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AUXDATA Workgroup Meeting

On 31 May the AUXDATA Workgroup met for the third time this year. It discussed work list items and relevant concerns about the management and capabilities of AUXDATA.

Citrix Hardware

The first item discussed was the Citrix hardware upgrade to increase service speed. OSC created a testing server that enabled a few workgroup members to ensure system operability. There are currently a few minor problems remaining to be corrected. The system is expected to be put into full use in mid-June.

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The group discussed a federal law that restricts use of government information systems to official use. Some members have been using AUXDATA in violation of this law. LTJG O'Brien reminded the group to tell those they know to use AUXDATA for strictly government use. A section will be added to the AUX-10 (AUXDATA and AUXINFO Course) to indicate the proper use of the system defined by DHS Instruction 4300.

Member Roster Report

This is a new report being created to meet the combined demands of Director's Offices, Field Users, and Headquarters. The report will include three kinds of outputs: Comma Separated Variable (CSV), PDF, and mailing labels that can be filtered on status and date. Up to five items may be placed in one report, such as all five aviation competencies can be viewed by flotilla division, district, and national levels. The report is currently in a final testing phase and a few bugs are being worked before it will be available to all users.

Activity Log Module

A concern arose that it would be much better if Activities involving facilities required a patrol order number field. Currently the field is optional and many users put the information in the comments. This was placed toward the top of the worklist.

Member Letters

NEXCOM has requested that members be mailed a one-page letter at the end of the calendar year. This letter is similar to the ones that used to be mailed out under AUXMIS which would give members an opportunity to verify the accuracy of their information. This report could be emailed by the Flotilla Commander to members of his or her flotilla. This was given high priority on the worklist.

Communications Facilities

An issue was raised about the manual recapture of radio facilities on the resource report. The workgroup discussed the issue and decided it would be best to add a field to the report to include the facility number. This would be similar to how the boat number is on the boat report. The item was added toward the top of the worklist.

LTJG Michael O'Brien, one of the program managers for AUXDATA, prepared this letter.