Date: February 2008

To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff

From: D11N DSO-OP Subject: District OPS Report

OPS Workshop:

The first 2008 D11N mandatory Operations Workshop was presented at the Elected Officers Workshop held Sunday, January the 20th. At this workshop CDs with the OPS Workshop, the Mandatory 1 Hour TCT and other prudent information was handed out to those Flotilla Commanders in attendance. During the District Board and Staff meeting the same CDs were given to all members of the District Board. In lieu of sending additional CDs to the flotillas that were not represented during the weekend (January 19th & 20th) the information has been posted, by Irene Wetzel, on our District Web Page to the link below:

http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface.html

Be certain that you turn in two Workshop Attendance Forms, one for the Operations Workshop and another for the one hour TCT Workshop to your IS officer for entry into AUXDATA.

Who is due for what and when:

Phone calls have been received asking the following, hope this info is of assistance.

- 1. When do I have to redo my QE APPROVAL?
 - By December 31st of the third year
- 2. When do I need to have accomplished my 2008 Annual OPS & 1 Hour TCT Workshops?
 - By December 31st of 2008
- 3. When do I need to have my 8 Hour TCT done?
 - By December 31st of the fifth year. The Annual 1 Hour TCT Workshop is exempt the year you take the 8 Hour TCT Workshop.
- 4. When do the ICS courses need to be retaken?
 - Never, you only have to the ICS courses once.
- 5. What ICS courses do I need to take if I am operational?
 - Crew: ICS 100 & 700
 - Coxswain and PWC Operators: 100, 200,700 & 800.
- 6. When are my NAV Rules due?
 - Five years from the *date* of completion, *this is the due date that is different*
- 7. New Coxswains and PWC Operators are required to take and pass the Operations Policy Manual Test. Be sure to bring proof of this to your QE session.
- 8. All requests for Qualification Examiners should be sent to Gail Ramsey (Chief QE Coordinator) six weeks prior with alternative dates. Your first choice will have priority and will try to be fulfilled. The attached forms should be used and they are also available on the surface section of the D11N Web; http://www.d11nuscgaux.info/





Inflatable PFDs Please read link:

It has come to my attention that several of our members have been wearing their inflatable life jackets without verifying that the cartridge was installed properly. This is a good time to remember to read the instructions and set up the inflatables properly.

Inflatable Life Jacket Basics is now available for download in our document library or by clicking here. This is the single, combined document that incorporates the best of both previous articles. This article also incorporates the trend toward utilizing the term Life Jackets in lieu of PFDs, particularly when dealing with the boating public. Auxiliarists and interested members of the boating public should download this final edition and read it. [Submitted by Stu Soffer, N-MS]

YOU HIT WHAT? Advice on Submitting Claims for Damage to Your Facility:

Please take time to read this great article by Joanna L. Nevesny, ADSO-LP this is also posted in the Surface pages on our D11N WEB site.

(Ms. Nevesny volunteers in the JAG office on CGI and evaluates all Auxiliary claims as part of her assistance to the Pacific Area JAG Claims Branch).

http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/docs/AUX-ClaimsAdvice.pdf

AP (Approval Pending) status reminder:

c. Auxiliarists in AP status may perform and have signed-off all tasks that must be completed to earn qualification in any program, with the exception of those aviation competency tasks that must be performed in an airborne facility.

The above statement is included in the new policy about members in AP status that does allow these members to ride on facilities and qualify as a Crew Member. Please read the entire revised policies for Auxiliarists in AP Status in this link: USCG-3PCX 06 Aug 07

Facility Inspections: I was recently asked if an Auxiliary Facility inspection could be done by the owner of that Facility. I knew the answer was "NO" and said so. Then I tried to find the written word and then asked our DSO-VE, Mike Lauro. Mike passed the following information to me, and I have also attached the complete "Supplemental Facility Guide".

Inspection of Vessel Facilities shall be performed by Auxiliarists who are qualified VEs. The VE cannot be the owner of the Facility being inspected, or a member of their immediate family.



2008 Underway Time:

We know that many of our members have very hard water right now but some are able to get underway. The below represents CY 2008 hours.

Mission Hours	11NR	11NR	11NR	11NR	11NR	11NR -
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	01	03	04	05	08	Northern
ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	4.00	5.00
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	40.80	55.50	35.00	42.60	31.20	205.10
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Current List of Operational Events in D11N for 2008:

2008	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 12-13	OPTREX DIV 12		POC: DIV 12 SO-OP
APR 19-20	OPTREX DIV 5		POC: Phil Sanchez, DCP 5
MAY 1-	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Antlers, Lake Shasta	POC: Charlie Duncan
MAY 16-18	OPTREX DIV 1		POC: Skip Erickson SO-OP
JUN 20- 22	OPTREX Flotilla 33	Radio One on the Sacramento	POC: Dean LaChapelle
SEP 12- 14	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Lake Oroville	POC: COMO Mike Maddox
OCT 11-13	TIE-OUT Flotilla 88	Clear Lake	POC: Betty Strach FC 88
OCT 24-26	OPTREX Flotilla 3-10	Brannan Island	POC: <u>Cal Faulkner</u>