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## BITS & BYTES

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### This Just In!

#### Want to Publish Your Own Unit Website or Learn Powerpoint?

Now is your chance! With overwhelming demand, a fourth session has been added to the AUX-04 Basic Technology C-School schedule. This fourth session will be held in Alameda, CA on **20-25 September 2006**. This will be in addition to the previously scheduled August session in Alameda. Your travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed with CG travel orders, and the training is first class by professional Instructors. If you would like to attend, you must submit your Short Term Training Request (STTR) <http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7059f.pdf> to your DIRAUX ASAP. When you submit your STTR, please also submit your Student Questionnaire (be sure to use the SEPTEMBER session Alameda form): [http://aux04.auxservices.org/students/student\\_questionnaire\\_nav.htm](http://aux04.auxservices.org/students/student_questionnaire_nav.htm)

For complete details on AUX-04, including prerequisites for the course, click the AUX-04 Student Support Website <http://aux04.auxservices.org/> Don't delay if you want to attend this exceptional training opportunity, as these sessions fill to capacity quickly!!

Bob Fritz [DVC-IR](#)

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#### AUX Unit Mail Systems

Isolated problems with some local/regional ISPs (Internet Service Providers) blocking Auxiliary email (from a local AUX unit mail system) as spam have been noted. If a member is experiencing a particular problem, there are **\*free\*** alternative email accounts, using other email services (i.e. Hotmail, G-mail, etc.) which generally receive local AUX email without problem.

The National email system (i.e. AUXeNews, etc.) generally does not have problems with any of the larger National ISPs (MSN, AOL, etc.). However, it might be possible that a local AUX unit using their local unit email system list may have difficulty getting email through to every one of their members. That's why with hundreds of local units, and numerous local/regional ISPs, we don't recommend total reliance on AUX local unit email systems for important messages.

\_\_Jeff Mahl, [DC-I](#)

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## Last Call for BOW!

Nominations are now being accepted (via your DSO-CS) for the 2005 Best of Web Competition with a **deadline of 15 June 2006**. All Flotilla, Division, and District sites are encouraged to participate, with specific details for this year's event posted in the CS Guide:

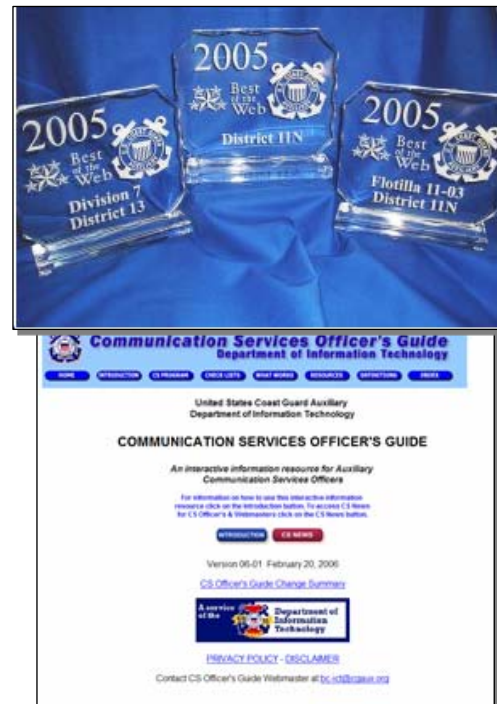
<http://csguide.auxservices.org/2.7.0.php>

Don't forget to check out the CS Guide:

<http://csguide.auxservices.org/index.php> which has a wealth of additional information you will find helpful in creating a winning site! First Place Winners will receive a distinctive 5 Star Logo for their website and a beautiful Trophy <http://csguide.auxservices.org/2.7.3.php> will be presented at NACON 2006 in Dallas.

Don't miss your chance to be the Best of the Best!

\_\_Jeff Mahl, [DC-I](#)



## ATON-AV Workshop Added

The ATON-AV Workshop was added as a currency maintenance requirement for AVs in 11SR district. Because of a coding problem in the Training Management report, that workshop now shows up incorrectly as a requirement for all AV's nation wide. Please pass the word so AV's in other than 11SR know they are not required to take an ATON-AV Workshop to maintain currency. This fact is correctly reflected in the Training Status report.

\_\_Marilyn McBain, [DVC-IS](#)

## RBSPV WORKSHOP ADDED

There have been two workshops showing under workshops with the same WK-05 code. This situation will be corrected very shortly. You have had the choice of VEX(WK-05) or VE/MDV(WK-05). This will be corrected to show the following two: VEX(WK-05) Vessel Examinations Workshop (WK-05) and RBSPV(WK-16) RBS Program visitor Workshop (WK-16). As soon as you see them in AUXDATA you may start using the new codes. However, the 7039 Workshop Attendance Form will not reflect the change until 1 July 2006. Please advise your members that they can write in Code 16 for the RBSPV workshop on the 7039 forms.

NOTICE THERE IS AN ERROR IN MARCH 2006 B&B: New Code 65C: = 20 Member Activity Log (Form 7029) This should read: Activity Report = Mission, (ANSC Form 7030). These hours are NOT to be reported on the = ANSC Form 7029.

\_\_Marilyn McBain, [DVC-IS](#)

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## What Works

A growing resource that is becoming an increasingly useful part of the CS Guide:

<http://csguide.auxservices.org/index.php> is the “What Works” section:

<http://csguide.auxservices.org/3.0.whatworks.php> It contains ideas developed throughout the country which may be useful to others, or they may inspire even greater creativity! If you have developed a solution which you believe would help others, please submit it to **Hob Bonnett** [BC-ICT](#) administrator of the CS Guide.

\_\_Jeff Mahl, [DC-I](#)