

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

MONTH ENDING: 30 September 2020
TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood
FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

Highlights:

- 3-1: FC Bernard Brown:
 - FSO-CM
 - Highlights:
 - * Loss of member Steve Gorman
 - Activity Details: * None to report
 - Challenges: * Getting up to date on Flotilla activities and members
 - My Goal and Objective: Appoint Staff Officers, Conduct election, Conduct member training
 - FSO-PV:
 - FSO-VE: Highlights: Get training for VE
 - Future Activities: Return to normal activities when COVID 19 restriction are lifted.
 - Challenges: Change of Command
 - FSO-MT
 - CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES: Change of Command
 - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:
 - Goal 1: A majority of the active participating members have transferred out. We need to engage members to get buy in on how to support the Flotilla.
 - Goal 2: Engage members to utilize online training platforms to stay current and engaged.
 - Goal 3: Participate in division level training to get 3-1 members qualified in areas.
 - Goal 4: Hold Class room training for the 5 Mandated Training Coursed required every 5 years. Have all four Flotillas in the Division participate in the training.
 - FSO-CS: Update monthly newsletter
 - FSO-HR: Unknown
 - FSO-PA: Nothing to report
 - FSO PE Unknown
 - FSO-PB. Unknown
 - FSO-OP: Unknown
 - FSO-IS Need an IS FSO quickly
 - .FSO-NS:
 - FSO-DV: No activity to report for August.
 - FSO-FN: Will forward
 - FSO-MA: No Activity in August
 - Projects (Tentative)
 - Quarterly Environmental Classes at the American River Parkway Foundation focusing on Marine Safety.
 - Marine Safety Education to local STEM programs (two school districts).
 - Qualify new Coxswains and Boat Crew
 - Virtual COW
 - UPCOMING EVENTS (2020): Will report as soon as it gets developed.
 - Challenges: Covid-19 has shut down all person to person activities for the near future.
 - Agency Interactions:
 - Improved cooperation with Station Rio Vista authorizing patrol orders prior to suspension of orders. . □ □ • Working to conduct ABS classes with employees of the City of Sacramento
- 3-3: FC Nancy Holtzman: Highlights:
 - Webinar meeting 9 members in attendance

Had last call for nominations from the floor, FC Rudy Rutenschroer unopposed, FVC Gary Estep and Ariel Schoonover.

Greg Oshel explained the electronic voting process, will have more details for our Flotilla this week.

Don Anderson updated the members on the District Election as well as Division 3 elections
Congratulation to Katri Kehraevuo for completing 8 hr. Hazwopper class.

FSO-CM Jerry Adams Nothing to report

FSO-CS Nichole Faulkender Set up monthly meeting for our Webinars on Go To Meeting same long in every time as September meeting. Looking into continuing webinars after we start meeting in person again so those unable to make in person could attend

FSO-DV VACANT

FSO-IS Rudy Rutenschroer Requested that you continue to get all your forms filled for April and May and resend them to him and cc Bob Waterman SO-IS. Extended his gratitude to Bob for all his assistance this year.

FSO-MA Ariel Schoonover Nothing to report

FSO-MS Jay VACANT

FSO-MT Wendy Zampardi Projects on hold for MT until stand down is lifted

FSO-HR Nancy Holtzman 1 new enrollment submitted and 1 resubmitted.

FSO-OP VACANT OPS & PPE will be standing down until further notice NO ONE WILL GO INTO REYRS DUE TO THIS. SO-OP John Harding is working with OTO Finkelson do be able to do virtual PPE inspection, more information expected soon

FSO-NS Nancy Holtzman nothing to report

FSO-PA Don Anderson

FSO-SR Debbie Bernard will have August & September minutes for next meeting.

FSO-FN David Wright will start disenrollments in Oct. Only 2 members still unpaid.

FSO-PE Wendy Zampardi Nothing to report New Boat America webinar class to be offered in November joint effort of all the flotillas, Contact Richard Celia POC @ 415-713-5727

