

DEFENCE INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES

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References:

- A. RN-BR 4024 Chap 6
- B. Army -AGA1 Vol 1 Chap 11
- C. RAF-AP 3342
- D. 2007DIN06-090
- E. 2006DIN02-066, Insurance for Adventurous Training Activities.

Introduction

1. Exercise TRANSGLOBE, will be a major, Tri-Service Adventurous Sail Training Exercise which will take place from 11 July 2009 through to 03 July 2010. The aim of the exercise is to develop the personal qualities and promote ethos essential to members of HM Armed Forces, Reserve Forces, the UOTC and specially selected members of the Cadet Forces, through adventurous sail training in a service environment.
2. The Joint Service Adventure Sail Training Centre (JSASTC) will deploy three Challenge 67ft Sail Training Craft (STC) from Gosport on a year long circumnavigation of the globe, to include participation in the Sydney to Hobart Race in December 2009 and the Antigua Race week in Apr 2010. Each STC will be allocated to the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force respectively. Details of the legs can be found in ANNEX A.
3. Exercise TRANSGLOBE has been endorsed as a Major Adventurous Training project as defined in References A, B and C, by each of the Service Assistant Chiefs. It is fully supported by each of the respective Sailing Associations; Royal Navy sailing Association (RNSA), Army Sailing Association (ASA) and the Royal Air Force Sailing Association (RAFSA).

Exercise Overview

4. Each of the Armed Services will be allocated one of the identically equipped JSASTC Challenge 67ft STC (CH67), and the respective individual Service will be responsible for providing the crew for each of the legs. All circumnavigation legs will be conducted as AT exercises and will be cruises in company in the spirit of Corinthian inter-service competition with the emphasis on safety, seamanship and teamwork, or participation in International Offshore race events (Legs 6 and 10).
5. Ships, RN Establishments, Units, Waterfronts, Arms, Regiments, Service Directors and RAF Groups and Stations will be encouraged to bid to provide the crews for their respective Service's STC but bids from individuals will be accepted to ensure all crew places are filled. Race leg crews (Sydney-Hobart and Antigua Race Week) will be selected by the respective single Service Sailing Associations from their respective pools of race qualified members and other volunteers.

6. JSASTC will provide the STC, technical support and crew training during Exercise TRANSGLOBE. Ideally, for each leg the Skipper, Mate and Watch Leader crew positions on each STC will be filled by serving members of the relevant Service, providing sufficient appropriately trained and experienced personnel volunteer and qualify in time (JSASTC will provide staff Skippers to fulfil up to 50% of the requirement if necessary).

7. The expedition will be directed by a Steering Group, operating through a full time Project Team based at JSASTC, Gosport. The full time Exercise TRANSGLOBE Project Office will be established within JSASTC from April 2008. The Project Team will comprise three Service personnel (one from each Service), who will be responsible for all aspects of the detailed planning and management of Exercise TRANSGLOBE. The Project Team Leader (PTL) will complete a full post Exercise Report at the conclusion of Exercise TRANSGLOBE.

8. The Project Team will issue a full briefing pack to all personnel selected for this exercise, which will detail the arrangements for their allocated leg including administrative, medical requirements and air movements. All crews will assemble at the JSASTC Gosport on the date detailed in their briefing pack for pre-deployment briefing and issue of publicly funded exercise kit, prior to transport to the departure airport. Returning crews will be met at the UK arrival destination for return of publicly funded exercise kit and debrief prior to return to units at the end of their part of the Exercise.

Eligibility

8. General. This exercise is open to all serving RN (including Royal Marine), Army, RAF, Reserve Forces and University Officer Training Corps personnel. Additionally, a small number of places will be open to specially selected representatives of the Cadet Forces. Novice sailors are encouraged to apply alongside those personnel of all sailing competencies and RYA qualifications. Both unit and individual bids are encouraged. Offshore sailing is not a holiday and can often be both physically and mentally demanding. Volunteers should therefore have:

- a. A spirit of adventure;
- b. Be willing to live in harmony with others in confined, uncomfortable and sometimes wet and arduous conditions;
- c. Be in-date for the appropriate Service fitness test;
- d. Be medically fit for active service overseas;
- e. Possess an up to date passport that will remain in-date until six months after their exercise leg ends.

