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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary celebrates their victory at the International Search and Rescue (ISAR) Competition



TORONTO (September 29, 2007) - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries celebrate their hard earned victory at the International Search and Rescue Competition held 27-29 SEP in Toronto, Canada. The four team members are all from Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7, and live in Pinellas County, Fla.

Pictured from left to right are: Don Hoge, FL 11-10 D7, Max Garrison, FL 11-10 D7, National Vice Commodore Nick Kerrigan, National Commodore Steve Budar, Jim Ryder, FL 11-10 D7 and Kevin McConn, FL 11-9 D7.

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The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found performing a variety of missions - on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Over 27,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

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