



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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"After 80 spectacular years of devotion to volunteer service, the Coast Guard needs Auxiliary expertise more than ever so our relevance is very noteworthy"

COMO Larry King,
Chairman, AuxA



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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION TO SALUTE 80 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE NATION

This edition of AuxA “Benefits of Membership” salutes you for your volunteer service to your country and to Coast Guard Forces. Those who are serving in the Auxiliary today are standing on tall shoulders. Since it’s founding on 23 June, 1939, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has proudly served as the volunteer branch of the Coast Guard.

A true visionary leader, VADM Russell Waeshe, USCG in 1939 saw war coming on the horizon. He knew the enemy U-Boats would be a major threat to our East Coast ports and to convoy shipping. He also knew the Coast Guard would need to expand its capabilities quickly. He established the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve which became the Auxiliary at the beginning of WWII.

23 June 1939 - Coast Guard Reserve Act passed by Congress. Coast Guard Reserve established as a civilian volunteer organization.

19 February 1941 - Congress changes name of the Reserve to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

June 1942 - Congress enables the Auxiliary to enroll as Reservists and thousands of Auxiliary members enroll themselves and their vessels in the Reserve. Coastal Picket Force is formed. Auxiliarists enroll their large sailing vessels and motor cruisers in the Anti-Submarine Warfare Force along 50-fathom curve along the Atlantic

Coast.

November 1942 - Congress allows women to serve as Temporary Reservists.

2 September 1945 - Victory. WWII ends.

During WWII over 50,000 Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary served supporting the Coast Guard Mission in a variety of missions; Anti-Submarine patrols, Port Security, Beach Patrols, Aviation, the Corsair Fleet, and of course RBS (there were 300,000 private vessels in 1939).

Since the conclusion of WWII, the Coast Guard Auxiliary continues to serve the U.S. Coast Guard as a multi-mission force

multiplier.

On 23 June this year, the President of the United States saluted each member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for your outstanding service to the nation.

There are a number of benefits available to you as a member of AuxA highlighted in this issue to thank you for your service.

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Auxiliary Aspirations

Auxiliary Association

by Commodore Vincent Pica, President and CEO

"Tell 'em what you're going to tell them; tell them; tell them what you told them."
~IBM sales training manual



You've heard me say before that it remains clear that Auxiliarists have more benefits than they realize they're entitled to and have available. Remember, back in the day when answering machines were becoming popular, and people feared them because, "maybe I'll sound dumb – and I can't get this back!", followed by a few seconds of silence, and then a 'click' as they hung up? Is that the same kind of fear of "click(ing) here" that keeps members from finding out what great deals they are entitled to?

1. Surmising that some may find these very "Benefits of Membership" too much to digest, we started a twice-a-month (bi-weekly), "deal-o-gram" – a largely single-themed orange-backed email blast that details the deal of the day, as it were. We've been largely on time with these, save crunch times associated with our day jobs!

2. Per the IBM advice at the top, I say again – with regard to the "fear of clicking here", we guarantee you that the systems are designed so that you cannot buy anything by simply "clicking here" and reading about the deal. You're entitled to these benefits; you've earned these benefits.

Use them as you see the need or feel the urge – but just "clicking here" to get more information is not going to hit your credit card. Guaranteed!

Semper Paratus,
Vin

On the Cover



CG Auxiliary boat in WWII
Coast Guard Historic Archives



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by Larry King, Chairman AuxAtm

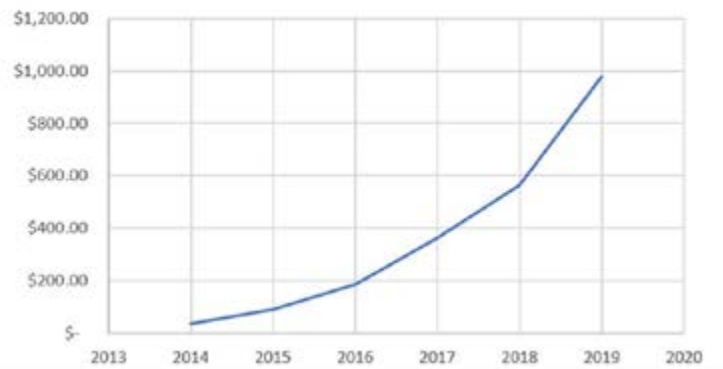
No doubt many of you reading this article have had that question posed to you at one time or another. It's a fair question with many possible answers, all of which are correct if you answer honestly. We all joined for some reason that may involve patriotism, resume building, a sense of belonging, or just wanting to do something in life that makes us continue to feel relevant. You might have joined because it looked like "FUN"!! There is a niche in the Auxiliary for most anybody and it doesn't have to involve on water activity, watch standing, or classroom instruction. It may involve cooking, legal support or medical. Whatever the reason, we all decided at one time that this fine organization is something we wanted to become a part of. But will that initial motivation sustain our dedication level strong enough to remain a member, perhaps doing the same assigned function year after year? I think not and that is the reason for existence of this periodical, "The Benefits of Membership". We have a need to remind ourselves there are many good reasons to remain a member after the initial "Glow" wears off.

