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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How do I access AUXINFO and what software is needed?

Answer: The address to get to AUXINFO is: <http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov> For software needed, you can use Netscape or Microsoft Windows Explorer which comes with your Windows operating system. It can also be downloaded from the Microsoft web site at: <http://www.microsoft.com> The Netscape internet browser can be downloaded from: <http://www.netscape.com> Look for the TOOLS button. Both browsers are free of charge. No other software is needed.

Question: Do I need a password?

Answer: No password or user ID is needed.

Question: Are there any instructions available?

Answer: Once logged on to AUXINFO, there is a tutorial available. Click on New **CGInfo - Auxiliary Users** and then select **AUXInfo Help**. Other sources are your SO-IS and DSO-IS.

Question: In AUXMIS II, report 4 (Patrols and Missions) gave individual performance numbers. Where can I get this data using AUXDATA or AUXINFO?

Answer: Your best source is AUXINFO. With a little practice, all of the data that you had available as report 4 in AUXMIS II can be obtained in ever greater detail from AUXINFO. This data resides in the AUXDATA Member Activities cube.

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Opening a New Aux Website?

Getting approval for your new Flotilla or Division website can be easy. As you may know, your DSO-CS is responsible for reviewing your site ***prior*** to sending it on to National for final review and approval. The process is quick "if" you remember to follow a few simple guidelines.

1) You need to carefully adhere to the website checklist and the AIRS site:

<http://216.167.73.185/~airs/>

The area most often missed is "ALT text", especially on graphics used in the website's title. This is also an important accessibility requirement. A great example of what your site's HTML title should look like is (<TITLE> US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ninth District WEB site. <TITLE>). Be sure your submitted sites use ALT text, especially in the title area.

2) Privacy statements are supposed to reflect the coverage for individual sites, they shouldn't link to another's privacy statement:

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/privacy1.html>

3) If there is a problem noted with your website, please be prompt in your follow-up on a site that does not meet the evaluator's review. Sending an e-mail responding three or more weeks after the initial ***inspection results notification*** makes recalling all of the particulars very difficult.

4) If your site matched up with the AUX Internet Site Checklist, it should be in good shape:

<http://216.167.73.185/~airs/auxchk.html>

5) Remember, you can always check the status on any site submitted by clicking the Site Review Status button on the left panel of the AIRS site.

Working together with your DSO-CS and National, we can make new website approvals a smooth and efficient process!

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LCD is the Way to Go!

Why an LCD Projector is important for your Training Programs:

- 1) The human brain processes visuals 400,000 times faster than text
- 2) Visual aids have been found to improve learning by up to 400%
- 3) Audience perception of presenter increased 66% when using data/video projectors
- 4) Those who view information in electronic format with a data/video projector recall and can explain 78% more information than those who receive the same information presented with overhead slides.

(Sources: Knowledge Industry Publications, IDC Research, and Portland State University Research)

There are some excellent deals on LCDs with several models available for "under" \$1000! Look for at least 1200 lumens lamp output, which is suitable for most classroom environments. Your local Computer stores (Best Buy, Office Max, etc.) or check online by searching "LCD projectors". AUXCEN also has a great program with Toshiba through ADTECH Systems. Contact Mike Silverstri 800-359-0077 x602 or on the web at: <http://adtech-sys.com/>

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Factiod:

As of this writing, there are 17,901 members listed with email addresses in AUXDATA or 48.1% of our 37,199 total members. We know that many more have email addresses. Please encourage your fellow members to update their AUXDATA records with Form 7028, making it easier for them to keep up-to-date on the latest information.

Cyberspot of the Month:

Check out the "What's New" feature banner at the top of the Member's page. This month links to the new "You're in Command" program:

http://www.uscgboating.org/incommand_main/index.htm

Each month you will find a new high profile event or program spotlighted there!

Did You Know?

Ever wonder what's on your PC (not MAC)? One useful program you might want to try is BeLarc Advisor (a PC auditor): http://belarc.com/free_download.html . It's free and will give the following information: hardware details (such as motherboard, memory, devices, drives and available disk space), Windows updates, serial numbers and every piece of software. It's great information to have available.

Viewing Problems?

If you cannot view the images in the email message, click:

<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauxweb/infoserve/BB2003-08.pdf> to browse the newsletter online.

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