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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: April 10, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Div. SO-MS and ADSO-MS Reports**
- 2. DSO Report Overview of MAR Activity**
- 3. D-Train MS Participation and Workshops/Presentations**
- 4. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Update APR 13 2022**
- 5. MS Projected Training Program 2022 and National Changes**
- 6. Summary of Marine Safety Activities**

Challenges:

Met: MS Home Page “Content” Reviewed and Updated with Distribution Notices to All ADS-MS, SO-MS, including our Current Marine Safety Roster - Staffing Positions and MSEP Members; for Distribution down MS Membership requesting Verifications. The 2022 District MS Home Page Roster is completed with thanks to Carl Henning DSO-CS for Updating the Revised 2022 District MS Home Page with Updates. Yet We Still STRIVE to See ALL All the Active ADSO-MS’ listed on the Web Page which is out of DSO-CS Capabilities at this time.

Continue: MSEP Training opportunities, more successfully now with loosened COVID Guidelines. Striving at Several Division levels to Offer more Introductory MSEP Courses, as well as Completed Certifications in various Identified NEED areas of Specialization: Currently Demand with Certification of (an active group is established) UPV with New members up for their PQS with Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV.CV/ etc.. We May work in 2022 towards

more AUX CFV Examiners, The NEED for AUX CFV to be discussed with Manney Ramirez at YBI in APR. Michael Mitchel has Identified “Life Raft” Examiners (new PQS area) for growth, While we Strive to increase our “Sea Partner’s” Activity most Specifically at this time focusing on Aquatic and Invasive Species Education and scheduling Shoreline Cleanups.

” BZ BZ ...WELL DONE”

We have Four members currently working towards their PQS Signoffs. One currently Completed now working with Michael Mitchell, ADSO-MS UPV on their PQS Requirements Training. **Jeff Fite,03-03** in JAN Competed and received his MSTR from CDR Keenen. Jeff, Current ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM has met ALL **UPV prerequisites, now working with Michael on his PQS towards his UPV Certification.** Erik Paananen and Donald Pierce both have competed All MEES and MSAM Req./ PQS have been Verified, and are completing Orals by next week.

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

I am pleased to have received a ADSO-MS Report from Michael Mitchel, Wherein here Reports Two UPV were completed in MAR...One Passed one Failed. Also Received ADSO-MS/SO-MS Report Jeff Fite, Div. 3 and Carrie Van De Boom Flt 10-02 for the Month of MAR. Both are currently quite active with Planning and Developing Active member Participation programs, Communications, Trainings and Specialized MS activities enhancing their Efforts to increase positively the MSEP Participation within their Divisions and the District. I am certain from communications, **that the current ADSO-MS’s and most SO-MS Officers are continuing to work 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 extremely Positive and Supportive communications with D-Capt Bruce Martin, Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV (emphasis UPV)/ CV (and with Manny Ramirez (Civ.) overseeing CFV at YBI: Sue Fry our ASC and Deputy DSO, and Past DSO MS Wil Sumner {Dist. 13} and DSO-MT Ann Zoochi, along with several others noted within the following report:

I am pleased to say that of the ADSO-MS vacancies, I was able to, receiving both Will and Sue’s approval, successfully reviewed positions in JAN and they now help make up our 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 Auxiliarist’s and our Increased Training Opportunities for 2022, Enhancing our Mission of supporting the USCG Mission within the Prevention Department, as Well as our Role within Recreational Boating Safety Awareness and Education.

The complete 2022 ADSO-MS Listing will be on the Updated MS D11N Home Page which includes the Link to the Entire Updated MS Staff of the PREVENTION DEPT.

AWARDS: 2021 MS Staff and Flotilla of the Year

The 2021 Recognition Awards for 2021 were completed and distributed at D- Train and or Mailed to Division Comanders for Distribution...are completed and submitted early last month to DIRAUX for Awards production. These Awards are both the District's Presentation at D-Train and the DSO-MS's Certificate Awards for all who contributed over 50 hours of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection ActivitiesYou 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 APR 13 ADV WorkGroup Quarterly meeting will once again be held Virtually: We are making a shift with Chair and Co Chair of the Work Group. That being that OSPER) past Vice Chair) – LT Bunke will now Chair and (Former Chair USCG) LT Kenney will serve as Vice and our Recording Secretary.

Our Agenda Addresses the Following: Status Update American Challenger Disposal Lt Natasha Kenney; Tug Valiant Discussion of Case – Sgt. Epperson; State Lands Committee – Report on Delta Cleanup Fund – Mr. Kershen (ADV WG HOST); The Delta Task Force Recap -; The San Francisco Estuary Partnership w Presentation on Estuary Blue Print; Relevant Updates from membership.

The Next Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Work Group meeting, will Hopefully be in person 1000 to 1200 13 JUL 2022

I am please to announce tat we have had two members of D11N express interest in the ADV Work Group. I have provided them each and over view of the "Group" and an invitation join this WED Meeting.

The ADV Workgroup membership includes Law 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.....

2022 TRAINING PROGRAM - Marine Safety and Environmental Program

As Stated in JAN and FEB: 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/opportunities for growth and participation within the Auxiliarie's MSEP 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 Pollution Response and Aquatic and Invasive Species, Dock Walkers and The American Waterways Watch to name a few...

in JAN/FEB I discussed with a few of our current and new ADSO-MS and our ASC what we felt would be our intended "**SCHEDULED**" workshops/trainings for the 2022 Year:

At D-Train we offered successfully with Good attendance the following: Introduction to Marine Safety D11N and the HAZWHOPER AWARENESS (4 hr) Course.

At Station Rio Vista THIS JUNE, (SAT TBD} permission has been welcomed by OIC Chief Bennett, We shall offer 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 this Year leading to the PCA Fair we will offer: Intro to MEES, Shoreline Cleanup, ADV Presentations and American Waterway Watch etc,

CURRENTLY Note 22 APR : Participating with **Virtual Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Species** With CA Parks/Coastal Commission. **For Reg. Vivian Matuk vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov**

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: NEW MEES and MSAM Revisions being implemented through National::

All DSO-MS notice 03 APR from National Prevention Directorate: within 30-60 days the **Revised MSAM Qualifications will be implemented.** This has been approved by National. Currently formatting the **New Study Guide, PQS Booklet, and Online Modules for Training.** Once these are prepared for Distribution, the Current MSAM Quals will NO Longer be accepted

for Oral Board. We Expect an Additional Update regarding Actual Revision Date in the near future. **THIS INFORMATION was Transmitted to ALL ADSO-MS and SO-MS as well as D11N DCDR's, Commodore McFarren, Chief of Staff Han, and District Captain Martin on TUE 05 APR**

To keep everyone in the loop.

Additionally as previously noted: 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.

Pleased to remind All that Michael Mitchel and your Past DSO-MS Wil Sumner , were active in the development and review of the New ONLINE UPV Training Program.

DOCKWALKERS we intend to strongly participate with, 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 in person (for now) and being offered as follows: Initial Trainings 1000-1245 hrs. as follows , SAT 30 APR, Oakland Yacht Club; 7 MAY Sacramento Marina, and VIRTUALLY 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 (*) Change in 2022 DSO-IS, Data has not Available for JAN/FEB/MAR 2022)

Monthly Report has been Requested through current DSO-IS....

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