

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



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Members,

Flotilla 10-20 has scheduled an aggressive training program designed, hopefully, to bring all current trainees and new members up to the basic AuxAir qualification of Air Observer. To do this, we will be pushing mentoring, requesting that pilots take more trainees on flights, requesting that the trainees fly more often, and provide for more ground training than ever before.

Towards that last item, the Flotilla Staff Officer for Member Training, Bob Jenny, Flotilla Vice Commander Judi DiMaio, and Flotilla Commander Larry West have developed the attached schedule of Member Training classes.

The training will be held at the offices of Jenny Engineering, 2 Edison Place, Springfield, NJ, and will run from 1900 hours until 2000 hours. Set-up and fellowship at 1830.

All trainees and new members are invited to attend. No sign-ups are necessary, for most nights (see below), however, any member already qualified should please contact Bob, Judi or myself before attending, as there is limited space.

We do request that you sign up in advance for the ABC (Basic Boating) class, and the AUXCOM class, as these require that we obtain training materials and get them to you before the class.

All you need to bring as a student is a desire to learn, paper, pencil and your member number. If you don't have your member number yet, you may attend, but may not take any exams for credit until you have obtained that member number.

Cancellations will be announced by message on the FC's cell phone (number listed above), and if possible, on the flotilla web (<http://a0141020.uscgau.info/members/calendar.html>) Cancellations will only be made in case of inclement weather or complete unavailability of instructors.

We hope that you will attend this training. Also, we hope that all 10-20 members will mentor and help along our trainees.

Larry West, FC

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Flotilla 10-20 Member Training Schedule – 2007

Training classes are the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month 1900 – 2200 hours at the office of Bob Jenny, Jenny Engineering. Directions are attached.

Date	Class Name	
February 14	AuxAir Basic Training Part 1	
February 28	AuxAir Basic Training Part 2	
March 14	“How to take Online Tests”	
March 28	Radio Communications (hands-on)	
April 11	ABC Session 1	AUXCOM Session 1
April 25	ABC Session 2	AUXCOM Session 2
May 9	ABC Session 3 & Exam	AUXCOM Sess. 3 & Exam
May 23	Search Patterns	
June 13	Nautical Charts	
June 27	Sectional & other Visual Flight Rules Aeronautical charts	

The entire sequence repeats the second half of the year:

Date	Class Name	
July 11	AuxAir Basic Training Part 1	
July 25	AuxAir Basic Training Part 2	
August 8	“How to take Online Tests”	
August 22	Radio Communications (hands-on)	
September 12	ABC Session 1	AUXCOM Session 1
September 26	ABC Session 2	AUXCOM Session 2
October 10	ABC Session 3 & Exam	AUXCOM Sess. 3 & Exam
October 24	Search Patterns	
November 14	Nautical Charts	
November 28	Sectional & other Visual Flight Rules Aeronautical charts	

All classes will be held, starting promptly at 1900 hours. In the event of inclement weather, or complete unavailability of instructors, notice will be posted on the voice mail of FC Larry West (908.405.7640). If no students arrive by 1930 hours, the instructors are authorized to depart, but so long as one student arrives, the class will go on.

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Course Descriptions:

“AuxAir Basic Training”

This course gives a background on the AuxAir program. Designed for prospective and new observers, it will be tailored to meet the needs of the attending students while maintaining it's basic training feel. Anyone entering AuxAir should take this course.

“How to Take Online Tests”

Most, if not all, Auxiliary tests are administered online today. This class will help you get through that test taking. It is not as simple as logging in and taking the test. There are many things you have to have prepared so that your test taking experience goes smoothly.

“Radio Communications (hands-on)”

For new folks who may never have spoken on a radio, this class will help you get over your “Mic Fright”. You'll be taking normally over short-range radios, and gradually moving up to the structured procedures needed for effective communication with the Coast Guard and other Auxiliary units.

“Search Patterns”

Although Search Patterns are part of many manuals and texts, this class will concentrate on them exclusively. Bring your questions to this class!

