington, Kentucky

Division VI

Flot 1 - Guntersville, Alabama
Flot 2 - Decatur, Alabama
Flot 3 - Chattanooga, Tennessee

Division VII

Flot 1 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Flot 3 - Wheeling, West Virginia

Division VIII

Flot 1 - Memphis, Tennessee
Flot 3 - Jackson, Tennessee

Division IX

Flot 1 - Davenport, Iowa
Flot 2 - Sterling, Illinois

Division X

Flot 1 - Beardstown, Illinois

Division XI

Flot 1 & 2 - Nashville, Tennessee

Division XII

Flot's 1-3-4 - Knoxville, Tennessee

Division XIII

Flot 1 - Columbus, Ohio
Flot 2 - Buckeye Lake, Ohio
Flot 3 - Gallapoli, Ohio
Flot 4 - Columbus, Ohio

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