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**District Navigation Systems Staff Officer
Covering Aids to Navigation, Bridges & Chart Updating**

DSO-NS 11(NR) BULLETIN NO. 2008-12

Date: December 8, 2008
 From: DSO-NS 11(NR)
 To: VCO, SO-NSs, & Aid Verifiers, for Immediate Action
 Info: D11 (dpw), D11 (dpa-n), and EXCOM, Board & Staff
 Subject: ATON/CU Monthly Report

**SO-NS please see that each FSO-NS & Aid Verifier receives a copy of this bulletin.
Copies can be downloaded at: http://aton.d11nuscgaux.info/aton_reports.html**

1. 2008 SO-ANs: I would like to thank all the SO-ANs & FSO-ANs for their work this year. Job well done. Divisions have elected their 2009 DCDR's. The DCDR's are setting up their 2009 staffs. If you are going to be moving on, please be sure to let me know as soon as possible and if possible who is replacing you. It takes time to get up speed in our programs and as your know we start off on January 1st. It is important for each division, flotilla and Aid Verifiers to get ATON/CU information as early as possible. Your prompt response and cooperation is urgently sought. I hope that all of you can stay on next year. The more years you work in the ATON/CU Programs the easier it becomes.

2. AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION & CERTIFICATION CLASS: The next Aid Verifier Qualification & Certification Course will be held at the Past Captains Training Fair on Saturday February 14, 2008. This class is for those who would like to become an Aid Verifier and assist the Coast Guard with their Aids to Navigation & Bridges. Any pass or present Aid Verifiers who would like to update their qualification or skills can also sign up.

The following information is for all Auxiliary Aid Verifier Candidates. Please download a copy of the "Aid to Navigation Aid Verifier Qualification Guide & Check off List" at <http://aton.d11nuscgaux.info> then click on "Aid Verifier QUAL". Use this study guide before attending the AV Course.

This Auxiliary Aid to Navigation Verifier Qualification Guide defines the skills required for an Auxiliarist to become a Qualified & Certified Aid Verifier (AV). The Aid Verifier Candidate (AVC) check off list and tasks have been modified from the National to meet D11 Requirements. Each section contains a listing of tasks in which an Auxiliarist should be become proficient in order to complete any type D11 (dpw) AV mission successfully.

This guide can also function as a syllabus for a workshop or as a self-study guide. Each listing allows the AVC and what **D11 (dpw) & DSO-NS (Aid Verifier QE)** should expect.

If an Aid Verifier Candidate (AVC) has difficulty in learning the task, he or she is encouraged to contact help from your **AVTT** (Aid Verifier Training Team) which is the following:

1. Your **FSO-NS** (Flotilla Navigation Systems Staff Officer)
2. **Certified Aid Verifiers** within your Flotilla or Division,

3. Your Auxiliary **SO-NS, ADSO-NS** or **DSO-NS**,

The AVC can attend the next **Aid Verifier Qualification Course** (February Past Captain's Training Fair) when the AVC is confident in all of the tasks below. The DSO-NS will administer the "Aid Verifiers Qualifying & Certification Exam" at the end **Aid Verifier Qualification Course**. After passing the **Aid Verifier Qualification Exam** the DSO-NS will send a letter of completion to D11 (dpw) for Certification as an Aid Verifier (AV).

The Aid Verifier Certification will be granted for 5-Years. The District Commander (dpw) will forward the "Letter of AV Certification" to Director of Auxiliary D11 (dpa) for AUXDATA and their personal file.

There will be an Aid Verifier Re-certification Open Book Exam to renew their Aid Verifier Certification for another 5-year period.

There is an annual maintenance each year within the 5-Year Certification; the **AV (Aid Verifier)** shall submit the required number of ATON or PATON or BRIDGE Report each year to maintain their Aid Verifier Certification. **The required number in D11NR is one**

In the likely hood that an AV did not submit one ATON or PATON or BRIDGE report for the year and loses their AV Certification, They can be re-instated as a Certified AV. AV must a company a certified AV and do the required number of aids or bridge verifications. The certified AV will sign the report verifying that the Aid Verifier (AV) conducted the aid or bridge check satisfactory. AV will be re-certified for that year when the aid or bridge report is received by the DSO-NS.

