

RBS DEVICE QUALIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a Recreational Boating Safety Device be established to recognize Auxiliarists that support the Auxiliary's programs and activities within or related to the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program. The requirements for award of this device would be as follows:

The following recognition scheme recognizes a member's activity in Recreational Boating Safety using a scheme to quantify mission area activities as follows:

Public Education — Any hours recorded using any of the 04 codes — 1 point per hour as lead instructor and 0.5 points per hour as an assistant/aide.

Public Affairs — Any hours involving 10B — Public Lectures; 10C — Radio/TV Programs; 10F — Information/VSC booths. These hours are limited to actual mission hours and do not include preparation or travel. 1 point per hour.

Vessel Safety Checks and Vessel Facility Inspections — 1 point per vessel examination.

RBS Visitation — Based upon the number of RBS Program Visits. 1 point per visit.

Legislative Outreach — Any hours recorded as Federal or State Legislative Outreach (Codes 65A or 65B). Hours recorded are the face-to-face contact hours and do not include preparation or travel hours. Scoring — 1 point per hour recorded for Codes 65A or 65B.

State RBS Outreach — Any hours recorded as meetings with a state BLA or state BLA staff. Hours recorded are the face-to-face contact hours (activity) and do not include preparation or travel hours. Scoring — 1 point per hour recorded for BLA and/or BLA staff meetings on ANSC Form 7029.

ANNUAL CAP ON RECOGNITION: Members may be credited a maximum of 120 points per year from any combination of the above determinants.

AWARD OF THE DEVICE: Any member earning 240 points or more, over a period of two consecutive years, using the formulas specified above, will be awarded the RBS Device.

BACKGROUND:

The Act of September 30, 1944, Chapter 453, 58 Stat. 759 stated "The primary purpose of the establishment of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was to indoctrinate all owners and operators of small craft in safety requirements in the operation and navigation of small craft. A secondary purpose of the institution of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was to "utilize the Auxiliary craft and personnel, after suitable training and indoctrination, in carrying out certain duties of the Coast Guard with particular inference to those concerned with the safety of navigation." During the years since the establishment of the Auxiliary Auxiliarists have devoted countless hours in support of this primary purpose with the only visual recognition (ribbons) being of their qualifications in PE, VSC and/or RBSVP.

NATIONAL RECOMMENDATION

In support of the secondary purpose there have not only been qualifications (ribbons) but devices to recognize their qualifications and support. Auxiliary activity in the various RBS programs/missions are recognized annually with personal performance awards but there is no recognition for those members that consistently provide strong support for the primary purpose of the establishment of the Auxiliary.