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TO: COMO Dean McFarren
CC: DISTRICT 11N BOARD AND STAFF
FROM: JOSEPH R Chavoen DSO Marine Safety
RE: District Staff Officer, Marine Safety Report, JAN 2022
DATE: February 05, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Div. MS Reports
2. DSO Reports
3. AWARDS 2021
4. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Update
5. MS Projected Training Program 2022
6. Summary of Marine Safety Activities

Challenges:

Bring Current Marine Safety Rooster - Staffing Positions and Member; Working within COVID Guidelines, Yet Still Offering more Introductory MSEP Courses, as well as Certification in areas of Specialization: Current Demand is with Certification of additional UPV and New CFV Examiners and Life Raft Examiners (new PQS area), and increasing our Sea Partner Activity.

" BZ BZ ...WELL DONE"

Four members are currently working with Michael Mitchell, ADSO-MS UPV on their PQS Requirements Training. Jeff Fite, 03-3, ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM has met ALL UPV prerequisite training and is now actively working with Michael on his UPV Certification. A special BZ to LEWIS DERFUS who completed his MSAM in OCT of 2021, yet this was not formally processed. His Completed PQS and Letter were submitted to DIRAUX in JAN and CDR

P. Keenen Issued 28 JAN 2022, Mr. Derfus his Letter of Designation as Auxiliary Marine Safety Management. Specialist. Congratulations to all this MS Team Members. "WELL DONE "..

DSO-MS Report w Accomplishments by the ADSO / SO Division Marine Safety Staff Officers

I am certain that the current ADSO-MS's and SO-MS Officers are continuing to work aggressively towards seeing that 2022 is as successful a year for the MS Department in 2022 as it was in 2021. I have been in Communication with many of these Officers through Early January along with the Ongoing Information coming in from Past DSO-Wil Sumner. I have had Particularly Positive and Supportive Conversations with Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV (emphasis UPV)/ CFV (and with Manny Rimeriz (Civ.) CFV at YBI: Sue Fry our ASC and Deputy DSO, Past DSO MS Wil Sumner and several others as you will gather from the following:

The District MS Staff Officers and Members Roster, Required Review to be brought current and updated due to: a) member's Retirement/Vacancy from ADSO-MS Positions (vacancies I have mostly filled), b) members who were no longer with the Auxiliary, or c) who had "Crossed the Bar" thus required being removed from the Roster. The 2022 District MS Home Page Rooster is now Completed and is being forward to Carl Henning DSO-CS to Update the Revised 2022 District MS Home Page with Updates including the ADSO-MS's

I am pleased to say that of the ADSO-MS vacancies, I was able, receiving both Will and Sue's approval, appoint New ADSO-MS's who will formally be Announced within the Next District Board and Staff Report. (I still am in the Process of Confirming an existing ADSO-MS to Continue). The 2022 ADSO-MS Listing will be on the **New - Updated MS D11N Home Page** which includes the Link to the Entire Updated MS Staff of the PREVENTION DEPT. This is in the Process of being Completed for Submission and Updated

AWARDS: 2021 MS Staff and Flotilla of the Year

I was recently notified that the **2021 Recognition Awards for 2021 were not yet submitted.** I was able with the Monthly **hours Data Reports for Marine Safety Activity Summary** for year end 2021, to **Determine the Awards Recipients** for both the District's Presentation at D-Train and the Awards to be from the DSO-MS, myself, for all who completed over 50 hours of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Activities**As you may recall MS had 4067 total MSEP Hours in 2021....It was my pleasure to research and Identify the recipients. Congratulations to all.**

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

The Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Committee meeting was held Virtually on 12 JAN 2022 and was Hosted by LTJG Jason Raymond, USCG Prevention Department, along with OSPR, and the California State's Land Commission – Legal and Land Management Division. The ADV Work

group regularly works with and is in Partnership with NOAA'S Special Projects Division...and is comprised of over 140 participants.

The focus of the JAN Meeting was on specifically the following topics , Being Specific to the San Francisco Sector AOR, and as you can see below "at times" is not just about the **Location and Identification and Disposal of Abandoned and Derelict Vessels**...But is inclusive of the Many Issues which Surround the Focus of the ADV Workgroup.: Thus Discussion items included:

American Challenger Status – LTJG Raymond, (the American Challenger is a Privately owned large Ex Military Facility that was in Private Tow from Washington State when in Rough Seas her Tow was Parted and she ended up beached in MAR of 2021, The USCG Rescued the Tug crew, with fouled Prop., go it to Safe Harbor, and has assessed the American Challenger for Lives threatened and Hazardous effects to the Environment). The USCG has now, by the USCG Commandant Approved the Destruction Package for the Challenger...Funds have been approved for the Removal and Salvage of the Challenger. Given Weather Projections it is projected that these actions May begin in MAR with Planning meetings and site Assessments occurring between JAN and MAR.

USCG Safe Boat Haven Policy – LTJG Raymond The USCG Policy was refined for the ADV members, and the USCG notes that it is not it's assets intention to tow Vessels to "Private" Docks.... Occasionally for prudent safety needs or other reasons a tow may end up at a private dock. It was re-explained that it is not the on-scene asset's policy/intention to utilize these docks. LTJG Raymond solicited a smaller breakout group to help assess the safe haven issues, and for that group to potentially point out possible sites for Future use.

State Lands Commission Delta Cleanup Fund – A power point presentation, by Mrs. Caldwell of the SLC, outlined their priorities for funding, noting that there are some larger projects that have already been Identified for the Potential Projects. Yet she states the SLC stays open to solicitations for Projects funding from Members of the ADV Workgroup

The ADV Workgroup works openly with other Public groups/agencies including the DELTA TASKFORCE, which involves Law enforcement and private sector Individuals, the Coastal Policy Solutions group which is also focused on developing an outline / plan for effectively dealing with ADV issues within their area. All focused to foster solutions and problem solving for ADV's seeking advice and participation with and through the ADV Workgroup. One ongoing issue that is always brought to the attention of the ADV Workgroup is the Oakland Marina's concern for current Illegal Anchor-Outs within the Oakland Estuary. While these are basically homeless camps of vessels tied to one another they do create pollution and other issues which are within the jurisdiction of the local Cities Enforcement Codes and Agencies.....



Scan Anchor-Outs
Intro to ADVs'.pdf

2022 TRAINING PROGRAM - Marine Safety and Environmental Program

As we know from Historical experience Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs are our ongoing local level (community as well as District) activities provided through our ADSO-MS's, their SO-MS and FSO-MS at the District, Division and Flotilla levels.

We are tasked with the goal of not only Informing and Educating our membership and the Public, of the needs and opportunities for growth and participation within the Auxiliaries Marine Safety and Environmental Programs.

We Recognize the seriousness of the PREVENTION DEPARTMENT'S focus on The Auxiliary for ongoing Support of the U S Coast Guard through numerous "critical" activities including but not limited to: Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examinations, Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations, Marine Safety CG Support, Sea Partners and American Waterways Watch to name a few...

Early in January I had a chance to discuss with a few of our ADSO-MS and our ASC what we felt would be our intended **SCHEDULED workshops/trainings for the 2022 Year.** We were all in agreement to offer the following:

At D-Train we plan to offer the following: Introduction to Marine Safety D11N; Sea Partners; and the HAZWOPER AWARENESS (4 hr) Course.

At Station Rio Vista (pending permission) We will offer this Summer the **MEES and MSAM Introduction Courses** , getting members on track to complete their PQS and Orals for their Marine Safety Ribbon and Marine Safety Administration star device

Throughout the Summer leading to the PCA Fair we plan to offer: Intro to MEES (again), Shoreline Cleanup program and events, and American Waterway Watch.

FALL PCA Fair it is our intention to offer the SEA Partners workshop, as well as Introduction to Marine Safety D11N, and either MSAM or MEES Introductory Courses.

FYI The UPV Uninspected Passenger Vessel Workshop – Shall later this year be offered through the National Training Web Site. Upon Successful Completion..and verification, You will be put in touch with contact Michael Mitchel ASDSO-MS UPC / CFV to work on your PQS.

I am pleased to note that Michael Mitchel and your Past DSO-MS Wil Sumner , were active in the development and review of this New ONLINE UPV Training Program.

DOCKWALKERS we intend to strongly support this program

We shall continue working with the CA Coastal Commission Division of Boating and Waterways supporting and promoting the Dockwalker Program

DOCKWALKER Courses are Virtual for now and being offered as follows: Initial Trainings 1000-1245 hrs. 05 MAR, 2 APR, 30 APR – in person SAC, 7 MAY in person SAC, and 18 JUN.....Recertification Courses: 1000-1130 hrs. 23 APR and 12 MAY :

2022 CA Boater Kits are now Available - Please Contact Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov for Registrations and ordering Clean Boater Kits.

Vivian Matuk: Environmental Boating Program Manager, California State Parks, California Coastal Commission off: 415 904 6905 wk cp 916 764-0989

This information was previously distributed to All MEES and MSAM Certified Members to please distribute to their SO-MS , Divisions and Flotillas...distributed by your DSO-MS

<u>Marine Safety Activity, Summary for:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022 *</u>
All Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams	178	275	
Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams	28	26	
Ferry Boat Exams	0	0	
Com Fishing Vessel /UPV Outreach	320 hours	246	
Marine Safety CG Support	560 hours	2270	
Sea Partners	290 hours	329	
AWW	34 hours	62	
MS Training	810 hours	789	
Abandoned Derelict Vessel Surveys	10	39	
Regional Exam Support	26 hours	28	
Facility Inspections	0 hours	3	
Total Hours	2437 hrs.	4067	

(NOTE (*) Due to change in DSO-IS Data was not Available Yet for JAN 2022)

Respectfully Submitted

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Sue Fry (Deputy)

Michael Mitchell, ADSO-MS UPV/CFV

Div.(s) 1 Lilli Ferguson, 3 Jeff Fite, 4 Pat Flood, 5 Vacant, 6 Alex Urciuoli

7 Ann Zochi, 8 Tom Conley, 10 Joseph Chjavoen, 11 Tom Timken, 12 Quindy Samler