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Subj: YARD PATROL CRAFT COLOR COMPANY COMPETITION

Encl: (1) Yard Patrol Craft Color Company Competition Grading Sheet

1. Purpose. To provide guidelines concerning the planning and execution of the Yard Patrol Craft (YP) Competitions to be undertaken as part of the Color Company Competition.
2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 3590.1C
3. Introduction. The United States Naval Academy's Fleet of Yard Patrol Craft is used to provide the Midshipmen with hands-on training in seamanship, navigation, and ship handling. The underway training on board the YPs is the key ingredient to qualifying Officer of the Deck (OOD) and ultimately Command at Sea. The YP Color Company Competition gives the Midshipmen an opportunity to demonstrate their navigational and ship handling acumen while rewarding the top performing companies with points towards the annual Color Company Competition.
4. Aim of the Event. To evaluate the ability of a team of Midshipmen to get a YP underway, safely navigate along a charted course using visual navigation aids, perform a simulated anchorage, execute a man overboard drill, and moor alongside the seawall. During the evolution, the team of Midshipmen will adhere to the Rules of the Road and conduct proper radiotelephone communication procedures. The overall team smartness and professionalism will also be assessed throughout the course of the event.
5. General. The YP Color Company Competition will be held during both the Fall and Spring semesters. Both competitions will comprise of a written test, underway and/or classroom training sessions, Battalion semi-final competition, and the Brigade finals competition. Prior to each competition, the Division of Professional Development will promulgate specific instructions and guidelines via DIVPRODEVNOTE 3590 for both the Fall and Spring semesters.

6. Equipment and Manning

a. Each team of Midshipmen is required to bring a complete navigational kit and a prepared Annapolis Harbor chart (12283) to every underway session. The chart must be prepared per the Department of Seamanship and Navigation standards.

b. A Safety Officer shall be on board during all underway sessions to maximize training and on-the-water safety. The officer must be qualified as a YP Officer-in-Charge (OINC) or have an Officer of the Deck (OOD) Underway letter.

c. When a Safety Officer that is OINC qualified is embarked, they have responsibility for the craft. If a Safety Officer is only OOD Underway qualified or is not embarked, the Craftmaster will retain responsibility for the craft.

d. Only a Safety Officer that is OINC qualified can act as a judge when evaluating the Midshipmen teams during the underway competitions.

7. Rules of the Event

a. The Safety Officers and/or Craftmasters shall not interfere with the Midshipmen teams' performance unless the safety of the vessel is in doubt.

b. Navigation is to be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules COMDTINST M16672.2D.

c. The seven knot speed limit northwest of buoy eight is to be strictly enforced.

8. Action. The following actions shall be executed to successfully implement the provisions of this instruction:

a. The Operations Officer shall:

(1) In conjunction with the Director, Division of Professional Development, schedule dates for testing, underway training, Battalion semi-final competition, and the Brigade final competition.

(2) Administer the inclusion of the event into the overall Color Company Competition.

b. The Director, Division of Professional Development shall promulgate via notice a training and competition schedule for each YP Color Company Competition.

c. The Chairman, Department of Seamanship and Navigation shall:

(1) Administer the execution of all aspects of the competition.

(2) Schedule YPs to meet training and competition commitments.


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YP COLOR COMPANY COMPETITION GRADING SHEET

<i>Military Etiquette</i>		Pts	<i>Man Overboard</i>		Pts
Military Appearance	4		Prompt and efficient first actions	5	
Proper embarking procedures	2		360 degree awareness	5	
Proper debarking procedures	2		Efficient/Effect use of rudder	4	
Total Points	8		Efficient/Effect use of engines	4	
			Time of recovery	5	
			Total Points	23	
<i>Getting Underway</i>		Pts	<i>Backing Into Basin</i>		
Knowledge of uncontrollable forces wind, current, tide	8		Proper radio communications	2	N/A
Proper line handling commands	4		Approach to basin	5	N/A
Proper standard commands	10		Knowledge/use uncontrollable force	4	N/A
Efficient/Effect use of rudder	5		Wind, current, tide		
Efficient/Effect use of engines	5		Efficient/Effect use of rudder	5	N/A
Sounds signals	3		Efficient/Effect use of engines	5	N/A
360 degree awareness	5		Judgment of speed/position	5	N/A
Total Points	40		Total Points	26	N/A
<i>Piloting</i>		Pts	<i>Pulling into slip</i>		
Correct Application of Rules of the	4		Alignment/position in relation to slip	4	N/A
Adherence to the IALA Buoy system	2		Efficient/Effect use of rudder	4	N/A
360 degree awareness	4		Efficient/Effect use of engines	5	N/A
Total Points	10		Speed of approach	4	N/A
			Total	17	N/A
<i>Anchoring</i>		Pts	<i>Mooring</i>		
Effectively navigated on head bearing	4		Knowledge of uncontrollable force	5	
Used proper speed during anchorage	4		Wind, current, tide		
Proper use of drop bearing	2		Proper standard commands	10	
Slight sternway when anchor let-go	3		Efficient/Effect use of rudder	5	
Accuracy of anchorage	5		Efficient/Effect use of engines	5	
Proper amount of chain used	3		Approach speeds	3	
Fixes taken when anchored/anchorage	4		Proper maneuvering along pier	5	
Drag and swing circle plotted	4		360 degree awareness	5	
Total Points	29		Proper line handling commands	5	
<i>Communications</i>		Pts	Total points		
Proper voice procedures used	4		43		

Score = Total Points out of 157

Score = _____ / 157 = ____%

COMPANY: _____

JUDGE: _____