

**Interested in working
more closely with
the Coast Guard?**



INTRODUCING...

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WHAT THIS IS ABOUT

From its inception, the Auxiliary has had one primary mission—to support the U.S. Coast Guard, by promoting boating safety and by taking on additional tasks, such as boater-assistance patrols and vessel safety checks. This support role has become even more important since the September 2001 terrorist attacks, which have broadened the Coast Guard's missions and have heightened the opportunities for the Auxiliary to help.

With this in mind, the Auxiliary's national leadership is launching a new effort to increase the interaction between the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary and to find new ways for the Auxiliary to become a force-multiplier that will free more Coast Guard personnel to carry out more missions. Here in Sector Baltimore, we've gotten together with senior Coast Guard leaders and developed a new plan to enable Auxiliarists to work directly with active-duty personnel—to *everyone's* benefit.

We're calling this new program AUXDIRECT.

Among the opportunities that AUXDIRECT will offer you:

—More joint training with Coast Guard units and Auxiliary units, both in BCQ programs and on patrols, designed to lead to greater use of Auxiliary boats for SAR missions. We'll help pave the way to form special Auxiliary boat-crew teams that will be ready to respond immediately for SAR missions and disaster patrols. And we'll arrange for you to qualify as a crew member on Coast Guard cutters.

—Expanded opportunities for Auxiliarists to work with the active-duty Coast Guard in jobs ashore, ranging from commercial fishing vessel inspectors to monitors and proctors for merchant marine licensing exams—without your having to sign up for the full Trident program. We'll try to recruit and train more Auxiliarists for radio watchstanding at Coast Guard stations—with a more Auxiliary-friendly curriculum. And we'll increase the contacts between Auxiliarists and Coasties at meetings, picnics and other functions.

—Creation of a job bank to match the skills and interests of Auxiliarists with part-time assignments at USCG stations. Possibilities include everything from chart-updating and filing to helping Coasties with their tax returns and household budgets. The sky's the limit. It's a valuable way for you to use your special skills to help the Coast Guard—directly. On the following pages, we'll list some of these new opportunities and tell you how you can take advantage of them. Then we'll provide a sign-up sheet that you can use to tell us that you're interested.

This booklet contains a broad listing of the kinds of opportunities that we hope to provide through AUXDIRECT—on the water, ashore, and through part-time help that you can provide for individual Coast Guard commands.

Please look over the list on each page and see which activities you'd like to take part in. Then fill out the information form at the back of the booklet, fold it in thirds, staple it shut, and mail it. The information form is already addressed on the back. You can put a Coast Guard stamp or a regular civilian postal stamp on it.

For more information, call Art Pine, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (Sector Baltimore), at 301-652-7836, or e-mail him at ap99bc@starpower.net.

This program is still evolving, and we'll be fleshing out our current list and adding new opportunities as the year goes on. We hope to be ready to launch in earnest by the start of the boating season in May. By sending in your form now, you'll help us gauge the level of interest in each of these areas and ensure that you're notified immediately as each of these opportunities opens up.

Thanks for your interest—and for stepping up to the plate to help the Coast Guard.

GEORGE HAGERTY
Rear Commodore
Sector Baltimore

ART PINE
Auxiliary Sector Coordinator
Sector Baltimore

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OPPORTUNITIES AFLOAT

○ MORE JOINT ON-THE-WATER TRAINING

If you're planning a boat-crew training program or weekend training, we'll help arrange for your local Coast Guard Station to send a response boat to take part in towing evolutions to help train your crews.

○ MORE JOINT OPERATIONS AND SAR EXERCISES

Want to participate in joint search-and-rescue exercises with active-duty units? Call us or fill out the form at the back of this booklet.

○ QUALIFY FOR CREW ON COAST GUARD 41-FOOTERS

Auxiliarists can qualify as crew members on Coast Guard 41-foot utility boats. You'll go through the same kind of training that active-duty Coasties do, and meet the age-adjusted physical requirements. Once you're certified, you'll be placed on a standard watch bill and expected to go out on patrols on these Coast Guard vessels. We'll be glad to help you make contact.

○ B-ZERO SAR-BOAT DUTY—WITH YOUR OWN BOAT

B-ZERO boats are Auxiliary OpFacs that function as a Coast Guard station's own boat during the time they're on patrol. If something happens, the station's comm center will turn to *you* as the first-responder boat. Meanwhile, you'll accrue regular patrol hours in the Auxiliary. This designation requires no additional training beyond your regular crew and coxswain certification, but you must satisfy the station officer-in-charge that you're fully capable, and you must be diligent in fulfilling your obligations once you sign up.

○ RIDE ALONG ON A COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT

Spend a few hours on the water with a Coast Guard crew to get acquainted and see how it operates. We'll help set it up.

OPPORTUNITIES ASHORE

○ BECOME A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WATCHSTANDER

The Coast Guard needs more radio watchstanders, both at Sector Baltimore's comm center and at individual stations. You'll have to go through some additional training, but the job is important—and rewarding. You should have completed the Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) specialty course before signing up.

