

RBS DEVICE AWARD STATUS

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1. The Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) device was authorized for establishment approximately one year ago. It is meant to recognize extraordinary effort of Auxiliarists who consistently provide strong support to RBS programs. Consequently, its eligibility criteria require significant RBS program activity over a minimum period of two years. Eligibility criteria are as follows:
 - a. Compilation of 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of 240). Hours for prescribed mission codes are reported on the Mission Activity Report (ANSC-7030) form. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and vessel facility inspections are reported on the Vessel Examinations Activity Report (ANSC-7038). RBS Program Visits are reported on the RBS Visitation Report (ANSC-7046).
 - b. **Public Education:** Hours recorded using any mission code 14. 1 point-per-hour as lead instructor and 0.5 points-per-hour as an assistant/aide (preparation or travel not included).
 - c. **Public Affairs:** Activities promoting RBS in the following areas [1 point-per-hour limited to actual mission hours (preparation or travel not included)]:
 - Public Lectures, mission code 10B;
 - Participation in Radio/TV programs, mission code 10C;
 - Information/VSC Booths, mission code 10F.
 - d. **Vessel Safety Checks and Vessel Facility Inspections:** Based on the number of VSCs and/or vessel facility inspections. 1 point-per-check or inspection.
 - e. **RBS Program Visitation:** Based on the number of RBS Program Visits. 1 point-per-visit.
 - f. **Legislative Outreach:** Hours recorded as Federal or State Legislative Outreach, mission codes 65A or 65B. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).

- g. **State RBS Outreach:** Hours recorded in meetings with a state BLA or state BLA staff, mission code 65C. 1 point-per-hour limited to face-to-face contact hours (preparation or travel not included).
2. The RBS device has since been designed, approved, and created. Its first bulk shipment recently arrived at the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). Concurrently, AUXDATA was modified to report on Auxiliarists who met the eligibility criteria. That report is available in the Admin Report section of AUXDATA, and it can only be run by those with DIRAUX-level access.
 3. Only Directors of Auxiliary are authorized to place orders for the RBS device from ANSC for the purpose of awarding to Auxiliarists who meet the eligibility criteria as reported in AUXDATA. Auxiliarists who meet the eligibility criteria as reported in AUXDATA and are awarded the device by the Director are entitled to wear it (uniform location is same as that for insignia like the Coxswain insignia and Auxiliary Marine Safety [Trident] insignia, above the left breast pocket).
 4. The accompanying certificate has not yet been developed. The certificate's development is part of an ongoing effort to re-design and standardize Auxiliary certificates. It is not anticipated to be ready and available for issuance for another 2-3 months. Although the RBS device may be awarded and "pinned on" in suitable ceremonies now, awardees should be advised that their corresponding RBS certificate will be provided to them as soon as its development, approval, and distribution are complete.
 5. The embroidered version of the RBS device is also part of the ongoing development of embroidered Auxiliary insignia specifications and products. No estimate of its delivery date can be provided at this time. Since Auxiliarists are authorized to wear metal insignia on Operational Dress Uniforms (ODU), the metal RBS insignia may be worn on such until the embroidered version becomes available.