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District 11 Northern Region**

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Date: November 2007  
To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff  
From: D11N DSO-OP  
Subject: District OPS Report

This will be the last DSO-OP report this year. November and December are the months that weather, cold water, holidays, Change of Watches and family (always first) take priority.

### **REMINDERS:**

Please do not forget to submit the 7030 reports to accompany your CG-5132's in accordance with Sector Policy so your patrol reimbursements can be processed in a timely manner.

The end of the year is quickly approaching, all Coxswains be sure to have all your ICS requirements, 100,200,700 and 800A, finished and in AUXDATA. Clarification of Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements can be read at the below link.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/AuxMan-ICS.asp>

### **RECENT POLICY CHANGES:**

Please read the "Items of Interest" on the Chief Director's web page for changes we need to be aware of. The link to the page is: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/>

### **CORRECTION:**

I made an error in last month's OPS report regarding currency hours for new crew and coxswains who certified late in the year. Reading Chapter 5 (Currency Maintenance) in the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, the following is stated: **"The currency cycle begins on 01 January of the year following initial certification. Currency requirements must be met by 31 December of each year. For example, if a member is certified 15 July 2005, that member's first currency year begins on 01 January 2006, and the member must meet all annual currency requirements by the end of 2006 (31 December 2006). The third-year currency requirements must be met by 31 December 2008."**

### **GOOD SURFACE INFORMATION:**

Operations Surface web link now provides additional considerations to assist coxswains in selecting the effective procedure for a side tow in relationship to the vessels involved. There is a link to the "side tow" article by Dean LaChapelle, a side tow diagram, and one animated variation of securing to a cleat. Visit: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/patrol.html#towing>  
One item to remember: Flexibility is key in side tows and safety should always be the first consideration.

Please also check out the latest contribution, "Boat Crew Basics" from Bob Peterson. Bob gives excellent information for all and especially for those preparing to go before a Qualification Examiner.

### **OUT-OF-DATE-FLARES: (Contributed by Neil Nevesny)**

The below information is a "Keeper" for all of us. I know I have a few (way too many) out-of-date flares that need to find a good home.

## **Used Flare Disposal Report**

Working on finding disposal sites in the Bay Area has been one of the most amusing and frustrating assignments I have been given. I won't bore you with all the steps I have gone through to get the following information, but it has been a merry-go-round between state, county, police, fire department, bomb squads, environmental departments, and county administrators.

Some new policies have been written in response to my inquiry and some old ones have been dusted off and put back into use. After all this has been said and done, I still cannot guarantee disposal of flares will be allowed at any of the sites enumerated in the attachment to this report.

The only things that I can say with certainty are as follows:

1. California has a law that the only people who can pick up and transport or store flares are those licensed for that purpose. If any unlicensed person accepts flares for disposal they are breaking the law. However, any individual can hold, transport or store their own flares.
2. Flares are considered explosives. However, you may see information on County websites stating that explosives are not accepted. This statement is now obsolete with regard to flare disposal.
3. All counties must provide a disposal site for flares.
4. Hazardous waste sites do not have to accept flares. They may have other alternative sites for disposing of them.
5. Personnel at hazardous waste sites do not always have instructions regarding county policy for accepting flares at their site. (Are you getting the picture?!) The name of a person for employees to call will be included in each county description.
6. Individuals may only dispose of flares in their county of residence ~ not the location of their boat(s).

### **Enc: Flare Disposal Policy for the following counties:**

**San Francisco – Alameda - Contra Costa - San Mateo - Santa Clara - Marin**

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#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

#### **For SF residents only, ID will be checked**

Disposal Site: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (SF Recycling & Disposal). From Hwy 101 take Monster Park/Tunnel Ave exit.

Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Closed Jan 1, July 4, Thanksgiving and following Friday, Dec. 25/26

Limitations: 12 flares per person per year. Appointment necessary.

Contact information to make appointment: Before bringing in flares, call the Hazardous Waste Disposal Hot Line, [415-330-1405](tel:415-330-1405) to make appointment. Suggest visit the website:

[www.sfhazwaste.com](http://www.sfhazwaste.com) for any updates on requirements.

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#### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm on specific days, call for appointment 800-606-6606

Locations:

- Oakland Facility - 2100 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland
  - Hayward Facility - 2091 West Winton Avenue, Hayward
  - Livermore Facility – 5584 La Ribera Street, Livermore
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## **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Contra Costa has no central county policy for flare disposal. Authority for flare disposal is vested in each Fire Chief for the county's 23 Fire Districts. Each Chief sets that district's policy concerning flare disposal. Residents of Contra Costa County, depending on their city of residence, must call their local Fire District to inquire about flare disposal. These policies may change whenever Chiefs change.