FSO-PV Jay Mailloux Nothing to report

FSO-PE James Stewart Nothing to report

- 3-5: FC Greg Van Koersel: Highlights:
FSO-CM Highlights: Activity Details: CG Station Rio Vista conducted 10 SAR cases. The average September SARs over the last 14 years is 22 with 2009 seeing 40. The Station conducted 9 vessel boardings. The average September boardings for the last 08 years is 50 with 2015 seeing 149 (a contest among Coxswains and Boarding Officers).
Current Projects: Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) for CG Station Rio Vista for D11. I contact the Station by phone weekly for a SitRep as Auxiliary are not permitted on the Station. For the last seven months there has been nothing to coordinate. I expect this to continue for the rest of the year and well into 2021.
Challenges: To continue to be optimistic about the future of the Auxiliary in Northern California.
Agency Interactions: None
My Goal and Objective: To live a normal life in a normal society.
FSO-PV: Dale Waldo made no Dealer Visits in September 2020. Jim Goff made 9 Dealer Visits in September 2020.
FSO-VE: Highlights: Jim Goff made one reported Vessel Exams for September 2020.
Future Activities: Return to normal activities when COVID 19 restriction are lifted.
Challenges: Set up Union Valley Lake VE dates with Camino Ranger Station when possible. As of 01JUN2020 still closed.
Agency Interactions: Will contact Union Valley Reservoir Ranger Station to get VE approval in 2021.
Goals and Objectives: Balance time with increased CSG responsibilities with USCGA time.
.FSO-MT: Highlights:
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CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES: Continue Member training activities during the pandemic.

AGENCY INTERACTION: Working with Station Rio Vista to reschedule the Boating Season Kick-off meeting to some-time in the future. (see Goal 1)

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal 1: Coordinate a one-day training session at Station Rio Vista prior to this year's boating season. Focus on Station expectations for Coxswains, Boat Crew and Air Crew operating in the station's AOR. Open to Division 3 members as well as other Division's in the AOR.

Topics to include: Proper Communication procedures when interacting with the Station. Proper reporting procedures. Proper SAR reporting (radio and written). Coordinated Training opportunities. A review of the station's assets and capabilities.

Goal 2: Hold two (2) In Person Risk Management Sessions for Division 3 personnel in the Sacramento Area.

Goal 3: Based on interest, hold AUX OP and or Crew operations classes in the Sacramento Area.

Goal 4: Hold Class room training for the 5 Mandated Training Course required every 5 years.

Have all four Flotillas in the Division participate in the training.

FSO-CS: Posted latest addition of the Delta Zephyr.

FSO-HR: No losses or accessions: Contacts/leads with action: 1, Contacts/leads dropped: 0, we have 1 member in AP status.

FSO-PA: I am in the process the process of getting a mailing out to over 30 yacht harbors and marinas from Rio Vista to Lake Tahoe promoting our upcoming virtual boat safety class BOAT AMERICA in early November. Also have reached out the Bob Simms of Radio Station KBFK to promote the course and to see if we can get on his show to promote it and the AUX.

FSO PE I will be an instructor in our Virtual BOAT AMERICA class in November and will be lead. Our Flotilla has purchased 2 cases (20) books we charge each student \$25 to take the class. I am the student & Division 3 point of contact on this one,

FSO-PB. Delta Zephyr published.

FSO-OP: No patrols this month. Several crewmembers and coxswains completed required Blood Borne Pathogens classes.

FSO-IS: Highlights: Enhancements to AUXDATA II (ADII) continued, Distribution of Training Management Report and Training Record report from ADII, User guide for Facility Management Details: Further enhancements to ADII were made in September. It appears we are getting closer to a final software configuration which will enable us to update User Guides. I will know more after the next ADII Officer Hours webinar scheduled for October 7th.

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Projects: Update User Guides already prepared and distributed.

Future Activities: Prepare User Guides for member file navigation, report generation, facilities and other key areas of ADII. Conduct additional training in ADII as soon as the software is closer to final configuration. Encourage members to enter their own data in ADII. IS officers will continue to enter data for those who are unable or unwilling to do so.

Challenges: Frequent and significant enhancements to ADII which make it difficult to provide additional member training at this time. Getting members to report their time using form 7029.

Goals and Objectives: Develop further training for members to improve understanding of mission codes and forms. Work with membership and elected leaders to increase reporting of member activity and mission hours. Review reports throughout each month and notify members of the status of their Currency Requirements to ensure no one goes into REYR without their advance knowledge (REYR is on hold, except for on-line courses/workshops, due to stand-down).

.FSO-NS: Highlights: Covid-19 Phase 1 now in place and some Auxiliary activities have been approved. No NEW activity this month. Details: As of 10 July COVID-19 Phase 1 in place and Navi-

gation Systems PATON Verifications & Bridge Surveys activities from LAND ONLY has been approved. EXCEPT 1 - UNKNOWN WHY, No other changes from last month.

Recording & Tracking Bridge, PATON, AUXDATA 1 & 2, Chart & Coast Pilot Updating activities this month.

Flotilla 35 completed 14 of 15 Bridge Surveys (93%) under the Assignment to Duty approval by OIA/DIRAUX. (AUXDATA 1 & 2 shows 15 Bridges surveyed to date - (100%))

Flotilla 35 completed 24 of 32 PATONs Verifications (75%) under the Assignment to Duty approval by OIA/DIRAUX. (AUXDATA 1 & 2 shows 24 PATONs to date - (6%))

Flotilla 35 had 0 Assignment to Duty Mission 31 & 32 activities in SEPTEMBER

Flotilla 35 has the three 3 certified AV-PQS Aid Verifiers, James B. Duncan, Fredric R. Black & Douglas W. MacPherson.

