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From: Superintendent

Subj: REGULATIONS CONCERNING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ref: (a) USNA/AACINST 1700.7
(b) COMDTMIDNINST 5400.5A (NOTAL)
(c) USNAINST 11100.2E

1. **Purpose.** To publish regulations governing hunting, picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, fishing, crabbing, and use of athletic fields at the Naval Academy.

2. **Cancellation.** USNAINST 1700.9.

3. **Background.** General recreational activities at the Naval Academy are of necessity limited in scope. Proper appearance of the grounds dictates that many recreational activities are prohibited and others strictly controlled. Many facilities for recreational activities are available at the Naval Station, Annapolis.

4. **Information.** The following regulations apply:

a. **Hunting.** Hunting or trapping animals on the Naval Academy or Naval Academy Dairy Farm grounds is prohibited. The discharge of any weapon including rifle, pistol, BB gun, air pellet gun, and bow and arrow is likewise prohibited.

b. **Picnicking.** Picnicking aboard the Naval Academy is only authorized at the Hospital Point recreation area site (Price Memorial). The Superintendent may relax this restriction during special events such as the Blue Angels flight demonstration or Fourth of July celebration. Personnel desiring to use the Hospital Point recreation areas must obtain written permission in advance from the Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Clinic, Annapolis by submitting NMCLANNAFORM 1800/2. The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Naval Academy grounds is prohibited except in designated facilities per reference (a).

c. **Camping.** Camping is not permitted aboard the Naval Academy. This includes the use of trailers, campers, and motor homes. Limited camping facilities are available at the Naval Station, Annapolis. Specific arrangements for their use can be made through the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Office, at 293-9200/01. (R)

d. **Swimming/Sunbathing.** Swimming is not authorized from any seawall, pier, beach, or boat that is tied up at the Naval Academy. Sunbathing is limited to the Hospital Point recreation area. Midshipmen may engage in sunbathing per reference (b).

e. **Boating.** Private boats may not be launched, recovered, or tied up at any seawall area, pier, or beach of the Naval Academy. Only those boating operations authorized for official business are permitted.

f. **Fishing/Crabbing**

(1) **Eligibility.** All active duty and retired military members and their dependents and non-temporary civilian employees assigned to the Naval Academy are eligible to fish and crab within the confines of the Naval Academy. Dependents must have a dependent ID card in their possession or be in the company of their sponsor.

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(2) **Restrictions.** Fishing and crabbing are restricted to Hospital Point seawall areas and Dorsey Creek (Hill Bridge to Hubbard Hall west boundary), subject to the following limitations:

- R) (a) Crabbing hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. No crabbing is authorized Monday through Thursday (no exceptions).
- (b) Not to interfere with midshipmen activities.
- (c) Not to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (d) Not authorized from any roadway or bridge.
- (e) Littering is prohibited.
- (f) Parking on the grass is prohibited.
- R) (g) Children (defined as 12 years of age or younger) of Naval Academy residents will not fish or crab unless accompanied by a parent.

(3) **Safety.** Use of the seawalls for fishing and crabbing requires the utmost in safety consciousness of those concerned. Deep water off some of the seawall areas, coupled with a limited number of ladders or other means of egress from the water, require all persons to be especially careful while fishing and crabbing. Parents are responsible for the safety and whereabouts of their children at all times. If children are permitted to fish and crab, parents must ensure that the "buddy system" is used. Persons not providing adequate attention to their children's safety will be asked to leave the Naval Academy grounds.

g. **Use of Athletic Fields.** Reference (c) established policies governing the use of USNA athletic facilities by authorized groups and individuals. The only athletic field authorized to be used by button holders is the Hospital Point field and then only on a noninterfering basis with the midshipmen or any scheduled activity. **ALL OTHER ATHLETIC FIELDS ARE STRICTLY OFF LIMITS.** These fields are for the use of **MIDSHIPMEN ONLY.** In particular, Worden Field (the parade field) is a ceremonial area and not an athletic area. Its use is restricted to parades only. None of the above fields are to be used as exercise areas for dogs. Visitors will be asked to clean up any droppings of their dog and leave the area. Repeat violators will be issued barring letters.



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