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## **SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Flare Disposal Site: San Mateo County requires an appointment. You will be given directions when you make the appointment.

Hours: By appointment

Limitations: none stated

Contact information: 650 363-4305 or 650 655-6202

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## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Flare Disposal Site: Santa Clara County requires an appointment. You will be given directions when you make the appointment.

Hours: By appointment

Limitations: none stated

Contact information: 408 -299-7300

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## **REMINDER: New Crew & New Coxswains**

Initial Crew needs to be BQ or AUXOP, have taken a TCT class within the past five years and have taken ICS 100 and 700.

Initial Coxswain needs all the above, at least twenty eight hours underway as crew, in addition to having taken ICS 200 and 800A plus the Operations Policy Test, available on line, and NavRules closed book exam (Series 70).

ICS Classes: ICS 100, 200, 700 & 800A are available on line. ICS-210, Initial Incident Commander, is a classroom course designed for single resource leaders and type 5/type 4 incident commanders. This 4 hour classroom course will be required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader. Given the limited access to this course, no date for completion has been determined. Single resource leaders are highly encouraged to take ICS 210 if the opportunity is available. ICS210 is only available via classroom. This four hour class is normally offered twice a year at the PCA Fair on Saturday morning and a second class Saturday afternoon.

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND RE-CERTS:**

Next are those Divisions and Flotillas that have committed to an Operational Event for 2008. We know there will be more listed soon but please check with your IS officer and see when you are due for your, TCT, NAV RULES and 3-year Currency Maintenance ride with a Qualification Examiner. Please, please, whatever you do, do not wait until the end of the year. Schedule early. New Coxswains or new PWC Operators you also need to pass the on line OPERATIONS POLICY MANUAL EXAM prior your check ride.

**OPTREX SCHEDULE 2008:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT INFO</u>
APR 12/13 <sup>th</sup>	DIV 12	YBI	
APR 19/20 <sup>th</sup>	DIV 5	VALLEJO	<u>DGP-5</u>
MAY 2/4 <sup>th</sup>	FLT 3-9	LAKE SHASTA	CHARLIE DUNCAN
JUNE 20/22 <sup>nd</sup>	DIV 3	RADIO ONE	TBA
SEPT 5 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	FLT 3-9	LK OROVILLE	TBA
OCT 24/26 <sup>th</sup>	FL 3-10	<u>BRANNAN ILS</u>	<u>CAL FAULKNER</u>

The below chart shows what we have done so far in 2007 and compares with prior years.

Mission Hours as values	AFAM - Area Familiarization (55a)	CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	REGATTA - Regatta Patrol (02)	SAFETY - Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)	TRN - Training Mission (22a)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)
11NR - Div 01	0.00	5.40	25.50	64.00	2,857.10	233.80	3,185.80
11NR - Div 03	0.00	102.90	0.00	205.70	3,301.40	840.20	4,450.20
11NR - Div 04	49.60	0.00	0.00	148.50	1,066.50	679.00	1,943.60
11NR - Div 05	303.90	72.40	0.00	84.00	1,976.30	493.30	2,929.90
11NR - Div 06	0.00	22.50	0.00	182.40	947.70	124.90	1,277.50
11NR - Div 07	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.40	4,328.90	0.00	4,359.30
11NR - Div 08	16.60	16.60	30.00	36.00	1,846.50	271.00	2,216.70
11NR - Div 10	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	678.70	66.50	753.20
11NR - Div 11	0.00	48.70	0.00	289.40	407.90	312.90	1,058.90
11NR - Div 12	86.00	105.70	0.00	99.40	1,085.90	528.10	1,905.10
<b>Eleventh Northern 2007 to date</b>	<b>456.10</b>	<b>374.20</b>	<b>55.50</b>	<b>1,147.80</b>	<b>18,496.90</b>	<b>3,549.70</b>	<b>24,080.20</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>216.40</b>	<b>379.30</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>897.60</b>	<b>19,512.20</b>	<b>4,219.70</b>	<b>25,225.60</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>306.30</b>	<b>366.10</b>	<b>87.40</b>	<b>1,1180.20</b>	<b>20,010.20</b>	<b>2,549.70</b>	<b>24,499.90</b>

To date we are very close with the total underway time we did for the past two years and I am sure there are still many hours that still need to be documented. *Great job!*

*Have Happy Holidays,*

Respectfully,  
Gail

