

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I am a Coxswain and own a vessel, may I take non-operationally qualified members who want to do ATON work on patrol with me?

As long as the OPFAC has an authorized crew other than the ATON guest(s), it is OK to bring them along. They must have submitted security papers and completed the FEMA tests like every other Operational member.

They must be reported on the POMS report by the Coxswain.

If they are not a trainee in the Boat Crew Program, they cannot perform any Boat Crew activity while aboard. So it is better to have completed a single boat crew task, which can be accomplished very quickly before getting underway.

They will receive credit for underway time by the Coxswain's POMS report so they should only report 1 hour for their time on the ANSC 7030 reports that they submit.

Liability is resolved when they are listed aboard by the Coxswain on the POMS report. They must be listed on the crew report that is sent to the station before getting underway.

Q. Where do I send my reports?

[PATON \(Private\)](#) reports are completed and sent to DSO-NS.

**Note: The PATON program is one of the NS programs that require a qualification for participation.**

[ATON \(Federal\)](#) reports are sent to your DSO-NS by email that will send it on to the ANT team.

[Bridge Annual Survey Program Reports](#) are completed and are sent to ADSO-NS/B.

**Note: The Bridge Annual Survey program is one of the NS programs that require a qualification for participation.**

[Small Craft Facility](#), [Chart Updates](#) and [Coast Pilot](#) reports are mailed directly to DSO-NS.

Q. I have supporting pictures for an update, what do I do with them?

Name the photos with a descriptive file name (Position Locator Number, Bridge Number, etc...) and send with your report or email them to DSO-NS.

Q. I'm qualified as an Aid Verifier (AV), is there a ribbon for the qualification?

Chapter 11 in the Auxiliary Manual A.13.a. Operations Program

This ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas. Auxiliarist who qualifies as an Auxiliary crew member, air observer, **Aid Verifier**, Coast Guard watch stander, Coast Guard boat crewman, or Coast Guard boat engineer may wear the Operations Program Ribbon. Watch standers and boat engineers are defined as Auxiliarist who have been designated in writing by a Coast Guard unit, or the Director, as qualified in that position. Auxiliarist shows multiple qualifications by adding 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars. The "E" device is authorized to be worn on the Auxiliary Operations Program ribbon by Auxiliarist who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a QE. No miniature "E" device for miniature medals is authorized.

