COAST GUARD CITATIONS

THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:

COAST GUARD SECTOR SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND AUXILIARY PRIVATE AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND BRIDGE VERIFICATION TEAM

For service set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from April to October 2017 while serving on the Sector Southeastern New England Auxiliary Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) and Bridge Verification Team. The PATON team verified the position and accuracy of over one third of Sector Southeastern New England's nearly 1,900 private aids and 100% of aids on bridges within Sector's area of responsibility. This admirable effort clearly exceeded all First Coast Guard District performance standards. Team members not only unselfishly devoted substantial personal time to complete this daunting task, they also trained and qualified 61 other Auxiliary members to perform these services well into the future. As a force multiplier for Aids to Navigation Team's Bristol and Woods Hole, the Team expertly provided precise and accurate reports of numerous discrepancies requiring attention. Exhibiting exceptional effort, direct contact was made with PATON owners to assist them with either correcting discrepancies or deleting permits. Particularly noteworthy was the Team's commitment to the newly established Harbormaster Ride-Along program. This initiative provides hands-on training and education to PATON owners emphasizing the importance of proper aid establishment and marking of private aids upon which thousands of mariners rely. The Team's overall commitment to this extremely impactful program has set the bar District-wide and establishes Sector Southeastern New England as the standard for others to emulate. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Sector Southeastern New England Auxiliary Private Aids to Navigation and Bridge Verification Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

R. J. SCHULTZ
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Sector Southeastern New England

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THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY STATION (SM) BLOCK ISLAND
SEARCH AND RESCUE DETACHMENT TEAM

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from May 2017 to September 2017 while serving as Search and Rescue (SAR) boat crews at Station (sm) Block Island. The Auxiliary boat crews successfully assumed SAR coverage for all waters encompassing Block Island, while maintaining a continuous 30 minute response time during duty periods that exceeded 50 hours. Flawlessly integrating with Active Duty crew schedules, they provided an unprecedented 1,100 hours of SAR coverage and support that reduced Station Point Judith's overall workload by 24 percent during the height of the summer season. The Team's sustained efforts allowed for the Station to focus on valuable underway training, which afforded 10 newly reported crewmembers the opportunity to hone their skills and rapidly recertify in various positions. During this time, Auxiliary boat crews played a vital role in protecting the maritime domain by conducting over twenty patrols of the surrounding area, totaling over 60 underway hours. They also conducted Aids to Navigation verifications, ensuring mariners could navigate safely in the challenging waters surrounding Block Island. The Auxiliary crews also played a critical role during several SAR cases, including the medical evacuation of a patient from Block Island to the mainland by Auxiliary Vessel SEA HAWK. Their immediate response and professional seamanship resulted in the patient's safe passage across Block Island Sound for advanced medical care. The dedication, professionalism, and teamwork displayed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station (sm) Block Island SAR Detachment Team are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

R. J. Schultz
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Sector Southeastern New England

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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to the:

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM VISITATION TEAM

for services set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptional meritorious service from 01 January 2005 to 31 December 2011 in expanding the reach and effectiveness of the First District's recreational boating safety program. In 2005 the marine dealer visit program was put forth as a primary initiative of the Auxiliary. Since then, the Team increased the number of visits to marine dealers, sporting goods retailers and marinas from 1,227 to 2,999 annually, representing a nearly 250% growth in program outreach. Their efforts resulted in an increase in Coast Guard Auxiliary participation at boating shows and community events, as well as the establishment of new partnerships between the Auxiliary and non-traditional boating safety partners such as hardware stores, recreational paddlecraft clubs and bait and tackle shops. During this period the Team contributed a combined total of over 8,100 hours, representing more than 15,000 dealer visits, to the boating safety program. As a direct result, the requests from recreational boating partners for safety materials continues to increase and some dealers have reported that they are unable to keep a stock of life jackets and paddle craft related safety gear to meet the customer demand. With the establishment of Operation Paddle Smart in 2008 and the explosion in the number the paddle sport enthusiasts on our inland waterways, the Team was able to utilize their local contacts to distribute well over 100,000 paddlecraft safety packets and reach an entirely new demographic of the boating public. In addition to spreading the message of proper life jacket wear and safe boating practices, the Team leveraged their partnerships to dispense information on manufacturer safety recalls pertaining to faulty flares, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment to dealers and end users that were unaware of the recalls. Most importantly, this Team's outreach highlights the commitment of the Coast Guard Auxiliary to boaters in remote regions and waterways that do not have a permanent Coast Guard presence. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitation Team reflect great credit on each team member, their team, the United States Coast Guard and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary."

For the Commandant,

W. A. MUILENBURG
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Prevention Division