I conducted a follow-up phone conversation with Capt [redacted].

I asked him if he or his Sector staff provided any specific Commander's Intent with respect to tactics that were to be employed by the small boats when escorting ferries. He indicated that his intent focused on numbers of escorts and which ferries would be targeted. He stated his guidance was never specific on how these small boats were to be operated. In his opinion, these were forces trained to do the escort mission and therefore his guidance was generic and referenced these patrols should be conducted in accordance with the Operation Order Neptune Shield. He mentioned patrols should be random and unpredictable.

Dated: 1/9/07

The summary above is factually accurate.