It's fair to say we can easily lose sight of personal and unit benefits we can experience by remaining a member.

-The personal knowledge we all gain by completing online courses and meeting certification/qualification status in numerous fields costs the individual nothing. The knowledge gained in many cases is more than just 'usable' in our daily lives, it is of inestimable value in many civilian occupations. That is especially true of the numerous Leadership Courses available to all members.

- Senior leadership of the Aux Association has arranged several partnerships with companies that offer us a form of revenue sharing that goes into our operations war chest. One example is Amazon which currently nets us nearly \$1,000 quarterly, up from less than \$50 when this program got underway back in 2014.

Average Quarterly Amazon Rebates to AuxA



- The AuxA store is now handling more merchandise the average member wants to see carried and the revenue sharing program between the store and Districts netted over \$91,000 in AuxA rebates last year.

- The old days of some person wanting to donate some unwanted boat to the Auxiliary has been drastically modified. Under the title of "Boats for Life", donated vessels are turned over to a yacht broker who sells them and shares the proceeds with the Auxiliary. We have no financial obligation and we just wait for a check to show up and the money goes to direct support our PE, VE, and PV missions.

Most of what I have talked about involves money and many members may not understand how raising money benefits them. Since we are primarily self-funded, and National dues pays only about 68% of our expenses, we have a constant quest to raise more money for useful purposes. Those 'useful purposes' include funding more members to attend our national events for up to date training and getting more members qualified through the American Canoe Association to perform on water paddle craft training, just to name a couple.

I am and have been the FSO-PV for my Flotilla for

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Larry King, Chairman, AuxA

as many years as I can remember. If that is all I was ever allowed to do I would have bailed out long ago. But I didn't because of all the opportunities afforded me to garner other certifications and to advance up the elected chain.



That opportunity is open to all members so if you are one of those members getting stale or burned out, doing the same chore over and over, there are endless training and qualification possibilities for you to take advantage of. Before any of you decide to leave the Auxiliary I ask you to ask yourselves: "Why did I join in the first place? Am I doing what I thought I would be doing? Have I talked to anybody in my Flotilla about changing staff positions or how I can qualify as a station watch stander?"

Being a civilian volunteer who supports the finest Coast Guard in the world is a very noble calling. We do lots of good for lots of good people, but we sometimes lose sight of taking good care of our own members. That is why the Benefits of Membership periodical is generated. Read future editions to learn about more benefits available to all of us.

"AuxA provides the financial stability that the Coast Guard Auxiliary must have to ensure its readiness to meet it's mission at all times."

- COMO Larry King, Chairman, AuxA

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Member Testimony Boats For Life

Hi.

I am a member of Flotilla 4-9, West Chester. Saw your note about Certified Sales and boat donations. I just wanted to say that when my husband David Outtrim, ADSO-Legal and then Vice Commander of our Flotilla passed away unexpectedly, Certified Sales worked truelessly with me to donate our 37' Seidelmann Sailboat, "Edelweiss," to the BoatUS Foundation.

At that time, my family and I were despondent over our loss and Mike Costa and Certified Sales worked quickly to help us donate our boat.

It was a seamless process and everyone was extremely professional.

I highly recommend Certified Sales and Mike.

I did not know about the option to donate to the CGAUX at the time, but, am happy that David's lovely boat, his pride and joy, raised funds for the BoatUS Foundation, through its sale, to help equip and train young boaters in water safety. Dave would have liked that.

***Kind Regards,
Elissa R. Outtrim, Esq.***



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How does the boat donation process work?

