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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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From, LTJG MARK LEAHEY, SECTOR OIA & ASUXLO

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OTO NOTES:

March Madness is upon us shipmates!

A. Many of you are pulling facilities out of storage and gearing up for another busy boating and patrol season. Just a few reminders for those of you getting ready:

1. Make sure your ANSC-7003's are getting to DIRAUX within 14 days of the date that your current Offer for Use is set to expire. That ensures we have ample time to process the paperwork and update AUXDATA.

2. Pictures are still required to be submitted with the 7003, even if you have submitted previously. I'd like to build some uniformity into the picture submissions: The picture must show your patrol placards and AUX Ensign installed. The picture should be of a beam aspect of your facility.

3. Pictures are not required for radios anymore.

4. Pictures are still required for Vehicle Offers for Use, if you are patrolling as a land mobile, the picture should show your patrol placards.

5. No surface facility is permitted to be permanently marked. The **only** exceptions are for USCG or Flotilla-owned facilities that are used solely for Auxiliary Patrols. You may request a waiver from DIRAUX via the d11auxnorthern@uscg.mil email address if your facility is currently permanently marked.

B. The Qualification Examiners (QE's) met two weekends ago for our annual workshop. The meetings were very productive and I'm excited to see how you all benefit from the processes and products we have developed. The procedures for requesting a QE are specified on http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/flyers/2012/QE_PreQuals_2012.pdf

This season, the QE's will be working off of a standardized set of drill cards for the Crewmember/Coxswain/PWO underway check rides. I'll make these drill cards available on my webpage <http://diraux.d11nuscgaux.info/OTOBulletins.htm> shortly after D-Train. These cards are not designed to replace the check ride tasks in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, they simply expand upon each task and specify standardized performance criteria all of the QE's agreed were critical to successfully completing the evolution. **You are not required to use these cards**, but I recommend you become familiar with them as they guide the QE's in determining if you successfully performed during the QE session.

Here are few more thoughts on QE sessions:

1. D11N strives to maximize the use of limited travel funds by scheduling QE sessions during OPTREX's. Each division is encouraged to schedule one OPTREX per fiscal year. I know there are occasions where work or family commitments prevent you from making your local OPTREX, or maybe your division didn't schedule one. In those cases, your secondary option is to attend a neighboring division's OPTREX. If we start getting into September/October and you have been unable to make an OPTREX but you're at risk of going REYR or are ready for your initial board and check ride, you may work through your chain of leadership and request a QE session. Please, please, please, do not put all your eggs in one basket and wait for a late season session; funding can severely be limited at the end of the fiscal year and we may not be able to provide a QE. Plan ahead and be ready.

2. Speaking of being ready...this season Coxswains will be required to demonstrate proficiency in navigation during their initial and currency check rides. Even if you patrol exclusively on inland lakes, the CG still expects you to know how to plot latitude/longitude and demonstrate basic piloting skills. Start practicing now. Your QE will bring a chartlet and navigation exercise worksheet with them to the OPTREX's. I'm available to assist if you need training.

3. If you are organizing your division's OPTREX, please contact me via d11auxnorthern@uscg.mil so that I can relay some specific requirements I need to ensure are covered during the planning and pre-briefing.

C. The PPE program has finally graduated from phase I to phase II. Every Flotilla has been inspected and enrolled. We are now in the process of tracking down stragglers. FSO-OP's should be reporting the status of their flotilla's PPE program during each monthly meeting to FC's. FC's should be reporting up any outstanding inspections or non-compliant members to their DCDR's. DCDR's should be reporting any outstanding issues to the DCAPT-R. Please stay on top of this program and contact me if you have any questions.

One bit of PPE Myth busting: You are not required to purchase flares for carriage in your Boat Crew Survival Vest. If you are the one telling members they need to buy flares, stop. The only equipment required to be carried in your BCSV or Type V pouch is strobe, knife, whistle, and mirror. Carrying flares is completely optional. If you choose to carry flares in your BCSV, ponder these points:

1. Flares expire; make sure you are not carrying expired flares. Dispose of them in accordance with local HAZMAT directives in your community.
2. Pyrotechnics are **never** authorized inside Coast Guard installations without the CO/OIC's authorization. That means you can't bring your BCSV with flares into the mess deck for lunch, etc.
3. Most commercially available marine flares are not designed for carriage on your person. Manufacturers generally intend for flares to be carried in a case or stored in a locker. The flares we carry in the Active Duty CG are military pyrotechnics designed to be carried in survival vests. Flares carried in your BCSV pocket are susceptible to movement, jostling, and salt water exposure.

That's it for this month. I hope to see many of you at D-Train. Otherwise, I'll see you on the water.

From: LTJG MARK LEAHEY, SECTOR OIA & ASUXLO:
AOM REQUIREMENT FOR ALL ORDER REQUESTS IN SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO AOR, INCLUDING DIV 7:

Please note the attached new requirements when putting in for patrol orders in AOM. Please enter the necessary info in the Comments sections of your requests to have them approved from now on.

