



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMODORE
FIFTH DISTRICT, NORTHERN REGION



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FIFTH DISTRICT SOUTHERN REGION

The Fifth District, Northern and Southern Regions have always enjoyed an outstanding mutual relationship in our efforts to support the Fifth District United States Coast Guard and the Boating Public. Now, more than ever in this post 911 era, enhanced cooperation and mutual assistance between our two Regions is necessary to support the varied missions of the United States Coast Guard Forces within the Fifth District. This "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) supersedes the Memorandum of Understanding on Surface Patrols" dated 20 March 2005.

In an effort to improve our support, especially in the Surface Operations Program, the two Regions have mutually agreed to the following:

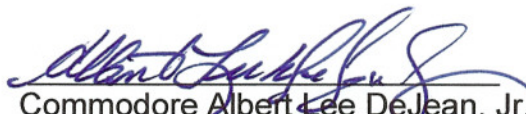
1. All operational facilities that have been inspected and accepted by their respective Directors of Auxiliary shall be able to be utilized as a designated facility to receive patrol orders for either Region within the Fifth District.
2. Operational facilities shall have all equipment required on board for the Region in which they are being used as the patrol vessel.
3. Coxswains and Crews shall be authorized patrols in both Regions, provided they have completed an "Area Familiarization Training Patrol" in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) they wish to conduct operations.
4. The "Area Familiarization Training Patrol" shall be a one time requirement. Only if the member has not patrolled in a particular Area for more than two boating seasons, shall they be required to participate in a refresher "Area Familiarization Training Patrol."
5. Members wishing to Patrol in another Region are instructed to contact the "local Operations Officer" for the issuance of Patrol Orders. Facilities patrolling in Regions other than their own shall be entered into the Patrol Order Management System (POMS) as a facility for the other Region, thus allowing patrol orders to be issued using the visiting facility.
6. All Coxswains and Crews shall familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures of the Region in which they are patrolling and strictly adhere to the provisions of those documents.
7. Coxswains and Crews shall have participated in any and all Sector Commander and District required operations workshops prior to receiving patrol orders in the AOR controlled by that Sector Commander.

8. There shall be no additional requirements placed on members and/or facilities by the local Auxiliary units. All such local units shall accept requests for patrols from members of the other region and issue orders in accordance with the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in an effort to fulfill the Coast Guard's operational missions assigned to the Auxiliary.

In the "spirit" of a United Auxiliary District, the above has been agreed to by both the Fifth Northern and the Fifth Southern Commodores on this 28 day of August, 2010. This MOU shall become effective immediately and shall be honored by all successors to the undersigned.



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District Commodore
Fifth District, Northern Region



Commodore Albert Lee DeJean, Jr.
District Commodore
Fifth District, Southern Region