NB. Pregnant Servicewomen are not eligible to participate in adventurous training.

9. Skippers and Afterguard. From the responses to Reference D, JSASTC have a short list of Service volunteers to skipper the three STC. OIC JSASTC has set the minimum qualification and experience levels for personnel to be considered for each of the Skipper, Mate and Watch Leader positions. These minimum criteria are set such that selected personnel will be able to achieve their personal training goals by June 2009. It is essential that any personnel applying from January 2008 to fill Skipper and Afterguard crew positions provide full details of their training, qualifications and experience, as detailed in ANNEX B.

10. Disabled Personnel. There will be a number of crew places available to disabled serving personnel on suitable passages. Applications will be accepted from serving personnel who have a reduced Medical Employment Standard (MES), and will be considered on a case by case basis. The degree of the applicant's disability will be assessed along with their general fitness level and weighed against the overall crew composition to determine eligibility. Applicants with a reduced MES must complete the relevant section on the application form at Annex B.

11. Cadet Forces. A small number of crew places will be suitable for senior representatives of the Cadet Forces (Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Training Corps and Combined Cadet Corps). Applications from Cadet Forces individuals who will be 18 years of age prior to the commencement of their allocated Leg will be considered, subject to selection and sponsorship by the respective parenting Service authority. The application process for Cadet Forces Representatives will be distributed by the respective Cadet Forces' HQs.

CREW SELECTION

12. As described in the Exercise Overview, the RN, Army and RAF will provide the crews for their allocated CH67 STC throughout the year long exercise. Crew selection processes depend upon whether the legs are AT passages or participation in International Offshore Race events. The level of experienced personnel required will be:

- a. Skipper – Skippers will be Yacht Master Ocean (YMO) qualified and selected from personnel who have successfully gained their Challenge 67 Skipper authorisation from JSASTC. This will include MCAS, MFAS, HF Radio and Radar qualifications. They will be issued with a letter confirming their appointment as the Skipper of the vessel for the duration of the Leg(s) allocated to them.
- b. First Mate – Mates will be a minimum of Yacht Master Offshore (YM Offshore) qualified and selected from personnel who have successfully gained their Challenge 67 Mate authorisation from JSASTC. They will also hold MCAS, MFAS, HF Radio and Radar qualifications.
- c. Watch Leaders – A total of one RYA Coastal Skipper (second Mate) and two RYA Day Skippers are required for all Legs other than Antigua race week (Leg 10), when the requirement will be for 3 RYA Day Skippers.
- d. Crew. Crew will be selected up to a maximum of 14 including the skipper, mate and watch leaders; the remaining crew will be made up of various levels of experience including complete novices. In addition to the skipper and the 1st mate, a minimum of one other crew member will hold MCAS and MFAS qualifications or will be medically trained.

13. AT Legs. Legs 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,11,12 and 13 are all dedicated AT passages and are open to all levels from Novice upwards, The Ex TRANSGLOBE Project Office will select the crews (and reserves) for each of these legs from the list of volunteers responding to this DIN and Reference D. Applicants must complete Annex B indicating their preferred leg and alternatives for which they wish to be considered. Applications from formed units (Ships, RN Establishments, Units, Waterfronts, Arms, Regiments, Service Directors and RAF Groups and Stations) will be accepted.

13. Race Legs. Individual Service Sailing Associations (SA) will select their respective crews for the following:
- a. Legs 5 and 6. Leg 6 is the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race (The Hobart), and race rules dictate that at least 50% of the crew must have completed a qualifying ocean passage to be eligible to participate; Leg 5 (Perth to Sydney) will be used for that purpose. Consequently, personnel who want to be part of their respective Services' race team in The Hobart must be available to complete both Legs 5 and 6. The applications from all personnel wishing to take part in The Hobart and qualifying Leg 5 will be copied by the PTL and passed to the appropriate SA selection committee for their action.
 - b. Leg 10. Leg 10 is Antigua Race Week and internationally recognised event. As such, each of the SAs will field a strong race team to represent their respective Service. All applications for Leg 10 will be passed to the appropriate SA who will complete the crew selection process.

Funding

14. Service personnel are expected to make a personal contribution towards adventurous training. For overseas offshore sailing exercises this usually takes the form of paying for the international flights and berthing fees. The costs incurred in victualling the boat will be met by Cash in Lieu of Rations (CILOR). Other expenses will be met from elsewhere; however, applicants will need to ensure that they plan additional funds to cover personal expenditure ashore.

