



**THE NATIONAL COMMODORE  
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

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FROM: NACO

TO: National Board

SUBJECT: Sequestration Day 1

As we begin a new approach to Federal budget management, we will undoubtedly be hearing a number of rumors about how funds will or will not be available for various Auxiliary programs. At this point in time, specific budget responses to the sequester are still largely in the developmental stages.

We have only one definitive program response at this time. Potential adjustments in the Coast Guard AFC-56 funded training were announced by BSX-1 on 26 February to the training community. It is expected that Priority 1 & 2 schools, which include Auxiliary Aviation Commandant Mandated C-Schools, would be reduced by 20%. It is further expected that Priority 3 & 4 schools, which include all Auxiliary National C-Schools, would be cancelled for the balance of FY13. Orders that may have been issued for Priority 3 & 4 courses not already in progress are expected to be cancelled, and orders are not expected to be issued for any Priority 3 & 4 courses scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The extent of adjustments to Auxiliary AFC-30 budgets, if any, has not been determined at this time. Because Coast Guard funds will logically need to be prioritized toward primary operational missions, we can expect to see fewer funds available for travel, conferences, and administration. When we have been made aware of budgetary decisions in this area, I will advise the National Board of their impact.

The next critical key to funding will occur in late March when a Continuing Resolution is expected to be received. That resolution will identify how many dollars will actually be made available to run the government. Once that pie has been divided, we will be made aware of the size of our slice, and we can refine

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our plans accordingly for those missions that are performed under Coast Guard orders.

Please keep in mind that our mission to promote recreational boating safety (vessel safety checks, public education, public affairs, etc.) is not solely dependent upon Coast Guard funding. We will continue to serve the boating public as the foremost volunteer maritime organization in the world, and we will continue to be Semper Paratus.

Should there be questions about specific items, please refer them to me. I will be working closely with the Chief Director's office as events unfold.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Mallison /s/  
National Commodore

cc: CDR DaPonte, Mr. Steve Minutolo, ANACOs, DIRs

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