CSI will ask you to describe the current condition of your boat and for photos of your boat. CSI will analyze the information to confirm that the boat can be sold for enough to cover transport, storage and other selling costs to have enough funds to donate to AuxA. If you are interested in donating your boat call Mike Costa directly, he can answer your questions.

Once I donate my boat, who is responsible for the boat and when can I stop boat insurance?

Once your boat is accepted for donation by AuxA, the donor then sends the original ownership documents to CSI. Upon receipt of the documents, CSI will take responsibility for the care and custody of the boat. The boat's storage needs to be current along with any open invoices. If the boat is on private slip or property CSI will arrange to transport the boat to a storage facility. Once successfully sold, AuxA pays the shipping, storage and related cost, plowing the difference into RBS programs.

The two best days in a boat owners life is the day you buy it... and the day you donate it to AuxA!

Just contact the AuxA boat donation specialist Mike Costa at Mike@certifiedsales.com or call him directly with any questions you have at 401-732-6300.



NACON 2019 is Aug. 16-26 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

Enjoy this great venue and experience the warm fellowship with other attendees. Learn the latest information on Coast Guard Auxiliary programs, take advantage of very informative workshops, and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Auxiliary.

Don't forget to explore Orlando and its many fantastic sites and activities!

Check back frequently for updates on activities.

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Sunday, August 18, 2019

Travel Day NACO, VNACO, C - Schools

Monday, August 19, 2019

Travel day for NEXCOM, N-Ds, BSX-1, BSX-11, ANACO-CC, ANACO-CF, C-Schools

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Travel day for ANACOs, DIRs, DIR-ds, DIRAUXs and OTO's

0800 - 1130 NEXCOM

1130 - 1300 Lunch

1300 - 1730 NEXCOM

1830 Dinner on your own

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Travel day for DCOs, DCOs, DCOs, DIRAUXs and OTO's, ASOC (DCOSs)

0800 - 0820 NEXCOM Briefing with staff (ANACOs, DIRs, DIR-ds)

0830 - 1130 ANACOs meet with DIRs, DIR-ds

ANACO - Response & Prevention

ANACO - Recreational Boating

ANACO - Force Com

ANACO - Planning & Performance

ANACO - Information Technology

1130 - 1300 Lunch (on your own)

1300 - 1730 DNACOs join with Staff (ANACOs, DIRs and Deputies)

DNACO - Operations

DNACO - Recreational Boating Safety

DNACO - Mission Support

DNACO - Planning & Performance & Information Technology

(N-EA, NACO, VNACO, CHDIRAUX, N-Ds, N-C- private sched

1830 Dinner (on your own)

1830 - 2030 ASOC (DCOSs)

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Travel day for President NAC

0800 - 1130 Committee of the Whole (National Board, ANACO-CC and DCOSs)

0800 - 1000 Staff Procedures Training (ANACOs, DIRs, DIR-ds)

1000 - 1130 Staff Procedures Breakout Sessions (ANACOs, DIRs, DIR-ds)

1130 - 1300 Lunch (on your own)

1300 - 1500 NACO/VNACO with DCOs and DCOSs

1300 - 1600 Staff Training Working Session

(ANACOs, ANACO-ds, DIRs, DIR-ds)

1600 - 1730 Staff Training Staff Breakout Session

(ANACOs, ANACO-ds, DIRs, DIR-ds)

1300 - 1730 CHDIRAUX Forum (OTOs, DIRAUXs)

1400 - 1600 First Time Attendee Orientation (open to all attendees)

1730 - Dinner (on your own)

1830 - 2030 ASOC (DCOSs)

Friday August 23 2019

C-School's depart Hotel

0800 - 1130 DNACOs w/DCOs, DCOSs

DNACO - Atlantic East

DNACO - Atlantic West

DNACO - Pacific Area

0800 - 1130 Directors' Council (DIRs, DIR-ds)

0800 - 1130 International Roundtable

0800 - 1130 Academy Admissions Partner Program (Open House)

0800 - 1000 NACO/VNACO Reserved meeting (Invitation only)

0800 - 1130 OTO Meeting

0800 - 1130 Auxiliary Clergy Support (ASC) Program

0800 - 1130 National Executive Staff Council (ANACOs and ANACOs)

1000 - 1130 NACO/VNACO PNACO Briefing

1130 - 1300 Lunch (on your own)

1130 - 1300 International VIP Luncheon - (Open to all) (NACO, VNACO, DNACOs)

1300 - 1730 OPCOM meeting

1300 - 1730 International Roundtable

1300 - 1500 Academy Admissions Partner Program (Open House)

