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Date: January 2008  
To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff  
From: D11N DSO-OP  
Subject: District OPS Report

**Happy New Year to All !!**

**Qualified Cox & Crew:**

This is the time of year all Coxswains need to verify that their crew members are qualified. National does not run the REWK & REYR until mid January or early February. What does this mean? If you have someone on your boat that has not done their required ICS or other tasks in AUXDATA and you have them on board as crew, then between the time of your patrol, the time you submit your claim for reimbursement, and the REWK/REYR report is run you will not be reimbursed for that patrol if that non-qualified person was necessary to make up your minimum crew. Thoroughly check your crews' qualifications!

**OPS Workshop:**

I am receiving daily requests for the 2008 Operations Workshop. National has put one out but we need to tweak it a bit for our District. It should be ready and on a CD by the latter part of this month. This CD will have more than just the OPS Workshop; I hope to have an OPTREX Guide, all the forms to have a Qualification Examiner come to you, as well as the Instructor's Workshop that Roger Haynes is working hard on.

**Station Rio Vista: (Weekday training opportunity)**

Station Rio Vista is starting to look at the 2008 training schedule and has requested AUXFACs for the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, starting in February. The scheduling for these mid-week OPS Training Patrols will only be done through POMS and either Bill Kinsey or Gail Ramsey will activate. Do not call the Station for scheduling. The Station needs a variety of challenges so all will have the opportunity for these educational Wednesdays.

The Wednesdays will start with a briefing at Station Rio Vista at 0900, then the plan will be to be underway by 0930 with the mission complete approximately 1130. The AUXFACs will have launched and secured, after requesting permission by radio, at the Station's dock prior the meeting. Weather is always a factor and if the day's skies look questionable always call the Station (707-374-2871) to verify the training is still a go.

LT Jon Tschudy is encouraging the training with the Stations; STA RV and the participating members of the Auxiliary are doing an excellent job with this and are setting the bar for other stations (Sta BB has recently instituted similar program). LT Tschudy has also added, in the interest of fiscal conservatism the need for following the requirement of a 100 miles trailering limit (round trip) and to please try finding reliable units that are in close proximity to the station or are willing to travel further but only be reimbursed for the 100 mile limit (round trip).

**ANSC-7003 (Rev 04-07):**

As you are filling out form number ANSC-7003, Facility Offer for Use, please do not enter "ALL" to authorize other Coxswains to operate your facility under orders. In order to authorize coxswains to operate your vessel I need to know they are certified, qualified, current, and have their names and member numbers before I can put their names into POMS. The form is

supposed to be changed so it is "OPS friendly" in the near future, so **please ignore that last box** on the reverse side of the form ANSC-7003. Be certain you are using the current (Rev 04-07) form for your Vessel Facility Inspection and Offer for Use Form.

### **POMS:**

The question has come up again: You must fill out, print, sign, attached required receipts and send in your request for reimbursement for your patrols to your order issuing authority, either Sector San Francisco or Group Humboldt Bay. Do not just fill out the form and think it will be going somewhere on-line.

### **REYR:**

If you find you are REYR (re-year) or REWK (re-workshops) in 2008 and did not do one or more items to stay certified as Coxswain, Crew or PWC Operator you need to correct the problem and turn in the verification that you have completed the needed tasks to DIRAUX. DIRAUX is the only place you can have your REYR or REWK removed from AUXDATA. It is not automatic if you take an on line test or training.

You might want to get your local IS staff officer to print out your Member Training Report to check your hours and qualifications status if you can't get your records yourself. If you have any questions about the ICS requirements, please see the national write up at:

[http://www.auxodept.org/documents/FAQonICS5\\_06.pdf](http://www.auxodept.org/documents/FAQonICS5_06.pdf)

Remember that you (and your crew) will go into REYR and not be qualified if you are missing completion of any of the required ICS courses as of today and until you can get them caught up and on the books! Another useful too you can request in AUXDATA, is the Flotilla Management Training Report. This report shows who is due for what and when for every qualification.

### **WEEKDAY PATROLS:**

The budget and guidelines are currently the same for 2008 as they have been in 2007. Reimbursable patrols are available weekends and holidays, and during the week when in response to a particular CG request (such as CG station training, Sector-sanctioned marine event, required PATON checks, etc.). **Non-reimbursable patrols are available during the week as well.** Please remember to get your patrol requests entered into POMS at least a week, preferably 10 days or earlier, before the intended patrol dates, and to include the "reason" for the patrol in the request remarks field. All the IS and claims paperwork submission requirements are unchanged.

