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From: Director, Naval Academy Sailing  
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Subj: 2006 NAVY SAILING SUMMER CRUISE PROGRAM OPERATION ORDER

Ref: (a) DNASINST 3120.1D  
(b) Boat Information Book for United States Naval Academy  
Navy 44 Sail Training Craft  
(c) Personnel Qualification Standard for Large Sail  
Training Craft

1. Purpose. To promulgate the 2006 Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program Operation Order (OPOORDER) which governs the conduct of all summer sailing programs. This OPOORDER complements and supplements the requirements contained in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Regulations Manual for Large Sail Training Craft (STC) at the United States Naval Academy (reference (a)).

2. Background. The Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program provides midshipmen with small unit leadership and teamwork training, as well as intermediate-level seamanship training. In addition to the overall Navy Sailing Program objectives defined in chapter 1 of reference (a), the Summer Cruise Program seeks to:

a. Develop the leadership skill of the first and second class midshipmen participants, with specific emphasis on:

(1) Building on the skills learned during Leadership: Theory and Application (NL302), that leadership is a function of the leader, the follower, and the situation. Explore personal leadership style and discover areas requiring further development, particularly in response to periods of intense physical and psychological stress.

(2) Refining delegation skills.

(3) Developing team-building skills.

(4) Reinforcing the importance of training in successful completion of a mission.

(5) Recognizing the importance of detailed planning, and the myriad of seemingly unrelated factors necessary to successfully complete a complex project--namely preparing for and executing an offshore training cruise.

b. The goals for seamanship and leadership skills developed by third class midshipmen participating in the program are to:

(1) Continue lessons from Leadership and Human Behavior (NL102), to "know yourself, know your troops, and know your job." Explore personal strengths and limitations as a team member while experiencing physical and emotional stresses in a real-world environment at sea aboard a small craft.

(2) Develop further understanding of importance of an individual to the team effort, in the particular instance when the team is small and stakes are high.

(3) Improve communication skills.

(4) Reinforce the importance of training in successful completion of a mission.

(5) Recognize the importance of detailed planning and the myriad of seemingly unrelated factors necessary to complete successfully a complex project--namely preparing for and executing an offshore training cruise.

(6) For those who demonstrate aptitude, qualify as Local Area Skipper in preparation for furthering their qualifications to serve as skipper or Executive Officer (XO) on a subsequent Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron (CSNTS) cruise.

c. Additionally, all midshipmen involved in the program shall work to develop the intermediate-level seamanship skills defined below:

(1) Understanding of and proficiency in using controllable and uncontrollable shiphandling forces.

(2) Weather observation skills and introduction to elements of practical weather forecasting, including forecasting products available from various external sources.

(3) Detailed understanding and application in actual situations of Rules of the Nautical Road.

(4) Piloting, celestial, and electronic navigation skills taught during Fundamentals of Naval Science (NS100), Navigation and Piloting (NN200), and other summer training cruises.

(5) Practical application of engineering fundamentals learned during core and majors courses.

3. Command Authority. Command authority is defined in chapter 2 of reference (a).

4. Action.

a. All personnel participating in the 2006 Navy Sailing Summer Cruise Program will comply with the requirements promulgated in reference (a) and in this OPORDER.

b. All STC shall be operated in strict compliance with the SOP promulgated in reference (a) and the applicable Boat Information Book (reference (b)), as well as applicable technical manuals/documentation.

c. The Officer in Tactical Command (OTC) shall publish an OTC Supplement to outline any additional requirements they may deem necessary for the cruise block. These OTC Supplements shall be approved by the Director, Naval Academy Sailing (DNAS) prior to the Phase II crew and vessel certification.

d. Except when dictated by safety considerations, only DNAS may authorize changes to scheduled departures, destination ports, and SOPs. If diverted, DNAS shall be notified by the most expedient means.

e. By the nature of offshore sailing, no OPORDER can foresee every potential pitfall or emergency. Nothing in this OPORDER relieves the assigned skippers of the total accountability for the safe operation of their STC and for the safety of embarked personnel.

5. Cancellation. This OPORDER is effective upon receipt until 1 September 2006.

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