



# Sea Basing Newsletter

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This newsletter is a product of the NWDC Sea Basing Warfare Innovation Development Team (WIDT) and is a compilation of news of sea basing interest. Feedback on the newsletter and information for future issues is welcome, and should be e-mailed to [pevelerd@nwdc.navy.mil](mailto:pevelerd@nwdc.navy.mil). Enjoy, and we hope it proves of some value.

## JFMCC Maritime Planning Process

The JFMCC Wargame (12-21 November) is here – participants will start arriving in Newport on Monday and Tuesday with the game kicking off on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the ten days of the game follows:

Nov 11 Tue	Travel Day (after holiday weekend)
Nov 12 Wed	Training Day: Concepts and Tools
Nov 13 Thu	Cell Training: Battle Rhythm Rehearsal
Nov 14 Fri	Phase I: Assured Access
Nov 15 Sat	Continue Game Play (8-hr days)
Nov 16 Sun	Continue Game Play
Nov 17 Mon	Assess Process performance/Adjust
Nov 18 Tue	Phase II: Decisive Ops/STOM/OMFTS
Nov 19 Wed	Continue Game Play
Nov 20 Thu	Complete Game Play, start assessment
Nov 21 Fri	Assessment & Outbrief

## Sea Viking 04 (SV-04)

The Sea Viking Concept Capabilities Pathway IPC was held 5-6 November in Quantico with a variety of briefings and discussions taking place. The MCCDC JCDE Sea Viking web site is currently down (and has been down for the past few weeks) but is expected to be back up within the next week or so. Results of the IPC and updated schedules will be available when the site is back on line. In the meantime contact the following POCs with Sea Viking related questions - Col Jack Sparks at (703) 784-6287, [sparksjk@mccdc.usmc.mil](mailto:sparksjk@mccdc.usmc.mil) for Marine issues or CDR J.C. Covell, (401) 841-4720, [covellj@nwdc.navy.mil](mailto:covellj@nwdc.navy.mil) for Navy issues.

## JOpsC Approved and Signed

It's reported that the Secretary of Defense has signed the Joint Operations Concepts (JOpsC) and while a signed copy is not available, the final draft is available at a number of places. It can be downloaded from the JCS Joint Vision site (<http://www.dtic.mil/jointvision/index.html>) and both the Sea Basing ("Library-Recent Additions" on the Quick Launch bar) and Sea Strike SharePoint sites. The JOpsC is a new strategic guidance document that achieves one of the goals of the Joint Vision, and completes the bridge from strategy to capabilities. It establishes a family of concepts that complement the capabilities-based methodology for joint warfighting and force planning, and includes the creation of 4 new Joint Operating Concepts, 5 new Functional Concepts, and 7 desired attributes of the future joint force. It looks 15-20 years into the future and identifies the desired capabilities and attributes of the future Joint Force.

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference, sponsored by NDIA, was held in Panama City, FL from 20-23 October with a host of high level speakers, including the CNO, the CMC and the USAF Chief of Staff. The CNO and CMC traveled to the conference together and spoke in the same session, sending a strong message that we are “naval services” and that cooperation is the way of life. They emphasized that sea basing is vital for future warfighting and while it must be joint, the executive agent must be the naval services. Check the Sea Basing SharePoint site for the “Inside the Navy” article on the conference.

## ONR HiCASS Industry Day

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) ExLog FNC hosted an Industry Day on 23 October to address the technical areas of high capacity at sea transfer and station keeping in support of the Sea Basing concept. A variety of topics were briefed and discussed including HiCASS Focus Areas, Future USMC Operations and the Sea Base, MPF(F), Sea Base Logistics, At Sea Materiel Transfer, and Skin-to-Skin Connected Replenishment. The briefs can be viewed/downloaded from the ONR site (<http://www.onr.navy.mil/explog/explog/events/industryhicass.asp>) or from the Sea Basing SharePoint site by clicking on either “Technology” or “Logistics” on the top of the home page.

## Maritime Warfare Centre (UK) Visit

During the recent visit of a MWC delegation to NWDC a number of ideas and conceptual documents were shared. The RN “Future Naval Operational Concept (FNOC)” and others are available on the Sea Basing SharePoint site (click on “Coalition Sea Basing” on the menu) or the Royal Navy site at <http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk/static/pages/212.html>.

## Expeditionary Supply Policy Conference

On 19-20 November high level representatives from a variety of Navy and Marine Corps logistic and operational commands will meet in Dam Neck to talk about the future of expeditionary logistics. For additional information contact LCDR Terry Surdyke at [terry.surdyke@navy.mil](mailto:terry.surdyke@navy.mil).

## Defense Science Board Task Force on Sea Basing

The DSB Sea Basing report is available from the Sea Basing SharePoint site under “Library-Recent Additions” on the Quick Launch menu of the home page or the DSB site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/seabasing.pdf>. The task force was asked to assess how basing expeditionary forces at sea can best serve the nation’s defense needs through at least the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the course of its study and deliberations it reached the following conclusions:

- Sea basing represents a critical future joint military capability for the U.S.
- Future sea basing needs are well beyond today’s Navy and Marine Corps operating capabilities.
- The complexity and difficulty of sea basing requires a coordinated, spiral development effort to address identified issues and create a joint sea basing “system of systems.”
- The U.S. should realistically test its sea basing capabilities to work out problems and develop leadership skills in all services.

In addition to these conclusions the task force identified twelve issues (the dirty dozen) that must be addressed to make future sea basing a reality. To see the dirty dozen download and read the report.

## Sea Trial

The revision to the Sea Trial instruction (CFFC 3900.1) is out for final review and is expected to be signed and promulgated within the next few weeks.