



Past Commanders' Association Summer Fair 2012

Please join us at the 39th semi-annual PCA Fair!

Who: All Auxiliarists (including those in AP status)

What: Weekend of fun classes, required training, and certifications

When: Saturday/Sunday, July 28 & 29 Morning classes start at 08:00; afternoon classes start at 13:00

Where: Coast Guard Island, Alameda

Cost: \$15 (for the entire weekend, NOT per class), **early-bird: \$10 if postmarked by June 16**

New Members (less than 1 year) can attend their first PCA Fair for free!

Course Offerings:

Class Room	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM
Gym 35	Marine Safety: Prevention Outreach Specialist (MEES)	Marine Safety: Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist (MSAM)	ATON PQS	
Chief's Dining Rm	Program Visitor	ICS-210	Radio Practice	Crew/Coxswain sign-offs
Point Welcome	Driver Improvement Program	Auxiliary Comms Workshop	Team Coordination Training (TCT)	
Gresham		Coastie		
Bldg 21, # 115	AUXPAT (includes exam)		AUXSEA (includes exam)	
Columbia B	New Member Course		Intro to PA	Fingerprint Tech.
Banners Club	Flotilla Leadership Course (2-day class)			
Columbia A	Vessel Examiner (2-day class, includes certification exam)			
DIRAUX, Bldg 50-2	Proctored Exams (offered both days 07:30-3:30 at DIRAUX)			

Meals:

Galley: Breakfast \$2.45 Lunch/dinner \$4.55 (payable directly to the Galley- don't send with registration!)
Subway Sandwiches (next to the CG Exchange). In addition, there are various restaurants available in the neighborhood (off the Island)

DIRAUX:

Open both days from 07:30-3:30 for photo IDs, proctored exams, picking up PPE (mustangs, SAR vests), etc.

District Store: The District Store will be open both days (Saturday 07:30-16:30; Sunday 07:30-13:00) for all your shopping pleasures. They will have a complete selection of Operational, Navigational, and new Boat Maintenance items, as well as uniform items and accessories.

Course Descriptions (and pertinent information) begins on page 3



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 Registration Form



Name: _____ Member #: _____

Flotilla: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLASS TITLES AND OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION BELOW:

- Class Choice #1: _____ SAT SUN Both AM PM All-day
- Class Choice #2: _____ SAT SUN Both AM PM All-day
- Class Choice #3: _____ SAT SUN Both AM PM All-day
- Class Choice #4: _____ SAT SUN Both AM PM All-day
- Class Choice #5: _____ SAT SUN Both AM PM All-day
- Proctored Exam: _____ SAT SUN Time: _____

I am active in Operations, or active in Operations (Boat Crew) training, and need to be issued the following PPE:
 PFD: _____ (size) Mustang: _____ (size) SAR Vest: _____ (size) Other: _____

Meal reservation for the Galley (Auxiliary identification cards/AP letter necessary):

Saturday: Breakfast Lunch Dinner Sunday: Breakfast Lunch Dinner
 Please pay Galley directly for meals: \$2.45 breakfast, \$4.55 Lunch/Dinner

Registration fee is required with your application. Please, no registrations by phone/e-mail,
 Or walk-in registrations.

Please make your check payable to the "PCA Fair"

Please send check and class choices to:
Attn: Past Captains Association Fair
c/o Mary Kirkwood
5 Orchard Way, Novato, CA 94947

Phone # (415) 209-9999

E/Mail: divermay@comcast.net

Amount enclosed: \$15 \$10 (early-bird if postmarked before June 16th)

Free: New Member's 1st Fair (Date joined: _____) Member of the PCA

All registrations will receive a confirmation (via email) within a week of receipt.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- PCA Fair July 2012

ATON PQS: This workshop is designed to get you ready for the Aids to Navigation PQS sign off with the Qualification Verifying Officer. Prerequisites: Download and bring the "Auxiliary Aid to Navigation (ATON) Verifier" PQS sign-off booklet, found at <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html>. For questions, please contact DSO-NS Jim Duncan at dvc.on@comcast.net

AUXPAT: The Auxiliary Patrols Specialty course, is focused upon the complete spectrum of operational patrol activities both on the water and in the air. This includes Safety Patrols, Search and Rescue (SAR), Regatta spectator safety control (powerboat race, sailboat race, rowing race, etc.) and Chart Updating/Aids to Navigation Patrols. You can achieve success as an AUXPAT Specialist by passing a closed book, proctored examination with a score of 75% or better. The exam will be offered at the end of the class.

For training materials, please visit www.cgaux.org/auxop.html (requires AuxDirectory username/password). You might also want to check out the instructor's training/prep website: <http://www.comomike.info/>

AUXSEA: the Auxiliary Seamanship Specialty course, is designed to present the Auxiliarist with a thorough knowledge of vessels and proficiency in their operation. An AUXSEA Specialist has extensive knowledge of how vessels are constructed and operated. The AUXSEA Specialist understands marine engines, how to perform minor repairs, is knowledgeable about vessel handling and knows how to approach distress situations. You can achieve success as an AUXSEA Specialist by passing a closed book, proctored examination with a score of 75% or better. The exam will be offered at the end of class.

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Coastie: Coastie is an animated robotic cartoon character in appearance, and is very mobile. He has navigation and searchlights, a rotating beacon, a siren, an air horn, and eyes and eyelids that move meaningfully. He talks, plays music, and interacts with the instructor and the children during the presentation. Coastie teaches rules about what to do and not do in a water emergency situation. For instance, Coastie teaches "Reach or Throw But Never Go In". This class is mandatory if you would like to use "Coastie" at boat shows, parades, or your PA events; or if you will be trailering Coastie to events.

