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

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

**D11N Operations Workshop:**

The 2007 D11N Mandatory Operations and TCT Refresher course will be offered Sunday morning, immediately after the Past Captain's breakfast, at DTRAIN. The workshop is on a CD and has been sent to every member of the District Board and every Flotilla Commander. The presenters of the workshop, at the Flotilla level, must be operational, familiar with the material and able to answer any questions that come up from those receiving the workshop. Be certain that each person signs a Workshop Attendance sheet and those names are entered into AUXDATA by the IS Officer. The IS Officer will need to make two entries into AUXDATA, one for the TCT Refresher and one for the Operations.

**DSAR:**

Those of you that participated in last years District ISAR (International Search and Rescue) run offs at Coast Guard Station Vallejo recall the fun and hard competition that was experienced. On April the 21<sup>st</sup> there will be another run off for the D11N ISAR Teams. We shall refer to this as DSAR (District Search and Rescue), and then it gets even better. The scoring for D11N teams will be scored as well as each individual. The four top individual competitors from the Vallejo DSAR will be the ones chosen for the D11N Team to take the next step. Last year we had team members from divisions 3,4,7 & 12. The next event will be held June the 2<sup>nd</sup> on Coast Guard Island and the competition will be held between the five Districts that make up the PACAREA, D11N, D11S, D13, D14 and D17. The two top teams of the PSAR (PACAREA Search and Rescue) event will be heading to the final competition in Toronto, Canada this fall. Yes, this will be interesting. Two teams to be chosen out of five are excellent odds! We have a good chance of being one of the winners. We were in 2006!!!

District Board please advise if you have a team at the District Board and Staff meeting at DTRAIN. This is not a "drop dead" date but will give us an idea of what to expect for order requests for the upcoming District Search and Rescue (DSAR) event.

Link to ISAR 2007 information:

<https://www.strategicprofitsinc.com/hosted/isar/english/register/index.php>

Link to the ISAR rules.

[http://www.ccg-gcac.com/isar2007/pdf/Rules\\_competition.pdf](http://www.ccg-gcac.com/isar2007/pdf/Rules_competition.pdf)

One item of note in the rules is the "Two Year Rule". No team member shall compete in two or more ISAR Competitions or Can-AM Games within three consecutive competitions either as one of the three members in the International Championship or Can-AM Games Competition. You must sit out two years before you are eligible again to compete. This means for the 2007 competition, all team members shall have not competed as a team member at either the 2005 or the 2006 ISAR competitions. Competing in regional or area completions do not count as competing in "ISAR Competition"

## **When are your facilities, workshops and other currencies due?**

Some items are annual; some are on their anniversary date.

### **Surface Facilities Inspection Cycle:**

Inspection expires 12 months after the acceptance, by DIRAUX, of the facility. Inspections are done by a qualified Vessel Examiner

### **Land Mobiles and Fixed Land:**

Inspection expires every three years from the date of acceptance by DIRAUX. Only a flotilla, division, district, or National communications Staff officer who has successfully completed the requisite AUX communications inspection qualification (AUXCOM or replacement course) may conduct an inspection.

### **Three Year Currency Maintenance (Boat):**

Expires Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the year due. This Requal is done by a QE.

### **Team Coordination Training:**

Annual required TCT Refresher Course that is done for four years and the fifth year the eight hour course is again required. TCT, both annual and five year expire Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the due year.

### **NAV Rules:**

Currently taken every five years and expire Dec 31 of the fifth year.

This may be changed to expire on the date you took the test five years later (Anniversary Date). The change has not taken place yet and you will be advised when it does.

### **Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements:**

Once taken the test is permanent. Please read the below for additional information.

Many phone calls have been received relating to the latest (March 03/07) ALAUX that referred to the February ALAUX. Below is a portion of the FEB edition, of the ALAUX, in case you have discarded it.

To: ALAUX

From: CHDIRAUX

Subj: Clarification of Incident Command System (ICS) Requirements for USCG Auxiliary Members -002/07

1. USCG Auxiliary members have shown exceptional adaptability and "can do" spirit in complying with the USCG/NIMS requirements for completion of ICS coursework. The purpose of this ALAUX is to provide further clarification on the ICS requirements for auxiliary forces.

2. Members who provide operational support to the Coast Guard (participants in the surface operations, air operations, operations planning, CMDCEN/OPCEN/Comms watchstanding, fixed/mobile radio facility operators and port security or marine safety programs) and Auxiliary leaders (unit leaders and staff officers in operations, telecommunications, aviation or marine safety) should have completed the ICS 100 and 700 courses by 30 JUN 06.

3. Members in higher leadership positions (Division Captain, Vice Captain and Division Staff Officers as outlined above) or single resource leaders (Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader) should have completed ICS 200 and 800 by

30 SEP 06.

4. Other members identified by a CG unit commander as a critical resource in incident response should complete coursework as their situation dictates.

5. If the member has not completed the required coursework, they should not participate in any Coast Guard exercise, drill or response event. Members seeking to qualify in an operational program must complete courses appropriate to the position prior to certification by DIRAUX.

6. Members must be fully compliant with the requirements listed above by 31 DEC 07. Failure to complete the requisite coursework by this date will preclude their participation in the program for which the coursework was required. **Operational members who are not compliant with coursework requirements will be placed in "REYR" and will not be issued patrol orders. Eligibility for elected or staff officer positions will require completion of ICS coursework as described above.**

7. ICS-210, Initial Incident Commander, is a classroom course designed for single resource leaders and type 5/type 4 incident commanders. This 4 hour classroom course will be required for Auxiliary coxswains, pilots, any member qualifying in the trident program or any other team/task force leader. Given the limited access to this course, no date for completion has been determined. Single resource leaders are highly encouraged to take ICS 210 if the opportunity is available.

8. USCG Auxiliary members are valued members of response operations. The Auxiliary operational support and leadership components must be ready to respond as needed to an incident and this training is vital to achieving operational readiness.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Ramsey