

Lake Norman Coast Guard Auxiliary History

The First Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla on Lake Norman serving the greater Charlotte area was Chartered as South Lake Norman Flotilla 9-13 on August 23, 1975 at the Outrigger Marina. The following year Division 9 split into 3 Divisions (9 , 17 , 18) South Lake Norman Flotilla became 18-06. On December 5, 1980 the Flotilla again split and the new Flotilla Chartered as 17-08 was born, growing and training over the past 28 years. Educating the public and supporting the US Coast Guards Recreational Boating Safety Programs. As of January 1, 2009 Divisions 17 and 18 merged to form Division 26. Our Flotilla reassigned as 26-01 will carry on its commitment to duty and proud traditions.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary operates under the direct authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security via the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

When you join the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Lake Norman serving the greater Charlotte area, you could find yourself saving lives, protecting the environment from polluters, guarding our shores from terrorists and much more. That's our job – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That's life in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We don't just train. We train and perform, Semper Paratus.

The Auxiliary operates in:

- Safety and Security Patrols
- Search and Rescue
- Mass Casualty or Disasters
- Pollution Response & Patrols
- Homeland Security
- Recreational Boating Safety
- Commercial Fishing and Vessel Exams
- Platforms for Boarding Parties
- Recruit for all service in the Coast Guard

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When the Coast Guard "Reserve" was authorized by act of Congress on June 23,1939, the Coast Guard was given a legislative mandate to use civilian to promote safety on and over the high seas and the nation's navigable waters.

Two years later, on Feb. 19, Congress amended the 1939 act with passage of the Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941. Passage of this act designated the Reserve as a military branch of the active service, while the civilian section, formerly referred to as the Coast Guard Reserve, became the Auxiliary under title 14, chapter 23 of the USC.

When we entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort as military teams. Many of their private vessels were placed into service in an effort to protect the U.S. - United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Since 1939 the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports, at sea, and around the globe.

Coast Guard Auxiliary protects the maritime economy and the environment, defend our maritime borders, and save those in peril. This history has forged the Auxiliary's character and purpose as America's Maritime Guardian — Always Ready for all hazards and all threats.

Today's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with nearly 32,000 men and women, is a unique force that carries out an array of responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment.

The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. We will balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of our growing understanding of changes required in the post-9/11 era.