



DISTRICT, DIVISION & FLOTILLA NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Prevention, Accuracy, Credibility, Professionalism & Service to the Coast Guard & NOAA-National Ocean Service

The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of all Federal aids to navigation on the Waterways of the U.S. This is an all-inclusive responsibility, and it includes the coastal waters and inland waters of the U.S. This responsibility is affected in conjunction with NOAA, National Ocean Service and other Federal Government agencies, State and Local Government elements and Private entities. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, in an overall supplemental support role, provides specifically authorized assistance to the Coast Guard in its aids to navigation missions and to National Ocean Service (NOS) with its Chart Updating missions.



First Northern Navigation Systems (NS) which is a part of the Prevention (P) Department focuses locally on Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island waterways. Our mission is to insure the safety of both commercial and recreational boaters by supporting them with five major roles -- Federal Aids to Navigation (ATON), Private Aids to Navigation (PATON), Chart Updating (CU), Small Craft Facility Updating (SCF) and Bridge Surveys (BAP).

Federal Aids to Navigation (ATON) As a qualified and certified AV-Aid Verifier, you are tasked with assisting District One (dpw) and all CG ANT units with requests for assistance. All members of the USCG Auxiliary should be alert while underway for any aids to navigation observed as discrepant and for reporting them to the Coast Guard. Only observed discrepancies on Federal aids are reported to the Coast Guard. Forms and training guidelines for this activity are provided on the ATON web-page at www.uscgaa.com.

Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) Qualified and certified AV-Aid Verifiers are tasked with verifying scheduled Private Aids to Navigation each year, the reporting or discrepant private aids and any private aids that have been set out without a CG permit. Annual verifications and discrepancies are reported to the Coast Guard using the web-based PATON Reporting System. The qualification and training guidelines for becoming AV qualified are available on the AV web-page at www.uscgaa.com. Only currently qualified and certified AVs may access the PATON System.

Bridge Surveys (BAP) AVs are also tasked with the annual survey of all Class 1, 2 and 3 bridges in First Northern by the DI Bridge Branch, and with providing information about waterways where new bridges may be planned, constructed, or removed. While underway, all members of the USCG Auxiliary should always be on the alert for any bridge lighting outages and fender systems discrepancies and should report them to the Coast Guard using the on-line Bridge Reporting System. Access to the Bridge Reporting System is available from the Bridge web-page at www.uscgaa.com. You must have a current E-directory logon capability in order to access this database.

Chart Updating (CU) All Auxiliarists are tasked with searching for and reporting any observed discrepancies, corrections, & additions to our *NOAA Charts & Coast Pilots* to NOAA. This activity insures that our NOAA charts are accurate for the maritime public and keeps the local marine environment safer for navigation. Special forms and training guidelines are provided on the CU-Chart Updating web-page at www.uscgaa.com.

Small Craft Facility Chart Updating (SCF) All Auxiliarists are tasked with surveying public marinas and other public marine facilities that are listed on Small Craft (SC) charts and to check for and report any and all discrepancies, corrections, additions and deletions to NOAA. This work helps keep our NOAA Small Craft Navigational Charts accurate for the maritime public who may be looking for the best location to get the needed supplies while on a boating or fishing cruise. Special forms and guidelines for this activity are provided on the SCF-Small Craft Facility Updating web-page at www.uscgaa.com.



AUX 06 C-School “Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating”

Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia on 17-19 June 2011.

About the Course: This school is designed to provide training in all five Auxiliary Navigation Systems Programs - **ATON** - Federal Aids, **PATON** - Private Aids, **BAP** - the Bridge Administration Program, **CU** - Chart Updating Program and **SCF** - Small Craft Facility Program. New Navigation Systems Form & PowerPoint training aids for most Navigation Systems programs will be introduced. The aim of the Navigation Systems –C School is to train a cadre of Auxiliary leaders who will promote the Navigation Systems programs in their District and develop new and lasting programs and relationships with the Coast Guard & NOAA-National Ocean Service in support of the goals and objectives of the Auxiliary Aid to Navigation, Bridges, & Chart Updating Program.

Who May Attend: Candidates must be recently assigned as a FSO-NS (Flotilla Staff Officer - Navigation Systems), SO-NS (Division Staff Officer - Navigation Systems), or a DSO or ADSO-NS (District Staff Officer - Navigation Systems). This training is not refresher training. Alternative training is available through your District Navigation Systems program managers. COMDT (CG-5421) must approve all waivers. Only one class is scheduled per year – usually in June. Applicants **MUST** have an internet e-mail account capable of receiving and downloading attachments to order and to benefit most from this training. Therefore, the candidate’s e-mail address must be included in Block #22 of the Short-Term Resident Training Request prior to approval. No civilian contractors are authorized to attend.

Get your application to DIRAUX ASAP. The website below provides the CG-5223 form and all the information that you need to apply for the 2011 - AUX 06 Course.

<http://cschool.auxservices.org/>

Follow these simple steps:

1. Complete a “**School Short Term Training Request Form CG-5223**” available from the above web-site.
2. Send your completed **CG-5223** form to your **District DIRAUX (Director of Auxiliary)** via your **Flotilla Commander**. *Your Flotilla Commander must sign this form.*
3. Keep a copy of the **CG-5223** form for your records.
4. Expect to receive travel and information about orders.

The AUX- 06 C- School “Aids to Navigation & Chart Updating”, POC-Person of Contact is Mike Quinn, Home Phone: 401-413-8671 – E-mail Address: michaelsquinn@gmail.com



How to become an AID VERIFER



Any member who wants to become an Aid Verifier (AV) must qualify by completing **DI Aid Verifier Qualification Course & Exam**. Information on the required training is available on the **AV Web Page** at www.uscgaan.com. For more information contact your ADSO-NS.

A Qualified Aid Verifier as stated in “Chapter 11 in the Auxiliary Manual A.13.a. Operations Program” states that this ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas and a qualify Aid Verifier, may wear the Operations Program Ribbon. Also, the AN C-School is now part of the AUXOP Qualification.

