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Subject: Surface Response Report for August, 2018

1. AUXDATA Mission Activity Code Changes, ALAUX 017/18
2. Fuel and SAMA funds
3. L2 AUX Leadership Link, Safety Message "Nationwide Blue Green Algae Issues"
4. OPTREX Schedule, updated 07JUL2018

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SUBJ: AUXDATA :MISSION ACTIVITY CODE CHANGES

1. **ACTIVITY CODE CHANGES:** Three new activity codes were recently activated in AUXDATA, and another code was clarified and redefined to better track actual mission hours and crew mission time. The Auxiliary User Support and Services (U) Directorate is working on the necessary updates to the ANSC-7030 form.

These codes are:

- 10M: CG Historian Office Support
- OIC: Auxiliary Paddle Craft Operation
- 01D: Operational Standby
- 23A: Search and Rescue (SAR) Standby

2. DEFINITIONS: (for ANSC 7030 form updates)

10M: CG Historian Support: Use this code for time spent supporting and assisting the CG Historian's Office or for time spent on Auxiliary historian activities.

OIC: Auxiliary Paddle Craft (AUXPAD) Operations: Use this code for time spent on a mission under Coast Guard orders, with an

authorized AUXPAD facility and qualified AUXPAD operator, conducting AUXPAD afloat recreational boating safety (RES) outreach activities. If other authorized activities (SAR, aids to navigation verifications, marine event patrols) are undertaken in addition to RBS outreach, use the appropriate codes for those missions and account for time spent on those missions in the itinerary section of the patrol orders. Used only for kayaks per the AUXPAD instruction.

OID: Operational Standby\*: Use this code for time spent available under Coast Guard orders with an Auxiliary operational facility (vessel, aircraft or radio) and qualified crew who are operationally ready for duty (B-0 status) but not currently underway, airborne, or in operation. The facility must be ready for operations with qualified crew in the immediate vicinity of the facility and in prescribed uniform, ready to proceed without delay. For example:

- Prior to getting underway, as the crew is preparing for a mission
- When moored for meals, breaks, or other logistics stops
  - When not in physical control of a radio facility
- Standing by at an airport or dock for pickup of passengers or equipment
  - Debriefing and cleaning up a facility after an underway mission.

23A- SAR Standby\*: This code shall be entered ONLY when specifically assigned by the Order Issuing Authority (OIA) to assume dedicated SAR standby for an actual or potential SAR mission. The facility must be ready for immediate SAR response, with a qualified crew in the immediate vicinity of the facility and in the prescribed uniform. Situations which may merit assignment to SAR Standby are:

1. Prolonged searches where active duty crews are likely to exceed fatigue standards
2. SAR coverage in cases where active duty assets are not available due to unexpected or prolonged machinery /equipment casualties
3. On busy/holiday weekends to assist with a high likelihood of SAR events
4. For any situation deemed appropriate by the OIA

Upon completion of an underway, airborne or operational (in the case of radios) patrol, appropriate mission codes will be entered for recording all activities.

\*Standby time (OID and/or 23A) must be entered in each itinerary to account for crew fatigue per chapter 4.E.8 and Annex 1, section B of reference (a). Operators will enter standby time in their itineraries. Itineraries with no standby time will be returned by the OIA to the operator for correction.

2. We are tracking well for fuel and SAMA this year, and in fact we could actually increase our usage. With this in mind, all patrols with legitimate justification, including training, are authorized until further notice. This includes patrols during the week and aviation mission support.

As always, approval for these missions are with the Order Issuing Authority (OIA), but any fuel/SAMA restrictions put in place by DIRAUX is hereby lifted.

3. Although I don't think we have the Blue Green Algae Issue here we have had the Red Tide and the information below is a good reminder to take safety into consideration when around any foreign waterborne invasive plant life. The following came from L2 AUX Leadership

### National Blue Green Algae Issues (Cyanobacteria)

#### What are Cyanobacteria?

Cyanobacteria, also referred to as blue-green algae, naturally occur in all freshwater ecosystems. However, too many nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen in the waterway can result in conditions that

lead to cyanobacterial blooms. These blooms can often be identified as floating mats of bad-smelling, decaying and gelatinous scum.

### Health Risks

When cyanobacteria degrade, they may release algal toxins that can be harmful to aquatic and human life. Exposure to Cyanobacteria or their toxins may produce allergic reactions such as skin rashes, eye irritations, respiratory symptoms, and in some cases gastroenteritis, liver and kidney failure or death. The most likely pathway to exposure for humans is through accidental ingestion or inhalation during recreational activities in the waterbody.

### Auxiliary issues

Missions that occur near affected waters may be hazardous. Use your GAR assessment and be aware of the exposure as an environmental hazard. Symptoms of illnesses that you or a health care provider associate with exposure to algae blooms while assigned to duty must be reported to your Order Issuing Authority as soon as possible. In the event that medical treatment is sought, advise the provider that the illness was a consequence of your employment by the United States as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Advise all health care providers treating you for the exposure that they should submit their bill for services to the United States Department of Labor as a federal worker's compensation case.

### 4. OPTREX schedule

Remember this is a dynamic document so check for changes each month and also check the District calendar for the latest information.

### OPTREX Schedule 2018

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August 17-19	Division 7	Location: Jordannelle Res. Utah Contact: Mike Williams
August 24 & 25	Division 11	Location : Lake Tahoe Contact : Linda Haynes
September 15 & 16	Division 6 & 4	Location: Santa Cruz Harbor Contact: Sean Sheehan
September 19	Special makeup OPTREX	Location: Pier 40 Contact: Bill Burns
September 22 & 23	Division 10	Location: Lake Millerton Contact: Rod Rollins
September 22 & 23	Flotilla 55	Location: CGSTA Bodega Bay Contact: Wil Sumner
October 12-14	Division 3	Location: Brannen Island Contact: John Hardin

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