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Date: July 2013
To: Richard Thomas, COS, EXCOM, District Board/Staff
From: D11N DSO-OP, Commodore Gail L. Ramsey
Subject: District OPS Report/ Respectfully Submitted

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Happy Independence Day Shipmates!

I have returned from my temporary assignment as Executive Officer for Station Monterey. Thank you all for your patience and understanding for some of the delays from my office. I came back to a full inbox and hefty "honey-do" list and I'm jumping in with both feet.

I have a couple of topics on my mind this month.

Topic #1: Heat Stress and Hot Weather Safety

Those of you participating in operational activities need to be aware of the dangers of too much exposure to the sun/heat and what preventative measures to take in order to avoid falling victim to heat stress. Intense heat and sunlight can increase crew fatigue and reduce mission effectiveness. Overexposure to the sun/heat can manifest itself in many forms:

1. Sunburn- Regularly apply sunscreen to exposed skin. Maximize available shade, minimize exposure to direct sunlight. Wear polarized sunglasses. Coxswains are advised to periodically moor when possible to allow your crew to take a shade and hydration break. Treat sunburn with a cool, wet towel applied to the affected area. Over the counter sprays and lotions may offer temporary relief.

2. Dehydration- An adequate fluid intake is essential to remain hydrated while underway or supporting operations. Begin hydrating early, before your operational period begins. I typically drink 8-12OZ of water in the morning prior to my morning coffee and work through a 32OZ bottle of water each day. Crews should bring water and sports drinks with them underway and drink a pint of water every twenty minutes or so. Sports Drinks help restore

electrolytes which are lost through perspiration. Symptoms of dehydration include dry mouth, dizziness, and headache. As the severity of the dehydration increases, victims may experience difficulty breathing, cramping, loss of coordination, nausea. Treat dehydration by removing the victim from the sun, offering fluids and seeking medical treatment.

3. Heat Rash- Heat rash is caused by a breakdown in the body's ability to perspire and decreased evaporative cooling of the skin. The symptoms are minute pink or red lesions, skin irritation, severe itching. Treat victims by removing them from the hot environment and applying cool, wet towels to the affected area.

4. Heat Cramps- Heat cramps are painful muscle contractions caused by excessive salt and water depletion. They may be associated with heat exhaustion. Recently stressed muscles are prone to heat cramps, particularly those in the abdomen and extremities. Place victims in a cool place and encourage them to sip a sports drink or water. Do not give salt tablets, which may aggravate the situation. Seek out medical care for severe or persistent cramps.

5. Heat Exhaustion- Heat Exhaustion is a serious medical condition. The victim may collapse and sweat profusely. His/her skin will be pale and the heart will be pounding. The victim may seem confused and restless with nausea and a headache. Treatment will include all the previous steps covered along with immediately getting the victim to medical care.

6. Heat Stroke- Heat Stroke is a major medical emergency and results from the complete breakdown of the body's sweating and heat regulation mechanisms. The victim may be unconscious, have red skin, weak and rapid pulse. Heat stroke is an immediate threat to life. Remove the victim from the warm environment; apply ice packs or wet towels under the arms and legs to facilitate cooling and seek immediate emergency medical assistance.

Dress for success during summer operations. The Auxiliary Manual authorizes the wear of the ODU/Hot weather uniform during patrols under orders. Coxswains may authorize blouses be relaxed while underway, remember that the only authorized T-Shirts are the plain dark blue shirt or the one with "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary" embroidered on it. The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt is authorized as an alternative to the ODU. I strongly recommend those of you that patrol in our warmer AOR's consider purchasing the Polo shirt. The Hot Weather Uniform includes the ODU shorts, which may be worn in conjunction with the Polo shirt. Chapter 10 of the Auxiliary Manual addresses all uniform matters.

Topic #2: AC 34 Patrols and expanded requests for AUX support in other CG mission areas:

1. America's Cup is off and running. Several of you have committed to support the operations already...thank you. There are still slots available for coxswains/crew that may be interested in assisting. Work through your PAC/OIA if you want to participate. In addition to AC34, there have been requests in parts of our AOR for Auxiliary surface facilities to support other USCG Law Enforcement Missions. These requests sparked some discussion here at DIRAUX. It's important for you as operators to ensure you clearly understand your tasking in these situations and communicate any concerns you may have to the OIA. I won't attempt to address each scenario, but here are some guidelines for supporting LE operations:

- DO NOT pursue, EVER. If a vessel fails to heed your advice to avoid a regulated area, contact PATCOM or your controlling station and pass on as much information as possible.