Flotilla FSO-NS Monthly Report to Division SO-NS.

Activities:

Attended D113-03 webinar meeting 10 September.

Attended D113 Board & Staff webinar meeting 12 September.

Attended D113-03 webinar ELECTION meeting 14 September.

Attended D113-03-05 webinar meeting 15 September.

Attended 4 out of 4 weekly D113 Radio Nets in September.

Challenges: Bridge Surveys completed with COVID-19 - Assignment to Duty approvals for LAND ONLY. PATON Verification completed on time by 30 September with COVID-19 - Assignment to Duty approvals for LAND ONLY. AUXDATA 2 roll-out, STARTING to match Bridge Surveys & PATON verifications that AV-PQS' s report.

Future Activities: Learning AUXDATA 2, Attending all D113 Board & Staff webinar & onsite meetings, Attending all D113-03 Board & Staff webinar & onsite meetings, Attending all D113-03-05 webinar, onsite meetings & function, Conducting 2 8-hour NS workshops at the Fall PCA - Cancelled

Agency Interactions: Direct interaction with DVC-NS, D013-NS, D114-NS, D11 (dpw), & NOAA Office of Coast Survey.

Goals and Objectives: Goals to meet by completed 100% of Bridge Survey (Due to COVID-19) this year. Goals to meet by completed 100% PATON Verification (Due to COVID-19) this year. Goals have AUXDATA 2 match Bridge Surveys & PATON Verifications to date. Chart & Coast Pilot updates this year & (Any member can participate).

FSO-DV: No activity to report for July.

FSO-FN: Dues collection is going well. Report on file.

FSO-MA: No Activity in August

- 3-10:FC Larry Stanton: Highlights:

Meeting held via web.

Final round 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. Processing Disenrollment docs.

Web based PPE inspection conducted with two members. It went well.

Discussed District training web site. Members are taking advantage of On-Line opportunities.

Setting up a meeting with Flotilla and Div Staff to work out contingency plans for lack of Flotilla interest in holding offices.

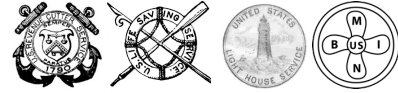
Awards:

USCG-Aux certificate of Thank You to Liz Sellstrom for 95+hours dedicated service to communications. Thank you Liz!

USCG Unit Commendation- 80th Aux Birthday. With President Trump' s letter attached.

Details:

- SO-CM Larry Stanton: HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS": Division 7 SO-CM John Felton was evacuated during the Redding area fire (Zogg). Practice sessions continue for the D11 CCNET Exercise. Thank you to all who are participating in this training. It is a significant commitment from our members. WAVE evaluation has been completed. Most comments were favorable. Held an on line review of the TCO program. Thank you Ann Zocchi for setting up the meeting site. Seven members joined the discussion. We will likely also gain a new HF participant. FEDERAL plate tags expired on Comms trailer. Notified DIRAUX. We will be moving it to AIR STA SACRA-



MENTO this week. Member Ray Montagne has been very helpful getting members familiar with FLDIG (radio text) software. Many thanks for his time and expertise. Activated MT Diablo repeater on 83 as an emergency Comms site for members who may need to evacuate from the Napa area.

- SO-AUC CG Station Rio Vista-Steve Harrison: * CG Station Rio Vista conducted 10 SAR cases. The average September SARs over the last 14 years is 22 with 2009 seeing 40. The Station conducted 9 vessel boardings. The average September boardings for the last 08 years are 50 with 2015 seeing 149 (a contest among Coxswains and Boarding Officers).
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- 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: HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":

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. All contacts are via email or phone, no physical meetings.

Kay-John Kavanaugh contacted me about a Go To Meeting Seminar for the Sea Scouts regarding the USCG Academy.

USCG Aux ABC Virtual Class offered to Sea Scouts.

USCG / Sea Scouts Safety at Sea.

