U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Training 2026

AUXCT: completed upon joining to ensure competency and performance, recertified every five years.
Required Annually for Auxiliary Members: essential courses to maintain active status and readiness.
Trident Program: specialized training in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.
CPR/First Aid: life-saving courses for emergency preparedness.
C-School: advanced courses that support career development, some qualify for the AUXOP program.
⚓ AUXOP: advanced training to increase utility for both Auxiliary and Coast Guard missions.
🗂️ Election Eligibility Courses for Flotilla, Division, and District Leadership Training.

⚠️Important Information⚠️

Online Classroom Closure for Moodle Maintenance

In order to complete necessary and widespread maintenance within each Auxiliary Online Classroom (Moodle) course, **Moodle will be offline from 25 December 2026 to 4 January 2027**. All Members who need to complete Core Training or other training to stay out of REYR, MUST complete their training by 24 December 2026. The platform will be reopened Monday, January 4th, 2027.

The APC course will close on December 24th at the shutdown of the Online Classroom. Any member who desires election eligibility should take the BQC-II courses, as the BQC-II has more comprehensive information that is useful for leadership positions.

C-School schedule for **FY2027** has been posted to the T-Directorate webpage. Any member who is interested in attending a residence course (in-person) must apply **now** using the STTR ANSC-7059, routed through the COL. Funding for In-Person courses has been restricted, and seats are limited. Applications submitted through the COL will be subject to a screening system. Chosen members will be notified by the instructor. All other applicants will be wait-listed. This process does not apply to the online seminar courses offered through the Online Classroom.

Interested in becoming a **Culinary Assistant**? New CA classes for 2026 are posted on SignUpGenius. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45AFAC2BA13-auxca#/

Effective immediately, **Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) Training** is no longer required for all Auxiliary members. In accordance with Coast Guard and OSHA requirements, it is mandatory only for members who hold or pursue designated operational competencies where exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials may reasonably occur during missions.

Members in these designated competencies must complete initial BBP training before qualification and annual refresher training to maintain qualification and eligibility for ordered operations. These include aviation, boat crew, paddlecraft, personal watercraft, aids to navigation, watchstanding, telecommunications, and other operational roles.

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Members who do not hold or pursue a designated operational competency—including those focused solely on Public Education, Vessel Examinations, Program Visits, or general administrative duties—are exempt. Members entering a designated competency must complete BBP training before becoming qualified.

October

Leadership Course

- ⚓ October 05 to November 11. Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course (AFLC).

This four-week, instructor-facilitated online course is asynchronous, with registration opening September 14. Two identical sessions are available—choose only one.

Flotilla Organization and Management (FOAM)

These sessions provide members with a comprehensive overview of the principles and practices involved in managing and operating a flotilla, with emphasis on administration, and leadership responsibilities. Sessions are held online at 1900 hours, last about one hour, and are offered on back-to-back evenings; members only need to attend one.

- October 05 or 06, Flotilla elections and election result reporting.

No registration is required, and the same meeting link will be used for all sessions.

November

Leadership Course

- ⚓ November 02 to November 29. Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course (AFLC).

This four-week, instructor-facilitated online course is asynchronous, with registration opening on October 12. Two identical sessions are available—choose only one.

Marine Safety & Environmental Protection (MSEP)

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Zoom trainings are held on the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month (excluding December). The full calendar is available on the D5SR website.

- November 09. Invasive/Elusive Marine Species (Mike Penninger), from 19:00 to 20:30.
- November 12. **Goodmate Overview** (John Valakas), from 19:00 to 20:30.

Online courses; no registration needed, same meeting link for all sessions.

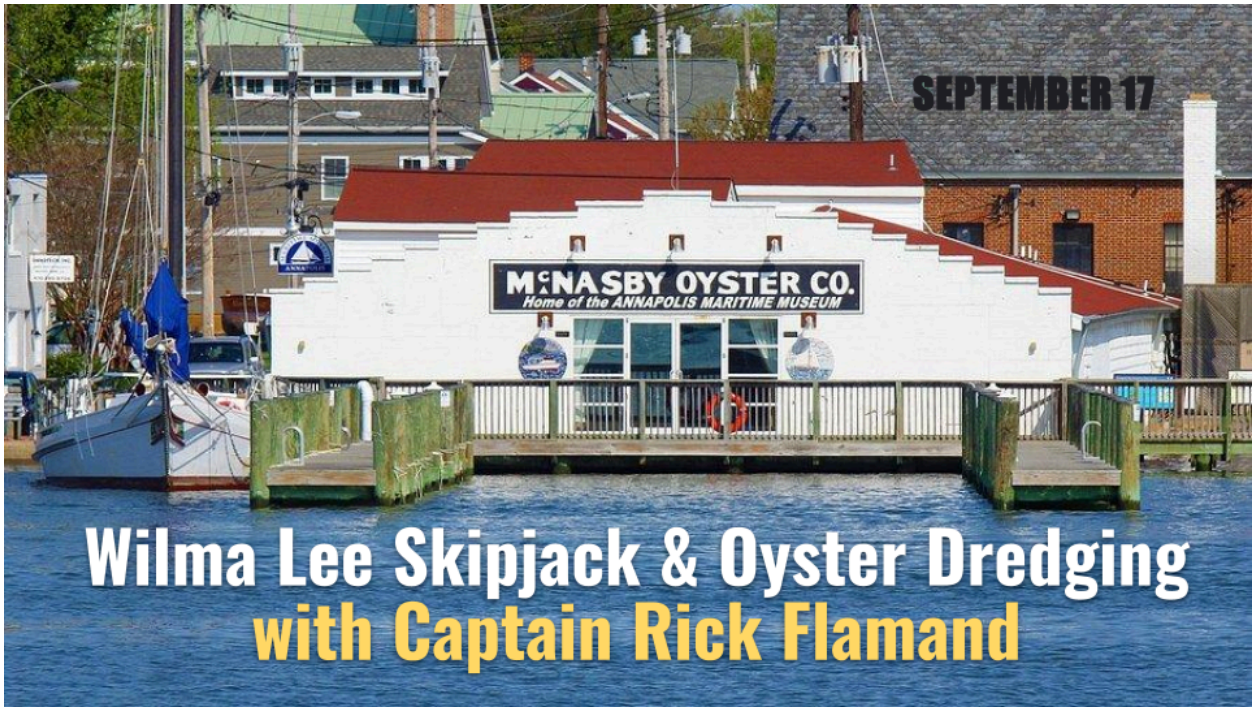
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Flotilla Training Series (November 19)

As part of our commitment to member development and mission readiness, our flotilla incorporates a **brief, focused training segment or guest speaker presentation** into each monthly meeting. These sessions are designed to enhance operational knowledge, strengthen core competencies, and increase member engagement in support of Coast Guard missions.

This month's training topic:

- Wilma Lee Skipjack & Oyster Dredging with Captain Rick (Lead Captain at the Annapolis Maritime Museum)



Meetings are held at Station Annapolis on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 1930. To join virtually, please use the link provided by FSO-SR Casler.

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- November 30 or December 01, Flotilla change of administration.

No registration is required, and the same meeting link will be used for all sessions.

December

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Leadership Course

- ⚓ November 30 to December 27. Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course (AFLC).

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- December 01, 07 or 08: Flotilla change of administration.

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- December 14. Inspiring Agencies to Adopt a Prevention Posture (Kriss Ghafourpour), from 19:00 to 20:30.
- December 17. Marpol and Its Environmental Effect (John Valakas), from 19:00 to 20:30.

Online courses; no registration needed, same meeting link for all sessions.