



DSO-MA REPORT

Date: October 17, 2021

To: COMO Dean McFarren,
Curtis Han, District Chief of Staff
Bruce Martin, DCAPT-Support
District 11N Board and Staff

From: Jerry B. Edelen, DSO-MA

IMPORTANT NOTES:

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOUR PERSONNEL TO:

- a. ORDER THEIR UNIFORM ITEMS/ ACCESSORIES FROM:
Our Coast Guard Auxiliary Association on-line store www.auxcen.com. The prices are very reasonable, and a portion of each sale comes back to our District to support our Association.
- b. PLACE THEIR AMAZON ORDERS THROUGH:
www.smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. How does it work? Once you log onto the website, it will ask you which 501 (c) (3) charity you want to have your donation go to. Just type in "Coast Guard Auxiliary Association". That's all there is to it. In the future, log into www.smile.amazon.com, and .5% of the total of all purchases you make will automatically go the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association. It won't cost our personnel anything; but it will greatly benefit our Association and District!



HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Rolling Stock Manager scheduled visits.
2. PLB Registration by Mail Procedure.
3. Division 3's Coastie has moved.
4. Amazon Smile Donation has been received.
5. Utah Coastie Status is updated.
6. District Rolling Stock was stood down
7. Rolling Stock Tires are being inspected.
8. New District Bank Account is being opened.
9. Division 3 provides Coastie update.

DETAILS:

1. John Brandenburg, our ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager) and Dave Sequeira (ADSO-MA) drove the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle on a "shake-out" trip to Division 6's area to inspect the Division's Coastie. Together with the local Coastie Operator, Craig Johnson, they checked out this Coastie and compiled a list of items that need to be purchased for this Coastie to put it back into full operation.

Afterwards, they stopped by my home (I'm only a couple of minutes from CG Station, Monterey) and we enjoyed a barbecue lunch and fine cigar together before they headed by to CG Island.

Only in the CG Auxiliary can you work with folks for over a year and never meet them in person. In this case, all three of us hit it off very well. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with them in the future!





John, Dave and our ACV parked in my cul-de-sac



Enjoying a fine cigar after lunch!



2. Bard Mansager, Deputy DSO-MA, successfully completed his Personal Locator Beacon Registration by mail. For those of you who are averse to using the Internet to complete your PLB Registration, the Registration by Mail Steps are outlined below:

PLB Registration using Regular Mail

As a boat crew member with a PLB, I wanted to comply with the OTO's directive to register the device as an individual. I am not the most technologically savvy person so looked for a method to register with going through AUX DATA or on the online NOAA site. I chose the old standby. The U.S. mail! I must say the process was very simple. For those of you that still have not registered, I have outlined the steps that I used for a successful registration.

STEP 1: Go to the web site www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov The site starts with a create login page. I chose not to register online, so selected the Beacon Registration Forms link at the bottom left under the Getting Started section. You want to download and print the 406 MHz PLB Registration Form.

Step 2: Complete the form. The Beacon ID is on the unit as a 15 digit alpha numeric. I left Checksum blank as I couldn't find anything indicating that provided that information. I was issued the Fastfind 220 model manufactured by Orolia, Ltd. Purpose of PLB Registration: check New Registration. Complete your personal Owner Information. General Use Data: Usage-Government Non-Military; Specific Use-Other; Type-Boat; Additional Data- Issued by D11 DPA, d11auxnorthern@uscg.com. For Emergency contact, I used Sector San Francisco with the three numbers 1-415-399-3547/3547/3520. The Alternate Contact was my wife's cell and home number. Finally, sign and date.

Step 4: Mail or Fax to the address provided in the upper right corner of the form. In a couple days, you will receive an email that NOAA received your completed form and that the registration is in a "pending status" while NOAA confirms the beacon. This email is followed with another several days later confirming the registration and providing an expiration date in three years. This second email serves as proof of registration and should be retained in your records.

Step 5: About a week later, you will receive a registration decal in the mail which is to be affixed to on the PLB. Should you have any questions, please email me at bardknox@icloud.com

3. Division 3 SO-MA Jeff Fite reports: I want to inform you that Coastie (#3, to be precise) has been moved from AIRSTA Sacrament to STA Rio Vista. This Coastie is Gold-Side property (they all are) and is intended to serve the whole northern California area, but specifically our three Divisions. (3,5,10)

4. This is the quarterly notification to inform you that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc., in the amount of \$1,814.16 because of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers who have selected this charity.



