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As most members know by now, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary will gradually roll out Operation Patriot Readiness III with all elements in place by April 2004.

The Education Department is delighted and honored to be launching the first public outreach piece concurrent with the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It seems fitting that we are providing our members with a tool that they can utilize to involve the over 50,000,000 individuals who either enjoy boating or derive their livelihood from it. We want these individuals to become a part of Maritime Domain Awareness and Homeland Security by providing reports of any suspicious activity to the Coast Guard-maintained National Response Center utilizing the 1-877-24-WATCH toll-free phone number.

While we expect to have additional resources for use by our Vessel Examiners, those involved in Public Affairs and our RBS Partner visitors, we're providing the first element of our public outreach efforts.

Several Marine Safety Offices/Captains of the Port have launched local/regional programs since 09-11 and those will continue to be supported by the Auxiliary and we consider each of them a part of Waterway Watch. What we are hoping is that Waterway Watch will become synonymous, in the public's mind, with Homeland Security as it pertains to all aspects of our maritime environment, whether it's coastal or inland.

We ask that all those involved in Auxiliary Public Education go to the Education Department Web site at [www.cgauxed.org](http://www.cgauxed.org) and download the PowerPoint for presentation at every public education class involving adults. In addition, on that same site instructors may download a comprehensive set of instructor notes that are stored there in PDF format.

To the left is the eagle image that will become the identity of Waterway Watch. It will serve as the background for any PowerPoint presentations involving Waterway Watch and a modification of the image will become the logo for Waterway Watch in other settings.



We want everyone involved in boating serving as the eyes & ears to protect our country from terrorism.

Never forget!  
Dick Clinchy, DC-E