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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
District 11 Northern Region**

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Date: January 17, 2007  
To: Mike Williams, VCO & District Board/Staff  
From: D11N DSO-OP  
Subject: District OPS Report

### **Delta**

Would you like to receive excellent training that only the Gold side can provide? Please advise either Bill Kinsey or myself and we will schedule you for 2007 mid-week training with Station Rio Vista. Your facility should be less than 30 feet and you would be underway for three to four hours. This is not an eight hour Safety Patrol; this is Operational Support for the Coast Guard. The Station needs to have the opportunity to work with different type vessels as this is what they come across on a day to day basis.

### **D11N Operations Website**

The D11 Operations website is updated with the current links to materials, including the 2007: Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide, All Facility Inspection Forms Revised, and Annual TCT Refresher Requirement. The Operations website is being developed to have links for all operational needs. Please send requests for additional information and links to the Operations Webmaster, e-mail link at the bottom of each Operational web page. Your input would be appreciated.

### **Towing come upons:**

The question has arisen as to what we can do when we come upon a vessel in distress while under orders.

As per the AUX OPS Policy Manual, page 4-22:

“E.9.a When an Auxiliary vessel on routine patrol or otherwise on orders discovers a vessel requesting assistance, but is not in contact with the Coast Guard, the Auxiliarist will relay the request for assistance to the Coast Guard Operational Commander and may undertake to provide assistance, if capable.”

This is done on our Inland Lakes frequently but this also pertains to those on the Coast, Bay and Delta. It is always encouraged to advise your controlling agency of your intentions. When in radio contact with a Station, it is always a good idea to give the Station the State registration numbers of the vessel just to make sure it has not been stolen or for some other reason we may not want to undertake immediate assistance, but if the vessel is in immediate danger and the radio is busy do not hesitate to do what you can.

## **REYR, REWK:**

Many, far too many, of our Coxswains and Crew's certification were dropped December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Listed are some of the various reasons:

1. REWK =
    - A. Member did not take (or it was not recorded) the 2006 D11N Operations Workshop  
This member will now not be current until they have taken the 2007 Operations Workshop which is due out shortly.
  2. REYR =
    - A. Did not do required hours
    - B. Not current on TCT
    - C. Not current on NAV RULES
    - D. ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 need to be taken by 31 Dec 2007. New candidates need to have the required ICS training done for the position they are qualifying for prior to being certified.
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## **Questions pertaining to the new qualification guides for Coxswain, Crew and PWC:**

Many questions have come forth from our members concerning the new qualification guides for Coxswain, Crew and PWC Operator. Mr. Frost has compiled the below responses to the questions:

1. What is the new reference that dictates over the new guides?  
Answer: The new Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, COMDTINST M16794.51A
2. Where can I get the new training manual and all the new guides?  
Answer: <http://cgauxsurfaceops.us/manuals.htm>
3. What should a member do who has already started the old qualification guide but not completed the qualification?  
Answer: Print out the new guide and have their mentor sign off tasks that have already been signed off and complete any new tasks prior to a QE session.
4. The coxswain guide has a new task (COX-09-03-AUX) that requires members to complete the Operations Policy Manual and National SAR Plan open book exam. Where do I find this exam?  
Answer: The exam can be found at the following site:  
<http://cgexams.info/testing/index.asp?bhcp=1> . Members are required to complete the exam, print out the successful completion page (must receive an 80% or better), and show that to their mentor so they can sign off the task. I recommend that the completion page be attached to the members qualification guide.
5. Are any tasks in the new guides waiverable by D11 North DIRAUX?  
Answer: No. All tasks must be completed and signed off prior to a QE session.

6. How does a member get tasks, such as "Pass through a Lock", signed off if there are no locks in their region?

Answer: If a member cannot physically complete a task due to location then they must be able to completely explain the procedure to their mentor for it to be signed off.

7. What are the new QE request procedures?

Answer:

a. FOR NEW CERTIFICATIONS - Once a member has completed ALL tasks in a qualification guide, the next step is to set up a QE Session. The member's Flotilla Commander or FSO-MT must complete the attached QE Request form and send it to the QE Coordinators (Phil and Dodie Fleisig - gadwal1@mindspring.com). Once the Fleisigs have received a proper request a QE will be assigned. The QE will contact the candidate and answer any questions and discuss procedures for the session. The candidate is required to bring their completed qualification guide to this session.

b. FOR RECERTIFICATIONS - The member's Flotilla Commander or FSO-MT must complete the attached QE Request form and send it to the QE Coordinators (Phil and Dotie Fleisig - gadwal1@mindspring.com). The member needing recertification will need to have their FSO-IS fill out a portion of the new form (APPENDIX F of the new manual in question 1) and bring that form with them to the session. The QE will complete that form once the member has successfully completed the recertification and send it to the OTO.

