



Telecommunications Division, National Operations Department

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HF Stations and the National Communications System – SHARES

In March of 2007, the Auxiliary National Executive Committee (NEXCOM) and the Office of the Chief Director of the Auxiliary (CG-3PCX) approved participation by CGAUX HF Stations in SHARES (SHARED RESOURCES) which is a part of the National Communications System. A set of policies and procedures were developed and published to facilitate applications and approvals for stations wishing to participate. The official document which defines that policy is available at:

<http://www.auxodept.org/documents/Aux%20SHARES%20Participation.pdf>

This extension of the CGAUX HF Program opens several new aspects of HF operation for CGAUX radio facilities and creates multiple exciting opportunities for participation in homeland security, emergency preparedness, and operational support of the Coast Guard. Details of NCS and the SHARES program can be found at: <http://www.ncs.gov/> and at <http://www.ncs.gov/shares/>

Briefly, CGAUX HF stations wishing to act as members of the SHARES network must have been approved as stations in the CGAUX HF Program. Details of that program can be found at: http://www.cgaux.info/g_pcx/missions/CGAuxHFTelecommProgram08-01-06Part1.pdf

In addition, such stations must submit an application that is a "SHARES HF Radio Form 1". There is a specific Auxiliary version of this form, which can be requested from **DVC-OT William Scholz (w1hijcw@aol.com)**. In your e-mail to Bill, include your name, member number and unit (District, Division, Flotilla) and radio call sign. Please complete and submit this special form via US Mail. Once completed, the form is designated as "For Official Use Only (FOUO)" and therefore **CANNOT** be transmitted by email. See below for mail address.

In completing the form, the following specific instructions apply:

1. Part I, Item 3 VOICE CALL SIGN is the callsign identified as your HF callsign. For example "NF114AG".
2. Part I, Item 8 VOICE FREQUENCIES are already filled in. Do not change.

3. Part I, Item 11 STATION CAPABILITIES. SSB Voice is already checked, please check any other capabilities that apply to your station.
4. Part III STATION POINT OF CONTACT OR ERP. Fill in with your full name, your physical address, phone number and email address and sign and date the form.
5. Part III ENTITY POINT OF CONTACT. Do not fill in this block.
6. Once completed, mail the form to: USCGAUX/SHARES Coordinator, P.O. Box 1694, Upland, CA 91785. When it has been received and processed you will receive an email notifying you that it has been approved and forwarded to CG Headquarters for final approval.

When final approval is granted for participation by the SHARES Program Office, you will receive notification by US mail and information about the relevant procedures, net schedules, frequencies, and so forth.

A small number of stations have already been approved and have begun regular participation in SHARES nets. We look forward to having more stations become regular and enthusiastic participants in this important program.

Semper Paratus,

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