

“The Fun One”

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**On Facebook we are found at:
USCGAUX Flotilla 85-33-01**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

01 October	Division Clean 1/2 Boat
16 October	Flotilla Meeting
31 October	Halloween
04 November	Division 33 Meeting, Election, Training & Dinner
20 November	Flotilla Meeting
23 November	Thanksgiving

**See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes**

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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Commander's Note October 2017

Commander's Remarks

Summer is officially over. Autumn will begin to show itself with the changing of the leaves on the trees. But the changing of the season does not mean it's time to go into hibernation. We have several opportunities during the "non-boating" season.

1. Mandatory training has several components that are on a five-year cycle. Those components are:

- Civil Rights Awareness
- Prevention of Sexual Harassment
- Privacy Awareness
- Security Education and Training Awareness
- Sexual Assault Prevention
- Suicide Prevention

Five of our members are due to have their cycles expire in 2018. The winter months are a perfect opportunity to get those lessons out of the way.

2. Another opportunity is completion of the BQC II course for any of those interested in holding an elected office. The notice stated, "Successful completion of the BQC II by the date of nomination now meets the same elected office eligibility requirement as that met by successful completion of the Administrative Procedures Course (APC) or the Flotilla Leadership Course (FLC) for election to Flotilla Vice Commander and Flotilla Commander. Any one of these three courses (BQC II, APC, FLC) now meets the elected office eligibility requirement."

3. January 23 through 26, 2018 the ICS 300 course will be offered at Sector Upper Mississippi. This course will be critical for any member who wants to be available for deployment for future Coast Guard support.

4. The CG Auxiliary and you would benefit by additional training and qualification you can complete during this mission downtime.

Take the opportunity during this down-time to spend quality time with family, friends and when the opportunity presents itself, spend some time improving your knowledge in support of the CG Auxiliary. But most important, family and friends.

Until next month.
James Miller, FC



A wise man once said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your Country!” And as a result, man walked upon the face of the moon and space exploration was born.

I would like to paraphrase our President’s message into the following somewhat simplified, but hopefully meaningful idea. That being one that includes all races, genders, religions, abilities, ideas and physical abilities and goes something like this: “Don’t think about how different the prospective member may be, instead consider how that person can positively influence our (your) flotilla’s abilities to successfully complete the mission we all share.”



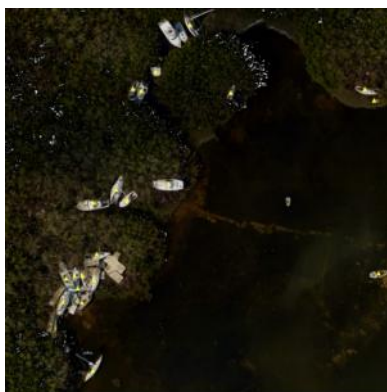


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Emergency Support Function 10 oversees assessments of Florida's ports and waterways in aftermath of Hurricane Irma

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MIAMI -- Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF 10) Florida, consisting of multiple state and federal agencies, has stood up with the mission of overseeing the assessment, mitigation and removal of hazardous materials from Florida's ports and waterways in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

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The Unified Command consists of U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. JoAnne Hanson serving as Incident Commander, Mr. Benjamin Franco, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Incident Commander, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Capt. David Schaffer as State On-Scene Coordinator and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Environmental Administrator Kent Edwards as State On-Scene Coordinator. Currently, response teams are conducting assessments of the most affected areas to include the ports and waterways of Miami, St. Petersburg, Key West and Jacksonville, Florida.

“While we conduct these pollution assessments, our number one priority is the safety of our responders and the public affected by these potential hazards,” said Hanson. “Our objective is the complete assessment and mitigation of all hazardous materials and substances to include displaced vessels as a result of the hurricane.”

During these assessments, a higher priority is placed on vessels found to be actively leaking pollution. As teams locate emergent pollution situations, immediate action is taken to contain the material and remove it from the environment. Vessels that are damaged or sunk may be removed and taken to a staging area.

The ESF 10 is the framework by which federal support is coordinated with state agencies in response to actual or potential oil spills or hazardous material releases. Partner agencies, including Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary are contributing expertise and experience to the assessment efforts.

“The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary continues to work with Monroe County, the State of Florida, the Coast Guard, and other agencies involved in recovery and cleanup efforts to address pollution threats from vessels and other debris,” said Sarah Fangman, Superintendent for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. “Sanctuary staff are working to ensure that potential impacts to sanctuary resources are considered during cleanup operations. Sanctuary staff are assisting with assessments of damage to property and natural resources and the development of mitigation options to address resource impacts. We will continue to work with our longstanding partners to address the variety of impacts, pressures and threats to the Florida Keys ecosystem and our community.”

Damaged vessels are being tagged by assessment teams with a sticker requesting those owners contact the FWC to either report their vessel’s removal or to request Coast Guard assistance in its removal.

