



AUXDATA and JINITIATOR

If you have automatic updates turned on and your machine is using IE7 and you cannot get AUXDATA reports, you might try the following:

Go into "Tools", "Internet Options", and select the "Security" tab and "Trusted Sites", then add "*.uscg.gov" and "*.uscg.mil" into the "Trusted Sites". You can then select the "Custom Level" button and enable Active-X Controls. "Launch programs and frames in an IFRAME" and disable pop-up blocker. Doing this allows the reports to appear even after the Windows update has pushed out and the reports became blocked out.

If you have purchased a new computer with VISTA, CITRIX Version 9.230 is working fine with VISTA, but JINITIATOR will not work with VISTA. OSC also states that a new version of JINITIATOR will be required but as of this time they do not have the authorization for it.

– Marilyn McBain, DVC-IS/Ed Duda, BC-IWTS

Best of Web Awards

Nominations are now being accepted (via your DSO-CS) for the 2007 Best of Web (BOW) competition with a deadline of 15 June 2007. All Flotilla, Division, and District sites are encouraged to participate, with specific details for this year's event posted in the updated [CS Guide](#) (PDF: 1000 KB / 132 pages). The CS Guide has a wealth of additional information you will find helpful in creating a winning site. First place winners will receive a distinctive five-star logo for their website and a beautiful trophy will be presented at NACON 2007 in Portland, OR. Don't miss your chance to be the Best of the Best.

- Brett Grooms, DC-I

Float Plan Central

Float Plan Central (FPC) now has a new Web site address: www.floatplancentral.org. As a result of this move, all Auxiliary webmasters need to update the links they have to FPC on their sites since the internal structure of the new site has changed substantially.

- Vern Jansky, FSO-CS

AuxInfo Quick Access Report Development

Here an example by David Hastings, SO-CS how to create Quick Access AuxInfo Report for your website.

1. Software used Microsoft Front Page.
2. In Design Mode create a page with four (4) sections – make the 2 columns on the left side smaller than the right side.
 - a. In the left section put District/Division or Division/Flotilla. This will stay the same on all pages to flip between pages.
 - b. Merge 2 top sections to make a banner.
 - c. Go to Menu and create a table with enough rows for report names and number of reports and enough columns for Flotilla and number of Flotillas.
 - d. You will need a page for District and each Division.

- e. Add the Headings for each of the pages.
3. Once the basic pages are set up you can then go to AuxInfo to create your reports. The easiest way to do this is go to a District that already has reports formatted and select the report you want. Several Districts have this already, D1NR, D7, D13
 - a. Change the unit to your unit.
 - b. Once the report is up, go to the bottom icons and select folded page (next to ?) and click Prepare Bookmark.
 - c. Once the bookmark is up, you can add to Favorites.
 - d. Then you copy the bookmark.
 - e. Go back to Front Page and paste the bookmark in the table box to create the link.
 - f. You can change the label for the default name that will be pasted in the box.
 - g. Once you create the first bookmark for a report, you can then use shortcuts to save the bookmark (Ctrl D, then Enter, Enter), copy the bookmark (Ctrl C) and paste the bookmark into Front Page (Ctrl V).
 - h. When you go to a different report you will need to make sure you save the report before doing the shortcuts.

I will be glad to send anyone a copy of the Front Page file for District 7 which can be modified for other Districts. David Hastings, davidah@msn.com

- David Hastings, SO-CS

Websites and Flotilla Finder!

I want to help clarify some questions about the process of utilizing website space provided on the National Server and the approval process of Auxiliary websites.

AIRS, Auxiliary Internet Resources Site, was developed at the beginning of the E-Auxiliary. The AIRS site contains links to two forms for requesting site space and site evaluation for Flotilla finder linking. You will also find a page for the status of sites under review in the approval process.

Flotilla Finder is just what it means. It's a listing of flotillas by district. There is a Flotilla Finder database that is also used for the zip code search for a flotilla. One quick note: The zip finding process is done by GPS coordinates so it may not always give you the answer you expect. A specific zip code might be on the very edge of a flotilla's AOR and all the members might actually reside and work in a different area.

The website approval process for all units begins when the unit approves a website to represent them. The approval is not for specific content but for the "idea" of the website. Commercial web space can be purchased by the unit if desired but every unit has the opportunity to request space on Auxiliary National Server. Requesting space must be done via the chain of leadership, the DSO-CS (or designee) is the only person who can request site space for a unit. The available space is depends on the unit, Flotillas have 15 MB, divisions have 20 MB and districts 25MB. The space is provided free to the local units.

