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## **I - Department Vision / Mission 2007 - 2008**

### **Vision**

We will be the technology source experts enthusiastically supporting the various technologically driven Auxiliary programs and projects. We will provide the Auxiliary leaders and membership with guidance, honest answers and feedback at all times. We will constantly be looking forward, proactively implementing new ideas, and using the latest technology tools available.

### **Mission**

The Department of Information Technology will serve the Auxiliary organization and Membership in two key areas.

1. The 'IS' (Information Services) role is the collection and maintenance of member activity data, which is administered via AUXDATA. The AUXDATA tasking is shared directly with the Coast Guard via OSC Martinsburg, and OCX Headquarters.
2. The 'CS' (Communications Services) tasking is focused on employing emerging technologies. In the 1st decade, we have seen major improvements in how we use these resources to better communicate and manage Auxiliary needs, at all levels of the organization.

Both processes are driven by evolving technologies, a Team of very talented National I-Department Staff Officers and nearly two thousand dedicated 'IS' and 'CS' Officers throughout the organization.

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## **Improved / Redesigned USCG Internet Website**

In cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security, the United States Coast Guard has launched a redesigned web site <http://www.uscg.mil/default.asp>

The USCG Internet website has been changed to comply with DHS standards. Part of the redesign meant most pages have new addresses (URLs). **Your links (URLs) may need to be updated.**

## **Help Navigating the New US Coast Guard Web Site**

See [http://www.uscg.mil/global/nav\\_help.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/global/nav_help.asp)

## ***Finding Your Way In the New Navigation***

<b>For content you used to find at</b>	<b>Try this new link</b>
Our Missions	<a href="#">Missions</a>
Services (removed)	<a href="#">Units   USCG HQ Organization</a> <a href="#">Units   USCG HQ Units</a>
Units (left navigation)	<a href="#">Units</a> (top navigation)
CG Headquarters Organization	
Contacts (top navigation)	<a href="#">Contact Us</a> (site banner)
E-mail	
History	<a href="#">About Us</a>
Overview	
CG Organizational Chart	
Aircrafts and Cutters	
Photos and More	<a href="#">Multimedia</a>
Downloads	
Flag/SES Bios	<a href="#">Leaders</a>
Commandant's Corner	
Vice-Commandant's Corner	
MCPOCG's Corner	
Chaplain of CG	
International Affairs	
Military	<a href="#">Quick Links</a> (drop down box in left hand column)
Civilians	
Reserve	
Auxiliary	
Retirees	
Legal	<a href="#">HQ Organization</a>
Human Resources	
Coast Guard Institute	<a href="#">HQ Units</a>
Coast Guard Academy	
Quick Links	<a href="#">Featured Links</a> Note: Links are based on the statistics and represent the Top 6 visited USCG sites
Fiscal Year 2007 Budget in Brief	<a href="#">About Us   Overview</a>
Form	<a href="#">Library</a>
Records	
Coast Guard Directives	
No-Fear Act Data	<a href="#">Moved to Page Footer</a>

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## **One-click AUXINFO Reports**

AUXINFO is a great tool that is useful for every member. It allows you to view reports on most of the information contained in AUXDATA including member activities, hours, awards, certifications, competencies, REYR/REWK status, training task status and AUXOP progress. Details on flotilla activities, facilities and demographics is also available. You can even view currency maintenance tasks, ICS tasks, underway hours, vessel check counts and marine dealer visit counts. All of this information and much more is available at every level of the Auxiliary from National to district to division to flotilla to individual members. Unfortunately, the user interface for AUXINFO isn't the easiest for our members to navigate and because of that AUXINFO is not used as much as it should be.

In District 13, we have created a simple one-click AUXINFO report grid that contains a set of basic reports for all divisions and flotillas in the district. To run a report, you click on your division and then select the report that you're interested in for your flotilla. The report is automatically run and you can see the results in AUXINFO. From there, you can then use any of the normal AUXINFO features, such as selecting the current year, to further drill down in the report.

