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1. Changes have been made to the public affairs activity codes that count toward earning the Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) insignia. The RBS insignia recognizes extraordinary effort of Auxiliarists who consistently provide strong support to RBS programs. Its eligibility criteria require significant RBS program activity over a minimum period of two years.
2. These activity code changes more accurately reflect public affairs program activities that meet the spirit of service recognized by the RBS insignia. They are now included on the Auxiliary Mission Activity Report (ANSC-7030) form available on the Auxiliary web site, they have been included in AUXDATA, and they must be claimed in order to count towards earning the RBS device from now on. They are incorporated into the summary of RBS insignia requirements that follow:
 - a. Compilation of 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of 240 points) is required. 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.
 - c. Public Affairs: Activities promoting RBS in the following areas. 1 point-per-hour limited to actual mission hours:
 - i. Speech/Talks, mission code 10B.
 - ii. Broadcast Media, mission code 10C.
 - iii. External Print Media, mission code 10F.
 - iv. COMREL, Mission code 10J.
 - 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/State Legislative Outreach or Government Affairs work, mission codes 65A or 65B. 1 point-per-hour.
 - g. State RBS Outreach: Hours recorded in meetings with a state BLA or state BLA staff, mission code 65C. 1 point-per-hour.
3. These RBS device eligibility criteria will be included in the next change to the Auxiliary Manual.
4. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.
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