

DIRAUX NOTES
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Kelly Boodell

AUXDATA: Ready or not, fasten your seatbelts, HERE WE GO! So, have you logged on yet? Have you tried out your new passwords and EMPLID #s? Let me first congratulate you for having the patience to read this! Understanding AUXDATA, in its current condition, is like understanding an incomplete painting of a sailboat on the water. Some of boat has been painted, the water, some waves, some sky. The rigging lines haven't been drawn, and the waves and sky are incomplete, but the artistic potential is great. Budget problems pushed AUXDATA's implementation, so it was brought up as a work in progress. It is not broken. Make no mistake, it NOT a clone of AUXMIS. Do not be discouraged; there are some obvious problems that are programming issues, being worked on now. When they are resolved, the system will be closer to operating like the finished product we were expecting. As you discover glitches that are "programming/function" issues, not "operator" issues, report them up the chain. Your input is necessary to build a better product. Here is a brief summary of what is going on:

"Activity Logs" It is critical to keep inputting your information. The reports being generated from this are junk, but the data is accurate. There is a programming error between the database and the reports. When it is solved, the reports should be fine, so PLEASE INPUT! While I'm on the subject, activity input is how we justify our budget!

"Member Status" DIRAUX handles additions, disenrollments, retirees, deaths, etc. Members handle personal data like address changes or new e-mail servers via FSO-IS. Personal data must be timely, so that our directory is current.

"Resource Status" This is where all of the facilities are found. The facility data shift from AUXMIS was incorrect. It is being worked on. When the problem is corrected, I assume they will do the data transition again.

"Reports" This function is NOT working properly at this time and it is being worked on. Reports for 3 and 4 will be fixed. You will get all of the same reports as before, plus more!

"Training" We are not able to use this function yet. DIRAUX cannot enter any quals. We are very behind. This is being re-programmed as well.

"Public Affairs" Lectures given and number of people in attendance, news stories and radio spots, programs, and participation and TV spots – we know this section is totally missing! But it is being revised as we speak.

"Miscellaneous" All 15 workshops are now available for data entry and the 8 hour TCT will be added soon. The printing problems encountered with CITRIX and PDF files and ADOBE...this is just a temporary solution until the bugs are worked out. There are nationwide problems. OSC Martinsburg staff is concentrating on the activity logs and will fix the other problems according to the priorities as set by the Chief Directors office. There are only four people on staff so please be patient!

DSO IS PETER T. KIRSCHNER SAYS: "The rumor is totally false that data from Jan 1 - March 11, 2002 will have to be re-entered." FALSE, FALSE, FALSE!

OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS SURVEYS: We have sent out these surveys to every Flotilla Commander. The FC's should have them completed and forwarded to their DCP's by 5 April. The DCP's should have these to the RCO's by 19 April, who in turn must have them to DCO. This is a very important initiative that we must do. Its purpose is worthy, please help your FC's to accomplish this goal. Consider using this survey as a leadership tool, what a great way to get to know the people in your division

TAXES: Title 26 US Code 170 B(v) says a donation to a governmental unit is a charitable donation for purposes of an individual's itemized deductions as provided by 170(c). HOWEVER---- the IRS has repeatedly said and the CODE supports that to have a donation a gift must sever title and ownership. THEREFORE, there is NO charitable deduction allowed for USE of a vessel or for any proration of value in accordance with AUX use. Additionally, no proration of maintenance expense is allowable BECAUSE the Vessel is still owned by the individual and it is therefore not a gift or donation for tax purposes.

DIVISION/FLOTILLA INVENTORY: A few months ago, we put out an inventory for Divisions and Flotillas to fill out showing the different types of property they hold. The response has not been good. A blank inventory is included in this mail out for each Division and Flotilla. Please fill this out and return DIRAUX. The purpose of this inventory is to identify what equipment is out there, and to help us identify what we need to get out to you. If you have already submitted an inventory, thank you. If not, this is a priority, so please help us comply.

