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G-3

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DEPOT ORDER 9070.1H

From: Commanding General

To: Distribution List

Subj: DOCKING AND BEACHING OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATELY OWNED  
VESSELS ABOARD THE DEPOT

Ref: (a) NAVCOMP Manual, Vol. 3 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Indemnity Release and Waiver

1. Situation. The Depot pier is located at the northeastern end of Tripoli Street, on the Beaufort River. The pier was originally designed to accommodate vessels greater than 100 feet in length, but is presently not routinely used to berth vessels of any size. Accordingly, the structural soundness of the pier, along with the depth and navigability of the channel leading to the pier, has not been inspected nor has maintenance been performed. In addition, the Depot has several miles of coastline along both the Beaufort River and the Broad River that could potentially be used by distressed vessels for emergency beaching.

2. Cancellation. DepO 9070.1G.

3. Mission. To publish information and assign support responsibilities regarding the docking of vessels aboard the Depot and, in addition, this order publishes information concerning the emergency beaching of vessels along the Depot's shores.

4. Execution

a. Government vessels may dock at the Depot pier as required, only with prior authorization. Privately owned vessels may dock at the pier only in extreme emergency situations. In either case, the agency or person requesting authorization to dock will be made aware of the potential

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hazards posed by the pier, to include unknown conditions of underwater concrete capped woodpile foundations and deck mooring devices, cleats and capstones. Also of particular danger to smaller craft is the configuration of the pier. The spacing of vertical fenders, combined with the height of the pier and the substantial changes in water level between low and high tides create the possibility of smaller vessels being trapped under the pier.

b. Docking of Government Vessels. Vessels of government agencies that dock at the pier will be provided the facilities and services of the Depot consistent with availability. Crews of such vessels are authorized to use Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) activities. Crews will not use the pier for cookouts or parties, unless approved by the Chief of Staff (C/S).

c. Docking of Private Vessels

(1) The Commanding General (CG) will authorize a private vessel to dock at the pier only in emergency situations. The C/S may authorize docking of a private vessel during working hours. After working hours, the Command Duty Officer (CDO) will contact the C/S, or in his absence, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

(2) Upon request of a private vessel to dock, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Savannah will be contacted at (912)443-3681, Extension 1, with the name and other descriptive data of the private vessel desiring to dock. This will be done in order to determine the authenticity and legitimacy of the private vessel requesting to dock. Such verification is extremely important as an anti-terrorist/force protection measure.

(3) If the reason for the emergency docking is a medical emergency, the skipper will be informed that five nautical miles up the Beaufort River, Beaufort Memorial Hospital has a pier capable of admitting patients directly to the emergency room. If the need to dock at the Depot pier remains and the legitimacy of the vessel is ascertained, Medic 1, 2, or 3 may be authorized to transport a victim to Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

(4) In the case of a civilian vessel, all financial charges connected therewith will be borne by the skipper/owner

of the vessel.

d. Beaching of Vessels. In the event that a distressed vessel performs an emergency beaching maneuver, or through operator error a skipper finds himself beached along the shore of Parris Island, the Depot will take the following action:

(1) If notification is made by the skipper of the vessel, determine if an emergency situation exists and obtain all available information (i.e., nature of emergency, medical services required, name and description of the vessel, location of vessel and any other pertinent information). The U.S. Coast Guard Station, Tybee Island will be notified at (912) 786-5440 and assume responsibility for response. The Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) will be notified and will move to the site of the beaching, or as close as possible, and investigate until arrival of the Coast Guard.

(2) If notification is made by persons other than the skipper and no means of communication are available with the craft, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Tybee Island will be called to investigate. PMO will be notified and will move to the site of the beaching, or as close as possible, and investigate until arrival of the Coast Guard.

(3) If an emergency medical situation exists, Medic 1, 2 or 3 will be dispatched.

## 5. Administration and Logistics

### a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

#### (1) Government Vessels

(a) Coordinate the activities associated with the docking of vessels, to include notification as to the condition of the pier.

