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SUBJ: BOAT FORCES CELL PHONE/TEXTING DEVICE POLICY  
A. U.S. COAST GUARD BOAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING (BOAT) MANUAL VOLUME I, COMDTINST M16114.32(SERIES).  
1. PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE BOAT FORCES UNITS GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND TEXTING DEVICES WHILE UNDERWAY.  
2. BACKGROUND: CELL PHONES, IPHONES, AND PDAS, SUCH AS TREQ DEVICES, HAVE BECOME A COMMON COMMODITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE. MOST COAST GUARD MEMBERS HAVE THEM AND, AS SUCH, AN EXPECTATION OF CONSTANT COMMUNICATION HAS DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE DEVICES CAN EASILY BECOME A DISTRACTION DURING THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS.  
3. ACTION: THE USE OF CELL PHONES/TEXTING DEVICES AND PHONE APPLICATIONS ABOARD BOAT FORCES ASSETS IS NOT AUTHORIZED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE COXSWAIN. AT NO TIME WILL THE OPERATOR OF THE BOAT USE A CELL PHONE OR TEXTING DEVICE.  
4. THIS POLICY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT REVISION OF REF A.  
5. A COPY OF THIS MSG SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THE FRONT OF REF A.  
6. POC LT WILL SCHRADER, CG-7311, AT (202) 372-2472 OR WILLIAM.A.SCHRADER(AT)USCG.MIL.  
7. RELEASED BY RDML VINCE ATKINS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR CAPABILITY.  
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