# Recreational Boating Safety Outreach (B) Directorate

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# Presentation Objectives

- Introduce the Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Directorate.
- Review B-Directorate functions and initiatives.
- Explore what the B-Directorate can do for you.



## What Is the B-Directorate?

- Provides assistance for recreational boating safety programs to:
  - Coast Guard units.
  - Auxiliary national directorates.
  - Auxiliary districts.
  - Auxiliary membership.
- Provides information and fiscal resources to Auxiliary members.
- Liaisons with state agencies and boating safety organizations.

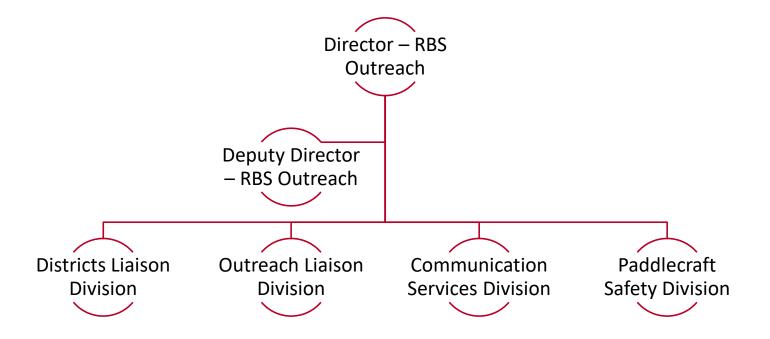


## Importance of the B-Directorate

- Boating fatality rates have decreased, but are still high.
- Fatality rates could decrease if:
  - More boaters carried the proper safety equipment.
  - More boaters wore life jackets.
  - Fewer people boated under-the-influence.
- The B-Directorate enables these messages to reach the public.



# **B-Directorate Organization**





### Districts Liaison Division

- Assists Auxiliary national and district boating safety programs.
- Mentors State Liaison Officers (SLOs) on their duties.
- Coordinates with police, fire, EMS and other state agencies.



## Outreach Liaison Division

- Coordinates with external boating organizations and partners.
- Maintains relationships with the BoatUS Foundation, and others.
- Communicates with boating publications, retailers and more.



### Communication Services Division

- Produces the B-Directorate website and AuxBWiki.
- Produces and monitors social media postings.
- Publishes the "RBS Job One" newsletter.
- Develops boating safety resources and public messages.



# Paddlecraft Safety Division

- Promotes the Auxiliary Paddlecraft (AUXPAD) Program.
- Maintains relationships with the American Canoe Association.
- Designs publications for paddlecraft safety to the public.



#### **B-Directorate Resources**

- Information for boaters and the public: wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=information-for-boaters
- Paddlecraft safety for the public:
  wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=paddlecraft-safety
- Outreach resources for Auxiliary educators:
  wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B DEPT&category=outreach-resources
- Boating safety partnerships and information: wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=boating-safety-partners



### **B-Directorate Publications**

- Auxiliary Partnerships Wiki (AuxBWiki): <u>auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org</u>
- B-Directorate outreach website: <a href="mailto:bdept.cgaux.org">bdept.cgaux.org</a>
- "RBS Job One" newsletter: <u>tinyurl.com/rb-group-newsletter</u>
- Facebook page: <u>facebook.com/RecreationalBoatingSafety</u>



# What can we do for you?