1300 - 1730 Auxiliary Clergy Support (ASC) Program

1300 - 1730 Workshop Sessions (Open to all attendees)

1800 - 1900 Fellowship and Cash Bar

1900 - 2300 Fourth Cornerstone Dinner "PATRIOTIC THEME"

Saturday, August 24, 2019

0800 - 0945 National Board Meeting Opening Session

0945 - 1000 Coffee Break

1000 - 1130 National Board Meeting

1000 - 1130 Workshop Session (Open to all attendees) (See separate schedule)

1130 - 1300 Lunch (on your own)

1130 - 1300 NAC Luncheon (Open to all) (NACO, VNACO, DNACOs)

1300 - 1620 Workshop Sessions (Open to all attendees) (See separate schedule)

1300 - 1515 National Board Meeting (continued)

1530 - 1645 Commandant's Meeting (By Invitation only)

1830 - 1930 All Hand's Reception and Cash Bar

1930 - 2230 National Commodore's Banquet

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Travel Day all except select N-Staff

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Tom Lane
Chief Operating Officer

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Spring Has Sprung...*With a little help from the AuxA™* by Jim Losi

There is something so very refreshing about springtime. I think it has to do with renewal. Renewal of the trees and flowers and along with that one's outlook on life and optimism. I simply love this time of year.

It is also time to ready my Operational Facility, or OPFAC for the upcoming patrol season here in the San Francisco Bay!

I often hear, as I am sure you do as well, that owning a boat is like a hole in the water into which you pour money. That saying never really resonated with me. I think it never did because if you have ever come across a distressed boater or worse yet a person in the water needing assistance, the last thing on your mind is how much money you spent on your boat. The first thing on your mind is that you are serving the boating public creating value for them and the USCG. While operating and outfitting my OPFAC is an expensive proposition, I have found a secret weapon in lowering costs and garnering great value. That secret weapon is shopping for items through the AuxA website and taking advantage of the incredible values afforded to members, me, through incredible partnerships.

Here are some recent examples:

Weems & Plath	Retail	AuxA
Bluewater Barometer	\$86.99	\$65.24
Bluewater Thermometer	\$91.99	\$68.99
Bluewater Quartz Time & Tide	\$98.99	\$74.24
TOTAL:	\$277.97	\$208.47

I saved a total of \$69.50! So not only did I save almost \$70, I was able to purchase top quality instruments that added to the look and feel of a professional cabin of my OPFAC.



Pilothouse of OPFAC Servant with Weems & Plath instruments overhead.

I could go on and share with you additional savings, but that would mean that I would have to share with you additional purchases. My wife reads all of the newsletters from the AuxA and while she applauds all of the great work the Auxiliary and the AuxA does, I don't want to push my luck.



PROVENGO

NAR Survival Blankets

Retail	AuxA
\$2.99	\$1.25

TOTAL

\$35.88	\$15.00
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I purchased a dozen blankets for my first aid kit and saved **\$20.88 or 58%!**



In all seriousness, once I learned of the great benefits afforded me as a member of the Auxiliary and a member of the AuxA, I have saved nearly \$1,000 on purchase for both my OPFAC and for my family. I used the **PROVENGO** site for Holiday shopping this past season and saved nearly \$600 on all of my purchases and did so from my home computer.

Happy shopping!

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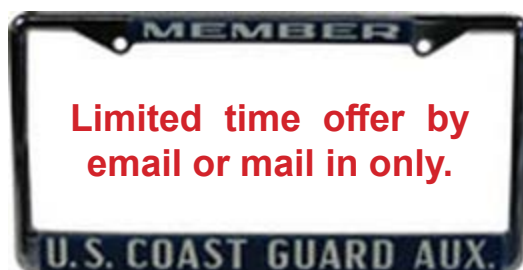
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June 23, 2019

As Commander in Chief, I am pleased to join our grateful Nation in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Since 1939, the dedicated men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have served our Nation with courage, honor, and resolve, selflessly volunteering to help preserve the safety and security of our Nation's coasts and waterways. From keeping a vigilant watch over America's shorelines during World War II to helping achieve today's historic low rates in national boating accidents and fatalities, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have consistently set the standard for excellence.

