

USCG Sector LONG ISLAND SOUND

Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound is a "double-hatted" command. Sector Long Island Sound is responsible for traditional Coast Guard Missions such as Search & Rescue, Law Enforcement, and maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Marine Safety Office Long Island Sound is responsible for Port Safety, Environmental Protection, Marine Inspection, and Casualty Investigation activities.

Sector responsibilities cover Long Island Sound from the New York - Connecticut border to the Connecticut - Rhode Island border at Watch Hill, RI. The area also includes the North shore of Long Island. Included is Fishers Island, a small island near New London, which lies within the State of New York. Sector Long Island sound is made up of six units. There are three search and rescue stations; two are located in Connecticut (New London, New Haven), the third is located at Eatons Neck on Long Island. There are three cutters assigned to the Sector; CGC CHINOOK, an 87 foot patrol boat, homeported in New London; CGC BOLLARD, a 65 foot ice breaking harbor tug, homeported in New Haven and the CGC MORRO BAY, a 140 foot ice breaking tug homeported in New London. The seventh unit, Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Long Island Sound, is located at the Sector complex in New Haven.

The Marine Safety zone for Long Island Sound is larger. It also includes the Coast Guard Sector Field Office Moriches area of responsibility. Sector Field Office Moriches is located on the South shore of Long Island. Accordingly, the Sector LIS zone extends from the New York - Connecticut border to the Connecticut - Rhode Island border and seaward (including the majority of Long Island) to the limits of the 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). There is also a detachment located at Coram, NY on Long Island near Port Jefferson.

There are also two tenant commands located at the Sector complex, an Electronic Support Detachment and an Industrial Support Detachment.

MISSION

The Coast Guard's four major mission areas are Maritime Safety, Maritime Law Enforcement, Marine Environmental Protection,

and Military Readiness. The mission of Sector LIS is to further the Coast Guard's missions by:

- Enforcing laws, regulations, and treaties for which the Coast Guard has responsibility. These relate primarily to safety and security of port facilities, safety and security of commercial vessels, and protection of the marine environment.
- Providing search and rescue service in the maritime sector.
- Ensuring military readiness of forces under command of the Sector under various defense and security scenarios.

To accomplish these missions efficiently, the Sector has been organized in departments, each with its own mission area focus.

❖ Operations Department

The Operations Department provides operational, communications, and command guidance to six subunits to insure their operational readiness is adequate to prosecute search and rescue, enforce maritime laws, protect the environment and service aids to navigation.

❖ Prevention Department

The Prevention Department is separated into smaller branches. The Inspection Branch inspects ships and boats to ensure they comply with the safety standards of all applicable U.S. laws and international treaties. The Investigation Branch investigates marine casualties to discover their causes, Reports of Violation to substantiate alleged violations, and pre-employment positive drug tests to ensure the integrity of merchant mariners. When warranted, the department prepares cases leading to suspension and revocation of merchant mariners documents and licenses.

❖ Administration & Supply Department

The Administration & Supply Department provides full service personnel, finance & supply, logistical, Automated Data Processing support and assistance to all Sector LIS and Sector sub-unit personnel. This includes travel and pay, orders, correspondence, budgetary support, procurement support and

assistance, food service support, career counseling, health related advice and TRICARE assistance.

❖ **Facilities & Engineering Department**

The Facilities & Engineering Department is responsible for mechanical engineering and electrical support and Government Owned Housing maintenance in Milford and Ansonia

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ARRIVAL IN THE NEW HAVEN AREA

Coast Guard ANT LIS is located on the eastern side of New Haven Harbor approximately 40 miles south of Hartford. New Haven has an approximate population of 130,000 people. The average temperatures range from the mid-30s in the winter months to the low 90s during the summer.

Our unit address is 120 Woodward Ave., New Haven, CT 06512. We are physically located between Fort Nathan Hale Reserve Center and East Shore Park. Arrival by auto is best accomplished by connecting with Interstate 95. If you are traveling south, take exit 51. Go three signal lights and make a left at the third one (Woodward Avenue). If you are traveling north, take exit 50 (Woodward Avenue). Make



your first right at the signal light onto Woodward Avenue. The Sector is on the right past the park. If arriving from the Hartford vicinity, take route 91 south, until it merges at the Q Bridge, and take 95 north towards New London. Take second exit, 50, and follow the above directions. (exit is almost immediately after the bridge).

