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## **SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**TO:** DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**DATE:** MAY 2021 REPORT  
**DIVISION:** Sierra Division 11  
**DCDR:** Bryce Leinan

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- NSBW
- Melroy heading to Utah
- Life Jacket Loaner Stations

### **DETAILS:**

- Division meeting will be held in June, hopefully outdoors in a park pending approval from District

### **North Lake Tahoe Flotilla 11-01**

1. Flotilla is working on putting together some VSC stations for NSBW, they were not approved for in-person PA setups due to Washoe County and local facility restrictions.
2. Flotilla is gaining a transfer plus one prospective member

### **Reno Flotilla 11-03**

1. Flotilla is finishing repairs to their flotilla-owned facility (Melroy) and it will be going over to Utah (flotilla 7-3) for the summer so they have a patrol facility.
2. SeaTow Foundation approved Reno flotilla for a couple of PFD loaner stations as part of their granting process; we are working with Lahontan State Park and Topaz to set up facilities.
3. Reno Flotilla 3 \*may\* be doing some VSC's at Lahontan or Topaz for NSBW, however, that is pending approval from state parks.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Discussing leadership training programs for the two flotillas.
2. Division 11 leadership is engaging with Station Lake Tahoe on a weekly basis.
3. Division 11 OPTREX will be held on 28 August.

## **CHALLENGES / OBSTACLES / OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Given our short boating season, it will be challenging at best to maintain member competency for boat crew and coxswains. Reno flotilla will soon be down to one coxswain, which is why our boat is going to Utah for the time being.
2. Fourth of July fireworks and other activities on Lake Tahoe were cancelled due to COVID, which means that a major activity for our crews has been eliminated.
3. As the only bi-state Division in the district, it is a challenge managing the requirements of both Nevada and California, along with the restrictions on meeting rooms and such.

## **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. Bill Stolz has written and submitted an article for Tahoe Weekly
2. Station Lake Tahoe has tentative plans to put a station facility on Pyramid Lake at the request of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, AUXCOM will be requested for when the station boat is on the water.

## **GOALS OF DIVISION 11:**

- Recruit new elected leadership for Flotilla 11-01 and 11-03, help with succession planning. Flotilla 11-01 needs both a FC and VFC, Reno is working on the same thing.
- Build a deeper “bench” of capable leaders so we don’t have to recycle candidates as often as we have done in the past, including coxswains and other boat crew.
- Build relationships with flotilla members coming from Flotilla 11-04 to the gaining flotillas.

**END OF REPORT**