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Subj: Navigation Rules Requirement -031/07

1. We have been working to resolve an item that was discussed during NACON. The issue is the Navigation Rules exam requirement for coxswains and PWC operators.

2. In January when the new Boat Crew Training Manual was promulgated AUXDATA was set up to monitor this qualification in a calendar year. Some regions are already requiring taking the exam on the fifth year anniversary date, while others use the end of calendar date in AUXDATA and allow it to run to the end of the fifth calendar year. If it were allowed to run to the end of a calendar year a coxswain could go nearly 6 years without taking the exam, if it were taken early on in the year.

3. Currently the wording to the requirement is open to a bit of interpretation. You felt it could be read either way (every five years from the date the test was last successfully taken or December 31 of the fifth year like other annual requirements). It currently reads:

Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, Chapter 5 A.6. Five Year Requirements

\* Coxswains and PWC operators must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination at least every five years with a minimum score of 90 percent.

\* Members failing to complete the open book exam within the five year period are considered lapsed and must retake the exam and achieve a minimum score of 90 percent to regain certification and receive orders.

4. To clarify, standardize, and bring this requirement in line with active duty the verbiage is changed to:

Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, Chapter 5 A.6. Five Year Requirements

\* Coxswains and PWC operators must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination within five years from the date of successful completion of the previous exam. A passing score for this requirement is 90 percent or greater. Members failing to complete the open book exam within the five year period are considered lapsed and must retake the exam in order to regain certification and receive orders.

5. This change will take effect beginning January 1, 2008. AUXDATA will be modified to track the date of exam vice the default of 31DEC and put a member in REYR if the test has lapsed. Some regions will be impacted more than others due to your varying active boating seasons but all regions will have members due in Jan-Apr who will be thinking they have all year to take the test.

6. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.