

FIRST NORTHERN DISTRICT STAFF – NAVIGATION SYSTEMS REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2010

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

A full day *AV-Aid Verifier Qualification Program* will be presented at the January Winter Conference which is currently fully subscribed. Notices were sent to all NS Staff Officers regarding this event.

The *First Northern Bridge Database* has been revamped to make it more user-friendly. A final review will take place at the Winter Conference and the upgraded system will be made available to the First Northern Navigation System Team members in January.

The *First Northern Navigation Systems Web Site* has been updated with the latest information for the PATON System and Aid Verifier Qualification and all of the latest guides, forms, worksheets, and PowerPoint training presentations. All AVC (Aid Verifier Candidates) and AVQ (Aid Verifier Qualifiers) are encouraged to review the new PATON and AV Web Pages.

PATON and BRIDGE Management Plans for each of the Major Navigation Systems AORs throughout First Northern – Boston, Bristol, South Portland, South West Harbor and Wood Hole are or are in the process of being prepared for 2010. With these plans, we are evaluating our AV and OPFAC needs and availability in order to fully support the Coast Guard's 2010 verification and survey requirements. Most AORs will need to increase their PATON verification productivity significantly. Significant AV training will be planned. Initial Bridge and PATON EXCEL spreadsheets have been sent to ANT Boston, and South Portland. Woods Hole is completed and will be forwarded this week. Initial estimates call for about 100 PATON patrols this season. Many of our PATONs are seasonal with duration windows from three to six months.

SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLES:

Division 1 and 2 will be coming up on the Web-Based PATON System in 2010. Plans are currently being made with the local Navigation System ADSO and SOs.

Navigation Systems will need increased support from OPS in 2010 in order to complete the scheduled PATON verification patrols. I will be working with the COS and DSO-OP to resolve all identified problem areas.

I will be acting as **ADSO-NS – Boston** in conjunction with Jeff James and Frank Senkel.

I will also be acting as **ADSO-Woods Hole** until we can find a proper candidate for this Staff position.

INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE WELL OR DESERVE RECOGNITION:

Congratulations to all the AVs and other Auxiliarists who participated in the PATON and Bridge programs this year.

Congratulations to **Tom Raynor, ADSO-NS Southern Maine**, for the great job he has done on reprogramming the Bridge Database for First Northern.

Many thanks to **Mike Quinn, SO-NS 013-07** for his efforts maintaining the First Northern Navigation Systems Web Site.

Frank Larkin, DSO-NS 013