

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT TO COOPERATE**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
**AND**  
**PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**



Signed this 31st day of August, 2001  
Portland, Oregon  
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THIS INTENT is between the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, a civilian volunteer organization administered by the Commandant of the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, and the PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, a civilian volunteer organization administered by the Commandant of the PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" of this Memorandum of Intent to Cooperate (MOI).

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MOI is to foster areas of cooperation between the Participants for the enhancement of their common goals of promoting boating safety, saving human lives and enhancing the safety of life at sea, protecting the marine environment, and promoting the maritime safety interests of the citizens of their respective countries. The intentions of the Participants as described in this document create no obligation for any governmental agency exercising administrative jurisdiction or authority over either Participant except as authorized by existing laws or regulations.

B. AREAS OF COOPERATION:

Working within the policy and guidelines of the Participants' respective administering authorities, the Participants intend to:

1. exchange of training materials on search and rescue (SAR), disaster relief, environmental response, vessel safety checks, public education, and other boating safety mission related activities;
2. participate, by invitation from the other Participant, in training exercises and conferences conducted by the other Participant, providing technical and administrative expertise as mutually arranged;
3. conduct radio communications on authorized frequencies;

4. effect direct coordination through the appointment of liaison officers and/or committees;
5. encourage the exchange of information and other mutually beneficial mission-related materials through exchange visits or joint meetings at various levels of their respective organizations;
6. provide mutual assistance and mission support, as appropriate and authorized;
7. invite or arrange for official representatives of appropriate governmental agencies of their countries to attend or participate in activities under this MOI.

C. FUNDING. Nothing in this MOI creates an obligation for either Participant to obligate funds, resources, or personnel to any activities hereunder. Unless otherwise determined by the supervising authorities of the Participants, each Participant should fund its own expenses for activities related to this MOI.

D. APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Nothing in this MOI is intended to conflict with current law or regulation, or the directives of the respective Participants or their administering organizations. Nothing in this MOI modifies or substitutes for applicable regulations and by-laws that apply to either Participant.

E. POINTS OF CONTACT: The Participants intend that the following officials will be the points of contact for purposes of initiating and exercising the provisions of Paragraph B.

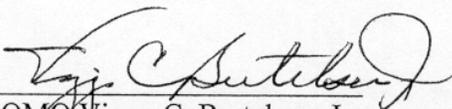
1. For the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – National Commodore or Director, International Affairs of the USCGAUX.
2. For the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary – National Commodore or Chairman, National Executive Group.

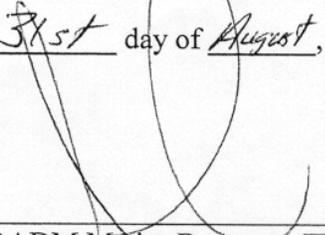
F. COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUATION OF ACTIVITIES; MODIFICATION:

1. Activities contemplated under this MOI may commence upon signature and may continue until participation herein is discontinued as described in paragraph F.2.
2. Either Participant may discontinue its participation in activities under this MOI at any time, and should notify the other Participant in writing of its intention to do so not less than thirty (30) days in advance.
3. The Participants intend to consult regarding activities in progress at the time participation is discontinued. Activities already in progress should not be affected by discontinuation of participation unless the Participants reach an understanding to the contrary.

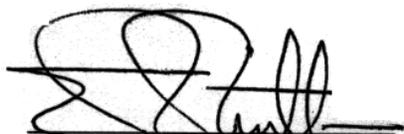
4. This MOI may be amended with the written consent of both Participants.

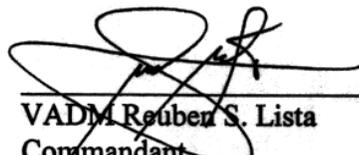
SIGNED in duplicate at Portland this 31st day of August, 2001

  
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