

## To All Division And Flotilla Training Officers

Here's is what I hope will be a weekly (or biweekly if that proves sufficient) update on member training opportunities in Sector Baltimore. Hopefully, you've already seen the items listed in individual notices and flyers. Detail information is also available in the Division 1 online calendar - <http://division-1.org.master.com/texis/master/search/showcal.html>

I'm also attaching a form you can use to send me information on new listings that you'd like included. The reason for the form is to make sure I have all the information I need.

Let's work together to make as many training opportunities available sector-wide as we can.

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Art Pine  
Assistant District Staff Officer for Member Training (Sector Baltimore)

## **Brainstorming Session For Member Training Officers:**

**03 FEB 07**

Sector Baltimore will conduct a brainstorming session for all division and flotilla training officers on Saturday 3 February in the basement conference room of Building #70 at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay (Baltimore).

The idea behind this meeting is for MTs at the division and flotilla levels to exchange ideas about member training. The session will begin at 0900 and continue through 1130. Uniform will be tropical blue long, winter dress blue or working blue. You must have your Auxiliary ID card to get past the gate at the Coast Guard yard.

All who plan on attending should let Art Pine, assistant district staff officer for member training (Sector Baltimore), know at 301-652-7836 or e-mail [ap99bc@starpower.net](mailto:ap99bc@starpower.net). A separate flyer was sent to all SO-MTs and FSO-MTs in January. Please call soon to enable us to plan properly.

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## **District Conference At Ocean City:**

**10 FEB 07**

The Fifth District will hold a day of training sessions at its winter conference at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland, on Saturday, 10 February. The class schedule and other details have been sent out in separate flyers. Ask your SO-MT or FSO-MT for a copy. Uniform is tropical blue long.

The classes will begin at 0830 and continue through 1645.

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## **Sector Baltimore Annual Workshop, Southern High School:**

**24 FEB 07**

Sector Baltimore will hold its annual Spring workshop on 24 February at Southern High School in Anne Arundel County. Please note that this is a new location (previously held at South River High School). A flyer was distributed in January with driving directions to the new location. You don't need to register in advance, but you will need to sign in when you arrive. Uniform is tropical blue long or winter dress blue.

The session will offer several workshops, including operations and mentoring which are required for persons engaged in those areas. Workshops will begin at 0830 and continue through 1615.

Bring lunch or you can eat at one of the restaurants near the school. Parking is limited, so please car-pool with another Auxiliarist if you can.

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## **Team Coordination Training (TCT)**

**10 MAR 07**

Division 1 will offer a TCT (Team Coordination Training) course on Saturday 10 March at Berry Hall at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay (Baltimore).

Class will begin at 0800 and continue through 1600. Those attending should bring their own lunch--preferably a sandwich or salad. There are no cooking facilities available at Curtis Bay. Uniform is Tropical blue long. You must have your Auxiliary ID card to get past the gate at the Coast Guard yard.

The course is open to all members of Division 1 and members of other Sector Baltimore divisions as space permits.

To sign up, contact Cindy Sadler, Division 1 operations officer, at 410-760-6348 or [cindylsadler@yahoo.com](mailto:cindylsadler@yahoo.com). Let Cindy know ASAP, so she can make arrangements for books and materials.

Note: This is the eight-hour version of the TCT course. If you're a coxswain, boat crew member or personal watercraft operator, you're required to take this course once every five years. If you're hoping to qualify as a boat crew member or personal watercraft operator soon, you should take this eight-hour course. Please check with your IS officer to see whether you're up-to-date.

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## **Boat Crew Qualification Courses**

### **Division 1 Boat Crew Qualification Course**

**09 APR - 21 MAY**

This course is open to all BQ Qualified Auxiliaries in Sector Baltimore. Deadline for registering is 15 March.

Division one is offering a boat crew qualification course (BCQ) from Monday, 9 April, through Monday, 21 May, with a Q.E. checkride schedule for Saturday, 9 June. Land-based classes will be held from 1900 to 2200 at the Providence Center in Arnold, Maryland, north of Annapolis. There also will be four on-the-water training sessions from 0930 to 1430 on 28 April, 6 May, 12 May and 20 May at Sandy Point State Park basin in Annapolis.

Auxiliaries are encouraged to wear working blue uniforms to class and are required to wear operational dress uniforms (ODUs) or working blue uniforms on the water.

You must obtain copies of the appropriate manuals before you come to class. Ask your SO-MA to order them or download them from the website.

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## **AUXOP Specialty Courses**

### **Specialty Course Weekend, Right Here in Baltimore-Annapolis Area**

**23 MAR - 25 MAR**

Deadline for registering will be 1 February. The course is open to all qualified Auxiliaries in Sector Baltimore.

Sector Baltimore will hold a specialty course weekend from 16 March through 18 March at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay in Baltimore that will be similar to the specialty course weekend offered each year at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, but you won't have to drive three to four hours to get there.

Auxiliaries may take AUXSEA, AUXWEA, AUXCOM, AUXPAT, AUXSAR or AUXNAV-A. Classes for AUXSAR and AUXNAV-A will begin at 1900 Friday in Berry Hall and other buildings and continue through Saturday and Sunday. The rest will begin at 0830 Saturday and continue through Sunday afternoon.

Copies of the required manuals and materials will be mailed to registered course participants in early February.

For more information or to register, contact Art Pine, assistant district staff officer for member training (Sector Baltimore), at 301-652-7836, e-mail [ap99bc@starpower.net](mailto:ap99bc@starpower.net) or see the Division 1 online calendar - <http://division-1.org.master.com/texis/master/search/showcal.html>

Note: This session provides you with an intensive review, followed by an exam on Sunday. It is not a traditional "teaching" course. To succeed, you must read the manuals and study guides before you come.

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## **District 5 Specialty Course Weekend, Yorktown**

**16 MAR - 18 MAR**

Deadline for registering will be 23 February. The course is open to all qualified Auxiliarists in Sector Baltimore.

The Fifth District will conduct its annual specialty course weekend from 16 March through 18 March at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. Auxiliarists may take AUXSEA, AUXWEA, AUXCOM, AUXPAT, AUXSAR, AUXNAV-A or AUXNAV-B. Classes for AUXSEA, AUXWEA, AUXSAR and AUXNAV-A and AUXNAV-B will begin at 1900 Friday in Hamilton Hall and continue through Saturday and Sunday. The rest will begin at 0830 Saturday and continue through Sunday afternoon.

Before you come to class, you must obtain copies of the appropriate manuals. Ask your SO-MA to order them, download them from the Auxiliary website.

See Division 1 calendar for details - <http://division-1.org.master.com/texis/master/search/showcal.html>. To register, send completed form to Henry Stakely, DSO-MT, at [hstakely@prodigy.net](mailto:hstakely@prodigy.net).

Note: This session provides you with an intensive review, followed by an exam on Sunday. It is not a traditional "teaching" course. To succeed, you must read the manuals and study guides before you go to Yorktown.

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## **AUXSEA Course**

**20 JAN - 03 FEB**

Flotilla 07-03 is planning to offer an AUXSEA (Auxiliary Seamanship) course on Saturdays from 20 January through 3 February at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center in Davidsonville. The classes will begin at 0900 and continue through 1500. Please wear civilian clothes.

The course is open to all qualified Auxiliarists in Sector Baltimore.

Before you take the course, please ask your FSO-MA for a copy of the combined text and study guide.

Anyone who wants to sign up should call Dick Parry, FSO-MT, at H: 301-522-1273 or C: 202-669-1480 or e-mail him at [rmparry@comcast.net](mailto:rmparry@comcast.net), providing him with your name, member number, flotilla, division, telephone number and e-mail address.

AUXSEA is one of the six specialty courses that Auxiliarists must complete in order to qualify for the AUXOP (Auxiliary Operations) designation.

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## **AUXSAR Course**

**07 FEB - 28 MAR**

Flotilla 15-02 is planning to offer an AUXSAR (Auxiliary Search-and-Rescue) course on Wednesday nights from 7 February through 28 March at Coast Guard Station Annapolis.

The course is open to all qualified Auxiliarists in Sector Baltimore.

The classes will begin at 1900 and continue through 2100. You must have your Auxiliary ID card to enter the station. Uniforms are requested—any valid Auxiliary uniform is satisfactory—but not required.

Before you take the course, please ask your FSO-MA for a copy of the combined text and study guide, COMDTPUB P16794.35B. Read the preface (with "Suggestions to the Student") before the first class.

Anyone who wants to sign up should call Paul Miller, the instructor, at 410-295-1249 or e-mail him at [millerph@earthlink.net](mailto:millerph@earthlink.net). The deadline for registering is 29 January.

AUXSAR is one of the six specialty courses that Auxiliarists must complete in order to qualify for the AUXOP (Auxiliary Operations) designation.

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## **AUXSAR Course**

### **17 FEB - 25 MAR**

Division 7 is planning to offer an AUXSAR (Auxiliary Search-and-Rescue) course on Saturday mornings from 17 February through 25 March in Building 70 at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay.

The course is open to all qualified Auxiliarists in Sector Baltimore.

The classes are expected to begin at 0830 and continue through 1600. You must have your Auxiliary ID card to enter the station. Uniforms are required—any valid Auxiliary uniform is satisfactory.

Before you take the course, please ask your FSO-MA for a copy of the combined text and study guide, COMDTPUB P16794.35B.

Anyone who wants to sign up should call George Murray, the instructor, at 301-881-0352 or 301-467-4348 or e-mail him at [geomurr@erols.com](mailto:geomurr@erols.com). The deadline for registering is 10 February.

AUXSAR is one of the six specialty courses that Auxiliarists must complete in order to qualify for the AUXOP (Auxiliary Operations) designation.

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## **BASIC SEAMANSHIP COURSES (BS&S)**

### **5 MAR - 4 APR**

Flotilla 01-09 is planning to offer an Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) course on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5 March through 4 April at the Baltimore Rowing Club, 3301 Waterview Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Classes will be held from 1900 to 2100. No ID cards or uniforms are required.

Although BS&S courses are designed primarily for the general public, Auxiliarists may take them as the basic course they need as a prerequisite for completing the Auxiliary's Boat Crew Qualification program.

The course is open to all Auxiliarists in Sector Baltimore. Anyone who wants to sign up should call David Cousins, the Flotilla 01-09 public education officer, at 410-730-0451 or e-mail him at [adavcou@verizon.net](mailto:adavcou@verizon.net).

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