If arriving by air, make reservations to either Hartford International Airport or New Haven Airport (Tweed - highlighted by the red 1 above). Ground transportation to our unit is an approximate \$25 to \$35 shuttle fare. Taxies are higher.

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REPORTING ABOARD

Personnel reporting aboard between 0715 and 1500 Monday through Friday shall report, in the uniform of the day, to the ANT LIS Building. Personnel arriving after 1600 or on weekends or holidays should report to the Sector Operations Duty Officer (ODO).

UNIFORMS

The Coast Guard Tropical Blue Long uniform is the authorized uniform of the day. Operational Dress Uniform may be authorized dependent on the department or duties assigned to you upon your arrival. Uniform items are available at the Coast Guard Academy, New London. Other, non-Coast Guard specific, military items are available at the Coast Guard Exchange, located at the Sector.

MAIL

Your mail can be forwarded to you at the following address:

(Your Name)
 c/o Officer in Charge
 USCG ANT LIS
 120 Woodward Ave.
 New Haven, CT 06512-3698

TEMPORARY LODGING EXPENSES (TLE)

As with any PCS transfer, TLE is authorized. However, ensure that you check in through OPCEN prior to checking into temporary housing. There are countless hotels, motels and inns in the local area. Prices are varied. Consult a recent edition of the Federal Travel Directory for available lodging and rates. The

lodging Perdiem for New Haven is \$77.

DUTY

All personnel E-6 and below stand duty in one form or another. In addition, various departments have duty personnel on-call on beepers as necessary. Duty rotation is dependent upon which department you are assigned to on your arrival. Duty rotations vary slightly from department to department based on your qualifications, the number of qualified personnel onboard and departmental missions.

BARRACKS & HOUSING

Our housing program is administered by the Engineering Officer. Before reporting aboard, if you would like to request housing you should complete CG-5267A, Housing Assignment Request and submit it to the Housing Officer (You can fax it to (203) 468-4494). Members with dependents are eligible for Coast Guard owned housing. There are 35 housing units, the majority of them located in Ansonia and Milford.

All single enlisted members are assigned to barracks upon reporting. When the barracks are full, members are eligible to get BAH. The CMAA can be reached at (203) 468-4556.

Local newspapers have extensive listings of available apartments and homes. Numerous local newspapers are available upon request from your assigned sponsor. Single family homes are normally considerably higher than apartments. Housing costs vary greatly based on number of rooms desired and the location of the housing. Overall, housing costs are considered high compared to most other areas of the United States. Information about areas, housing costs and general living desirability should be discussed with your sponsor.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Upon arrival in the area, contact the Groton Housing Office, (860) 694-3382 to find out if your household goods have arrived. Do this even if you are not in a position to take delivery of your household goods at the time. If the goods have not arrived, leave a telephone number and/or your address where you, your spouse, or your agent can be reached as soon as the shipment arrives.

You should oversee the unloading and unpacking of your household goods shipment. Be sure you check each carton and individual item off of the inventory list. Missing and or damaged items should be noted on all forms before you sign them. Obtain a copy of all documents showing lost or damaged items, and be sure that your copy is signed by the carrier's representative. Whenever in doubt as to what is expected of you or of the carrier in any situation, contact the Transportation Office for guidance and advice.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CLAIMS

If your household goods are lost or damaged during transit or storage at Government expense, you should immediately notify the Transportation Office and the carrier about the damage or loss. You have the right to file a claim directly against the carrier, warehouse, or third party for the loss or damage. You also have the right to file a claim against the Government for your loss. In this connection, you may file a claim against the Government without waiting for the outcome of the claim you have filed against the carrier or third party. It is preferred that, should you have to file a claim for any reason, you file both claims at the same time. Admin & Supply Department has a Petty Officer assigned the collateral duty as Claims Officer to assist you in completing the proper forms for lost and/or damaged items.