For the past 80 years, Coast Guard Auxiliarists have exemplified the Coast Guard's motto of *Semper Paratus*, consistently providing rapid and vital support in the wake of major national response and recovery operations. During Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in 2017, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael in 2018, the men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary were among the first to assist in civilian relief and cleanup efforts. Moreover, they have been at the vanguard of recreational boating safety, educating the public in classrooms, in marine equipment retail outlets, and at boat ramps and marinas across America. This unparalleled devotion demonstrated throughout their distinguished history embodies the highest levels of citizenship, patriotism, and community service.

Melania joins me in thanking the Coast Guard Auxiliarists and all of our Nation's service members for their service and sacrifice. We send our best wishes for a memorable and joyous celebration.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Donald Trump", written over a horizontal line.

The President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed a Presidential Proclamation on June 23, 2019 recognizing the outstanding service of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A post recognizing the Auxiliary 80th anniversary can also be found in the Compass Blog at: <https://compass.coastguard.blog/2019/06/21/hrdd-coast-guard-auxiliary-80-years-of-awesome/>

Commandant of the Coast Guard



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WASHINGTON 20593

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for service as set forth in the following

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"For exceptionally meritorious service from June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 while providing extraordinary levels of public service and support to the United States Coast Guard. Whether supporting response operations for national disasters or local mishaps, the Auxiliary always answered the call enhancing Coast Guard mission performance. In 2017, exceptional Auxiliary talents were brought to bear in response to Hurricanes HARVEY, IRMA, and MARIA. Auxiliarists filled essential incident command post watch positions, augmented active duty units, and provided over 19,000 hours of vital support to the Seventh and Eighth Coast Guard Districts. In 2018, the Auxiliary provided the initial on-scene response to the tragic "Duck Boat" sinking in Branson, Missouri. Auxiliary assets maintained safety zones for over 100 hours, and were instrumental to the preservation of the accident site security. The Auxiliary also forged new and innovative ways to support the Coast Guard, including establishment of programs that assisted Coast Guard chaplains and financial educators, and the creation of a revolutionary partnership with the "Sea Scouts," providing a new generation of America's youth with an attractive path to becoming part of the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary's unflagging compassion and generosity were invaluable to the sustainment of Coast Guard workforce readiness during the unprecedented 35 day partial federal government shutdown in January 2019. Demonstrating unheralded professionalism and extraordinary commitment, the Auxiliary conducted over 977,000 vessel safety checks and marine dealer visits, delivered over 133,000 hours of boating safety instruction, logged nearly 17 million hours of support, saved over 700 lives, assisted over 19,700 boaters in distress, prevented the loss of more than \$101 million in property, and cast an indelible image of superb service to our Nation's maritime public. As the Auxiliary marks its 80th anniversary, the professionalism, pride, and devotion to duty displayed by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

/S/

Karl L. Schultz
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant

All Coast Guard Auxiliarists who have served at least one day during the period June 24, 2014 to June 23, 2019 are awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation. This award has been signed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Karl Schultz.

On June 24, 2019, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, delivered a speech on the House floor honoring the Auxiliary 80th anniversary.

These highlights will be accompanied by many others at the Auxiliary National Convention (NACON) in Orlando, Florida August 23-24, 2019.

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Legacy

As a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary we are proud to wear the uniform and to volunteer our service to the Coast Guard and nation. The Coast Guard values "Honor," "Respect," "Devotion to Duty" serve as our waypoints. As we pay tribute to our 80th Anniversary this year, we salute those members on whose tall shoulders we stand.

COMO Vin Pica, CEO of AuxA[™] and Susan Ludwig, President of the Coast Guard Foundation have been working together for over a year establishing a new program to ensure that the Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue to serve the nation into the future- a legacy giving opportunity for Auxiliarists who would like to leave a bequest in their will, living trust or with a codicil to AuxA which helps ensures financially that

the Coast Guard Auxiliary will always be ready to meet its mission.

AuxA is partnering with the Coast Guard Foundation and is launching a legacy giving program with the bequests going to AuxA and the support of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



**JOINING TOGETHER TO
LEAVE A LEGACY OF SUPPORT**

It's a great way to pay tribute to the Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as to your service as an Auxiliarist.

As you consider your estate planning, and have interest in the Coast Guard AuxA Legacy Giving Program please contact Brad Sisley at

the Coast Guard Foundation- 860-535-0786, **bsisley@cgfn.org**. Brad will be glad to answer any questions you may have and provide you with information.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving offers the opportunity to continue to support Coast Guard Auxiliary programs through your will or charitable trust.