5. COMO Mike Williams reports:

Regarding the Commo Trailer in Utah:

Yes, it belongs to the Coast Guard, see license plate and photo of VIN.

This has been a multi-year project mostly funded from end of year funds.

The attached list is for major components; however, many feet of high-quality Coax cable and scores of connectors were used in addition to many feet of electrical cable and connectors.

I did not have access to all those items to completely itemize the list.

What we do need now is for 5 tires, and one rim. As the current tires are 13 years old and the wheel for a spare tire.

We also need a laptop computer to complete the HF IC 8101 digital communication system.

Hopefully we can figure out how to complete the facility offer for use and get it operational.

We anticipate using this facility not only as a Communications asset, but also as a PA station as well as a VE Station.

This trailer also needs decals but we believe having vinyl signs that could be snapped on to identify the various uses would be optimal.

Note: Mike, Larry Stanton, and John Brandenburg are currently working on this issue.

6. Our OTO, BOSN2 Dustin Finkelson Reports:

We recently had a MISHAP with one of your Aux Comms trailers in which a tire blew out and knocked the fender off. To prevent this in the future we are going to make an annual inspection mandatory from here on forward. The next movement from our trailers should be to some sort of trailer facility to



inspect the tires, brakes (if applicable), bearings, and electrical components. Once inspected and given the thumbs up we can resume normal operations.

Note: Our Rolling Stock Manager is currently in the process of inspecting all 4 of our Coasties, with emphasis on obtaining local quotes to have the tires replaced and their wheel bearings packed. The inspection covers everything needed to bring the Coasties into full operational service; but as our OTO correctly states, the tires are a critical safety issue and the Coasties are stood down until we can take care of this issue.

7. John Brandenburg inspected both COASTIE and FOOD SERVICE Trailers tires' condition:

COASTIE

1. Trailer:

Tire Size: ST205/75D15

Date of Manufacture:

07/10:2010

Cracks on sidewalls

2. Trailer License Plate:

Expiration: Dec/2021

Overall Condition:

- Frame shows signs of rust.
Needs Painting
- Outside Enclosure Panels Good Shape. However, need to replace some rusted panel screws.
- Wheel bearing need to be service or replaced.
- No Wheel Blocks.
- Tongue and Adjuster needs to



- be serviced.
- Safety chains need replacing.
- Needs to be washed and waxed.

FOOD SERVICE

1. Trailer:

Tire Size: ST205/75D15

Date of Manufacture:

Mar/2014

Cracks on sidewalls

2. Trailer License Plate:

Expiration: Jul/2024

US Government

Overall Condition:

- Frame shows considerable rust.
Needs Painting
- Outside Enclosure Panels Good Shape. However, need to replace some rusted panel screws.
- Wheel bearing need to be service or replaced.
- No Wheel Blocks.
- Tongue and Adjuster needs to be serviced.
- Safety chains need replacing.
- Needs to be washed and waxed.

8. Fran Fisher, our DSO-FN has had to close our old District Bank Account and Square Account and is in the process of opening new ones due to some unusual financial activity in the accounts that can't be explained at this time. More to follow....



9. John Brandenburg and Dave Sequira are in the process of completing their tire inspections and compiling a list of estimated costs for:

- a. Tire replacements,
- b. Wheel Bearing Packing,
- c. Other maintenance needed to be performed.

It is expected that the tire replacements and wheel packing will be safety priority number 1. The other repairs will be made when funds become available.

10. SO-MA Division 3, Jeff Fite provides Coastie update: Be advised that the Coastie Trailer is currently subject to a Safety Stand-down, due to elderly tires that may blow out on you. Coastie himself, however, is available. Operators can still check Coastie out, but must provide their own transportation, such as a pickup or van. I do not believe he will fit into a SUV, although a full-size Suburban might be big enough. The limiting factor will be his height; I must put him into my Dodge Town & Country (the largest “minivan” available) by tilting him 45°

Coastie does have some problems, and I am working with the District Rolling Stock Manager, John Brandenburg, to get him refurbished. Coastie can move, light up, play his siren (“woo-woo-woo!”), and squirt water. He cannot move his eyes, talk or listen, blow his horn (“Hooonk!”), or play music. The batteries are getting old, and it takes both batteries (with a battery swap at the 75% mark, give or take) to run him a whole day, or complete a 2-mile parade. (Try to minimize parades and other rough surfaces; they are very hard on the plastic tires. After he gets his refurbishment, he will have rubber tires suitable for asphalt.)

