APPENDIX A - AUXPAD TRAINING

(1) AUXPAD Operator Required Training – All AUXPAD operators must successfully complete and pass the ACA kayak courses and skills assessments identified below, in order to obtain an initial qualification.

   (a) Level 1: Flatwater Kayak Safety and Rescue

   (b) Level 1: Introduction to Kayaking-Skills Assessment

   (c) Level 2: Coastal Kayaking-Skills Assessment

   (d) Level 2: Essentials of Sit on Top (SOT) Kayaking. (Only applicable if the AUXPAD operator will be operating a SOT kayak).

(2) An AUXPAD Qualifier (AQ) must be certified as an ACA Instructor for Coastal Kayaking. AQs shall maintain their certification as such, by fulfilling all the currency requirements established for ACA Coastal Kayaking Instructors and retain appropriate documentation verifying their qualification currency. AQs shall administer all ACA course material and content, as well as skills assessments, in accordance with the education/training standards established by the ACA. To obtain the qualification of AQ, Auxiliarists must successfully complete the following ACA kayak courses:

   (a) Level 1: Introduction to Kayaking-Instructor

   (b) Level 2: Essentials of Sit On Top Kayaking-Instructor

   (c) Level 2: Essentials of Kayak Touring-Instructor

(3) AUXPAD Operator Currency Maintenance – At a minimum, all AUXPAD operators and AQs are required to successfully complete the following skills assessments semiannually, in order to maintain their proficiency and participate in AUXPAD Afloat activities. Only current AUXPAD AQs and ACA Instructors are authorized to evaluate these assessments. These semiannual assessments are:

   (a) Level 1: Introduction to Kayaking- Skills Assessment

   (b) Level 2: Coastal Kayaking- Skills Assessment