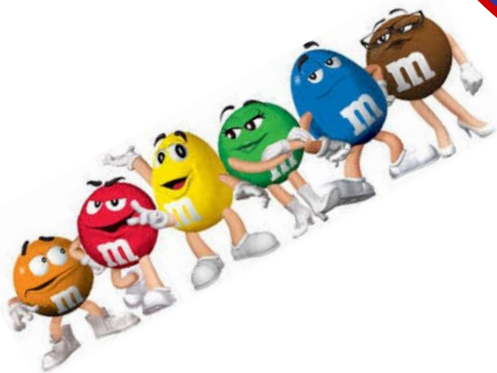


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**On Facebook we are found at:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

17 Oct.	Flotilla Meeting
31 Oct.	Halloween
21 Nov.	Flotilla Meeting
24 Nov.	Thanksgiving
03 Dec.	Division Holiday Party

**8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING
LOOK AT THE
DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE
WOW WEBSITE TO FIND THE DATES
See the calendars and check our website
for possible date changes, RBS dates and
other operations.**

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**Please remember to check out the
website at:**
<http://a0853301.wow.uscgaux.info>



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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



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Dues notices have been sent out.

Mr. Barker, in his advanced leadership teaching, mentions several items that make for a great leader. First on his list is: Active Listening. How often do we really listen to each other? Now would be a good time to start.

A simple story about Active Listening:

A Commander of a battleship, with cruisers and supports ships, was on an exercise. Early in the morning they found themselves in a heavy fog bank. The Commander set out watch standers. The bow watch stander reported a white light ahead. The Commander asked if the light was moving. The answer was no. The Commander told the radio operator to contact the light and have him turn 20 degrees to starboard. The light came back and suggested they make a 20-degree starboard turn. The Commander took the radio mike and said "this is Commander of a battleship and order you to make the 20-degree turn. The light returned with "no Sir I can not obey that order". The Commander radioed back "who is this". The light came back with "I am Seaman Smith and I am a Lighthouse.....Sir"

What information did the Commander not know? What information did you forget after taking action?



Cape San Blas, Fla. My last station. Loran, Radio Beacon, Light house.

We now have a new member with paperwork approved by HR and sent up the line, with another waiting paperwork. His name is Justin Stoffolano and his email is jstoffolano@unomaha.edu

Please welcome Justin, who is a student at UNO, he was also an AUP student before he moved to Omaha and now is helping us start an AUP unit at UNO. Justin already has ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 courses.

Our October and November meetings will be held at the shrine

Have a great month.

James Wolfe FC



THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

The information in this article may be found at:
[DespitemProgress, Women Still Underrepresented in Maritime Search
and Rescue -Survey \(gcaptain.com\)](https://www.gcaptain.com/DespitemProgressWomenStillUnderrepresentedinMaritimeSearchandRescue-Survey)

Despite Progress, Women Still Underrepresented in Maritime Search and Rescue -Survey

The International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF) has released the results of the first survey to examine the representation of women across the maritime search and rescue (SAR) sector. The #WomenInSAR survey, which was supported by Trinity House, attracted more than 1,600 participants from women and men in 48 different countries. The research sought to explore the challenges and barriers faced by women in maritime SAR, along with their personal aims, any experiences of discrimination, and factors affecting recruitment and retention. The results of the survey were released to coincide with International Women's Day, which was celebrated on March 8.

"The theme for International Women's Day this year is 'choose to challenge'. It's remarkably appropriate, as most of the women and men who completed the survey felt that one of the biggest barriers to more women entering maritime SAR, was the perception that it's a man's world," said Theresa Crossley, CEO of IMRF.

Crossley noted that many of the survey respondents indicated that women do not have enough representation within the SAR sector.

"Male dominance remains a fact in the maritime sector in general and maritime SAR is no different. This can have an indirect discriminatory effect, for example in terms of the facilities and equipment provided. Many of the respondents said that 'you need to see it to be it' – there are still not enough women in senior roles, or not enough pictures of women in SAR recruitment, training and promotional materials – perpetuating the myth that SAR is just for men. As one respondent said: 'We don't need men or women – we just need crew,'" said Crossley.