John Brandenburg Update: Reached out to both Custodians at Rio Vista and Humboldt Bay.

Rio Vista Custodian called and we talked extensively about the COASTIE and Trailer. COASTIE needs are the same as others I’ve inspected. Trailer tires are original. He will provide me with three



estimates for tires and wheel bearing replacements. Made arrangements to meet up and inspect both units.

DISTRICT MATERIALS TEAM- UPDATED:

According to AUXOFFICER, our District 11N Materials Team consists of the personnel listed in the following table. This table is being updated as new personnel are appointed. Please provide me with any information you might have if any of the information is incorrect.

Position	Name	Confirmed?
DSO-MA	Jerry Edelen	Yes
Deputy DSO-MA	Bard Mansager	Yes
ADSO-MA (Rolling Stock Manager)	John Brandenburg	Yes
ADSO-MA	Dave Sequeira	Yes
Division	SO-MAs	
Div 1	John Fortner	Yes
Div 3	Jeff Fite	Yes
Div 4	Trish Votta	Yes
Div 5	Ronald Nathan	Yes
Div 6	Craig Johnson (Acting)	
Div 7	William Rouleau	Yes
Div 8	Donald Cromwell	Yes
Div 10	Billy Ray	Yes
Div 11	Nathan Jeffery	Yes
Div 12	DCDR Greg Olsen	Yes

CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES: (Progress being made is underlined)



1. Rebuilding the District Materials Team. In January, all District Materials Team members resigned their positions except our District Rolling Fleet Manager. DSO-MA Rolling Stock Manager has been appointed along with a new ADSO-MA, Dave Segueira!
2. Ramping up in the Materials subject area- an area I and my Deputy have had little previous experience in. (Now I know what it's like to be fed with a fire hose! Progress is being made...ALL District Store "Square" software is now operational. 😊 **OCTOBER UPDATE: WOOH! NOT SO FAST, A NEW BANK ACCOUNT AND SQUARE ACCOUNT HAS TO BE ESTABLISHED DUE TO SOME HINKY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN OUR CURRENT ACCOUNT. IT HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND FRAN FISHER IS IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING A NEW, MORE SECURE ACCOUNT.**
3. The Covid-19 lockdown has severely hurt the functioning of our District Store and complicated obtaining some information necessary to establish a comprehensive Fleet Maintenance Record System. Progress is being made to obtain this information (see previous DSO-MA reports)

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Rick Weiss, the ADSO-Coastie from 11th District South (714) 319-2729, contacted me with regard to the condition of our Coasties. Our OTO sent John Brandenburg and myself an invoice from a Coastie repair in 11th District South as an example with Rick on the address line as a FYI. Rick thought the Division 6 listed in the emails referred to Division 6 in 11S. Anyway, I explained what was going on; but the good news is that we now have a great Point of Contact with regard to any future Coastie issues.
2. I am in almost monthly contact with Mr. Stan Feldman, Treasurer, Chief Materials Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. with regard to Materials issues.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: (Progress being made is underlined)



Short Term:

1. Locate all District Material to ensure accountability. Last month's trip to CGI accomplished a lot in this regard.
2. Delineate responsibility for District Material. Our Materials Team is transitioning to accepting full responsibility for the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle. Obtaining our own key to the ACV is completed as is the maintenance we performed this month on the ACV and CGI Coastie.
3. Investigate the possibility of using accounting software in our District Store, such as inventory control software, bar codes, scanners, monthly financial reporting, etc. IPDCO-MA, St. George Rogers passed on to me a new "Square" credit card reader which I've finally been able to make work. As far as using accounting software, I'm still investigating.
4. Develop a comprehensive Vehicle Maintenance Tracking System to ensure the assignment and maintenance of our District vehicle and trailers is the most efficient for everyone and that our drivers are qualified when they use the equipment. Our DSO-MA (Rolling Stock) John Brandenburg is continuing to make progress on this.
5. Make our District Store even more relevant by expanding the items we offer and by only ordering those items that are desired by our District Personnel. An Inspection visit was conducted recently; however, most of the items were wrapped in clear plastic wrap. And, currently, it looks like there is a huge amount of material. The current plan is to arrive early Friday at CGI during our PCA weekend, set up the District Store and take a detailed inventory at that time. From there, we'll have a good idea of other items which should be stocked.
6. Contact the DSO-MAs in other Districts to see how the DSO-MA job is handled in their District, and what other support functions we might adopt to make our Materials Team even more effective. (This is being accomplished at our quarterly National DSO-MA Webinars.
7. Meet with the Base Exchange Manager at Coast Guard Island to see how we could better use the CGI BX to stock Auxiliary needed clothing/equipment. DONE!

