



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

MONTH ENDING: 31 August 2020
TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood
FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

Highlights:

- 3-1: Bernard Brown: Change of Command from Bob Schabert to Bernard Brown, goals: * Quickly gain an understanding of 3-1's op-tempo, * Make contact with members of 3-1 to understand needs. * Integrate 3-1 into the Division. *Utilize division resources to help 3-1 get on track with Aux/Division standards
- 3-3: Kayjohn Kavanaugh gave an excellent presentation on the USCG Academy Cape May, Maryland. Interesting videos showing requirements, application process as well as maps of the grounds, school classrooms, docks and vessels. Bravo Zulu. Don Anderson gave an overview of D11-N meeting sharing the highlights and upcoming events
- 3-5: FC Greg Van Koersel * The Coast Guard celebrated its 230th birthday on 04 August. Happy Birthday Coasties. * Wrote a letter of recommendation for one of the Station's Petty Officers for OCS. * Don Anderson's flyers on Boating Safety Courses were shared by Station's OIC with Sector for their Facebook Account. Great work Don getting the message out. Activity Details: * CG Station Rio Vista conducted 15 SAR cases. The average August SARs over the last 14 years is 27 with 2009 seeing 61. The Station conducted 15 vessel boardings. The average August boardings for the last 08 years is 37 with 2014 seeing 88.
- 3-10: From FC Larry Stanton: Meeting held via web. Round one of Officer nominations. None received. VFC Lay has agreed to maintain her office if no other names submitted. Looking for nomination for FC. One outstanding member has not renewed his dues. Additional contacts have been made. Contacted/left messages for all members regarding status- fires and virus. No members responded as in need of assistance. Discussed PPE inspection via web at next meeting. Received offer from Bob Waterman to discuss AUX DATA II at next meeting. Discussed District training web site. Members are taking advantage of On-Line opportunities.

Details:

- SO-CM Larry Stanton: Members stood watch approximately 2 days on HF frequencies for Hurricane Loral. No emergency calls known to have been logged. Supported Sector VHF 16 with Diablo site for several days. Preparing for October HF test continues. Teams have been identified for each of the four sites in 11N. Training continues. Kevin Sellstrom provided emergency solar power to the Vacaville repeater site that received damage from the LNU Complex fires. Kevin is in contact with DIRAUX regarding emergency repair funding for a more reliable solar powered back up. Member Elizabeth Sellstrom (3-10) received a Certificate of Appreciation for providing 51.50 hours of service to the Fleet Week event last year! Thank you for your service. Scheduled one TCO workshop to District Calendar. September 27 at 7 pm. Overview of CM programs and mentor process I have received additional supporting documentation from 11S regarding virtual inspection process. This will be sent out to our CM staff for dissemination to the membership. Motorola Wave App info mailed out to participants. Access information will be emailed prior to test dates for teams.
- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: CG Station Rio Vista conducted 15 SAR cases. The average August SARs over the last 14 years is 27 with 2009 seeing 61. The Station conducted 15 vessel boardings. The average August boardings for the last 08 years is 37 with 2014 seeing 88.

