

## SECTION VI - SMALL-CRAFT FACILITY UPDATING

### INTRODUCTION:

Another important phase of the Auxiliary ATON/CU Program is SMALL-CRAFT FACILITY UPDATING as part of overall CU activities. The Auxiliary assist the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS) in the accomplishment of this important mission. This CU activity involves the conducting of periodic visits (usually on an annual basis) to marine facilities for the purpose of updating charts and related publications. These charts and publications contain information necessary for the Small-Craft operator.

### OBJECTIVE:

1. To acquire a general knowledge of the responsibilities of the Auxiliary in the conduct of Small-Craft Facility CU PATROLS AND MISSIONS.
2. To become familiar with the procedure for conducting Small-Craft Facility CU PATROLS and/or MISSIONS.
3. To become familiar with the reporting procedures for Small-Craft Facility CU PATROLS and/or MISSIONS.

### INFORMATION:

The primary purpose of the participation of the Auxiliary in Small-Craft Facility CU activities is specifically to assist NOS in chart and other NOAA publications updating operations. Under present arrangements with NOS, each Flotilla that agrees to and actively participates in CU activities of the ATON/CU Program is entitled annually to receive four Large Scale Nautical Charts (1:40,000 or larger) for their assigned geographical operating area. The purpose of this chart distribution is the replacement of charts that the Auxiliary (Flotilla) has sectioned/clipped for attachments to NOAA 77-5 reports.

NOS/NOAA charts and other publications are listed in the Nautical Chart Catalogs (refer to Section VII). Among the charts listed in these catalogs are: Conventional Charts, Folio Small-Craft Charts, Small-Craft (Pocket Fold) Charts, Other Small-Craft Charts and Marine Facility Charts. Small Craft-Charts are identified with (SC) after the respective chart number. Small-Craft Charts and Marine Facility Charts are specifically designed to provide detailed information for Small-Craft operators. Additionally, some Large-Scale Conventional Charts list the locations of marine facilities along with the services these facilities provide for the Small-Craft operator (refer to Figure 6-1).



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Small-Craft Facility CU visits to marine facilities, should be conducted, at a minimum, on an annual basis for the purpose of updating applicable charts. This CU activity can be conducted utilizing an operational facility as an ATON/CU PATROL (Mission type 03 on the ANSC 7030, Activity Report-Mission) or as an Operational Mission (Mission type 41 on the ANSC 7030, Activity Report-Mission) under reimbursable or non-reimbursable orders. Generally, Auxiliary members prefer to conduct Small-Craft Facility CU activities as a Mission, utilizing a privately owned vehicle or other conveyance, rather than with a full crew-staffed operational facility. Moreover, Auxiliary members residing within close proximity of the marine facilities usually volunteer for the MISSIONS. For public appearance considerations, when conducting Small-Craft Facility CU operations, Auxiliary member(s) must be in proper uniform.

- A suggested procedure to initiate the conduct of a Small-Craft Facility CU visit to a marine facility, follows:
  - a. Present an introduction of the Auxiliary members participating and their functions relating to the Small-Craft operator/marine facility/Coast Guard/NOS/NOAA support activity.
  - b. Focus the visit with the owner/manager of the marine facility.
  - c. Provide a clear explanation of the purpose of the visit.
  - d. Demonstrate to the owner/manager how the information about the marine facility will be presented to the general boating public, i.e., NOS/NOAA charts and other publication, Notices to Mariners, announcement, etc.
  - e. Practice prudence in answering any technical questions regarding ATON/CU subjects not covered within the report form.
  - f. Discreetly refer the owner/operator to the nearest Coast Guard unit for any unanswered concerns.
  - g. Provide a visit close-out summary to the owner/manager, i.e., an outline of any follow-on actions and an expression of appreciation for the level of cooperation provided.

The NOAA 77-5 form is used in Small-Craft Facility reporting. Each line in the right-hand column of the Form should be answered either "Y" (for yes) or "N" (for no). The comment section of the Form should be used for the inclusion of pertinent information that would assist a Small-Craft operator ("passing through the area").

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- Typical information would include the following:

A description of the general area where the facility is located -

- (1) WHAT - type of facility; operating hours; on-site services; off-site/adjacent services
- (2) WHERE - nautical chart location with regard to the waterway; road-map location with regard to on-shore road-routes
- (3) HOW - to get to it on-water navigation; on-shore routing

Include as attachments to the NOAA 77-5 enclosures such as chart sections, drawings, brochures and photographs. Such additional information and presentations will enhance the value of the report to the agency responsible for the chart in any modification that may be considered. Moreover, the more value-added information the report contains, the more credit the Auxiliary member(s)/unit will receive. Legibility is important - consideration should be given to using reproduced copies of the NOAA 77-5 for field use.

Auxiliary members and their units submitting NOAA 77-5 reports are awarded credits, refer to Section XII.

An example of a SAMPLE SMALL CRAFT FACILITY UPDATING REPORT (NOAA 77-5) follows:

