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Subj: AUXILIARY COXSWAIN AND BOAT CREW INITIAL QUALIFICATION
WAIVABLE TASK BY DIRECTOR (DIRAUX)

Ref: (a) Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Handbook, ABQH 16794.52 (*series*)
(b) Auxiliary Training Handbook – Boat Crew. 16794.51 (*series*)

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this policy letter is to remove the “**Waiverable Tasks by DIRAUX**” in references (a) and (b).

2. ACTION. All District Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), Operations Training Officers (OTO), and Auxiliarists must comply with the provisions in this Policy Letter. Internet release is authorized.

3. BACKGROUND. Per reference (a), Part 1, Chapter 4.A.3: “All tasks shall be completed unless specifically stated otherwise. Certain tasks in the Qualification Guide are designated as “**Waiverable Tasks by DIRAUX**”. The Director may waive these designated tasks on a case-by-case basis given the mission requirements, the nature of the waters, or if the task is not operationally required for the geographical area. Any tasks that are either determined to be “Waiverable Tasks by DIRAUX”, Not Applicable (N/A), or as applicable require appropriate comments in the “Comments” section for that specific “TASK”.

Waiving of tasks in the qualification process shall never be taken lightly and must be done with operational needs and safety being paramount and priority. Designating only certain task as “**Waiverable Tasks by DIRAUX**” may restrict the overall operational capacities and abilities in certain geographic areas.

4. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of references (a) and (b).

5. MAJOR CHANGES. The below policy changes are effective immediately:

1. Reference (a) Part 1, Chapter 4:

a. 4.A.3 All tasks shall be completed unless specifically waived. The DIRAUX, having the final approving authority, may waive any task or part of a task, except for BCM-08-02-AUX (Perform as a Crewmember During a Navigation and Piloting Exercise (Day and Night) and COXN-09-04-AUX (Perform a Navigation and Piloting Exercise (Day and Night), after consultation with the members Order Issuing Authority on a case-by-case basis given the mission requirements, the nature of the waters, or if the task is not operationally required for the geographical area. Waiving of any task shall not be taken lightly and must be done with operations, risk management and safety being priority. The waiver must be in memorandum and include the following:

- (1) Name and rank of who granted the waiver.
- (2) Details capturing what operations may be restricted.
- (3) Mitigating actions taken to reduce risk.

b. 4.A.4 Deferred Tasks applies to a member's inability to complete a task due to equipment and/or facility constraints. i.e., no installed radar. When situations exist that preclude a member from completing qualification tasks outside of a task that has been waived by the DIRAUX or Not Applicable (N/A), the mentor may defer those tasks. The decision to defer a task should not be taken lightly. Deferred Tasks require appropriate comments in the "Comments" section for that specific "TASK".

2. Reference (b) Chapter 3, Section C: Delete paragraph C.4.

6. DISCLAIMER. This Policy Letter is not a substitute for applicable legal requirements, nor is it a rule. It is intended to define requirements for Auxiliarists and is not intended to, nor does it impose legally binding requirements on any party outside the Coast Guard.

7. QUESTIONS. Questions concerning this Policy Letter should be directed to the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Auxiliary Division (CG-BSX-1) at CGAUX@uscg.mil.

8. DISTRIBUTION. No paper distribution will be made of this Policy Letter. An electronic version will be posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary and Coast Guard Auxiliary web sites: <http://agroup-bx.wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP> and <http://www.cgaux.org/>, respectively. All web sites in this Policy Letter are the most current available. If the cited web site link does not work, then access should be attempted by copying and pasting or typing the web site address into the user's internet browser.

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9. REQUEST FOR CHANGES. Units and individuals may recommend changes in writing via their cognizant Auxiliary chain of leadership to Commandant (CG-BSX-1), ATTN: Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, Auxiliary Division (CG-BSX-1), U. S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE, Washington DC 20593-7501.

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