



**USCGA NET MANAGER**

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## **HF CONTINGENCY NET PLAN**

**A.4 CONTINGENCY NETS:** Stations authorized to operate in the HF program are organized into a series of “nets”, each of which covers a designated geographic area.

**A.4a NET STRUCTURE:** Based on operational need, up to four levels of telecommunications networks (nets) may be established by the Auxiliary HF Net Control Manager.

**A.4.a.1 CG AUXILIARY NATIONAL NET:** A national net consisting of a net control station and representative stations from the four regions shown below. (a.4.d)

**A.4.a.2 CG AUXILIARY REGIONAL NETS:** Four Regional Nets, one for each of the regions described below (A.4.d) consisting of a net control station and stations from the designated Districts plus participation from CG Sector communications facilities.

**A.4.a.3 DISTRICT NETS:** A District Net for each of the Auxiliary Districts consisting of a net control station and stations authorized as participants within the district plus CG Sector communications facilities.

**A.4.a.4 LOCAL NETS:** One or more Local nets established to provide coverage in areas within an Auxiliary District.

**A.4.b NET CONTROL STATIONS:** Net Control Stations (NCS) and Alternate Net control Stations (ANCS) will be designated by the USCGA Net Manager.

**A.4.b.1 NET OPERATIONS:** HF nets are directed nets, operating solely under the control of the NCS. Except for emergency operations, nets will operate only when called by the NCS or ANCS. An increased emphasis on digital communications is strategically important and highly desirable.

**A.4.c LINKAGE TO OTHER COMMS ASSETS:** A key function of the District Net and Local Net is to provide telecommunications connection to Auxiliary VHF nets and Marine VHF nets as part of the communications link to local operational assets and Auxiliary and Coast Guard administrative and command structures.

**A.4.d REGIONS:** For administrative and operational purposes, the US is divided into four overlapping regions. These regions provide for logical connections between areas sharing similar telecommunications issues and risks. In addition, we want to create an administrative structure that is manageable with regard to span of control. The four regions are:

**A.4.d.1 EAST COAST:** Regional net consisting of D1 (NR), D1 (SR), D9(ER), D5 (NR), D5 (SR), and D7.

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ANCS: John J. McEachen [TELCOM-RTC@MSN.COM](mailto:TELCOM-RTC@MSN.COM)  
ANCS: Vincent J. Popowitch [kg4wdx@verizon.net](mailto:kg4wdx@verizon.net)

**A.4.d.2 WEST COAST: (TSUNAMI)** Regional net consisting of D11 (SR), D11 (NR), D13, D8 (WR), D14, and D17.

NCS: William Scholz, Upland, CA [w1hijcw@aol.com](mailto:w1hijcw@aol.com)  
ANCS: Gary Nepple, Portland, OR [gary@ccavn.com](mailto:gary@ccavn.com)

**A.4.d.3 GULF COAST: (HURRICANE)** Regional net consisting of D8 (CR), D8(ER), D11 (SR) and D7. **ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR HURRICANE NET: D5 (SR), D5 (NR), D1 (SR), AND D1 (NR)**

NCS: Joe Colee. St. Augustine, FL [audioamp88@yahoo.com](mailto:audioamp88@yahoo.com)  
ANCS: Randy Hawkins, Greenbrier, TN [tnfarmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnfarmer@bellsouth.net)

**A.4.d.4 GREAT LAKES:** Regional net consisting of D9(ER), D9 (CR), D9 (WR), and D1 (NR)

NCS: **TBA**

## NOTES:

1. Nothing precludes a NCS or ANCS from inviting an adjoining District(s) to participate in a regional net.
2. Only Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary facilities may participate in the nets outlined above. All call signs participating will be recorded
3. HF operating frequency information is For Official Use Only (FOUO)
4. Auxiliary HF frequencies may be referenced at the Auxiliary National web site, Response directorate, MembesOnly pages
5. During the HURRICANE season the COAST GUARD runs an HF net out of

CAMSLANT. Auxiliary HF facilities should participate in this regularly scheduled net.

6. Regional nets are not intended to replace District nets. District Nets are the responsibility of DSO-CM and we encourage the widest participation possible.
7. Nothing should preclude any USCGA HF station from participating in or joining in any of the nets regardless of the region or District they are in. All nets should encourage participation and welcome all HF USCG and USCGA stations
8. NCS/ANCS is required to maintain and submit a participation/signal report for each net.
9. Net Managers at all levels are strongly encouraged to formulate and conduct exercises/drills so that members may improve their skills and benefit from their interactions.