



District Eleven Northern Region DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT – 113-03

MONTH ENDING: 29 February 2020

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

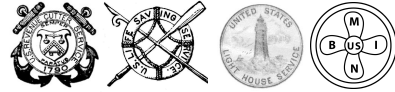
Highlights:

- 3-1: working hard to Diversify Flotilla activities to include Air, Water, PA, MSO, Comms., PE, etc.
- 3-3: working with other FSOs in other flotillas to shore up 3-3s FSO programs. Working on bringing members current. Reviewed proper uniform presentation.
- 3-5: Successful ABS classes. 9 water patrols conducted
- 3-10: Held 1 ABS class and participated in another. Working with local Sea Scout Ship-12 members enrolled in ABS class
- Meeting between Jim Goff, Don Anderson, Richard Celia, Russ Kaiser and Melissa Miranda of CA Dept. Boating & Waterways discussing increasing participation between AUX and CDBW.
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Details:

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- SO-CM Larry Stanton: • Met with D-11 (it) LCDR Graham on Feb 27. Meeting attended by Robert Vanderhyde, Desmond Thorsson, ADSO-CM Bill Scholz D-11(S), Cal OES, USCG-D11 Spectrum Management. Discussion on roll Aux Comms currently fulfills and potential programs we can assist in. Please see attached bullet points sent to SO-FSO CM. Many goals to be completed by May for second meeting. Contacts made to start conversations regarding Mt. Tam repeater site. Info passed to Kevin Sellstrom for follow-up.
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: CG Station Rio Vista conducted 05 SAR cases with John Hardin participating in 03.and conducted 22 Vessel Boardings with no terminations. Quiet month mostly due to high winds and little fish. Participated as the Auxiliary representative in the DOIT meeting (Delta Officers Intelligence Team) at the Station on the 8th. Participants usually include; 05 county sheriff marine divisions, Fish and Wildlife, CG Sector San Francisco, Cal Boating and Waterways, Delta Protection Commission, Assemblyman Jim Frasier's office and some city PDs and Fire Depts. Items discussed included law enforcement activities, nefarious characters, significant events, and assistance coordination.
- SO-CS Ernest Shih: updated D3 website, cleaning up old files
- SO-AS Gary Estep: No report filed. However, projects with Sea Scouts include development of a Navigation Course specific to scouts needs; and modifying the Risk Management training that will satisfy the Sea Scouts standards.
- SO-FN David Wright: no report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: Worked on a goals, objective and needs for Third Wednesday Lunch for Station Rio Vista shared with Division 3 Commander Russ Kaiser and Linda Haynes. At Division 3 meeting early last year it was suggested we pass the hat for donations to help off set these expenses for the Food Service Team Members. It was very well supported and done at several meetings throughout the year by the Flotilla's and David Wright Division 3 FN took in the donation and reimbursed the team members. GREATLY APPRECIATED BY FS TEAM!! This year reaching out to all the Division's and Flotilla's in Station Rio Vista's AOR to help with THIRD WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCH to CONTINUE at Station Rio Vista.

