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ASSUMING PATROLS:

When assuming your patrol and passing your vessel information we are not authorized to give the names of your crew over the radio. Just tell the number of people on board (POB). If any personal information needs to be passed either do it via cell phone or on a land line.

BOATING STATS CONCERNING FATALITIES:

The 2008 boating statistics have been released and thought you might find them of interest. Although nationally there was a slight rise in fatalities, in the four western states of the Coast Guard's 11th District (CA, AZ, NV & UT) there were actually fewer fatalities overall. Each state, except Nevada, had fewer fatalities, fewer accidents and fewer registered boats. In fact this is the first time that the D11 fatality rate has been BELOW the national average per 100,000 registered boats. D11 was 5.48 versus national average of 5.6. Go to this WEB Site, <http://auxbdept.org/index.php>, for a complete, interesting, breakdown of statistics.

CURRENT STATION RADIO FREQUENCIES:

STATION/SECTOR	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO	21A	ALL WORKING FREQS
STATION SAN FRANCISCO	23A	16
STATION VALLEJO	81A	16
STATION GOLDEN GATE	21A	16
STATION MONTEREY	23A	16
STATION BODEGA BAY	81A	16
STATION RIO VISTA	21A	16
STATION LAKE TAHOE	21A	16
STA/GRP HUMBOLDT BAY	83A	16
STATION NOYO RIVER	83A	16

NOTES: CHANNEL 22A USED FOR CG COMMS WITH PUBLIC. AIRCRAFT/CUTTERS NORMALLY ARE ON SECTOR/GROUP CHANNEL

CASE NUMBERS:

When working with a CG Station and you have a SAR Case you should always receive a "CASE NUMBER". If for some reason you do not receive a case number, or are not working directly with the Coast Guard, fill out a SAR Report Form and submit it to your IS officer. For the case number you can use the date with a dash one or two for additional cases that day. We need to capture the stats for what you do on the water and without this data we cannot show all we do.

COXSWAIN Information:

Some Coxswain Candidates have failed a QE session. It is highly recommended if you have not passed your first request for a check ride with a QE that you take advantage of other Coxswains in the District and do several patrols with them, using them as mentors for yourself between each QE session. If they don't have some sort of mentoring the same results will occur during the next test. Do not become discouraged, just attack the problem and put yourself in a training mode.

FACILITY EXAMS:

Once a Facility Exam has been entered into AUXDATA by DIRAUX it takes 24 hours before it will show in POMS and then you can get orders. When you have your facility inspected be certain the inspection is done by other Vessel Examiners, not you, your spouse or other relative or the inspection will be invalid.

REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATION EXAMINERS:

FOR ONE FLOTILLA OR MORE THAN ONE FLOTILLA:

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 sign off manual) to the person who will be verifying the quals at the event outside of the candidate's Flotilla. The Division event operations point of contact will be requesting the Qualification Examiner(s). This person should be appointed by the Division Commander.

If candidates come from more than one Flotilla please have all candidates' names on one form to the QE Coordinator. **Only one form per QE session, sent by one person, including all candidates names and only one person should be requesting the QEs.**

Requests become very convoluted when more than one person requests QEs for the same event.

This year will be the rarity when it comes to requesting Qualification Examiners. This year, and only this year, the QEs need to do double the requalification check rides. All who did their last Initial Certification or Requalification check rides in 2005 or 2006 need to do it this year. Please be sure to provide at least one alternate date on your request form. Next year will be far easier for all our Operational members.

PERMISSION FOR NON AUX PASSENGERS ON PATROLS, POLICY UPDATES:

CWO Kilburger has stated the current policy and procedures related to having guests and passengers on board Auxiliary facilities underway on orders. The current policy is that guests can be authorized if it is safe to do – safe amount of capacity on the facility, no special safety issues, adequate PPE for all, etc. However, it is still required that Coxswains must first get permission from their order issuing authority (OIS), which is normally the Station and or Group/Sector. Waivers are not required for active duty Coast Guard, CG reserve on duty, or other members of the Auxiliary.

