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Re: Further Update to address the “Return to your previous rest cycle”

December 14, 2007

Effective Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 if you are working an assignment which has rest days, you will be able to update your rest cycle override while on vacation. This change is due to the fact that once you began vacation the rest cycle you had was not available due to your not occupying that turn/rest cycle.

The example is shown below:

An Engineer wants to be able to return to his previous rest day cycle after vacation, which he is allowed, but also wants to be on his/her rest days when they return from vacation. Upon checking his status sometime after 0700 hours on today, he found that he was marked up and available; even though according to him, prior to vacation, he updated the rest cycle over ride request to be off today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

He also attempted, while on vacation (board 3) to check to see if he would be returning to his rest cycle once off vacation as he had checked under Engineer options. He was not allowed to see any rest cycle schedules, account of his then current status of being on board 3.

I believe that it is common knowledge that when one wants to exercise his rest cycle, he has to make a request at least eight hours in advance of the starting time of their rest cycle; which I would believe in Denver's case would be 2300 hours the previous day. If an Engineer who returns to work at 0700 hours and wants to assume his rest cycle days, how can he make a request when he is on board 3 when it does not allow him to see any rest cycle information? Does he have to mark up and bump the person who took his place prior to 2300 hours on the previous day?

**Q:** We have been discussing two pieces; one is that no one can see for sure what cycle they were moved to follow when they select the move vacation start to follow rest cycle option prior to vacation. While we know that the physical move doesn't happen until later, we discussed adding something that advised them of when their vacation would start based on their selection when they make that selection to avoid confusion over which cycle the vacation was being moved to follow. Right now they guess that they know based on the Q&A and hoping their math is correct.

The second piece was automating the manual requirement to find a human if you wanted to take some portion of rest cycle following vacation after being returned to it, I think that was the piece in Myron's forward.

**A:** This move will take care of the second issue that you have listed.

I have completed testing on this issue and have approved the changes. The programming to allow engineers to update their rest cycle overrides while on vacation will be moved this Sunday.

If you have any questions concerning this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact your LCA.