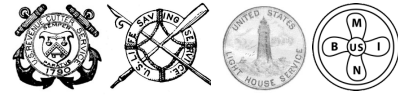
DETAILS Seminar: USCG Academy. I contacted John-Michael Zimmerle, District 11N, DSO Aux Scout. He has connections outside of our immediate area and could reach out to all Sea Scout Ships in the BSA Western Region. Provided John-Michael's contact information to Kay-John Kavanaugh so they could arrange a date and time for the class on GO TO MEETING or ZOOM. Contacted the 3 Sea Scout Ship Shippers' about the USCG Auxiliary ABC Course, never received any response that any Sea Scout was interested in taking the course for the Boater Safety Card. Every year the USCG and Sea Scouts partake in an event at USCG Island, Yerba Buena Island. This year it was a virtual online for the month of September. Although, I have multiple Sea Scout Ships on Facebook and on the Western Region Email, I never received any information prior to this event. The USCG Auxiliary might have had that information in the bay area, but it was never shared within District 11 N. Called John-Michael and expressed my dismay with the poor notification within the Sea Scouts but also the Auxiliary. The District 11N will be interfacing with the Sea Scouts and add events to the Auxiliary calendar.

- SO-FN David Wright: report filed
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- SO-FS Nancy Holtzman: Attended a National webinar on Safety and Sanitation put on by ServSafe. Updating on how the Covid Epidemic is affecting the Food Service industry in whole. Highlighting extra precautions to be taken for customer protection as well as self-protection.
- SO-IS Robert “Bob” Waterman: Highlights:
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- SO-MA Vacant (VDCDR Don Anderson submitting reports) **No Activity to report**
- SO-MS Jeff Fite: Highlights
 - Beach Cleanup activity reported in Flotilla 3-10
 - Ongoing AUX-MS shutdown due to COVID-19 pandemic
 - MS interest survey is ongoing, to be completed by 30 November 2020
- SO-MT: Doug Macpherson: HIGHLIGHTS/“3 UPS”:
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- SO-OP John Hardin: **Promoting Boat Safety– No One Said It Would Be Easy**

While out on patrol or just out recreating, we often witness unsafe boating practices. We wish it weren't so, but it is and it's very frustrating for us. A family out enjoying boating with small children up on an unprotected bow. Persons on a swim step while underway. The list is endless.



Unconscious Incompetence: What's going on? Many lack the knowledge and skills to safely operate a boat, and to make matters worse, they don't know it. They are **unconsciously incompetent**. They just don't have a clue.

Conscious Incompetence: To correct their unsafe practices, they first need to become **conscious of their incompetence**. This involves becoming aware of the physical, financial, legal risks associated with their risky decisions. A child could fall off a bow and quickly be chewed up by the prop or a person on a swim step could be overcome by CO, fall in the water, and drown. We have a great opportunity our boating safety classes to point out the dangers involved in boating.

Conscious Competence: The **Conscious Competence** phase of involves actually learning and employing safe boating practices. Our boating safety class can fill this void also, but we all know that very few boaters take our classes. The immediate solution is to do a better job promoting our classes. Hopefully, the California Boater Card program will also promote boating safety.

- SO-PA Richard Celia: in the process the process of getting a mailing out to over 30 yacht harbors and marinas from Rio Vista to Lake Tahoe promoting our upcoming virtual boat safety class BOAT AMERICA in early November. Also have reached out the Bob Simms of Radio Station KBFK to promote the course and to see if we can get on his show to promote it and the AUX.
- SO-PB Richard Celia: Newsletter posted
- SO-PE Don Anderson: Highlights: Covid-19 stand-down. Boat America distance learning class presented. Boat America distance learning class scheduled for November. Weekend Navigator distance learning class scheduled for January 2021. Details: Due to the Covid-19 stand-down of all face-to-face Auxiliary activities, all in-person Public Education classes have been canceled until further notice. The full "Boat America" course was held as distance learning training held 01 September 2020 and ran for 5 sessions over a two week period. Ten (10) students attended the virtual training class and all passed the electronic final exam. Critiques were overall very positive and complimentary. Initial planning has begun for a Weekend Navigator distance learning class to be held in January 2021. Instructors have been chosen, slides and student study guides and exercises being reviewed and adjusted as necessary. The intent will be to tailor the course to local waterways and charts. Projects: Working on additional Boat America and Weekend Navigator distance learning classes as well as possibly a Paddle Sport course.
- SO-PV VACANT Don Anderson reporting: 113-03-05 Dale Waldo made no Dealer Visits in September 2020. Jim Goff made 9 Dealer Visits in September 2020
- SO-SR Celeste Bates: Minutes submitted
- SO-VE James Stewart: Jim Goff with Flotilla 113-03-05 conducted 1 vessel exam. No other flotillas reported any VE's.

- SO-HR: Don Anderson reporting: 113-03-01: No report received.
113-03-03: One new enrollment submitted and re-submitted.
113-03-05:
No losses or accessions
Contacts/leads with action: 1
Contacts/leads dropped: 0
We have 1 member in AP status.
113-03-10: One outstanding member has not renewed his dues. Additional contacts have been made. Processing Dis-enrollment docs.
- 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:** Flotilla 3-1 is progressing
- **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.....

<End of report>
Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Kaiser

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