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To: COMO Mike Williams, COS & District Board/Staff
From: D11N DSO-OP, Commodore Gail L. Ramsey
Subject: District OPS Report

HOT OFF THE PRESS - ICS 210 DEADLINE EXTENSION:

I want you all to be aware that our District had 97% compliance for ICS-210 training; we were not the reason DHS had to extend the deadline. Congratulations to all of you that made the effort to take the class and to the instructors, Mr. J.R. Stafford, Jerry Bynum, and Frank Shelly for giving their time to have us meet our initial dead line.

The below is self explanatory and the deadline has been put forward to **April 2010**.

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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 9:03 AM

Good afternoon,

As you all are aware, the deadline date for completion of ICS-210 of 31MAR2009 is almost upon us. As many Auxiliarists are still in need of the course, CG-5421 requested a second and final extension which was just granted by CG-5331 (Office of Incident Management & Preparedness).

The new date of compliance is 01APR2010.

As per ALAUX 002/07 this course or the full ICS-300 course is required for Auxiliary Single Unit Resource Leaders (SURL's) such as coxswains, PWC operators, pilots (Aircraft Commander, First Pilot and Co-Pilot), certain members in the Trident Program or any other team/task force leader determined by a Coast Guard unit Commander to have a need.

ICS-210 (or ICS-300 as an equivalent) is to be added to the proper qualification packages as a requirement for final qualification. These changes will be reflected in future editions. The Surface Operations website will be updated this week with this information:

<http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/ICS.htm>

When the first extension for ICS-210 from March 2008 to March 2009 was requested, only 715 Auxiliarists (or 18% of required personnel) had taken either course despite it having been "strongly encouraged" for almost 2 years. To date, AUXDATA is now showing well over 2,500 who have taken ICS-210 and close to 900 have taken ICS-300 for a 70% compliance rate.

The Auxiliary has done an outstanding job in trying to meet this DHS requirement. We very much appreciate the Auxiliary's cooperation and coordination efforts, and understand the incredible effort involved in this the training and qualification initiative. With the new deadline of 01APR10, the next year should provide ample time to reach the goal of 100% compliance.

Many thanks to LCDR Dunbar and CPO Woodill who have been tracking this requirement and compliance rates.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

APPLICANTS & THE BOAT CREW PROGRAM:

The question has come up again about new members (applicants) that have not received their clearance from the Security Center yet. Linked to the AUX Knowledge Base (<http://kb.cgaux.info/>) WEB page is the letter: "Revised Policies for Auxiliarists in Approval Pending (AP) Status", CF-3PCX dated 06 August 2007. This letter does say exactly what "Applicants" can and cannot do. They can become Crew Qualified but not Coxswain Qualified. To find this letter takes a bit of patience. If you need help give me a call and I will be glad to assist.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CORRECTLY TOW A PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC)?

Very simple, always tow from the tow eye attached to the hull of the vessel and never from the handle bars. Tow slowly and always maintain a tow watch.

ORDERS (PRINTED) ON BOARD:

Some members have stated that they are having problems printing their orders to have on board when doing patrols. Mr. Kilburger played with the program a bit and found if you click on the button that states "PRINT 5132" that a nice copy comes off the printer. If you have any problems let me know.

REQUESTING A QE:

Requests should go direct to Gail.L.Ramsey@uscg.mil from the Flotilla Commander or the Flotilla Staff Officer of Member Training at least three weeks, preferably longer, prior to the event. Always check the District Calendar for any Operational Event conflicts. Mid week Qualification Examiners are available, so take advantage.

INTER-DISTRICT QUALIFICATIONS, CAN THOSE OUTSIDE OUR DISTRICT MAKE UP OUR QUALIFIED CREW?:

Chapter 4 of the Aux Boat Crew Manual states:

A.8. Inter-District Transfers

Certification for boat crew positions is valid only in the district or region in which the certification is issued. A certified Auxiliarist permanently relocating to another district must be certified by the Director in that district prior to being assigned to duty in that district. The receiving OTO shall arrange for an underway check ride with their QE and shall complete tasks BCM-08-04-AUX for crew member, Task COX-09-06-AUX for coxswain and Task PWC 08-04 for Personal Watercraft Operator.

Bottom Line: Do not count a member from out of our District to make up your qualified crew; always have a full qualified crew from D11N on board.

DO I GET REIMBURSED FOR TRAVELING TO MY BOAT IN A SLIP?:

This is a question that comes up frequently; if my boat is in the water do I get reimbursed for mileage going to/ from the slip and how do I enter it on the Request for Reimbursement (5132

Form). If your facility is in a slip you can only claim the time traveled to/from on your 7029 Form, you cannot claim mileage or reimbursement on your 5132 Form. On the 5132, if your vessel is in the water, only claim the start time of the patrol and the finish time, not the time you left or returned from home.

ON LINE ICS, NAV RULES, OPS POLICY TESTS:

To be certain any on-line tests you pass are recorded in your DIRAUX and AUXDATA records. Make copies of the results for your personal home records and send, email a copy to DIRAUX, or have someone hand carry it in. There is no mechanism to input the Operations Policy Test results into AUXDATA. Be certain that members going for initial Coxswain have a copy of their Operations Policy Test with them when they go to a QE.

WHO IS YOUR PATROL AREA COORDINATOR?:

Please double check the list of Patrol Area Coordinators (PACs) on the District Operations Surface pages. Occasionally we do have changes and the OPS WEB Site is where you can double check.

D11N MANDATORY OPERATIONS/TCT WORKSHOP:

These workshops are required for all our Crew/Coxs/ PWC Operators and are due no later than June 30th 2009. The OPS Workshop is specific to our District, and the National OPS workshop does not fulfill this requirement.

The D11N Operations Workshop is available for download at:
<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface.html>.

The One Hour Mandatory TCT is available at: <http://www.auxodept.org/> .

For those that have taken the eight hour TCT this year it is not necessary to take the one hour refresher. Elected officers, FSO-OP, FSO-MT, SO-OP, SO-MT, DSO-OP or DSO-MT can give the workshop as long as they are instructor qualified. Please have all those in attendance to the workshops fill out an ANSC 7039 and give it to your IS officer. Request the IS officer make two entries for each name, one for the OPS workshop and one for the One-Hour TCT.

EVENT CALENDAR:

Please email me your Operational Events for this as well as the District Calendar.

2009	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 30- MAY 3	OPTREX FLOTILLA 39	ANTLERS, LAKE SHASTA	POC: Charlie Duncan IPDCP DATE REQ: JUN 2008
May 2 and 3	OPTREX DIV 1	TBA	TBA DATE REQ: FEB 2009
JUNE 6-7	OPTREX – DIV 7	JORDANELLE RES	TBA
AUG 6-9	OPTREX – DIV 7	STRAWBERRY RES	TBA

SEP 27-28	OPTREX DIV 5 & FLT 51	BRANNAN ISLAND	TBA
OCT 16,17,18	OPTREX FLOTILLA 3-10	BRANNAN ISLAND	Carla Rose @ rosette8704@gmail.com
OCT 22,23 24	OPTREX FLOTILLA 10-5	MILLERTON	

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail