The US Coast Guard Auxiliary,
Division 13

Boater Education in the Florida Keys

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Sanctuary Advisory Council
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USCG Auxiliary
• All volunteer, uniformed, members of Team Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security.

• Open to all men and women who are at least 17 years of age, US Citizen and pass the security clearance.
23 June 1939
HISTORY

Boating Safety
Four Cornerstone Missions
of the AUXILIARY

Public Education
Operations
Vessel Examination
Fellowship
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Public Education

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Vessel Examination

Fellowship

Used to train boaters in the FKNMS
On any given day in the USA, the members of the USCG Auxiliary

- Save 1 life
- Assist 28 people in distress
- Complete 62.5 Safety Patrols
- Perform 299 Vessel Safety Checks
- Educate 369 people on boating safety
- Participate in 100 USCG Operational Missions
- Attend 70 public affairs functions
- And much more

- We field 4,971 vessels, 2,873 PWC, 226 aircraft, and man 2,641 communication stations
Team Coast Guard

Active Duty Coast Guardsmen 43,000
Reservists 8,000
Auxiliarists 33,000
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320 Auxiliarists in the Florida Keys
The US Coast Guard Auxiliary

The largest volunteer marine safety organization in the world
MAIN FOCUS TODAY

Boating Safety
Marine Safety
The Proper Focus for the Florida Keys

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
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Fragile Environment

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Lead the State in Boating Accidents
320 Auxiliarists in the 125 Miles From Key West To Ocean Reef
Marine Safety Operations in The Florida Keys

Pollution Response
Surface Operations in The Florida Keys
Surface Operations in The Florida Keys
Shallow Draft Program in The Florida Keys
Air Operations in The Florida Keys
CLEAN MARINA

CLEAN BOATER
Paddle Craft Training
Kayak Labeling
Specific Topic Seminars

GPS
Compass
Plotting/Charting
Radio Etiquette
Flares
Fire Extinguishers
National Marine Sanctuary
Boating Safety Classes

Rules of the Road

Navigation, weather

Radio communication

Piloting, handling

Safety Equipment

PFD

Anchoring

National Marine Sanctuary
USCG AUX Boating Safety Class

Train 700 People on Average per year in Monroe County
US Sail and Power Squadron

Trains 100 People per Year in Boating Safety in the Florida Keys
Promoting Boating Safety Classes

- Radio
- Local Cable TV
- Newspapers
- Blogs
- Word of Mouth
- Marinas and Retailers
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Any Ideas?
Vessel Safety Checks
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1,300 Year in Monroe County
US Sail and Power Squadron
Perform 100 Vessel safety checks in the Florida Keys
Can be an excellent means to educate the boating public on vessel safety checks.
HAND OUT PACKETS

Do not stand on or around coral
NEW Program
SPA-PATROLS

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United States Coast Guard
Guardians of the Keys
Sector Key West

Ecological Reserves
Existing Management Areas
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
National Park Boundaries
National Wildlife Refuges
Research Only Area
Sanctuary Preservation Areas
Tortugas Bank No Anchoring Zone
INITIALLY PATROL 17 SPAS EACH WEEKEND STARTING JANUARY 20TH
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ALL TOTAL
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It’s a Start
Ideas?