



Date: April 2022
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Bruce Martin, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore Dean McFarren
Subject: Activities Report for March 2022

Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA

From the Deputy Corner:

The Gold Side is still planning to fund a number of AUX-12 Public Affairs Classes this year and the first one is planned to be in our District in May. We are thrilled that several of our D11N shipmates have been selected to attend this excellent program.

It is up to our District, Division and Flotilla leaderships to follow through with the task of assuring that every member who is, or has been, funded by the Coast Guard to attend this program completes the AUXPA 3, 2 and 1 Public Affairs Training programs and serves as a Public Affairs Staff Officer in some capacity at the flotilla, division or district level.

It is a moral obligation that all members who are funded to attend the AUX-12 program complete, as a minimum, the AUXPA 3 Specialist certification program within one year of completing this C-School.

It is also incumbent on all of us to make it a priority to appoint flotilla, division or district PA Staff officers those members who are PA Certified Specialists. And, it is imperative that the members who you do approve to attend the AUX-12 C-School commit to you that they will serve as a PA Staff Officer for a minimum of three years. In those units which do not have members who have attended the PA C-School program, it should be a policy that all PA Staff officers be required to complete an AUXPA Specialist Certification process within the first year of service as a PA Staff Officer.

Kit Galvin - ADSO-PA-NSBW REPORT UPDATE - March 2022

ADSO-PA-NSBW REPORT

MARCH 2022

Prepared: 06 APR 2022

ZOOM: We will have a NSBW & Public Affairs informational Mtg & Jam Session for D11N
– OPEN GATHERING! Come and share ideas, memories of what works, pitfalls, etc.

April 18th, Monday, 7:00PM Pacific Time Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84694048543?pwd=dTZTZzZjcjhaRU9WV2JURkdSbGhNQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 9404 8543 Passcode: 922479

DIVISION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

DIV 1- Senior Area: Lilli Ferguson, NSBW Chair 2022

This submission contains both the content submitted 3/18/22 (to the Division Board) and updates for the remainder of March are included in this document, dated 4/4/22.

Flotilla 1-2 No report received. However, the Chair is a member of this flotilla so is able to relate a few points:

- The flotilla will be planning a Water Safety Fair to take place at Station Golden Gate on May 21, though currently there are still limiting factors still pertaining to COVID-19. The FC invited other flotillas in the Division to help with the day.
- Flotilla members provided ideas and briefly discussed possible exhibits, interagency contacts, public affairs outreach, lunch, etc.
- One option would be to make the event be smaller scale than in previous recent years, such as having a PFD giveaway and/or helicopter rescue demonstration.

Update: The Water Safety Fair at Coast Guard Station Golden Gate on Saturday, May 21 will be from 10:00 to 13:00, with a picnic lunch to follow. The Flotilla has approval from Sector San Francisco and support from Station Golden Gate Commanding Officer BOSN Armstrong to proceed with a full in-person event with the public. Interagency contacts are well underway, with interest from Coast Guard, law enforcement, fire, rescue, and marine safety agencies in the area. Division 1 Auxiliary volunteers interested in participating are encouraged to contact FC Townsend.

Other Division 1 Flotillas (1-4, 17, and 1-9) have been invited to participate in the Water Safety Fair event. Once participants are established, a flyer and signs will be made, then distributed. Promotional efforts have begun (see [Facebook Aux Golden Gate](#)) and will proceed once item the participants are established and the flyer and signs completed.

- Recap of two earlier years' efforts for NSBW: Flotilla 12 developed a video ([click here](#)) promoting the use of life jackets for the 2021 National Safe Boating Week. During the last in-person event in 2019, StaGG was open to the public for tours, with a combination of outdoor and indoor exhibits in the conference room, training room, and hallway. Station Golden Gate videos were played on the projection screen in the training room and live demos were conducted outside. The mountain rescue team encouraged kids to assist with person-powered hoists and there was a helicopter rescue swimmer demo conducted by Air Station San Francisco.

Flotilla 1-4: the FC/NSBW POC said the flotilla will be assisting Flotilla 01-02 with the May 21 event. He made a call out for volunteers who wish to participate in it; he awaits further guidance from the Flotilla 01-02 POC.

Update: Flotilla 01-04 will be assisting Flotilla 01-02 at the Water Safety Fair held at Station Golden Gate on Saturday, May 21. Seven of Flotilla 01-04's members are available to participate in the event. Flotilla 01-04 is tasked with securing the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle and Coastie (none of these will be available for use this year, because of mechanical issues) [a robotic tugboat], for the event.

Flotilla 1-7: the FC/NSBW POC is seeking a volunteer to serve as the POC and had a discussion about NSBW during a meeting on March 17.

Update: Cynthia Dragon agreed to be the POC for NSBW for the Flotilla. She reported that, so far, her assistant, Nick Moore, created a google survey to gather volunteers within the flotilla. Flotilla 1-9: the NSBW POC for the flotilla said, regarding marina visits, he contacted Brisbane Marina, Oyster Point Marina and Coyote Point Marina to ask if they would be interested in having an Auxiliary operational facility visit on May 22 to commemorate National Safe Boating Week. Brisbane Marina and Coyote Point Marina responded positively. Operational facility SILVER CHARM will tie up at the marinas and be available for recreational boaters to see an Auxiliary patrol boat up close and personal, learn how it is equipped, and speak crew members about their Auxiliary work. There will be safe boating handouts and a variety of giveaway items. There will also be a sign up list for vessel safety checks. They also plan to talk about the benefits of joining the Auxiliary.

