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

NATIONAL SAR COMPETITION WILL RETURN IN 2010:

There will not be a National SAR competition this year, but there will be one in 2010 in Yorktown VA. COMO Connell commented that having the SAR competitions on the east coast makes it more difficult for PacArea people. There may be some funding, but right now each district will have a SAR competition and send a team at the district's expense. Hopefully D11N can participate.

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

All D11N Qualification Examiners have been cautioned about not taking on board ill members. The Active Duty are required to take a mandatory "Influenza Pandemic Awareness" course and it appears that this same course will be soon mandatory for the Auxiliary. I will pass to all what was passed to our QEs, if someone does not feel well please tell them to go home, do not take them on board your boat, do not subject yourself or your crew to any disease. The below is from the June "UP TOP" publication and states it very well:

Remember! Everyone aboard every facility, surface or air, has an obligation to make sure they are in good enough physical condition to conduct the mission without being a hazard to themselves, their crewmates, or the public.

I – Illness Do I have an illness or any symptoms of an illness?	A – Alcohol Have I been drinking within 8 hours? How much within 24 hrs?
M – Medication Have I been taking prescription or over-the-counter drugs?	F – Fatigue Am I adequately rested?
S – Stress Am I under psychological pressure, as from my job? Worried about financial matters, health problems, or family discord?	E – Eating Am I adequately nourished / hydrated?

The "UP TOP" Publication: This newsletter has a tremendous amount of excellent information in it and can be read at: <http://www.cgaux.org/response/ODEptNews.htm>

SAMA (Standard Auxiliary Maintenance Allowance)

If you have questions about SAMA (the program intended to reduce the maintenance costs incurred by Auxiliarists), check out the following web site:

- <http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/SAMA.htm>

SEW ON COXSWAINS DEVICE

There has been much controversy about the color of the “sew on” Coxswain device. The question was asked to the National level and the response is the color should be “gold”. I realize that many have the “silver” color sew on device and you can continue wearing it until no longer serviceable and then you should change to the correct color.

Below missions are as July 9th, 2009. There is an error in the SAR data.

Mission Hours as values	Div 01	Div 03	Div 04	Div 05	Div 06	Div 07	Div 08	Div 10	Div 11	Div 12
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,5 4a,55a)	1,222.30	2,702.40	655.00	1,916.20	297.80	1,177.30	682.60	337.20	1,085.60	583.50
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	52.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	53.40	173.80	27.80	85.90	15.60	143.50	9,308.50	63.50	49.80	237.20
All Missions	1,275.70	2,929.10	682.80	2,002.10	313.40	1,320.80	9,991.10	400.70	1,135.40	820.70

GUIDE FOR ALL CREW, COXSWAIN AND PWC CANDIDATES AND THOSE GOING FOR REQUALIFICATIONS:

Please save the below guide. Hopefully it will may things easier for you when it comes time to request a Qualification Examiner.

GUIDE FOR FLOTILLA AND DIVISION CANDIDATES PRIOR TO REQUESTING QE:

<p>All tasks in the AUX Boat Crew Qualification Guide are to be signed off by a Mentor. The below tasks are included in the qualification guides for Crew, Coxswain and PWC Operator. These are the most frequently overlooked tasks that have to be accomplished prior to requesting a Qualification Examiner. All tasks are to be completed prior to requesting a QE.</p>	
<p>Crew: (re-qual 12 hours prior yr u/w) Can be in an AP Status, cannot be IQ ICS 100 ICS 700 8 Hour TCT (Within past 5 years) 1 hr TCT every year except year 8 hr is taken OPS Workshop (Mandatory in this District)</p>	<p>COXSWAIN: (re-qual 12 hrs u/w prior yr) Be BQ Qualified Not be in REYR as a Crew Member 28 Hours underway as a qualified Crew Member Operations Policy Test (Initial Only) Initial Written Closed Book NAV Rules 8 Hour TCT (Within past 5 years) 1 hr TCT every year except year 8 hr is taken OPS Workshop (Mandatory in this District) ICS 100 ICS200 ICS 700 ICS 800 ICS 210 (in place by April 1, 2010)</p>
<p>PWC Operator: (re-qual 12 hrs u/w prior yr) Operations Policy Test (Initial Only) Initial Written Closed Book NAV Rules 8 Hour TCT (Within past 5 years) 1 hr TCT every year except year 8 hr is taken OPS Workshop (Mandatory in this District) ICS 100 ICS200 ICS 700 ICS 800 ICS 210 (in place by April 1, 2010)</p>	<p>Schedule for Three Year Re-Qualifications:</p> <p>Last check ride 2004–was due in 2008 Last check ride 2005/2006–due in 2009 Last check ride 2007–due in 2010 Last check ride 2008–due in 2011 Check ride 2009 – not due until 2012</p> <p><i>Please have your FSO-IS check candidate's status of when due for qual and plan accordingly.</i></p>
<p>FC or OPTREX/OPEX coordinator arranges for the necessary number of Facilities. The Facilities must have qualified Crew and Coxswains to man the vessels.(NOTE: QEs CANNOT COUNT AS PART OF QUALIFIED CREW) If the event is an OPTREX/OPEX contact Dean La Chapelle for verification of available dates for event</p>	<p>FC, or if Division event the appointed Division member, contacts Chief QE Coordinator: COMO Gail Ramsey gives approved dates (received from Dean La Chapelle) that QE is needed. Please plan ahead and request at least three, four or more weeks prior the event.</p>

The Flotilla Commander and the person requesting a QE are responsible to verify that all persons he/she submits to meet with a QE are properly prepared before a Qualification Examiner is requested, therefore if the candidate plans to go to another Flotilla or Division's event the Flotilla Commander should pass all supporting documents (copies if desired, including signoff manual) to the person who will be verifying the quals at the event outside of the candidate's Flotilla level. The Division member will be requesting the Qualification Examiner(s). Proficiencies both dockside and on the water; will be demonstrated for the QE's signature. If candidates come from more than one Flotilla please have all candidates' names on one form.

Only one form per QE session including all candidates and only one person should be requesting the QEs.