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

IMPORTANT COMMS MESSAGE FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY:

Linda Vetter passed this very important message:

Station San Francisco is once again manning their Station comms room from early morning until 2000 each day, 7 days a week. The Auxiliary boats on patrol within Station SF's AOR will maintain their normal radio guard with Station SF on their working channel (23A). Station Golden Gate continues their guard on 21A. Sector San Francisco also continues their guard on 21A and can be used if you are out patrolling after 2000 if/when Station SF secures (be sure to switch your guard from Station appropriately). Boats in patrol status in Station SF AOR shall assume patrol and maintain 30-minute radio guards with Station SF.

FOOT WEAR FOR UNDERWAY OPERATIONS:

The D11N Qualification Examiners have been instructed to only wear boat shoes when doing check rides on Auxiliary Facilities. The below information may prove informative to all our "boat folks".

When our members are in the working blue uniform they can wear blue, white or brown boating shoes or all black, low top athletic shoes are worn with this uniform. In ODUs (Operational Dress Uniform) they have to wear the optional boat shoe (dark brown leather) low cut moccasin type construction with functional rawhide lacing, brass eyelets, and non-marking sole. All these type of shoes (except for the black one) have the white (or light in color) rubber sole and won't mark up boat decks. That's the key; light soles.

SAFETY OF OUR BODY PARTS:

Please remember everyone must keep all your body parts on the facility. When coming alongside another object, dock, boat, buoy or what ever use only fenders or boat poles to fend off, not any part of your body. Also when transferring personnel from one vessel to another make certain you do it safely in calm, smooth water. We are supposed to be the professionals, not the one that incurs unnecessary injuries.

YOUR FACILITY PHOTO IN POMS:

Anyone can put a picture of their facility into POMS. Here are the instructions:

Add Facility Photos

Prerequisites:

1. Digital photo formatted as a .JPG or .BMP
2. File name must be the Document Number or State Registration Number of the Facility.

Eg: FL1234AN.JPG

OnLine CG-5132 Users:

Save your photo to your "C:" drive in the \POMS\PHOTOS folder.

Log into POMS and then click on "My Facility" then "Update Photo".

Administrative Users:

Save your photos to your "C:" (home) drive or "U:" (C.G. Workstation III) drive in the \POMS\PHOTOS folder.

Log into POMS and then click on "Location" then "Upd Fac Photos".

All:

If the file name is correct, you will see the photo file in the lower box of the Facility Photo dialog. Click on "UpLoad Valid Photos"

File upload may take a while depending on your Internet Connection and the size of the photo file.

INITIAL BOAT CREW, COXSWAIN, PWC OR RE-CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES

For the convenience of our members, candidates and you, the following is highly recommended.

Remember, all initial crew, coxswain, or PWC candidates must have their manuals signed off completely and all their other tasks completed before the request for a Qualification Examiner is made. Facilities that will be used for check rides must be current with all required items on board and be under orders. Qualification Examiners do observe crew and coxswains going through the facility check off sheet and may verify that all items are on board prior to getting underway.

When planning an event that includes QE sign offs, please plan to have all candidates ready to go Saturday morning; please do not plan for additional candidates for Sunday. Sunday is a catch up day for the Qualification Examiners. If candidates are not ready, time is lost to the QEs that could have been spent on others.

Candidates should not expect to come to an event and receive last minute sign offs. They must be ready to go when the request for the QE is made.

Requests for QEs should not be made only for requals not currently due for their check ride. Some members like to do their re-qualification check ride more frequently than the prescribed schedule. If time permits, members that are not due, may be tested, but initial and re-qualification rides for those that are due take priority.

I will confirm if a member has completed all the required exams/classes, and that their tasks have been entered into AUXDATA, I cannot verify whether their book is signed off. The candidate's Mentor (s) is responsible to double check each page in the candidate's book prior to the Flotilla Commander's review. Remember there are three places in the qualification guide that each mentor must sign.

When the Flotilla Commander or the Flotilla Member Training Officer requests Qualification Examiner(s) they are to ensure the candidate has the following:

- Candidate's Qualification Guide completed with mentor signatures and dates on all tasks.
- Candidate possesses proof of completion of all tasks (Nav-Rules, TCT, ICS, OPS Policy Test, etc.)

To save miss-communications concerning your event please have only one point of contact for QE requests.

Please read the excellent OPTREX Guide by Dean La Chapelle on the “Whats New” page on our D11N WEB Site:

<http://resources.d11nuscgaux.info/whatsnew.html>

BOAT CREW BASICS – Communications, Use of Prowords and the Phonetic Alphabet

All of us have heard people on the radios using sloppy communications. This is one more excellent article by Bob Peterson on suggestions how to properly communicate so we sound like professionals. Just go to this link for the article; also please take advantage of the other monthly “Boat Crew Basics” articles that Bob offers. <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface.html>

REMINDER: NAV RULES UPDATE:

During prior years if you had a current “Masters License” you did not need to take the USCG Auxiliary NAV Rules test to maintain your Coxswain status. That is no longer the case: All Coxswains need to take the NAV Rules every five years prior to the anniversary date. The date does not extend to the end of the year.

PWC UPDATE:

The two changes to the Required Facility Equipment listed in Appendix C of the PWC Operator Qual Guide and listed again in task PWC-03-05-AUX (4.g and 4.r) are:

1. One throwable PFD is no longer required. (it is a good idea to carry something to assist a victim in the water)
2. Spare spark plugs are only required for 2 stroke engines. They are no longer required for 4 stroke engines.

OPS REPORT INDEX:

I have been receiving constant phone calls and emails requesting information we have covered in past DSO Reports. So for your pleasure please find attached the report titles and which DSO-OP report they can be found in. I am still working on the list but will attach it to this and future DSO-OP reports.

2008 D11N HOURS

Mission Hours as values	ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	All Missions
11NR - Div 01	43.00	295.10	338.10
11NR - Div 03	4.00	510.30	514.30
11NR - Div 04	0.00	259.40	259.40
11NR - Div 05	5.00	647.80	652.80
11NR - Div 06	0.00	65.00	65.00
11NR - Div 07	0.00	0.00	
11NR - Div 08	43.70	477.10	520.80
11NR - Div 10	0.00	152.40	152.40
11NR - Div 11	1.00	71.30	72.30
11NR - Div 12	7.00	180.50	187.50
11NR	103.70	2,658.90	2,762.60

Current List of Operational Events in D11N for 2008:

2008	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
MAY 30-31- JUN-1	OPTREX DIV 1	YBI	POC: Skip Erickson SO-OP
JUN 7	DSAR	Coast Guard Island	District Search and Rescue Competition
JUN 14-15	OPTREX Flotillas 7-6 & 7-8	Bear Lake, Utah	POC: TBA
JUN 20-22	OPTREX Flotilla 33	Radio One on the Sacramento	POC: Dean LaChapelle
AUG 8-10	OPTREX Flotilla 7-2	Strawberry Reservoir, Utah	POC: TBA
SEP 12-14	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Lake Oroville	POC: COMO Mike Maddox May be cancelled due to lack of water, stay tuned.
OCT 11-13	TIE-OUT Flotilla 88	Clear Lake	POC: Betty Strach FC 88
OCT 24-26	OPTREX Flotilla 3-10	Brannan Island	POC: Cal Faulkner

Respectfully,

DSO-OP, D11N

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