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Date: July 2014
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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Crew Fatigue and Trailing

Coxswains should have all received an email from me last week detailing Sector San Francisco's determination to continue following the trailing fatigue guidelines set forth in the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual vice the updated guidance from the Boat Operations and Training Manual, Volume I. I'm hoping this gives those of you operating in the Utah and Lake Tahoe AOR's a bit of breathing room when planning your patrol period.

There's also been some confusion over how AOMS tracks hours and how that links to actual fatigue hours. AOMS is programmed to automatically start tracking mission time from when you first enter in your "Facility in Use" or "Arrive at Launch Site" entry. This means you may accumulate more than eight (8) hours of total time in AOMS in those cases where you count standby time, like tying up for lunch. Those total hours don't count as underway time nor necessarily equate to fatigue time. Your fatigue hours count when you are engaged in activities that fatigue you:

- Trailing (50%)
- Pre-mission checks/Post mission checks (per AUXOPS)
- Underway
- Anchored (50%)

Time spent in standby may count in AOMS towards your overall mission time, but doesn't mean you are fatigued. Total mission times beyond 8 hours may trigger the OIA to email you and ask questions about your patrol activities, you can explain time spent moored in standby at that time.

Keep the questions coming on this one, it's important to understand. The OTO's have made our concerns regarding AOMS and time keeping known to BSX-1.

Mishap and Damage Claim Reporting

We recently had one mishap involving a person in the water (PIW) off an Auxiliary facility. We also have had a few damage claims submitted in recent weeks. In speaking with the crews, there seems to be some confusion and lack of clarity on the mishap and damage claim procedures. As far as mishaps go, members with first-hand

knowledge of an accident or incident while assigned to duty must report all available information to the OIA as soon as safely possible. A report should be made to DIRAUX with 24 hours as well. You may be wondering what mishaps are reportable; here is a list annotated from the USCG Health and Safety Manual:

- Auxiliary personnel missing, injured, or missing in action while assigned to duty.
- Mishaps involving Auxiliary facilities operating while assigned to duty.
- Property Damage to personal property owned by Auxiliarists or Auxiliary units damaged in the course of their duties.
- Ejection from Coast Guard boats (facility under orders) resulting in a person in the water.
- Unintentional Grounding

Whenever these events occur, you must notify your OIA as soon as it is safe to do so. Follow on reports should be made to DIRAUX within 24 hours. The OIA will handle the mishap investigation and any required subsequent reports or actions.

For damage claims that are not the result of mishaps, Contact the OIA and then DIRAUX. The OIA will forward you required paperwork to initiate the claim. Do not attempt to make any repairs until authorized to do so by the OIA. They may need to send out an Active Duty or Auxiliary member to document the damage and the circumstances surrounding the damage prior to the repairs being completed. Chapter Two, section D of the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual covers mishap and damage claim reporting in depth; please take a few moments to review that section this month.

That's it for me this month. Stay hydrated, train hard, and keep up the great work.
CWO2 Matt James

SAD GOODBYE TO SECTOR SF's OIA, LTjg MARK LEAHEY:

The following email message was received Monday, June 30, 2014, from our patient and excellent AuxLo (Auxiliary Liaison Officer) at Sector San Francisco, who is also Sector's OIA (Order Issuing Authority), LTjg Mark Leahey. Mark has done an OUTSTANDING job supporting and championing the Auxiliary at Sector SF for the past couple of years and will truly be sorely missed by us.

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I received orders to report to a new duty station in the coming days and I will be departing Sector San Francisco.

I am tremendously thankful for the opportunity to serve as your Order Issuing Authority and Auxiliary Liaison. When I reported to Sector San Francisco 3 years ago, I didn't have any idea what the Coast Guard Auxiliary was. Just a few short years later, the amount of respect and appreciation I have for your services is profound.

Thank you for what you do. Thank you for your selfless dedication and support of the Coast Guard. And thank you for being such great people to work with over the past couple of years. I will truly miss each and every one of you.....

The new OIA and AUXLO will be BOSN Colin Langeslay, but he doesn't report in until August 18th.

In the meantime, LT Noëlle Kitenko will assist you with your needs until BOSN Langeslay arrives. Her office number is (415) 399-3401 and email is Noelle.R.Kitenko@uscg.mil

I hope our paths will one day cross again.

Respectfully, Mark Leahey

COXSWAINS - AOM INFO:

This is the time of year when we have several crew on/off our boats at different times during a patrol. This is especially true when having QEs on board and during OPEXs. Please place the time on and the time off for your changing Crew/Trainees in the comments section of AOM. Your IS Officer will need to go into AUXDATA and correct hours for each member that was not on board during the entire patrol. A sample is shown below of what needs to be in comments concerning crew on board for not the entire patrol. This sample represents the email you would receive from AOM when orders are submitted by the OIA to FINCEN.

AUXDATA Unit: 113-23-23 BEST DISTRICT IN THE WEST

Patrol Order Number: 123456

AOM Location: SECTOR GOOD NEWS BAY

Facility: CF1234TT-ALWAYS RUNNING

Comments: MOM safety patrol. Also, observed safety zone for sail boat race for part of patrol. GAR 16 water 75 air 70.

