

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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REPORT OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Association is pleased to report that since the Spring 2006 NBF Meeting and thus far during 2006, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has continued to support the nation in Disaster Recovery Operations and Homeland Security Missions as well as supporting its traditional Recreational Boating Safety missions.

This past summer has proven to be a very busy time for our members supporting RBS, America's Waterway Watch, SAR, contingency planning and exercises, cooking, flight missions, Regional Exam Center support, relaying messages, Maritime Observation Missions, and training, training, and more training. Listed below are several typical examples of the services we have provided:

In the Boston area, an Auxiliarist performing an overflight mission noticed a vessel surrounded by a "rainbow sheen" His report to the CG resulted in an oil leak being discovered and stopped and an illegal alien being discovered by the boarding party.

On Blue March Lake, Pennsylvania, an Auxiliary patrol craft rescued 3 persons after the boat they were in caught on fire.

On the Christina River, Delaware, an Auxiliary patrol received word that a person had jumped in the water an hour earlier and was missing. After an extensive search they located and rescued the man, who required immediate treatment by the Auxiliary crew for hypothermia.

At the North Anna Power Station, VA, Auxiliarists assisted the station's personnel in reviewing the power station's emergency procedures.

In Fort Myers, FL, an Auxiliary patrol noticed an unmanned PWC in the main channel. A quick search revealed a person in the water some distance from the PWC struggling in the current that was carrying him into the main channel. They quickly responded and pulled the exhausted 18 year old man out of the water.

On Catalina Island, CA, Auxiliarists have been active conducting over 15 Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examinations to make certain the UPVs are inspected and up to code

requirements because in this remote area the UPVs are used to ferry children to school. Additionally, a total of over 400 kayaks, canoes, rowboats and small sailboats were examined.

In San Diego, a large number of Auxiliarists participated in a multiagency preparedness exercise, which simulated the bombing of a cruise ship in the harbor.

Another example of the operational support reported by our units during the first nine months of 2006, the USCG Auxiliary:

- Saved 196 lives and made 3,550 assists involving 5499 persons on the water
- Conducted over 89,000 Vessel Safety Checks
- Made over 45,000 visits to Marine Dealers and others to enhance Recreational Boating Safety
- Conducted 1834 Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations
- Taught over 36,600 hours in public boating safety education courses
- Provided over 49,000 hours of on the water support to the Coast Guard and the States via vessels & aircraft for Homeland Security, Natural Disaster Recovery, Boating Safety, and SAR missions

Since the Spring 2006 NBF Meeting, the Auxiliary has:

- Hosted the 3rd Caribbean Volunteer Maritime SAR Conference on 8 – 10 June 2006 in Miami, which involved 86 attendees from over 28 Caribbean and Central American countries.
- Agreed to sign an agreement with the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association to enhance current and future partnerships that will strengthen both organizations' boating safety outreach programs.
- Finalized preparations to host the 7th International SAR competition with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in Portsmouth, VA, 27 – 28 October 2006.

In spite of the ever increasing demands on the Auxiliary to support Homeland Security and Disaster Recovery Operations, the Auxiliary remains fully involved and dedicated to increasing its support of recreational boating safety

Respectfully submitted,

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