

SLO NEWSGRAM

November 2011

Greetings, State Liaison Officer!

The State Liaison Program continues to generate outstanding partnership programs during the third quarter of 2011. In every district SLOs are extending Auxiliary missions to states by working with other district staff. This is a key role of the Auxiliary's overall recreational boating safety (**RBS**) effort. *Communication* is essential when developing RBS partnerships as a State Liaison Officer. By reporting these RBS activities from their respect States and Districts, these success stories can be shared and reproduced in other states. The Boating Law Administrators respect the State Liaison Officer who makes a difference in promoting boating safety in their state.

STATE LIAISON RESOURCES REMINDER

Here are some quick hits:

- Coast Guard uscgboating.org/
- Coast Guard Auxiliary cgaux.org/rbs/index.php
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Boating Safety Education cgaux.org/boatinged/
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Vessel Safety Checks cgaux.org/vsc/
- National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) www.nasbla.org/
- Sea Scouts www.seascout.org
- United States Power Squadrons www.usps.org/
- Boat US www.boatus.org/
- Army Corps of Engineers watersafety.usace.army.mil/
- American Canoe Association www.americancanoe.org/

Don't forget to add county boating emergency agencies and local boating websites.

STATE LIAISON INFORMATION FOR 2012

As District change leadership, please notify your Branch Chief or States Division Chief, Pauline Longnecker, if you are reappointed as the State Liaison Officer for 2012. Remember to let us know if your email and other contact information is correct or has changed. This helps us to quickly get you the information you need to succeed. This coming year the SLO program is going to expand to reach out to more partners working in our states. As an SLO, plan on a very busy year building new partnerships while expanding the RBS programs and missions in your state.

DISTRICT STATE LIAISON TRAINING

DSO-SL training has been scheduled at N-Train 2012 in St. Louis in January. If you are the District State Liaison Staff Officer, mark your calendars to attend N-Train. This training will also be provided to all SLOs later in the year. The training will focus on SLO responsibilities, reporting your District and State activities, working with other DSOs, expanding the RBS missions, using resources that are at the SLO's fingertips do develop and enhance VE, PE and PA statewide programs and partnerships.

OUTSTANDING SLO ACTIVITIES

- **VERMONT AUXILIARISTS ASSIST WITH OLYMPIC EVENT**

USA Triathlon organization ran an Olympic qualifying event in Burlington for 2,500 swimmers. Fourteen Auxiliary and law enforcement boats assisted.

- **A HALF MILLION INDIANANS ATTEND WATER EVENTS**

During weekend-long holiday events, Auxiliarists assisted nearly a half million people attending water events, including *Blast on the Bridge*, *Balloon Splash*, *Aurora Boat* races, as well as *End of the Summer Blowout* water activities.

- **IDAHO TWO DAY PUBLIC AFFAIRS BOOTH ATTRACTS 'DEADLIEST CATCH'**

Deadliest Catch Captain Coblurn attended a boating safety booth at *Ree Fest* and promoted boating safety, which drew considerable attention. In an effort to reach more paddleboaters Auxiliarists assisted IDPR by teaching the *Paddlesports America* course.

AUXBWiki

Don't forget to use "AuxBWiki" at auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org.

Let us know how we can help you!

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