### **NAV RULE DATE CHANGE:**

Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, Chapter 5 A.6. Five Year Requirements:

\* Coxswains and PWC operators must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination within five years **from the date of successful completion of the previous exam.** A passing score for this requirement is 90 percent or greater. Members failing to complete the open book exam within the five year period are considered lapsed (REYR) and must retake the exam in order to regain certification and receive orders.

5. This change will take effect beginning January 1, 2008. AUXDATA will be modified to track the date of exam vice the default of 31DEC and put a member in REYR if the test has lapsed. Some regions will be impacted more than others due to your varying active boating seasons but all regions have members due in Jan-Apr who think they have all year to take the test, and don't.

This change will have a definite impact on the Coxswain and PWC Operators and their Nav Rules due date. The biggest impact I think will be those members who would normally be due by 31 December 2008 and who will now be due 5 years from the last date the test was taken.

We are told that AUXDATA will be able to track this on the new 5 year date specific cycle and that provision will be implemented on 1 Jan 2008. It would behoove everyone to get a printout from your DSO-IS (or whomever you get your AUXDATA reports from) early next year and make sure all the members at the deck plate level know when their Nav Rules re-test will be due.

The impact of letting Nav Rules lapse will be that AUXDATA will place the member in REYR even if everything else is current and POMS will not issue orders to a Coxswain or PWO who is in REYR. With the specific date now being tracked, some members could be caught up in not getting orders because of this change.

**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	JOE CANNON
APR 19/20 <sup>TH</sup>	DIV 5	VALLEJO	DCP-5
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 12 <sup>TH</sup> /14 <sup>TH</sup>	FLT 3-9	LK OROVILLE	COMO MADDOX
OCT 11 <sup>TH</sup> /13 <sup>TH</sup>	FLT 8-8	CLEAR LAKE	BETTY STRACH
OCT 24/26 <sup>TH</sup>	FL 3-10	BRANNAN ILS	CAL FAULKNER

**MISSION HOURS:**

The below chart shows what we have done as of Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 for 2007 and compares with prior years.

Mission Hours as values	AFAM - (55a) Air/Vessel Intercept	CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	REGATTA - (02) Regatta/Safety Zone Support	SAFETY - (01a) Maritime Observavation (Mom)	TRN - (22a) Ops Training (Qualifcations)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	2006	2007
11NR - Div 01	0.00	5.40	25.50	64.00	3,002.60	243.70	3,341.20		
11NR - Div 03	0.00	102.90	0.00	229.70	3,718.20	925.80	4,976.60		
11NR - Div 04	61.60	0.00	0.00	156.80	1,184.10	739.00	2,141.50		
11NR - Div 05	137.00	115.40	0.00	84.00	2,564.80	895.90	3,797.10		
11NR - Div 06	0.00	78.50	0.00	182.40	967.70	136.40	1,365.00		
11NR - Div 07	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.40	4,485.90	0.00	4,516.30		
11NR - Div 08	16.60	16.60	33.90	36.00	1,989.60	369.70	2,462.40		
11NR - Div 10	9.30	0.00	0.00	8.00	731.70	87.20	836.20		
11NR - Div 11	0.00	48.70	0.00	289.40	407.90	312.90	1,058.90		
11NR - Div 12	116.00	105.70	0.00	90.60	1,187.20	547.10	2,046.60		
11NR - Eleventh Northern	340.50	473.20	59.40	1,171.30	20,239.70	4,257.70	26,541.80	26,225.60	24,499.00

There may be some add-ons for those late AUXDATA entries but the above chart should give close stats for the final figures. Note that we have done more underway time than the past two years.

Last month I promised to also show Coast Guard underway Operational Support for 2007.

<b>Mission Hours as values</b>	<b>CREWAUG - Crew Augmentation (26)</b>	<b>QE UW CH - Qe Underway Checks (07c)</b>	<b>Underway Cg Operational Support</b>
<b>11NR - Div 01</b>	287.00	19.50	<b>306.50</b>
<b>11NR - Div 03</b>	424.93	26.00	<b>450.93</b>
<b>11NR - Div 04</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>11NR - Div 05</b>	120.50	0.00	<b>120.50</b>
<b>11NR - Div 06</b>	102.25	10.00	<b>112.25</b>
<b>11NR - Div 07</b>	0.00	18.00	<b>18.00</b>
<b>11NR - Div 08</b>	33.00	0.00	<b>33.00</b>
<b>11NR - Div 10</b>	0.00	22.00	<b>22.00</b>
<b>11NR - Div 11</b>	14.00	21.00	<b>35.00</b>
<b>11NR - Div 12</b>	0.00	64.15	<b>64.15</b>
<b>11NR - Eleventh Northern</b>	<b>981.68</b>	<b>180.65</b>	<b>1,162.33</b>

Respectfully,  
Gail