

# AUXDATA Hotword Update-16 October 2006

## **AUXDATA Workgroup Meeting**

On 11 October the AUXDATA Workgroup met for the fourth time this year. It discussed work list items and relevant concerns about the management and capabilities of AUXDATA.

## **Migration Concerns**

Many users in district and field offices that have used workstations that were upgraded recently to Standard Workstation Image 5.1 have complained that J-Initiator and Java were non-responsive. The cause of the problem was probably that the incorrect versions of Java and J-Initiator were installed as part of the migration. We encourage field-level users to update their software to include the appropriate J-Initiator version and the most recent version of Java. Your district IT personnel can do this upon request.

## **System overload**

At the end of 2005, an excessive amount of national level reports overwhelmed the AUXDATA servers. As 2006 winds down it appears that the problem has not been corrected. OSC proposed reconfiguring the Java web-servers to be able to run more reports simultaneously and this would prevent the number of "server busy" errors.

## **Cari Wynkoop**

John Barrett led the AUXDATA/AUXINFO development team successfully at OSC Martinsburg for several years. He has now left and Cari Wynkoop has been named as his replacement. Cari is a competent programmer who is intimately familiar with the intricacies of the software. However, this transition created a programmer job vacancy that G-RCC reports will not be filled until January 1, 2007. This limits the expectancy of accomplishing worklist items in the final months of 2006. Accordingly, the workgroup shuffled the worklist to accommodate time-sensitive priorities.

## **Worklist Priorities**

The Workgroup discussed the pending challenges and found the following items to be the highest priorities taking into account the needs of field-level users, national-level users, DIRAUX office users, and Coast Guard Headquarters:

- Annual Member Letter – This letter will provide each Auxiliarist a summary of what he or she did in the previous year.
- PSI Disenrollment – By year's end, AUXDATA will automatically disenroll those who have not submitted a package by 30 Nov 06.
- Changes in Currency to the Boat Crew Qualification program – This will allow AUXDATA to capture the most recent changes to the program.
- Facility Resource Availability – This will provide DIRAUX offices and operational commanders a summary of what facilities are available on any given day.
- Corrections to the Vessel Examiner/Program Visitor performance award – Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams are no longer counted toward the award.
- Recreation Boating Safety Award – AUXDATA will track the points necessary to obtain the award.
- AUXDATA Code Changes – Some of the activity codes are seldom used, and should be combined with others or eliminated altogether.

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