RENTING AND REAL PROPERTY

D1INST M5801.1 discusses many issues regarding rental and lease agreements, Connecticut Landlord and Tenant Law and the sale of real property. Copies of this instruction are available upon request through your sponsor.

ALLOWABLE COMMUTING DISTANCE

The following are the minimum criteria for the ANT Reasonable/Acceptable commute policy:

- a) Member must live within the unit's AOR.

b) Within the AOR, members shall live within a 1 hour commute time on a normal work day. (This equates to an approximate distance of 60-65 miles, depending on what portion of the state you live in.)

c) While there are always exceptions to each and every policy, members must request via their chain of command a waiver of this policy. All personnel in senior management positions, i.e. CO/OINCs, XO/XPOs, EPOs, Department Heads and Assistant Department Heads must submit their waiver requests to the CO, Sector Long Island Sound.



MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE

The Coast Guard Academy in New London is our primary health provider for all active duty personnel assigned to the New Haven area. However, once aboard you can complete an TRICARE application to utilize the VA Hospital in New Haven as your primary health provider. Normal working hours are from 0730 to 1530, Monday through Friday. Dental care is provided through a contracted office in East Haven. Information on TRICARE, TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra and Family Member Dental Plan is available upon request from the Sector Corpsman, (203) 468-4493 or through your sponsor. More information and counseling will be provided from the unit Health Benefits Advisor upon reporting.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The New England area has a wide diversity of religious cultures. Specific information on services available are accessible through local Chamber of Commerce or by contacting the First Coast Guard District Chaplain at (617) 223-8314.

CHILD CARE



Child care and after school care information is available upon request through your sponsor. Numerous private, public and military facilities are available in all geographical areas, however some have long waiting lists.

The Unit Family Advocacy Representative has access to additional listings of child care facilities which may be more beneficial to your particular needs.

COMMISSARIES & EXCHANGES

FAMILY OMBUDSMAN & FAMILY ADVOCACY REPRESENTATIVE

If you, or one of your family members, have any particular concerns about special care or services available in the New Haven area, our Family Ombudsman and Family Advocacy Representative are available to assist in obtaining any special information you desire. The Family Advocacy Representative is MKCS Sirois, who can be contacted at (203) 468-4523.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Getting settled in Connecticut can be financially burdensome at first. Down payments and closing costs for the purchase of a home, rental deposits (first/last month rent + additional security deposits may be required) and increased auto insurance premiums drain personal savings rapidly. To help offset the initial financial burden incumbent with any PCS move, you should be aware of the various avenues designed to assist members while relocating. Advance Pay, Advance BAH and the Mutual Assistance Program can all be helpful in assisting newly reporting personnel with relocating costs.

BANKING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Personnel on Direct Deposit should ensure they do not close their old account until a new account has been established and receipt verified. Connecticut banking and financial institutions are numerous and convenient. Check with your sponsor to see if your current financial institution is available in the local area.

There is a small exchange located on the Sector complex in New Haven. There is a large commissary and exchange located at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, CT (about one hour from New Haven).



RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Most every recreational activity is available in the area. Hiking, biking, water & snow skiing, and boating are just the beginning of a long list of activities which are available. There are many recreational theme parks, movie theaters, play houses, professional sporting events, historic points of interest and night clubs catering to your particular interests.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Connecticut has hundreds of public and private institutions for higher learning. Vocational and technical schools are also abundant. Additional information is available upon request through the unit Educational Services Officer.

SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

Many opportunities exist in the area for spousal employment. General information regarding employment is available through the local classified ad section or an employment agency. Ask your sponsor for assistance.

RESIDENCY

Your domicile is the place with which you have the most settled connection, the place where you intend to remain and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. Your residence, on the other hand, is the place where you presently live.

Because military personnel often claim domicile in other states, especially states with little or no state income tax, Connecticut has developed elaborate rules to detect sham domiciles. If you own a home in Connecticut, pay taxes in Connecticut, register your car in Connecticut, hold a Connecticut Driver's license, and vote in

Connecticut, the Franchise Tax Board will not believe your claim of an out-of-state residence.

TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation is not available to the Sector. Therefore, it is crucial that individuals be prepared for the responsibility of providing their own transportation to and from work.