Captain Ian McNaught, Deputy Master of Trinity House added: "Women and men working in maritime search and rescue save the lives of those in trouble at sea, providing a vital service. In today's world, it is only right that women should be equally represented across all roles and we are proud to support this initiative."

For the majority of women who responded to the survey, the reasons for becoming involved in SAR were generally the same as for male respondents and a significant majority of women questioned did not report any experience of direct gender discrimination. However, a significant minority of women respondents reported that issues related to both direct or indirect gender discrimination were among the most challenging aspects of their SAR work, according to the IMRF, and quite a few women still felt the need to outperform men to be taken seriously.

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The IMRF, which is the only maritime SAR organization with consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), will be sharing the results with the IMO in support of its Women in Maritime initiative. launched its #WomenInSAR initiative in June 2019 to increase the representation of women in maritime SAR and provide support for women and girls involved in the sector.

The results of this survey, the first of its kind, is expected help the IMRF to focus its efforts on raising awareness and the opportunities available to women in maritime SAR.

“Over and over again, it’s been proved that organizations with an equal balance of men and women are more successful,” added Crossley. “Maritime SAR has been traditionally a male preserve. Although much has changed over recent years, we’ve still got a way to go. Gender diversity makes sense on every level – we need to make it happen. We’re ‘choosing to challenge’ the perceptions and aiming for equality.”

The IMRF is now planning a #WomenInSAR STEM event to highlight the opportunities open to women, showcasing international female trailblazers and intends to introduce a mentoring scheme for women in SAR. The organization is also calling for nominations to be submitted for the IMRF Awards, specifically the #WomenInSAR Award which is presented to someone who has made a major contribution to improving opportunities for women in the sector.

The report was launched via an online public webinar and is [free to download from the IMRF website](#).



Oban RNLI volunteer Jasmin Manning. RNLI/Leonie Mead



INFORMATION BUG OCTOBER, 2022

The information for this article was found at
[DHS Outstanding Unit Award \(uscgaux.info\)](https://uscgaux.info)

DHS Outstanding Unit Award



The CG received the DHS Outstanding Unit Award, here's who is eligible and when you can expect to receive recognition

By Kathy Nurray, MyCG Writer

In January 2021, the Coast Guard received the Department of Homeland Security's Outstanding Unit Award (OUA) for outstanding service during multiple hurricanes, the national response at the Southwest Border, and the COVID 19 global pandemic for the period of Aug. 25, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2020. The citation also praised the exceptional resilience of the Coast Guard during the fiscal year 2019 35-day partial government lapse in appropriation and the courage, resourcefulness, and professionalism of our people.

So when will those who are eligible receive a DHS OUA ribbon? And what do supervisors need to do to make sure the appropriate members receive it? Here are the latest guidelines from the Personnel Service Center (PSC):

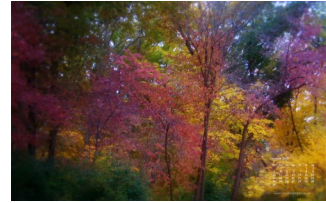
When will the award ribbons be distributed?


The Coast Guard expects to receive its first shipment of ribbons, frames, and civilian lapel pins by June 2022. The PSC Military Medals and Awards section, (PSC-PSD-fs-ma), will distribute these ribbons and lapel pins to the areas, DCO, DCMS, districts, bases, and air station coordinators for distribution to their field units. The number sent will be based on PPC rosters.

Who is eligible?

- All Coast Guard active duty, reserve, Auxiliary, and civilian personnel who were affiliated with the service at any time during the award period and served honorably;
- Any other military service members active duty or reserve, Public Health Service, and NOAA personnel who were permanently assigned to serve a tour of duty with the Coast Guard during this period and did so honorably;
- Personnel assigned temporary duty to the Coast Guard for one of the specific events cited in the award, which include hurricane relief efforts, assistance at the Southwestern U.S. border, assistance in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, and working through a government shutdown;
- Civilian employees from other agencies assigned to the Coast Guard during this period of time.

October 2022



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30	31 HALLOWEEN 					

November 2022



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