

## § 5.03

(h) *Radio station* means any equipment (including a building which houses such equipment) the use of which to transmit communications by radio is authorized pursuant to law.

(i) *Aircraft* means any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

(j) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Homeland Security when the Coast Guard operates in the Department of Homeland Security or the Secretary of the Navy when the Coast Guard operates as part of the Navy.

(k) *Facility* or *facilities* means a vessel, aircraft, and/or radio station.

[CGFR 48-64, 13 FR 8393, Dec. 28, 1948, as amended by CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959; CGD 96-026, 61 FR 33662, June 28, 1996; USCG-2003-14505, 68 FR 9534, Feb. 28, 2003]

### § 5.03 Purpose.

The Auxiliary was created in order to assist the Coast Guard to:

(a) Promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters.

(b) Promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts.

(c) Foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts.

(d) Facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

### § 5.05 Organization.

The Auxiliary is a nonmilitary organization administered by the Commandant, under the direction of the Secretary.

### § 5.07 Administration.

Any authority vested in the Commandant by this part may be delegated by him to such personnel of the Coast Guard, in such manner and to such extent, as he deems necessary or appropriate for the functioning, organization, and internal administration of the Auxiliary.

### § 5.09 Eligibility for membership.

To be eligible for membership in the Auxiliary, a person (male or female) must be over 17 years of age; a citizen of the United States or of its Territories and possessions; and either own

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not less than a twenty-five percent interest in a motorboat, yacht, aircraft, or radio station; or have had such special training or experience as to qualify him in the opinion of the Commandant, for duty in the Auxiliary.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

### § 5.11 Membership in military organizations.

Members of the Auxiliary may also be enrolled, enlisted or commissioned in the Coast Guard Reserve. Membership in the Auxiliary is not a bar to membership in any other naval or military organization.

### § 5.13 Application for membership.

Application for membership in the Auxiliary shall be made on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Commander of the Coast Guard district in which located. Membership is based on the needs of the Auxiliary and will necessarily vary in the various Coast Guard districts.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

### § 5.15 Admission to membership.

An applicant who is accepted for membership shall be enrolled in the Auxiliary and shall be issued a membership certificate and identification card. Mere ownership of such a certificate or card shall not entitle a member of the Auxiliary to be vested with or exercise any right, privilege, power, or duty vested in or imposed upon the personnel of the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Reserve.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

### § 5.17 Disenrollment.

A member of the Auxiliary shall be disenrolled on request; upon ceasing to possess the qualifications for membership; for cause; upon direction of the Commandant; or upon death.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

### § 5.19 Training.

The Commandant may authorize members of the Auxiliary to pursue correspondence courses conducted by the Coast Guard Institute at cost when the furnishing of such courses does not