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Eleventh Coast Guard District Auxiliary, Southern Region Policy Directive 08-02

Subj: AUXILIARY FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Ref: (a) Vessel Facility Inspection and Offer for Use Form, ANSC 7003

1. PURPOSE: To provide policy and guidance that applies to the entire Eleventh District Southern Region.
2. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None
3. DISCUSSION: Clarifications are required in regards to facility equipment lists, requirements, and limitations.
4. ACTION: Effective immediately, all Auxiliary members offering operational facilities for use and conducting operational patrols shall adhere to the following regulations.

A. Facility Inspection Requirements:

- (1) Operational facility inspections shall only be conducted by currently qualified Vessel Examiners (VE) who are also either staff appointed Vessel Examiners at any level, elected Auxiliary leadership, or Qualification Examiners (QE).
- (2) All facilities shall maintain a towline of not less than 100 feet except for inland vessels 18 feet and under which are required to carry only 50 feet. Coastal vessels greater than 26 feet are required to carry no less than 200 feet of towline.
- (3) Coastal/Offshore facilities shall be no less than 24 feet and designed for offshore operations. Vessels less than 24 feet may be considered on a case by case basis with key factors being design and construction.

B. Operating Limitations:

- (1) Auxiliary facilities shall not operate in seas greater than 8 feet or winds over 30 knots. Facilities less than 30 feet are limited to seas of 4 feet and winds of not more than 25 knots. Underway facilities that encounter conditions outside their parameters shall proceed to a safe harbor or their mooring and secure the patrol unless specifically authorized to continue by the Order Issuing Authority (OIA). The OIA may grant waivers to, or set further limitations on, these requirements.

(2) No facility will get underway in low visibility, defined as visibility less than one nautical mile, without a working RADAR and authorization from the OIA. Underway facilities that encounter low visibility shall proceed to a safe harbor or their mooring, if they can safely do so, and secure the patrol unless specifically authorized to continue by the OIA.



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