



**Date:** January 2021  
**From:** Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs  
**Thru:** Alan Stanton, DCAPT- Prevention  
**To:** Commodore McFarren  
**Subject:** Activities from December 2020

**Division 1 – Nothing to Report**

**Division 3 – Nothing to Report**

**Division 4 – Michael Brown – Division Commander and photos from Division 6 – Jane Smith, DSO - PA**

After patiently waiting nine months –Suddenly -- Actual patrol orders for December! Three Saturdays in a row! The extra excitement there was from being assigned to Wally Smith's "219" "Covid Bubble" crew along with Wally Smith, Coxswain, and crew - Bard Mansager, Michael Brown and Jane Smith. Another beautiful Santa Cruz day: crisp and calm, but not too cold. The 12th day of December had a bonus, too: Chuck Cobery was joining us with his crew aboard the "522". With him were Alan Stanton and Onno Hommes (no photo available). After the morning brief, we were all underway and soon rendezvoused to conduct towing evolutions and MOB SAR drills. The day went smoothly, with plenty of helm time for everyone and no mishaps. As always, all good things come to an end, and the patrol concluded too soon by mid-afternoon. Grateful for our time on the water, we all look forward to the next patrol!



**Michael Brown –Lookout**



**Bard Mansager at the helm**



**Wally Smith – Coxswain - Comms**



**Jane Smith – DSO-PA**

**Division 5 – No Report**

**Division 6 – No Report – See (Division 4 report)**

## **Division 7 – Lana Visser – SO-PA and PB**

### **Division 7 COW**

Division 7 Utah held our virtual Change of Watch on December 5, 2020. It lacked the excellent catered dinner, the festive venue, some of our traditional awards, and the in-person fellowship we have enjoyed in the past, but if anything, COVID-19 has taught us how to adapt and rethink how we do things.

#### Highlights:

A slide show of events and activities from past years.

A PowerPoint Missing Man presentation

Guest Speakers: OTO Dustin Finkelson (his message was read aloud by COMO Mike Williams), COMO Wally Smith, and COMO Mary Kirkwood.

We recognized and thanked four members who are retiring at the end of 2020.

We welcomed six new Auxiliary members and COMO Smith conducted the swearing in ceremony.

Four members received a special Inspirational Auxiliarists Award

Two members received the Division Commander's Award.

A number of Division 7 members put in over 100 hours this year - much of it is training - and became part of the prestigious 100 Hours Club. This included 217 hours for two PA events before the coronavirus shut us down.

We recognized 14 Division 7 Auxiliarists who successfully completed all AUXOP requirements and are entitled to wear the AUXOP Device.

COMO Kirkwood conducted the searing in ceremony of the incoming officers.

Outgoing DCDR Paul Custance and incoming DCDR Tony Zocchi closed out the evening with their closing remarks.

### **Division 7 Newsletter**

The first issue of the 2021 Division 7 newsletter was emailed to Division 7 members January 1. It will be a monthly publication.

### **Upcoming PA Events**

**Bear Lake MonsterFest** - We will be forced to miss the Bear Lake MonsterFest this year due to the continuing shutdown of PA activities because of the coronavirus. We have attended this event for the past two years, and have felt it has been a very worthwhile event that brings more exposure for the Coast Guard Auxiliary at one of the lakes we regularly patrol in the summer.

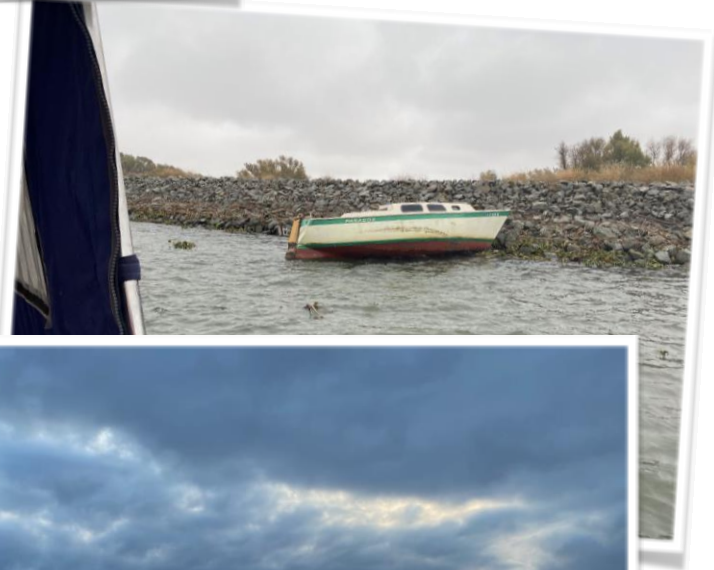
**2021 Utah Boat Show & Watersports Expo** - All events at the Mountain America Expo Center scheduled for January and February have been cancelled. Originally scheduled for Feb 18-21, the Utah Boat Show has been postponed due to Utah's high rate of new COVID-19 cases. Greenband Enterprises is hoping to be able to reschedule the Utah Boat Show sometime this spring, and we are hopeful we will be in a position to participate.

