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AUXILIARIST
PATRICK PORTER
UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD AUXILIARY

Mr. Patrick Porter, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Porter is cited for outstanding, meritorious achievement and operational skill in performance of duty on 8 August 2015, while serving as a member of the 2015 Bullhead City River Regatta patrol team. While conducting a ten-hour patrol that ensured the safety of over 35,000 event participants tube-floating a six-mile stretch of the Colorado River, the largest annual marine event in the region, Auxiliarist Porter observed a participant swimming against the current without a personal floatation device. Noticing the person go under the water three times due to fatigue, he navigated his personal water craft to assist, grabbed the person's clothing, pulled him aboard, and skillfully quickly navigated through the heavy congestion while balancing the survivor on the watercraft to deliver him ashore for medical attention. Later that day a very alert Auxiliarist Porter noticed a person in the middle of a large group of over 70 boater unconscious and foaming at the mouth. Executing careful and precise navigation, Auxiliarist Porter retrieved the man, and took him to a boat with medical personnel onboard. Mr. Porter exceptional skill and diligence on that hot summer day on the Colorado River resulted in the saving of two lives and is in keeping with the best traditions of maritime lifesaving.

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