- DO NOT threaten a vessel with LE action. Do not write a check the Law Enforcement agency may not be willing to cash. Final action to be taken is at the discretion of the Boarding Officer, so your threats that someone is about to get a ticket may ring hollow and undermine our presence on the water.
- DO NOT investigate reports of negligent operations. In the event a boater contacts you, notify the controlling station or local LE. They will investigate.
- Do NOT take it personally. People can be irrational, rude, complacent, etc. A boater that fails to heed our advice may be confused, or may not play well with others. Maintain your composure, be a good witness, keep the safety of your crew in mind.

I'm available 24/7, anytime you may have a question about an operational matter. Keep your controlling station and OIA in the loop.

Topic #3: Keep Bos'n James on the water.

Now that I'm back, I'm jumping right back into the PPE Enrollments and the OPTREX schedule. Between those two taskers, my time is limited. However, I'm always willing (and encouraged by the Director) to get out on the water and patrol with you. Don't hesitate to drop an invite in the D11auxnorthern@uscg.mil address if you have room for me or the Director to join you on the water this season.

That's it for July, see you out on the water, think safety...
BOSN J

DIRAUX EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL REQUESTS AND NEEDED INFORMATION, MAILING ADDRESS

Please do not email the DIRAUX staff members directly. The proper means of requesting PPE or contacting office personnel is for the Flotilla Commander, FSO-MA or member needing other information is to email d11auxnorthern@uscg.mil.

If the request is for PPE the FSO-MA or Flotilla Commander should make the request. The information needed is the member name, member number and PPE sizes. The proper sized PPE will be shipped to the member. The sizing chart for the PPE is located on the D11N web page under "forms", select the RSS Sheet for Basic issue.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR DIRAUX:

Commander (dpa-n)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 50-2
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

AMERICA'S CUP UPDATE FROM LINDA VETTER, SF BAY PAC

Bay Area Coxswains -

We are still very short for commitments from Aux vessel owners/coxswains for Aux. boats to help the CG with all the America's Cup races coming up the next 3 months. We've only heard anything from a few of you so far. The CG needs to know what Aux. help they can expect and also plan for the costs, and the event is upon us. So PLEASE let me know very soon if you can help out at all, and when. Every boat in the SF Bay should be signing up for at least 4-6 patrol dates to help support the CG for this big event covering nearly 50 days in

three months!

There are fewer races now scheduled for July due to Artemis not having their new boat ready yet. Most of the dates in August/Sept. may still apply, and the CG is particularly anxious to get good Aux coverage on the weekends in August/Sept. Note that there is quite a variety of days - both week days and weekends, so that everyone ought to be able to find dates they can help out. In addition, boats in the greater SF Bay area (e.g., Delta, Monterey, BB) will be considered with one round trip trailer/transit for every couple days of patrol (e.g., sign up to do a full 2-3 day weekend of patrols and get reimbursed for the round trip trailer/transit). Or consider the Youth series, 4 days Sept. 1-4 for example. You just need to offer up some dates and see if available/needed then, and we'll try to use everyone we can as we sort out offers.

Also note that those on the Sunday Crissy Field board surfer patrols should consider (or may be asked) to cover AC on their Sundays, maybe extending their patrol time (still within 8 hours total of course though). The Crissy Field/AC areas will overlap, it's mostly going to come down to a question of event times (which we don't have much details about yet).

The number of race days in July has been reduced (per AC rumors). CG would like 2 Aux boats a day, so we need to know soon who can support any/all of the following dates in July (ignore the July dates on the AC schedule sheet, we believe they will be reduced soon to the following dates only):

July 4, Thursday - Opening Ceremonies and "fleet" (only 3 countries ready on the water)
race/time trials July 7, Sunday - match race July 13, Saturday, match race

- July 21, Sunday, match race
- July 23, Tuesday, match race
- July 28, Sunday, match race

For August/September, see the schedule at (note that each line starts on a Saturday):

<http://noticeboard.americascup.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Schedule-70613.pdf>

The priority coverage needed is the weekends, so currently that would be:

Aug 9-10 (Fri-Sat)

Aug 17-18 (Sat-Sun)

Aug 24-25 (Sat-Sun)

Sept. 7-8 (Sat-Sun)

Sept. 14-15 (Sat-Sun)

Sept 21 (Sat.)

