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

*Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah*



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

**DSAR** (District Search and Rescue Competition):

Save June the 7<sup>th</sup> for D11N's District Search and Rescue Competition at Coast Guard Island. Each Division is encouraged to send a three person team (the team will be given an all expense paid trip to Alameda) for a District wide competition to determine the team that will represent us in Cape May, New Jersey for the National Search and Rescue Competition (NSAR) October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PEPIRBs** (Personal Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon)

All Coxswains should have an PEPIRB. Please check the battery expiration date and contact DIRAUX (510-437-3313 or (510- 437-3590) to have the battery replaced and obtain an PEPIRB if you do not have one.

**Boat Crew Basics**

Great article by Bob Peterson on suggestions how to "Participate in a Man Overboard Evolution as a Pointer". 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>

**TCT: Team Coordination Training: (TCT)**

Reminder, please check with your IS (Information Services Officer) for your due date for TCT. Currently all Operational members need to take the 8 hour TCT every five years and the 1 hour refresher every year. The 1 hour is waived if you take the 8 hour that year. The 8 hour TCT is offered 4 times a year during the PCA Fair which is the third weekend in February and the third weekend in August. Other classes are available during the year, if you live in an area that is not easy for you to travel to the PCA Fair and you have ten members who need the class then contact me and a TCT Facilitator will be arranged for you. Active Duty stations also offer opportunities for Auxiliary members to attend their TCT classes providing there is adequate space available.

**Working With the Air Patrols:**

All coxswains; be alert to the possibility of radio communications from aircraft during patrols? There may be suggestions of joint exercises, or simply checking communications. The weekly schedule of aviation patrols distributed to the Air Squadron now includes information on scheduled patrols by vessels and land-mobiles during the same period.

**AUXDATA entries for crewing on USCG Vessels**

All your time on a CG Vessel should be Mission 26, Non Lead during training period, and Trainee until training completed. All Mission 26 (Non-Lead) time is credited on the Training Status Report as Underway Hours for the 12 hours Auxiliary underway currency maintenance.

**FEMA LINK for ICS Courses:**

I have been asked again for the FEMA Link. Not sure if has been changed and that is why some have not been able to gain access or what the problem is but here it is:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

## **PYRO on PFDs**

A question was asked about the requirement for VDS (pyro) on PFD (or life jackets as they are now referred to) of operational members. *Below is the direction from HQ:*

“The only requirements for flares are the requirements for the facility itself. Flares should not be carried on the PFD. The survival equipment that must be carried and the list of optional items are in Chapter 4 Section E of the Ops Manual. QE's should be checking the facility, including its pyro, prior to a check ride but can't require the pyro to be carried by anyone.”

## **New Life Jacket Requirements for Auxiliarists**

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

Subj: PFD Requirements -006/08

1. The Coast Guard has recently announced a soon to be implemented change to its list of approved life jackets which all active duty and many Auxiliarists will have to comply with by June 1, 2009. The only life jackets that will be approved for use in the CG Rescue & Survival Manual after the compliance date will be ones that have been dynamic strength tested to 50mph. Not all Auxiliarists will be required to comply.
2. Only auxiliary surface facilities which can exceed 35mph will be required to comply with the new minimum floatation requirement by June 1, 2009.
3. All surface facilities that do not have the capability to exceed 35mph will be unaffected and may continue to wear currently approved PFD's including the float coat.
4. All of our pierside/shore based programs will be unaffected and may continue to wear the PFDs they have now including the float coat.
5. PWCs will continue with what they have been approved to use with no changes. None of the CG 50mph dynamic tested PFDs listed in the manual are for use with PWCs.
6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.
7. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.
8. CG-542, sends

## **REYR**

If you are in a REYR status and you have completed what ever discrepancy put you in REYR; what do you do now?

Contact the DIRAUX office and asked to be taken out of REYR. The DIRAUX Office is the only one who can remove a REYR. But be prepared to show proof of the completion documents (e.g. 7030 showing hours, ICS completion email, QE check ride sheet, NAV Rules score, etc...). You must show proof before DIRAUX can take ANY action.

What if you didn't complete the 1 hour TCT Refresher last year?

Complete this year's 1 hour TCT Refresher or the 8 hour TCT course and send the DIRAUX Office the proof of completion.

Always call the DIRAUX office first before sending any documents. The staff may not know you are in a REYR status and therefore won't know to remove it.

**A Question: Where's my Boat?!?!?!?:**

Division 7 wants us all to know why they are not currently on the water.

Photo taken of Elliott Moses in February 2008



**2008 Underway Time:**

<b>Mission Hours as values</b>	<b>ATON - Aids To Navigation (30,31,32)</b>	<b>AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)</b>
<b>11NR - Div 01</b>	0.00	139.40
<b>11NR - Div 03</b>	0.00	197.60
<b>11NR - Div 04</b>	0.00	98.90
<b>11NR - Div 05</b>	1.00	186.80
<b>11NR - Div 06</b>	0.00	6.00
<b>11NR - Div 07</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>11NR - Div 08</b>	8.70	166.40
<b>11NR - Div 10</b>	0.00	6.50
<b>11NR - Div 11</b>	0.00	28.90
<b>11NR - Div 12</b>	5.00	26.80
<b>11NR - Div 99</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>11NR - Eleventh Northern</b>	<b>14.70</b>	<b>857.30</b>

## 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: <a href="#">Phil Sanchez, DCP 5</a>
MAY 1-4	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Antlers, Lake Shasta	POC: <a href="#">Charlie Duncan</a>
MAY 30-JUN-1	OPTREX DIV 1		<a href="#">POC: Skip Erickson SO-OP</a>
JUN 7	DSAR	Coast Guard Island	POC: RCO Steve Salmon
JUN 20-22	OPTREX Flotilla 33	Radio One Sac River	POC: <a href="#">Dean LaChapelle</a>
SEP 12-14	OPTREX Flotilla 39	Lake Oroville	POC: <a href="#">COMO Mike Maddox</a>
OCT 11-13	TIE-OUT Flotilla 88	Clear Lake	POC: <a href="#">Betty Strach FC 88</a>
OCT 24-26	OPTREX Flotilla 3-10	Brannan Island	POC: <a href="#">Cal Faulkner</a>

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Respectfully,

Gail Ramsey  
DSO-OP, D11N