



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

Districts Liaison Division

RBS Outreach Directorate





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 Outreach Directorate Districts Liaison
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 Outreach Directorate to evaluate SLOs annually**





State Liaison Officer Resources

- A new *State Liaison Guide* is available at
- *Updated version to be posted soon* -
- Also check out **AuxBWiki**
auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org
- **RBS Affairs** website
www.RBSOutreach.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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