There are many other dates, so please offer up your help. If you can, provide me soon with your Primary and Secondary list of dates you can help, or at least some timeframes (like "the week of xxx", or "any Tuesdays", etc.), that would be great. Please give me the coxswain and boat names with your dates, so we keep it all straight....

Of course, all the dates are subject to changes still, due to early race results/eliminations, excessive wind speeds, crashed boats, whatever.... They can also add back some dates if they have to cancel some (some dates are marked on their schedule as "reserve dates", but don't worry about those for now).

I also have started a list of those available to crew who don't have boats or who might come from outside the area to crew, etc. So once we get some boats signed up, if you need more crew, just let me know and we'll provide the list (or if you or others want to be on the list, let me know).

Thanks for any and all help. Remember the CG is a little limited with Sequestration, and also the Stations don't tend to have full crews on board every weekend, so filling in a lot of these weekend patrols and otherwise helping out wherever the Aux can is needed. Let's get out there, help the CG, and see some fast sailing boats in a major international event!

Thanks,
Linda Vetter
SF Bay Auxiliary Patrol Area Coordinator

AUXDATA ORDER MANAGEMENT (AOM) & PARTIAL CREW TIME:

There are times when you may change crew on your Facility during a patrol. AOM does not give you the option for this so be certain to state who and the times changes were made in the comments section so your IS officer can make the needed entries in AUXDATA.

AUXDATA ORDER MANAGEMENT (AOM):

To alleviate confusion, if a member other than the owner PLANS to be Coxswain of Record on a Facility, the Owner must request the orders, the Coxswain of record cannot. AOM will not allow a member to request orders for a boat they do not own unless they have written permission to operate the Facility without the owner on board. Providing the Facility has a current inspection on file, the Owner will be on board, and the Coxswain of record is current, no additional paper work needs to be turned into the office for orders to be requested (by the Owner) with any current Coxswain. The owner is automatically listed as one of the “CREW” on the patrol, when he/she requests the patrol with another person as Coxswain of Record. If the owner is not on Board, then the owner has to submit an OPS-8 to DIRAUX or sign the ANSC 7003, on the back page at the bottom, for the each member who could be the Coxswain without him/her on board. There is no longer a reason to fill out this portion on Facility Inspections, nor submit a separate OPS-8, if the owner will always be on board.

29. Navigational plotting instruments	65. State requirements
30. * Search pattern plotting guide	66. Inspector viewed Reg/Doc papers for rowing ship
31. Charts of operating area	67. Attached Assent & Authorization form for multiple owners
32. Adequate fenders	68. Attached a authorization for corporate offer for use
33. Alternate propulsion	69. Attached info requirements for corp. owned facilities
34. Anchor & Anchor Line	68. Additional items required by District Commander
35. * Extra anchor and anchor line	

SECTION VII OPERATION OF AN AUXILIARY FACILITY BY A NON-OWNER - Completed by Owner

When I am on board as a crew member I authorize the following Coxswains to operate my facility under orders.

Name	Member Number	District	Division	Profile

When I am not on board I authorize the following Coxswains to operate my facility under orders.

Name	Member Number	District	Division	Profile

I choose not to have anyone operate my vessel other than myself.

Owner (a) Initials for Section VII

Attach additional sheets as necessary if you have more than two persons who may operate your facility. If permitted in your district, you may designate all operators in your district to operate your facility while you are onboard by entering "ALL" in the name field.

COPY 1 - MEMBER

PATROLS FOR SUMMER: (Reminder)

From Memorial Day to Labor Day the AUX can do reimbursable patrols on Fridays and Mondays as extended weekends in the summer, and still non-reimbursable Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (or reimbursable for Coast Guard requests). This may change with the SEQUESTRATION.

