



State Liaison Officers: Your RBS 'Ace in the Hole'


States Division
Recreational Boating Safety Affairs





Briefing Objectives

- **Identify the importance of State Liaison Officers**
- **Discuss the role of the District Staff Officer – State Liaison (DSO-SL)**
- **Review online State Liaison resources**
- **Explore the importance of proactive communication**





State Liaison Officers: What are they?

- **Primary POC between Auxiliary & State Office of Boating Safety**
 - Well versed in Auxiliary
 - Familiar with state boating laws & regulations
- **Facilitates Auxiliary involvement in:**
 - Public Education
 - Vessel Safety Checks
 - Promoting recreational boating safety
 - Safety & regatta patrols





State Liaison Officers: What do they do?

- **Periodically meet with BLA, RBSS, DCO**
 - Discuss/set state RBS goals & objectives
 - Coordinate Aux support of state programs:
 - Patrols on sole state waters
 - VSC programs
 - Aux courses to meet state mandatory PE requirements
 - National Safe Boating Week



State Liaison Officers: What do they do?

- **Develops a partnership with the State BLA or representative**
- **Communicates and updates**
- **Develops programs and coordinates activities for the state**



State Liaison Officers Build Relationships

- **State Boating Law Administrator (BLA)**
- **USCG District Recreational Boating Safety Specialist (RBSS)**
- **Auxiliary District and Division Staff Officers**
- **District Commodore**
- **RBS Affairs Department States Division Regional Branch Chief**




Work with State Boating Law Administrator (BLA)

- The SLO meets with the BLA at least semi-annually; more often with staff
- Provides quarterly updates on Auxiliary activity
- Participates in District RBSS workshop
- Informs BLA of CG/AUX materials
- Encourages recognition of Auxiliary support of state RBS activity



Facilitate the use of Auxiliary assets to support State missions

- Public Education
- Safety & Regatta Patrols
- Public Affairs and RBS Information
- Vessel Safety Checks
- RBS Program Visitation
- Verifying State Maintained ATON
- National Safe Boating Week



District State Officer – State Liaison (DSO-SL)

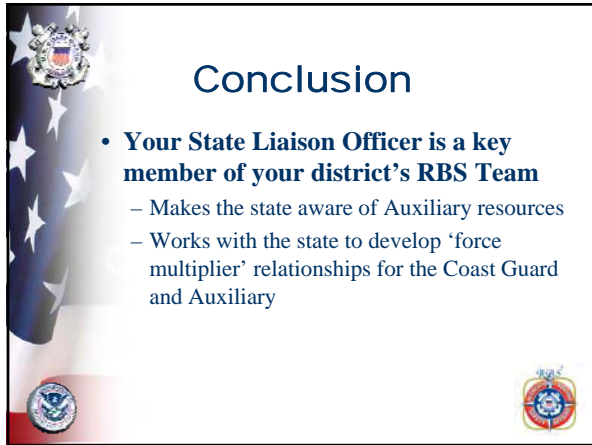
- Administers district’s state liaison program & mentors SLOs
- Participates in district annual planning to involve state RBS resources
- Coordinates with DSO-PE, VE, OP, PV, & MS
- Gathers reports for RBS Affairs
- Works with RBS Affairs to evaluate SLOs annually



State Liaison Officer Resources


- A new *State Liaison Guide* is available at www.auxbdept.org/documents.php#stateliasion
- Also check out **AuxBWiki** auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org
- **RBS Affairs** website www.auxbdept.org
- **CG Boating Safety Center** www.uscgboating.org





Conclusion

- **Your State Liaison Officer is a key member of your district's RBS Team**
 - Makes the state aware of Auxiliary resources
 - Works with the state to develop 'force multiplier' relationships for the Coast Guard and Auxiliary





Questions?

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