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**ALL ABOARD for AUX-04 at ISC Alameda, CA!** -- AUX-04 DISTANCE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING (BASIC) applications (Short Term Training Request:

<http://www.uscgaux.org/~forms/archive/a7059f.pdf> ) for the **West Coast** session held at the ISC Alameda, CA \*must\* be in the hands of your DIRAUX by **30 June 2004**. Be sure to review the complete course prerequisites and additional details prior to application at the new AUX-04 Student Support Site: <http://www.uscgaux.org/~aux04/>

Refer ONLY to the Student information for the AUG 26-30 Alameda, CA session. The East Coast session at the Coast Guard Academy is full and closed to application.

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**How To Library still Growing!** -- The easy to use "Bite Sized" tutorials for various functions of AUXDATA continue to grow. With a total of **NINE** subjects, it's easy to see why this is such a hit :-)

They are perfect in size to use for your next Flotilla training session during the regular meeting. Ask your FC if you can present one.

Check out <http://www.auxservices.org/support/B&B.htm> to see what Bob Platt and the Team have come up with to make AUXDATA easier for you!

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**FutureWeb Features Instant Messaging!** -- Check out the latest in innovative technology with a new Technology Corner item showcasing Instant Messaging: <http://www.auxonline.org/~futureweb/> This quick method of communicating in "real-time" is already well established with the younger generation.

If you know of an innovative technology our members would be interested in, be sure to advise the FutureWeb Webmaster, Peter de Puy (BC-IRF) [pjdepuy@comcast.net](mailto:pjdepuy@comcast.net) It might become the next featured project!

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**Are your AUXDATA entries showing up?** --If you are wondering why the entries made in AUXDATA are not showing up in AUXINFO, note the following time schedule:

The refresh is scheduled to start at 2000 EDT on Sundays.

For a weekend entry to show up in AUXINFO following the refresh, it must be completed prior to that time. So, it is best to get it completed prior to 1900 EDT, just to be safe.

For Alaska and Hawaii, that makes it much earlier on Sunday to have their entries in before the refresh begins.

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**Just a click away!** -- Robert Munroe BC-ICS: [bc-ics@cgaux.org](mailto:bc-ics@cgaux.org) has packed the National eDirectory <http://www.auxedirectory.org/> with many time saving features you'll soon discover. Try out the new \*vCard\* feature which allows you to save a Member's contact information directly into your address book (such as MS Outlook, or Apple's Address Book).

Why not invite your fellow Members to check out the eDirectory today? It's a great way to locate \*any\* member in the Auxiliary, and it really saves time!

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**AMERICA'S™ BOATING COURSE Website Banner Ads** -- In an effort to help flotilla and division units promote the sale of America's™ Boating Course, we are encouraging communication officers to upload the ABC banners available from the G-OPB website [www.uscgboating.org/incommand\\_rc/abc/abc\\_banners.htm](http://www.uscgboating.org/incommand_rc/abc/abc_banners.htm) and post them on your flotilla or division website.

By doing so, you will help your unit advertise and effectively market and promote the course to the public, local marine dealers, booksellers and other potential businesses in your area. While the hyperlink takes the viewer directly to the <http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/> website portal, webmasters can also list local unit contact information for viewers to purchase ABC directly from the flotilla or division unit.

This added value will help bring boating safety education to boaters who may not have the time to dedicate to a formal classroom course.

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**100% Coverage!** The Flotillas of Division 8, District 7 <http://www.uscgaux.org/~07008/> are to be commended for achieving a first! Division 8 is the first to have 100% flotilla website coverage as of DEC 2003. All eight Flotillas also met all of the criteria to be linked to and listed on the National website.

The individual FSO-CS were assisted by Jack Reinker ASO-CS 8, working very hard to make this happen. This was one of the goals for the SO-CS 8, Dee Kermode. The SO-CS also worked with the FSO-CS and officers of every Flotilla to insure this milestone became a reality. It has been proven that Flotilla websites provide an excellent way to advertise PE classes and to encourage people to join the Auxiliary.

FSO-CS 8-1 John Bolger  
FSO-CS 8-2 Mary Lou Ringers  
FSO-CS 8-3 Paulette Parent  
FSO-CS 8-4 Carol Rickard  
FSO-CS 8-5 Cheryl Haggerty  
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### **Factoid**

We all know we should do it, but how many of us make regular backups of our critical data files? There is no longer a reason to put off that important task! A **FREE** application you might want to look at (which comes well recommended in the trade magazines) is Karen's Replicator:

<http://www.karenware.com/powertools/ptreplicator.asp>

It now makes the job of backing up your important files an easy process, and the price is right (Free :-)

### **Cyber Spot of the Month**

With the start of a brand new boating season for the northern areas, it's a very good time to check out a great online resource which is now available for all Boaters. **Float Plan Central**:

<http://www.uscgaux.org/~floatplan/> gives everything you need to know about using this important new service, and a lot of recently added special support products!

### **Did you know?**

With XP you have a PC Time Machine! Did you do something bad to your system you wish you could undo? Click: Control Panel > Performance & Maintenance > System Restore (on top left panel), then follow the steps outlined on the Wizard which guides you through the process. You can even pick the "rollback" date to go back to. Just remember that you'll lose any changes made to your system after that "rollback" date. This \*only\* helps with your system files, and you will still need a data file backup (described above) to protect your critical data files.

### **Reminder:**

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### **Viewing problems?**

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<http://www.cgau.org/cgauweb/infoserv/BandB.htm>

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