ABOUT THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790 the Coast Guard has safeguarded our maritime and environmental interests around the world. The Coast Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our rivers, in the ports, littoral regions and on the high seas. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship. **www.uscg.mil**

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Established by Congress in 1939 under title 14, §§ 23 of the U.S. Code, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is Semper Paratus(Always Ready). The overarching mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, and waterways. We balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of a post-9/11 era. **www.cgaux.org**

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he United States Coast Guard, the Coast uard Auxiliary, and the North American arine Environment Protection Association AMEPA) have created this brochure to re-ind all of us that our litter should be care-lly placed in the appropriate place so that doesn't end up fouling our oceans, rivers d lakes. We cannot take our marine envi-nment for granted, nor treat it carelessly.

ease help us in our mission to reduce ma-he debris by doing the following:

- Make copies of the brochure and put it in prominent areas of your home, work, schools and community centers to inform and remind people of the importance of treating litter responsibly. We suggest you print it on 80# gloss or cover (recycled) pa-per for best reproduction and quality.
- Be an example in your community by or-ganizing waterfront clean ups.
- Be a "Save our Seas" partner by remind-ing people to put their litter in the proper receptacles.

e're sure you can think of more ways to get e word out! Thank you for joining us in our forts to "Save our Seas". Together, we can ake a difference!!!

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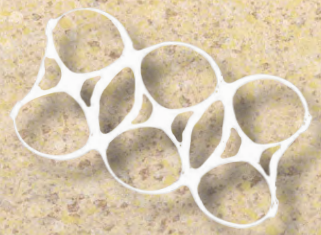

Six-pack holders
400 Years

Orange & Banana Peels
2 to 5 weeks

Cigarette Butts
1-5 Years

Balloons
6 months

Plastic Coated Paper
3 months

Plastic Containers
450 Years

Plastic Bags
10-20 Years

Aluminium Cans
50 Years

Nylon
600 Years

Wool Socks
1-5 Years

Leather
50 to 80 Years

Glass Bottles
1,000 Years