○ JOIN THE SHORE PATROL (SHOREPAT)

No, these aren't the policemen who keep order on liberty runs—they're Auxiliarists who help the Coast Guard spot potential trouble around harbor facilities, marinas and key installations. This job involves intelligence-gathering, not law enforcement. But it's vital, and the Coast Guard needs help. Involves some additional training.

○ HELP THE COAST GUARD IN A VARIETY OF SHORE ACTIVITIES

Serve in shoreside jobs at Sector Baltimore headquarters or at local stations to help Coast Guard personnel collect intelligence, look into pollution incidents, inspect commercial fishing vessels, vet incoming merchant vessels arriving at Chesapeake ports, speak to community organizations about environmental problems on the Bay, and process licenses and identification cards for captains and other maritime industry workers.

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O SIGN UP TO USE YOUR SKILLS AT COAST GUARD STATIONS

Both the Sector headquarters and individual Coast Guard stations are constantly in need of specialists to help with temporary problems. Are you an accountant, willing to help Coast Guard personnel with their problems in filling out tax returns? Can you speak a foreign language well enough to help serve as an interpreter? Can you type and perform clerical tasks? Give us a list of your skills (see form on back page), and we'll put you in our **job bank**, ready to be called when the needs arise. It's a great way to help out in situations where you'll know you're needed.

O SIGN UP FOR OUR COAST GUARD HELP-WANTED NOTICES

We'll be sending out regular updates of new opportunities—requests for Sector Baltimore headquarters and from local Coast Guard stations—to help serve the Coast Guard. If you'd like to receive these help-wanted notices by e-mail, fill out the form at the back of this booklet and send it in.

O GET TO KNOW COAST GUARD PERSONNEL BETTER

Coast Guard personnel from Sector Baltimore and from individual stations will be glad to attend your unit meetings, picnics, etc. All you have to do is invite them. Interested? Just e-mail us (ap99bc@starpower.net) and we'll be glad to help you arrange it.

If you're interested in taking part in the activities listed in this brochure, check the appropriate boxes on the form and send it in. You'll help us gauge the interest in these kinds of activities.

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HEIGHTENED COMMITMENT

Much of the Auxiliary's new push to become a more effective force-multiplier will involve expanding the opportunities for Auxiliarists to work more closely with the Coast Guard on a wide range of assignments. But there's a flip-side to this effort as well: We as Auxiliarists need to stiffen our sense of commitment in taking on these new tasks.

Part of the Auxiliary's strength is that it's a volunteer organization. You don't have to take on any assignment that you don't want to do. If you sign up for something and later back out, there aren't any repercussions.

That's all well enough when we're working within the Auxiliary, but pledging our help to the Coast Guard means a new kind of commitment—*being there when we say we will, ready to perform our jobs without hesitation*. Ask anyone who works for a volunteer fire department, and you'll find that fire-fighters are placed on a watch-bill and are expected to show up when they're scheduled to do so. Having a favorite aunt show up for a family visit isn't an acceptable excuse to let the fire department down.

We, too, need to move toward that kind of performance level. So, while we welcome your interest and participation in the AUXDIRECT program, please understand that if you do sign up for training or assignment with the active-duty Coast Guard, you'll be expected to show up as scheduled, in proper uniform, and to continue helping out for the medium-term. Let's heighten our commitment to serve when we sign up.

FOLD ALONG THIS LINE AND STAPLE

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
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**PLACE
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YES, I'M INTERESTED! IN AUXDIRECT

Please fill out this form and send it to Art Pine, Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (Sector Baltimore). See address on back of this page.

Name _____ Member # _____

Division _____ Flotilla _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cellphone _____

E-mail address _____

Mailing address _____

I'm interested in these opportunities (please check):

- Joint on-the-water training with Coast Guard boats
- Joint operations and SAR exercises
- Qualifying for crew on Coast Guard 41-foot utility boat
- Participating in B-Zero SAR duty at Coast Guard stations
- Riding along on a 25-foot response boat or a 41-foot utility boat
- Becoming a radio communications watchstander
- Joining the shore patrol (SHOREPAT)
- Helping the Coast Guard in shoreside efforts—as an intelligence collector, pollution investigator, commercial fishing vessel inspector, port dispatcher, environmental speaker, license or i.d.-card-processor, and many others

Here are my qualifications (please check):

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| <input type="radio"/> Certified Auxiliary crew member | <input type="radio"/> Financial planner |
| <input type="radio"/> Certified Auxiliary coxswain | <input type="radio"/> Real estate agent |
| <input type="radio"/> Completed AUXCOM course | <input type="radio"/> Typist/file clerk |
| <input type="radio"/> Instructor for boating safety | <input type="radio"/> Mentor |
| <input type="radio"/> Instructor for first aid, CPR | <input type="radio"/> Certified public accountant |
| <input type="radio"/> Instructor/tutor for NavRules | <input type="radio"/> Lawyer |
| <input type="radio"/> Writer, editor, photographer | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

Coast Guard job bank:

- YES, SIGN ME UP FOR THE JOB BANK FOR MY QUALIFICATIONS
- YES, I WANT TO RECEIVE WEEKLY USCG 'WANT AD' UPDATES