“Nautical Charts”

Why should an aviator know Nautical Charts? Because when you find that distressed boat, you are vectoring surface assets which use nautical charts! That 47 footer will be able to start towards the distressed vessel a lot faster if you tell them “off the east side of Hoffman Island” rather than “40°34.682 minutes North, 074°03.241 minutes West”. Lat-Lon can be more accurate, but when speed is of the essence, a common place name can save time. This class will teach you how to read these charts.

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“Sectional and other Visual Flight Rules Aeronautical Charts”

This class is designed as a basic introduction to Aviation charts for non-pilot AuxAir participants. Conducted by a Certified Flight Instructor, this class will help you read and interpret the charts to assist your pilot in navigation.

NOTE: The following two classes run concurrently, and pre-registration is required. You will receive your course materials in advance of the class.

“ABC – America’s Boating Class”

Before the Coast Guard will let you fly, you must learn to swim. We do that in two parts: the Egress and swim training (not part of this evening program), and by taking a basic boating class. Most new members, and any current member whose ID card says “IQ” in the lower right corner needs to take this class before you will be able to become AuxAir qualified. This course teaches you about the basics of operating a recreational boat, lighting, navigation, towing, etc. There is an exam, and passing members will receive a certificate, an upgrade to “BQ” on their ID card, and a separate certificate from the State of New Jersey. In order for a certificate to be issued for this class, you must attend all three sessions, as well as pass the exam.

“AUXCOM – Auxiliary Communications”

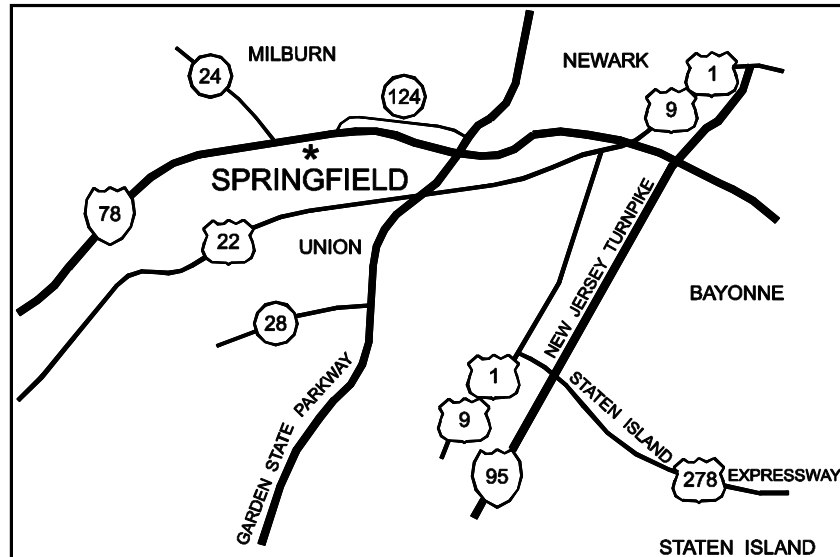
This class will give the student the background on Coast Guard Communications, including language, special words, frequency bands, and procedures. This is an important class, which is recommended for all AuxAir trainees. You may also take this class as self-study, and take the exam on the last night of the class.

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Directions to Jenny Engineering Corporation's Office:

Garden State Parkway North
Exit 139B Union
Make right onto Chestnut Street
Bear right at fork to Stuyvesant Ave.
Make left onto Elmwood Ave.
2 traffic lights and make left onto Morris Ave.
6 traffic lights make right onto Maple Ave.
1st left onto Main Street
Go through traffic light and
Make 1st right onto Edison Place

Garden State Parkway South
Exit 142 to Rt.78 West
(See Rt. 24/Rt. 78 West directions)

Rt. 24 East/Rt. 78 East
Exit 49A Springfield/Union
Merges directly onto Springfield Ave.
Proceed to 1st traffic light at Main Street
Make right onto Main Street
Make 1st right onto Edison Place

Rt. 24 West/Rt. 78 West
Exit 50B Maplewood/Milburn
At traffic light, make right onto Vauxhall Road
At 2nd traffic light, make left onto Springfield Ave.
At 3rd traffic light, turn right onto Main Street
Make 1st right onto Edison Place

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