

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
TO
COMMODORE NICK G. TARLSON
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

Commodore TARLSON is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as Assistant National Commodore, Recreational Boating Safety from November 2010 to April 2011. Exhibiting exceptional foresight and organizational proficiency, Commodore TARLSON expertly guided newly appointed Directors of Vessel Examination and Education through their challenging transition periods. Operating under tight time constraints, he ensured the design and development of high quality workshops for vessel examiners, program visitors, and instructors. Commodore TARLSON adeptly partnered with the Coast Guard Boating Safety Division (CG-5422) and all District Commodores to account for inflatable life jackets that had been provided to Auxiliary vessel examiners and instructors nationwide. He also ensured proper and thorough review, comment, and approval of new program visitor racks provided by the Progressive Insurance Company. Commodore TARLSON provided expert guidance in updating several key vessel examination program forms. This included significant modifications to the Vessel Facility Inspection and Offer for Use form and the PWC Facility Inspection and Offer for Use form, and creation of the new Paddlecraft Vessel Safety Check form which greatly facilitated the ability of Auxiliarists and U.S. Power Squadrons personnel to perform vessel safety checks on this rapidly growing segment of the boating public. Commodore TARLSON's diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.