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News Release

U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER NARWHAL OPEN FOR PUBLIC TOURS

AT CG STATION CORONA DEL MAR (NEWPORT HARBOR)

The U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary will host a public outreach event aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Narwhal on August 10. The event will be held in Corona Del Mar, on Bayside Drive in Newport Harbor beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m.

The public is invited to board the ship and meet commanding officer Lt. j.g. Farabaugh and her crew of twelve men and women.

Lt. j.g. Annabella Farabaugh is a 2021 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. “Captain Farabaugh, who took command of the Narwhal in June of this year, is an outstanding role model for young adults who wish to serve their country in a leadership role,” said Garry Nelson, the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s Division 6 commander overseeing six auxiliary flotillas with over two hundred volunteer members.

The Narwhal is the only active Coast Guard vessel based in Orange County. It is one of seven cutters that operate in the Coast Guard's Southern California fleet that patrol from the Mexican border to the Channel Islands. Her mission is to secure the country's maritime borders, conduct search and rescue missions, enforce immigration laws, oversee local fisheries and respond to oil spills.

Anyone interested in joining the U.S. Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary can also learn more about the career opportunities at this event. About 38% of the 1,000-plus USCG cadet corps are women, and they make up about 15% of the overall service. Information will be available for boaters on navigation rules, required safety equipment, courtesy vessel exams and other safety information. For the children, the Coast Guard Auxiliary's robotic ship "Coastie" will also be on-hand to entertain and delight. Coastie even talks!

SPECIAL NOTE: ONLY ON STREET PARKING IS AVAILABLE - SO COME EARLY!

The CG Auxiliary, a volunteer arm of the Coast Guard, was established in 1939. It includes 26,000 men and women nationwide, serving in 825 local units. Members include experienced boaters, former Coast Guard veterans and boaters with limited or no experience.

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