



Introduction to the **Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program (RBSVP)**



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Introduction to RBSVP

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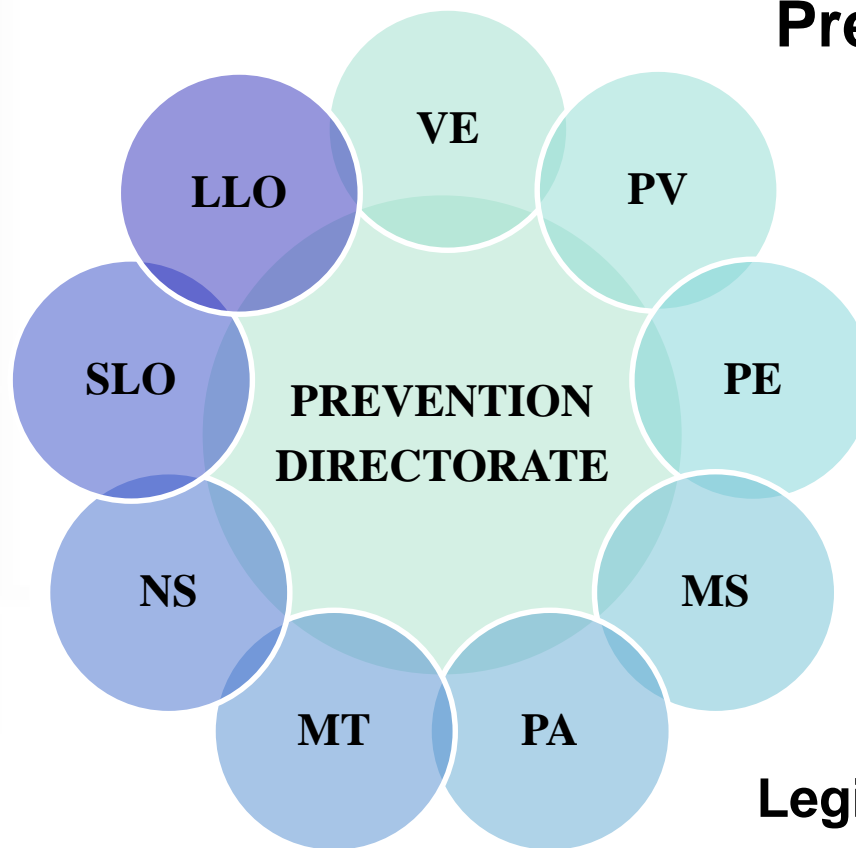




Auxiliary Prevention Directorate

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Prevention Directorate:



Vessel Examinations

Program Visitation

Public Education

Marine Safety

Public Affairs

Member Training

Navigation Services

State Liaison Outreach

Legislative Liaison Outreach





RBS Program & Objectives

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
is tasked by the U.S. Coast Guard
with its primary mission to promote
recreational boating safety to

reduce boating accidents

save lives

save property





RBS Program & Objectives

- Identify businesses in our AOR that can help promote recreational boating safety
- Increase exposure to boaters by establishing Partner relationships and locations
- Inform and educate the boating community to make good decisions and avoid boating accidents

Awareness



Education



Better
Decisions



No
Accidents





Program Partners & Resources



Making a difference with Program Partners





Program **Partner**

- ✓ A business or facility where the general public meets and spends time
- ✓ Is a convenient location for boaters to obtain safety information
- ✓ Has a continuous working relationship with Auxiliary





Program **Partner**

- ✓ May offer Partner location site for VSC, PE, PA or other Auxiliary events
- ✓ Partner image may be enhanced by promoting boating safety with USCG & Coast Guard Auxiliary



**Safety
Starts Here**





Program **Resource**

A Program Resource:

- Is not a traditional marine business or dealership
- Is a convenient location for boaters to obtain safety information
- Maintains a supply of safety, federal & state literature, PE class schedules and VSC station locations and schedules.

