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Top Down or Bottom Up?

In the broad scheme of things we all know that the business of the auxiliary is accomplished at the flotilla level. Realizing this, flotillas are best formed and organized to meet the needs of the local areas. Identifying these needs will determine the character of that particular flotilla. Flotillas have finite resources and skills. A flotilla cannot be all things as outlined in auxiliary documents but must focus on the missions that are needed and which it has the skills to accomplish. Knowing the capabilities of the flotilla the FC should generate a set of achievable goals and present them to the staff. The staff officers are the originating point for implementing the flotillas efforts in any given area, i.e. Public Education, Vessel Exams, Operations, etc. It is the responsibility of these appointed officers to develop plans to present to the VFC. The VFC in turn must coordinate these plans where needed to insure proper implementation. For example the FSO-PE, with input from members with instructor certifications, presents a plan for boating safety classes. The VFC should direct the FSO-PA and FSO-PV to develop an advertising plan to get the word out to the public by means of mass media and dealer visits. I view this approach as “bottom up”.

Strategies are best developed close to the objective. The initiative should always come from the flotilla, with guidance and assistance from all the levels above. The burdens of paperwork combined with mandatory courses that have no connection with auxiliary activities are a detriment to the mission. Auxiliary members volunteer their time and incur costs that they must absorb. They must, at the end of day, believe that these personal resources have been well spent. Participation is the key.



Fair Winds & Following Seas
MITCH DANFORTH – FC (interim)

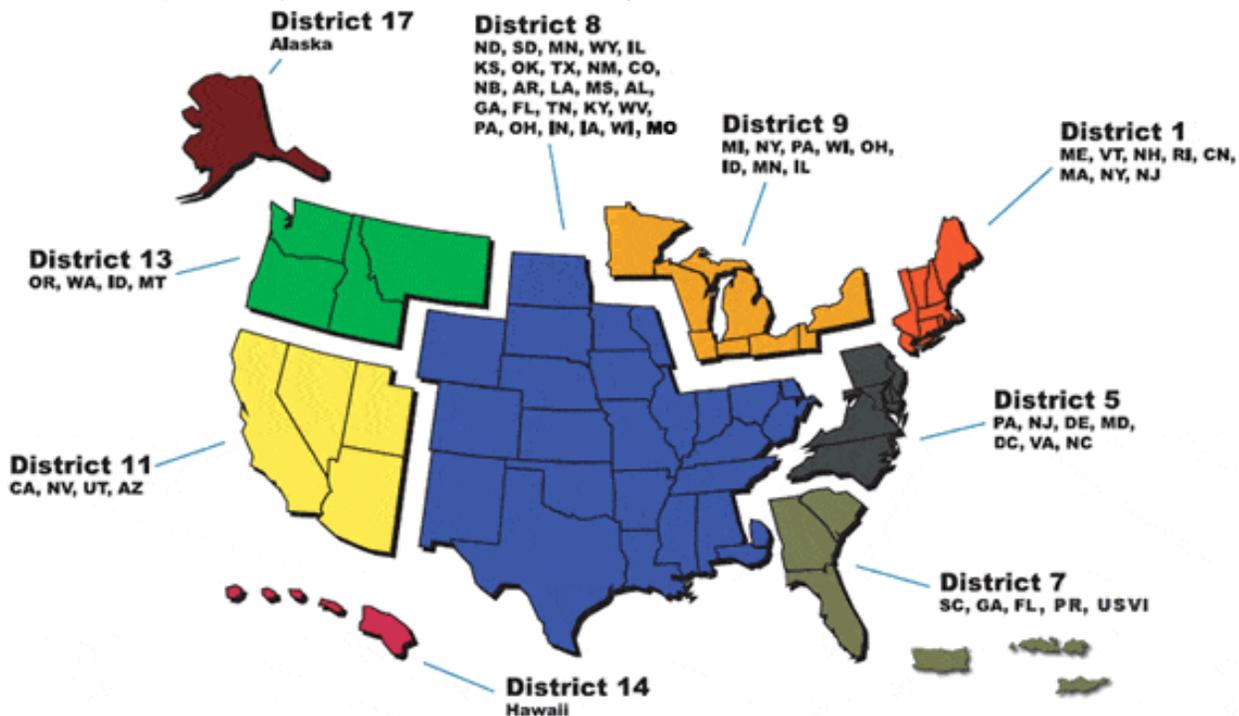
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About the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

ORGANIZATION

The Auxiliary has members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. Membership is open to men and women, 17 years or older, U.S. citizens of all states and territories, civilians or active duty or former members of any of the uniformed services and their Reserve components, including the Coast Guard. Facility (radio station, boat or aircraft) ownership is desirable but not mandatory.



Although under the authority of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary is internally autonomous, operating on four organizational levels: Flotilla, Division, District/Regions and National.

