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AUXDATA NEWS:

There has been a change to AUXDATA that has removed IT, VE, PV, and OPS certifications from the Awards report listing as they are NOT awards but Competencies. Also, the Specialty Training Ribbon is not an award but a task towards completing AUXOP Status. Not all DIRAUX offices were reporting these items the same way. Operations Systems Center removed these certifications from “Awards” lists and members will see them in AUXINFO instead of under the Competency Cube. This does not affect the member, as the ribbon will still be issued to them and they are still allowed to wear the ribbon (until they complete AUXOP, then should remove the ribbon and wear the device instead).

BODY RECOVERY:

Hopefully no one needs to be reminded; we do not participate in recovering bodies. That is strictly up to those trained in such matters. We have had some questions about this from Law Enforcement Agencies and the Active Duty.

FLEET WEEK OPERATIONS – AFTER ACTION:

Linda Vetter has compiled the stats and comments below.

Fleet Week San Francisco 2011 has flown by, and again the Auxiliary operations personnel did a great job of supporting the CG in this big marine event. Over 120 D11N coxswains and crew spent many long hours on the water over the four days needed to maintain the Air Show safety box. With 20 different Aux. boats logging a combined approximately 480 hours underway, and

thousands of total crew hours, the Aux was again a major contributor to the safety and success of this event. Also helping were a handful of Land Mobile units and about 90 Aux. members shore side assisting in PA areas. Sector SF and DIRAUX pass their appreciation to all who helped.

While the Auxiliary performed in a huge way and with much professionalism and enthusiasm, we can always do better. We did note that room for improvement particularly exists in areas such as radio communications, especially maintaining a good radio guard on required channels and using appropriate concise communications traffic. Coxswains are reminded that they are always required to compute GAR scores and to have a copy of their patrol orders on board. These are things that are needed for every patrol, not just Fleet Week, so please continue to work on these practices.

Thank you to all of the operations participants for all your great effort and support.

LAKE OROVILLE OPS EVENT:

Be advised that the Lake Oroville Event has been cancelled.

POMS; (Just a bit more)

All D11N

Mr. Kilburger is sharing the below message with all our members. The message was intended for all Directors and OTOs but Mr. Kilburger knows how patient you have all been with POMS for the past weeks and this may help in explaining some of the problems. Be aware POMS will still intermittently be unavailable. With the changes mentioned below, the inconvenience will be well worth the wait. ENS Mark Leahey has worked many hours for you, he was in the office before dawn and long after dark taking care of your orders and forwarding them to FINCEN. As of this writing POMS seems to be working, but please keep all fingers in the crossed position.

Remember FY12 began 1 October 2011

Due to a few changes to POMS that are required prior to starting FY12 there will be a delay of a few days for FY12 claims to be processed. POMS will remain on line through this ongoing effort and scheduling/conducting patrols will not be affected. The OIA's simply won't be able to approve and forward claims to FINCEN until the changes are complete. FY11 claims should continue to be processed normally as well.

A major programming effort was required by CG-832 to completely separate surface and air SAMA management in POMS. This allows easier tracking of payments to either and allows different accounting codes to be used for both. Funds placed in the air SAMA section will only be paid to air and the same true for funds dedicated to surface. The two will no longer compete for funds from the same pot.

A few other changes are multiple fields for accounting strings to make large events that have their own accounting strings, i.e. Deepwater Horizon, making entries easier to manage and track and also finally allowing patrols using an active duty coxswain to be processed in POMS.

QUALIFICATION EXAMINER PREP POWER POINT:

Mr. Kilburger prepared a power point to assist our members to easily go before a Qualification Examiner. Take a peek.

http://diraux.d11nuscgaux.info/OTOBulletins_files/QE_Prep_2011.pdf

WINDING DOWN:

This year is winding down, and I believe we should refer to it as “THE YEAR OF POMS”. We have been given the big test of patience and I am very proud of all of you. I am receiving many emails stating that FINCEN is lightening the financial burden for all who had many unpaid patrol hours behind them.

This is the time for those in the cooler parts of D11N to think of winterizing their Facilities and making sure all equipment will be good to go in the Spring.

UP COMING UNIFORM CHANGES:

The below comes directly from the new AUX manual. So before you buy a hat that you expect to wear for a few years please read the below and the regulation as of December 31, 2012.

“The Auxiliary ball cap is the cap most commonly worn by Auxiliarists when a ball cap is authorized with certain uniforms. It shall be well-formed and in good condition with no soiling, fading, or tears. Its full front panel shall display in embroidered lettering, “U.S. COAST GUARD” arched and centered over “AUXILIARY”. Letters are silver colored, ½ inch high. Beneath this lettering, Auxiliarists may have inscribed, in the same type lettering, the number of their flotilla, division, and/or district/region. An example would be “FLOT 11-4”. Ball caps for DCDRs and above that have silver embroidered visor ornamentation similar to that on the combination cap visor (i.e., “scrambled eggs”) will no longer be authorized for wear after 31 December 2012. Caps that have mesh backs will no longer be authorized for wear after 31 December 2012. “

OE OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF:12 OCT 2011

BRANNAN ISL	DIV 5	OPTREX	OCT 15TH	10	EJ MW WS GR DK	DIVISION 3
COAST GUARD STATION BODEGA BAY	FLOTILLA 5-5	OPTREX	OCTOBER 22, 2011	8	KILBURGER PERATA PETERSON SMITH	POC RICHARD PALMITER Rkp01@comcast.net
FLT 3-9 CANCELLED	CHICO CANCELLED	OPTREX	OCT 26-30	?		LAKE OROVILLE CANCELLED

UNDERWAY HOURS AS OF OCTOBER 3RD, 2011 (Does not include Fleet Week hours)

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	1,087.90	2,846.40	487.40	2,673.60	1,616.20	3,094.10	627.40	126.40	970.90	1,020.40	14,550.70
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	162.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.30
MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.40
MS - Marine Safety	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	11.00	58.70	0.00	96.70	4.50	190.90	253.50	1.60	10.70	39.70	667.30
All Missions	1,098.90	3,090.40	487.40	2,770.30	1,629.70	3,327.00	920.30	128.00	981.60	1,060.10	15,493.70

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Ramsey