

THIS IS PART OF A GENERAL USE AVIATION HAZARD REPORT.

1. REPORTING INFORMATION

- A. REPORT #: 1399061379010
- B. LOCAL SERIAL #: 11-14
- C. EVENT DATE: 4/27/14
- D. REPORTING ACTIVITY: STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
- E. ENDORSING CHAIN:
- F. SUMMARY: F/A-18F: Near mid-air with balloon like object in W-72.
- G. INVOLVED AIRCRAFT
 - (1) F018F
 - (2) UNKNOWN

2. ACCEPTED CAUSE FACTORS

- A. FACTOR #1
 - (1) STATEMENT: UADs operating in W-72.
 - (2) TYPE: SPECIAL FACTOR
 - (3) RAC: CRITICAL RISK
 - (4) APPLIES TO :
 - (5) ANALYSIS: UADs operating in controlled airspace without prior coordination or communication pose a severe threat to Naval Aviation.
 - (6) FACTOR TYPE: Special Factor
 - (7) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- AVIATION MISHAP BOARD
 - (1) JUSTIFICATION:

3. FACTORS OF OTHER DAMAGE OR INJURY

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. RECOMMENDATION #1
 - (1) STATEMENT: Brief to all UAV operators.
 - (2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL UAV COMMANDS
 - (3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):
 - (a) UADs operating in W-72.
 - (4) STATUS: COMPLETED
 - (5) REMARKS:
 - (6) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
 - (1) JUSTIFICATION:
- B. RECOMMENDATION #2
 - (1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.
 - (2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL TACAIR AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES

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(3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):

(a) UADs operating in W-72.

(4) STATUS: COMPLETED

(5) REMARKS:

(6) ENDORSEMENTS

(a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)

(1) JUSTIFICATION:

C. RECOMMENDATION #3

(1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.

(2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS (Aviation Only)

(3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):

(a) UADs operating in W-72.

(4) STATUS: COMPLETED

(5) REMARKS:

(6) ENDORSEMENTS

(a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)

(1) JUSTIFICATION:

D. RECOMMENDATION #4

(1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.

(2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL CG Class Ships and ISICs

(3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):

(a) UADs operating in W-72.

(4) STATUS: COMPLETED

(5) REMARKS:

(6) ENDORSEMENTS

(a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)

(1) JUSTIFICATION:

E. RECOMMENDATION #5

(1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.

(2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL CVN Class Ships and ISICs

(3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):

(a) UADs operating in W-72.

(4) STATUS: COMPLETED

(5) REMARKS:

(6) ENDORSEMENTS

(a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)

(1) JUSTIFICATION:

F. RECOMMENDATION #6

(1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.

(2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL DDG Class Ships and ISICs

(3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):

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- (a) UADs operating in W-72.
- (4) STATUS: COMPLETED
- (5) REMARKS:
- (6) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
- (1) JUSTIFICATION:

G. RECOMMENDATION #7

- (1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.
- (2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL FFG Class Ships and ISICs
- (3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):
 - (a) UADs operating in W-72.
- (4) STATUS: COMPLETED
- (5) REMARKS:
- (6) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
- (1) JUSTIFICATION:

H. RECOMMENDATION #8

- (1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.
- (2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES
- (3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):
 - (a) UADs operating in W-72.
- (4) STATUS: COMPLETED
- (5) REMARKS:
- (6) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
- (1) JUSTIFICATION:

I. RECOMMENDATION #9

- (1) STATEMENT: Brief to all activities operating within W-72.
- (2) ACTION AGENCY: ALL ATC ACTIVITIES
- (3) APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CAUSE FACTOR(S):
 - (a) UADs operating in W-72.
- (4) STATUS: COMPLETED
- (5) REMARKS:
- (6) ENDORSEMENTS
 - (a) ORIGINATING -- STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON 11 - VFA-11 (N09560)
- (1) JUSTIFICATION:

5. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

A. This is the third occurrence in five days, and the fourth in the last ten months observed by the squadron. (WESS Serial #s 1372355853714, 1398374727732, and 1398374605670.) The operation of UAVs and other aerial devices must be properly coordinated and communicated to keep aircrew informed and safe. --

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