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1. Introducing CWO Dustin Finkelson

BOSN Finkelson has reported to his new assignment as the D11nr OTO and is ready to get to work. One of his first goals is to learn our AOR so don't be surprised if you get a call from him.

To get you familiar with him I have included his Bio.

Chief Warrant Officer Dustin Finkelson, a native of Katy Texas, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2004 and was first assigned to the USCGC KATMAI BAY in Sault Ste Marie, MI. In 2006, upon advancement to BM3, he was assigned to Station Panama City, Florida where he earned his qualification as a 41' UTB and 25' RBS Coxswain. Three years and two advancements later he had received orders to USCGC HERON in Sabine Pass, TX. While onboard he served as the Operations Petty Officer and Deck Watch Officer. In 2011 he was assigned to USCGC KODIAK ISLAND in Key West, FL where he again served as the Operations Petty Officer and Deck Watch Officer. While onboard he attained his Multi-Mission Ashore and Afloat Officer in Charge Certifications. In 2013 he received orders to Station Galveston, TX where he advanced to Chief and fleeted up to the Executive Petty Officer in 2014. In 2017 he received orders to Station Lake Tahoe to serve as the Officer in Charge. In 2019 he received orders to District 11 Auxiliary North to serve as the OTO.

Chief Warrant Officer Finkelson's personal awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medal, The Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and The Commandant's Letter of Commendation. He also holds his permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, Advanced Boat Forces, and Officer in Charge Ashore insignias.

Chief Warrant Officer Finkelson is a graduate of the CPO Academy Class 202 and holds a U.S. Merchant Marine Officer's License endorsed to 100 gross tons with the towing endorsement. He is married to Morgan Finkelson and they have a little boy on the way due in August.

2. PPE Request

Just a reminder that Mike Brown will still be handling PPE request and concerns and he can be contacted best by email at m.brown.uscgaux@gmail.com. He will need the requesters name, ID number, flotilla, size, etc.

3. Thanks for the good wishes

A couple weeks ago I had an accident that left me with a pulled hamstring muscle, sprained left wrist and left ankle and a broken bone in my right wrist. I had just prepped my boat at the launch ramp and was stepping from the swim platform to the ladder. Then next thing I knew I was in pain and on the ground. I share this as a lesson so maybe someone may think twice before doing something similar. Instead of holding onto the boat while moving to the ladder I had something in my hand. Remember the old saying "One hand for yourself and one for the ship". This mistake has, so far, cost me the summer boating season. Please be careful out there. Thank you for the good wishes. The cast should come off in another week.

This happened as a civilian so no mishap report was filed.

4. Annual Operation Workshop

The due date for the OPS WKS has now past and only a few have gone into REYR. Please finish this up ASAP to clear your records and regain your ability to get back on the water.

5. RM Refresher Instructors.

We are still without any auxiliary RM 2.0 instructors but have high hope that this issue will be resolved at N-TRAIN in August. Stay tuned and check the September PCA calendar for possible refresher class offerings.

6. PCA Advanced Coxswain Workshop

During the Fall PCA we are switching up the operations training with an Advanced Coxswain Workshop. Coxswains are the primary surface operation mentors and trainers so by helping them improve their skills should result in better trained future coxswains and crew members. The class will be taught by Qualification Examiners. Although the class is directed to current coxswains the class will be open to all levels of surface operations personnel from initial crew candidates to long time coxswains.

7. OPTREX update

OPTREX Schedule 2019

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Date	Host	Check-ride date	Comments
August 16 & 17	Division 7	August 17 th	Location: Jordanelle Res. Contact: Mike Williams
August 24 & 25	Division 11	August 24 th	Location: Lake Tahoe Contact: Bruce Martin
September 14 & 15	Division 6	Sept 15 th	Location: TBA Contact: Wally Smith
September 27 - 30	Division 10	Sept 28 th	Location: Don Pedro Contact: Howard Ratzlaff
October 18 - 20	Flotilla 55	Oct 19 th	Location: Doran Beach Park, Bodega Bay Contact: Doug Twitchell
October 25-27	Flotilla 88	October 26 th	CANCELLED

Consult the district calendar for additional or missing information shown on this schedule
Respectfully Submitted,