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COMMUNICATIONS:

More information on “OPS NORMAL” reports. We hear a lot of boats saying "Ops Normal", then they say they are tied up at fuel dock, towing a boat, tied up for lunch, doing hello hoists, or something else. That is NOT “Ops Normal”. In those cases they should say that their ops situation is "towing disabled boat" or whatever instead (and still the position, of course).. For those that are working with an Active Duty unit below is a list of Coast Guard phone numbers for your use in case of loss of communications while on patrol: If working with an Active Duty unit call the station for that AOR by phone (preferably same day) - Request which VHF frequency will be used for communications(marine band VHF) - If at any time VHF communications cannot be established or are lost, call again by phone to re-establish. **NO COMMUNICATIONS, NO PATROL.**

GROUP HUMBOLDT BAY	707-839-6113	STATION MORRO BAY	805-772-2167
SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO	415-399-3547	STATION NOYO RIVER	707-964-6612
STATION BODEGA BAY	707-875-3596	STATION RIO VISTA	707-374-2871
STATION GOLDEN GATE	415-331-8247	STATION SAN FRANCISCO	415-399-3541
STATION LAKE TAHOE	530-583-4433	STATION VALLEJO	707-643-2975
STATION MONTEREY	831-647-7300		

FACILITY MARKINGS (A reminder from National)

Any unit owned or privately owned surface facilities must be in compliance with the Operations Policy Manual. We have recently come across several of these that are permanently marked improperly. Please read chapter 3 of the OPS POL manual for clarification of this policy. Also note that there is no provision for permanent markings on a vessel owned by a member.

OPERATIONAL SECURITY CLEARANCE REMINDERS:

The question has come up again as to who needs a Direct Operational Clearance (DO). Many years ago anyone operational needed to have a DO, then the fact that the high cost of getting such a clearance became apparent and in 2006 the ALCOAST 231/06 came out with changes. If one or two members are unsure it may be a good time to put out excerpts below direct from the ALCOAST.

http://www.uscg.mil/d13/diraux/ps/alcoast_231_06.asp

If in doubt check with the Coast Guard Unit you are working with to verify if or if not they require you to have a Direct Operational Clearance. There may be exceptions but please verify before you fill out that SF-86 form.

OPERATIONS/TCT 2011 WORKSHOPS:

All who attended DTRAIN and the OPS/TCT workshop were also given credit for the new "ETHICS" requirement. Many hours were spent by Anita Farnholtz putting these names into AUXDATA. Please verify with your IS officer that you have been given credit for all three workshops. After twelve hours of sitting in front of a computer doing the data entry it is easy to make an error. Let me know if you are not given credit for all three workshops.

The OPS/TCT PowerPoint is on the OPS Surface page:

<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/operations.html>

Also linked from Forms & Download page:

<http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/info/downloads.html>

PAPER WORK REMINDER:

When filling out your 7030 form for Search and Rescue Cases (SARS) be certain to use mission "24". Some are still using "25" and that is not accurate and AUXDATA no longer uses that mission.

REYR?????

Please inform your operational members that all qualifications are updated at the end of the year in AUXDATA. If a member has not had all of their currency maintenance items entered into AUXDATA by that time they will be indicated as in REYR. I would strongly encourage all flotillas to run a **Training Status Unit Report** showing the status of their membership qualifications at this time of year to find out who will be in need of a requalification check ride, NAV Rules exam, or 8 hour TCT course this year. This printout should also indicate those members that are in REYR for underway hours from last year. Now is the time to let the member know what they have to do to stay current for the year.

TEAM COORDINATION TRAINING (TCT)

Members are required to take TCT every 5 years to maintain their qualifications. These classes are always offered twice a year at the PCA Fair held the third weekend in February and the third weekend in August.

When enough members (at least 10) require a class in other portions of our District we will arrange to send a TCT Facilitator to that area. The 8 Hour TCT class must be given by a TCT Facilitator, the 1 Hour may be given by an instructor at the Flotilla level.

OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF: 07 APRIL 2011

LOCATION	SPONSOR	EVENT	DATE & CONTACT	QEs	NOTES
TBA	DIV 12	OPTREX	MAY 13 TH , 14 TH , 15 TH	YES	POC GEORGE PROWS caseyct@pacbell.net
CGSTA VALLEJO	DIV 5	TRAINING ONLY	APRIL 23 RD	NO	POC CURTIS HAN curtis.s.han@gmail.com
LAKE SHASTA	FLT 3-9	OPTREX	APR 28 TH - MAY 1ST	YES	POC CARL PIERCE OR CHARLIE DUNCAN cpierce7223@sbcglobal.net
CGSTA VALLEJO	FLT	OPTREX	JUNE 11 TH , 2011	YES	POC CURTIS HAN curtis.s.han@gmail.com
BERKELEY YACHT CLUB	DIV 1	OPTREX	JUNE 25 STEVE SALMON	YES	
COAST GUARD ISLAND	D11N	EXERCISE TRAINING ONLY	JULY	NO	DEAN LACHAPPLE
SO LAKE TAHOE	D11	OPTREX	JULY 23RD		POC JIM SNELL snellj@charter.net
SO LAKE TAHOE	DIV 11	OPTREX	SEPT 17 TH , 2011		POC JIM SNELL snellj@charter.net
CLEAR LAKE	DIV 8	OPTREX	SEPT 30 TH – OCT 2		
FLOTILLA 5-5 COAST GUARD STATION BODEGA BAY	FLOTILLA 5-5	OPTREX	OCTOBER 21, 2011		POC RICHARD PALMITER Rkp01@comcast.net

UNDERWAY HOURS ONLY, JAN TO APR 4TH 2011

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	Sector San Francisco
U/W - Underway	51.50	37.30	3.90	178.10	51.30	0.00	23.00	3.50	43.10	8.50	400.20

APRIL QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What are the 3 phases of a SAR Emergency?

THE MARCH QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Who has the authority to suspend, reaffirm, decertify, or downgrade and Auxiliarist's qualifications in operations?

ANSWER:

The Director of Auxiliary or designee (OTO). (COMDTINST M16798.3E, CH. 1-G.3 & 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail