

Date: 19FEB2018
From: Joseph Giannattasio, DSO-AV D5NR
RE: DeBrief – Operation HUNTAIR
(HUNTer/AIR Training Exercise)

On 19FEBRUARY2018 there was a successful practice evolution of an Auxiliary aircraft performing a search and visual locating of a lost sportsman in a small duck boat in the back-bays off Ocean City, NJ and vectoring an Auxiliary Land Mobile Radio Facility (LMRF) Team to the location. This is the first documented mission of this type in 5NR. The purpose to determine and photo-document the practical challenges of locating camouflaged individuals and vessels in a marine environment and directing first responders to the location. The findings may prove useful in targeting practical boating safety information to hunters and sportsmen and exercise the interoperability of air and ground radio teams.

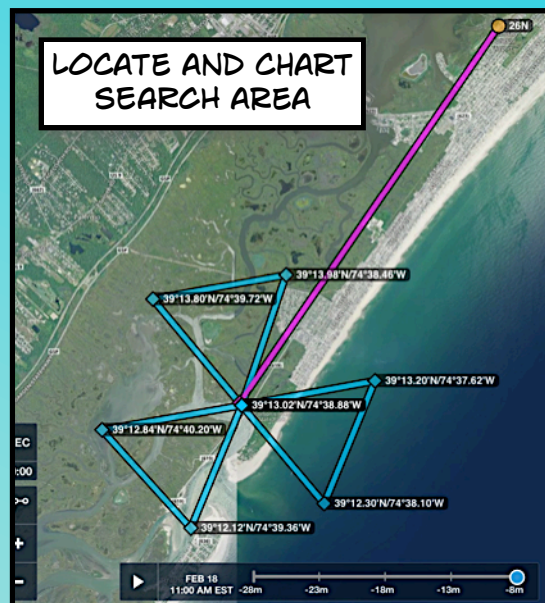
Mission Overview:

- 1.) Participants rendezvous at Ocean City (NJ) Airport 26N for mission pre-brief.
- 2.) Auxiliary Land Mobile Radio Facility (LMRF) transports and launches a tethered (unmanned) small duck boat and decoys at Corson's Inlet State Park.
- 3.) Auxiliary Aircraft takes-off and establishes Radio COMMS with LMRF.
- 4.) Aircraft flies to the general location and conducts a Victor-Sierra search pattern attempting to establish a visual of duck boat.
- 5.) Secondary evolutions involve monitor/document use and effectiveness of Visual Distress Signals (Orange Distress Flags and Signal Mirror) by LMRF Team.
- 6.) Upon completion of exercise, assets rendezvous at Ocean City Airport (26N) for debrief.

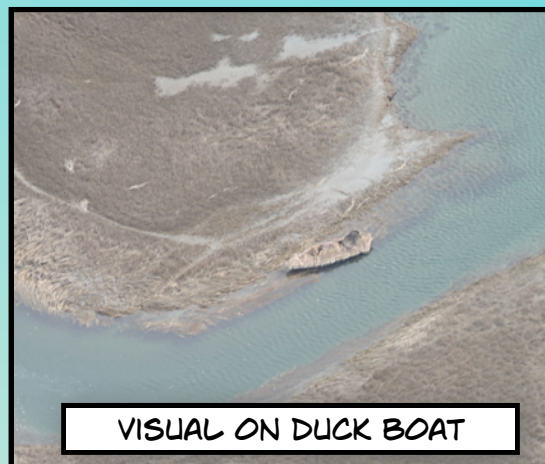
LMRF AND DUCK BOAT
READYED FOR LAUNCH



LOCATE AND CHART
SEARCH AREA



VISUAL ON DUCK BOAT



ORANGE DISTRESS
FLAG DEPLOYED



AUXAIR AND MOBILE RADIO TEAM

(L to R) B.Fithian, F. Bigley, J. Giannattasio, H. Davis