15. It is anticipated that Exercise TRANSGLOBE will attract a high level of sponsorship to reduce the overall Exercise cost, and every effort will be made to keep the cost to individuals as low as possible. Personnel may be able to get financial assistance towards the cost of participation from service/unit funds by following the processes detailed in their respective single service AT policies at references A, B and C.

16. Indicative Personal Contributions. Actual Personal Contributions are difficult to calculate this far ahead of the Exercise and will be affected by any changes in both international air fare pricing agreements and the level of sponsorship secured by the Project Team. However, applicants should expect their PC to be in the order of:

- a. £300 for Legs 1 and 13 based upon a single flight to/from the UK.
- b. £450 for Legs 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 – return flights.

- c. £650 for Legs 5 & 6 - return flights to Australia and internal flight Hobart to Sydney and race entry fees.

NB. Every effort will be made to reduce these costs through alternative funding, and personnel should note that the figures quoted above are liable to change.

17. Applicants should be aware that places on Exercise TRANSGLOBE are at a premium and the allocation procedure relating to personal contributions will be strictly followed.

- a. A deposit of £150 per person is required with initial applications. Cheques should be made payable to "EXERCISE TRANSGLOBE". This deposit will be forfeited if a candidate has to withdraw after being allocated a place, unless the reason for the withdrawal is due to service contingencies. If a candidate is not selected for any leg, their deposit will be returned unless they wish to go on a reserve list.
- b. The remaining balance for the leg is to be paid within 12 – 14 weeks of departure date to enable the flights to be purchased and confirmed. Failure to pay the balance by the deadline date will result in the forfeiture of the deposit and allocation of their place to a person on the reserve list.
- c. If applicants are unable to take up their allocated place post confirmation of their flight details, every effort will be made to substitute personnel. However, individuals will be expected to meet the airline charges for transfer of name (approx £150). Additionally, should a reserve not be found to fill the place, the individual will forfeit the full cost of the ticket.
- d. Service personnel taking part in AT are considered to be "On Duty" and as such the MOD will accept vicarious liability for any negligent actions or omissions; the MOD will provide for medical treatment and repatriation. Full details are contained in Reference E. The MOD will not accept liability for extra medical expenses for hotel accommodation, travel expense for relatives, or for the loss or damage of personal property. It is strongly recommended that participants purchase additional cover for these eventualities.

18. Travel from individuals' units to JSASTC and return from the UK arrival destination back to their units is at public expense. Individuals should contact their local UPO or Admin Office to arrange their travel accordingly. However, individuals are responsible for the cost of travel at their foreign arrival/departure airport and the yachts, so must plan to have sufficient local currency to cover this cost. Additionally, some countries levy arrival and departure taxes that must be paid by the individual. Briefing packs will contain details of these additional charges as applicable.

19. The indicative costs at paragraph 16 will include the issue of an Exercise TRANSGLOBE embroidered crew polo shirt. Additional polo shirts will be available for purchase at JSASTC at the pre-deployment briefing. Applicants should indicate the size of polo shirt required on the application form at Annex B.

APPLICATION PROCESS

20. All personnel, including those that have responded to the earlier DIN at reference D, must submit an application in the format at Annex B to this DIN. Completed forms are to be sent in hard copy format to the Exercise TRANSGLOBE Project Team Leader, details below, and must be accompanied by a cheque for £150 that will be accepted by a UK bank.

21. This DIN will be available through the Defence Intranet and the JSASTC website on www.jsastc.org.

PROJECT TEAM LEADER

18. The Project Team Leader for Exercise TRANSGLOBE is;

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Details of the other members of the Exercise TRANSGLOBE Project Team will be included in later versions of this DIN.