Funds may be designated by the donor to the Coast Guard Auxiliary either toward general support funds or earmarked for specific programs. Contact us at (314) 962-8828, or execdirauxa@cgauxa.org for more information on Planned Giving.



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Coast Guard women in the Temporary Reserve WWII



Auxiliary members WWII



Coast Guard women in the Temporary Reserve WWII



Auxiliarist serving with Active Duty in WWII



VADM Russell Waesche, USCG.
Founder of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

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A Salute to the Auxiliary WWII

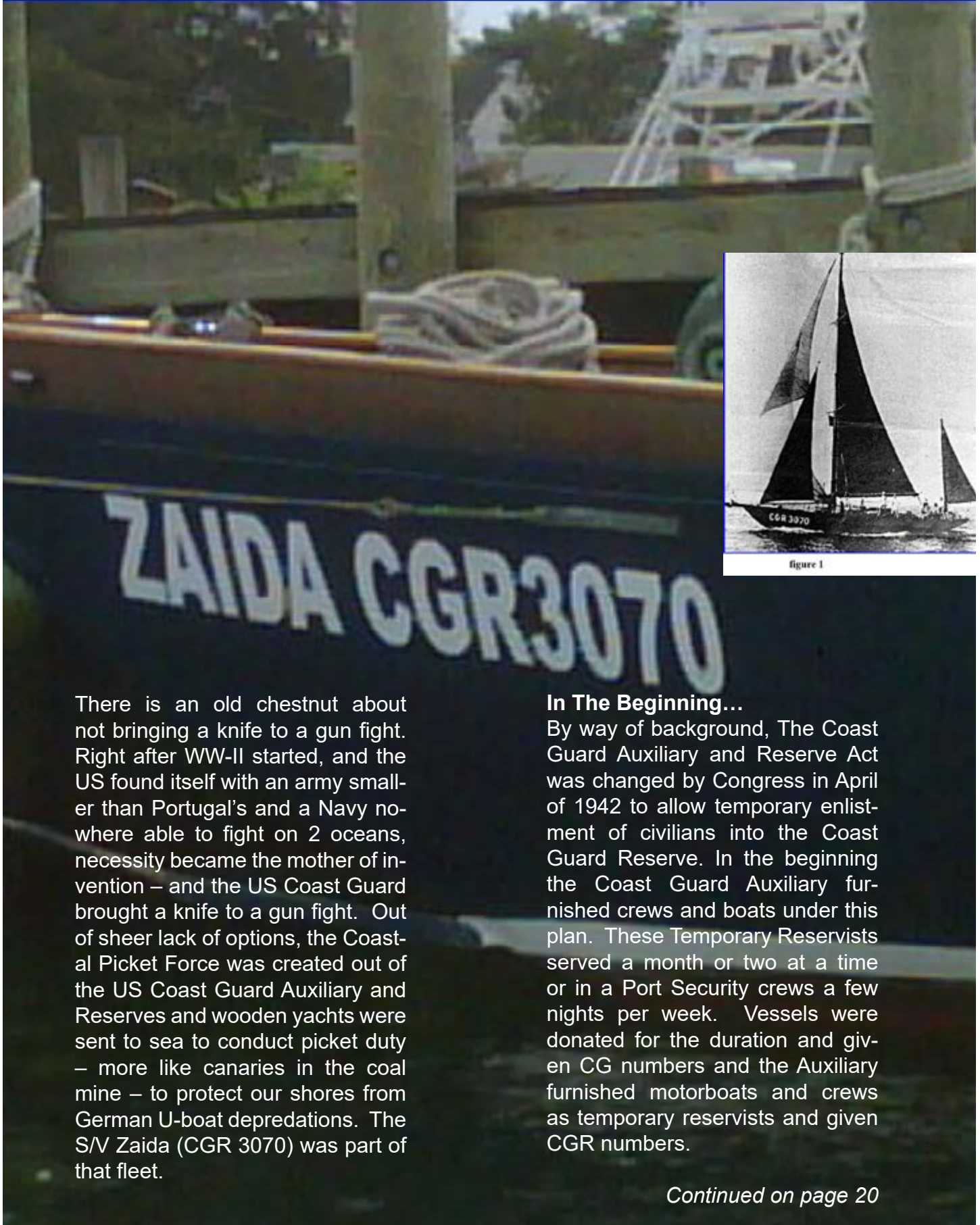


Auxiliarists served in Coast Guard Aviation in WWII just as we do today



THE ZAIDA AND COASTAL PICKET FORCE

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There is an old chestnut about not bringing a knife to a gun fight. Right after WW-II started, and the US found itself with an army smaller than Portugal's and a Navy nowhere able to fight on 2 oceans, necessity became the mother of invention – and the US Coast Guard brought a knife to a gun fight. Out of sheer lack of options, the Coastal Picket Force was created out of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserves and wooden yachts were sent to sea to conduct picket duty – more like canaries in the coal mine – to protect our shores from German U-boat depredations. The S/V Zaida (CGR 3070) was part of that fleet.

In The Beginning...

By way of background, The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act was changed by Congress in April of 1942 to allow temporary enlistment of civilians into the Coast Guard Reserve. In the beginning the Coast Guard Auxiliary furnished crews and boats under this plan. These Temporary Reservists served a month or two at a time or in a Port Security crews a few nights per week. Vessels were donated for the duration and given CG numbers and the Auxiliary furnished motorboats and crews as temporary reservists and given CGR numbers.

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The men involved were from all walks of life. Many had been rejected for military service for physical reasons or because they were overage. This volunteered fleet of vessels had their headquarters at Greenport, LI, and was outfitted in Brooklyn at the Marine Basin Company. It took about two weeks to assemble and train a crew for the Coastal Picket Force. They were assigned 15 mile squares to patrol on the 50 fathom line. It took 24 hours of sailing before they were on station. It was pleasant enough duty in the summer, but a challenge during the stormy winter.