- **The AVC check off list and task list should be used as a learning tool preparing you for the AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION COURSE & EXAM.**
- **This guide has listing of task that an AID VERIFIER should be skilled in to accomplish any aid or bridge verification or checks that D11 (dpw) or ANT unit would task us to accomplish.**
- **The items on the check off list and tasks maybe part of the Aid Verifier Qualification Final Exam.**

Each SO-NS should look over you certified Aid Verifiers to see if you need more Aid Verifiers to complete your D11 (dpw) assignment for 2009. Does each flotilla have the Aid Verifiers to easily check the aids you assign to them?

3. 2008 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY:

D11(NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON/CU activity. Table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart updating reports received through **December 7, 2008**.

2008 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION							BRIDGES			PATONS			Not Done	2008 AV
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	BI	AOR	Done	%	AOR	Done	%		
1	8	8	126		84	5	6	4	4	100%	126	126	100%	0	21
3	17	17	74	5	58	13	11	13	13	100%	44	44	100%	0	12
4	1		82		15	2		2	2	100%	54	54	100%	0	6
5			124	3	51	5	1	9	5	56%	115	115	100%	0	19
6			39		1	2		2	2	100%	137	45	33%	92	3
8	21	21	4	13	26	1		1	1	100%	4	4	100%	0	3
10	8	8	49		24	11		10	10	100%	49	49	100%	0	11
11	1	1	94		96			NA	-	-	94	94	100%	0	12
12	1		171		76	10	9	9	9	100%	171	171	100%	0	14
Total	57	55	763	21	431	49	27	50	46	92%	794	702	88%	92	101

Div	2008 D11NR Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2008			2008 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2008			2009 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2008 to Mar 31, 2009		
	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC
1	2	2					2	2	
3	15	1					15	1	
4									
5	1	4	100	1	4	100			
6									
8									
10				0	1				
11									
12									
Total	18	7	100	1	5	100	17	3	

Total NOAA Reports 1/1 through 12/31/08 →	18	Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to 3/31/09 →	100
Total Aids to Navigation Reports	890	Total Members Submitting Reports →	88
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO	513	513 out of 890 reports showing up in AUXINFO →	58%
Total Chart Updating Reports	18	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized	
Total ATON & Chart Updating	908	NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.	

- **Note: NOAA-NOS Chart updating year is April 1 through March 31.**
- **“ We are in the 2008-2009 Chart Updating Year”**
- Note: D11NR Chart updating year is January 1 through December 31.
- Note: The **Red** number under 2nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.
- Note: **Red** numbers is the information from AUXINFO as of **Dec 7th** update.
- Note: “Don’t forget to submit your 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not done until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands.”

“Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don’t find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help.”

4. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: Remember NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line. The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating & ATON reports because they are always update. **Note this site is no longer in use <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onlineviewer/>** Change your favorites to the NEW site below:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>

With less than one month to go in 2008, it looks as if D11 Northern Region will have only 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. We had 4 New Chart Editions in 2007. See “Dates of Chart Latest Edition” Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 6.

Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 6 are obsolete for use in navigation and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart is of vital importance to the navigator and the aid verifier. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. Natural and artificial changes, many of them critical, are occurring constantly; and it is important that we in the Auxiliary use the most up-to-date charts.

5. NOAA-RASTER NAVIGATIONAL CHART SERVICE RESUMES:

NOAA has resumed its full service of providing free weekly updates and new editions of Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) via the Internet at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov> a list of certified RNC distributors is also available at the above Internet site. Address questions to NOAA at <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx>

6. AID VERIFIER (UPDATED) LOSING CERTIFICATION DUE TO INACTIVITY:

To Division 3, 5, 6, 10, & 12 SO-NSs, this is a reminder that the following Aid Verifiers will lose their Aid Verifier Certification on December 31, 2008. Aid Verifier’s Certification is maintained by activity. They must turn in one ATON Report or one PATON report or one Bridge report to be certified for the next year. The list below is those that have not turn in any reports in 2008. There is only two (2.0) months to the end of the year. The listed Aid Verifiers should contact their FSO-NS, SO-NS, or me as soon as possible to request a PATON or Bridge to check. We still have PATONs & Bridges that need checking in DIVISION 5 (4 Bridges), & 6 (92 PATONs).

ID NO.	DIV-FLOT	NAME	AV	QUAL. DATE
1213743	113-03-03	GWENDOLYN SAVAGE	1	060218
1213744	113-03-03	ROY SAVAGE	1	060218
1210025	113-03-10	DEAN LA CHAPELLE	1	040214
1175296	113-05-02	JAMES S CONVERSE	1	070217
1222472	113-05-03	STEPHEN CAMER	1	070217
1172127	113-05-07	PAUL CLAUSEN	1	070217
1206561	113-06-04	MATTHEW WALL	1	060218
1144288	113-10-02	TERRI LINN	1	030215
1174339	113-10-03	WILLIAM MARTIN WALKER	1	040214
1193837	113-12-05	RONALD C DENESHA	1	060218
1210312	113-12-21	CYNTHIA WEISS	1	060218

7. SECOND Notice of the “2009 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating C-School” at Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia.

