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CNIC INSTRUCTION 5000.3

From: Commander, Navy Installations Command

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO SERVE ALCOHOL ON BARGES AND GIGS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 4780.6E
(b) NAVREGS Article 1162
(c) OPNAVINST 1700.16
(d) SECNAV memo, Request For Authorization To Serve Alcohol on Barges and Gigs, of 8 Nov 01

1. Purpose. To provide policy on the use of alcohol on board barges and gigs.
2. Cancellation. CNIC Memo 5000 Ser CNIC/8U31202 of 22 Aug 08.
3. Background. Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), issued a memorandum on 22 Aug 08 setting forth the policy for alcohol on board barges and gigs, delegating approval authority to Region Commanders (REGCOMs) for alcohol on barges and gigs under their cognizance.
4. Policy
 - a. Barges and gigs may only be used to provide transportation for official purposes. In accordance with reference (a), barges and gigs may be used for events that enhance the mission of the command when personally approved by the officer to whom those crafts are assigned.

(1) Authorized uses of barges or gigs may include: hosting promotion, frocking, reenlistment, and retirement ceremonies; hosting of U.S. and foreign visitors in support of diplomatic and community relations goals; gatherings to present awards or other forms of professional recognition; gatherings hosted by a commander to discuss official business and which enhance the professional relationship between the commander and subordinates; and events that otherwise further important

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Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD), or Joint service interests.

(2) Reference (a) expressly forbids the use of barges or gigs for recreational activities, purely social events (e.g., Hail and Farewells), or activities undertaken for personal benefit.

b. Reference (b) generally prohibits the introduction, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages on board Navy vessels. The following details two exceptions:

(1) Reference (c) authorizes Commanding Officers of afloat units and embarked flag officers to serve beer, wine, and sherry on board Navy vessels, including barges and gigs, when hosting American and foreign visitors in support of diplomatic and community relations.

(2) Reference (d) authorizes 3- and 4-star flag officers to approve requests to serve beer, wine, and sherry on barges and gigs under their cognizance. Such approval authority extends to events hosted for DoD civilian or military personnel that further DoD interests.

c. REGCOMs with barges and gigs under their cognizance are authorized to serve beer, wine, and sherry for events hosted for DoD civilian or military personnel when those events further DoD interests, including diplomatic and community relations goals. This delegation is subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Delegation authority extends only to barges and gigs and not other naval vessels.

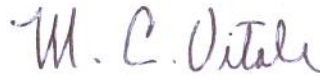
(2) Responsible use shall be ensured.

(3) The possession or consumption of any such alcohol must conform to the drinking-age limitations of the state or country in which the barge or gig is operating.

(4) The alcohol shall generally be purchased with the funds of the hosting private mess or individual, unless the event warrants the expenditure of official representation funds.

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5. Responsibilities. REGCOMs are responsible for ensuring compliance with references (a) through (d) and this instruction within their respective areas of responsibility.



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