

Interpreter and Watchstander Uniform

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Operational Duty Uniform (ODU)

Hat: The following are choices of appropriate caps to be worn on Little Brewster:

- Auxiliary ball cap (with no Auxiliary officer insignia or Auxiliary cap device)
- Utility ball cap (plain blue) with Auxiliary cap device
- Light Station Boston ball cap (available for purchase on the island) with Auxiliary cap device in the middle.

Hair: is to be off the collar.

- Long hair (including pony tails) for both men and women needs to be worn "up", off the shoulders
- Men with pony tails will need to tuck it under their ball caps, keeping the ball cap on at all times. Note: This may be challenging when uniform protocol stipulates for hats to be removed, such as entering a Coast Guard station's galley (kitchen).

Shirt: Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) Coat (unisex)

(also referred to as ODU "top" or "coat")

(purchased from a CG Exchange (store) or CG web site approx: \$28.00)

- Sleeves generally rolled up (accordion style) although there may be times when they are rolled down and buttoned on the wrist depending upon weather conditions
- Top button unbuttoned with collar open
- All other buttons are buttoned
- Properly laundered and pressed

T-Shirt: worn under the ODU coat/top/shirt

- CG Blue T-Shirt – it may be a generic crew neck shirt (not V neck) or one that is purchased that says "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary". Note: the Boston Light T-shirts are permissible to be worn.

Devices worn on the Uniform:

- Member collar devices (*no Auxiliary elected/appointed officer device*)
Option: metal or sewn-ons.
- Sew-on name tag (above pocket on right side)
(purchased from a CG store or CG web site approx: \$1.00)
- Sew-on "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" (above pocket on left side)
(purchased from a CG store or CG web site approx \$1.00)
- Sew-on breast devices: coxswain pin, air crew pin, air pilot pin, etc.
(*no ribbons*)

Belt: black web belt and matching black belt buckle specifically fits the ODU pants.
(purchased from a CG Exchange (store) or CG web site approx \$4.00)

Pants: - **Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) Trousers (unisex)**
(purchased from a CG Exchange (store) or CG web site approx: \$30.00)

Gig Line: refers to the alignment of the buttons on the shirt with belt buckle and zipper of the pants. Best way to ensure alignment is to look in the mirror.

Socks: black. If you need to wear white against your skin you will need to put black socks over

Shoes: Straight leg pant are allowable with boat shoes or sneakers (black or natural/brown)
Note: When ODU boots are worn, pant legs are described by CG standards to be tucked in, however, on the island, we do not want to be tucked in. Aux are allowed to wear black or natural/brown boat shoe rather than the boots for "straight leg" wearing of the pants.

Outerwear: blue jacket, wooly-pully sweater, Boston Light pull-over sweatshirt (crew neck or hooded). (Sweatshirts are ordered via the Keeper)

Coast Guard Uniform Web site: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/ucd/cg_odu.htm

Important Note: There are private companies that make uniforms such as ODUs. However, there have been quality issues with the material of which the ODU's have been made. An example of this is in the Winter 2007 "Beacon" CGAuxA issue. Page 4 is an advertisement from the Lighthouse Uniform company offering a close out sale for ODU's for 1/2 the price offered Coast Coast Guard Exchanges. There is a reason for this: the uniform did not meet CG uniform specs the Lighthouse Uniform company wants to get of their stock. Your best bet is to purchase ODU's from the Coast Guard.