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August 15, 2023

ASTC Robbie Granger
U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah
1297 N. Lightning Road
Savannah, GA 31409

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah Survival Training in the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, North Beach Area, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Granger:

This LOP is in response to your request to host U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah Survival Training on the north beach area, seaward of the sand dunes at the Gulick Street Beach Access, Tybee Island. The project will begin no sooner than 7am Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and be completed the same day.

The request includes the placement of not more than four (4) 10ft. x 10ft. tents with associated tables & chairs, lecture placards, two (2) kayaks, gear bags, and other amenities seaward of the sand dune on the North Beach area. A life raft will be inflated on site and anchored offshore. USCG Aircraft will be in the nearshore area. Handheld pyrotechnic flares will be discharged in association with the survival training exercise. All equipment will be hand carried to and from the training site on the beach. In the event of an emergency, Gulick Street vehicular access may be utilized by an emergency vehicle, if needed. All equipment associated with the survival training operation will be removed as soon as the session is complete.

Because spent flares can create environmental hazards through leaching chemicals when disposed of at sea, recovery of spent pyrotechnics is required to minimize marine debris. Please dispose of all debris in an appropriate manner at an approved upland facility.

The Department authorizes the temporary activities in SPA jurisdiction in conjunction with the training activities as depicted in the attached description and has no objection to the activities. Any deviations from the current project description, equipment list, or location footprint may require further review.

The Department may inspect all areas as described above during and at the termination of the temporary activities to ensure that those areas are in a condition consistent with the authorization granted by this LOP. All persons associated with the event must remain off the dunes and dune vegetation during setup and breakdown at the approved location. No vegetation is to be disturbed during approved activities. Any incidental impacts to the dunes or vegetation must be restored to pre-activity vegetated and topographic conditions as determined by the Department.

Since training activities will occur during the period of May 1st to October 31st, all areas in SPA jurisdiction must be surveyed by a person in possession of a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit prior to commencement of any activities. Additionally, an individual in possession of a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit must provide the USCG with an inspection report prior to commencing with training activities for the day.

Any change in the type of activities, date, or locations without prior notification and approval from this office could result in revocation of this Letter of Permission and the requirement to immediately cease all activities followed by removal of the materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

This authorization does not relieve you from obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits including an executed Marine Event Permit from Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

Thank you for working with the Department on this project. Please contact Deb Barreiro, 912.266.3695, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Event Description & Site Plan

cc: mark.carson@dnr.ga.gov

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From: [Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH \(USA\)](#)
To: [Barreiro, Deb](#)
Cc: [Snyder, Andrew R LCDR USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH \(USA\)](#); [Johnson, Brian K PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Survival Training
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:47:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Deb,

The raft will be blown up in the parking lot and carried onto the beach, so the air compressor will never leave the truck.

V/R

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From: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Cc: Snyder, Andrew R LCDR USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Andrew.R.Snyder@uscg.mil>; Johnson, Brian K PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Brian.K.Johnson@uscg.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

How will the air compressor be powered?
Generators are not authorized for use on the beach.

From: Barreiro, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:15 AM
To: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Cc: Snyder, Andrew R LCDR USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Andrew.R.Snyder@uscg.mil>; Johnson, Brian K PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Brian.K.Johnson@uscg.mil>
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

It is up for review & signature.
I will reach out if there are any questions,

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From: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7:42 AM
To: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Cc: Snyder, Andrew R LCDR USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Andrew.R.Snyder@uscg.mil>; Johnson, Brian K PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Brian.K.Johnson@uscg.mil>
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

Good Morning Deb,

Is there any headway/update on the Letter of Permission for our annual Survival Training that was requested back in late June?

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From: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 8:39 AM
To: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

What is the set0up / breakdown time?

From: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 8:31 AM
To: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

Deb,

Annually all Air Stations in the United States Coast Guard are required to do Aviation Water Survival Training on an offshore site where moderate sea conditions exist. On land, We will be instructing on first responder, life raft, water survival, land survival, and pyrotechnics handling and safety. In the water, members of the unit must be able to remain in the water for at least 10 minutes, inflate their survival vest, and then enter an inflated raft.

Items we are bringing:

- Folding table with a tent to give a lecture on our survival gear that is worn in our vests that the helicopter crews fly with.
- Folding table with a tent to give a lecture on our Pyrotechnics that are used in the USCG Aviation.
- Pyrotechnics to be shot off (minimal amount, we will contact Operation Center at Sector Charleston, Sector Jacksonville, and City of Tybee before shooting them)
- Folding table with a tent to give a lecture on our survival techniques in the event of a downed aircraft.
- Blown up raft in the water that's is used in our helicopter to have our members swim out to from shore and back to simulate getting to a raft if there was to be a crash.
- Air Compressor to blow up the raft.
- Two Kayaks for water safety for our members while swimming to and from the raft.
- We will have bags of boots/flight suits/vests for our members to wear while swimming in the water.

On the map that is attached, there are arrows for the proposed location on Tybee Islands North Beach for the training. Our Rescue Swimmers are nationally Registered EMT's and would like permission to use the Beach Access road in the event of an emergency situation with any of our members. We would also like permission for use of the Beach Access road to unload tables and gear required for training.

If you have any further questions please call me at 240-375-1825.

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From: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:37 AM
To: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Coast Guard Survival Training

I want a written description for the 2023 event that includes proposed location map, activities on the beach & in the water, and a list of equipment brought by land and / being used in the nearshore / beach area.

I apologize if I was not specific enough in my request.

I have nothing to do with parking

From: Granger, Robert B CPO USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 8:35 AM
To: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>
Subject: FW: Coast Guard Survival Training

Deb,

Sorry about that, I thought you wanted it all. Location of training and parking with parking passes are attached.

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah is requesting permission to hold our annual survival training on Tybee Island's North Beach on Wednesday September 13, 2023. We will be instructing on first responder, life raft, water survival, land survival, and pyrotechnics handling and safety to our CG aircrew. Set up on the beach will require tables (folding x 3), life raft, lecture placards, 2 kayaks, and gear bags. We will be shooting off minimal handheld pyrotechnic flares from the beach, this will be coordinated with our Operation Center at Sector Charleston, Sector Jacksonville and City of Tybee. Our Rescue Swimmers are also nationally Registered EMT's and would like permission to use the Beach Access road in the event of an emergency situation with any of our members. We would also like permission for use of the

Beach Access road to unload tables and gear required for training. Our Aircrew members will drive to the site and park in the North Beach parking lot and place a parking pass approved and on file with the City of Tybee in the windshield of their POV.

V/R

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From: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 4:52 PM

To: Walker, Phillip D PO1 USCG STA BARBERS POINT (USA) <Phillip.D.Walker@uscg.mil>

Cc: Granger, Robert B PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>; Weeks, Cameron B PO3 USCG (USA) <Cameron.B.Weeks@uscg.mil>

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Thanks for the information.

Is there any chance the COTI DPW could assist with transport of gear to the site?

Also, are there going to be any vessels that will beach on shore?

From: Walker, Phillip D PO1 USCG STA BARBERS POINT (USA) <Phillip.D.Walker@uscg.mil>

Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 12:09 PM

To: Barreiro, Deb <Deb.Barreiro@dnr.ga.gov>

Cc: Granger, Robert B PO1 USCG AIRSTA SAVANNAH (USA) <Robert.B.Granger@uscg.mil>; Weeks, Cameron B PO3 USCG (USA) <Cameron.B.Weeks@uscg.mil>

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