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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**

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

**FLEET WEEK 2007:** Below is an important message written by Linda Vetter, Patrol Area Coordinator for San Francisco bay.

“The annual San Francisco Fleet Week event is quickly approaching. Due to the size and complexity of this event, there is extra lead time and extensive planning involved, and it is time to start lining up CG Auxiliary assets to assist once again.

The actual patrol dates this year will be Thursday-Sunday, October 4-7, 2007. We will not have the Red Bull air races this year but we will most likely have 4 days of the Blue Angels, other air show participants, and the Parade of Military Ships on Saturday.

A document has been created to compile the significant information pertaining to the policies, procedures, and guidelines for Auxiliary Fleet Week patrols. Representatives from Sector SF, DIRAUX, and D11N Auxiliary Operations have worked hard on the collection and approval of these policies and procedures. Document available on the D11NR Calendar, <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/>

Please read the entire document prior to entering your patrol requests in POMS, and follow the indicated guidelines for POMS fields to be selected for this event. Please also note the critical dates in the time lines spelled out in the document, and the mandatory Skippers’ meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 1300-1600 at YBI.”

*Item of note, if for some reason you are unable to attend the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting be certain to have a responsible member of your crew attend in your stead.*

**Items and questions of interest that have come up this month:**

**Question:** What side of the Facility do I put the Operational Decal on?

Answer: The port side in a position that does not conflict with the vision of the Coxswain.

**Question:** Where do I send my Facility Inspection form and OPS-8?

**Answer:** All Facility Inspections (ANSC 7003) and [OPS-8s](#) (giving permission to other Coxswains to operate your boat) are sent to:

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

**Question:** On the back of the “VESSEL FACILITY INSPECTION AND OFFER FOR USE FORM. ANSC 7003” Section VIII in the operation of an AUX Facility by a non-owner

**it is stated that I can designate all operators in my District to act as Coxswain on my boat by putting the word "ALL" on the name line. Is this true in this District?**

**Answer:** No, we need a separate OPS-8 for each person to operate your vessel. The reason is for both you and the Coxswain to double check the quals of the person you are giving permission to act as skipper of your boat. DIRAUX does not have the manpower to look up each person's quals and we need the signature of the owner for each individual Coxswain to operate the Facility.

**Question: How can I find out my Certification status for qualifications?**

**Answer:** Ask your FSO-IS to check your Flotilla's "Training Management Report" in AUXDATA for your due dates for TCT, QE Approval, NAV Rules and to verify that all your ICS courses have been entered into AUDA. You can check in AUXINFO to see if you have the required hours, that have to be completed by December 31st for your annual 12 hour currency. You could also request this information from your FSO-IS or your FC.

**Question: Should I do any paper work when I do a non-reimbursable patrol?**

**Answer:** You should always report any patrol authorized. POMS gives accurate information for our end of year numbers. We also count the canceled patrol numbers. Even though they are non-reimbursable you should always turn in a CG-5132 and a 7030. It helps keep all the numbers straight, also just in case something comes up later we can show that you were really on patrol. Sometimes things don't come out until months later. If you go back in and submit paperwork after the fact then people get nervous.

**Question: How do I become a Qualification Examiner (QE)?**

**Answer:** Have you ever thought that someday you might want to be a QE and you're just not sure how to become one? **Chapter 6 of the new Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual COMDTINST M16794.51A describes a QE as "outstanding Coxswains and Personal Watercraft Operators having strong operational backgrounds, exceptional instructor abilities, effective interpersonal skills, and impeccable integrity."** QEs are also members who have dedicated a lot of their time assisting the Operations Training Officer (OTO) in evaluating our members in the Boat Crew Program. They evaluate initial qualifications for Boat Crew, Coxswain, and PWC Operator plus conduct currency maintenance sessions for these positions. They get to travel to all areas of the District for these sessions and our District averages about 130 sessions per year. But keep in mind that a QE must also keep up on their tasks and remain proficient in the Boat Crew Program. They are expected to exceed their yearly underway hour requirements and complete a minimum of 5 sessions a year. The duties of a QE are not easy but they are extremely interesting and rewarding.

If you are interested in becoming a QE candidate you must:

- A. Be a currently qualified Coxswain for at least one year.
- B. Have completed at least 8 hours of TCT within the last 2 years.
- C. Completely fill out the QE Application form (Appendix H of the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual) and forward to the OTO.
- D. Read and become familiar with the Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual.
- E. Be an AUXOP
- F. Be a current qualified instructor.
- G. Complete all ICS courses completed (100,200,700 & 800)

You are encouraged to seek out any of the current QEs and ask questions. They will be more than willing to share their experiences and tales of sessions.

**AUXINFO PATROL STATS:**

AFAM - Area Familiarization (55A)

CHART – Aton/Chart Update Patrol (3)  
 LOG – Logistics Mission (54a)  
 RADIO – Radio Support for Operational Mission (20a)  
 REGATTA – Regatta Patrol (02)  
 SAFETY – Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)  
 TRN – Training Mission (22a)  
 AUXMP – Marine Patrols (01a, 01b, 02, 03, 20a, 22a, 54a, 55a)

The total hours for the above missions:

**2004 28,825**  
**2005 24,503**  
**2006 25,212**  
**2007 14,083 to date only**

**OPTREX SCHEDULE:**

At this time the OPTREX listing & information links on the District Calendar are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT INFO</u>
AUG 23/26TH	DIV 7	STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR	RICHARD HOLLE
SEP 22/23RD	DIV 5	BRANNAN ISL	PHIL SANCHEZ
SEP 28/30	FLOTILLA 39	LAKE ORVILLE	HANNELORE MADDOX COMO MIKE MADDOX
OCT 12/14TH	FLOTILLA 88	CLEAR LAKE	RICH THOMAS
<u>OCT 26/28<sup>TH</sup></u>	<u>FLOTILLA 3-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>BRANNAN ISLAND</u>	<u>DAVE CHAMBERLAIN</u>

The above information is compliments of our OPTREX Coordinator, Dean La Chapelle, who is doing a great job on keeping all of us straight.

- There are ten OPTREX's listed for 2007
- Three are listed for 2008
- Three are listed for 2009
- Two Divisions plan on hosting two or more OPTREX's:
- Division 5 will host two events, May and Sep.
- Division 7 will host two events in August
- Division 3 plans to host four events, May, June, Sept and Oct.

Respectfully,

Gail