## **Division 10 – Karl Keller - Flotilla Commander – Flotilla 10-03**



## PATROL REPORT

“Go west young man and  
seek your fortune”



# PATROL REPORT

Like all patrols they start with an approval from the OIA. We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve and complete any patrol we get. As time goes by we are sharpening our skills with Aux Data II and all of the COVID19 paperwork. Being able to patrol the Delta, serving the public needs, being ready for what comes our way and being an asset for the USCG.

This patrol was conducted by Tommy Holtzman and Karl Keller. Starting point was from Karl's home on 14 mile slough in Stockton. Vessel was "Toots" a 24' Chesapeake Judge powered by a 200 HP Honda. She is a strong and

steady with an 8.6 beam and 18" draft with a top speed of 30 knots. Equipped with the latest electronics, depth with side scan, radar, GPS plotter, wind speed and water temp sensor. She is well suited for the life of a patrol boat!

0930 hours we started underway with Coast Guard Station Rio Vista carrying our radio guard. Weather was light rain, visibility was less than a half a mile, wind SE 5-10. One of the neighbor's kids on the slough were taking their jet skis to the boat ramp for the winter, so we shadowed them to Buckley Cove to ensure their safety. Then we head down river on the Stockton Deep Water Channel.

Just a few fishing boats out and about, a chill in the air must have been keeping them at home.

At light 42 on the San Joaquin River south bank we found an old sailing vessel. (photo above) Reported the position to Station and the condition of the vessel. Her bow was against the rocks of the levee, no mast or engine and no one aboard. Station asked if we could tie the vessel to the levee. We reply there was no safe way to do so with the position of the vessel.

Moving down river, Tommy at the wheel we recorded positions of Anchorage balls by light 37 and again at light 27. He will report the information to Navigation Services Officer, so they can update their records of position. Under the Antioch Bridge we enjoyed lunch, chicken salad sandwiches and Southwestern veggie soup. Must keep our strength up, a good meal keeps the crew happy!

A new mission, the radio awakes to a boat talking to Coast Guard about a loose dock floating in the channel by Martinez Marina. Checking our charts we were about 16 knots away. A quick call to Sector San Francisco to see if they wanted us to take a look. They asked us to go take a photo and send it to them. We started west in New York Slough by Pittsburg, changing our radio guard to Station Vallejo. Headed out on to the Suisun Bay passing Port Chicago then to Martinez. The crossing took about 45 minutes, tides pushed us along as well. Within a few minutes a small dock was spotted ahead, we took photos and reported to Sector. They asked us to tow dock into the Martinez Marina and tie it up. With dock in tow we headed back to the marina and handled the dock off to the Dock Master there, job well done.

The day was getting long, time to head back home. Back on the bay headed east passing Simms Point and switching the radio guard back to Station Rio Vista. There was a lot of boats on the bay fishing the weather was better almost no wind smooth waters. Keeping a good lookouts we follow the waters back home, New York Slough, San Joaquin River then the Stockton Deep Water Channel. As we passed Prisoners Point on the river the sun was setting behind Mount Diablo, (photo above). The calm of the waters the peace that we feel and pride of being Auxiliarists finish the day patrol. Back to home port, Toots back on her lift, a light chat about events of the day and good bye to friends.

Back to the real world of staying at home protecting the family, wondering when will the next patrol happen. Semper Paratus and all a good night!



**Division 11 – No Report**

**Division 12 – Jim Losi – PCA President, DSO-HR**

**SERVANT Crew: Losi, Jim - Coxswain**

**Olsen, Greg – Boat Crew and Coxswain in Training**

**Stephen Busch, Boat Crew & PATON Verifier**

This is a very brief after-action review and/or evaluation of the above-mentioned patrol.

