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## **Operations Memorandum**

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**To:** Unit Leaders

**cc:** Management Team

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**Subject:** Distress Flares on CCGA-P Vessels

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If a Coast Guard Auxiliary crew needs to activate a distress flare, it is likely to be under the most severe conditions, thus the flares you carry should be the most effective and reliable available. CCGA-P has established the following minimum requirement for distress flares to be carried on board all CCGA-P vessels:

- Four (4) type A parachute flare, plus
- Two (2) type C hand-held flare

All flares must be SOLAS approved.

Vessels over 9m (29' 6") are required to carry a total of twelve (12) flares. It is strongly recommended that the additional flares also be SOLAS approved.

Flares currently held on board may be retained until their expiry date, at which time they are to be replaced with the flares specified. Expired flares may be delivered to the RCMP.

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