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SUBJ: TOWING VESSEL BRIDGING PROGRAM TRAINING

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 121639Z JUN 09

B. CG-543 TOWING VESSEL BRIDGING MEMO DTD 12JUN09

1. OFFICER, CIVILIAN, AND ENLISTED MEMBERS ARE BEGINNING TO ARRIVE AT FIELD UNITS TO FILL THE NEWLY CREATED TOWING VESSEL BILLETTS. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY THAT THEY RECEIVE ORIENTATION TO THE UNIT, BUT TO THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TOWING VESSEL PROGRAM. WORK GROUPS AROUND THE COUNTRY, COMPRISED OF COAST GUARD AND INDUSTRY PERSONNEL, HAVE DEVELOPED UTV PQS, EXAMINATION FORMS, AND OTHER TOOLS AND DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TO CONDUCT UTV EXAMS.

2. BECAUSE THERE IS CURRENTLY NO C SCHOOL THAT ADDRESSES TOWING VESSEL EXAMINATION, A COMPREHENSIVE ORIENTATION AND FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM WAS CREATED TO FILL THE GAP. THE MARINE INSPECTOR COURSE (MIC) AND THE COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL EXAMINER COURSE DO NOT CONTAIN CURRICULUM RELEVANT TO THE TOWING VESSEL PROGRAM. FUTURE ANALYSIS WILL DETERMINE THE PROPER FORMAL TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR TOWING VESSEL EXAMINERS.

3. THE TOWING VESSEL OUTREACH, ORIENTATION, AND INDOCTRINATION WORKBOOK, USCG REQUIREMENTS FOR UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSELS GUIDE, EXAM FORMS WITH INSTRUCTIONS, AND UTV PQS ARE AVAILABLE ON HOMEPORT AT [HTTP://HOMEPORT.USCG.MIL/](http://homeport.uscg.mil/) UNDER: MISSIONS - DOMESTIC VESSELS - UNINSPECTED VESSELS - TOWING VESSELS. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO LINKED THROUGH THE DOMESTIC VESSEL INSPECTION PLACE IN CG PORTAL. INSPECTIONS PERSONNEL ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BOOKMARK THESE SITES AND SET ALERTS AS ALLOWED IN HOMEPORT TO BE AUTOMATICALLY NOTIFIED WHEN NEW DOCUMENTS FOR THIS AND OTHER INSPECTIONS PROGRAMS ARE UPLOADED. EXAMINATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GPO AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ALONG WITH UTV DECALS THROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES SOON (UNTIL THEN, LOCAL PRINTING AND USE OF THE EXAM FORM IS AUTHORIZED).

4. AS OUTLINED IN REF (B), A NEW AND UPDATED UTV PQS HAS BEEN CREATED FOR ACTIVE DUTY, CIVILIAN AND RESERVE MBRS THAT ALSO INCORPORATES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS REGULATED UNDER THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT (MTSA). ACTIVE DUTY, CIVILIANS AND RESERVIST THAT QUALIFIED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2009 WITH (AUX UTV PQS) CAN COMPLETE SECTIONS SD01 THROUGH SD58 IN THE NEW UTV PQS TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER WITH NEW THE COMPETENCY (CVSUT) CODE. ACTIVE DUTY, CIVILIAN AND RESERVE MBRS THAT WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED SHALL GO THROUGH THE QUALIFICATION PROCESS UTILIZING THE NEW UTV PQS. UNIT TRAINING OFFICERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE QUALIFIED UTV EXAMINERS(CVSUT) COMPETENCY IS ENTERED INTO TMT.

4.A. THE LEGACY UTVE CODE EARNED BY AUXILIARY MEMBERS WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE NEW CVSUTAUX CODE.

AUXILARIST ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR SECTORS TO DISCUSS THEIR ROLES IN THIS PROGRAM AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF B.

5. POCS: TOWING VESSEL BRIDGING PROGRAM - MR. PATRICK LEE, CG-5431 AT PATRICK.J.LEE(AT)USCG.MIL OR (202) 372-1135; COMPETENCY LCDR JONAS YANG, CG-7411 AT (202) 372-2456.

6. OFFICE OF VESSEL ACTIVITIES (CG-543) AND OFFICE OF SHORE FORCES (CG-741), SENDS.

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