

Criteria for Coast Guard Auxiliary Lighthouse Safety Award

1. Must have a successful current Vessel Exam prior to regatta.

Use the sign up sheet to schedule an inspection. Even CATS can be inspected. Inspections are free with no penalty. Inspections should be done before race weekend, anytime during the summer. We can also swarm the day before. We will have inspectors on Leech Lake almost bi-weekly during the summer. Out of town trailered boats can look at web site (<http://www.safetyseal.net/GetVSC/>) and find the closest inspector to their vessel location. A sign up sheet in the lodge will help inspectors to be available at boater times, we'll see list when we show up or call ahead. We will have a record of boats we inspect. Out of area inspections; just give us a copy of your completed inspection and we will record eligibility.

2. Whole crew must wear PFD while on the water.

Checked all three days by patrol boats, points awarded for each day

3. Must display race number.

Points awarded for each day

This helps everyone, Committee or CG boats can't always see rear of boat. Helps us sort out participants from spectators, also identifies vessel faster for us in case of an incident. Record MN number and name on roster.

4. Must have a VHF-Marine radio.

Bigger boats can also relay for CATS. This would speed up committee course changes. Checked off on Coast Guard courtesy inspection form Inspection form, copies will be available in lodge for preparation.

5. Points for having recommended gear in addition to required inspection items, taken from the inspection form.

Explanation: use as tie breaker

6. Courteous displayed knowledge of rules of the road and avoidance. Race tactics excepted.

Explanation: Forces our crews to stay focused and makes for a clean sportsman like race. We will record only wrong incidents we observe during a race and let the committee recommend if it is a tactic or violation, only during a race. Protests cannot be based on our observation it is only for our award.

The Award Plaque for the Shores of Leech Lake Lighthouse Safety Award with area for brass name plates denoting yearly winner will be displayed in the SLL Lodge but will remain the property of Red River and NW Lakes Flotilla 8-5. A replica of a Great Lakes lighthouse will be presented to the winning boat.