

USCG Recreational Boating Safety Specialists – The SLO Relationship

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As an SLO you represent the Auxiliary as well as the Coast Guard. In some states the SLO is the Coast Guard. Accordingly, it is important for you to be knowledgeable about all recreational boating safety (RBS)–related issues from the Coast Guard’s perspective. To that end, you must be familiar with RBS issues throughout the District, as well as issues that are particularly important to the Coast Guard’s RBS Specialist. Develop a personal report this person. Nearly all Coast Guard District RBS Specialists support several states, and they depend on SLO’s expertise to carry out the Coast Guard mission for a given state. Keep the RBS specialist informed about your activities. Please note that each District has its own RBS policy. Check with your RBS Affairs Branch Chief first about the protocol for working with the RBS Specialist responsible for your state. You should also check the RBS Affairs website (<http://bdept.cgaux.org>) for the list of current RBS Specialists.

Most RBS Specialists hold annual workshops for BLAs and members of the Auxiliary, USPS, and other boating safety organizations. Depending on funding availability you may be invited. If invited, make every effort to attend and encourage your BLA to participate as well.

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