



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

NINTH DISTRICT—WESTERN REGION

District Board Meeting and Training

Spring D-Train
LISLE, ILLINOIS
March 24-26, 2017



Spring D-Train Friday Night Speaker - Kris Habermehl -

"History Over the Horizon"



See the historic freighters that call on South Chicago and how the shore-side facilities that serve those vessels have rapidly disappeared. Kris Habermehl flies you over and around Calumet Harbor on Chicago's "southeast side," where labor and industry built a nation and helped win, WWII.

Kris has been a radio and television reporter in Chicago for more than two decades. A lifelong Chicagoan, Kris can be heard each weekday on WBBN AM780 and 105.9 FM, reporting on traffic and spot news events from "Chopper 780". Kris is a five time regional Emmy winner for his work on CBS2 TV. Flying since his mid-teens, Kris' aviation knowledge and enthusiasm can be heard every summer as the radio voice of the Chicago Air and Water show. An avid history buff and diehard fan of all forms of transportation. Kris has also been a long time presenter at the Chicago Maritime Festival. Kris can also be seen in the recent PBS show "Heroes on Deck, WWII on Lake Michigan," about aircraft carrier qualification training and the Glenview Naval Air Station during the war.

"Early Registration Discount" for our members who register for the Spring conference through **March 5th**. The discounted registration fee will be **\$20.00**; any conference registrations after **March 6th.-20th.** will be **\$25.00**.
Registration is **\$30.00** at the Door

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Friday Schedule

1300—1600	District Board Meeting
1100—1700	District Store Opens
1600—1700	New Conference Attendee Welcome (sign up requested) Are you attending your first District Training conference? If so, the Commodore invites you to an informal welcoming event where you can meet the District leadership, ask questions, and meet other members. This event is open only to members attending a District Conference for the first time. Make sure to identify yourself as a first time attendee when you register-on line.
1800—2200	Friday Hospitality and Presentation (sign up required) Join us for comradery, a casual dinner and listen to speaker Kris Habermehl

Saturday Schedule

0700 — 0730	First Watch (sign up requested)
0800 — 0930	Opening Session
1000 — 1130	Presentations and Member training Sessions (sign up required)
1130 —1300	Luncheon (sign up required)
1300 — 1700	Presentations and Member Training Session (sign up required) District Store Closes at 1645 hours
1800 — 1900	Cocktails
1900 — 2130	Dinner (sign up required)

Sunday Schedule

0730 — 0800	First Watch (sign up requested)
0830 — 1000	Breakfast with the Commodore and Conference Debrief (sign up required) <i>(Attendees are able to purchase breakfast from restaurant)</i> Meet members of the new Executive Committee, hear about their plans, and provide feedback on the conference
1000 — 1700	Presentations and Member training Sessions (sign up required)

All Attendees must have a ticket for all meals and Friday Night Hospitality.

Non -Auxiliary spouses and guests do not pay for the conference fee, but do need a ticket to attend the Friday Night Hospitality. Lunch, or Dinner.

**Online reservations available at:
http://cgaux9wr.com/events/district_Spring2017/index.php
or send Conference and Meal Reservation to:**

**Amy Seeley: 404 N. Evergreen Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085
Make check payable to: USCG Auxiliary 9WR**

Do Not, use Snail-Mail Registrations after Saturday, March 18th.

Uniforms of the Day:

**Tropical Blue or Appropriate Civilian Attire unless noted.
The Hospitality room is always civilian when open.**

Saturday Night Dinner:

**Dinner Dress Blue or the optional Blue Blazer Outfit
(Chapter10 E.2.b) white shirt and black bow tie or
appropriate civilian dress.**



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WORKSHOPS

Advanced Registration Required.

Course 1

Short name: **AUXINFO I**

Long name: Mastering the Power of AUXINFO

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: G. Markle

Time: Saturday 0945-1115

Description: Learn how to use AUXINFO to build powerful and flexible reports, presenting richer information than your IS Officer can pull from AUXDATA! We'll learn about the information available in AUXINFO, "cubes", "nesting", exporting data, and presenting live web reports that other members can "drill down" into for the information they want to track through the course of a program year. Be sure to bring your laptop and attend the lab course afterwards for hands-on experimentation!