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The following list represents an approximate number of vessels impacted by Hurricane Irma currently being assessed by each ESF 10 Branch Hazardous Material Assessment Team as of Sept. 23, 2017. These numbers are subject to change as more owners salvage their vessels and additional vessels are discovered in the affected areas. The figures stated below concern on-land and on-water assessments are not indicative of offshore assessments, which are scheduled to commence Sept. 24, 2017, pending weather conditions.

Miami

Vessels assessed: 200; Vessels removed: 16

St. Petersburg, Florida

Vessels assessed: 167; Vessels removed: 24

Jacksonville, Florida

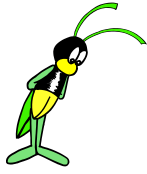
Vessels assessed: 134; Vessels removed: 26

Key West, Florida

Vessels assessed: 247; Vessels removed: 0

Each response branch is established according to the Coast Guard sector boundaries as detailed below.





BY THE INFORMATION BUG

By Barb Westcott

OCTOBER NOTES

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=WHATSNEW>

T-Directorate What's New!

The New Basic Qualification Course (BQC II) is active

The second generation and completely new Basic Qualification Course (BQC II) was introduced at NACON2016 and is now open to all CGAUX members. This course introduces the Auxiliary Manual in 7 bite size modules that can be taken in any order. After study and completing review questions, the member goes to the National Testing Center (NTC) to take a 22 question exam. Passing this open book exam with 90% or better gives you AUXDATA credit immediately. Click on “Basic Qual II Course” in the column to the left to get started.

The Operational Specialty (AUXOP) course for Weather (AUXWEA) is available

The new course is a complete re-write of the (old) AUXWEA student study guide (SSG) and AUXWEA PowerPoint slides (PPT). There is also a new AUXWEA exam as part of the package. The new exam is NOT compatible with the old course material. There will be no hard-copy material or exams made available for this new course. Course material will be down-loadable from the AUXOP web portal but the exam must be taken on a computer with an authorized NTC proctor. You can find the AUXOP course material by clicking on “AUXOP Courses” in the column at the left.

The National Member Training Compendium is now available on MyCGAUX

A new Member Training Compendium has been posted to the website. The Compendium is a spreadsheet that gives links to all the material available for all Certification courses in the Auxiliary. This is the most comprehensive single source for training information in the Auxiliary. The direct link to the compendium is found here: http://tdept.cgaux.org/documents/NATIONAL_MEMBER_TRAINING_COMPENDIUM.pdf. And now, an expanded version of the Compendium is available in MyCGAUX. You can access MyCGAUX here: <http://my.cgaux.org/dashboard>. Then go to “Directories” in the top ribbon and “Training Compendium”. There are many other good links there to test.

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NACON Training slides are available for viewing and down loading

Each NACON conference has two days of member training with more than a dozen unique courses presented in Power Point slides. These courses could be excellent training in your DTRAINS or for Flotilla Training. Each course is taught in 1 hour. The NACON 2016 slides will be added to the course material from NACON 2013, NACON 2014, and NACON 2015 plus courses from NTRAIN 2013 in AUXCLASSROOM at this link: <http://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/course/index.php?categoryid=22> . Although you can see the link to the NACON presentations, you will have to log-in with your member ID and your password to have access to the material.

The C-School Website has been updated

The C-School web portal has been improved by removing old material and dead links. In addition, the C-School Matrix has been updated to better reflect the available C-School courses, contacts (POCs), and Comments/Eligibility so that it is clearer who is qualified to attend each course. The C-School schedule is posted shortly after we receive it from the Chief Director's office. All the active courses available are shown in green. The C-School information is available by clicking "C-School Courses" in the column to the left.

Leadership C-Schools now have their own web portals

Go to the C-School webpage and see a matrix of all the C-School Auxiliary courses. Note that all the underlined Courses now have their own web portals. The newest additions are for AUX-02A & B AUXLAMs, AUX-05A AMLOC, and AUX-07 ASOC leadership courses. To access this information, click on "C-School Courses" in the column to the left.

Mandated Training Methods and Certification Methods and Consequences of non-Compliance

Although Mandated Training (AUXMT/MANTR) has been available for years in one form or another, we now have a complete suite of training methods that should leave no Auxiliarist behind. This includes on-line through AUXLMS (not recommended due to complexities of browser requirements for each course), down-loadable PPTs (ideal for leading class rooms through the training), scripted PDFs, and down-loadable voice over power point videos (due to file size, we recommend watching the videos on a computer screen). With the exception of AUXLMS, all the other methods require filling out a Self-Certification form which is then sent to your FSO-IS or SO-IS for AUXDATA credit. All this information is available by clicking on "Mandated Training" in the column to the left.

October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1/2 Boat Cleaning Party 25th & Wayne, Bellevue	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Division 33 Meeting Election Training & Dinner
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Flotilla 33-1 Meeting Forty & Eight Club	21	22	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		