

Guidelines for USCG Auxiliary D1SR Bridge Verification and Documentation

Goals

1. Our own safety and the safety of our shipmates is our top priority.
2. Find and report bridge discrepancies to the US Coast Guard.
3. Document and verify bridge information that is important to the safe navigation through each bridge in D1SR.

Guidance

- Safety
 - If inspecting a bridge by land:
 - Always have a second Aux member with you and use RM. Second Aux member need not be AV qualified, take out a member who might be interested being an AV.
 - Wear ODUs and wear a PFD if going near the water.
 - Let FC or NS officer know when you are going out and when you return.
 - Get permission prior to going on commercial or personal property.
- General
 - Maintain your Core Training and Risk Management Refresher current.
 - Report bridge discrepancies (any BQ Aux member can report a bridge discrepancy).
 - Before reporting any discrepancy check the **latest** LNM to make sure it isn't an already known discrepancy.
 - If there is a **significant** discrepancy call your sector command immediately.
 - Report all discrepancies using the NS-7055 form to ADSO-NS-Bridges within 48 hours, even if already reported to sector command.
 - The main items to look for on any bridge are:
 - Condition and operation of all lights (must be observed after legal sundown).
 - Condition of fendering system (if present).
 - Legibility of clearance gauges and regulatory sign (if required).
 - Anything that hangs down from the bridge or extends out from the fenders that could contact a boat/ship in the channel.
 - Reporting bridge verifications – must know what and how to report (have taken class).
 - Compare D1SR Aux Bridge Spreadsheet to what is on the bridge and document differences or additions using the comment section of the NS-7055 form. List the correct CFRs as appropriate.
 - Be accurate and verify the information prior to sending it to ADSO-NS-Bridges, will not accept incomplete verification of a bridge.
 - AuxData II Reporting Hours – Mission Codes
 - All preparation (getting ready) and travel – 99B.
 - Research required to verify a bridge – 32.
 - Only one person can be the lead, or a trainee.
 - A number must be entered into the number of bridges verified and discrepant – “0” is the number if you are just doing research. Only when you submit a 7055 do you include a number greater than zero, not while you are doing research.
 - Bridge verification by Land:
 - Travel to and between bridges – 99B
 - Reporting of Bridge verification or discrepant – 32

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- If doing several bridges in one day combine each type of mission hours.
- Doing bridge verification by water, all hours underway are accounted for by the coxswain / owner.
 - Actual research and reporting (7055) mission 32, hours onboard inspecting the bridge are underway hours, don't double dip.
- All mission codes 30, 31 and 32; the OPCON should be listed as the ANT in that AOR