DIRECTOR, NAVAL ACADEMY SAILING NOTICE 3120

From: Director, Naval Academy Sailing
To: Distribution

Subj: VISITING COACHES SMALL BOAT USE AUTHORIZATION

Ref: (a) PRODEVINST 3120.4, Procedures For Operation of Small Boats

1. Purpose. To promulgate guidance for the use of USNA Sailing power support craft by visiting coaches.

2. Cancellation. None.

3. Background. Reference (a) promulgates guidance for the qualification procedures for small boat use. It is recognized and expected that full-time intercollegiate sailing coaches are experienced in the safe operation of small power boats. At USNA hosted sailing regattas visiting coaches assist with the on-the-water duties such as regatta management, umpiring and coaching. The duties may include the operation of Naval Academy power support craft.

4. Action

   a. This DNASNOTE provides specific guidance on the procedures required for power support craft usage by visiting coaches. Due to the time constraints placed on these coaches, it is not feasible for them to qualify IAW ref (a).

   b. Visiting coaches will be required to perform the following prior to operating any USNA power support craft:

      (1) Show documentation of having passed a state approved “Boating Safety Course” - or- take a Small Boat safety and Rules of the Road quiz administered by the Naval Academy Sailing Program and pass with a minimum score of 70.

      (2) Sign a USNA Sailing Marine Liability Waiver (not required for Federal Employees).
(3) Sign a Volunteer Service Agreement (DD FORM 2793)

(4) Undergo a familiarization session for the power support craft being utilized taught by a qualified Cutter Shed Watchstander or USNA Program Coach. Topics to be covered include general boat operation, safety equipment, required PFD usage, Santee Basin communication procedures, and log keeping.

c. A USNA Program Coach may sign out multiple power support craft from Cutter Shed, but must ensure that every operator of Naval Academy power support craft is fully qualified in accordance with this guidance.

d. The above requirements are for visiting coaches ONLY. Midshipmen and USNA staff are required to qualify IAW ref (a).

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