There is a sample Guest Request letter linked to from the Surface Operations pages on the D11N web site to be filled out and submitted to the OIA, and also a copy of the Waiver of Liability form (OPS-LR, Liability Release) that each guest should fill out and sign. Coxswains still need to submit these completed forms along with their 5132 claim forms to the OIA at the end of the patrol as well.

The DIRAUX office is no longer in the request process loop for each occurrence.

PPE WAIVERS:

Only cognizant Active Duty Officers in Charge (OIC) or Commanding Officers (CO) are allowed to issue PPE waivers. Nevertheless, the Coxswain is responsible for the health and safety of his crew. For example, if a member of a boat crew becomes a medical emergency due to heat exhaustion caused by wearing an anti-exposure coverall in eighty degree weather, the coxswain must initiate first aid (i.e. removing the anti-exposure coverall) in an effort to help his crewman recover.

The above scenario is probably not likely to occur. The point is that the coxswain must communicate his concern to Sector so as to avoid problems while underway.

REYR / REWK PROPER WAY TO REGAIN OPERATIONAL STATUS:

REYR is when you have a lack of a currency maintenance requirement recorded in AUXDATA for the qualification you have worked so hard to achieve. This may be due to lack of hours underway and/or tasks not accomplished (TCT, Workshops, and ICS courses as samples). REWK is when you have not done the required workshops in a specified time and at the end of the year REWK will change to REYR. To regain Operational Status you must do the required time; this should be entered into AUXDATA showing you as a Trainee. Then submit to DIRAUX the Form MT-3 (1-09). This form is on the District Web Site:

<http://d11nuscgaux.info/docs/Downloads/D11NR-MT3.pdf>. Only the Director's office can remove the REYR or REWK. This procedure is being followed for Boat Crew, Coxswain or PWC Operator. If the REYR is due to a lack of hours from the prior year, these hours need to be made up and be sure to get this year's requirement hours in also or you will end up REYR again in January.

WHO CAN PROCTOR THE INITIAL NAV RULES TEST?

The subject of who can proctor the initial Navigation Rules written test came up last weekend.

Qualification Examiners, members of the Active Duty Coast Guard or in special circumstances Division Commanders (with permission of the OTO) can administer the test.

Members who are close to an Active Duty station can request that the NAV Rules initial test be proctored by one of the members of the Station. Would suggest contacting the Active Duty Auxiliary Liaison Officer and request he/she request the test from DIRAUX. Then the member takes the test and the Station returns the test to DIRAUX for grading.

Mr. Kilburger has given permission for Division Commanders to administer the initial NAV Rules test. This will work well for Divisions that are not working with an Active Duty Station and **only apply if a Qualification Examiner is not available.** Permission for the Division Commanders to administer the test still needs to be approved by Mr. Kilburger or the QE coordinator.

If you are going to have an Active Duty member proctor the test, contact the Coast Guard Station AUX liaison (listed on the Surface D11N WEB Site), he/she will request the test from DIRAUX. The AUXLO will administer the test and then he/she will return the test to DIRAUX for grading. A Qualification Examiner does the same - request the test, proctor and return to DIRAUX. A Division Commander should request a Qualification Examiner from the Qualification Examiner Coordinator (AQEC) to administer the test and if one is not available then a waiver will be given for the Division Commander to request, proctor and return the test to DIRAUX. Please contact me if you have any questions,

USEFUL WEB SITES:

Linda Vetter and Bob Peterson presented a Coxswain Workshop for the August 2009 PCA Fair. One of Linda's handouts had the below great info that all can benefit from.

For tons of info, forms, policies, procedures, etc. on
Surface Operations in D11N:

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

For NS (Navigation Systems) reporting forms, etc.:

http://www.auxmdept.org/latest_navigation_systems_division.htm

For Information about SAMA:

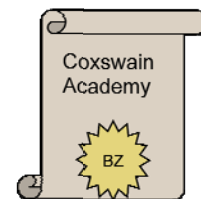
<http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/SAMA.htm>

For the CG Finance Center:

http://www.fincen.uscg.mil/aux_info.htm

For POMS Information and Downloads:

<http://www.statronics.com/poms/>



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

Please save the below guide. Hopefully it will make 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. <i>(NOTE: QEs CANNOT COUNT AS PART OF QUALIFIED CREW)</i> 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.

Respectfully Submitted/gr