Course 2

Short name: **AUXINFO II**

Long name: AUXINFO Lab

Duration: 60 minutes

Contact: G. Markle

Time: Saturday 1315-1445

Description: Build on the "Mastering the Power of AUXINFO" course and receive coaching on creating your own AUXINFO reports. A laptop computer with Wi-Fi connectivity is required for participation in this Lab course. Have your specific questions regarding the AUXINFO system answered. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own AUXINFO queries and reports and work with instructors to choose the best filters, and then optimize, improve, and package them for use.

Course 3

Short name: **Public Ed**

Long name: Transforming Flotilla Public Education and Other RBS Programs for the Digital Age

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: G. Markle

Time: Sunday 1000-1130

Description: People learn differently and have different wants/needs in the modern Digital Age. The USCG Auxiliary is changing the way we do Public Education and address our other RBS missions in order to remain relevant to the modern boater. This course will provide attendees the tools necessary to lead Flotillas in transforming their Public Education and other RBS programs to take advantage of this change, while reaching more boaters and bring in more donations than was possible with the old classroom/lecture-based programs. This session will include a review the new developments in Auxiliary on-line training and the techniques and that Flotillas must apply to take advantage of them for a source of donations. The course will also examine how learning is changing in the Digital Age and how our educators must adjust to make classroom sessions relevant and engaging.

Course 4

Short name: **Paddlecraft**

Long Name: VE/VSC 202: Paddlecraft Vessel Safety Checks

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: S. Markle

Time: Saturday 0945-1110

Description: Special aspects of performing Vessel Safety Checks on Paddlecraft and ways to engage with the paddling community. We'll have a paddle craft on site! Build familiarity with the 7012A, various types of paddle craft, and the unique aspects of paddlecraft VSCs and human powered vessels. Talk best practices with other VEs and building relationships within the paddling community.

Course 5

Short name: **VSC Refresh**

Long name: VE/VSC 321: Annual VSC Refresher

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: S. Markle

Time: Saturday 1315-1445

Description: Annual VSC Program updates and discussions of focus areas for the coming year of VE and RBS activity.

Description: Come find out what's new for 2017. We'll review the VE & RBS priorities for 2017, how to meet those objectives, and discuss your questions.

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Course 6

Short name: **Marine Tech**

Long name: VE/VSC 341: Modern Marine Technology for RBS

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: S. Markle

Time: Saturday 1500-1630

Description: Familiarizing VEs with current lifesaving technologies in use by the modern boater. Learn the features of Rescue 21, Radio Distress buttons, MMSI, GPS, and AIS. How does that distress button on a radio work? What happens? Rescue 21, MMSI, GPS, GMDSS, DSC, EPIRB, PLB, AIS, Synthetic ATON, and Virtual ATON - come learn what it all means. Great for OPS and VE.

Course 7

Short name: **AUXWEA**

Long name: The New AUXWEA Course

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: A. Seeley

Time: **Saturday 1315-1445**

Description: Spring is upon us, and that means boating season will be starting up soon. Knowing the weather before you head out on patrols is a must! The AUXWEA course was redone and sent out in October 2016. While the course is available for self-paced learning on the Coast Guard website, come to this class and we'll go over some of the main points to remember with this AUXOP course. If you're ready to take the test, bring a computer and I can proctor the test for you as well!

Course 8

Short name: **Diversity**

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: A. Seeley

Time: **Saturday 1500-1630**

Description: The Diversity Officer is a newer- appointed position in the Auxiliary, and there are often a lot of questions. What does the FSO/SO-DV do, what is the Three Star Best Practice, and how can I help achieve diversity? Come to this presentation, and we will go over some of these items as well as learn some of the best practices.

Course 9

Short name: **Operations Workshop**

Duration: 120 minutes

Contact: Russ Hoganson

Time: **Saturday 0945-1115**

Description: The OPs workshop would cover information pertinent from the BCAB discussion then go through the PPT from National. Following that, Mr. Haslam could cover some navigation items. I am thinking about "quick conversion to decimal minutes" and plotting coordinates on the chart, then navigating to the "commence search point" and then selecting a search pattern, plotting the first leg, etc.

Course 10

Short name: **1 hour TCT**

Long name: 1 hour Team Coordination Training Session

Contact: Russ Hoganson

Time: **Saturday 1315-1445**

Description: Team Coordination Training is a program that focuses on reducing the probability for human error by increasing individual and team effectiveness. USCG mishap data suggests that while technical skills are an essential component of any job, they alone will not ensure safety. Safe, effective Coast Guard Auxiliary operations depend on coordinated actions among team members. The one hour refresher is required every year for all members qualified in operations.

