

Atlantic Area (East)

Search and Rescue Competition

Rules and Regulations



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The Atlantic Area (East) Search and Rescue (ASAR) Competition

Rules and Guidelines

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) does hereby agree to the following rules and guidelines to be followed during the annual Search and Rescue (SAR) Competition between the Atlantic Area (East) Districts to be conducted at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN), Yorktown, VA.

1. General:

Each year there shall be an Atlantic Area (East) SAR (ASAR) Competition held among teams from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Atlantic (East) involving events containing common SAR task to determine an Atlantic(East) Champion.

2. Reference Documents:

All events will be based on the standards as set forth in:

- a. Auxiliary Manual COMDTINST M16790.1 (Series)
- b. Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide Volume I: CREW Member COMDTINST M16794.52 (Series),
- c. Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide Volume II: COXSWAIN Member COMDTINST M16794.53 (Series),
- d. Boat Crew Seamanship Manual COMDTINST M16114.5 (Series), and
- e. Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual COMDTINST M16798.3 (Series).

3. Selection of the Annual site and Dates:

- a. **Site:** The Competition shall be alternated between 1st Northern (1NR), 1st Southern (1SR), 5th Northern (5NR), 5th Southern (5SR), and 7th Districts. The site of the annual ASAR actual selection will be at the discretion of the Atlantic (East) Executive Committee.
- b. **Responsibility:** The annual host of the ASAR shall be fully responsible for all matters pertaining to the planning, staffing, selection of the competition events, except for the mystery event, and conduct of that year's ASAR competition unless prior arrangements are established between the different Districts; such as maintaining a joint ASAR website, etc. Coordination and consultation with the other Districts ASAR representatives should be accomplished as necessary and on an on-going basis.
- c. **Dates:** The dates for ASAR shall normally be during the period 1 June to 15 November.

4. ASAR Atlantic Area (East):

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a. ELIGIBLE TEAMS:

Five Teams from Atlantic Area (East) are eligible to compete. {One Team from each District of the Atlantic Area (East) [D1NR, D1SR, D5NR, D5SR, and D7] }.

- 1) Each Team shall consist of three (3) Members, one of which shall be designated as Team Captain. The Team Captain shall be a current qualified COXSWAIN and all remaining team members must be at least currently CREW qualified.
- 2) Each Team shall compete with three (3) members. A team may have an alternate in the case a Team Member becomes ill or for some personnel reason cannot make the date for the competition.
- 3) The rosters, including the identification of the Team Captain and full contact information on each member, to include full names, addresses, telephone numbers, member numbers, and an e-mail address shall be provided to the Host Chairman no later than 20 days prior to the ASAR competition.
- 4) Team member substitutions shall be allowed after that date, but they should be held to a minimum and timely notice given to the Host Chairman and Deputy National Area Commodore (DNACO). Timely notification is defined as one (1) week prior to the event.
- 5) Final team rosters shall be provided to the Competition Events Chief prior to the start of the Team Briefing. This roster shall serve as the official listing of who completed and shall be utilized for determination of eligibility for future ASAR Competition.

b. ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM MEMBERS:

- 1) All team members shall meet any and all requirements established by their Auxiliary Director (DIRAUX).
- 2) **“Two Year Rule.”** No team member shall compete in two or more ASAR Competitions within three consecutive competitions as one of the 3 members in the ASAR Competition. A member must sit out 2 years before he/she is eligible again to compete.”

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- 3) Any team that is found to have a member who is in violation of the “Two Year Rule” shall forfeit any points accrued in the events in which the ineligible member participated.
- 4) A team member who is a current member in good standing of the USCGAUX and who is also member/employee of the Coast Guard (Active or Reserve), or who is a member of the armed forces shall be able to compete as long as he/she meets all other ASAR requirements. A maximum of one member/employee of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces will be allowed on any team.
- 5) Team members shall wear the Operational Dress Uniform (ODU). All devices and Name tags shall be “Sewn On”. Regulation Safety Boots shall be worn.

c. TEAMS REQUIRING SPARES:

- 1) In the event of injury or illness of an ASAR district team member competing in the ASAR Championship, that team’s alternate member shall be called to participate as the replacement.
- 2) Once the competition begins, any team member may only be replaced due to injury or illness at the discretion of the Deputy National Area Commodore and Host Chairman.

d. ASAR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

- 1) The Annual ASAR Championship competition shall consist of six to nine separate events for the Five Atlantic Area (East) USCGAUX Teams. Events shall be similar to the Operational Excellence Program. These events, except for the Mystery Event, shall be selected from SAR related tasks that are common to the Auxiliary. Emphasis shall be placed to avoid unique procedures or tasks that are common to only one District.
- 2) At least one event will be selected as “The Mystery Event” and held in secrecy by the Deputy National Commodore, ASAR Host Chairman, and Chief, Competition Events until the Team Briefing at the ASAR Competition each year. The Mystery Event may be a SAR related task or otherwise as the Deputy National Area Commodore decides.

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e. SCORING OF EVENTS:

- 1) Each of the ASAR Events shall be scored using a One Hundred (100) Point System. All points scored by a team on the various events shall count toward selection of the Area Champion,.
- 2) If an event is cancelled for any reason, the selection shall be made from the results of the events held.
- 3) Individual team scores shall not be divulged or made public.

f. SELECTION OF THE ASAR CHAMPION:

- 1) The ASAR Champions shall be selected by totaling up the scores achieved on the six to nine events by the District teams.
- 2) The Atlantic area (East) Champion shall be the Champion with the highest total score.
- 3) In the event of a tie for Atlantic area (East) Champion, the team with the highest score on the Mystery Event will be declared the Champion.

g. AWARDS:

- 1) Members of the District teams that achieve the highest score on each event shall each be awarded a trophy, plaque, or other appropriate award.
- 2) The members of the District team, including the alternate team member even if they did not compete, declared the ASAR trophy, plaque or other appropriate award.
- 3) The District team declared the Atlantic Area (East) Champion shall have their name inscribed on the Area trophy. The names of all four team members shall be inscribed on the trophy.

h. EVENT JUDGES:

Each event of the ASAR Championship competition games shall be judged by agreed upon standards by the USCGAUX using a team of two judges for each

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ASAR Competition Event where possible. Emphasis shall be placed on obtaining qualified Coast Guard personnel to judge the competition. Any individual who serves as a judge is under no circumstances eligible to serve as a participant during that year's competition.

h. DISPUTES AND PROTESTS:

Any dispute or protest shall be made by the Team Captain to the judges either during or immediately following a competition event. If the protest or dispute cannot be solved by the event judges, it shall be referred to the Chief and Vice Chief, Competition Events with the event judge's recommendation. The Chief, Competition Events assigned by the Host ASAR Committee and the Vice Chief, Competition Events shall have final authority where disputes and/or protests arise.

i. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION:

All information regarding the conduct or procedures to be followed shall be expeditiously disseminated to all Districts, to include down to team members. The ASAR Website shall be used to disseminate instructions, schedules, or other information on a timely basis.