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Subj: Utilization of boatswain's mates and ordinary seamen; interpretation of

Ref: (a) COMSTSPAC speedletter ser P21/4090 of 3 August 1966

The part of reference (a) which authorized a change of assignment to hours of work of subject personnel on a leg-of-a-voyage basis is hereby cancelled.

Upon receipt, subject personnel should be assigned on back-to-back sea watches from 0000-0800 or 0400-1200, whichever provides the best utilization toward meeting the requirements of the current mission as regards sanitary washdown and ship maintenance. When subject personnel are not needed for washdown purposes, they may be assigned back-to-back sea watches from 0800-1600.

Masters are encouraged to assign ordinary seamen, when possible, to bridge watches to provide experience that may assist them in obtaining an able seaman endorsement. Ordinary seamen may be assigned to bridge watches on a four-on and eight-off basis or during part of their back-to-back eight hour watches.

Sea watches for subject personnel should be set on departure from the home port and maintained until return to the home port with not to exceed one change of watch at one of the furthest outports during the voyage. Shuttle trips on legs of a voyage are to be considered as part of the voyage from home port to home port. This interpretation applies to assignment of ordinary seamen to bridge watches.

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