



Chapter 5

Additional Authorized Missions and Activities

Introduction This chapter describes additional authorized missions and activities that may be carried out by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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Section A. Disaster Relief

Introduction Modern weather forecasting makes possible the early detection of hurricane, storm, and flood conditions. Rapid dissemination of this information to the public comes via the press and radio. Timely preparation for these natural disasters and the understanding of their characteristics can lessen damage and loss.

A.1. Auxiliary Assistance The Coast Guard may use qualified Auxiliary units or individual Auxiliarists and facilities to:

- Warn personnel on waterfronts and in isolated areas.
- Transport supplies, equipment, or personnel.
- Evacuate personnel or property.
- Coordinate boat traffic by dispersing and guiding to safe moorings.
- Secure small craft and waterfront facilities.
- Conduct other tasks to expedite preparations for, or in relief of, emergency conditions (e.g., emergency communications networks).
- Support state and local emergency response operations, including assistance in staffing emergency response centers.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather give viable examples of properly employing the Auxiliary.

A.2. Emergency Plans Directors/Operational Commanders are highly encouraged to use Auxiliarists in the development process and in the actual execution of plans. With Coast Guard approval, FCs:

- With proper coordination, may liaison with local representatives of sheriff, police, and fire departments, American Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, Federal Emergency Management, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Power Squadrons, commercial and sport fishermen groups, marine operators, and any other entity operating under a current MOU with the Coast Guard or Auxiliary.
 - May prepare an Auxiliary emergency response plan. The plan must interface with the district/sector commander's plan and must include a list of flotilla members and facilities, with crews assigned and available for emergency work. Also, the plan must identify and set up a call-out system to organize this group quickly. While the Coast Guard does not prohibit Auxiliarists from enrolling in local emergency response organizations, flotillas must consider any involvement with these groups during emergencies in contingency planning.
 - Must ensure proper Coast Guard orders have been issued prior to the movement of any vessel, aircraft, or mobile radio facility and Auxiliarists have been properly assigned to duty by the Coast Guard prior to undertaking any activities listed in this Section.
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Section B. Auxiliary Stations and Detachments

Introduction The District Commander may use Auxiliarists to independently staff Auxiliary stations or Auxiliary detachments. When establishing Auxiliary stations or detachments, an OORDER must be promulgated establishing standard operating procedures, staffing (limitations/expectations), and command structure. Additionally, a Notice to Mariners shall be issued indicating operating hours, radio frequencies monitored, and geographic area of the Auxiliary station or detachment.

B.1. Stations Auxiliary stations may be established to fulfill an operational need within a geographic area where the establishment of a fully manned Coast Guard station is not justified. The mission of an Auxiliary station is to provide service to the boating public utilizing Auxiliary personnel with Coast Guard and Auxiliary resources, which may include a Coast Guard owned boat authorized for Auxiliary use. A key consideration in establishing an Auxiliary station is determining that there are ample resources and sustainable support to meet long-term public expectations. See *Appendix G* for guidance on establishing an Auxiliary station.

B.2. Detachments Auxiliary detachments may be established as a base of operations to fulfill needs that do not warrant the establishment of an Auxiliary station. While the mission of the Auxiliary detachment is the same as an Auxiliary station, the detachment will be manned and supported by the Auxiliary. When available, the Coast Guard may authorize Auxiliarists to use a decommissioned Coast Guard shore facility and/or a Coast Guard owned boat authorized for Auxiliary use.



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Section C. Adoption of Coast Guard Owned Lighthouses

Introduction	The Auxiliary may help the Coast Guard in the operation and maintenance of Coast Guard owned and maintained lighthouses and other Coast Guard facilities as specified below. The duties and responsibilities of Auxiliarists (or the Auxiliary adopting unit) and the Coast Guard servicing unit must be clear and comprehensive. Agreements must clearly state the level and type of maintenance and upkeep that the Auxiliary will perform, with safety a cardinal consideration.
C.1. Auxiliarists vs. Private Citizens	The Coast Guard Auxiliary may not maintain non-Coast Guard owned lighthouses or other ATON as “Auxiliarists”. Auxiliarists as “private citizens” may assist other organizations in maintaining non-Coast Guard lighthouses.
C.2. Policy	The Coast Guard may assign Auxiliarists and Auxiliary units to provide maintenance, upkeep, minor repairs, and conduct tours of Coast Guard lighthouses or other Coast Guard facilities. The following paragraphs outline the criteria for these adoptions:
C.2.a. OPORDER	The responsible primary Coast Guard ATON unit must publish an instruction or operations order (OPORDER) assigning the responsibility for operation and maintenance of lighthouses and other facilities. The instruction or OPORDER, in addition to other items, must clearly outline the level and type of maintenance and repairs the Coast Guard servicing unit and the Auxiliarist(s) (or the Auxiliary unit) will perform.
C.2.a.1. Required Topics	<p>The following topics must be in the instruction or OPORDER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds keeping • Tour coordination and execution • General housekeeping • Lens and window cleaning • Repairs/painting supervised by the servicing unit • Maintenance/safety problem identification and reporting • Safety requirements • Training requirements



C.2.a.2.
Additional Items

The instruction or OPORDER must also specify, at a minimum, the following items:

- Required coordination with the Coast Guard servicing unit or group, including provisions for covering necessary expenses.
- Maintenance requirements, including any particular requirements for proper preservation and maintenance of any historical site.
- Equipment and supplies the Coast Guard will provide to the Auxiliarist(s) or Auxiliary unit.
- Appropriate training necessary, including the proper safety precautions for Auxiliarists working on the facility, as well as any visitors touring the facility.
- Identification of any safety problems or hazards.
- Outline guidelines for conducting facility tours.

C.2.b.
Identification Sign

The Coast Guard may authorize an Auxiliary unit that adopts a Coast Guard facility to place a standardized sign at each facility. The sign may identify the Auxiliary unit responsible for operation and maintenance of the facility and the telephone number to contact for information and tour scheduling.



Section D. Foreign Travel

Introduction	Auxiliarists may travel to foreign countries while assigned to duty or under patrol orders with the approval of cognizant Coast Guard authority.
D.1. Risk Assessment	Prior to authorizing an Auxiliary member to travel to a foreign country, the cognizant Coast Guard authority shall assess the threat level to the member and ensure the mission is low risk.
D.2. Requirements	<p>The cognizant Coast Guard authority shall ensure the following requirements are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The mission or visit is needed.• The member shall possess appropriate orders for the mission and means of travel.• The member shall possess a valid U.S. passport (blue), when appropriate.• A country clearance has been submitted and approved, when appropriate.• The member shall possess a current Auxiliary identification card.• If transporting equipment or supplies via commercial means, the member must possess a signed Proforma Invoice in triplicate. This invoice must list the number and approximate value of each item and the total value.• The member should possess the emergency contact information for Coast Guard and U.S. government officials in the foreign country.• For SAR response efforts into foreign waters, see <i>paragraph E.9 of Chapter 4</i>.



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