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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. Enjoy, and we hope it proves of some value.

JFMCC Maritime Planning Process

The JFMCC Wargame ended last Friday (21 Nov). The After Action Report will be posted as soon as available.

Sea Viking 04 (SV-04)

The next Sea Viking 04 event is the Prototype Pathway Quarterly Planning Conference at Camp Pendleton 9 – 11 December. The MCCDC JCDE Sea Viking 04 site is back up – to logon or request a password go to: <https://www.mccdc.usmc.mil/joc/portal/login/default.asp>. For Sea Viking 04 related questions contact Col Jack Sparks at (703) 784-6287, sparksjk@mccdc.usmc.mil for Marine issues or CDR J.C. Covell, (401) 841-4720, 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.

OPLOG Integration Program Steering Group

The OPLOG Integration Program Steering Group met at OPNAV N42 on 13 November to inform steering group members of the OPOLOG Integration Program goals and objectives, and to solicit input and direction. Topics included the Program Overview, Program History and Relevance, Program Objectives, Program Organization, and a series of presentations by the commands represented on their on-going initiatives and programs. The minutes are posted on the Sea Basing SharePoint site and can be found by clicking "Logistics" on the top menu, then "Logistics Events," then "OPLOG Integration Program Steering Group meeting." They are also available on the OPLOG QuickPlace site at https://quickplace.hq.navy.mil/quickplace/oplog/main.nsf/h_Toc/9EF22667D3ADD A728525699A006665C0/?OpenDocument. For access to the QuickPlace site contact Mr. Will Macht at will.macht@navy.mil.

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Sea Trial

The revision to the Sea Trial instruction is still undergoing review – when signed it will be posted on the Sea Basing SharePoint site and notification will be published in this Newsletter.

Sea Trial Information Management System (STIMS)

The SeaTrial instruction (CFFC 3900.1) dated May 03 charged NWDC with designing and maintaining a web based tool for collecting and processing information on Sea Trial activities. The initial version of STIMS came on-line several months ago but a recent change in focus necessitated a redesign.

The new version will be on-line before the Thanksgiving break and incorporates two primary changes. The first is a greatly simplified and streamlined input process. The second is the incorporation of a method to collect and share information on ideas, projects, etc., that are posted for situational awareness only, and are not intended to go through the Sea Trial approval process.

Anyone with SIPRNET access can view entries in STIMS, a logon and password is only required to enter information. STIMS is located at www.nwdc.navy.smil.mil/stims – take a look at the new version.

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 met in Dam Neck to talk about the future of expeditionary logistics. A copy of the agenda, attendees and briefs presented are available on the Sea Basing SharePoint site by clicking on “Logistics” on the top menu of the home page and following the links. For additional information contact LCDR Terry Surdyke at 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 21st century. In the course of the board’s 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.