8. When do I need to get recertified?

Answer: The schedule is as follows (see enclosures 1, 2, & 3 in the manual mentioned in question 1 for the new required tasks):

- a. Last check ride 2002 or 2003 - Next check ride 2007
- b. Last check ride 2004 - Next check ride 2008
- c. Last check ride 2005 or 2006 - Next check ride 2009

**(IMPORTANT NOTE: Ask your IS Officer to check your records and run a "Training Status Individual Report" in AUXDATA. This report will give you the currency due dates of your competency)**

9. When are my ICS training requirements due?

Answer: All required ICS training for the position you hold is required by the end of 2007. If you are qualifying for a new position, such as crew to coxswain, you will need to have those tasks signed off prior to a QE session. These requirements are tasks in each new qualification guide. If these tasks are not completed by the end of 2007 the member will be placed in a REYR status and will not be able to receive patrol orders.

**Everyone please read the new manual and guides completely.  
There are many new requirements and tasks.**

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### **PEPIRB Requirements:**

As of June 1st, 2004, Auxiliary surface facilities (including PWCs) and special purpose facilities not equipped with a 406 MHz EPRIB are **required to have a minimum of one crew member carrying a PERIRB while underway on orders**. If you are a coxswain and were never issued a PEPIRB get in touch with YN2 Lisa Jenkins.

### Anti-exposure coveralls (Mustang suits)

Winter and cold water are upon us. Remember if the water temp is less than 60 degrees, anti-exposure coveralls are required. The Order Issuing Authority may waive, on a single sortie basis, the wearing of hypothermia protective devices in accordance with the Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10 (series), if the degree of risk of hypothermia is minimal (e.g., non-hazardous, daylight operations in calm water). The coxswain may request a waiver from the OIA when there is concern about the adverse effects of “thermal stress”. **If an OIA waives the wearing of hypothermia protective devices (for example Mustangs), Auxiliarists are still required to carry them onboard the facility.**

### OP-8s:

Please use OP-8s when you are going to authorize yourself or someone else to act as Coxswain on your vessel. Important: At the top of the OP-8s it states “From Coxswain”: that means the person you are authorizing to operate your boat; his/her name goes there, not the owner of the boat. Please read the form, and do not use the back of the “Vessel Facility Inspection” form for an OP-8.

### All new on-the-water manuals:

*Manuals and publications available from the website of U.S. Coast Guard [Chief Director of the Auxiliary](#):*

*The links and locations change, so go to the Chief Director's main page and click on the link for these 'Publications.'*

*Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual M16794.51A*

*Vol. I, Boat Crew M1679452, ANSC NO 2018a*

*Vol. II, Coxswain M16794.53, ANSC No 2018b*

*Vol. III, PWC Operator M16794.54, ANSC No 2018c*

### DISTRICT ELEVEN NORTH 2006 ON THE WATER HOURS

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Mission Hours	DIV 1	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6	DIV 7	DIV 8	DIV 10	DIV 11	DIV 12	11NR
AFAM - Area Familiarization (55a)	0	6.8	69	6.1	14	0	38.5	0	46	36	216.4
CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	0	58	0	87.4	11.3	0	36.5	61.9	5.5	118.5	379.1
LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
REGATTA - Regatta Patrol (02)	60.4	265.4	45.2	2.5	93.1	75.6	21.1	27.8	219.1	89.1	899.3
SAFETY - Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)	2333	4618.3	838.7	1977.4	716.3	3099.5	1906.6	822.8	343.8	1081.8	17737.9
TRN - Training Mission (22a)	385.2	546.9	424.3	1011.5	97	0	542.2	121.5	450.9	448.4	4027.9
AUXMP - Marine Patrols	2778	5495.8	1377.2	3084.9	931.7	3175.1	2544.9	1034	1065.3	1773.8	23261

**OPEX/OPTREX**

Each Division should schedule at least one OPEX or OPTREX per year, preferably two. Please advise CWO Ken Frost and me the dates you have chosen so they can get on the District Calendar. Please avoid conflicting dates that other Divisions have already chosen.

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Respectfully submitted, Gail Ramsey