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SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: DCO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: June 2023 Report
DCDR: Guy D. Chism DCDR

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Continued verification of PATONs in Lake Tahoe.
2. Ongoing Surface Operations
3. Working diligently for New Coxswain, Boat Crew, and Vessel Examiners

DIVISION ACTIVITIES:

RENO FLOTILLA 11-03

Operations:

Air wing Flotilla 11-03

Delta Patrol, 27 June 2023

Crew, PIC, Trent Bachman, Observers Jeff Grave, Ron Darcey

Case # 1355625

Departing Livermore Airport at 1124 to commence a Delta Patrol, Guard was opened at 1142. We immediately assisted the Coast Guard in a SAR for a person in the water at the Antioch Bridge. Arriving overhead at 1202 we assisted two CG boats working Franks Tract and a 65 flying a parallel search from the bridge east to Mandeville Island at 100. Acknowledging we were on scene Sector requested we concentrate our search from the bridge over Sherman Island and westward. We first established up a contour search through the Sacramento River with no result then contour and parallel search over Sherman Island starting at Sherman Lake Resort westward. From there we covered the whole of the complex island group over Kimball Island, Broad Slough, Winter, Browns and further west for a look at Chipps Islands for no joy. At that time, we were secured by Sector at 1251 after which we resumed our Abandoned Derelict Vessels mission. We secured the patrol at Livermore at 1251.

Later that afternoon Sector San Francisco was contacted to obtain the results of the SAR. The Operations Duty Officer informed us that the person was found by a recreational boater. The female paddle boater was in good health. No further details were provided.

Comments from Trent Bachman, FC

On 27 June, Sector San Francisco assigned two Auxiliary aircraft to a SAR case near the Antioch Bridge. The first Auxiliary aircraft was staffed by Trent Bachman, Jeff Grave and Ron Darcey. The Second Auxiliary aircraft was staffed by Doug Kerr and Larry Olson. Two Helicopters were on scene, one from the Coast Guard and the other from the East Bay Regional Park District. We were searching for a woman Paddle Boarder who had gone missing overnight. We were unable to locate the missing woman, and after an hour of Searching Sector released both Auxiliary aircraft.

Later that day we learned that the missing woman had made it to one of the islands in the Delta where she spent the night. When she woke up in the morning, she was able to get the attention of a private boater who rescued her. It was also noted that she was not wearing a PFD.

Trent R. Bachman, FC

On Saturday, 15 July, three 11-03 crew-qualified members participated in the annual Trans-Tahoe Swim Relay. Roger Haynes, as Coxswain, accompanied by Crew Brian AhSam and Tom Temkin, onboard CGAUX Facility Elegant Lady provided safety perimeter assistance for the 10-mile swim course. Swimmers transited the north end of the Lake from Sand Harbor to Skylandia Beach at Lake Forest. The six and one-half hour swim event went as scheduled. There was a reported hand laceration on one swimmer (maybe from a prop strike). Also, the Elegant Lady Crew provided safety assistance and radio communication for a disabled boat with engine battery problems. Crew on Elegant Lady enjoyed a safe and enjoyable day on beautiful Lake Tahoe.

I encourage any CGAUX members interested in Operations to become Crew-qualified and participate in these rewarding activities.

PPE REPORTING IS COMPLETE

Tahoe Flotilla-11-01

Attended the Change of Command between BMC Colt Fairchild and BMC Zachary Ott at USCG Station Lake Tahoe.

Attended promotion ceremony for BMC Colt Fairchild to Chief Warrant Officer

Performed Two-Boat Training with USCG Station Tahoe

Participated in South Lake Tahoe 4th of July Parade. Bruce Martin provided the truck and facility for the parade.

Safety Patrol for the July 4th Fire Works at South Shore, Lake Tahoe with multiple local agencies.

Safety Patrol for Trans-Tahoe swim event from Sand Harbor to Dollar Point

Cold Water Training for Flotilla 11-01 presented at June monthly meeting.

Uniform Training presented at Flotilla 11-01 July meeting.

Supported Active Duty at USCG Station Tahoe by presenting a basket of grab and go fresh fruit, protein bars, nuts and snacks bars before each flotilla meeting

NAVIGATION

Roger Haynes is diligently working on the PATON program and we should have updates for certifications next month.

AUC Tahoe-No Report from AUC David Hague

AUXScout-No Report

PROJECTS/EVENTS

1. Wrapping up Watch Stander Training for three members TBD
2. Performing Two-Boat Training with USCG Station Lake Tahoe TBD
3. Division OPTREX August 25 & 26, 2023.
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Sponsored by the SF Olympic Club, this event has been taking place since 1976. This year we were told there were 250 boats, meaning 1000 swimmers in a relay. That's down a bit from last year's 1200.

Below are some pics.

AUXFAC "76" patrolling north side of swim course, boats spread out along the course from Sand Harbor to Skylandia







GOALS

- 1. STRIVE HARD to have all units receive the NACO 3-Star award
- 2. Ensure that all units have appointed a DV Staff Officer
- 3. Have every unit conduct at least one diversity and inclusion class for its staff/members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Guy Chism, DCDR 11