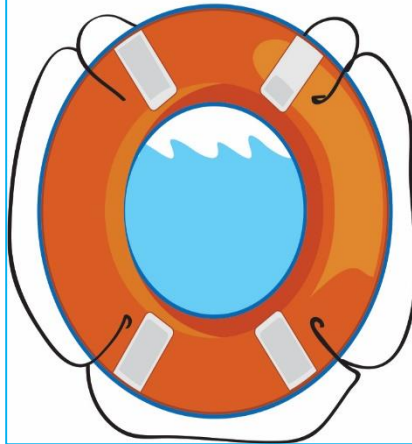
Launch ramps with community information sites and some large retail department stores are good program resource locations, with permission from the owner or authority.





Program Visitors (PV)

Making a difference with information,
knowledge and education



Life Jackets Save Lives

76% of all fatal boating
accident victims drowned.*

Of these,
85% were not wearing
a life jacket.*





Program Visitors (PV)

- ✓ A member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary that has completed the requirements to become a certified RBS Program Visitor
- ✓ PV establish continuing working relationships with business partners
- ✓ PV becomes the contact point and boating safety resource person for Partners



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Attributes of a Successful PV

- ✓ Enjoys meeting new people
- ✓ Presents a good personal and Coast Guard Auxiliary image
- ✓ Wears the proper uniform during visits
- ✓ PV were formerly known as Marine Dealer Visitors (MDV)





Attributes of a Successful PV

- **Has time to conduct program visits during normal business hours**
- **Has transportation to visit Partners**
- **Is organized and able to maintain partner information and visitation records**
- **Completes and submits online report forms in a timely manner**





PV Knowledge Required

Program Visitors should be knowledgeable and well versed to discuss information, such as

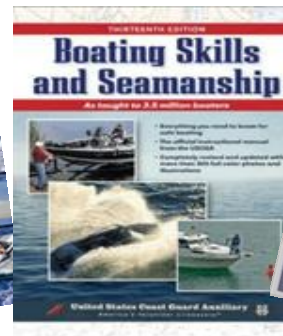
- **RBS Visitation Program**
- **Vessel Examinations**
- **Federal, state & local boating regulations**
- **Auxiliary public education programs**
- **USCG Auxiliary and its programs**
- **Auxiliary membership**





Duties of a Program Visitor

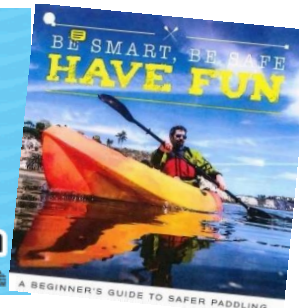
- ✓ Find and develop new Program Partners
- ✓ Dress in the proper uniform during visits
- ✓ Maintain stock of brochures and literature
- ✓ Distribute RBS literature and restock existing literature displays
- ✓ Support and promote your flotilla programs





Duties of a Program Visitor

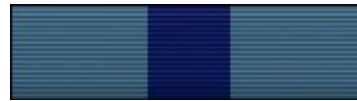
- ✓ Become an Auxiliary boating safety contact representative for Partners
- ✓ Quarterly Partner visits recommended
- ✓ Four Program Visits per year are required to maintain certification
- ✓ Fill out proper forms in a timely manner
 - 7046 Activity Report RBS Visitation
 - 7029 Member Activity report





Awards and Recognition

PV/VE RIBBON



Awarded for initial certification

VE & RBSVP RIBBON



**Awarded for conducting 60 or more
Program Visits and/or Vessel Examinations**





Awards and Recognition

DISTRICT 7 BRAVO ZULU AWARDS

**For completing 50, 100, 250, 500 or more
Program Visits annually**

DISTRICT 7 LIGHTHOUSE AWARD

**For completing 1,000 or more Program Visits
during your Auxiliary lifetime service**

NATIONAL "CENTURY CLUB AWARD"

**For completing 100 or more
Vessel Exams and/or Program Visits annually**





Awards and Recognition

AUXILIARY RBS INSIGNIA



**Earn 120 points each year for 2 consecutive years,
for a total of 240 points in these RBS activities**

Program Visitor

Vessel Examiner

Public Education

Public Affairs

Legislative Outreach

State RBS Outreach

See Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, for specifics





Become a Program Visitor

1. Read the RBSVP Manual and Vessel Safety Check Manual
2. Take the online RBSVP Exam
3. Complete two successful program visits with a certified PV





Make a difference

Become a Program Visitor

**See your FSO-PV
to get started now!**



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