- SO-HR Robert Schabert: no report submitted
- SO-IS Christine Lay: No report filed. However, the three (3) currently qualified Information Services (IS) in Division 3 met and discussed current issues involving AUXDATA and AUXINFO; as well as agreed that Christine Lay would assist Flotilla 3-1 with their data input as they currently do not have anyone qualified to make entries for activities performed.
- SO-MA Robert "Bob" Waterman: Reports received from all Flotillas in Division 3
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: Included training on America's Waterway Watch and Aquatic Invasive Species as part of an ABS class held February 20th. The class was specifically for about 20 tribal members of the Shingle Springs band of Miwok Indians, and was held at their Tribal Headquarters in Shingle Springs. The Tribal Council has purchased a 19-foot pontoon boat for member's use on the Sacramento and American Rivers, in order to enhance their cultural connection to their ancestral waterways and environment. The Tribal Council was an excellent host, providing a state-of-the-art classroom, and a delicious catered breakfast and lunch to all attendees.
- SO-MT Doug MacPherson: The April 4 boating season kickoff event at station Rio Vista is on track and we now have over 20 people signed up from three different divisions. The mandated training classes are now scheduled and the first was held by flotilla 35 and there were eight attendees.
- SO-MT and SO-OP for Division 3 are currently soliciting input on who from the division would like to have Cox and or Boat crew training over the course of the next 12 months.
- SO-NS: James Duncan: Tracking or Recording all Division Bridge, PATON, AUXDATA, Chart & Coast Pilot Updating activities. Flotilla 35 has the only three Division 3 certified AV-PQS Aid Verifiers. Flotilla 35 completed 5 of 15 Bridge Survey reports this month. (AUXDATA shows 5 Bridges to date - 100%) Flotilla 35 completed 2 of 34 PATON verification reports this month. (AUXDATA shows 2 PATON to date 100%)
- SO-OP John Hardin: Levee Breaches: I met with Mr. Michael Salsman D11 (dpw) PATONs February 28, 2020 to discuss the effectiveness of the current signage on the levee breaches. We reviewed photos I took of the signage. I stated that in my opinion, the photos didn't adequately depict the magnitude of the hazards to navigation these breaches created. Mr. Salsman agreed to accompany me on my facility to view the levee breaches as soon as it can be scheduled. Regarding the chart updates, Jim Duncan, DSO-NS, sent the topological project maps I obtained from the Reclamation Board to NOAA. The ENC charts now show the new levee breaches as shown on chart. Station Rio Vista Boat Crew Meeting. Div. 3 will host a boat crew meeting at Station Rio Vista on April 4, 2020. The purpose is to review lessons learned during last year's season. The Station OIC will discuss safety and operational expectations for the upcoming year. A Ops Workshop will be made available during this event. Crews from Div. 3, 5, and 10 have been invited. Participation will be limited to the first 25 crewman responding. Doug MacPherson is the contact person.
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Division Specific: Jim Goff, Don Anderson, Russ Kaiser and I met with Michelle Miranda of CAL DPW on 18 Feb to discuss NSBW and our partnership interaction. We will be partnering with them at CalExpo on March 13-15 for the Sac Boat Show as well
- SO-PB Richard Celia: As of this date, both the Valley Beacon and the Delta Zephyr newsletters are in the works.
- SO-PE Don Anderson: ABS classes include: 15 February at the Sacramento Marina presented jointly by Flotilla 3-3 and 3-5; and Flotilla 3-10 held an ABS class in Shingle Springs for members of the Miwok Indian Tribe on 20 February. Flotilla 3-10 has scheduled another ABS class in Galt on 21 March 2020.
- SO-PV Jim Goff: Division Staff performed 14 program visits in February, 2020.



- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes of February 2020 meeting completed and forwarded for review; and March minutes will follow the monthly Division 3 meeting on 12 March 2020.
- SP-VE James Stewart: Report received we had 3 VE exams. We had one request online for a VSC
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Projects

- FC and VFC meeting to establish needs.

Future Activities

- D Train

Challenges

- Some Flotillas struggling to complete FSO positions
- Securing enough facilities for training and patrols
- Recruitment and retention
- To find a way to continue our momentum through the virus quarenteens

Agency Interactions:

- California Division of Boating and Waterways, NOAA Office of Coast Survey, CA Fish and Wildlife, CG Sector San Francisco, Cal Boating and Waterways, Delta Protection Commission, Reclamation District 900, Galt Police Department, Miwok Indian Tribal Council

Goals and Objectives

- Implement the recruitment and retention strategies being developed by HR and EXCOM
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2
- Increase the number of Marine Safety-qualified members by 2
- Advance all members in IQ status to BQ (and scan for 'stuck' AP members)
- Secure funds for continuing lunch program at STE Rio Vista

3 ups-3 downs

- **Up:** D3 Flotillas and SOs hit the ground running and are making great strides
- **Up:** Many training opportunities planned
- **Up:** working on making more things "virtual" to keep things going
- **Down:** Need more Watch standers for STA Rio Vista
- **Down:** Need more facilities
- **Down:** need a quarantine end.....

<End of report>

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Kaiser

—Russ Kaiser, DCDR 03
Division 113-03 (Greater Sacramento and the California Delta)