

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

MONTH ENDING: 31 March 2020

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

Highlights:

- 3-1: No report submitted
- 3-3: Webinar meeting very successful attendance was very good. We have 4 members Nichole Faulkender, Kay-John Kavanaugh, Mia Mason and Wendy who have graciously offered assistance to members that need with grocery shopping or other errands. THANK YOU ALL
- 3-5: Three patrols approved and conducted prior to suspension. An AUXWEATHER class has been initiated. It is being taught using the new Division GoToMeeting Account. There are 10 individuals from the Division participating. Doug MacPherson is the instructor. The first mandated training for the Division was conducted by Flotilla 35. The mandated training classes are in the process of being formatted for remote delivery
- 3-10: **Held meeting via web-Thank you Doug McPherson for setting up access. Sea Scout Ship 1119-Nebula. A contact has donated an 8 foot dingy to SSS 119. I put the Skipper in contact with the party.**

Details:

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- SO-CM Larry Stanton: At the request of LCDR. Joseph Graham, I am requesting that the FSO-CM's poll your members in order to determine what assets are available to assist the Coast Guard in a time of need.
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: I voluntarily ceased standing watch at CGS Rio Vista on 14 March. This was a result of the CG's efforts to slow the spread of the Corona Virus and the Station's OIC's concern for my personal safety. John Hardin on Sidekick conducted patrols on the 1st, 2nd, 9th and 15th. Karl Keller on Toots conducted patrols on the 1st and 8th. Tommy Holtzman on Aqua Sport conducted a patrol on the 8th. Thomas Hurley on Tigger conducted a patrol on the 8th.
- SO-CS Ernest Shih: Updated Division calendar events; Setup Division GoToMeeting.
- SO-AS Gary Estep: There has been some discussion at the District of using video/audio conferencing for a training course on BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) for USCG AUX.
- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: Many events have been cancelled. On stand by for next assignments. Checking with Division 3 FS's for annual Sanitation requirements to be fulfilled.
- SO-HR Robert Schabert: no report submitted
- SO-IS Christine Lay: Current on entries of all member's data received. Preparing for transition to AUXDATA II. Nothing additional to report.
- SO-MA Robert "Bob" Waterman: There were no material requests or orders in March. Working on ways to develop "virtual PPE testing."
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: Very little activity due to the COVID-19 crisis, resulting in USCG AUX Stand-Down and statewide shelter-in-place orders

- SO-MT Doug MacPherson: Linda Barnett passed the AUXNAV part B test! A Division GoToMeeting account has been created for conducting training and meetings remotely during the Pandemic. Flotilla 3-5 and 3-10 used it this month. An AUXWEATHER class has been initiated. It is being taught using the new Division GoToMeeting Account. There are 10 individuals from the Division participating. Doug MacPherson is the instructor.
- SO-NS: James Duncan: One Bridge Survey recheck before stand-down
- SO-OP John Hardin: Updating the signage and charts related to the levee breaches in West Sacramento.
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Activity by Don Anderson vis a vis Sac Parade of Boats from SYC. Don is currently Incident Commander for NSBW working with John Hardin on this event now considered as a fallback plan if for any reason the stay at home orders are lifted.
- SO-PB Richard Celia: As of this date, both the Valley Beacon and the Delta Zephyr newsletters are in
- SO-PE Don Anderson: All scheduled PE courses canceled. Received suggestion from DSO-PE Sean Harvey regarding holding distance learning PE courses, however both the ABS and BS&S end of course exams MUST be proctored and therefore cannot be administered. National working on alternative acceptable to NASBLA.
- SO-PV Jim Goff: No Activity
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SP-VE James Stewart: No activity
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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 quarantines

Agency Interactions:

