



## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FIRST DISTRICT – NORTHERN REGION

# D1NR 2023 OPERATIONAL GOALS

District One Auxiliary leaders met with RADM Mauger and the First Coast Guard District Boating Safety Team to discuss Operational Goals and Plans for 2023. The goals are intentionally ambitious in response to increased pressure from serious boating incidents, in conjunction with the Auxiliary returning to traditional program delivery post-COVID, and a shortage of Active-Duty Coast Guard Unit crew members.

Members accomplishing missions associated with these goals are strongly encouraged to report their respective activities in AUXDATA II promptly. This will allow us to assess and adjust our progress in real-time (rather than in retrospect only) in order to maximize timely opportunities for meeting current needs.

MEASURES	2021 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL	2023 GOAL
Private Aids Verified	618	567	1000
Program Visits	799	1659	2250
Vessel Safety Checks	2936	4032	4500
Surface Ops (Underway Hours)	7523	8250	10000
Air Ops (Airborne Hours)	138	255	500
Public Education (Graduates)	1994	2064	2300

**Private Aids Verified** – The 2023 goal of 1000 Private Aids Verified is based primarily on the Coast Guard’s need to verify aids to navigation in a year when Active Duty Aids to Navigation Teams (ANTS) are extremely short on personnel. Any navigational aids not verified by the Auxiliary will default back onto the Active Duty. This goal includes an additional 433 Aids in 2023 over the 567 that the Auxiliary Navigation Systems team verified in 2022. While the D1NR Navigation Systems team has maintained an impressive record in recent years, a very high percentage of the work has been, and continues to be, completed by a very small group of Auxiliarists. If we are to be successful in reaching our goal this year and in the future, the team will need some new members. Auxiliarists interested in joining the Navigation Systems team should contact DSO-NS Steve Wagner [captwags@comcast.net](mailto:captwags@comcast.net)



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**Program Visits** – The 2023 goal of 2250 Program Visits reflects a plan to increase the number of visits by nearly 600 across the District. Program Visits are key components of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) program, and are also key to the process of developing and improving Coast Guard - industry relationships. The operational strategy for achieving this goal is for each Program Visitor to perform two more Program Visits than in 2022, and for each FSO-PV to train and qualify two new Program Visitors in 2023.

**Vessel Safety Checks** – The District is asking for an increase in Vessel Safety Checks by approximately 400. The Vessel Safety Check program is one of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's most impactful missions. Vessel Examiners have an opportunity to interact with the boating public on their own boats and in their own communities. Each VSC bears potential for preventing a safety incident, but we are currently performing VSCs on only a very small percentage of the recreational boating fleet. The operational strategy to achieve the VSC goal is for each Vessel Examiner to perform two more Vessel Safety Checks than they did last year, and for each FSO-VE to train and qualify two new Vessel Examiners per Flotilla in 2023. Members who would like to join the Vessel Examination team should contact their FSO-VE.

**Surface & Air Operations** - The 2023 goals for these missions are based on various factors: We have overcome the challenges of the COVID Emergency, we have moved beyond the problems of order issuing and reimbursement due to last year's system migration, and we are responding to an increased demand for Auxiliary Surface and Air Operations due to personnel shortages at Active Duty Units. The District is requesting an increase of about 1800 Surface Ops hours and 250 Air Ops hours over 2022 totals.

**Public Education Graduates** – There are several ways to measure the Auxiliary's impact on the Recreational Boating Public, including number of hours of instruction, number of classes offered, number of students enrolled and the number of students who complete our Public Education Courses. Of these, the District decided to use the number of students who complete our Public Education Courses to measure our effectiveness in 2023. If we plan to achieve these goals, Flotillas will need to work with neighboring Flotillas and Divisions to coordinate scheduling and types of courses offered. The District objective is to offer a variety of traditional NSBLA courses as well as the shorter, seminal courses available from the National Training Directorate.



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