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DIRECTOR, NAVAL ACADEMY SAILING NOTICE 10470

From: Director, Naval Academy Sailing

Subj: CHAIN OF COMMAND REPORTING IN THE EVENT OF AN EPIRB ACTIVATION  
ON A SAIL TRAINING CRAFT

1. Purpose. To designate chain of command reporting in an emergency response due to activation of an EPIRB on a Naval Academy Sail Training Craft (STC).

2. Background.

a. All offshore Naval Academy STC are equipped with an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). These beacons are registered by the Naval Academy with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). When activated either manually or hydrostatically, they transmit a digital signal on 406 MHz which is then picked up by the Cospas-Sarsat international satellite system. The signal contains an identifier number that indicates the vessel's information (type and name) and emergency contact phone numbers. The location of the distressed vessel is determined by a combination of GPS trilateration and doppler triangulation. Rescuers, in either planes or boats, can then hone in on the vessel on either the 406MHz or the 121.5MHz signal.

b. All Naval Academy EPIRBs for STC list the Vandergrift Cutter Shed Watch and Navy Sailing Duty Officer (NSDO) as the primary emergency contacts. The Vanderstar Chair is listed as the secondary contact, and the Director of Naval Academy Sailing (DNAS) is listed as the owner contact. Phone numbers are registered for each contact on the beacon registration form, and they will be called if a beacon is activated.

3. Action.

a. The Vanderstar Chair will maintain the online NOAA Database in accordance with the Naval Academy Sailing Offshore Fleet

b. In the event that any of the parties listed above receives a phone call that one of the STC has activated their EPIRB while underway, they should immediately contact the following:

(1) Director of Naval Academy Sailing

(a) Work: (410) 293-5601

(b) Cell: (360) 707-1856

(2) Navy Sailing Duty Officer: (443) 871-2330

(3) Vanderstar Chair

(a) Work: (410) 293-5606

(b) Cell: (410) 708-1857

(4) Director, Command & Seamanship Training Squadron (as applicable)

(a) Work: (410) 293-5610

(b) Cell: (410) 703-9560

(5) Head Coach, Offshore Sailing (as applicable):

(a) Work: (410) 293-5608

(b) Cell: (410) 320-1710

4. Records Management.

a. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes (SSIC) 1000, 2000, and 4000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at <https://portal.secnv.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-InformationManagement/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>. For SSIC 3000 series dispositions, please refer to part III, chapter 3, of Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the USNA Records Manager or the DON/AA DRMD program office.

5. Cancellation Contingency. This notice is in effect for one year or until it is superseded by another notice, whichever occurs first.



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