

## Who we are and what we do

The Coast Guard's philosophy is to be SEMPER PARATUS (ALWAYS READY) against all threats and all hazards. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an integral part of that philosophy and the Coast Guard Forces.

We conduct safety patrols on local waterways, assist the Coast Guard with homeland security duties, teach boating safety classes, provide free vessel safety checks and much more.

We're serious about Boating Safety and offer classes on a wide range of topics. We have programs for adults and children that will improve your boating expertise and experience.

Founded by an Act of Congress in 1939, the Auxiliary boasts more than 31,000 volunteer members (men and women) who donate millions of hours in support of the Coast Guard and its missions. Hernando Beach Flotilla 15-8 is the largest in the United States.



## Join Us! Serve with us!

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. The Auxiliary directly supports the Coast Guard in all missions except military and law enforcement actions. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to all U.S. citizens aged 17 and older.

Training is provided and included in the annual dues of \$55; safe boating programs are free for members.

For more information, to become an Auxiliarist, please call Mary Meyers at 973-641-3869.

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Visit our website  
<http://a0701508.uscgaux.info/Home.htm>

## Free Vessel Inspections

Want to know if your vessel meets all state and Federal safety requirements? It's much better to get a free inspection from us than a costly inspection from the authorities. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free boat safety checks. To request a free vessel inspection, please call Ginny Lentz at 352-428-5928.

## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flotilla 15-8  
Hernando Beach, FL



## Safe Boating Programs

*Boating Skills and  
Seamanship\**

*About Boating Safety\**

*Suddenly in Command*

*Weather*

*Radio*

*Navigation*

*Paddle Boat Sports*

**\*Includes Florida Boating  
License**

## The Hernando Beach

### Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S)

**Fee:** \$50 (includes text)

This comprehensive program is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. Topics include boating safety, rules, navigation, weather, radio and Florida law. Completion satisfies requirement for Florida Boating Safety ID.

**Nine sessions.**

**Time:** 7-9:30pm

**Dates:** January 18-March 15; April 12-June 7;  
August 30-October 25.

### About Boating Safety

**Fee:** \$35 (includes text)

This beginner program will teach safe boating practices, use of safety equipment, navigation and Florida law. Completion satisfies requirement for Florida Boating Safety ID.

**Three sessions.**

**Time:** 7-9:30pm

**Dates:** January 11,12,13; April 4,5,6; June 21,22,23;  
August 22,23,24; November 7,8,9.

### Suddenly in Command

**Fee:** \$10 (includes educational brochures)

This 4-hour boating safety primer is designed for those not generally at the helm, and will help you to "be prepared" in case of an emergency.

**One session.**

**Time:** 7-9:30 pm

**Dates:** March 29, June 14,  
OR

**Time:** 9 a.m.-12 noon

**Date:** November 19

## Coast Guard Auxiliary

### Radio/Digital Selective Calling

**Fee:** \$10 (includes educational brochures)

Learn about the latest life-saving technology! This program will teach you to use DSC radios, Coast Guard 21 procedures and Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB).

**One session.**

**Time:** 7-9:30pm

**Dates:** March 8; May 31; October 18

### GPS for Mariners

**Fee:** \$35 (includes text)

This program focuses on the GPS equipment typically owned by the recreational boater. You will learn how to program waypoints, develop routes and interface GPS routes with a nautical chart.

**One session.**

**Time:** 9am-12 noon

**Dates:** February 26; May 21  
OR

**Time:** 7-9:30 pm

**Date:** November 15

### How to Read a Nautical Chart

**Fee:** \$35 (includes text)

When navigating on land you use a map. For navigating at sea, we use a chart. You will learn about different types of charts, their capabilities and limitations and how to select the best chart for your needs.

**One session.**

**Time:** 9am-12 noon

**Dates:** June 11, November 5

## Public Education Programs

### Hernando Beach Coastal Navigation

**Fee:** \$20 (includes navigation chart)

Learn to travel through your home waters using the tools of navigation. Classroom exercises on developing routes around Hernando Beach will be conducted.

**Two sessions.**

**Time:** 7-9:30pm

**Dates:** February 15, 22; May 10, 17;  
September 27, October 4

### Paddle Sports

**Fee:** \$20 (includes text)

Canoeists and kayakers will enjoy this safety program designed to attract paddle enthusiasts. Topics include entering and exiting your paddle craft safely, hull designs, boating emergencies and legal requirements.

**One session.**

**Time:** 9a.m.-12 noon

**Date:** March 26  
OR

**Time:** 7-9:30 pm

**Dates:** July 19, November 1

### How to Register

To learn more about the Auxiliary's programs, please call Public Education Officer **Jeffrey Hoff, at 352-397-5417.**

Registration for each program starts one half hour before the first class.