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

FLAGS SIGNS, INSIGNIA & FACILITY MARKINGS:

We have been negligent in our mentoring of new facility owner's proper marking of their vessels while under orders. All of us "old timers" take it for granted our new crew and coxswains will gain this valuable and necessary knowledge through osmosis. I will address just the National Ensign and Patrol signs this month and give more information in future reports.

NATIONAL ENSIGN:

- All surface facilities underway must fly the National Ensign. I realize that some facilities find it necessary to take the flag down while doing towing evolutions.
- While there is no law against flying the National Ensign at night, it is customary to fly it only between sunrise and sunset when not underway.
- All facilities must fly the National Ensign whenever the Auxiliary Ensign is flown.
- The National Ensign should be about one inch on the fly for each foot of overall boat length. See below table for standard National Ensign sizes relative to boat length.
- Auxiliarists must never display the National Ensign upside down on Auxiliary facilities. This is not a recognized international distress signal because of the flags of many nations appear the same when flown upside down.
- Make sure the National Ensign's fly length is never less than the AUX Patrol Flag's fly length.
- Ensure your National Ensign has all fifty stars.

AUXILIARY FACILITY PATROL SIGNS:

- Auxiliarists operating AUX facilities on patrol must prominently display the patrol signs. See below table for appropriate size of signs.
- These signs must be visible on both sides of the facility.
- A facility must not display patrol signs while it is not assigned to duty.
- If a facility is on ordered patrols for consecutive days, patrol signs may remain displayed during periods of non-use.
- PWCs and special purpose facilities are exempt from the above provisions.
- Patrol sign lettering must be black or dark blue. A similarly colored sign border or oversized mounting board is optional
- The top of the stripes always go forward on each side.

VESSEL LENGTH (FEET)	NATIONAL ENSIGN (INCHES)	AUX & PATROL ENSIGNS (INCHES)	AUX FACILITY PATROL SIGN SIZES
14-18	12 X 24	9 X 15.5 (#5)	10 X 30 (#1)
18-24	16 X 24	12 X 21 (#4)	10 X 30 (#1) *
24-30	20 X 30	15 X 24 (#3)	12.5 X 60 (#2) *
30-36	24 X 36	24 X 36 (#2)	15.5 X 72 (#3)
OVER 36	30 X 48	30 X 48 (#1)	15.5 X 72 (#3)

- * #2 Sign can be used on vessels 20 to 30 feet

GUESTS ON BOARD:

To have a non member on board an AUX operational facility during a patrol use the following procedure: Fill out the "Guest Request" (see District Forms on the D11N Operations WEB Page and below) and send it to the Sector or Group AUXLO (ENS Tschudy- Sector SF, BMC Brown- Group HB) via email or fax. The AUXLO will sign the endorsement then send it back to you via email. That letter, and the completed liability request (also found on same page), will need to be with you on patrol and then sent in with 7030 and CG-5132.

OPS-LR	Liability Release	Release allows non-qualified individuals to be on an AUX operational facility. Submit to Sector for approval with Guest Request
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FLEET WEEK 2007:

Save October 4th through the 7th for that special time of year again. Rumors have it that the "Red Bulls" will not attend and the "Blue Angles" will. Save time for a mandatory pre-brief. More information will be put in this report when received.

NEW SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO GUIDANCE FOR PATROLS:

Summer months for Sector San Francisco's Area of Responsibility bring many boaters to our area lakes and waters. From June 27th until the 3rd of September 2007, Sector San Francisco Patrol Area Coordinators are permitted to authorize facility patrols on Fridays and Mondays as well as weekends and all federally recognized holidays. The complete MEMORANDUM was sent to all Coxswains but if you did not receive it let me know and I will send it to you and it will be posted on the WEB. Notice this MEMORANDUM is for 2007, we will see what the future holds.

PROPER WEARING OF LIFE JACKETS:

Members of the AUX while under orders should always have their life jackets on and zipped up while on their boats. Life jackets should always be worn on piers and docks when performing line handling duties (tying up boats, etc...). We set the example and it is far better not to see our members in photos or on **local/national television** productions without wearing lifejackets or not having the PFDs zipped up all the way. Please remember, you are in the public eye and big brother is always watching, and sometimes with a camera in hand. How many times do we see a photo in the Navigator or Northwind with a PFD not properly worn? Please do not let it be a member from D11N. The Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3E, page 4-25 describes the where and when PFDs should be worn.

AUXINFO PATROL STATS:

Note that AUXINFO shows 3500 more hours than the same info in June. I know that not all missions have been input, but this report (run July 15th) gives you an idea. Division 7 is showing, in POMS, over 1700 hours but these hours are not yet reported in AUXINFO and are in addition to the hours below.

Mission Hours as values	Div 01	Div 03	Div 04	Div 05	Div 06	Div 08	Div 10	Div 11	Div 12	11NR
AFAM - Area Familiarization (55a)	0.00	21.30	35.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.60	99.20
CHART - Aton/Chart Update Patrol (03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	22.50	16.60	0.00	21.70	64.60	145.40
LOG - Logistics Mission (54a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
REGATTA - Regatta Patrol (02)	40.00	103.60	0.00	0.00	82.20	0.00	0.00	137.10	7.50	370.40
SAFETY - Safety Patrol (01a, 20a)	654.10	1,899.90	418.00	670.60	504.80	1,141.00	251.20	202.30	451.40	6,193.30
TRN - Training Mission (22a)	46.40	492.10	459.80	286.00	39.30	212.60	39.50	48.40	227.60	1,851.70
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,20a,22a,54a,55a)	740.50	2,516.90	913.10	976.60	648.80	1,400.20	290.70	409.50	793.70	8,690.00

OPTREX SCHEDULE:

At this time the OPTREX listing & information links on the District Calendar are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT INFO</u>
AUG 11/12 TH	DIV 7	BEAR LAKE	MORRIS FARMER
AUG 23/26 TH	DIV 7	STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR	RICHARD HOLLE
SEP 22/23 RD	DIV 5	TBA	TBA
SEP 28/30	FLOTILLA 39	LAKE ORVILLE	HANNELORE MADDOX
OCT 12/14	FLOTILLA 88	CLEAR LAKE	RICH THOMAS
<u>OCT 26/28TH</u>	<u>FLOTILLA 3-10</u>	<u>BRANNAN ISLAND</u>	<u>DAVE CHAMBERLAIN</u>

The above information is compliments of our OPTREX Coordinator, Dean La Chapelle, who is doing a great job on keeping all of us straight.

- There are ten OPTREX's listed for 2007
- Three are listed for 2008
- Three are listed for 2009
- Two Divisions plan on hosting two or more OPTREX's:
- Division 5 will host two, May and Sep.
- Division 7 will host two in August
- Division 3 plans to host four, May, June, Sept and Oct.

Respectfully,

Gail