Comms Workshop: Communications best practices. This communications workshop is for current land mobiles or anyone who wants more information about becoming one. Topics will include:

- R21 what is it, why is it good and how does it affect the AUX?
- Why won't my radio reach there, i.e why doesn't it reach across town like a cell phone?
- What do Land Mobiles do?
- How do I become one?
- How do I equip one?
- How to operate one properly, and represent appropriately
- Where else are communicators needed, what skills are needed, how can someone get involved there?
- Repeaters :
 - what they do
 - how to use one
 - how to get authorized
 - what equipment is necessary

- Basic comms techniques:
 - Assuming/securing patrols
 - OPS/Pos reports -
 - Only transmit what's important -
 - No comms/No patrol (a cell phone is NOT comms)
- What/where are the trailers, how/why/when can they be used and what are their capabilities?

Radios will be provided for training. The newest digital radios, marine radios and talk around radios will be on scene. Both Communications trailers will be on location for training.

Crew/Coxswain Sign-Offs: A chance for those working on Boat Crew or Coxswain to get signed off on dockside skills. The Swim Test required for Boat Crew will be offered at the end of the class (providing the pool is reopened in time). Bring your sign-off binder. If you want to take advantage of the swim test, bring your swimsuit, towel, PFD and Mustang.

Driver Improvement Program: A court and state approved driver improvement program developed by AAA. Driving fatalities are the number one cause of death among the Coast Guard, and 40,000 people are killed each year in the United States. This class can help reduce your chance of crash by understanding the risks involved in driving and exercise some control over these risks. This course satisfies the requirement for a "mature driver" discount offered by many insurance companies.

Fingerprint Technician: Learn everything you need to know to become a Fingerprint Technician for the Auxiliary. Please download and review the study guide at <http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/FingerprintStudyGuide.pdf>

Flotilla Leadership Course: This course provides potential Flotilla Commanders with the organizational framework and resources to successfully manage their Flotillas. The FLC may be used to satisfy current requirements to stand for election, and meets the Leadership Course requirement for AUXOP status.

ICS-210: This is a mandatory ICS Class for those members involved in Operational Activities. This course is not available on-line, so take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

Intro to Public Affairs (AUX-20): Welcome to the exciting world of Public Affairs. Public Affairs Officers ("PAOs") have a tremendous responsibility within the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. They are primary representatives and spokespersons of these organizations in contact with the public. They can communicate through the media or directly through public safety booths. They are trusted advisors to the unit's elected officer in matters of public affairs, and interact with most of the other appointed officers in promoting their programs inside and outside the Auxiliary.

This course is designed to provide your first overview of public affairs missions and programs, and teach the basics of Public Affairs. It is great for elected officials and a must for all PA officers! This class will help members complete the online course and pass the exam. Aux-20 is a prerequisite to the Auxiliary Public Affairs Specialist qualification.

Marine Safety: Prevention Outreach Specialist (MEES): This course will provide an overview and the materials required for one of the new Performance Qualification Standards (PQS) for the Marine Safety Program. To complete the PQS the member must be a qualified Instructor, complete the on line FEMA EMI course IS-5 (Hazardous Materials), the online IMSEP, and the on line Good Mate Course.

Marine Safety: Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist: This course will review the PQS that covers the Coast Guard Prevention Structure and Function and the Auxiliary Prevention Program Management. To complete the PQS, a member needs to have completed 2 years as an Auxiliarist in either a staff or elected office and have completed one of following: APC, LAMS, AUXMIN OR AUXLEA. In addition, candidates must plan and organize a training program in Environmental Protection, Waterways Management or America's Waterway Watch.

New Member Course: A “must” course for new Auxiliarists! Includes discussions about uniforms, protocols, Auxiliary offices, opportunities, DIRAUX, Chain of Leadership and other topics. The course will include a tour of the Island, and a cutter if in port.

Program Visitor: The primary purpose of the RBS Visitation Program is to establish Program Partners (marine dealers, bait shops, etc), in local areas and visit them on a regular basis. The Program Visits inform Program Partners of the Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety program and the applicable federal, state, and local safety requirements. While doing so, the Program Visitor has the opportunity to clarify safety issues, promote safe boating education, and to promote the Vessel Safety Check program.

Consider joining the District 11N RBS Program Visitation team! This course will provide information about the program, how to obtain display supplies, and submitting the appropriate documentation. The qualification exam will be provided at the end of the class. After the class, students will need to be proctored for one visit.

Please review the following manuals prior to class: RBSVP # M16796.C & VSC # M16796.8, which can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/default.asp> .

Proctored Exams: Having difficulty finding someone to proctor an exam for you? Ready to take NavRules, or any another exam? This is your opportunity! You tell us which exam, and pick a day/time, and we will provide the proctor in the DIRAUX office.

Radio Practice: A true hands-on radio/comms workshop to review comms procedures & practice/drill with marine radios. Geared towards all members in operations (or not) who would like to practice using radios, brush up on skills, or just get more comfortable using them. There will be radios available in class.

Team Coordination Training (TCT): Team Coordination Training (TCT) is a program that focuses on reducing the probability for human error by increasing individual and team effectiveness. Required to participate in all Operational activities, and recommended for all Auxiliarists. Must be renewed every 5 years for Operations, and annually for AuxChef. Be sure to check your due date for this important class.

Vessel Examiner: This class provides the training and information necessary to perform Vessel Safety Checks. Receive 2 days training and then take the written test. After this class, you will need to do the 5 practical Vessel Safety Checks with a qualified VE to become VE qualified. A sample vessel may be available for practical VE.