Site space allocation and URL assignment is handled by the DVC-IW and *usually* is completed within a week of the request.

The site should be constructed in accordance with the guidelines provided in the CS Guide: <http://home.auxidept.org/index.htm>

Once the site is built it should then be checked by the CS officers in the Chain' to ensure it meets all requirements of the CS Guide.

Once that is done the DSO-CS will submit the site with a Site Notification Form from the AIRS site. The BC-IWT will review the site for compliance, should any discrepancies be found the DSO-CS will be notified of the problems. Upon those items being corrected the site will be approved and listed on Flotilla Finder within a few days. A site will *not be listed in Flotilla Finder* without going thru the approval process.

The checklist items most often missed are, Unit ID in the HTML title, Missing or linked privacy statement, and no or poor alternative text for the title graphics. Unit ID in HTML should include the district, division and flotilla and ideally a geographical location. A good Example would be, "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Second District West, Division 56, Flotilla 1, Proudly Serving Any town USA".

Linking of privacy statements is forbidden as the e-mail contact at the bottom of the statement should be to the webmaster for that specific site.

Alt text is required on all graphics. "Either a graphic Auxiliary banner (From the National Web page), or the text heading "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" shall be located at the top of the main page" and if a graphic is used in lieu of the words "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" it must have that as a minimum. The ALT for the title graphic could read, "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Second District West, Division 56, Flotilla 1, Proudly Serving Any town USA", just like the HTML title.

Links:

The AIRS site is: <http://airs.uscgaux.info/>
Auxiliary Unit Listing: <http://nws.cgaux.org/flotillafinder/index.html>
Approved Websites: <http://slist.uscgaux.info/linklist.html>
CS Guide: http://home.auxidept.org/documents/CS-Guide_1.0.pdf

- Jerry Turley BC-IWT

Passwords Revisited

Certainly any password is better than simply using "password". But not all passwords are equal—equal in strength that is. And having a strong password is vital to its effectiveness and your security. So, what is a strong password? And how do you know if the one you have in mind would be considered strong? The answer is extraordinarily simple. Microsoft "Security At Home" web site has a page that can answer those questions and any others you may have about passwords. The page includes a strength test feature that will dynamically gauge how strong your password actually is as you type it. The link to Security At Home's "Password Checker" is: http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/privacy/password_checker.mspx

Now you'll know just how strong you really are.

- Vern Jansky FSO-CS

An Easy Way to Remember a Password

An old encryption method that was used for years can be applied to computer use.

Choose TWO numbers from 0 through 9

Write them down thusly 65

Add them together and write them down 6511

Add second & third digits and write them down 65116

Add third & fourth digits and write them down 651162

Add fourth & fifth digits and write them down 6511627

You can keep going as long as you feel you need

To add to security choose TWO letters and do thusly
c6511627r.....the letters are case sensitive.

I use a numeric code only with a total of 8 digits, producing 128 bit encryption and have yet to forget it or have it "hacked" in 3 years.

Always choose TWO numbers that you can remember, likewise for letters if you use them, don't use your initials.

- Harold O. Schwartz FSO-CS

Bits and Bytes Archive New Look

The Bits and Bytes archive has a new improved look thanks to Vern Jansky, FSO-CS. All past issues of the B&B's now have a short description of content contained in the issue. I want to thank Vern for identifying the need to improve the look and for his effort in reviewing each issue and providing the short descriptions. <http://home.auxidept.org/bitsandbytes.htm>

Brett Grooms, DC-I

Member-Only Discounts - Softchoice



Special Pricing on all Adobe Products



Members may now call Softchoice toll free at 1-877-FEDSOFT (1-877-333-7638) to talk directly with a representative to place orders for Adobe products under the USCG Auxiliary's TLP program.

Members need to order the media CD with the license for all products. Members may also purchase a maintenance agreement with the license should they desire to receive any upgrade versions published during the period of the maintenance agreement

There are many products that may assist members in the performance of their Auxiliary duties and are available for members to purchase. See the Softchoice website to browse the various programs available.

How to Order

Browse the Softchoice website for current stock part numbers.

Call Softchoice at 1-877-FEDSOFT (1-877-333-7638). Identify yourself as a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member. Softchoice will be able to assist you.