



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

MONTH ENDING: 30 April 2020

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

Highlights:

- 3-1: FLOTILLA TEAMWORK – With the country shut down, obviously there is nothing to do for our communities. A few of our members are working on different aspect of our PA/HR Program. It is still in the development stage. We are looking forward to the 'Shelter in Place' to be lifted and come out with our new PA/HR Program.
- 3-3: Webinar meeting very successful attendance was very good. Bob Waterman FSO-IS gave an intro to AUXDATA II, DOS IS Anita Farnholtz attended as well both will be available for assistance
- 3-5: An AUXWEATHER class for the Division continues. It is being taught using the new Division GoToMeeting Account. It has now 60% complete. Flotilla's 3-3 and 3-5 were presented on-line training on the new AUXDATA system. Bob Waterman presented the training
- 3-10: **Held meeting via web, Sea Scout Ship 1119-Nebula received an 8 foot sailboat from a contact via 3-10.**

Details:

- SO-CM Larry Stanton: The USCG AUX Amateur Radio club (Alameda) is actively seeking members. The station has HF and VHF gear and is located on the north side of the complex parking lot behind DIRAUX. The group is in the process of applying for a USCG-AUX facility call sign. Please contact Desmond Thorsson via email dthorsson@flotilla17.org, or call 415-547-0044. The club web page is W6NMC.org. I look forward to planning some events at the site to promote the facility.
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: No Activity
- SO-CS Ernest Shih: Continue to validate website (113-3 and 3-10) compliance requirements. Continue to update and/or clean up some old files and pictures on 113-3 and 3-10 websites.
- SO-AS Gary Estep: Provided Flotilla Commanders with information about BSA Youth Protection Training and having their members that the course. Upon completing the course, emailing the certificate to the Flotilla Commander and myself. Flotilla Commanders would forward their certificates to Alameda and have them entered into their records.
- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: Linda and I have been working with IS officers District, Division and Flotilla to come up with a method for recording Food Service hrs that will make it easier for IS officers to properly record food service hrs.
- SO-IS Christine Lay: No reports to enter. Have done 3webinar trainings and visited 3-3s webinar meeting to see the slide presentation Bob Waterman put together. Please continue to track your hours until we can actually enter them.
- SO-MA Robert "Bob" Waterman: Inspected unassigned PPE. Virtual PPE inspections have been approved by DIRAUX. SO-MA's will be trained by OTO on-line next week. SO-MA's will then train FSO-Ms.

- SO-MS Jeff Fite: Virtual Dockwalker Training has been announced for May 28th (email attached). All PE's, VE's, and PV's are strongly encouraged to complete this training, because the Dockwalker program aligns perfectly with the MSEP mission of the Coast Guard and can easily be incorporated as a regular part of these activities. Many other missions can be enhanced by adding the environmental protection of a Dockwalker to boater
- SO-MT: Doug Macpherson: The Boating Season Kick-off meeting at Station Rio Vista (see Goal 1) scheduled for April 4th has been postponed to May 30th. More information on this will be available in the next few weeks. Division members are urged to take advantage of the mandating training online courses now being conducted the National and the District. Flotilla 3-10 will be hosting a training using GoToMeeting at their May Flotilla meeting.
- SO-NS: James Duncan: Covid-19 Stand-down in place
- SO-OP John Hardin: Not being able to patrol during lockdown is real tough on our coxswains and crews. However, using this down time to improve one's facility might be a "silver lining". One simple project is constructing your very own anchor ball. See Pictures below.
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Two Rivers School, a local Natomas area grammar school, had again invited the CGAUX to participate in their annual Public Safety Day educating K-6th grade students on the importance of wearing a life jacket on or near the water. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the school yard event was canceled. Instead, the teacher Sabrina Prociw, asked the Auxiliary to either participate in a Zoom meeting with the students, or to provide her with safety videos. I was able to locate on You Tube four (4) age appropriate safety videos demonstrating the importance of kids wearing a life jacket. Prociw was extremely happy with the videos and was to make viewing them during their distance learning a homework assignment,
- SO-PB Richard Celia: As of this date, both the Valley Beacon and the Delta Zephyr newsletters are in
- SO-PE Don Anderson: •In the process of developing distance learning PE courses for presentation. Awaiting final approval from NASBLA for the ABS and BS&S courses only. All other Auxiliary boating safety courses are approved for distance learning format. Exploring options with Flotilla PE Staff Officers
- SO-PV Jim Goff: No Activity
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SP-VE James Stewart: No activity
- SO-HR: Bob Schabert: No report submitted by SO-HR

Projects

- FCs and VFCs Making contacts within

Future Activities

- Unknown until holds are lifted

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 quarantine

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 are reaching out to members as “checkup” calls
- **Up:** Many training opportunities happening in virtual world
- **Up:** working on making more things “virtual” to keep things going such as PPE
- **Down:** not much happening during shut down
- **Down:** Need more facilities
- **Down:** need a quarantine end.....



Anchor Ball Ready to Assemble



Anchor Ball Deployed (all courtesy of John Harden)



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



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