BOAT SMART CAMPAIGN 2002: The 2002 campaign materials are now available on NSBC's website. You can order your materials online at <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com>. Remember to post any upcoming boating safety events on the NSBC campaign website! You can start doing that anytime -- the website is meant to be used year-round! It's easy, quick, and will be seen by lots of press people and the public. For those of you involved in Public Affairs, major newspapers will receive packages on this year's Safe Boating Campaign around the 1st of May. You could help by

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following up with a telephone call to the paper in your area, and asking if they'd like you to arrange for an interview on boating safety efforts in your area. Remember: the kickoff for this year's Safe Boating Campaign will be held the week of **18 to 24 May** in most areas.

WATER AND KIDS: This is the time of year to begin scheduling these classes. There are some new materials available, through the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). Only seven or eight flotillas taught the Water and Kids courses last year. With new, updated course material, we should have more flotillas involved in 2002. Let's get involved! Check with our DSO PE Keith E. Harding, at E-mail: bkhardingwa@earthlink.net.

FROM OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

CWO4 Mike McKiernan

30 APRIL 2002 FACILITY EXPIRATION DATE: Only twenty percent (20%) of our facilities will be eligible for orders for opening day on the first of May! If your facility inspection is not current, patrol orders will not be issued, **period**. Let's get going! This mail out contains an up to date "MASTER FACILITIES LIST" of accepted facilities as of 27 March 2002. All facilities with a "1" under the YR column need new inspections sent to DIRAUX for approval and input before 30 APR 2002.

NEW PFD REQUIREMENT POSTPONED: The new Federal PFD law that was to be effective 29 March is withdrawn. This was because of enforcement concerns over differences between the new law and existing state regulations. An alternative rule is being developed to resolve enforcement problems. However, it isn't likely that a new federal rule regarding the wearing of PFDs by children will be in place before the end of the year. State laws remain unaffected by this action.

2002 OPERATIONS WORKSHOP: For the past 2 years, the Operations Workshop has been optional in D13. The 2002 Operations Workshop is mandatory for all members involved in the Operations Program. The deadline for completion of the workshop is 1 June 2002. No CG orders will be issued to Auxiliary members who have not successfully completed the 2002 Ops Workshop by 1 June.

FACILITY AND CURRENCY MAINTENANCE LISTS: DCPs and FCs – each month you receive copies of these two lists showing which facilities and the boat crew personnel are up to date and can receive patrol orders. These EXCEL spreadsheet lists still have the AUXMIS member numbers. The AUXDATA EMPLID numbers will replace these old member numbers, as AUXDATA programming is completed. Meanwhile, please ensure these lists get to your SO-OPs and FSO-OPs.

CURRENCY MAINTENANCE: The currency maintenance spreadsheet is included in this month's mail. If you have an "X" in the 2001 column it means you have completed all requirements for this year and are current for patrols in 2002. If your member number and name are in **bold type** it means you need to complete re-certification as indicated in the remarks column. The re-certification requirements are located on the back of the Annual Boat Crew Certification form dated 17 January 2002. This form is included in this mail out to FCs and is available on the D13 web site. This is the only form that will be accepted by DIRAUX for 2002 currency. Any older versions of the currency form received by DIRAUX will not be processed and returned. **ONLY MEMBERS WITH AN "X" IN THE 2001 COLUMN ARE CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE PATROL ORDERS, AND PARTICIPATE AS CREW.** If your Qual Year is listed as 1997, you will need to complete the 5th year Certification signed by a QE in 2002. All coxswains should check their last NRUL date and ensure they take the REQUAL test if needed. Direct any questions concerning currency to CWO Mike McKiernan at 1-800-982-8813, ext. 7082, or at (206) 220-7082 or E-mail to: mmckiernan@pacnorwest.uscg.mil.

ORDERING FROM THE DISTRICT STORE: Continue sending orders to Shirley Cole. Shirley is putting orders together once a week. Thank you for your patience.

HELP WANTED: District Materials Officer: contact DCO Louise Gatlin for more details and opportunities. DIRAUX is looking for Auxiliary personnel to help process Patrol Orders for reimbursement. The job would entail reviewing Patrol Order forms, checking for accuracy and completeness before they are submitted for repayment. We are looking for assistance two days a week, preferably on Tuesdays and Fridays, but we are flexible. If interested contact Sk1 Nelson Fritz, by E-mail to: nfritz@pacnorwest.uscg.mil.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

SK1 Nelson Fritz

PATROL ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (POMS): Recently, LT. Martin (FINCEN) paid our office a visit to train us on the new, upcoming program designed to "streamline" the Patrol Order process. In short, we will ultimately be able to submit and process claims electronically from DIRAUX in lieu of mailing FINCEN hard copies. This would cut the overall audit and payment process by a third. I'll update everyone when I learn more information on POMS and when we actually go on-line.

