

Mission

The purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard, as authorized by the Commandant in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission or operation authorized by law except law enforcement and military operations.

Multi-Mission Force-Multiplier

The Auxiliary provides almost \$1 billion in service to the Federal Government and the American public at a fraction of the cost.

As a voluntary, civilian, non-military organization, the Auxiliary was originally established by Congress in 1939 to promote recreational boating safety. Members are experienced boaters, amateur radio operators, and licensed aircraft pilots using their own operational vessels, aircraft and communications stations or providing skills the Coast Guard can use to enhance customer service in operations centers, administrative offices, on the water and in the air.

“The last couple of years have produced a sea change in the Auxiliary’s relationship to the regular Coast Guard. ...We have seen a transformation in which the Auxiliary has been recognized as an absolutely essential force multiplier, which we now rely on as an integrated part of the Coast Guard effort to do good things for America.” ...

Admiral James M. Loy
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

33,000 people help the Coast Guard, every day for the satisfaction that comes from sharing our missions.

Auxiliarists operate on their own time and for the most part, at their own expense. The minimal federal funding support received by members only partially pays for training, fuel and subsistence used in the performance of officially sanctioned operations. While on duty, Auxiliarists are considered federal employees for the purpose of civil liability, for medical, disability, and death-benefit compensation.

Our Resources

Operational Vessels	4,971
Aircraft	226
Communication Stations	2,641
Members	32,950
PWC Facilities	2,873

Volunteer Mission Hours (Land, Air, Sea):

Public Affairs	96,628
Safety Patrol Hours	143,871
Air Patrol Hours	10,038
Support of Coast Guard Missions	269,652
Hours of Public Education Instruction	73,097
Hours of Member Training	51,212

Our Qualified Team Members:

Boat Crew	7,098
Auxiliary Coxswains	5,240
Air Observers	294
Pilots	263
NAVAID Verifiers	2,829
Instructors	8,547
PWC Operators	30

2000 AUXMIS II National Data

The Auxiliary Has Something for Everyone

Search and Rescue, Aircraft Operations, Seamanship Training, Weather Training, Radio & Computer Operations, Public Education Instruction, Aids to Navigation, Vessel Safety Checks, Support during Natural and Man-made Disasters, Marine Safety, Environmental Protection, Recruiting Assistance, Fun and Fellowship.