



**First District Southern Region
2005 District Conference**

Friday 4 March - 1900 – 2100

Leadership Class of 2005 Reunion & Meet The District Staff

Vessel Examiner Qualification Training

The presentation will include a 13-minute VE training video and hands on demonstration using the VSC requirement form. Additional topics covered will include how to fill out the required forms, and PWC and Paddle Sport requirements. Discussion will also include the Recreational Boating Safety, Maritime Domain Awareness and Waterway Watch programs. Also included will be a review of the Index from the VE manual for the 65 question open book test. *This program is designed for members who want to get qualified as a vessel examiner.*

2000 – 2100 Auxinfo for DSO's

This session will provide DSOs with an overview of Auxinfo and a discussion of how to best access data needed to manage their program areas.

Saturday 5 March - 0900-1015

Member Training

The Member Training Department will provide training on the following topics:

1. The Member Training Officer, Duties and responsibilities from FSO, SO, and ADSO.
2. District Mentor Program
3. The Natl. Department of Training- "The Way Ahead"
4. Unit Leadership Development Program, An Intro
5. Inter-Division / Intra-Flotilla shared training

We will entertain a number of other topics and issues as the time permits in each session.

Communication Services - The Communications Services (CS) session will discuss the duties, responsibilities, tools and hazards of authoring and maintaining a web site in the Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as being the official web watcher for the unit. This roundtable style discussion is not intended as a nuts and bolts primer for the beginning programmer but as an overview of navigating resources available for use and an orientation to the CS staff position. Intended audience will be new FSO-CSs, individuals considering the position and new VFCs desiring a better grasp of CS activities.

Communications - The Comms seminar will describe the road ahead for communications, including DSC Marine Radio, expected changes in the AUXNET technical standards and frequencies, and guidance for developing disaster plans. A brief review of our current administrative procedures will follow.

New Member Training - This session is designed for the new member to the USCG Auxiliary. The training provides a firm basis for our members to understand the USCG Auxiliary sufficient to make choices in their future participation. The training includes the history, purpose and administration of the Auxiliary, Auxiliary mission, membership requirements and privileges, organizational structure, regulations, policies, human resources, member training, qualifications, uniforms and member recognition.

Personnel Services

This session will include a review of the following personnel services issues: new member processing, AUX PAL, diversity, forms review and uniforms, and a general discussion and questions and answers.

Legal Issues - This seminar will focus on federal laws pertaining to the Auxiliary, civil rights, discipline, assignment to duty, fund raising, claims for injury or property loss, contracts and licenses and other related items. Participants should bring their copy of Auxiliary Manual 1F (May 18, 2004)

Public Education

Introduction to Emergency Response Planning - Will be a presentation of the Emergency Response Planning presentation given at the 2003 N-Train with addition of a section on the Auxiliaries response to historic emergencies.

Aids To Navigation Update - Introduction of District AN staff and a short briefing on various district wide focus activities that will be rolled out in the near future. Specifically, continued support of PATON activities in support of each area AN Team and a new effort to help the office of (obr) in developing a comprehensive database on all Bridges over navigational waterways within our portion of District 1.

Vessel Examination Program Update

This session will include a review the N-Train report along with the current VSC requirements. Discussion will also include the Recreational Boating Safety, Maritime Domain Awareness, and Waterway Watch programs. We will also discuss our work with American Canoe Association regarding Paddle Sport requirements. Also included will be a discussion of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner and Dockwalker Programs. *The program meets the Annual PV/VE Workshop requirement.*

Operations Update including POMS & ISAR – This session will provide a general update on the Operations program including new information regarding the Patrol Order Management System (POMS) and the International Search And Rescue (ISAR) competition. *The program meets the Annual OPS Workshop requirement.*

Recreational Boating Safety Visitor Program

This session will include an introduction to the new RBS-PV program, building PV skills and Mega Weeks 04 Highlights. *The program meets the Annual PV/VE Workshop requirement.*

Aviation Crew Resource Management

A required Safety Workshop. Its content is similar to TCT but relates to Aviation. This program will be presented by an active duty aviator from Air Station Cape Cod.

Career Counseling @ the Academy

Career Counseling will offer its annual seminar to bring staff officers at all levels up to date on the current missions and methods of our department. Most notably Project AIM will be discussed and the new rules and selection methods detailed.

Saturday 5 March - 1030-1145

Maritime Domain Awareness

This program will provide an overview of maritime domain awareness (MDA) from both a national and regional perspective. Most important will be a discussion of how MDA fits into our existing programs in public education, vessel safety checks, public affairs and program visits. Important questions to be addressed include - What is MDA? Why is the Auxiliary involved in MDA? How do you perform MDA patrols? And, when and where these patrols are performed.

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Emergency Response Exercise Design: An introduction to the five types of exercises (Orientation, Drill, Tabletop, Functional, & Full Scale Drill) and how they are used to train emergency response personnel.

New Member Training (continued)

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Aviation & Surface Integration (An Aviation Round Table)

A round table panel discussion answering questions from the floor. The panelists will bring expertise and experience in all areas related to Auxiliary Aviation.

Accessing & Using Auxinfo – Information Services - "Everything you ever wanted to know about Auxdata and Auxinfo but were afraid to ask". " Come with your questions or problems and we will try to solve them.

“Who Moved My Cheese” (Leadership Training)

Career Counseling @ the Academy (continued)

Saturday 5 March -1400-1600

Paddle Smart

This session will focus on the Auxiliary’s role in helping to address the high fatality rate among this group of boaters. Al Johnson, Coast Guard Boating Safety Specialist, will assist in the presentation as well as industry and state representatives. This will be an important presentation for instructors, program visitors and vessel examiners.

HAZMAT: Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness Level training.

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Aviation Patrol Analysis (A SAR Workshop)

A Search and Rescue Workshop for Pilots and Observers covering the procedures and techniques of Auxiliary Aviation Search and Rescue Missions.

Operations Annual Workshop – This session will provide the information contained in this year's required annual workshop.

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The Measuring Stick of Leadership & Management

Career Counseling – Walking Tour of the Academy

A familiarization tour of the campus will be offered to staff member, spouses and other interested parties (weather permitting).

QE Workshop

This program will be an update for QEs and QE-ITs.

Practical Tips for Public Affairs - PA 101--- Public Affairs made simple for veterans and rookies alike. Topics will include identifying goals, story lines, target media, news releases, by-lined articles, and message points.

Sunday 6 March -0900-1100

ISC 100 & Oil Spill Observer - An introduction to the Incident Command System and how it is used to respond to an emergency situation. An introduction to oil spill reporting including how to tell an oil spill from a natural effect, how to identify recoverable oil and how to fill out an oil spill report.

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Open Book Qualification Tests – IT, VE, PV

These open book qualification tests will be available to members who would like to take them. Members planning on taking exams should be sure to bring the program manual, and have reviewed it thoroughly. You may also want to sit in on the qualification workshops being offered.

AUXOP Testing

The AUXOP, or Operational Auxiliarist program is an advanced training program available only to members of the USCG Auxiliary. The AUXOP Specialty courses also provide an excellent foundation for the Boat Crew and Coxswain program. The advanced testing at the conference will be a closed book examination.

Attention Veterans

There will be a Veterans History Project booth at this years' March conference in Mystic. The chairperson Rita Shaver will be promoting the project, which gives the veterans the recognition and respect they deserve. She will be handing out information, brochures, PowerPoint presentations and showing videos of veteran's stories that are already in the archives in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Any veterans, who plan on attending the conference and are interested in having their story told, please email Rita at rsnyyk@aol.com before hand to discuss the details of the interview process.