VEHICLES

Military personnel on active duty may register their motor vehicle in either their state of domicile or their state of residence pursuant to military orders. If you register your motor vehicle in your state of domicile, you must ensure that you comply with all the laws of that state and that you keep track of plate and registration expiration dates. If your vehicle is registered in your state of domicile, you do not have to have the vehicle inspected in another state. Remember that the ability to avoid resident state inspections does not alleviate your common law duty to ensure that your tires, brakes, exhaust system, and other safety items are in good working order. If your vehicle is registered in your state of domicile, you do not have to obtain a driver's license in your state of residence. None of these exemptions apply to your dependents. In Connecticut, motor vehicles are regulated by the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The Hamden Office of the DMV is at 1985 State St., Hamden. The phone number is (800) 842-8222. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE

An operator's license is required to operate a motor vehicle in Connecticut. Nonresident operators over 18, including nonresident servicemen over 18, licensed in their home state, may operate a vehicle without a Connecticut license. Nonresident operators under 18 may operate for only 10 days without a Connecticut license, except a minor serviceman has 60 days. When you establish

residence in Connecticut, you must get a Connecticut license within 10 days.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicle registration is required bi-annually and number plates must be displayed on the front and rear. Nonresident members of the armed forces on active duty within the state are exempt if the vehicle is registered in the member's state of domicile. If your vehicle is registered in Connecticut you must obtain periodic smog inspections. If your car is a 1971 or newer model car and was purchased in Connecticut, it is factory equipped with all necessary emission control systems. However, if your vehicle is registered out of state, you now will have to comply with Connecticut State emission control requirements.

MOTORCYCLE

A valid driver's license is required to operate a motorcycle or moped. Current license plates must be displayed if the motorcycle or moped is operated on public roads. Riders are subject to vehicle traffic laws. CCGD1INST M5100.2 requires all personnel to complete an approved motorcycle safety course, carry sufficient insurance, and wear approved helmets.

SEATBELTS

Everyone must wear seatbelts in Connecticut and it is recommended all children under four years or 40 pounds be transported in approved child restraint systems.

DWI

If you drive in Connecticut, you must agree to a blood, breath, or urine test if you are arrested for drunk driving. If you refuse or fail this test, you will lose your license.

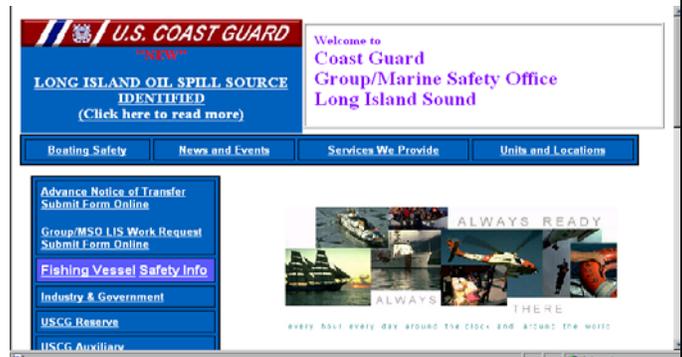
VOTING

Voting is a right given by the state to individuals domiciled in that state. As a military member, you may vote in your state of domicile by absentee ballot. Prior to obtaining an absentee

ballot, you must comply with all voter registration requirements in your home state. Consult our voting assistance officer for details. Do not register to vote in Connecticut unless you intend to adopt Connecticut as your new domicile.

SUMMARY

This welcome aboard pamphlet is not designed to answer every concern that arises when someone reports to this command. Coordination with your sponsor and key personnel here at your new unit can reduce the frustration involved with your transfer. If you have any concerns please express them. Your sponsor has been assigned to you for the purpose of assisting you in making the



transition from your last duty station to ours. He/she can only answer those questions that you take the time to ask, so feel free and ask away. You can access the Sector on the internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/Units/seclis/default.html>

Here are a few website addresses that will give you additional information on Connecticut and New Haven.

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/other/index>

<http://www.newhavenweb.com/>

<http://www.state.ct.us/>

www.ctbound.org

www.cgspouses.net