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SK1 Nelson Fritz

OPERATION PATRIOT READINESS SURVEYS: In the past several weeks, DIRAUX office has received dozens of the completed forms. Please do not send them to this office. Rather, send them to the appropriate RCO, as per the paragraph from the Director.

FROM THE COMPUTER SECTION

Ms. Bobbie Heim

AUXDATA ON LINE: Our new computer is "on line." It is a growing, changing, vitally important tool. We are all learning to use it, together. The OSC programmers in Martinsburg, West Virginia are correcting glitches and adjusting the system. For example, Auxiliary transfers between districts are entered at the CH DIRAUX office, with special help from the Martinsburg staff. The learning curve and period of adjustment will be quicker, and much better organized, if we remember to use the Auxiliary Information System (IS) chain. If everyone with a question, suggestion, or improvement contacts the FSO-IS first, before contacting the SO-IS, or the DSO-IS, or this DIRAUX office, we'll make better progress. We do have the chance to develop a very responsive, user friendly, tool by working together as an organization.

INITIALLY QUALIFIED (IQ) STATUS: Our Member Training staff has a brand new status to use. When the Auxiliary developed the New Member Exam (open book), it was "understood" that Auxiliarists who wanted to become trained in "on the water" operations needed more screening. Auxiliarists are expected complete a basic boating course test (closed book), or present special qualifications, before participating in underway training. The old AUXMIS 2 computer couldn't help our staff keep track of the individuals who need extra screening. AUXDATA can, and does. IQ Auxiliarists need screening, prior to "on the water" operations training. BQ Auxiliarists can train immediately.

CG INFO AND AUXDATA, TOGETHER AT LAST: The new AUXDATA computer information will be used to update the CG INFO system once a week. The CG INFO system is available to Auxiliarists and CG field unit personnel. Individuals without direct access to AUXDATA can check the CG INFO database system for answers to questions.

AUXDATA E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES: Our new computer has space for two E-mail addresses per Auxiliarist! We should be able to keep abreast of all the E-mail changes easily. These changes are done with updates in Member Status section of AUXDATA, at the FSO IS level. They are easy. I just entered two such changes, for our **RCO-S Jack G Feather**, to: jackrco@charter.net and for our **DSO VE June E. Feather**, to junedsove@charter.net.

AUXDATA MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATES & DIRECTORY CHANGES: The AUXDATA computer will be used to generate the Thirteenth District's Auxiliary Directory CDs. The directory CD updates will include E-mail addresses. Of course, updates for telephone numbers and mailing addresses are also included. Everyone serving as an officer at flotilla, division, and district levels should review their AUXDATA member information once a month. We strongly recommend ALL Auxiliarists review this section of AUXDATA on a monthly basis.

FROM THE MEMBER STATUS SECTION

Ms. Shirley Blanchett

INITIALLY QUALIFIED AND BASICALLY QUALIFIED ENROLLMENTS: To be entered as Basically Qualified on the New Member Enrollment Application there must be a check mark in front of BS&S in Section III. You **must** also write in the date the Boating Safety course was completed, and the date must have been within the last two years. If the date has been left off of the application the new member will be entered as, "Initially Qualified".

NEW ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS: When submitting New Enrollment applications please make sure you have included the New Member examination answer sheet. **Omission of the exam answer sheet will cause a significant delay in processing the application.** Also, please make sure the, "Prospective Member Interview Record" is also included with the enrollment package. After new enrollment applications have been received in the DIRAUX offices it will take a couple of weeks to process the application. If information is omitted, it will take longer. When the new enrollment has been processed the completed Certificate, ID card, and Handbook are held for the DIRAUX monthly mail-out, scheduled for the first working day of the month. Therefore, if you send in an application at the end of the month you should not expect to receive the finished product until the mail-out for the following month, *due to the time it takes to process the application.* So, the earlier in the month you submit New Member applications, the sooner you will get them back.

