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'TIS THE SEASON - BOATING AND SPORTS SHOW SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

Coast Guard Auxiliary invites the public to stop by, say "Hi," get to know us, and ask us your boating safety questions

Although it officially winter, auditoriums all across the country will soon be filling up with all kinds of boats, fishing and sportsmen gear as the annual Boat & Sports Show season gets underway.

As always, it's a pretty sure bet the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be there to meet and greet the public. This presents a great opportunity for boating and fishing enthusiasts to stop by and learn about any changes or additions to their local and state municipal boating laws. While there, you can pick-up on new equipment requirements and opportunities, and ask about new rules and regulations, as well as any new equipment you now have. You'll also have the opportunity to pick up your own copies of the Federal boating regulations and other publications to help increase your knowledge of boating safety.

Moreover, these venues allow the public to find out more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary - America's Volunteer Lifesavers. The Auxiliary offers many opportunities for volunteers to make a difference for their community and their country, while at the same time, learning new skills, and having fun!

To learn when and where your next boat/sports show will be staged, visit <http://www.americanboating.org/boatshows.asp> or watch your local media for detail. To find out more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary, or to locate your local Auxiliary unit, visit www.cgaux.org or www.auxpa.org, or call 1-877-875-6296.

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The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer Component of Team Coast Guard who assist the active duty Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms, and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Over 28,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.