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ALL FACILITY INSPECTIONS – TURN IN PHOTOS EVERY TIME

Please remember to turn in current photos, taken within two weeks, of your facility inspection every time your facility is inspected (new & subsequent years).

AUXLO, NEW AT SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO

All please welcome ENS Mark Leahey as our new AUXLO at SECTOR San Francisco. Mark has just been given ADMIN permission in POMS and is rapidly going through over one hundred requests for reimbursement and will be sending them on to the Finance Center. ENS Leahey is replacing LTjg Rachel Wellman.

BOSN4 Curtis Barthel is still our AUXLO at Group Humboldt. These two outstanding individuals play an important role in the life of the Auxiliary surface active members and take care of our reimbursements for patrols.

CREW COUNT ON ORDER REQUESTS:

A problem is occurring frequently when requesting orders in POMS in that the box at the bottom of the form has the incorrect crew number. Please verify the box has the correct crew total, and if it does not please click and enter the proper total crew (including Coxswain) number.

Vessel Length(Feet)	Minimum Crew Requirements		
	Coxswain	CREW	TOTAL
Less than 26 (25 or less)	1	1	2
26 to 39	1	2	3
40 to 64	1	3	4
65	1	4	5

DOWNGRADING QUALIFICATION FROM COXS TO CREW (VOLUNTARY)

A member who is unable to or does not wish to maintain certification as a coxswain may downgrade to the crew member level by meeting the currency requirements for crew member. The member shall notify DIRAUX in writing, through their flotilla leadership, of their desire to downgrade. The member may continue to wear the Auxiliary coxswain Insignia even though no longer certified at the coxswain level.

FINANCE LINK TO VERIFY PAYMENT FOR PATROLS:

Put in your patrol order number, with the below link to the FINANCE CENTER. There you will find if your patrol has or has not been paid. Be prepared to enter the 13 digits of the “document number”.

<https://www.fincen.uscg.mil/AuxRpts/index.htm>

INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET CHECK:

The Coast Guard just had a member fall off a ship with an inflatable life jacket that did not have a CO2 cartridge in it. I know many of us take our Life jackets for granted, and sometimes those inspections get forgotten or overlooked.

Please pass this along to all the Coxswains in your respective areas that they complete a thorough inspection of all their PFD's. This may be a good time to check all their gear, and make sure those wearing inflatable's are completing the proper inspections.

Re page 4-25 of the Operations Policy Manual:

“Auxiliarists utilizing an automatic/inflatable PFD must check before donning that the device is armed and packed in accordance with the owner’s manual, and that a fully charged CO2 cylinder is in place. Scheduled maintenance recommendations in the owner’s manual must be completed. Uncharged or manual only inflatable PFDs are not authorized for Auxiliary use while on orders.”

NAV RULES – CURRENT LINK TO APRIL 2010 M16672.2D

http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navRules/COMDTINST_M16672_2D_NavRules_100415.pdf

The above link is to the most recent NAVIGATION RULES book. Be advised it is 236 pages.

NAV RULES UPDATES PLUS OTHER GREAT INFORMATION:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRuleChanges>

Please take the time to check the above links. Exceptional, none ending information.

OPERATIONS & 1 HR TCT 2011 WORKSHOPS

The 2011 Ops and Annual TCT Workshops have been posted on the Ops webpage at:
<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/operations.html#Workshop>.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE FOR PFDS AND ANTI-EXPOSURE COVERALLS

Our personal protective equipment (PPE) includes Personal Flotation Devices -- PFDs -- and Anti-exposure Coveralls -- popularly called "Mustangs".

PPE requires proper maintenance, which should be done on a semi-annual basis or more frequently and "upon condition" (degradation).

The resources below represent the Coast Guard's official Maintenance Procedure Cards for PFD and Mustangs. In the references you will see:

- The proper "build-up" procedure for each item (i.e., what items do you need)
 - Any required tools for "build up" or maintenance;
 - Consumable items for "build up" or maintenance, and
 - The procedures for semi-annual inspection.
- Coxswains and OPFAC owners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this material, and assure that all PPE of all their crew is in compliance.

Resource: **Maintenance Procedure Card: C G Approved Type I and III PFDs**

Link: http://www.d11s.org/documents/DSO-OP/TypeI_III_PFDs.pdf

Resource: **Maintenance Procedure Card: Anti-Exposure Coverall :**

Link: http://www.d11s.org/documents/DSO-OP/AntiExposure_Coverall.pdf

PERSONAL EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (PEPIRB)

Initial Coxswains should request a PEPIRB (Personal Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) from DIRAUX. All auxiliary surface facilities including personal water craft (PWC) while underway on orders shall have a minimum of one crew member per vessel carrying a MCMURDO FASTFIND 406 PEPIRB if the vessel is not outfitted with a category I or II, 406 EPIRB. The coxswain or a designated crew member on board the facility will carry the PEPIRB in their Survival Vest or Life Jacket while underway.

Familiarize yourself with all applicable instructions contained in the FAST Find PEPIRB owner's manual. Register the PEPIRB with NOAA. NOAA will send out periodic verification to ensure the information is kept up to date. All issued PEPIRB's belong to the Coast Guard and are to be returned to DIRAUX for any reason the member is no longer a Coxswain. Questions concerning your PEPIRB can be directed to your OTO or DIRAUX Office personnel.

STANDARDIZED AUXILIARY BOAT OPERATIONS TRAINING (SABOT) FROM THE 9TH DISTRICT:

The below is an excellent link for underway tasks QEs will be looking for in your check ride. Everything in this document is covered in our manuals but may be an excellent tool to assist new and re-qualifying coxswains and crew.

http://eastern.districtnine.org/config/media/documents/jobbids/op_ja_CGD9_SABOT.pdf

OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

UTAH	DIV 7	OPTREX	AUGUST 14 TH	DK	RICHARD HOELLE
SO LAKE TAHOE	DIV 11	OPTREX	SEPT 17 TH , 2011	BP – WS - JB	POC JIM SNELL snellj@charter.net
SO BAY	DIV 4	OPTREX	SEPT 24 RD	YES – BP – WS –ML- JB	DAVE NAUMANN
CLEAR LAKE	DIV 8	OPTREX	SEPT 30 TH – OCT 2	BP - JB	SEE DISTRICT CALENDAR
MILLERTON	DIV 10	OPTREX	OCT 15 TH – 16 TH	JB	POC Rod Rollins svalleyrod@aol.com
COAST GUARD STATION BODEGA BAY	FLOTILLA 5-5	OPTREX	OCTOBER 21, 2011	BP – WS- JB	POC RICHARD PALMITER Rkp01@comcast.net

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail