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Promoting Boating Safety and Stewardship since 1939
(<http://cgaux.org>)

Flotilla 10-1, Worcester, MA

(<http://worcesterflotilla.org>)

We are Flotilla 10-1 based in the Worcester, MA area with members from several of the surrounding communities. Two of the four cornerstones of the Auxiliary are Public Education and Vessel Safety Checks.

This sheet provides a summary of the important online Auxiliary resources to help you find boating safety classes and vessel examiners in your area.

Public Education

Become a better, safer boater.

Auxiliary boating courses provide instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. Our classes are taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard. Course availability varies.

Worcester, MA area:

Review our event calendar for upcoming courses at <http://worcesterflotilla.org>.

Specific locations in MA, ME, NH, RI:

Review the District's course schedule <http://a013.uscgaux.info/pe.htm>

Outside of the New England area:

Find courses near you by searching the Auxiliary's National Public Education Database. Go to this web site http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php and enter your zip code. Contact information and a course description are available for each course.

Vessel Safety Checks

Make sure that your recreational vessel – any size, any type – is outfitted with the safety equipment required by federal and state laws. These checks are provided FREE to the public and are performed by trained Auxiliary personnel.

VSC's can be conducted with boats in the water or on a trailer.

Worcester, MA area:

Members of Worcester area Flotillas often conduct VSC's at Lake Quinsigamond's Corrizini Ramp during the summer months, typically Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. <http://a0131001.uscgaux.info/ve.shtml>

Outside of the Central Massachusetts area:

Find Vessel Examiners near you by searching the national VSC Examiner Database. Go to this web site <http://safetyseal.net/GetVSC/> and enter your zip code.

Perform a Virtual VSC by visiting http://safetyseal.net/what_is_vsc.asp to review federal requirements. States often extend these requirements so please check with state boating authorities or visit <http://boat-ed.com/> to view state boating manuals.