1. Mission for the day was to engage in PATON verifications.
2. Refueled SERVANT at the Emeryville Marina as the fuel dock in the Oakland Estuary is down with a pump casualty.
3. Verified approximately 27 PATONs during day light hours from the mooring buoys east of Treasure Island, then down south to the Bay Farm Island channel and then all of the PATONs at the Oakland airport.
4. Had comms with the OAK airport manager to let him know we would be verifying the buoys at the security line west of the runway.
5. We transferred our radio guard from STATION SAN FRANCISCO to SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO at 1700.
6. Covered 36+ NMs during the patrol. (See tracking below)

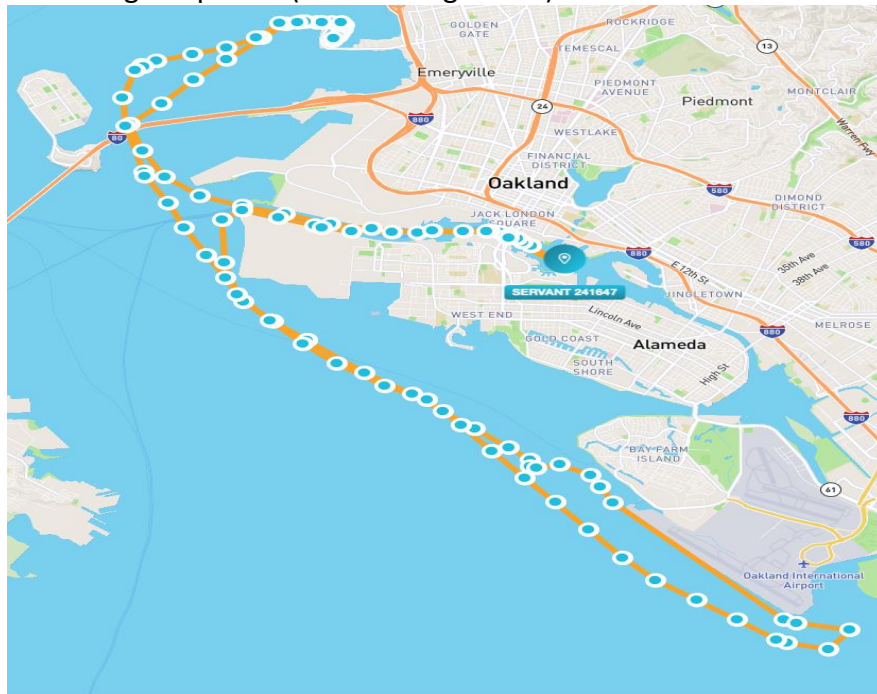


Figure 1 - Patrol track for Friday, 13 December 2020



FIGURE 2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE DAY – PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM LOSI

### Doug Manifold – ADSO - PA

Members of the District 11N Public Affairs Team have been very busy in the New Year. The great news is that many of our D11N members continue to find time to work on certifications that they have always wanted to complete, but were too busy to work on. Our folks clearly understand the importance of Public Affairs activity in recruiting new members and in retaining current members. Great work everyone!

District 11N members are assisting with the development of a new Social Media program. All Division Commanders are expected to include Social Media activities ongoing in their Divisions in their monthly District reports. So, be sure to report any Division or Flotilla Facebook, or other Social Media page activity for the District Leadership.

Now that we are in the new year, it is imperative that Flotilla and Division Commanders, and the District Commodore and Chief of Staff review the Core Training status of members in their units and on their respective staffs. Members who are not current in the Core Training program, or who were not current by the end of the 2020, may not be qualified to be nominated or elected to any Flotilla, Division, District, or National assignments, nor appointed to any Flotilla, Division, District, or National staff assignments in 2021. In reviewing member CT status it may be necessary to review AUXLMS reports for the latest updates.

District 11N leadership is proud that, in the past couple of years, we have greatly increased the number of certified PA Specialists, giving flotilla and division commanders a growing list of trained, qualified members to staff their important PA Staff Officer slots. Remember, Coxswains wouldn't be allowed to select members who weren't certified, to crew on an Auxiliary facility, and they wouldn't be allowed to be part of a facility care. That thinking process should guide the appointment of all staff officers, especially in Public Affairs.

Currently, we have 15 Certified PA Specialists listed on the rolls in D11N. These are the members who should be asked to staff PA Staff slots, and are the only members who should be wearing the PA ribbon. They are:

PA - 1 : Roger Bazeley, Vladimir Bukhankov, Jerry Edelen, Doug Manifold, John-Michael Zimmerle

PA - 3: Bernard Brown, Jimmin, Chang, Gail Giacomini, Michael Goldberg, Steven Hill, Jim Losi, Bob Schabert, Jane Smith, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

All flotilla and division commanders should consider instituting policies such as those being used around the Auxiliary - PA Staff Officers must either already be a Certified PA Specialist before appointment or, if not already certified, they are required to complete PA certification within one-year of appointment. It's an opportunity to grow the much needed professionalism! D11N District PA is here to mentor and help.

GREAT WORK - ALL!

**Very respectfully submitted,  
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