ANNEX A

EXERCISE TRANSGLOBE – INITIAL PLANNING ITINERARY*

Leg	From/To	Dates	Duration (Weeks)
1	Gosport – Canary Isles	11 Jul 09 – 01 Aug 09	3
2	Canary Isles – Rio de Janeiro	01 Aug 09 – 29 Aug 09	4
3	Rio de Janeiro – Cape Town	29 Aug 09 – 26 Sep 09	4
	Maintenance & Preparations	27 Sep 09 – 02 Oct 09	1
4	Cape Town - Perth	03 Oct 09 – 14 Nov 09	6
5	Maintenance & Preparations	15 Nov 09 – 21 Nov 09	1
	Perth - Sydney	22 Nov 09 – 11 Dec 09	3
6	Maintenance & Preparations	12 Dec 09 – 25 Dec 09	2
	Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race	26 Dec 09 – 02 Jan 10	1
7	Maintenance & Preparations	02 Jan 10 – 09 Jan 10	1
	Hobart - Auckland	09 Jan 10 – 23 Jan 10	2
	Maintenance & Preparations	23 Jan 10 – 30 Jan 10	1
8	Auckland - Montevideo	30 Jan 10 – 13 Mar 10	6
9	Montevideo - Antigua	14 Mar 10 – 17 Apr 10	5
10	Maintenance & Preparations	17 Apr 10 – 24 Apr 10	1
	Antigua Race Week	25 Apr 10 – 01 May 10	1
11	Antigua - Charleston	01 May 10 – 15 May 10	2
12	Charleston - Boston	15 May 10 – 05 Jun 10	3
13	Boston - Gosport	05 Jun 10 – 03 Jul 10	4

ANNEX B

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE TRANSGLOBE 2009 - 2010

(Please Use Block Capitals throughout and black ink to aid photocopying)

Applicants Details:			
Surname		Rank	
First Name/ Known as		Service No	
Full Unit Address with Postcode (inc Parent Unit Details <i>in addition</i> to own Unit details if they differ)*	* NB: OTC/UAS/URNU/RN Young Officers- please provide out of term time mailing address and telephone number.	Service	
		Branch/Trade/Regt/Corps	
		Unit Telephone: - Mil - Civ	
		Individual contact details: Home: Mobile: Email: Other:	
Emergency or NOK Contact Details:			
Name:		Tel number:	
Address:			
Leg Preference:			
1st	2nd	3rd	
Sailing Experience/Skills:			
Formal/RYA Qualifications			
Previous Offshore Experience			
Other Useful Skills			
Sailing Association Membership Details:			
Member of: (Circle as applicable)	RNSA	ASA	RAFSA
Membership Number:		Expiry Date:	
Passport Details:			
Full name (as on passport)			
Passport number			
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	
Date & Place of issue		Expiry date	

Team polo shirt style/size: (delete what is not applicable)						
Male	Female	Small	Medium	Large	Ex Large	XXL
Public funded exercise equipment (foul weather gear):						
Jacket	Chest size:	ins, or	cms			
Trousers	Waist size:	ins, or	cms			
	Inside leg: :	ins, or	cms			
Boots	Size:	UK, or	European			
Gloves*	Small	Medium	Large	Ex large		
Applicants Declaration: I have no medical condition that in any way limits my full participation in the exercise.						
Signature				Date		
Line Manager's Approval: I am the applicant's immediate superior and give my approval for him/her to participate in Exercise TRANSGLOBE during the dates requested						
Rank/Name:				Date		
Signature:				Contact Tel number:		
Section for Personnel with Reduced MES (Para 10 of this DIN refers):						
Nature of injury:						
In what way would this injury limit your ability to act as crew on a sailing vessel:						
Current MES				Will this be amended?	YES NO	
Do you give your permission to have your suitability to participate in your preferred AT Leg assessed by Ex TRANSGLOBE medical advisors? (This may require that we contact your Unit Medical Officer – if so we will ask for your written permission to proceed)					YES NO	
For Project Team's Use:						
Deposit received:£/date				Cheque No:		
Leg Offered (preference0:				Passport check:		
Offer letter dispatched:				Acknowledged		
Entered on Database:				Balance due:		
Balance Received (date, amount cheque)				Joining Instructions dispatched:		

*Delete as applicable

NB. Before posting this application, please ensure that:

- a. It is fully completed (except for section for Project Team use only).
- b. Your contact details are correct – use a separate sheet of paper to provide details of any impending changes of address or phone numbers.
- c. Your preference(s) are clearly marked in order of priority.
- d. You have included a signed and dated cheque for £150 made payable to “EXERCISE TRANSGLOBE” as deposit.

Post the completed form and deposit cheque to:

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