Radio Guard PARKS DEPT CH 83, Coxswain The Best In The West, cell number (123)456-7890. QE Allen Jones on board 1400-1600, JOHN SMITH on board 1130-1445.

Signed by OIA: JANE DOE

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 08:30

Mission Category: 23A

Mission: IP / B0 / STBY / SAR / STANDBY

Claimant: -37269

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 09:00

Mission Category: 01A

Mission: U/W / A / OPS / AUXMP / MOM

Claimant: -37269

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 12:00

Mission Category: 23A

Mission: IP / B0 / STBY / SAR / STANDBY

Claimant: -37269

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 13:00

Mission Category: 01A

Mission: U/W / A / OPS / AUXMP / MOM

Claimant: -37269

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 16:00

Mission Category: 23A

Mission: IP / B0 / STBY / SAR / STANDBY

Claimant: -37269

Date and Time: 14-JUN-2014 16:30

Mission Category:

Mission: EOM / C / EOM

Claimant: -37269

Please login to AUXDATA and verify the Logs for accuracy.

Link for AUXDATA: <https://auxdata.uscg.gov/>

Crew:

LEAD THE BEST IN THE WEST 1234567

NON LEAD ANOTHER QUALIFIED MEMBER 1234568

TRAINEE A NON QUALIFIED MEMBER (JOHN DOE)1234569

WHO NEEDS A DIRECT OPERATIONAL (DO) CLEARANCE?:

The subject has come up that it is still believed that all Coxswains, Crew, PWC Operators and Land Mobiles need to have a DO Clearance. That belief is in error. The below is in the USCG AUX Manual, Chapter 3, Page 17.

C.2.c. Direct Operational (DO)

DO is defined as Auxiliarists whose qualifications involve the following:

- (1) Air Operations.
- (2) Command Center/Operations Center/Communications Center watchstanding.
- (3) Auxiliary elected and staff officers as determined by active duty Operational Commander, Director of Auxiliary, or the Chief Director.

Minimum elected officer DO requirements are contained in Appendix C.

- (4) As directed by a Coast Guard command authority for any Auxiliarist who, due to the nature of the support they provide, has a clear, articulable, and recurring need for a security clearance (e.g., an Auxiliary watchstander whose duties require access to and handling of classified material along with commensurate need-to-know).

PATROL SCHEDULES and REIMBURSABLE PATROLS:

In past years, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Auxiliary has been able to extend the days they do reimbursable weekend patrols to include Friday and Monday, as well as Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays. Due to budget restraints this year the extended weekends are not currently permitted. A close look will be kept on monies available for reimbursable patrols, and if it appears there are enough funds available the practice of extended weekends may occur yet later this summer. Of course weekday reimbursable patrols are still allowed when specifically requested by the Coast Guard. We will keep you advised of any additional updates.

OPTREX SCHEDULES and REMINDERS:

Listed below are the remaining OPTREXs currently scheduled for the rest of 2014, along with contact information. All initial and re-qualification candidates who might request a QE check-ride MUST have all their required pre-requisites completed and on record, as well as all necessary information included and submitted with their requests through proper channels, well in advance of their targeted date. Don't miss out on a potential opportunity to get signed-off by leaving the prep work too late. Members also need to practice their skills and review the ample boat crew/coxswain materials before-hand – a number of candidates have failed this year apparently due to lack of preparation.

It is never too early to start planning your next year operation events. Please notice there are already two scheduled for 2015.

[For flyers, regarding these events please go to the District Calendar:](#)

<u>2014 & 2015</u>		
<u>OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EVENT CALENDAR</u>		
JUL 26-27	Division 1	Loch Lomond Yacht Club
AUG 2-3	Division 6 OPTREX	Santa Cruz, Contact Wally Smith
AUG 8-9th	Division 7	Utah -
AUG 23-24	Division 11	Lake Tahoe, Linda Haynes
SEP 13-14	Flotilla 5-5 OPTREX	Bodega Bay, Wil Sumner
OCT 11-12	Division 10	Millerton CA, Contact: Rod Rollins
OCT 17-19	Flotilla 03-10	Delta, Contact Dean LaChapelle
<i>2015</i>		
APR 30- MAY 3rd	Flotilla 3-9	Antlers, Lake Shasta, Contact: Carl Pierce
May-01	Division 1	Berkeley Yacht Club, Contact: R. CELIA

D11N UNDERWAY HOURS:

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, June 29, 2014.](#)

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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)	873.90	1,179.10	198.60	1,561.90	1,015.40	1,086.30	445.00	117.70	295.70	387.50	7,161.10
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	59.40	10.00	25.20	42.00	176.50	22.00	109.70	0.00	0.00	444.80
All Missions	889.30	1,272.10	208.60	1,619.10	1,101.30	1,327.20	497.40	254.30	302.10	388.50	7,859.90

Respectfully,

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DIRAUX OFFICE HOURS: 0730 to 1530 Mon thru Thurs
ID card and New Member Processing
Mon thru Wed 0730 to 1300 By Appointment Only
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issue,
by appointment only.
Tuesday is the designated "AUX Tuesday" walk-in days
when most of the staff is available for customer service.
ALL SERVICES ON FRIDAYS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.