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**SUBJ: AUXILIARY PADDLE CRAFT (AUXPAD) PROGRAM, COMDTINST 16794.11A - REVISION APPROVED**

1. The revision to the Auxiliary Paddle Craft (AUXPAD) Program, COMDTINST 16794.11A was signed by Rear Admiral Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), on 08 August 2018. Major changes include:

- New requirements adopted from the American Canoe Association
- Allowance to operate beyond 1,000 yards (0.5NM) from shore when authorized by the Order Issuing Authority (OIA)
- Updated weather parameters
- Updated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements
- New physical fitness requirements.

2. The AUXPAD Program instruction can be found at the following link:

<https://media.defense.gov/2017/Mar/16/2001717333/-1/-1/0/hqs-nas-t-001/cg-6/CG-61/CG-612/DIRECTIVES%20REVIEW%20Warrant>

3. The previous version of the Auxiliary Paddle Craft (AUXPAD) Program, COMDTINST 16794.11 is cancelled.

4. AUXPAD Program POC: BMCM Dennis A. O'Connell, Chief, Auxiliary Operations Management Branch (CG-BSX-12).