



CG BSU PORTSVA INST 11410.3A
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BASE SUPPORT UNIT PORTSMOUTH INSTRUCTION 11410.3A

Subj: POLICY FOR FISHING ONBOARD BASE PORTSMOUTH

1. PURPOSE. To issue policy, requirements and guidelines for fishing onboard Base Portsmouth.
2. ACTION. Division Officers and Commanding Officers of tenant commands shall ensure their personnel are aware of, and comply with the contents of this instruction.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. BSU PORTSVA INST 11410.3 is hereby cancelled.
4. SUMMARY OF CHANGES. Persons allowed to fish now include active duty, reservists on active duty, retired military, drilling or active reservists, their dependents and Coast Guard and NAF civilian employees assigned to Base Portsmouth. The authorized fishing times are modified. The instruction restricts fishing to the South Pier during periods no cutters are moored to the South Pier. A fishing permit is now required and will be issued by the security office. A check in/out policy procedure is added, and the general fishing regulations are updated.
5. DISCUSSION. This instruction establishes rules and policy for fishing onboard Base Portsmouth. Fishing from a military facility is a privilege that can be revoked at any time. Security and safety concerns are paramount and the Base Portsmouth fishing policy is structured to avoid disturbance to military operations. Persons fishing must follow enclosure (1) to this instruction at all times. Failure to follow Base Portsmouth fishing regulations may result in a loss of fishing and other administrative privileges. Concerns and questions about the Base Portsmouth fishing policy should be addressed to the Command Security Officer, BSU Portsmouth by calling 483-8586.
6. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS: Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this instruction and have been determined to be not applicable.
7. FORMS/REPORTS: None.

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Encl: (1) BSU Portsmouth Fishing Regulations

Dist: List I, II, III and IV

BSU Portsmouth Fishing Regulations

1. The following personnel are eligible to fish onboard BSU Portsmouth:
 - Active duty, reserve and retired members of the armed services.
 - Coast Guard and NAF civilian employees assigned to Base Portsmouth and tenant commands.
 - Dependents of personnel mentioned above. The sponsor must be present on the pier at all times while the dependent is fishing.
2. Fishing is permitted only on the South Pier when no cutters are present during fair weather. Fishing will be secured when gale force winds or higher are forecast.
3. The Officer of the Day (OOD) or security personnel may secure fishing for any reason.
4. Individuals over the age of 16 desiring to fish on Base Portsmouth must obtain a permit from the Security Office. The fishing permit must be displayed (on the person or gear) at all times when fishing. To obtain a permit, the requestor must complete a fishing permit application. Permits will expire after one year, at which time they may be renewed. Permits are issued at no cost. The Base Commanding Officer may revoke a fishing permit at anytime at his discretion.
5. Fishing times are:
 - Weekdays 0500-0730 and 1600-2000
 - Weekends and Holidays 0500-2000
6. Fishermen must check in and out with the Security Office. This allows proper notification to the fisherman as to whether the pier is open to fishing as well as accountability of personnel.
7. Fishermen shall use the buddy system; do not fish alone. Use the buddy system, keeping your “buddy” in sight at all times. Children under the age of 16 must be under the direct supervision of an adult.
8. Children under age 12 must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). It is strongly recommend all fishermen wear a PFD, especially non-swimmers.
9. Safety first! The piers do not have safety rails, and there are many trip hazards. Persons fishing should watch their step and stay away from the pier edge. Life rings are located along the pier. If someone falls into the water, throw them a life ring and/or any other floating object. Pass the word “Man Overboard!” to the watch of the nearest cutter or contact BSU Security by calling Base Security (333 from on-base phones or 483-8586 via commercial phones). Only enter the water if absolutely necessary to save a person’s life (person can not grab a life ring or is apparently unconscious or face down in the water). If their life is not in immediate danger, maintain visual contact with the person and wait for help to arrive. Report all injuries to Security.
10. Crabbing or other shellfish harvesting is not permitted.
11. Fishermen are responsible for keeping up with and following all State and Federal fishing laws including size and limit restrictions, fishing date and time restrictions, and possession of a valid fishing license. In addition, if there are any conflicts between Fish

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and Wildlife law and this instruction, you are to follow the stricter of the two and violate neither.

12. Fishermen are required to clean the area they used of all trash and fish parts.
13. Alcohol, weapons and knives with blades longer than 3” are prohibited.
14. Personnel fishing are not authorized access to cutters.
15. Parking and driving on the piers is not permitted. Parking is permitted only in parking spaces not marked “Reserved.”
16. The nearest public restrooms are located in the Gymnasium.