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Course 11

Short name: **Telecommunications Course**

Long name: Introduction to AUXCOM and TCO

Duration: 180 minutes

Contact: Mike Vannier

Time: Sunday 1130-1430

Description: To participate in Coast Guard Auxiliary communication programs and/or offer their radios for use as Auxiliary radio facilities, members must have completed AUXCOM prior to August 1, 2008 or be TCO (Telecommunications Operator) certified. AUXCOM is a communications specialty course that is required for AUXOP status. A three hour introduction to TCO and AUXCOM class will be offered at D9WR D-Train this year. The TCO PQS (personal qualification standard) will be introduced with recommendations on how to complete the requirements. TCO operations will be demonstrated. The required syllabus and sign-off sheets will be provided. Similarly, the AUXCOM course will be introduced and suggestions on how best to complete the course by self study, on-line, and/or classroom study will be presented. Successful completion of this introduction should prepare you for the TCO PQS and lead to success with the AUXCOM exam. All attendees are requested to pre-register.

Course 12

Short name: **Marine Safety Programs**

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: Mike Lesko

Time: Saturday 0945-1115

Description: This year will have an increasing emphasis on having Auxiliarists train in new programs to enhance their value to the Auxiliary. Consider the area of Marine Safety. This course will introduce you to the various programs available as well as the benefits of contributing to these programs.

Course 13

Short name: **New Member Bootcamp**

Long name: New Member Academy

Duration: 4-1/2 hrs. Saturday and 2 hrs. Sunday

Contact: Paul Neumiller

Time: All day Saturday & Sunday 1000-1200

Description: Brand new in the Auxiliary? Wondering what the alphabet soup of PB, OP, AV, VE, etc. are? Which uniform do I wear and where do I get them? This class is for you! In addition, this will give the new member a solid foundation on expectations and policies of the Auxiliary.

Course 14

Short name: **FCA**

Long name: Flotilla Commander Academy

Duration: 4-1/2 hrs. Saturday and 4-1/2 hrs. Sunday

Contact: Bob Auchinleck

Time: All day Saturday & Sunday 1000-1430

Description: Whether you are a newly elected Flotilla Commander/Vice Flotilla Commander or entering your second year, you are strongly encouraged to attend this content-rich class designed to help maximize your effectiveness. Even Division Commanders and Vice Division Commanders can attend if they have the interest. In addition to existing elected leadership, please consider high performing members as candidates for this class as well, especially if they are interested in running for bridge positions. It's never too early to develop potential future leaders. The purpose of this class is to prepare & develop skills for Flotilla Commanders to properly and effectively run their Flotillas. The agenda of topics will include: Ok, I'm the FC – now what? We will cover responsibilities of the FC, Flotilla procedures, tools available, The Team, The Plan, The Division, training, and necessary paperwork. How to Run a Flotilla Meeting. We will cover best practices on how to run an effective Flotilla meeting as well as proper Rules of Order. The Electronic Auxiliary. We will cover AUXDATA, AUXINFO, National websites, and District websites. This session will include live demos and a hands-on set of exercises. Conflict Management and Discipline Leadership Best Practices and How To Maximize Success. How to develop new members; how to recruit/retain them; PSI; and training planning. The Chain of Leadership Assignment to Duty Awards. An overview of the awards process; service awards; achievement awards (individual, unit); District awards; Anniversary awards; qualification awards (campaign); and how to write an award recommendation. Military Protocol & Uniforms Note: Members interested in attending the FC Academy must sign up for the course, and speak to the contact instructor.

Course 15

Short name: **CPR**

Long name: Cardio-Pulmonary Respiration.

Duration: 7 hrs. Sunday

Contact: Tom Mullally or Mel Marcus

Time: Sunday 1000-1400

Description: CPR: 4 hour class providing instruction on how to properly perform Cardio-Pulmonary Respirations. Successful completion of this course will prove the student with a 2 year certification from the American Heart Association.

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Course 16

Short name: **First Aid**

Duration: 3 hrs. Sunday

Contact: Tom Mullally or Mel Marcus

Time: Sunday 1400-1700

Description: 3 hour class providing instruction on providing 1st aid to individuals who require it. Successful completion of this course will provide the student with a 2 year certification from the American Heart Association. Note: In order to attend these two courses, you must preregister.

