

12-3 Flotilla Commander's Message

March 2022

United States
Coast Guard
Auxiliary



Swinton (Skip) Hudson, FC

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN 2022

Welcome aboard to new members Jackson Kamb, Sarah

Liebenow, John Lorick and Steven Westphal! We encourage you to participate in meetings, complete the initial training requirements and become a part of our valued Auxiliary membership. The future holds great opportunities in the USCG Auxiliary for achievements, education and lifetime skills. Our gratitude goes to John Bradley for his dedication, time and talent in supporting Flotilla 12-3 prospective members through the application process.

Our purpose is to provide the best trained, most valued resource to the U.S. Coast Guard and recreational boating community! By training, being certified, and maintaining our currencies we contribute to this purpose. Even doing the little things like attending meetings, sending in reports and mission times, and properly wearing the uniform all contribute to professionalism and readiness. The year is off to a great start, despite unforeseen challenges! One point of clarification, a booster is NOT currently required to be considered fully COVID-19 vaccinated. I want to thank all of you for putting forward the time and effort to keep the Auxiliary always ready, reliable, and relevant, especially during these challenging days. I know that we will continue to steam ahead steadily and remain steadfast as we navigate the challenges life throws at us! -Semper Paratus



FEB 2022 BOAT AMERICA COURSE

Our first boating safety course of the year was offered for free on 15, 16, 17 FEB under the leadership of FSO-PE Clay Goodwin and supported by Instructors Festus Burchfield, Barbara Burchfield, John Bradley and Instructor-Trainee Burnette Sheffield. In addition to providing safe boating information for 27 graduates, the sale of BA textbooks earned the flotilla about \$100.00 and Mrs. Sheffield completed the IT PQS (Instructor Personal Qualification Standards) and earned certification as an Auxiliary Instructor! Bravo Zulu to all!

HELP WANTED: PALMETTO SPORTSMEN'S CLASSIC

The Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic is 25, 26, 27 MARCH at the state fairgrounds in Columbia. Flotilla 12-3 will have a booth set up and materials available but we need your help to staff the booth! To volunteer a couple of hours at this incredibly fun and engaging event contact FSO-PA Linda Warren llwcga@gmail.com or John Bradley jbradleycgau@gmail.com. Current COVID guidelines and uniform policies must be followed.



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COAST GUARD BAND

The Coast Guard Band will be performing on Saturday, 2 APRIL at 19:00 in the Lexington High School Performing Arts Center, and our flotilla has been asked to provide 6 to 8 ushers and greeters smartly dressed in the Tropical Blue uniform. If you are willing and able to assist with this event, please notify FC Skip Hudson swhudson.cgaux@gmail.com. Current COVID guidelines and uniform policies must be followed.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS SCHEDULED

FSO-VE Greg Mundy invites Vessel Examiners and anyone interested in becoming a VE to join him at any of the following scheduled dates at Jake's Landing, from 09:00 – 12:00. Contact: gmundy1701@gmail.com

MAR 19	APR 2, 16, 30	MAY 14	JUN 4, 11, 25
JUL 9, 23	AUG 6, 20	SEP 11, 18	OCT 2

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

AL AUX 003/22 concerns the required National Workshops that must be completed by 30 JUN 2022 in order to maintain currency in a program. Find the entire AL AUX 003/22 National Workshop statement [here](#).

- Vessel Examination Workshop is scheduled 10 MARCH with Instructor Burnette Sheffield.
- Telecommunications Workshop (TBA).
- Instructor Workshop (TBA)
- Surface Operations Workshop was held 10 FEB by FSO-OP Festus Burchfield, assisted by Barbara Burchfield.



CORE TRAINING & THE 5 YEAR RESET

Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) is a series of training courses focused on supporting Coast Guard Auxiliarists' assignment and performance of duties. Core training videos and resource links can be found [here](#). Log in with your member# and password, then choose "Vids, PPTs, PDFs".

AUXCT Training
Training Options
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▶ Vids, PPTs, PDFs

One-time Courses: To be completed only once (new enrollees must complete them by the end of the first full year of enrollment):

- Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts (502306).
- Basic Qualification Course II (BQC II). Applies to members enrolled after 01 FEB 2018.

Repeatable Courses: To be completed by the end of the first full year of enrollment and then once every five years after that.

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Send a copy of completed course results or signed self-attestation document to FSO-IS Skip Hudson swhudson.cguax@gmail.com for entry into your AUXDATA records. Also, let FSO-MT Dave Smith dksmith1958@gmail.com know of any mentoring, training or courses you have completed.

Core Training Videos and Resource Links			
Training Course	Downloadable PowerPoint Presentation	Printable Annotated PDF Version of the Slides	Video Version
Security Fundamentals (SETA 810030)	PPT	PDF	Video
Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts (ET 502306)	PPT	PDF	Video
Sexual Harassment Prevention (POSH 810000)	PPT	PDF	Video
Workplace Resilience (WR 502379)	PPT	PDF	Video
Civil Rights Awareness (CRA 502319)	PPT	PDF	Video
Privacy at DHS/Protecting Personal Information (PAWAR 810015)	PPT	PDF	Video



BAVO ZULU AWARD

We will recognize one Auxiliarist at each monthly membership meeting for their exceptional contributions, devotion to duty, and a job well done. You must be in attendance at the meeting, however, to be recognized!

January – Dave Smith, FSO-MT

February – Roddy Whitaker, FSO-PV and FSO-SR

NEXT FLOTILLA MEETING - 31 MAR 2022

Please to join us at 19:00 on Thursday 31 MARCH in our Zoom virtual flotilla meeting. Plan to come in a few minutes early for some social time and stay for the training session immediately after the meeting. The agenda and Zoom link will be published on the Monday preceding the meeting. We hope to see you there!