

SLO NEWSGRAM

April 2010

Greetings, State Liaison Officer!

We are now into our second quarter of 2010 and the Auxiliary's State Liaison program has shown tremendous progress in a very short time. As the SLO, your responsibility is to develop and expand the Auxiliary's relationship with the states. This is a very important part of the Auxiliary's RBS efforts. Please remember that communication is the key to any programs success. Your quarterly status reports assist your District with state and local assets as real force multipliers.

NEW STATE LIAISON POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

We are pleased to provide a new *State Liaison Officer* PowerPoint presentation for your use. The new presentation reflects changes made in the *State Liaison Guide* and provides information regarding our RBS mission. This presentation can be presented to District and Division staff, as well as to partners and other boating safety groups. This resource can be used to promote the RBS message in your state. The presentation is available for download from the B Department website at <http://www.auxbdept.org/pdf/SLO2010-03.ppt>.

EMAIL DIRECTORY

Your position as the State Liaison Officer is extremely important. Please take a minute to confirm that you are listed as the SLO for your District and State in eDirectory, along with correct email and contact information. If there are changes or your name is not listed as the SLO, please contact your DCO or DSO-IS to update the information.

OUTSTANDING SLO ACTIVITIES TAKING THE HELM

- **FIRST CG DISTRICT HOLDS BLA/SLO/LLO CONFERENCE**
DSO-SL Carolyn V. Belmore reports that a BLA/SLO/LLO conference is scheduled for 22-23 April, at which time reports will be received from all state BLAs and RBS specialists. The First District 2010 Paddle Smart Campaign will kick off on National Safe Boating Week with many recreational boating venues involved in promoting paddle safety. A new Paddle Smart brochure will be used this year along with the "IF FOUND" sticker to make distribution easier. Numerous PA events are planned throughout the District. Harbormasters, USCG Units, BLAs, and the USPS will be involved in this effort.
- **PARTNERSHIP BUILDING FOR WEST VIRGINIA**
Newly appointed SLO Don Metz has developed the first successful partnership between WVDNR and U.S. Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is now teaching the state required Boating Education Class and issuing Boating Education cards. The Auxiliary was the sole source for Boating Education in the states until WVDNR mandated its requirements. With the partnership, Law Enforcement Officers are able to spend more time on enforcement. The first class was held in February with several additional classes scheduled. Vessel Safety Checks will be required for all 30 WVDNR Boats, and Auxiliary patrols on sole state waters are being proposed.
- **UTAH PROVIDES BOATING SKILL TRAINING**
SLO Joyce Bell reports that members of the Auxiliary will be providing SAR and Boating Skills training for state park rangers with their New Ranger Training Program. The first phase, SAR

training, takes place at Utah Lake 14-15 April and will be chaired by Lou Carroll. Boating Skills training takes place 5-7 May at Lake Powell, and will be chaired by COMO Roger Meyer.

The state boating department is planning an NSBW kick-off event at Utah Lake on Saturday, 22 May 2010. The Auxiliary has been invited to participate in the events. The Auxiliary has been specifically asked to provide a VSC station. Boaters who pass the VSC exam will be given a coupon good for one free admission to the Utah Lake State Park. In addition Auxiliaries will be participating in other youth and adult activities planned for the day. The Governor will also attend the event and sign the NSBW declaration.

- **SOUTH CAROLINA SLO STREAMLINES PROCESSES**

About Boating Safely (ABS) and Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S) courses have been approved and certified by SC DNR. Graduates of ABS and BS&S courses will receive SC Boater Education Card from SC DNR at no cost. SLO Burchfield created an Auxiliary Student Registration Form for ABS and BS&S courses that is submitted to SC DNR. This form has been approved by SC DNR and USCG District Legal Department and has been circulated to all SC flotillas by the DSO-PE. A new process has been implemented for distribution of SC Boating Laws and Responsibilities handbook to all SC Auxiliary flotillas. An annual allotment of handbooks will be requested for each flotilla by the SLO-SC; requests will be consolidated to make one large annual shipment distributions from SC DNR. This helps the Auxiliary to plan ahead, have the handbooks in stock, and control the local distribution to avoid shortages. SC DNR is happy with the single distribution approach that allows for inventory tracking and reduces workload and expense. Local flotillas are collaborating with DNR staff on joint VSC events, communicating with each other on patrols, and public education classes.

- **OPERATION: LIFE JACKET FOR LIFE TOUR 2010**

Operation: Life Jacket for Life Tour is a joint effort between the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Coast Guard (USCG), the Auxiliary, USPS, Maritime Enforcement agencies, and vendors. The tour runs during National Safe Boating Week and involves participating ICW marine units and highlights the importance of life jacket wear and safety equipment aboard recreational vessels. The Kick Off is planned for Sister's Creek, North Side Boat Ramp, ICW Jacksonville. Nightly stops are planned for Daytona, Titusville, Ft. Pierce, West Palm, Pompano Beach and finally Watson Island in Miami. A lead vessel, the WEAR IT FLORIDA Campaign FWC jet boat will lead additional vessels from police, fire, CG, CG Auxiliary, and USPS. Public event stops include boating safety equipment give-a-ways and media stops. The CGD7 BAT-PAK trailer will accompany the tour. The main thrust for Auxiliary participants will be to help publicize the tour with local media, distribute fliers throughout the RBSPV contacts, performing VSCs at the stops, and participate with facilities.

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