It wasn't entirely crazy to send wooden yachts into such danger. For one, German magnetic mines weren't attracted to the hulls. Also, they were quiet – very quiet. On some vessels, underwater listening devices were installed. Of course, since they were the canaries in the mine, they were equipped with large batteries to drive the radios with which to radio U-boat positions to the US Navy and Army Air Corps. No GPS then. Dead reckoning and sextants for celestial navigation plots were it. The crews watched and often just used their noses – diesel exhaust smelled as strongly then as it does now.

Unfortunately, the German U-boat commanders knew all this so, if one of our Picket Force sailing vessels were unlucky enough to be around when a U-boat surfaced nearby, about all they could do was “wave good-bye” before action was taken... A Type IX sub was 250 feet long, weighed 1,034 tons (compared to yacht's 60 feet and 29 tons), carried 22 torpedoes, 44 mines, and 56 crewmembers. The conning tower stood 15 feet above the ocean. On deck it had guns of 105 mm, 37 mm, and a 20 mm cannon. These sailboats had a top speed of 7 to 8 knots with a very good wind. The IX could reach 18.2 knots surfaced and 7.2 knots submerged.

And in a Cold and Wintery December Night...

The S/V Zaida, aka CGR 3070, set sail out of Greenport on only its fourth patrol in late November for her picket duty. She specifically was ordered to look for a German U-boat that had been reported off the Nantucket Shoals but had been lost (avoided?) by other members of the Coastal Picket Force.

Underway, making way, standing into danger, she was knocked down over the Nantucket Shoal when a gale blew in on December 1, 1942. She rode winds and rain for 23 days, touching off the one of the biggest combined Navy, Army, and Air Corps search and rescue missions during the war. She was finally rescued off the coast of North Carolina, 500 miles from where she started. Her crew was shaken and hungry, but home for Christmas. She continued her duties until the war's end and, at some point, she faded into history, content in the knowledge of a grateful Nation.

Found, Again...

On September 24, 2011, while the crew* of USCG Auxiliary Operational Facility 251384 was conducting a Maritime Domain Awareness Observation at Stirling Marina in that same afore-mentioned Greenport, we passed a stately sailing vessel. She looked like she was ready to receive a new mast as hard alongside her on the dock was an immense wooden mast. As we gazed in grateful amazement at her beauty, we noticed her markings along the bow.

It was the S/V Zaida! Almost 69 years to the day of her knock-down, there she was – still sporting her CGR 3070 hull ID. If we could have knelt in admiration, we would have. We did salute as we made way back to sea ourselves. But we'll never forget being so close to the history associated with our darkest hour and greatest triumph.

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Tony Frontino, Joe Gangai, Alex Malewski, DCAPT/SECLIS-S Erin Mondello, Vincent Pica, CXN, DCOS/D1SR Greg A Sarafin

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