PATROL UNIFORMS: Thank you to Wally Smith for this contribution

There has been some confusion of late re the wearing of “proper uniforms” when on patrol. Hopefully this synopsis will bring some clarity

From the AUXILIARY OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL:

H.4. Proper Uniform:

The OIA shall ensure Auxiliarists are in the proper Auxiliary uniform at all times when accomplishing operational missions. The wearing of hypothermia protective suits and other personal protective equipment (PPE), when required, constitutes “proper” uniform.

The coxswain shall ensure that all crew members are wearing proper uniforms. **IMPORTANT: *The uniform will normally be the same for all crew.***

From the AUXILIARY MANUAL:

Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

The ODU is the principal general purpose, every day Coast Guard uniform. It may be worn year-round primarily as a field utility and watchstanding uniform. It is intended for wear in any situation that does not require a dress uniform, including patrols, vessel safety checks, and Coast Guard unit office wear at the Commanding Officer’s discretion. ODU substitution look-alikes are not authorized. Like other Coast Guard uniforms, the ODU must fit properly.

General notes re the ODU:

- ✓ It shall be serviceable, well-maintained, clean, and not faded or discolored.
- ✓ The untucked version has black Coast Guard emblems embossed in several locations. The untucked version is not produced without the emblems.
- ✓ Auxiliarists are authorized to wear the tucked ODU version until “no longer serviceable.”
- ✓ Do not mix tucked and untucked ODU versions

Trousers

- ✓ Trousers may be tucked into the boots or bloused.
- ✓ Trouser legs shall be worn straight with boat shoes.

Belt

- ✓ The buckle and belt tip of the standard 1 ¼-inch black ODU belt must not be chipped or discolored.
- ✓ The bitter end shall extend 2 to 4 inches past the belt buckle on the wearer’s left.
- ✓ The basic riggers belt is an authorized optional belt for ODU wear (1 ¾-inch nylon belt). When worn, the bitter end shall stop behind, but not past, the first belt loop on the wearer’s left. This belt must be properly cut to size.

Shirt

- ✓ The ODU top is an integral part of the uniform

- ✓ The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed undergarment. It shall be stenciled or embroidered with “USCG AUXILIARY” across the front left chest. It shall be in good condition with no tears or stains.
- ✓ If the ODU top sleeves are rolled up, they shall be done so in the prescribed accordion style with only the cuff showing.
- ✓ The ODU top may only be removed temporarily when working in demanding, prolonged operations in high temperatures.
- ✓ The Auxiliary Operations Polo Shirt may be worn in lieu of the ODU top for patrol activities.

Socks

- ✓ Socks should be black, undecorated.

Shoes

- ✓ Shoes shall be well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots.
- ✓ Excess laces shall be tucked away so they cannot be seen.
- ✓ The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and non-marking sole) is an authorized option.

Insignia

- ✓ All insignia, except that for hats, shall be in good repair and shall be embroidered, including collar and specialty insignia.

Breast Insignia / Devices

- ✓ Direct embroidery on the shirt is not authorized.
- ✓ Insignia shall be centered directly above the “USCG AUXILIARY” cloth tape immediately above the wearer’s left hand pocket.
- ✓ Only one embroidered insignia is authorized.
- ✓ Embroidered insignia shall be the same size as the metal insignia, centered on a tape the full width of the pocket but not exceeding the width of the pocket.
- ✓ The embroidered AUXOP device is authorized for wear on the ODU directly above the wearer’s nametape and with the same parameters as the insignia.

Hat

- ✓ The Auxiliary ball cap and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with the ODU.
- ✓ The metal office insignia or member device must be worn centered on the front of the hat between “US COAST GUARD” and “AUXILIARY”.
- ✓ The Tilley hat may be worn. No insignia may be worn on the hat. Note: “Tilley” is the only authorized manufacturer (no longer being made in CG color).
- ✓ The cold weather cap may be worn per the provisions in section D.3.e.
- ✓ The knit watch cap may be worn per the provisions in section D.3.g.

Accessories

- ✓ The foul weather parka is the prescribed outer wear for the ODU.

Hot Weather Uniform

The Hot Weather Uniform is authorized as an optional uniform for Auxiliarists. It is appropriate for personnel performing outdoor activities in locations where humidity and high temperatures cause physical discomfort and extreme work environments require it.

