



The Coast Guard Auxiliary is comprised of over 35,000 volunteers world-wide who serve as an integral part of Team Coast Guard. They are a civilian, non-military organization established by Congress in 1939 to assist the Coast Guard with all missions except military operations and law enforcement. Their traditional role has been promoting recreational boating safety. However, Auxiliary volunteers played a prominent post 9-11 role conducting Operation Noble Eagle maritime safety patrols and participating in other Coast Guard support missions.

Come and listen to Don Garvey give an exciting presentation of what the Coast Guard Auxiliary is all about. He will speak about what they do as an organization, who is part of the organization and how you can benefit from their programs and opportunities. In addition, you may discover ways to give something back to the boating public.

Especially useful to our boat owners is awareness of the federal equipment requirements for vessels. The Coast Guard Auxiliary provides a voluntary program where owners may sign up and receive a free vessel check to ensure they meet all requirements for a boat their size. Don will discuss how to receive one and what it will entail. General knowledge of federal equipment requirements will also benefit those who charter to ensure your boat is correctly equipped with PFD's, fire extinguishers, emergency signals and other mandated safety items.

Did you know that our local CG Aux volunteers were actively involved in the 35W bridge collapse? Don will discuss CG Aux search and rescue operations from sea and air. Find out how you can help assist others by understanding the Coast Guard Auxiliary's resources available to the boating public.

Finally, learn about the different safe boating classes offered by Coast Guard volunteers. These classes ranging from one-day classes to multi-week courses and are taught by enthusiastic instructors who have a passion for educating the public.