Long Term:



1. Have Fun! Whoopee!! 😊
2. Help train SO-MA's so that they can support their Divisions to the fullest. (Note: SO-MA and FSO-MA job descriptions are now included on the District MA website.) Two District-wide Materials webinars have been conducted thus far, during which the MA attendees were provided valuable training!
3. Make use of the National Materials Liaison Division, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, to improve the functioning of our District Materials Operations and to liaise with other District Materials Staff Sections. Two nation-wide webinars have been conducted thus far, more to follow!
4. Have at least quarterly Webinars with all members of the Materials Team to obtain feedback and assist the SO-MAs with any problems they might have. (Note: Two have been held already, more to follow.)
5. Use the Materials Team to assist in Recruiting and Retention by encouraging and providing to the Divisions effective advertising materials. (Note: This was discussed heavily in our second District Materials Webinar and will be reemphasized in future webinars.)
6. Maintain a Materials list on-line of shared Division Material so that Divisions may borrow Material from each other. (back-burner for the moment)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Reminder, if you serve in an elected position in the Auxiliary, you CANNOT also serve in either a Materials or Finance Staff Position!

DIVISION SO-MA RECEIVED REPORTS THIS LAST MONTH:

Division SO-MAs are encouraged to submit their monthly reports for inclusion in our District MA Report to inform EXCOM and other staff officers of your activities. It is also valuable for SO-MAs and FSO-MAs to read this section to see what their Materials shipmates are doing and to get some great ideas for their own organizations!

Division 1 (SO-MA John Clarke Fortier)



Details

1. Flotilla 1-4 VFC, FSO-OP Alex Bennett and ADSO-OP-PPE Michael Brown are continuing the task of entering members' PPE inventory and maintenance logs from paper records to AUXDATA2. Members whose PPE information has been entered into AD2 will receive an advisory to that effect, with instructions for verifying the entries. Paper logs will continue to be maintained until entries in to AD2 are completed.
2. PLBs are being issued directly to members to whom PPE has been issued. Recipients register their PLB with NOAA under an individual account. Copies of the registration are forwarded to FSO-OPS. PLB monthly self-test reminders continue to be sent by FSOs-MA to PLB custodians. FSOs-MA maintain PPE logs to monitor self-testing and expiration dates.
3. A donation of previously utilized PPE, uniform items and other equipment was received by Flotilla 1-4. See attachment to FSO-MA's report (below).
4. No materials requests were recorded during the report month.
5. Reports from FSOs-MA:
 - 113-01-02: no report received to date
 - 113-01-04: report received; attached
 - 113-01-07: no report received to date
 - 113-01-09: Work has begun to gather PPE lists for operational members to be loaded into Aux Data 2.No materials were requested or ordered.

Projects: Activities and projects in progress as well as planned for the immediate future: to work closely with the FSO-MAs in the pursuit of efficiency and ease in fulfilling materials orders.

Division 3 (SO-MA Jeff Fite)

Activity for the month of October 2021:

• Highlights

- Coastie #3 is relocated
- Coastie Safety Stand-down
- Division inventory search is ongoing—and two TV's have been donated
- There were no Materials requests at the Division level this month



- Flotilla Activity Details

- Pete Hnat, FLT 31, no report
- Ariel Schoonover, FLT 33, no report, transferring FSO-MA to Joseph Heap
- Bob Waterman, FLT 35, transferring FSO-MA to Richard Celia
- Larry Stanton, FLT 3-10, no report

- Projects

- Coastie #3 is a gold-side asset, shared by the northern Great Valley of California. This area generally is protected by AUX Divisions 3, 5, and 10. To improve the level of service in these Divisions, a centrally-located storage site was needed, and the Shipmates at STA Rio Vista stepped up. The Station is now Coastie's permanent home. Qualified Coastie Operators from anywhere in District 11-north can check Coastie out by writing to me at the above email address, or by texting or calling 916-479-3936. SO-MA's for DIV 5 and 10 have been advised of this change.
- Kudos to AUX Steve Harrison, AUC to STARV, for facilitating this move.
- Effective 20 OCT 2021, there is a Safety Stand-Down ordered by DIRAUX for all rolling stock owned by the Coast Guard (Coastie trailers, comms trailers, the ACV, and all others). This has been ordered due to a mishap with—I believe—a Comms Trailer in Monterey. The stand-down will be lifted individually for each vehicle in the rolling stock inventory once new tires and bearings are installed. Please note, while Coastie's trailer is on a stand-down, Coastie himself is decidedly not. Operators can still check Coastie out, but must provide their own transportation, such as a pickup or van. I do not believe he will fit into a SUV, although a full-size Suburban might be big enough. The limiting factor will be his height; I have to put him into my Dodge Town & Country (the largest "minivan" available) by tilting him 45°.
- Locate and inventory unaccounted Division property accurately. Two televisions (video monitors) were donated by COMO Marilyn McBain and are reflected in the inventory, below.



- Coastie repair & refurbishment: a detailed report on Coastie and his trailer have been requested by John Brandenburg, the District rolling stock manager. A report is being prepared which should be completed within a week. Coastie has a number of issues, and a full factory refurbishment is needed. The trailer has considerable UV damage.
- Challenges & Opportunities
 - Cultivate regular reports from FSO's
 - Two new FSO's to train—and perhaps retraining of the other two is advisable
- Agency Interactions
 - None reported
- Goals & Objectives
 - Locate suitable storage for Division property and consolidate it there
 - Determine which FSO's have their own ordering accounts with Division of Boating and Waterways, and obtain one for those in need — still in progress

Coastie Events

- 30 OCT 2021; Sea Scouts event, Galt CA
- 11 NOV 2021; Veteran's Day Parade, Elk Grove, CA

Division 03 Inventory (work-in-progress)

- Division 03 Flag and storage container; held by FLT 3-10; \$1
- PA display banners, one large and two small, with storage cases; held by Richard Celia; \$1500
- COBY 40" Flat Screen TV, Serial # 2082051-0001625, held by John Hardin, \$50
- SONY 55" Flat Screen TV, Serial #5029073, held by John Hardin, \$75
- Various unknown items; held by John Hardin; \$1

Division 03 Custodial Materials (for use by inland/valley Divisions)

- Coastie and Trailer, stored at STA Rio Vista



- Comms Trailer, stored at STA Rio Vista

Division 4 (So-MA Trish Votta)

No activity this month.

Division 5 (SO-MA Ronald Nathan)

Flotilla 5-1 nothing new to report.

Flotilla 5-2

1. Position vacant. FC is storing materials and managing MA needs for Flotilla.

2. Distributed VSC & Marine Safety materials during September 11 Napa River Clean-up.

Flotilla 5-3 no report

Flotilla 5-5 no report

Flotilla 5-7 no report

Division 6 (Craig Johnson, performing MA duties)

Coastie has been inventoried and given a pretty thorough examination. He is due for a complete overhaul. All wheels will be replaced and a completely new sound system. I will be getting prices for new tires and a wheel bearing repack and repair if necessary. We will also be doing some trailer repainting.

Flotilla 64 is well stocked if and when our Program Visitors wish to get out. It is beginning to sound pretty expensive to me.

Division 7 (FSO-MA Donald Moyle)

FSO-MA Status:

1. I am still working to get Nav rules and regulation books ordered from the AUXCEN, shooting for 9-10 copies. Not sure if I will be successful. Working with the Division MA, Bill Rousseau. Still waiting for order.

2. 2021 PPE inspections are not complete. Planning to ask members who have not had their PPE inspected this season to bring PPE to the next flotilla meeting. My records show the 5 members have not had PPE inspected in 2021:



Division 8 (FSO-MA Donald Cromwell)
Nothing to report for August

Division 10 (SO-MA Billy Ray)
SO-MA Report
10-02 No Report Received
10-03 No Supplies Requested
0-05 No Report Received
10-06 No Report Received

Division 11 (SO-MA Nathan Jeffrey)
Other than attending the workshop with the OTO, nothing new to report on my end this month.

Division 12
Flotilla 12-91: Nothing to Report
Attachments: None this month

Respectfully submitted,

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