ID CARDS: All current ID cards with the old member number are still acceptable forms of Coast Guard Auxiliary Identification. The DIRAUX office will not be sending out new ID cards with the new member number printed on them. DIRAUX **will** send out ID cards to Auxiliarists whose ID cards have been lost, destroyed, or are expired. New ID cards will still be included with the Annual Membership Awards, processed in five-year increments. It is strongly suggested that you tape your new Auxiliary member number onto your current card. For DIRAUX purposes all new member numbers will still begin with the district number, division and flotilla designations, as were the old numbers. The last 3 digits of the old member number have been deleted. In their stead, add the seven-digit number received from AUXDATA. Please use the new member number for all correspondence with DIRAUX.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY EVENTS CALENDAR

FOR APRIL MAIL-OUT

Date	Meeting - Event	Location	D13 DIRUAX REP
5-7 Apr	NTNL Pac Area Mtg (NAPM)	Oakland, CA	LCDR Boodell
8 Apr	Division 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
9 Apr	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell
10 Apr	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
15-16 Apr	Wstrn St Btng Law Adm Mtg	San Diego, CA	Btng Rep Don Knesebeck, no DIRAUX Rep
26-28 Apr	Division 8	Sandpoint, ID	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
8 May	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
10-12 May	Sea Clbrtn, US & C CG AUX	Ketchikan, AK	TBD
13 May	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
14 May	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell
17-19 May	Division 10	Helena, MT	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
23 May	Division 1	MT Vernon, WA	LCDR Boodell
31 May – 2 June	Eastern Area Conf & Div 11	Glenn's Ferry, ID	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
31 May - 2 June	Division 6	Garibaldi, OR	CWO Belona
5-10 June	ROSEFEST	Portland, OR	
8 June	PWC Demo	Port Angeles, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
7-9 June	AUXAIR Fly-in	AIRSTA Astoria	CWO Mckiernan & Belona
10 Jun	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	CWO Belona
11 Jun	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
12 Jun	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	CWO Belona
22 Jun	Div 4 Mtg, P. L. Beach Club	Port Ludlow, WA	CWO McKiernan & CWO Belona
28, 29 & 30 June	Southern Area Conference	Vancouver, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOMcKiernan CWOBelona
8 Jul	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
9 Jul	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
10 Jul	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
14 Jul	Div 4 Mtg (Picnic)	TBD	TBD
14-25 July	SEAHAWK	Indian Island	
19, 20 & 21 July	EXCOM MTG	Garibaldi, OR	LCDR Boodell CWOMcKiernan CWOBelona
25-28 July	Columbia Cup	Kennewick, WA	
1-4 Aug	SEAFAIR	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOMcKiernan CWOBelona
12 Aug	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
13 Aug	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
14 Aug	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
16, 17 & 18 Aug	Northern Area Conference	Bremerton, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOMcKiernan CWOBelona
28-31 Aug	NTNL Conference (NACON)	Orlando, FL	LCDR Boodell & CWO Belona
9 Sep	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
10 Sep	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
11 Sep	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
19-21 Sep	13 TH Dist Mtg & Elections	Spokane, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOMcKiernan CWOBelona
26 Sep	Div 1 Mtg, Cranberry Tree	Mt Vernon WA	TBD
8 Oct	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
9 Oct	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
12-13 Oct	Div 8 Mtg	Richland, WA	CWO Belona
12 Oct	Div 4 Mtg, P. T. Yacht Club	Port Townsend	TBD
14 Oct	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
18-20 Oct	Div 11 Mtg.	Jackpot, NV	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
8-10 Nov	NTNL Pac Area Mtg (NAPM)	Alameda, CA	LCDR Boodell
11 Nov	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
12 Nov	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
13 Nov	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
15, 16 & 17 Nov	EXCOM MTG	Tri Cities, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Belona

This calendar includes information provided to DIRAUX. Please notify DIRAUX of changes or corrections. Bobbie. Heim, in AUXMIS section, E-mail: bheim@pacnorwest.uscg.mil is the person to contact.

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