- SO-CS Ernest Shih: Created the Lucky Locker/Bag Inventory; Created Uniform Regulation References. Flotilla 3-10: Helped the Flotilla Commander to conduct the Flotilla meeting using the Division GoToMeeting account.
- SO-AS Gary Estep: Due to COVID-19, health restrictions have been implemented and at this time there is nothing new to report regarding the USCG Auxiliary and local Sea Scout Units.
- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: We have an inquiry for interested AUX-FS to be called up for possible support regarding the hurricane. Letting UAX-FS know about the Blood Born Pathogen classes need as well as Emergency Response, First Responders Awareness Level Training needed for operations.
- SO-IS Robert "Bob" Waterman: Additional enhancements to AUXDATA II (ADII). Distributed first Training Management Report from ADII. Conducted training on form 7029 and related mission codes. Attended two ADII "Officer Hours" conferences during the month
- SO-MA Vacant (VDCDR Don Anderson submitting reports)
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: As part of the Phase I set of missions being authorized, VE's are again able to perform VSC's on a case-by-case basis and with appropriate infection-control procedures in place. UPV, UTV, and commercial fishing vessel examinations have been authorized under the same rubric. DSO-MS Wil Sumner reports that the technique he finds most effective is to conduct such inspections via FaceTime or other video-calling technology., Oil Spill and Response Communication Workshop (September 10th). American River Foundation shoreline cleanup days (dates TBD) Lead = B. Brown. Summer Creek Clean Up Event (dates TBD) Lead = B. Brown
- SO-MT: Doug Macpherson: Proctoring of tests is now being allowed. Doug MacPherson proctored two tests in the month of August. GoToMeeting training was conducted by Doug MacPherson for Boat Safety Educators
- SO-OP John Hardin: Competence, confidence, and complacency. We build competence and confidence thru our RM2 and OPS Workshops and our constant on the water training. Unfortunately, competence and confidence can easily lead us into complacency or the false feeling we have everything "under control". And complacency is a major factor in many, if not all, mishaps. The \$64,000 question is "have you tested positive for complacency? Are you making mistakes and not owning up to them? Are you ignoring accepted protocols thinking they're not that important. When studying the Hillsboro Incident, did you rapidly conclude that you could never make such foolish mistakes? Be honest now, you've never exceeded a safe speed, your lookouts are always observing 360 degrees and reporting properly? You've never been off course or lost? Your crew members have always been in tip top shape? Did all on board have full knowledge of ATONS and sufficient local knowledge? Are you and your crew always ready to easily ace a QE? Fortunately, complacency can be easily treated just by recognizing that you can catch it. Remember "It is better to be careful a hundred times than to be killed once" ...Mark Twain or was it Evel Knievel.
- SO-PA Richard Celia: Jane I have no Div PA activity. In Interim, I am continuing to pursue PA3 certification. No report was submitted from 3-3 & 3-5 (I am 3-5s FSO-PA) or 3-10 (as I expected. I have not had ANY information from the FSO-PA of 3-1 (air Flotilla) since Spring. I understand 3-



Is PA will be interim FC as both the current FC and his VFC are leaving the unit without providing any continuity support.

- SO-PB Richard Celia: Newsletter posted
- SO-PE Don Anderson: Due to the Covid-19 stand-down of all face-to-face Auxiliary activities, all Public Education classes have been canceled until further notice. A Go To Meeting workshop was held for instructors scheduled to teach in our first distance learning PE class. The "Introduction To Boating Safety" 25 minute seminar was localized then and recorded on the Go To Meeting platform, then posted on Flotilla 3-3 social media Twitter and Facebook accounts. The full "Boat America" course has been scheduled as distance learning training to begin 01 September 2020 to run for 5 sessions over a two week period. Ten (10) students signed up to take the virtual training class.
- SO-PV VACANT Don Anderson reporting: FLOTILLA 3-5: FSO-PV Dale Waldo made three Dealer Visits in August.
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SO-VE James Stewart: FLOTILLA 35: Jim Goff made three reported Vessel Exams for August.
- SO-HR: Don Anderson reporting: Flotilla 113-03-01: No report received, however known HR activity included the abrupt transfer of six (6) flotilla members, effective 01 September 2020 into Flotilla 113-05-03. Included in the transfer were the FC Robert Schabert and VFC Curtis Wheeler. As of this date temporary leadership has been appointed. Flotilla 113-03-03: FSO-HR Nancy Holtzman new forms will be submitted for Bill Stanton, Joseph Heap working on application and will be interviewed soon.. Flotilla 113-03-05: Location: Sacramento Yacht Club, West Sacramento, CA. Activity for the month of August. Flotilla membership: 42 (as of Aug 31, 2020). Accessions: 0. Losses 0 (members dropped from the Flotilla). Contacts/leads being pursued: 1. Contacts/leads with action: 1. Contacts/leads dropped: 0. Leads from the HR Robert: 0. We have 1 member in AP status: Celeste Renee Bates 3009932
- SO-DV: Kevin Powers: No activity to report.

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 through the shut down
- To find a way to continue our momentum through the virus quarenteens

Goals and Objectives

- Trying to hold onto as many members as possible.
- Increase the number of surface facilities by 2
- Get Flotilla 3-1 "back in the game". New FC/VFC and most FSOs to be appointed

- Trying to refill vacant positions
- 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 with new FC/VFC of 3-1
- **Down:** Loosing valuable personal due to COVID related challenges. Members not getting sick but are tiring of the restrictions. Good members and their contributions lost.
- **Down:** Need more facilities
- **Down:** need a quarantine end.....



My crew (John Hardin) FREEDOM enjoying FARWELL' S RULES OF THE NAUTICAL ROAD



Boat Trailer Eye Simulator in Use (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)