

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 9th Central Region
Virtual District Training Weekend
Friday, March 22- Saturday, March 23, 2024

The title of each course acts as a link to the class. No sign up required.
Simply click on each title to attend.

Friday

[Business Meeting & Awards Announcements](#)

0900-1150

Join the District board, and distinguished Coast Guard guests in our triannual meeting to discuss District business. At the end of business, the 2023 annual award winners will be announced. The title is a link to YouTube to view the live broadcast, but you can also click this link to view a recording at your leisure.

[DSO Round Robin](#)

1400-1550

Required session for Division Commanders. Others welcome. You'll have 20 minutes of one-on-one time with certain district staff offers. This session is meant to give staff and elected officers a chance to go in-depth in program areas and have specific questions answered. Find out what amazing projects our staff is working on and how they can help you.

[AAMS - Aux Application Management System](#)

1400-1450

All HR staff officers have access to this system. Learn how to understand and use the system- it's really easy. Nearly 40% of our prospects come through this system so we need to utilize it.

[Vessel Safety Checks for Paddle Craft](#)

1500-1550

If you are a vessel examiner, or interested in becoming one, you should attend this session. Vessel safety checks on paddle craft are an excellent way to engage with paddlers about recommended safety equipment. Even if you aren't a paddler yourself, VE's understand basic safety equipment that could save a life.

[Past Commander's Association Meeting](#)

1600-1650

The PCA is a freestanding association whose membership has served as Division Commander at any time within the Auxiliary. The goal of the association is to be a leadership resource to up-and-coming officers. If you aren't currently a member, please join the meeting to find out more.

Saturday

ATON Verifier PQS

1000-1450

CWO2 Palmer, Sector Soo Auxiliary Liaison Officer, and Jim Frick, DSO-Navigation Systems, will co-lead this session that will work you toward qualification as an Aids-to-Navigation verifier. There is a scheduled break for lunch during this session.

Secretary/Record Form 7000

1000-1050

Last fall this form became a requirement for all unit secretaries to fill out and submit, yet many questions remain. This session will teach you the different elements of the form and how to use it.

Onboarding New Members

1100-1200

Your new member has their ID#- now what do you do? We need to provide a good orientation and get them involved. Mentoring is important and we need to guide them through training and on the path toward their goal.

New Member Form

1300-1350

A complete review of the New Member application process is discussed. How to complete the application completely and accurately, what is needed, and common issues encountered in the process.

Appointed Officer Responsibilities

1400-1450

You've been asked to serve as a staff officer, but don't know who to ask for help. Learn not only the baseline expectations of staff officers but how to excel at the job.

Master your AUXDATA Frustrations

1500-1550

You aren't the only person frustrated with trying to navigate AUXDATA. This session open Q &A session will address how to get past the things that are keeping you from using AUXDATA.

Auxiliary Recruiting

1600-1650

Mystified about how to recruit more people into the Auxiliary? This session will teach you ideas and practices to up your recruiting game.

Culture of Safety

1600-1650

Does safety cross your mind when you participate in Auxiliary activities? How about your daily life? COMO Thurlow will be laying out what a culture of safety should look like in our organization, and it takes everyone's effort.

Standard Auxiliary Boat Operations Training Track (SABOT)

The following list of courses is designed to increase proficiency in surface operations.

Accountability, Check Rides and Q&A with the Operations Training Officer

Saturday, March 23, 1000-1150

The OTO will go over the accountability required in paperwork, orders completion, and check-ride expectations for new, 3-year, and annual tasks.

Communications

Saturday, March 23, 1100-1200

Learn or refresh your understanding of radio procedures with stations and other surface facilities. This includes proper communications to start, execute, and end patrols.

Mishaps and Anchoring

Saturday, March 23, 1300-1350

Learn the use of proper commands that need to be used during patrols to improve and standardize crew communications. A Sabot overview of proper techniques and standard commands that should occur during the anchor evolutions.

Pre-Brief and Night Operations

Saturday, March 23, 1400-1450

Start your patrol out right with a proper pre-brief and debrief. This session will go over the different elements of good pre-briefs and debriefs. It will also cover the procedures and safety factors should you follow to have a safe night patrol.

Towing to SABOT Standards

Saturday, March 23, 1500-1550

Refresh your towing astern procedures to sabot standards including the approach, target boat interview, sending lines and towing safety. Towing Aside- Refresh yourself on the proper procedure to transition from a stern tow directly to a side tow. Practical applications using simulators for hands-on applications to tie everything together.