- **Flotilla** - The Flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and is comprised of at least 15 qualified members who carry out Auxiliary program activities. Every Auxiliarist is a member of a local Flotilla. Each Flotilla is headed by a Flotilla Commander (FC).
- **Division** - For maximum administrative effectiveness in carrying out Auxiliary programs, Flotillas in the same general geographic area are grouped into Divisions. The Division provides administrative, training and supervisory support to Flotillas and promotes District policy. Each Division is headed by a Division Commander (CDR), and Division Vice-Commander (VCDR) and usually consists of five or more Flotillas.
- **District/Region** - Flotillas and Divisions are organized in Districts comparable to the Coast Guard Districts and must be assigned the same district number. Some Districts are further divided into Regions. The District/Region provides administrative and supervisory support to Divisions, promotes policies of both the District Commander and National Auxiliary Committee. All Districts and Regions are governed by a District Commodore (DCO), District Vice Commodore (VCO), and District Rear Commodore (RCO), under the guidance of the Coast Guard District Commander. At this level, Coast Guard officers are assigned to oversee and promote the Auxiliary programs.
- **National** - The Auxiliary has national officers who are responsible, along with the Commandant, for the administration and policy-making for the entire Auxiliary. These officers comprise the National Executive Committee (NEXCOM) that is composed of the Chief Director of Auxiliary (an Active Duty officer), National Commodore and the National Vice Commodores.

NEXCOM and the National Staff make up the Auxiliary Headquarters organization. The Chief Director is a senior Coast Guard officer and directs the administration of the Auxiliary on policies established by the Commandant. The overall supervision of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is under the Assistant Commandant for Operations (G-O), who reports directly to the Commandant.

USCGAUX WHAT'S NEW

Tips for boat winterizing with ethanol fuel: Suggestions from Auxiliary Partner, Soundings Magazine



Boaters are starting to winterize their boats. Considering the problems that ethanol-blended gasoline can cause, proper preparation of the fuel system and engine is a critical step in preparing a boat for winter storage. Gasoline with 10 percent ethanol (E10) has led to disintegration of fiberglass fuel tanks, the gumming up of fuel lines, and piston and valve failure. Two properties of ethanol cause problems in boat fuel systems. First, ethanol absorbs moisture - so it can cause water to collect in your fuel tank and fuel system. Second, ethanol is a solvent. It can loosen debris in the tank or fuel lines and allow it to reach the engine. Engine manufacturer representatives recommend using a quality fuel stabilizer and conditioner. The stabilizer should be added to the fuel tank before the seasonal layup and the engine should be run long enough to ensure that the stabilized fuel runs through the entire system.

Empty or full? Opinions vary about whether tanks should be left empty, or about 95 percent full during winter storage. According to some experts, the benefit of leaving tanks empty is that if there's no ethanol in the tank it can't absorb water and can't loosen deposits in the tank. According to other experts, the benefit of leaving tanks filled with treated fuel is that there's less likelihood of moisture forming in the tank from condensation and a topped-off tank minimizes the explosive fumes that can remain in an empty tank. The National Fire Protection Association calls for tanks to be topped off to minimize explosive vapors. Draining the tank may be an option for boat owners with small fuel tanks but for owners of larger boats, topping it off makes more sense.



The rest of the fuel system also needs attention. Drain and replace the fuel/water separator and drain any fuel filters to the engine. You also should inspect all fuel hoses, and fittings. To determine the effect ethanol may have had on your fuel system, when changing the fuel/water separator, pour some of the gasoline into a clear jar and check the level of water and debris. If you see black specks in the fuel, you're looking at a potential ethanol problem. The black specks are typically pieces of rubber fuel line that has begun to deteriorate internally. If you find them, replace the affected fuel line with a new ethanol-resistant line.



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Has it been awhile since you wandered through Coast Guard Auxiliary Website? This is where you can find information like "What's New". Once you have navigated there, you will find more information such as; forms, on-line testing center, uniforms, insignia and ribbons, Aux directory access and more. Click the header above to check out the USCGAUX Home Page today!

What's New on the Flotilla Website?