- none

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

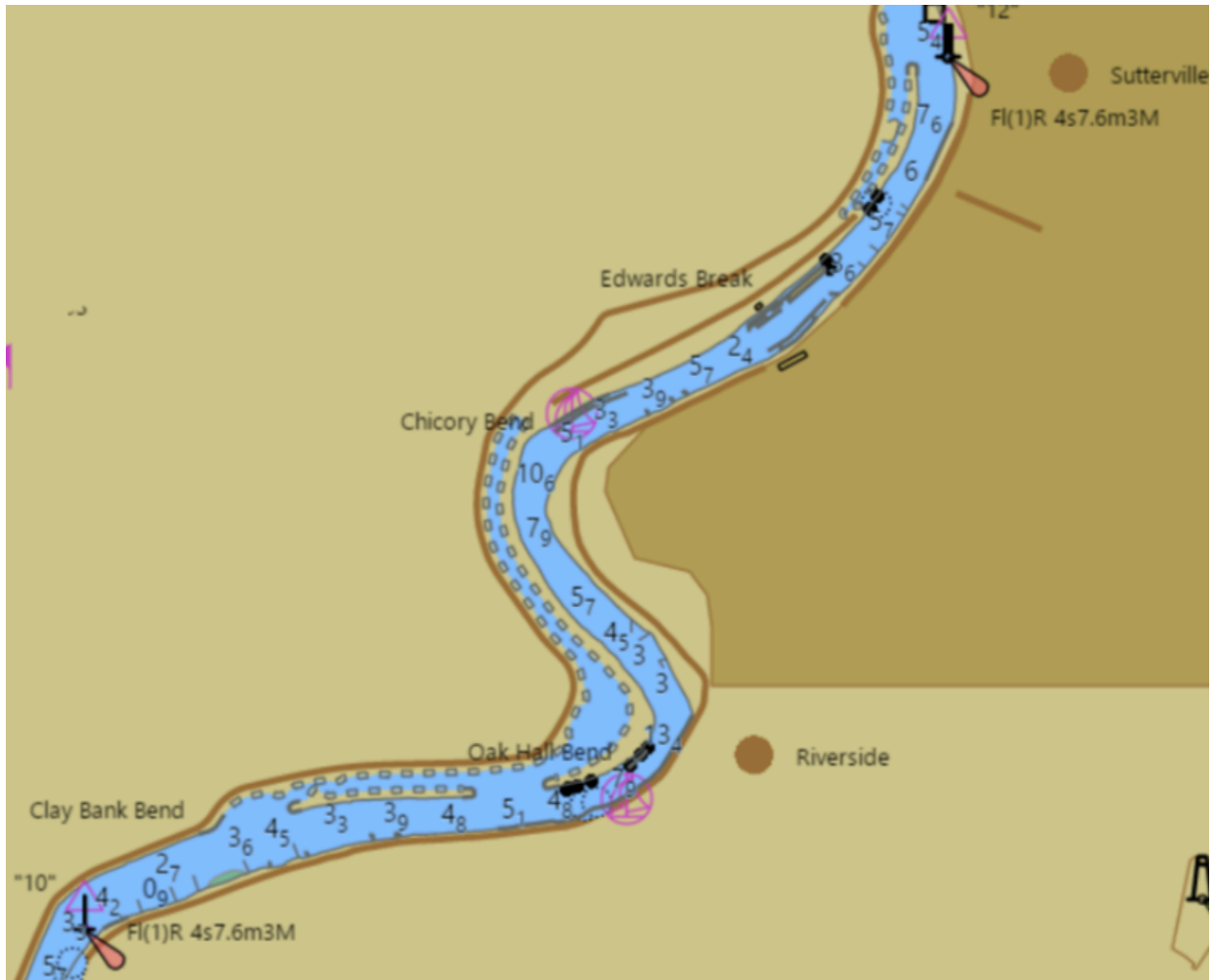
3 ups-3 downs

- **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:** not much happening during shut down
- **Down:** Need more facilities

- **Down:** need a quarantine end.....



Capsized Vessel Upstream of the I Street Bridge



ENC chart above showing the levee breaches.

Pictured with the CJ-27 below L to R are Don Anderson, John Hardin and Rick Rutherford.



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