About the Course: This school is designed to provide training in all five Auxiliary Aids to Navigation Programs - ATON - Federal Aids, PATON - Private Aids, BAP - the Bridge Administration Program, CU - Chart Updating Program and SCF - Small Craft Facility Program. The new Web-based Private Aids to Navigation System that is being introduced into the First District, NR will also be presented. PowerPoint training aids for most NS programs will also be introduced. The aim of the AN/CU–C School is to train a cadre of Auxiliary leaders who will promote the AN/CU programs in their District and develop new and lasting programs and relationships with the Coast Guard in support of the goals and objectives of the Auxiliary Aid to Navigation / Chart Updating Program.

Who May Attend: Candidates must be recently assigned as a FSO-NS (Flotilla Staff Officer - Aids to Navigation), or a SO-NS (Division Staff Officer Aid to Navigation), or a DSO-NS or ADSO-NS (District Staff Officer – Aids to Navigation). This training is not refresher training. Alternative training is available through District ATON program managers. COMDT (CG-5421) must approve all waivers. Only one class convening is scheduled per year. Applicants MUST have an internet e-mail account capable of receiving and downloading attachments to order to benefit most from this training. Therefore, the candidate’s e-mail address must be included in Block #22 of the Short-Term Resident Training Request prior to approval. No civilian contractors are authorized to attend.

Title is "C-School - Aux ATON & Chart Updating - Private Aids;" **Dates** - 5-7 June 2009; **Location** - Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia; **Times** - 0800 Friday to 1200 Sunday (30 Students). **Course Code** is 501065. Course

How to apply for this C-School and I encourage all SO-NS to apply:

Complete a “School Short Term Training Request Form CG-5223” [Click here to get Form CG-5223](#); Send your completed CG-5223 form to your District DIRAUX (Director of Auxiliary) via your Flotilla Commander (your FC is required to sign the form).

Keep a copy of the Form CG-5223. Expect to receive travel and information about orders.

If you are interested, put in your request ASAP because there are only 30 openings.

MAY EACH DAY OF YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON &
2009 YEAR
BRING YOU FAIR WINDS, CALM WATERS, AND
SMOOTH SAILING

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“All auxiliary vessels when underway should be checking all [Aids to Navigations](#) for any type of **Discrepancy** and also be checking the [Charts & Shoreline](#) for any type of **Charting Errors** as well as providing update reports on [Small Crafts Facilities](#) in their AOR”

DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITION TABLE
In D11 Northern Region December 8, 2008

Chart No.	Chart Scale	Edition No.	Last Update
18600	196,948	14	Jan 26,2002
18601	40,000	14	Feb 2007
18602	40,000	12	Apr 2003
18603	40,000	16	Dec 2002
18605	15,000	12	Mar 2003
18620	200,000	23	Jun 2002
18622	25,000	54	Apr 2006
18623	40,000	11	Jun 4, 2001
18626	40,000	15	Sep 16, 2000
18628	10,000	8	Nov 27, 1999
18640	207,840	25	Aug 2005
18643	30,000	17	Apr 2003
18645	100,000	26	Sep 2008
18647	40,000	15	Sep 2002
18649	40,000	65	JUL 2006
18650	20,000	55	Dec 2007
18651	40,000	44	Apr 2006
18652 SC	40,000:80,000	34	Sep 2007
18653	20,000	10	July 2005
18654	40,000	44	Jan 2008
18655	10,000	59	Oct 2006
18656	40,000	55	Sep 2006
18657	10,000	19	Nov 2005
18658	10,000	31	Sep 2007
18659	10,000	15	Sep 2004
18660	20,000	3	Sep 2005
18661 SC	40,000	29	Dec 2006
18662 SC	40,000	21	Apr 2005
18663	20,000	6	Apr 2006
18664	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18665	40,000	11	Aug 2004
18666	10,000	1	Nov 24, 2001
18667	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18680	210,668	31	Jun2005
18682	20,000	14	Nov 2003
18685	50,000	33	Sep 2005
18686	40,000	13	Jul 17, 1999
18700	216,116	22	Jul 2003
18703	40,000	25	Jul 2003
18704	20,000	13	May 2004