



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

MONTH ENDING: 31 May 2020

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood

FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

### Highlights:

- 3-1: 1. CHALLENGES – The Obvious – ‘Shelter in Place’ 2. CHALLENGES – Keeping in touch with members and keeping them ‘In the Loop’. This can be a bit of a challenge as you MUST know your members. You need to know which ones you can actually call too often (and annoy) and which ones need a few extra calls. 3. CHALLENGES – Four applications sitting at Diraux. We are still treating these applicants as ‘members’ and including them in phone calls and committee work. 4. OPPORTUNITIES – Develop our HR/PA Program which keeps the members involved.
- 3-3: Webinar meeting 9 members in attendance, 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! All decided to have Nichole Faulkender continue with 1 a month welfare check. It will be the 2nd Thursday of the month. Completed Uniform Tropical Blue review as requested by District.
- 3-5: online AUXWEATHER class for the Division was completed. Awaiting word on how to test. Need direction on how to give proctored tests online. The AUXWEATHER online course is complete with the exception of the testing. Participated in two Webinars conducted by the DSO-PE Sean Harvey and hosted by Greg Fonzeno (National) of the Education Directorate. Discussed how to set up and present an ABS class online including testing via Goggle due to the fact that the test is closed book and must be proctored. On 4 June all the Instructors interested in the process in Div. 113-03 will meet on-line to review the process and plan on-line classes for the summer.
- 3-10: From FC Larry Stanton: **Thank you- to all of my Coast Guard Family that had reached out to me after the passing of my wife Terri. I received many cards, calls, texts and emails. They were all very important to me. Again, thank you! I am looking forward to thanking you all in person Held meeting via web thank you Ernest Shih for setting it up. Meeting led by VFC Chris Lay. Aux Data II training led by Bob Waterman. Thank you Bob! Security Fundamental class cancelled.**

### Details:

- SO-CM Larry Stanton: ADSO- CM Sellstrom is still in the process of attempting to obtain information for a possible Mt. Tamaulipas repeater site. No additional information at this time. When permitted, ACV will be taken to shop for redo of decals. Kevin Sellstrom is also in contact with Div 7 for updating their trailer as well. Planning continues for planned D-11N/S HF Aug 22 (proposed date). Subject to change. Seven HF radio sites planned: All Sectors, Air Station SF and Sacramento, and Command Center. Held WEB based meeting with Senior Staff D-11N/S to go over summary of HF radio test.
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: CG Station Rio Vista conducted 08 SAR cases and no Vessel Boardings. Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) for CG Station Rio Vista for D11. I contact the Station weekly for a SitRep.
- SO-CS Ernest Shih: Division 3: Migrated confidential newsletters behind a secured member only area.