Shirt

- ✓ The Coast Guard dark blue crew neck T-shirt is the prescribed shirt.
- ✓ It shall be worn stenciled or embroidered with the words "USCG AUXILIARY" across the left chest in white ¾-inch tall block-style letters.
- ✓ It shall be in good condition with no tears or stains.
- ✓ The Auxiliary Operational Polo Shirt may be worn with this uniform as an alternative for patrol activities.
- ✓ The shirt must be worn tucked into the shorts.

Shorts

- ✓ Modified standard Coast Guard blue utility or ODU trousers hemmed at 1-inch above the knee are worn.

Belt

- ✓ If the modified standard Coast Guard blue utility trousers are worn, then a black web belt with a silver buckle and tip is worn.
- ✓ If modified ODU trousers are worn, then the standard black ODU belt or the riggers belt is worn.

Socks

- ✓ Socks shall be all white, athletic type, crew length.

Shoes

- ✓ Shoes shall be well-blackened 8-inch or 10-inch safety boots.
- ✓ Excess laces shall be tucked away to they cannot be seen.
- ✓ The boat shoe, (dark blue or brown leather, low cut of moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and non-marking sole) is an authorized option.
- ✓ All white or all black, low top, athletic shoes with nonskid / non-marking soles are also authorized.

Hat

- ✓ The Auxiliary ball cap (as previously described) and Coast Guard unit ball cap (if authorized) are the prescribed hats to be worn with the ODU.
- ✓ The Tilley hat may be worn as previously described.

COAST PILOT LINK, FREE

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>

CHARTS, "YOU PRINT" FREE

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html>

GUESTS ON BOARD??

Please complete the below “Memorandum” and email to your AUXLO. For Sector San Francisco email to LT Mark Leahey, (Mark.C.Leahey@uscg.mil), for SECTOR Humboldt please send the information to BOSN Curtis Barthel, (Curtis.J.Barthel@uscg.mil).

MEMORANDUM:

From: *Coxswain of Record*
113-your division and flotilla

To: SECTOR SF AUXLO Or SECTOR Humboldt AUXLO
LTJG Mark Leahey BOSN Curtis.J. Barthel
Eleventh Coast Guard District Eleventh Coast Guard District

Subj: REQUEST FOR NON-AUXILIARISTS ON BOARD WHILE ON PATROL

1. This is a request to have the following guests on board while on orders during *date*:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. A signed liability release will be properly executed, carried onboard, and submitted following the patrol. Liability Release Form is available at:

<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/opsforms/LiaRelRev.pdf>

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Approval Endorsement:

The above authorization request is approved / denied. Guest must be listed on completed patrol orders prior to returning to the order issuing authority.

Signature or AUXLO _____ DATE _____

DISTRICT RECAP OF 2013 UNDERWAY HOURS:

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, July 07, 2013.](#)

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2013][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES

Mission Hours as values	DIV-01	DIV-03	DIV-04	DIV-05	DIV-06	DIV-07	DIV-08	DIV-10	DIV-11	DIV-12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	1,146.70	2,043.00	349.70	1,474.70	720.00	1,928.60	1,301.30	318.70	309.80	312.20	9,904.70
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	117.50	0.00	58.30	0.00	0.00	59.10	23.00	8.00	0.00	265.90
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	9.00	39.80	0.00	33.10	4.00	164.60	19.60	19.20	2.00	0.00	291.30
All Missions	1,155.70	2,200.30	349.70	1,566.10	724.00	2,093.20	1,380.00	360.90	319.80	312.20	10,461.90

OPS CALENDAR

For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar

OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF: 09 JULY 2013

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	QEs	LOCATION & POINT OF CONTACT
AUG 3	DIV 11	OPTREX		LAKE TAHOE DEE DEE KINCADE 775-831-7192
AUG 9-10	DIV 7	OPTREX		JORDANELLE STATE PARK
SEPT 20-22	DIV 10	OPTREX		MILLERTON LAKE ROD ROLLINS svalleyrod@aol.com
SEPT 14	DIV 11	OPTREX		LAKE TAHOE DEE DEE KINCADE 775-831-7192
OCT 4,5,6	FLT 5-5	OPTREX		BODEGA BAY WILL SUMNER 707-763-1565
OCT, 26, 27	FLT 3-10	OPTREX		DELTA DEAN LACHPELLE 916-686-6065

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail