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SECTOR UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER INSTRUCTION 2300.1

Subj: AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES ON PATROL (AUXILIARY POLICY 07-003)

Ref: (a) COMDTINST 16798.3 (SERIES)

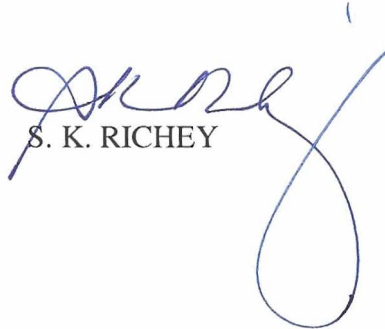
1. PURPOSE. This instruction sets forth policy on Auxiliary communications requirements before, during, and after surface patrols within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Sector Upper Mississippi River (SUMR).
2. ACTION. This policy is effective immediately.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None
4. BACKGROUND. Due to the unique geographic distances involved in SUMR's AOR, some Auxiliary surface facilities are unable to maintain communications with SUMR's command center during patrol periods. This presents unique command and control issues with respect to safety and tactical use of the Auxiliary surface facilities.
5. DISCUSSION. None
6. PROCEDURES.
 - a. For each patrol, a facility must have two-way communications with any Coast Guard unit; any Auxiliary station or detachment; any federal, state, or local agency (e.g., Army Corps of Engineers, police, fire department, etc.); or any local marina that agrees to maintain the scheduled communication guard, relay official information between the Coast Guard and Auxiliary facility, and must understand and agree to immediately report a communications loss to the Coast Guard if the reporting period is exceeded. If two way communications cannot be established the patrol is to be terminated.
 - b. In accordance with reference (a), "Facility operators must follow all Coast Guard reporting requirements during a patrol. Surface vessels must report OPS normal and position every 60 minutes. The OIA may impose a more stringent reporting requirement. If communications are lost for more than the designated reporting period, the mission must be aborted, the facility moved to a safe haven, and the OIA advised of the situation. Facilities en route to or from assigned areas are subject to call and assignment, if needed." SUMR has modified the above and requires a stricter reporting regime of once every 30 minutes. If communications are lost and cannot be reestablished in the required 30 minute period, the patrol is to be terminated, the facility moved to a safe haven and SUMR advised of the situation.

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c. This policy will be sent to the District Commodore with copy to Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX) and Auxiliary Chief of Response. Failure to follow this instruction may result in individual disciplinary action being requested through the DIRAUX.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this policy and have been determined to be not applicable.

8. FORMS/REPORTS. None



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