Course 17

Short name: **Active Shooter**

Duration 60 minutes

Contact: Tom Remec or LTJG Thomas Morrell

Time: Saturday 1500-1630

Description: All too frequently, the news concerns a story involving people inadvertently entering an active shooter situation. Knowing how to deal with this situation can help you survive. This course will be taught by expert in the field.

Course 18

Short name: **NavRules**

Long name: Navigation Rules

Duration: 90 minutes

Contact: Tom Remec

Time: Sunday 1000-1130

Description: Short courses in Navigation Rules appear in About Boating Safely as well as Crew Member training. It is important for any member who spends significant time on the water to have a firm understanding of the many situations for which NavRules may apply and this requires frequent refresh instruction. So here's one: nighttime and you hear four short blasts of a horn. What is happening and what do you do?

Non-Member Event

Duration: 120 minutes

Contact: John Brun

Time: Friday 1300-1500

Description: Reception hosted by Commodore Johnsen's wife, Judy, for any non-members attending D-TRAIN. The reception will be in the Hospitality Suite with beverages and snacks served.

D-Train Conference Hotel Registration Information



HILTON LISLE/NAPERVILLE

• 3003 Corporate West Drive • Lisle, IL.

Please mention the group code: **CGAM**

Reserve by calling 1-800-552-2599 or 630-505-0900 or you may reserve online.

To reserve online please access www.lislenaperville.hilton.com Enter arrival and de-



parture dates on the main screen. On the left hand side you will see a button that reads "Add special rate code" click that, please type in your group code under the "Group Code" line - **CGAM**. Your group name and rate should display when moving forward, **\$91.00**.

The last day to book a room, to guarantee group rate and availability is **Thursday, March 2nd**. After this date, the block will be released and we cannot guarantee the group rate or availability.

If you are under Coast Guard orders from D9 you must book via ADTRAV. You should have received an email about this from John McDonald, D-Train Conference Chair. If you have any questions contact, **John at 262-989-8837 or jmcdon09@gmail.com**

Please register for the sessions you plan to attend.

Please register via the D-Train Website: http://cgaux9wr.com/events/district_Spring2017/index.php

Or by mail your registration form and payment to:

Amy Seeley: 404 N. Evergreen Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085

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D-TRAIN CONFERENCE and MEAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration * Via USPS until March 18th. or online till March 20th.*

Name:	Flotilla	Phone #	Guest Name

★ Registration and Meals ★

- Item -	Cost	#Persons	Total
"D-Train "Early Registration Discount" for our members who register for the Spring 2017, conference now through March 5th., fee: \$20.00 Registration fee: March 6th.–March 20th. \$25.00 Online registration closes end of day March 20th. Registration fee: "At the Door" \$30.00			
Friday, March 24, Dinner- Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter, Caesar Salad, Meat & Vegetarian Lasagna, Steamed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Cake, Freshly Brewed Regular Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea	\$41.75 \$3.00 Increase Mar. 6-20 Additional \$3.00 at the Door		
Saturday, March 25, Lunch- 1/2 Roast Beef Sandwich on a Pretzel Roll & 1/2 Turkey Club on a Knot Roll or Vegetarian Entree: Grilled Vegetables & Swiss Cheese Sandwich or Gluten Free Entree: Chef's Salad with Turkey & Cheese All Entrees Served with Homemade Potato Chip Fresh Baked Cookie Freshly Brewed Regular Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea	\$29.65 \$3.00 Increase Mar. 6-20 Additional \$3.00 at the Door		
Saturday, March 25, Dinner- Bibb Lettuce with tomato-fresh mozzarella with pesto vinaigrette, Sliced Roast New York Strip Loin, onions, mushrooms, bleu cheese crumbles, & roasted garlic sauce OR Miso-Glazed Salmon with ginger beurre blanc OR Boursin-Crusted Chicken with Tomato-Fennel, Chefs Selection Starch & Seasonal Fresh Vegetable, Almond Joy Cake, Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf- feinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas	\$42.35 \$3.00 Increase Mar. 6-20 Additional \$3.00 at the Door		

Session Information Attending (X)

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Registration and Food Total Amount \$ _____.