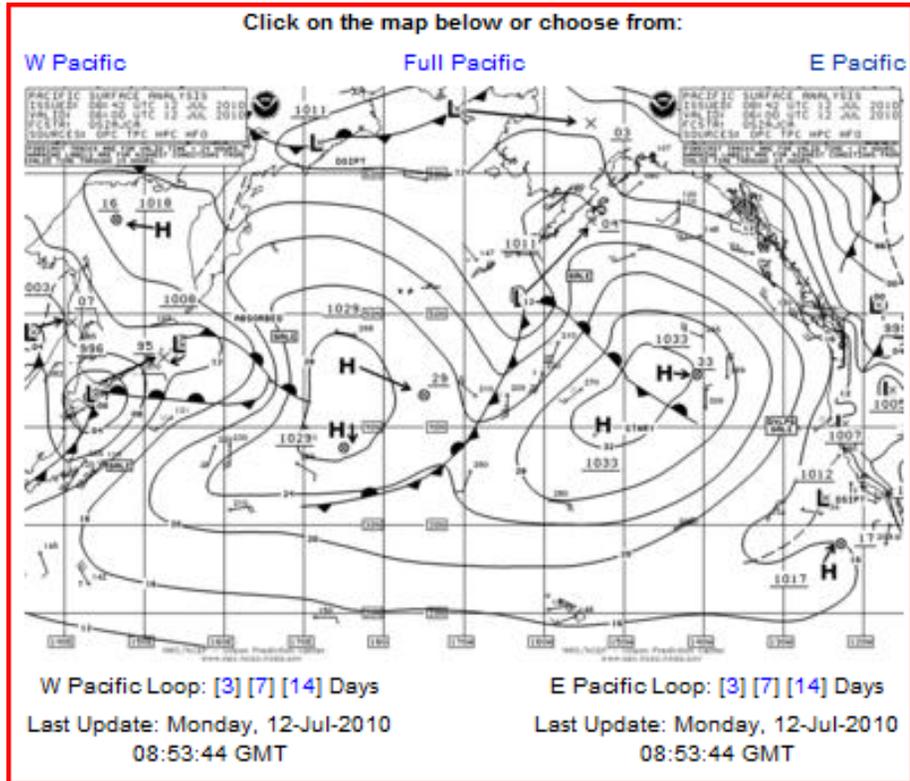
For all the weather watchers I have added a link on the *Event Calendar*. In the upper right corner of the page there is a block of links for *Ops Info*. The one labeled "Pacific Ocean" is new and links to the *Ocean Prediction Center*. There are various graphics showing weather systems, seas, winds and wave heights. The projected forecasts are 24hr, 48hr and 96hr. This is an excellent resource for mission planning.

Ops Info

- [Satellite](#)
- [Weather](#)
- [Tides/Sun/Moon](#)
- [Seas](#)
- [Port Webcam](#)
- [St George Buoy](#)
- [Port Orford Buoy](#)
- [Pacific Ocean](#)



This is a repeat article
from the August
newsletter
NEWSWORTHY!



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November Flotilla Meeting

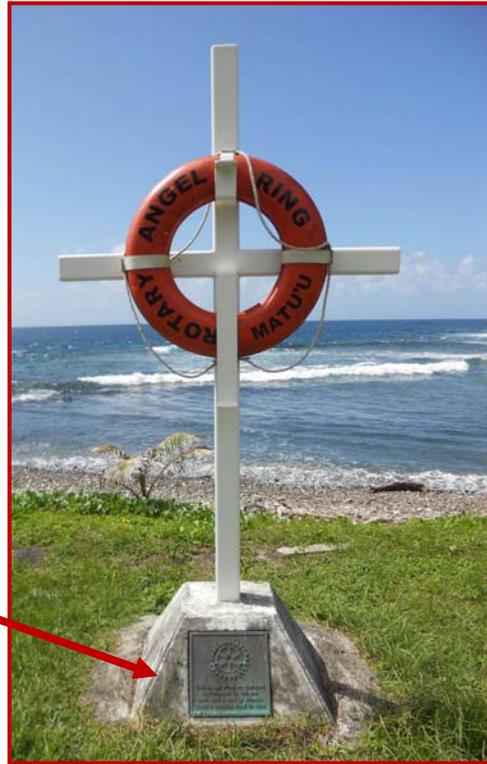
Thursday, November 11
1900 hr
Station Chetco River

2011 Elections for Flotilla Commander
and Vice Flotilla Commander
Please be sure to be present this
evening!

News from Pago Pago....

I found this interesting. Matu'u Village is on the main road from the airport to Pago Pago. When the tsunami hit some of the guard rail was damaged and the Damage Inspection Report reported 710 LF of shoreline revetment damaged. A lot of sand was washed up onto the road. We took a close look at the site and found most of the armor stone for protection is still in place, it is just covered up by all the coral waste and beach sand that has collected at the base of and over the stones. I will shoot you a photo of the Tri Bar protection adjacent to the site. It survived the storm quite nicely. In fact both the Tri Bar and Samoa stone did very well. But I found the attached Life ring monument on site. Thought you might enjoy.

Howard Tingley, on assignment in America Samoa



DIVISION 5 - 2011 ELECTION RESULTS:

*Division Commander: Tom Miller
Division Vice Commander: Will Lampa
Congratulations!*



The Gold side presenting colors for 9/11

**2010 CALENDAR
NOVEMBER**

- 3** 1st Wed Breakfast Meeting 0830 Flying Gull
- 7** DAYLIGHT Savings Time ENDS
- 11** MONTHLY MEETING 1900 HR STATION CHETCO RVR
Election Night!
- 11** VETERAN'S DAY
- 26** THANKSGIVING DAY

DECEMBER

- 1** 1st Wed Breakfast Meeting 0830 Flying Gull
- 4** *Ken Range Birthday*
- 8** *Bill Roger's Birthday*
- 9** MONTHLY MEETING 1900 HR STATION CHETCO RVR
- 14** *Jan Norman's Birthday*
- 22** *Dick Laskey's Birthday*
- 25** CHRISTMAS DAY



For more information be sure to check out the Flotilla calendar on line!
<http://a1300506.uscgaux.info/Calendar.htm>

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