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**SUBJ: AUXILIARY-SEA SCOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (AUXSCOUT)
PROGRAM - NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**

1. In August 2018, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed by the Auxiliary, the Auxiliary Association Inc., Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and the Sea Scouts that laid the foundation for stronger partnership between the Auxiliary and the BSA's Sea Scout subsidiary. It authorized closer interaction between these organizations than ever before, and carried the strong support of the Commandant, Auxiliary National Commodore, and BSA and Sea Scout leadership. Most notably, the Auxiliary was authorized to enroll Sea Scout youths as young as 14 years of age (until that point, 17 was the youngest age authorized for Auxiliary enrollment).
2. The enhanced partnership between the Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts is expected to yield significant benefits for both organizations including enriched Coast Guard and Auxiliary recruiting, improved Sea Scout training opportunities, and better overall promotion of recreational boating safety among the boating public.
3. Pursuant to the MOA, the Auxiliary-Sea Scout Youth Development (AUXSCOUT) program has been designed and prototyped in the D5-Southern Auxiliary Region (D5-SR) and D9-Eastern Auxiliary Region (D9-ER) since March 2019. Auxiliary flotillas and divisions in these regions have successfully and enthusiastically partnered with their local Sea Scout Ships under guidance outlined in a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) document issued by the Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX). This prototype program was highlighted by the first Sea Scout Ship chartering and enrollment of Sea Scout youth by an Auxiliary flotilla in D5-SR. Auxiliary and Sea Scout leadership at all organizational levels from national to Auxiliary flotillas and Sea Scout Ships have eagerly looked forward to national implementation.

4. Best practices and lessons learned thus far have been incorporated into a more robust SOP for national AUXSCOUT program implementation. Like the MOA and prototype SOP, it has been cleared by the Office of General Law (CG-LGL) and the Office of External Outreach (CG-0923), has been shared with Coast Guard Area and District prevention Chiefs, Directors of Auxiliary, and Sea Scout leadership and is now promulgated under a policy letter signed by CHDIRAUX on November 1, 2019. All Auxiliary districts and regions are authorized to engage in the AUXSCOUT program. The MOA and SOP, along with an executive summary, can be found at the AuxBWiki site:

http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php?title=Sea_Scouts and it will soon be posted on the Auxiliary national Human Resources Directorate site:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=h-dept>.