- SO-AS Gary Estep: No vessel exams due to continuing stand-down, however virtual VSC has been approved. Working on agenda for a Division 3 Vessel Examiners webinar.
- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: No FS activity. Working with SO-IS Bob Waterman and DSO-FS Linda Haynes in preparing letter and "how to" instructions with regards to recording hours on 7029's and 7030's into AUXDTA II to meet 12 hrs. currency as to not go into RYRS.
- SO-IS Robert "Bob" Waterman: Continuing to attend training webinars on the transition to AUXDATA II, and held webinar training sessions with Flotilla's 3-3, 3-5 and 3-10. Anticipating providing training to Flotilla 3-1 soon. Also, beginning to hold phase 2 data entry training webinars.
- SO-MA Vacant
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: Very little activity due to the COVID-19 crisis, MS interest survey is ongoing, Bernard Brown, FSO-MS 31, reports completion of MSAM. Bravo Zulu, Bernard, Jay Mark, FSO-MS-33, report received with thanks. No activity. Fred Black, FSO-MS-35, Dockwalker certification completed May 2 for self and R. Celia, Jeff Fite, FSO-MS-3-10, Dockwalker certification completed May 2
- SO-MT: Doug Macpherson: Kevin Sellstrom of Flotilla 3-10 is hosting a TCO PQS sign-off webinar for the District, and Doug MacPherson is teaching Advanced Coastal Navigation online for the District with Mike Maddox. Don Anderson is hosting training for trainer's session on June 4th with the intent of building instructor's skill sets in the Division. Bob Schabert and Bernard Brown are currently prepping to take the PA-2 oral interviews.
- SO-NS: James Duncan: Covid-19 Stand-down in place, No activity this month, Details: N0 Change from April
- SO-OP John Hardin: We invest considerable time and effort training to avoid accidents. Our success/failure is usually measured, in some way, by the number of reported accidents. Of course, absent are the unreported accidents as well as the "close calls" . I think of close calls as accidents that should have happened but didn't because of luck or possibly some divine intervention. All that being said, please consider spending some of your "lockdown" time learning from other people's mistakes. We'll all agree that's better than learning from our own. In this regard, the Air Force produces very complete and informative accident reports that are well worth reviewing. These reports are available at <https://www.afjag.af.mil/AIB-Reports/>. You also might find the National Transportation Safety Board accident reports enlightening. These reports are at <https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Pages/AccidentReports.aspx>. An AF investigator recently told me "All of us are one poor choice away from a fatality. It was amazing how something that seems like a random accident, on review, can be linked to people being complacent and not understanding their protocols." I would add "not following their protocols."
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Richard Celia via ZOOM was a (virtual) guest speaker and gave a USCG-AUX safe boating and water presentation to students Grade 1-5 at Two Rivers Elementary School of the NUSD in Sacramento. The event took place over 3 days (18, 19, 21 May). The host Teacher for this school's annual safety day faire was Sabrina Prociw. Celia was selected because he is SO-PA (representing the Division) as well at FSO-PA/PE in his Unit and a certified AUX Instructor specializing in boating safety classes. Bernard Brown completed his PA-2 Training and awaiting the PA-2 Board His other planned activities are all future-planned and include possible clean-

up and marine/environmental restoration along several creeks in the area. He is also setting up a HAM Radio course

- SO-PB Richard Celia: Newsletter posted
- SO-PE Don Anderson: Due to stand-down no PE classes scheduled or presented during May 2020. However, numerous PE instructors have been attending webinar training sessions on “Holding Classes Electronically” and “Using Google Forms to Develop Online Student Exams”. And, the Division will be hosting an Instructors Workshop webinar on 04 June 2020 for members involved in teaching MT or PE classes.
- SO-PV Jim Goff: no activity to report
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SP-VE James Stewart: No vessel exams due to continuing stand-down, however virtual VSC has been approved. Working on agenda for a Division 3 Vessel Examiners webinar.
- SO-HR: Bob Schabert: 03-01 - Four Applications at Diraux – Three perspective members waiting to meet in person, 03-03 Two possible new members waiting to meet in person. 03-05 One lead being followed up on. 03-10 Phone message from possible AuxScout
- SO-DV: Kevin Powers: Planning to submit Flotilla 3-5 for the NACO 3 Star Award, and I would be honored to help out the Division by signing on as the Diversity SO. Let me know if the following aligns with your vision: 1) Complete an NACO 3 Star Packet for Division 3. 2) Work with all Division 3 Flotillas to submit their own packets. 3) Provide an AAR, which will include areas where the Division has met or exceeded the NACO award standard, and areas where the Division can improve moving forward.

### 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 quarenteens

### Goals and Objectives

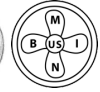
- Implement the recruitment and retention strategies being developed by HR and EXCOM
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2
- Increase the number of Marine Safety-qualified members by 2
- Advance all members in IQ status to BQ (and scan for ‘stuck’ AP members)
- Secure funds for continuing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

<End of report>  
Respectfully Submitted,

*Russ Kaiser*

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Division 113-03 (Greater Sacramento and the California Delta)