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## Happy New Year!

Well friends, here we are, ready to take on yet another great US Coast Guard Auxiliary year!

Did you know that 40 to 45% of American adults make one or more New Year's resolutions each year? Mostly, the resolutions deal with weight loss, exercise and giving up smoking. Along with any personal resolutions you made this year, what resolutions did you make regarding your service with the Auxiliary?

Just a thought....

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## Looking for an email address?

The National [eDirectory](#) is the way to find it! With search capabilities ranging from offices (FSO-AN, DSO-VE, etc.) to particular competencies (ie. AUXOP, Crew, etc.) or \*single\* click listings of all your Flotilla, Division or District officers, it's the quick and easy way to find fellow members. Check it out today, and discover what this great resource can do for you!

Jeff Mahl, [DC-I](#)

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## Want to Publish Your Own Unit Website or Learn Powerpoint?

Now is your chance! AUX-04 Basic Technology C-School will be held in D14 Honolulu, HI on 08-13 March 2006. Your travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed with CG travel orders, and the training is first class by professional Instructors. If you would like to attend, you must submit your [Short Term Training Request](#) (STTR) ASAP to your DIRAUX. When you submit your STTR, please also submit your [Student Questionnaire](#).

For complete details on AUX-04, including prerequisites for the course, click the [AUX-04 Student Support Website](#). Don't delay if you want to attend this exceptional training opportunity!!

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## DSO-CSs on the Road Again!

Your DSO-CS will soon be on their way to NTRAIN 2006 in St. Louis. They will be gathering for training and discussion sessions related to the advancement of the eAuxiliary, and use of technology to help make your Auxiliary experience easier and more beneficial. Look forward to a recap of events in the February issue of Bits & Bytes.

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## Float Plan Central



Get the Plan



This is a great resource, and it's useful both to Members as well as the Boating Public we serve. Check it out at the new address: <http://floatplan.uscgaux.info/>  
Webmasters: be sure to update any links you may have to Float Plan Central from your site.

[Vern Jansky](#) Webmaster

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## Value-Added Training

The [Department of Training](#) is pleased to introduce three Value-Added Training courses: [Electronic Communications](#) (PDF: 240 KB / 20 pages), [Influencing The Spectator Fleet](#) (PDF: 304 KB / 11 pages), and [Program Management](#) (PDF: 256 KB / 26 pages).

These courses explore new information that is interesting and of value in Auxiliary, professional and/or personal life. Access these new courses at the [Value Added Training section](#) of the "T" Department's Members page, which has been developed for members looking for supplemental information to aid them in their Auxiliary programs.

Gail A. Fisher, [DC-T](#)

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## Odd's 'n Ends

## Chief Director's Site has a new address

The home page for the CHDIRAUX site has a new address: [www.cgaux.info/g\\_pcx/](http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/) The site can also be reached from: [www.cgaux.info](http://www.cgaux.info)

## Julian Date

The Romans used to observe the new year in late March. They did, that is, until they realized that their calendar had got out of synchronization with the sun. So...to set the calendar right in 153 BC, the Roman senate declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. Calendar tampering continued until Julius Caesar established in 46 BC his own calendar: the Julian. It again set January 1 as the new year.

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## Bits & Bytes

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