# **NAVIGATION SYSTEMS**



#### ONE-FOURTH OF THE SEASON FOR VERIFYING AND CHECKING PRIVATE AIDS IS OVER!

#### AND, WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AND A SHORT TIME TO GET THERE!

Each year, we only have June, July, August and September to perform our Coast Guard assigned field work and June is now over. June represented 25% of our ability to get underway to meet our 2017 Annual assignments. This is our annual challenge. How has your Division do so far? Well, that's what this Newsletter is all about.

Each year the Auxiliary commits to verifying one-third of the total private aids in First Northern. While this is called an objective, in actuality, it is much more than that. Mainly because, if we don't complete these

assignments, the Coast Guard ANTs are held responsible to complete them for us. So far, we have not failed the Coast Guard.

It is important to understand that Navigation Systems provides a multi-faceted program each year that breaks down into five main categories.

- **1.** <u>Annual Private Aid Verifications</u>. This program has a four month window for completion. **19.5%** have been verified to date in 2017.
- 2. <u>Yearly Private Aid rechecks</u> that reflect problems reported in prior years that have not been corrected. It is aways desirable to get these aids rechecked as early in the season as possible. **48.3**% have been rechecked so far in 2017. We need to do a better job getting private aid owners to correct deficiencies.
- **3.** <u>Annual Bridge Survey Plan</u>. Bridges may be surveyed all year with focus on the Spring months. **38.4**% of the Bridges have been surveyed to date in 2017.
- **4.** <u>The Private Aid Photo Program</u>. Only **4.3**% of the assigned photos have been reported. Photos have a lesser priority in the first half of our operational season. We have unsuccessfully motivated regular Auxiliarists to assist with this program.
- **5.** The "<u>Unauthorized Aid" Program</u>. It is important to identify these aids and report them to the Coast Guard. **40.3**% of the unauthorized private aids have been identified or converted to permitted PATONs. The bulk of this activity is initiating from Division 1 in Maine.

When you review the critical part of the Navigation System Programs, PATON verifications and rechecks are the most important due to their impact on the CG ANTs. With **25%** of the operational year having passed, As always, there is good news and bad news. The good news is the AVs have reported **26.6%** of the aids scheduled for 2017 verification and recheck. This is the good news.

And now for the bad news, Divisions 3, 4 and 12 have not made any reports to date. Page 2 shows a summary of the reported activity so far in 2017. Check out how your Division is responding to their 2017 assignments.

ا 2017	2017 NAVIGATION SYSTEMS STATUS BY AUX DIVISION AS OF 6/30/2017												
PATROL RUNS BY DIVISION	Total PATONs	VERIFY PLAN	CHECK PLAN	PHOTOS NEEDED	BRIDGE PLAN	UNAUTH AIDS	TOTAL ASSIGNED TASKS	25 % of the PATON Season is completed.					
PRIORITY		ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE		COMMENTS FOR MAY, 2017					
Division 1	209	42	35	88	8	75	248	JUNE ACTIVITY - Unfortunately ADSO-NS Plunkett will be in Georgia for the rest of the					
ANT SWH	Completed	16	6	18	8	45	93	season due to family matters . Fred Herman, who attended the Aid Verifier training sessions					
SNENE	Qty to go	26	29	70	0	30	155	this spring, will have to pick up the slack. I will work with Fred to keep this Division's program on track. 37.1% on their assigned tasks are completed to date. 28.6 % of the annual					
9	% Completed	38.1%	17.1%	20.5%	100.0%	60.0%	37.5%	CG's PATON assignments are completed right on schedule.					
Division 2	244	103	35	104	44	3	306	JUNE ACTIVITY - Division 2's AV Teams have surpassed their first quarter goal for the GG's PATON assignments at 34.2 % well ahead of schedule. ADSO-NS Bill Thornton is doing a					
ANT S PORT	Completed	30	23	1	3	0	57	great job.					
SNENE	Qty to go	73	12	103	41	3	249						
9	% Completed	29.1%	65.7%	1.0%	6.8%	0.0%	18.6%						
Division 3	138	98	98	99	9	18	245	JUNE ACTIVITY - Currently working on the Parker River RUN. 10 new PATONs were ID'd and processed. Corrected positions were obtained on all permitted aids in the Parker River.					
ANT BOS	Completed	8	11	0	0	10	29	and processed. Corrected positions were obtained on an permitted aids in the Parker River.					
SBOS	Qty to go	90	87	99	9	8	216						
9	% Completed	8.2%	11.2%	0.0%	0.0%	55.6%	11.8%						
Division 4	87	66	1	44	9	5	129	JUNE ACTIVITY - E-main sent Robert Pierce and Bill Bell to request their plans to participate in the 2017 program for Division 4. Ken Wilson is rechecking the Palmers C					
ANT BOS	Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	YC Aids. The Sail Boston activity has slowed the ability of the Division 5 NS Team to help					
SBOS	Qty to go	66	1	44	9	5	129	with this Division. No activity has been reported to date from Division 4.					
9	% Completed	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%						

Division 5	89	38	42	3	43	3		JUNE ACTIVITY - Division 5 is down to 8 tasks out of the 129 that they were assigned.	
ANT BOS	Completed	37	42	0	42	0	121	Division 5 is 93.8 % complete for 2017. Greg Murray signed on the the single remaining PATON and Bridge. That leaves 2 photos and 3 unauthorized aids to get established on	
SBOS	Qty to go	1	0	3	1	3	8	Harbormaster. The Division 5 NS Team also covers Division 4 and 12 due to the lack of	
ģ	% Completed	97.4%	100.0%	0.0%	97.7%	0.0%	93.8%	response in those Divisions.	
Division 6	177	85	27	69	5	6	192	JUNE ACTIVITY - John Stevens . A new AVC will be qualified for activity with the	
ANT WH	Completed	0	4	4	0	0	8	Wareham HM this year. John will also support the Kingston and Duxbury HMRAP programs	
SSENE	Qty to go	85	23	65	5	6	184	in 2017. The Frank Mackinnon NS Team worked on the Westport River area for Division 7.  Westport is in Division 6 but is managed by CG ANT Bristol.	
9	% Completed	0.0%	14.8%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	The state of the s	
Division 7	445	171	60	115	16	17	379	JUNE ACTIVITY - Mike Quinn's NS Team participated in Sail Boston and still made a 27.2%	
ANT BRIS	Completed	51	32	9	11	0	103	June Total Task Goal by completing 35.9 % of their top assigned priorities - verifications and	
SSENE	Qty to go	120	28	106	5	17	276	rehecks. As usual, they are focusing on the more important tasks early in the season as recommended. We have to give the Division 6 NS Team some credit for an assist.	
9	% Completed	29.8%	53.3%	7.8%	68.8%	0.0%	27.2%	, in the second	
Division 9	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	JUNE ACTIVITY - One Bridge reported by owner. July Planning: Thomas Simmons has	
ANT BOS	Completed	0	0	0	1	0	1	volunteered to do the Conn River bridges in late July which will complete this Division's 2017	
SBOS	Qty to go	0	0	0	13	0	13	program.	
9	% Completed	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	7.1%		
Division11	913	400	93	423	16	4	933	JUNE ACTIVITY - H. Cutts has been working with the Chatham Harbormaster. Jeff Paul	
ANT WH	Completed	68	48	10	1	2	129	working with Mashpee and Falmouth HMs. Falmouth has responded. Ernie LeBlanc has	
SSENE	Qty to go	332	45	413	15	2	804	contacted the Borne HM. Mike Sokasits has completed Little Pleasant Bay, Wellfleet and is working on Pamet River with the HM. Many of the numbers have not arrived as yet. 21.3% of	
!	% Completed	17.0%	51.6%	2.4%	6.3%	50.0%	13.8%	the high priority assignmenta are completed. Clint Cave has submitted reports on Bass River.	
Division12	168	79	21	64	7	13	184	JUNE ACTIVITY The Division 5 NS Team is planning to handle Quincy, Braintree,	
ANT BOS	Completed	1	4	1	0	1	7	Hingham and Weymouth. They will also make a run to New Inlet in Marshfied and Scituate	
SBOS	Qty to go	78	17	63	7	12	177	to work with the Harbormasters on the three rivers. John Stevens, of Div 6 and a new AVC, will handle the HMRAP with Kingston and Duxbury HMs. Rick Hoadley with Eunice	
!	% Completed	1.3%	19.0%	1.6%	0.0%	7.7%	3.8%	Bloomquist have agreed to handle the Plymouth Run.	
TOTAL	2,470	1,082	352	1,009	172	144	2,759	We are learning that this is the busiest time of the year for Harbormasters and	
Complet	ed to Date	211	170	43	66	58	548	also there is a large call for Auxiliary assists for large maritime programs such as Sail Boston, Boothbay Harbor races, fireworks, etc. Even so, our AVs responded	
Qua	Quantity to Go		182	966	106	86	2211	with a 26.6% completion percentage for the Coast Guard 2017 assigned PATONs.	
% (	% Completed		48.3%	4.3%	38.4%	40.3%	19.9%	I am hoping this is a good omen for our 2017 AV Program.	
JUNE GO									

Each Division's progress is being tracked and reported to the District Board each month. Keep sending your reports or making your reports in a timely manner.

#### DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE ENTERING YOUR CG-7054 PATON REPORTS?

We are happy to provide this service. However, you must follow these important guidelines:

- 1. You must use an <u>official PATON Run Sheet</u> to collect the required field observations. The latest Run Sheets are available from the DSO-NS D1NR. Contact info is available at the end of this Newsletter.
- 2. <u>Use a sharp pencil</u> with a clean eraser when entering data. Strike overs are not allowed. Cleanly erase errors and reenter the data correctly. If the only part of a fix that changes are the seconds, you only need to report the seconds. If the minutes also change, enter the minutes and the seconds. It is not necessary to enter the whole fix expression degrees, minutes and seconds. It is important to write slowly and clearly.
- 3. Do not E-mail or FAX the Run Sheets to the DSO-NS. <u>Send the original copy of the RUN sheets</u> by GOVT mail. Make a copy for yourself.
- 4. Forward the RUN Sheets as quickly as possible after the completion of your run.
- 5. The DSO-NS will update the Master Run Sheet with your data and send you an updated copy in return. You will be included on all communications regarding the Run Sheet.
- 6. You must include a copy of your "Accuracy Statement" with each Run Sheet.

**NOTE:** <u>If you are performing a HMRAP</u> and the aid is OFF STA, get agreement from the HM to make the POSN correction. If the PATON is MISSING, get permission from the HM to delete the permit or get the future disposition for the PATON from the HM. If the aid has a discrepancy, get a commitment from the HM when it will be corrected.

### WHEN IS YOUR GPS OPERATING AT ITS OPTIMUM ACCURACY?

Marine-grade GPS Sets with WAAS (Wide Angle Augmentation System) enabled, operating in **3D** (viewing 4 or more satellites) with a **EPE** (Estimated Probable Error) of 20 feet or less are providing (at the location of their antenna) their most accurate position information. These data are readily available from a marine-grade GPS. Inability to provide this support evidence will make your position questionable and unusable for updating a Federal document such as a PATON Record, the Light List or a NOAA Chart.

Also note that the supporting evidence for your GPS' accuracy when you took the FIX is reported in your "Accuracy Statement" which is a required data field on a CG-7054 PATON Report.

## A SAMPLE "STANDARD ACCURACY STATEMENT

This standard "Accuracy Statement" is required on every CG-7054 PSTON Report. The Color Coding being used reflects the frequency when the color-coded data is required to be updated on the Accuracy Statement. Use of the Standard format provides uniformity of reporting and makes it easier for the PATON Screener, the Owner and the CG ANT to quickly review and evaluate the evidence of your accuracy.

**YELLOW** – Indicates a **one time listing** of the electronic equipment used to take the fixes and depths. These entries list the measuring equipment that you used for taking measurements on your patrol.

**GREEN** – Indicates a <u>one time entry per patrol</u> of the checks taken that showed how your electronic instruments were operating before getting underway. These entries provide evidence as to how you checked the measuring equipment for operating accuracy before getting underway. This SOP is required on all Coast Guard vessels.

**BLUE** – Indicates the **quality control readings**, recorded while on-scene at the PATON, as evidence of the operating accuracy of your measuring instruments when the data was observed.

### STANDARD ACCURACY REPORT

- 1. GPS A GARMIN 76 cx GPS with WAAS enabled, operating in 3D was used. Pre-underway accuracy was checked at the dock against another GPS set.
- 2. ECHOSOUNDER A Garmin441S echo sounder was used to take the depth. Pre-underway accuracy was checked at the dock by calculating depth at datum. Substation was Boston.
- **3. DISTANCE OFF** The fix and depth were taken approximately 10.0 feet from the GPS' antenna. Chart referenced was NAD83.

If you standardize your pre-underway and on-scene operational process when using your GPS when taking a FIX, you will have minimal changes to make between fixes. Paste this Standard Accuracy Statement to your Desktop and simply cut and paste to the CG-7054 PATON Report as needed.



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