



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

MONTH ENDING: 31 October 2021 TO: COMO Dean McFarren Cc: District Board and Staff FROM: DCDR 03 Russ Kaiser

# Highlights/"3 ups":

- 1. Division 3 has completed elections for DCDR and VDCDR
- 2. Division 3 Flotillas have had their elections
- 3. The Great Freeport Bridge Beach Cleanup 2021

## Details:

- 1. Organized by Jeff Fite and attended by Don Anderson and Fred Black. Collectively, the team removed 122.5 pounds of rubbish from the beach and parking area, with the single most numerous item being 201 cigarette butts. Side Kick did another 9 patrols for September
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- 4. D11 (dpw) task for Flotilla has completed 15 of 15 Bridge Surveys to date. (Completed 2021 Flotillas task)
- 5. D11 (dpw) task for Flotilla has completed all PATON Verifications to date. (Completed 2021 Flotillas task)
- 6. FS Had 6 total CA serve 150 plus lunch at YBI Sea Scouts Training day
- 7. Johan Lai provided CAL FIRE updates to Flotilla 35, and provided training on how our FEMA certifications are utilized by the Fire Prevention forces in California.

## Projects:

- Larry Stanton has agreed to co-lead a AUXCOMM class for the Division with Doug MacPherson. The class will be held in December and January and offered to the entire District via GoToMeeting.
- Coastie repair & refurbishment: a detailed report on Coastie and his trailer have been sent to John Brandenberg, the District rolling stock manager. Coastie has a number of issues, and a full factory refurbishment is needed. The trailer has considerable UV damage, and needs to be re-registered and new tires and bearings.
- 3. Working on finalizing Flotilla/Division elections

- 4. Red Hawk Casino PE classes complete, Weekend Navigator classes in progress, Developing New Member and Mentor Training Classes
- 5. Flotilla 33 hosted a mandatory Sexual Harassment prevention workshop at our September 23rd flotilla meeting.
- 6. On going work on the comms trailer by Larry Stanton and crew.
- 7. FS served 6 meals for Division 10 OPTREX
- 8. The highlight of Division 3 operations in October was the Auxiliary's participation in the Sacramento IRONMAN Race. The IRONMAN triathlon races are staged throughout the USA. The Sacramento IRONMAN Race was scheduled for Sunday October 24. In addition to the 3,500 racers, the race sponsors also assigned about 100 volunteer yachts, runabouts, kayaks, and paddle boards to assist within the 2.4 mile race course. A closure of the Sacramento and American Rivers from 0600 to 1000 was necessary to assure the safety of the swimmers. Safety vessels from 4 local LE agencies, 2 FD's, CG Station Rio Vista as well as Auxiliary facilities from Divisions 3, 5, and 10 were on hand to assist in the river closures.

The official activities began with a pre-sunrise briefing on Sunday morning at 0500 at the West Sacramento docks. This required early wake up calls particularly for those crews and facilities coming from out of town. Our endurance was further tested by Sunday's mega rain storm dropping over 5 inches of rain. It was nearly impossible to stay dry, but never the less; all the safety vessels remained "at the ready". At 0630 and after enduring constant downpours and steady winds, the race was cancelled due to the hazardous conditions. While the IRONMAN racers were spared the opportunity to display their skill and fitness, the crews on the safety boats were tested to the limit and passed with flying colors. Esprit de corps was very evident among the safety vessels.

9. As a matter of interest, the following data was reported to me by VDCDR Don Anderson from January 1-October 31, 2021:

Total number of members in Division 3.....103

Air Observers·····3 Aircraft Cmdr......1 Culinary Asst 1 ..... 1 PA Specialists .....1 Boat coxswain.....5 Boat crew………11 PWC operator ......1 Marine Env Spec....1 Vessel Examiners.....8 

Additional data: Total hours recorded in AD2···..10,926.77 Total VE's······33



U.S. Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Total Facility Inspections3
Total Marine Dealer visits65
99A Leadership Activity hours3,382.12
99B RBS Support
99D Training Support1,214.67
01A Maritime Observation
07A Watchstanding
07D CG Ops Support
14A Am Boating Course
20B Radio watch Ops Support

## Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities:

- 1. Getting all out or away from REYR
- 2. Filling positions for 2022
- 3. Developing Finance Officer backup procedures.
- 5. Planning 2022 training

#### **Agency Interaction:**

- 1. Planning 2022 Boating Season Kickoff with Station Rio Vista
- 2. Assisting Air Station Sacramento with Air Drops, Watch Standing and Safety Training

#### Goals and Objectives:

- 1. To increase membership by 10%
  - a. Already have at least 9 new members pending
- 2. To aid cross training within the Flotillas
  - a. TCT and OPS workshops scheduled and completed
- 3. To Increase EVERBRIDGE participation percentages

#### Photos:



<u>Fleet week Pier Team- Lead Kevin Sellstrom, Fred Black and Larry Stanton. Visitors, John Hardin and Don Anderson.</u>



Golden Empire Aux Scout and Boy Scout event, October 30. Jeff Fite discussing communications and RBS programs.

<End of report> Respectfully Submitted,

# Russ Kaiser

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