(b) Upon approval of a request for a government vessel to dock, ensure that notification of the date, time, and duration of docking is made to MCCC, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 and Provost Marshalls Office. For arrivals after normal working hours, ensure the CDO is aware of authorization.

(c) During normal working hours, appoint an officer to greet the Commanding Officer of the vessel and extend the welcome of the CG. If the Commanding Officer of the vessel is of flag rank, or if any passenger is of flag rank, the C/S will be notified immediately. Inform the Commanding Officer of the status of any prior requests for support, and invite the captain, crew, and passengers to utilize the Depot's recreational facilities.

(2) Private Vessels (Emergency Docking)

(a) Coordinate, as time permits, the activities connected with the docking of the vessel. Ensure the skipper/owner is aware of the possible hazards associated with docking at the Depot pier, as discussed in paragraph 5a.

(b) Contact the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Savannah at (912) 652-4353, ext. 1 to ensure that the vessel requesting to dock is legitimate and properly registered.

(c) Upon approval of an emergency request to dock, ensure that notification is provided to the NCIS Agent-in-Charge, AC/S G-4, and PMO.

(d) During working hours, appoint an officer to greet the vessels' skipper/owner and extend the welcome of the CG; inform the skipper/owner that he or she is authorized to remain at the pier only until the emergency condition is resolved.

(e) Inform the skipper/owner that the use of the depot recreational facilities, except as the guest of an authorized service member, is not permitted, and that government transportation cannot be authorized.

(f) Ensure that the Staff Judge Advocate obtains a signed copy of the enclosure from the skipper/owner of the vessel, freeing the government from any responsibility connected with the docking of the vessel.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. For government vessels, provide for water or fuel requirements and assistance in securing repairs or towing as needed.

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c. Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller

(1) Advise the Commanding Officer of the government vessel of financial charges which may be assessed for services rendered.

(2) Accumulate the total cost of docking and take necessary action to secure reimbursement. The cost of minor logistical support (berthing space, water, and electricity) will not normally be charged to the vessel unless unusual or cost services are required, or the total cost exceeds \$100.00 (reimbursement for utility services will be in accordance with the reference).

d. Provost Marshal

(1) Be prepared to provide security for privately owned vessels docking at the pier in order to prevent unauthorized activity by any personnel aboard the vessel.

(2) In the event of a beached vessel along the Depot shore, move to the site, or as close as safety allows, and attempt to make contact with persons aboard; obtain all pertinent information applicable to the investigation and remain on scene until the situation is resolved.

e. Staff Secretary. Ensure that a current copy of this Depot Order is posted in the CDO orders binder.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This order is applicable to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.

b. Signal. This order is effective the date signed.

  
R. L. GRABOWSKI  
Chief of Staff

Distribution: A

Indemnity Release and Waiver

Know All Men/Women By These Presents:

That for and in consideration of the use of the Pier located near the NCIS Building, Building 163 (here-in-after referred to as the Pier) located aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (here-in-after called the Skipper) individually and on behalf and as agent of (here-in-after called the Owner) to dock the vessel does forever release, acquit, discharge the United States Government of and from any and all actions, claims, and damages on account of personal injuries incurred by any person and any property damage arising out of Skipper/Owner's use of the Pier.
2. Skipper/Owner further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the United States Government against all loss, cost, or damage on account of any injury to any persons, any property, or any other vessels arising out of Skipper/Owner's use of the Pier.
3. Skipper/Owner bind themselves, jointly and severally, their heirs, administrators and executors, to repay to the United States Government any sum of money that it may be required to pay to any person whomsoever as a result of Skipper/Owner's use of the Pier.
4. Skipper/Owner hereby acknowledges their understanding that use of the Pier is solely an accommodation; that to dock safely at the Pier, the United States Government does not encourage use of the Pier by any person(s) or organization(s); and further, the United States Government assumes no responsibility for the condition of the Pier.

WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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