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Website Criteria using Bobby/508 Compliance

The March issue of **Bits N' Bytes** had a short article on the 508 compliance regulations also known as Cast Bobby for sites complying with federal laws for handicapped viewers.

The 508 website is at <http://www.access-board.gov/508.htm> for all of you who wish to know more than you do now. Bobby checks of websites used to be a free item. Now they want to charge for anything other than one look at one page.

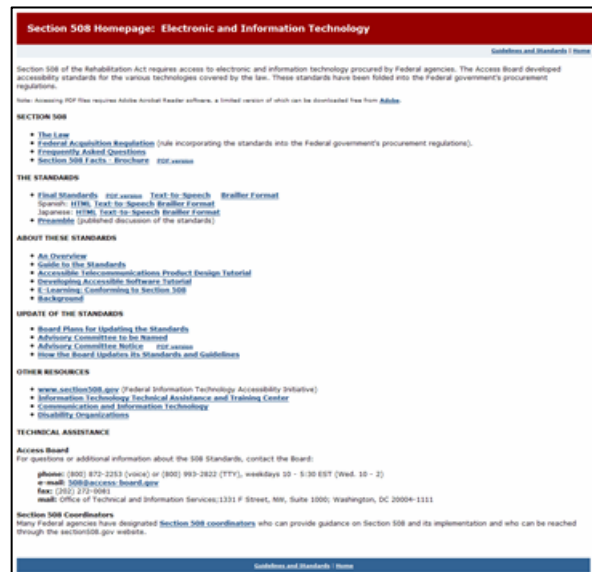
We thought a thumbnail shot at what we as the Auxiliary require on our sites might be helpful to all. Bobby requirements even get into how tables are constructed and how the information is laid out. Our requirements are pretty simple and can be looked at as three or four key items:

All images must have an alternative text that should be descriptive. If you use an ALT tag of "boat.jpg," that simply won't do. A more explanatory "Facility on patrol.jpg" better tells the viewer the story.

The page's HTML title must identify the unit the site is for. An example of a good way to do this is "U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 2, Division 16, Flotilla 42". On the other hand, "USCGAUX 070 15 09" is not acceptable. We need to speak plain English to the visitors, not "Auxese."

Privacy statements which assure the visitor that we will keep their information secure, as well as the standard disclaimer found on the CS Guide are also required.

All Auxiliary sites must have the words "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" on their opening page. If you use a logo or graphic banner instead, the ALT text for that image must read, "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary."



That's it in a nutshell. If your site meets those requirements, then it probably will pass any check that we have. There are other items such as no commercial links or hotlinks to a sponsor but they are a rarity. The "common errors" and key items are the 4 listed above.

--Jerry Turley [BC-IWT](#)

AUX-10 C School

Due to the following message received from the Chief Director's Office, anyone desiring to attend the July AUX-10 class at New London, CT., should process their Short Term Training Request, ANSC 7059, as soon as possible. Per the message, they would like to cut the orders during the month of May which means that your request must be entered by your Director's Office prior to that date. This will be the last AUX-10 opportunity for this year.

C School Schedule – Revision

The FY06 C School schedule has been revised and will be posted soon to the appropriate web sites. Some significant changes are:

1. There will be no Aux-18 classes after the 6/22/06 convening in FY06.
2. The remaining Public Affairs class will be a road show - no further scheduled classes for June or July.
3. The Aux-11 course will be given in early FY07, none in FY06 - date TBD.
4. There will be no D14 class convening for Aux-10.

Also, we have summer C Schools scheduled for AMLOC (select students only), District Flight Safety, an OTO course (all at NACON), June and August (this class is full) convening for Aux-04, June and July convening for Aux-10, and a June convening for Aux-06. Since TQC will be losing a significant percentage of their workforce due to normal active duty rotations, we would like to ease their burden and attempt to fill these remaining classes by mid-late May so orders can be requested and cut. The person who cuts our orders at TQC will depart June 1st. Please assist us in this endeavor as much as possible.

--Marilyn McBain, [DVC-IS](#)

Early deadline for May Issue!

Please note that there is an early deadline for submissions of articles for the May issue of Bits & Bytes. Please forward your contributions to the Editor Ricardo "Birm" Birmele at: bc-isn@cgaux.org by Sunday 7 May. Your stories are always appreciated, and helpful to our IS and CS Officers.