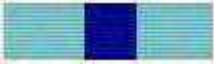


## AWARDS

There are three achievement awards that an individual Vessel Examiner can earn annually, and a pair of national awards that each Flotilla can strive for. Strong achievements by the Flotilla's Vessel Examiners can improve their individual Flotilla's chances of earning both national awards. These awards are described in several places, are summarized herein, and references are provided.

### Individual VE Awards

The following three awards are the most commonly seen awards at the Flotilla level. All are based on data recorded in AUXDATA, and no actions are required at the Flotilla level to cause issuance of the award or insignia beyond ensuring that all VSCs accomplished are properly reported on ANSC Form 7038s. The FSO-VE should be aware of activity levels associated with these awards, make sure all Flotilla VEs understand that the awards exist, and encourage and acknowledge individual achievements toward the levels of qualification.

- VE/RBSVP Service award . Awarded, on an annual calendar basis, for completing a total of 60 or more vessel examinations, of any combination of examinations, including Auxiliary surface facilities, recreational boats, paddle craft, personal water craft, commercial fishing vessels, uninspected passenger vessels, and uninspected towing vessels. It may be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more RBSVPs. It may also be awarded for conducting a total of 60 or more, of any combination, RBSVPs and vessel examinations identified above. (Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 11, Section A.11.d)
    - RBSVP . Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program
    - Qualifications . substantiating data recorded in AUXDATA
    - Award . Examiner Program Ribbon .
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- Century Club award . Awarded, on an annual calendar basis, for completion of 100 VSCs and/or Program Visits.
    - Qualifications . 100 or more VSCs and/or Program Visits as recorded in AUXDATA
    - Award . Certificate issued by USCG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Directorate (V-Directorate)
  - Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Insignia . Awarded upon compilation of at least 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of at least 240 points). Each VSC equates to one point. Award may be based on VSCs only, or

a combination of VSCs with Program Visits, and other activities. (Auxiliary Manual, Chapter 10, Section F.9.o)

- Qualifications . 120 or more VSCs (or combination of qualifying activities) as recorded in AUXDATA over two consecutive years
- Award . RBS device .



### **National Flotilla Awards**

There are two national awards associated, in part, with VE and VSC activities. Both awards are sponsored annually by industry activities, are awarded based on the recommendations of the National Association of Commodores, USCG Auxiliary, and require the individual Flotillas to complete an award application that is submitted up the chain of leadership. Both awards involve excellence in several fields of Flotilla endeavor. They both have a major VSC/VE component. The FSO-VE should be aware of the existence of these awards, and understand the impact, during the award year, of the numbers of VEs in the Flotilla, the number of new VEs qualified, and the number of VSCs completed. The formulation inherent in each award's application levels the playing field regarding Flotilla size so that all Flotillas of any size have an opportunity to qualify in the competition for either or both awards. Both applications can be downloaded from <http://cgaux.org/nac/awards.php>.

- Flotilla of the Year Award sponsored by BOAT/US
  - Based on the sum of calculated values for six criteria, one of which involves the number of VSCs accomplished during the award year divided by the number of Flotilla members at the start of the award year.
- Best Flotilla in Vessel Safety Check and Marine Dealer Visits sponsored by the Marine Retailers Association
  - Based on the sum of calculated values for six criteria, four of which involve the number of VSCs accomplished or the number of VEs in the Flotilla.
    - Increase or decrease in total VSCs accomplished in the award year ; award year minus result from the prior year
    - Percent of increase or decrease in total VSCs accomplished in the award year; award year minus result from prior year expressed as a percentage of the prior year's total VSCs.
    - Percent of Flotilla members who are VEs during the award year
    - Number of VEs who accomplished 35 or more VSCs during the award year
  - Each of the above criteria have a factor assigned that influences the degree the individual criteria affect the final calculation.