

News Release

Coast Guard promotes safety on the water at upcoming boat show



LOS ANGELES — Coast Guard Auxiliary is among a number of organizations that will be promoting boating safety during the 56th annual Los Angeles Boat Show, which runs from Feb. 9 - 12 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The groups will be highlighting best practices as well as regulatory information to prepare boaters to be safe and legal while operating vessels coastally and on lakes. All of the partner booths will have trained personnel available to answer questions and provide handouts with multi-media displays.

Details on how to obtain a free vessel safety check and find a boating safety course will be provided. For more information on the Los Angeles Boat Show, go to www.losangelesboatshow.com or <http://www.facebook.com/LABoatShow>.

Additional boating safety resources can be found online at California Department of Boating & Waterways at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov>; National Safe Boating Council at <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org>, and the U.S. Coast Guard at <http://www.uscgboating.org/>, and locally at <http://d11s.org>.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer, civilian component of the Coast Guard who assist in most of its varied missions, especially the promotion of recreational boating safety. These professionally-trained men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, or in classrooms, performing maritime domain awareness patrols, search and rescue, vessel safety checks and public education. Founded in 1939 by the U.S. Congress, today its nearly 30,000 members contribute millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions. Additional information can be found at <http://cgaux.org/>.