	130-02-03 MONROE	130-02-03 TACOMA	130-02-06 THE MARROWES	130-02-08 COLUMPIA	
V ATON - Aids To Navigation (20,31,32)	53.70	153.10	5.00	100.25	312.05
V AUXADM - Aux Administrative Support (09)	21,567.50	18,770.90	2,820.10	8,144.00	51,302.50
V AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01A,01B,02,03,04,05,06,07,08)	4,747.30	3,518.80	205.20	1,570.50	10,131.80
V CGADMN - Cg Administrative Support (28,56)	689.00	1,434.80	0.00	2,673.96	4,797.76
V COOPS - Cg Operational Support (27,20,21,22,25,34)	33.50	79.80	99.00	774.43	986.70
V E.L.T. Support Of Enforcement Of Laws And Treaties (27)	38.00	225.00	9.00	0.00	272.00
V GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (43,42,43)	38.90	59.60	0.00	115.50	214.00
V HS - Health Services	0.00	341.00	0.00	10.00	341.00
V IEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)	73.80	472.00	92.50	0.00	638.30
V IFS - Marine Safety	1,927.90	471.00	0.00	31.50	2,430.40
V MT - Member Training (26)	1,915.90	1,000.99	203.50	526.30	2,746.69
V RN - Auxiliary Radio Net (29)	0.00	1.00	0.00	8.50	9.50
V SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24,25)	61.80	457.90	0.00	14.80	634.50
V UNOCV - Marine Dealer Visits (11)	580.00	292.00	65.00	16.00	953.00
V UPA - Public Affairs (10)	1,109.75	401.20	263.50	249.90	2,024.35
V UPE - Public Education (24)	1,428.90	343.20	249.50	895.20	2,916.80
V UNIC - Recruiting Assistance (29,30)	292.50	367.00	0.00	0.00	659.50
V VSC - Vessel Safety Check (31)	854.00	281.00	152.50	274.08	1,561.58
	34,477.95	28,679.35	4,264.90	15,436.76	82,747.96

To create an AUXINFO report website for your unit you need to:

Run AUXINFO and create the report exactly as you'd like it to appear

Click on the "Prepare Bookmark" button at the bottom of the screen

Copy the link into your HTML code

Note that the links are really long, so if you use FrontPage you have to edit the HTML directly and can't paste it into Insert Hyperlink box. If you try, the link will be cut off and won't work. Here's a sample of a bookmark that is produced for a single report link:

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<a href="http://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/cognos/cgi-bin/ppdscgi.exe?BZ=1AAAAziRvNM0ABEWU6VFChpEgVbAQCUIIaCswmpRpI6aM3EdBxtBJYydtX5k5JoRE6TEGBoyYH7t~kMyhZpdMPZEgWTtm4UqARBA2bNMpzZw5ad64mVMCRk5tUMVtfeFuJHB2zYDZVyZmn9iunNogJtGAZPt1QrRSzwfGjBI3G1VDpmZNDzK7Af_=" ></a>
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The District 13 AUXINFO Reports website is at <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/oax/d13auxinfo/>. If you like the format and reports on that website you are welcome to copy anything from the site and modify it for your needs. Just be sure to let the webmaster know what you're copying from the site and the location of your site.

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## Auxinfo and Internet Explorer 7

Many Auxinfo users have recently upgraded to the Internet Explorer 7 (IE7) browser either by manual choice or Windows Automatic Upgrade only to find that the Auxinfo Dimension Viewer (split screen) has disappeared from displays. The data center advises that the current COGNOS software does not support IE7 and presently reverts the user to a 'non-enhanced' display that does not allow custom display building. They do plan to upgrade in the near future, but have no firm date.

This is a significant consideration for users as we approach end-of-year and the increased system query activity. If you really need to utilize Auxinfo enhanced displays in the short term, you may wish to defer any IE7 upgrade. DSOs will be advised when the COGNOS upgrade occurs.

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## Attention ALL 'IS' Officers

Have you attended the AUX-10, AUXDATA/AUXINFO C-School? If not, try to plan for one of the 2007 classes. DSOs-IS: please encourage your FSOs-IS to attend one of these classes and they will be eligible to help with data input.

2-4 February 2007, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA  
 12-14 March 2007, Miami, FL

13-15 April 2007, Cape May, NJ  
15-17 May 2007, Miami, FL  
16-18 July 2007, Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT  
7-9 September 2007, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA

Please submit your 7059 STTR request application form  
<http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7059f.pdf> ASAP to reserve a spot in the class.

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<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/prescreen.htm>

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