When requesting orders please provide in the comments section:

1. Patrol Intentions: (purpose of patrol, requestor where appropriate)
2. Radio Guard: (what station or entity, what channel)
3. Other AUX: (other boats/LMs you will be working with)
4. Other CG/OGA: (others you will be working with)
5. Operator Info: (coxswain name and cell phone nr.)
6. Time mission starts to time mission ends: (target times)

For numbers 5 and 6, I understand AOMs has this information, but the report function does not provide it. I need to look up operator info separately and the time is only listed as morning, midday, evening, or after hours.

Example for AUX Facility Mr. Cloudy:

1. Patrol Intentions: Maritime Observation at Pyramid Lake at the request of Washoe County Sheriffs

2. Radio Guard: CG AUX Nevada Mobile 8, Joe Jones, 360.578.4567, monitoring 21A and 16
3. Other AUX Facilities: Big Wave, Nevada Mobile 8
4. Other CG/OGA: Washoe County Sheriff
5. Operator: John Smith, 767.789.5677
6. Time: 0700-1500

Radio guard (if not Active Duty CG unit) must check in with Sector SF (415.399.3547) at the start and end of the operation.

You can shorten this some (e.g., "Radio:" instead of "Radio Guard:", use "Intentions:" instead of "Patrol Intentions:", or combine "Other Aux/OGA: None" as appropriate), but be complete and clear and be sure to include all categories.

If you have questions, let your PAC know. This will make things a lot easier for Sector SF and also more consistent for all patrols, while also addressing some important issues for inland lakes and other areas where radio guards have been an issue without CG stations there. LTJG Leahey needs to send all this info to his Command every week for upcoming patrols. You can see when we have 50 boats on the water at the same time LTJG Leahey has his work cut out and how important we request orders well in advance and with all the needed info.

SECTOR Humboldt Bay units shall continue to follow the procedures set for by their Auxiliary Operations Procedures.

If you do not provide the required comments, the PAC/OIA will not activate your order (will cancel and ask for you to provide correct info). If radio guard does not check in/out checks with Sector Command Center, the patrol will not be reimbursed (not applicable to facilities that have radio guards maintained by Stations/Sector).

TIME LIMITS ON PATROLS!!

The Operational Chain of Command and Leadership would like to re-emphasize three things concerning surface and mobile patrols:

1. Patrols are limited to 8 hours. Please be mindful that if you are trailering, this counts towards your 8 hour total. As per the AUX Ops manual: "Time spent conducting trailering activities and at a sheltered anchorage counts as 50% underway time (e.g., one hour spent at a sheltered anchorage counts for 1/2 hour accumulated crew underway time)".

There may be some confusion that you think that 16 hours of mobile patrol equals 8 hours of actual patrolling because trailering only counts for 50%. This is not the case! **For land mobile patrols, 1 hour is 1 hour, and 8 hours is the limit.**

2. For trailering or land mobile patrols, the reimbursement is \$.56 per mile. Do not submit receipts for vehicle fuel reimbursement, and only populate the box asking for vehicle mileage.

3. Please see the above discussion for the new way comments need to be submitted for patrols.

PATROL AREA COORDINATORS (PACs) MESSAGE:

If the above guidance is not adhered to, PACs are not to “Activate” orders. Also if Coxswains continue to go over the time limit they will not be able to obtain orders and their Offer for Use can be revoked.

OPS CALENDAR

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

<u>2014</u> <u>OPERATIONS OPEX/OPTREX EVENT CALENDAR</u>		
APR 30- MAY 4	Flotilla 39 OPTREX	Contact: Carl Pierce
MAY 3-4	Division 10 OPEX	Lake Kaweah Contact: Rod Rollins
MAY 10	Division 1 OPTREX	Contact: William Burns
JUN 7	Division 5	Contact: Curtis Han
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 19- 20	Flotilla 88 OPTREX	Braitos Marina, Clear Lake CA Contact: Bruce Rogerson
OCT 11- 12	Division 10 OPTREX	Millerton CA Contact: Rod Rollins
OCT 17- 19	Flotilla 3-10 OPTREX	Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Contact: Dean LaChapelle

2014 UNDERWAY HOURS FOR D11N:

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, March 02, 2014.](#)

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2014][All Statuses][All									
Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	153.80	117.10	7.60	347.80	214.10	89.90	18.40	19.50	968.20
	153.80	117.10	7.60	347.80	214.10	89.90	18.40	19.50	968.20
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
MS - Marine Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.80	0.00	0.00	13.80
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.80	0.00	0.00	13.80
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	1.00	12.80	0.00	0.00	23.80	0.00	0.00	1.00	38.60
	1.00	12.80	0.00	0.00	23.80	0.00	0.00	1.00	38.60
All Missions	154.80	129.90	7.60	347.80	249.90	103.70	18.40	20.50	1,032.60

DIRAUX CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

Director of Auxiliary Office Hours: 07:30 to 15:30 M-Th.

ID card and New Member processing M-W 07:30 to 13:00, by appointment only.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issue, by appointment only.

Tuesdays are our designated "Auxiliary Tuesday" walk-in days when most of the staff is available for customer service.

All services on Fridays are by appointment only.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail