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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, FEB 2022

DATE: March 6th, 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:

Met: bringing MS Home Page “Content” Review and Updating, then submitted for D11N Site updates, including our Current Marine Safety Rooster - Staffing Positions and MSEP Members; Working on MSEP Trainings within now loosened, COVID Guidelines, while still Offering more Introductory MSEP Courses, as well as Certification in various areas of Specialization: Current Demand Remains with Certification of additional UPV and New reading members for PQS work towards CFV Examiners and Life Raft Examiners (new PQS area), and increasing our Sea Partner Activity.

” BZ BZ ...WELL DONE”

As previously noted we have Four members are currently working towards or with Michael Mitchell, ADSO-MS UPV on their PQS Requirements Training. Jeff Fite, 03-3, ADSO-MS MEES

and MSAM has met ALL UPV prerequisites and is working with Michael on his PQS towards his UPV Certification.

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

I am pleased to have received SO-MS Reports From Lilli Ferguson, Div. 1 and Jeff Fite Div 3 for the Month of FEB. Both Division are currently quite active with Planning, Active member communications, trainings and activities which will elaborate on later on their Efforts to increase positively the MSEP Participation of their Divisions. I am certain from communications, **that the current ADSO-MS's and most 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 continued to have Positive and Supportive communications with Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV (emphasis UPV)/ CFV (and with Manny Rimeriz (Civ.) CFV at YBI: Sue Fry our ASC and Deputy DSO, and Past DSO MS Wil Sumner (including DSO-MT Ann Zoochi re D-Train) and several others as you will gather from the following report:

The tackling of the District MS Staff Officers and Members Roster was challenging yet completed, and brought current and updated as Discussed in last months report. The 2022 District MS Home Page Rooster is now forward to Carl Henning DSO-CS for Updating the Revised 2022 District MS Home Page with Updates including All the ADSO-MS's

I am pleased to say that of the ADSO-MS vacancies, I was able to, receiving both Will and Sue's approval, successfully review positions with and then appoint New ADSO-MS's who will formally Posted on the Revised 2022 D11N MS Home Page . We now have 8 ADSO-MS, covering UPV, CFV, MEP, MEES & MSAM, Sea Partners, Ferry VE, AWW, and ADV. These individuals are critical to the support of D11N's Auxliarist's and our Increased Training Opportunites for 2022, Enhanching our Mission of supporting the USCG Mission within the Prevention Department, as Well as our Role with Recreational Boating Safety Awareness and Education.

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 has been submitted and is in the Process of being Updated

AWARDS: 2021 MS Staff and Flotilla of the Year

The 2021 Recognition Awards for 2021 were are completed and submitted early last month to DIRAUX for Awards production. Once again I would like to thank the Staff at DIRAUX for letting me know this had not been completed and we readily addressed this. **I was able utilizing the Cumulative Monthly Hours Data Reports for the "Marine Safety Activity Summary" for year end 2021, to verify/determine the Awards Recipients** for both the District's Presentation at D-Train and the MS Certificate Awards from the DSO-MS, for all who completed over 50 hours of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection ActivitiesAs you

will recall **D11N MS members produced 4067 total MSEP Hours in 2021....It was my pleasure to research and Identify the recipients. Congratulations to all.**

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

There was no active ADV Work Group Meeting in FEB 2022...Just FYI for those who have recently expressed new interest in joining this Work Group: The Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Committee meetings are held Quarterly. The 12 JAN 2022 meeting was Virtually and 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 will note below "at times" The ADV WG 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:

Please review last Months D11N Board and Staff Report for more specific information regarding JAN ADV Discussion and Action Items:

American Challenger Status – 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 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 – The USCG Policy was defined for the ADV members, and the USCG notes that it is does not intentionally 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.

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 membership includes Kaw Enforcement and the Group works openly with other Public groups/agencies including "Private Sector" Individuals and Organized Groups. One ongoing issue that is practically "always" brought to the attention of the ADV Workgroup is the Oakland Marina's (Assoc.) 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 Stated in JAN: It is Recognized 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, the SO-MS and FSO-MS at the District, Division and Flotilla levels. We are tasked with the goal of 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...

in JAN and into FEB I had a chance to discuss with a few of our current and new ADSO-MS and our ASC what we felt would "Best" 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 HAZWHOPER 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, ADV Presentations and American Waterway Watch.

FALL PCA Fair it is our intention to offer the SEA PARTNERS and Invasive and Aquatic Species workshops, as well as the 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, MS

Members will be put in touch with **Michael Mitchel ASDSO-MS UPC / CFV to work on scheduling their 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 and support its growth and awareness both within and out of the Auxiliary. 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 * In Process

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Joseph R. Chavoen, DSO-MS, ADSO-MS ADV

Sue Fry (Deputy)

Michael Mitchell, ADSO-MS UPV/CFV

Quindy Sammler, ADSO-MS MEP

Thomas Samicola, ADSO-MS FBO

Jeff Fite, ADSO-MS MEES/MSAM; Carrie VanDeBoom, ADSO-MS Sea Partners

Div.(SO-MS): 1 Lilli Ferguson, 3 Jeff Fite, 4 Pat Flood, 5 Vacant, 6 Alex Urciuoli

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