

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

ROUTINE

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FM COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA//N7//

TO NAVSURFLANT SHIPS
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RMKS/1. IN APRIL OF 2003 ORIG STARTED UTILIZING THE INTEGRATED
MARITIME ACOUSTIC SCORING SIMULATOR TO CERTIFY ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS.
TO DATE 25 SHIPS HAVE COMPLETED FIREX I/II QUALIFICATIONS WITH AN
AVERAGE SCORE OF 91.8%. THIS AVERAGE SCORE IS WITHIN 1.5 PERCENTAGE
POINTS OF THE AVERAGE SCORES RECORDED BY ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS THAT
UTILIZED VIEQUES THE THREE PREVIOUS YEARS. TWENTY EIGHT PERCENT OF
THE UNITS HAVE SCORED OVER 95 PERCENT TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE
BATTLE "E".

2. THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY EWTGLANT OVER
THE PAST 20 MONTHS:

- A. SCHEDULING TWO FULL DAYS (FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET) IN THE HOT
AREA IS PARAMOUNT TO A SUCCESSFUL IMPASS EVENT. THIS ENSURES A
PRIMARY EVENT DAY AND BACKUP.
- B. FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL IMPASS EVENTS ARE ACCOMPLISHED ON THE
BACK-UP DAY.
- C. SHIPS SHOULD NOT SCHEDULE COMPETING/CONCURRENT EVOLUTIONS DURING

THE IMPASS EVENT AND SHOULD FACTOR IN TRANSIT TIME AND SEVERAL HOURS THE DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT FOR IMPASS SYSTEM PREPARATION AND REHEARSAL.

D. SHIPS NEED TO RESERVE THE HOT AREA WITH FACSFACS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. ORIG RECOMMENDS THREE TO FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

E. SHIPS SHOULD CONTACT EWTGLANT TO COORDINATE THE PREFERRED HOT AREAS IN EACH REGION.

F. SHIPS NEED TO IDENTIFY A LIAISON OFFICER WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH REF A EARLY ON IN THE PLANNING PROCESS OF THE IMPASS EVENT AND COORDINATE WITH EWTGLANT. THE EARLIER THE EXCHANGE TAKES PLACE THE SMOOTHER THE EVENT UNFOLDS.

G. SCHEDULE PERMITTING, THE SHOOTING SHIP SHOULD SEND A MEMBER (PREFERABLY A NSFS TEAM MEMBER) TAD TO OBSERVE A SISTER SHIP CONDUCT AN IMPASS EVENT.

H. TEAM IMPASS HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCES A SLOW DOWN DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE THRU AUGUST. WEATHER PATTERNS (HURRICANES, NORTH WALL EFFECT, ETC.) COME INTO PLAY SEPTEMBER THRU THE WINTER MONTHS MAKING COMPLETION A CHALLENGE. IF YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS UTILIZE THE SUMMER MONTHS TO THE FULLEST.

I. ALTHOUGH EQUIPMENT CASUALTIES CAN NOT BE PREDICTED, PERFORMING PMS CHECKS AND FREQUENT EQUIPMENT OPERATION WILL EXERCISE FIRE CONTROL AND GUN SYSTEMS EXPOSING POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

J. AMMUNITION DEFICIENCIES SHOULD BE CORRECTED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. SHIPS CONDUCTING A REDUCED FIRE MISSION FORMAT REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 70 ROUNDS OF BOTH BL&P AND HE, AND 8 ROUNDS OF ILLUMINATION.

K. THE CSTT SHOULD CONTINUALLY TRAIN THE NSFS TEAM TO MAINTAIN TEAM PROFICIENCY.//

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