



**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
**District Eleven North Region**  
**DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**



**To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore**

**12 March 2019**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Bruce Martin, Division Commander**

**Division: 11**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meeting 2019
2. Flotilla 11-03 will be working with Plumas County SO on promoting boater education and safety in the Portola / Quincy / Chester / Susanville area.
3. AUX Vic Beelik awarded Auxiliary Achievement Medal

**DETAILS:**

1. Second Division Meeting held in Carson City (winter location). Some flotilla meetings cancelled again due to weather. March meetings will be at D-Train. Feb Division meeting led by VCDR Dana Englekirk.
2. 11-03 is also going to move Operation Safe Boat from Lake Almanor to Frenchman Lake in May. Frenchman is a lot closer to Reno (about 40ish miles) than Almanor, and is more of a problem due to the boaters that frequent the lake.
3. Vic Beelik has been publishing the Direction Finder since 2003 (over 200 issues). 11-04 FC Dick Clark, with the advice of ADSO-MT Curtis Han, created and forwarded the award application. Thanks to all for helping with this recognition! Vic and his wife have moved to southern California to be closer to family.
4. Flotilla 11-01 led the division in participating with STA Lake Tahoe in Snow Fest 2019 and the Polar Bear Swim off Tahoe City (see pics).

**PROJECTS:**

1. Searching for NSBW coordinator.
2. Support D-Train 2019

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. More SNOW! We'll shovel it.
2. Mentor new SOs for future.
3. Recruitment!

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Continued and regular interaction with Station Lake Tahoe via Watchstander/Boat Crew Tom Henderson.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- Use Diversity Award elements as roadmap for Division activities. – begun
- Encourage flotilla events to be division-wide events – begun
- Support PA functions and tell our story – begun
- Don't break what's working – so far, so good.

**PHOTO GALLERY:**

*From a special edition of the Direction Finder March 2019. Vic Beelik and 11-04 FC Dick Clark*

I want to thank Paige A. Keenan DIR. AUX Northern Region and all persons that contributed in creating this great award.

I want to thank FLT CMDR Dick Clark, FLOT. South Lake Tahoe who drove 8 hours to hand me the award.

Many thanks to Elizabeth, my dear wife of 60 years, and Jim Snell, member of FLOT South Lake Tahoe who proof read all issues of DIRECTION FINDER. Jim also created a library of all articles I published over the years.

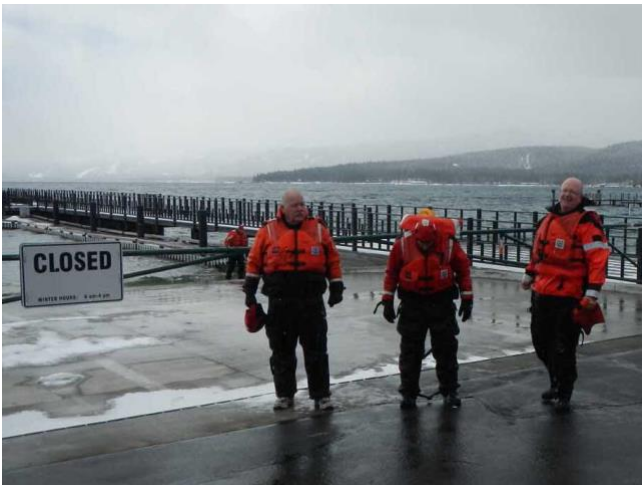


*From March 8, 2019 Drysuit exercise at Station Lake Tahoe, courtesy of Flotilla 11-01*

First, a lovely drive there .... Followed by immersion (BCCrew Linda Thee)



And OUT! (DSO-OPS Bill Stolz, BCCOXs John Boyne and Chris Minedew)



**Snow Fest 2019/Polar Bear Swim – Station Lake Tahoe, Flotilla 11-01, Division 11**



Clockwise: Flot 11-01 FC Dan Powers, 11-01 Member Brian Barton, STA boat patrolling off swim area and Parade line up with STA Lake Tahoe boat.