Update: The harbormaster of Oyster Point Marina also responded about having SILVER CHARM visit the marina on May 22. All three marinas' harbormasters are enthusiastic about the upcoming visit of SILVER CHARM and its crew to their marinas and are happy for this opportunity for their boaters to learn, first hand, about the work of the Auxiliary in promoting safe recreational boating.

DIV 3 – Sacramento Region: Richard Celia, NSBW Chair 2022

Increasing patrols in Station Rio Vista AOR as weather brings out more boaters. Instructors assisted in boat America classes. AUXCA staff serves lunch and dinner once a month to the Gold Side. Sta. RV Opening of Boating Season Training Event on 09 APR. Boat rides available to Auxiliarists. Increased focus on marine safety and environmental protection will be led by Jeff Fite, SO-MS.

DIV 4 – South Bay: Eddie Lam, DCDR

Prior activities reported are on schedule.

We are planning to have:

1. A table/booth at the boat ramp of the Port of Redwood City
2. Possible booth at the Port of Alviso (depending on personnel availability and resources)
3. Possible booth at a Marine Dealer.

DIV 5 – Suisun Bay: Bob Schabert, NSBW Chair 2022

FL 51: RBS schedule is being developed to cover yacht clubs and marinas. New vessel examiners are being trained. Opening Day on the Strait (Benicia Yacht Club & Benicia Marina), May 14th, will include PA Canopy, Dockwalkers, RBS examiners, and members to promote marine safety,

FL 52: Continuing with plans for July 2022 Port Chicago Diversity/Fellowship Event. Glenn Hunter, AUC, reported Coast Guard Station Vallejo will have one boat available on station for the Port Chicago Event. RBS, PV, and PA events are increasing as summer approaches. Boat crew academy is in progress. Five members will be ready for OPTREX soon.

FL 53: New instructors, vessel examiners, and program visitors are being trained to increase visibility. VSC stations planned for April, May, and June. Newspapers will be sent press releases. Lake Berryessa (LB) VSC schedule being determined. Pleasure Cove Opening Season on Lake Berryessa - public affairs canopy and VSCs and will include both auxiliary and Gold Side (30 APR). Flotilla 53 signed up as an Outreach Partner with the Sea Tow Foundation for Operation Dry Water (ODW July 2 – 4, 2022). We will be present at Lake Berryessa during this event. Cont. working with Bureau of Reclamation (BUR). Boat America classes in Jan., Feb. and April completed. Next class is May 7th at Station Rio Vista.

FL 55: Bodega FishFest patrols will be scheduled April 30-May 1 with PA Canopy (Gold Side will be there, also). Boat America class on 07 May. FL 57: Boat crew training and recruiting are continuing. Instructor assisted with Boat America course. Flyers sent to local marinas and yacht clubs about classes and RBS checks available.

DIV 6 – Gold Coast: Jane Smith, NSBW Chair 2022

All three Flotillas: 64, 67, and 6-10 will be working together for NSBW at the Santa Cruz Harbor. Flt 67 will also have members at West Marine.

We are going to do a joint press release (Harbor and CG Aux) about one week ahead of time.

- Harbor master Blake Anderson will call Phil Gomez (KSBW) and Jessica York (Sentinel) to encourage them to help with coverage.
- Harbor Commissioner Reed has been in contact with at least one local elected leader and he is planning on visiting about 10am May 1st. We will attempt to schedule press to be at the event during the visit.
- Harbor will block off the parking spaces area adjacent to the launch ramp/sidewalk Friday night for our booth areas on Saturday for Harbor, Auxiliary, Sea Scouts and Tow Boat.
- Jointly Harbor & Auxiliary are doing the lifejacket exchange program on Saturday and will have a public safety education booth/tent set-up that will be staffed with Deputies throughout the day. Two of the Harbor patrol boats will be at the launch ramp available for public tour, the RBS 29' Coast Guard Monterey boat will be there, one Auxiliary and so too Tow Boat US will have their boat on display, as well.
- Sign up clip boards for VE's, Boating classes, and joining the Auxiliary will be available, along with other literature for those that are interested.

Div 7 – Utah: Tony Zocchi, DCDR

No information reported this month.

Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boat crewmembers of Operational Facility (OPFAC) Silver Charm participated in Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco Standardization (STAN) Team training on Monday, March 7. MH-65 Dolphin helicopter rescue teams are assessed annually by examiners from Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile, Ala., ensuring Coast Guard aviation forces are using the best equipment and tactics to successfully complete all required missions. Crew assignments included Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers AST1 Ari Markle and AST2 James Epperson, Coxswain Terry Blanchard, Coxswain Trainees Pete Gorenberg and Tiffany Townsend, and Boat Crewmember Alex Bennett. District 11N COVID-19 health and safety guidelines were followed for the environmental conditions, with all crew fully vaccinated.



FC Alex Bennet, Flotilla 14, accepts a trailing line during Air Station San Francisco helicopter rescue team STAN training. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Pete Gorenberg.

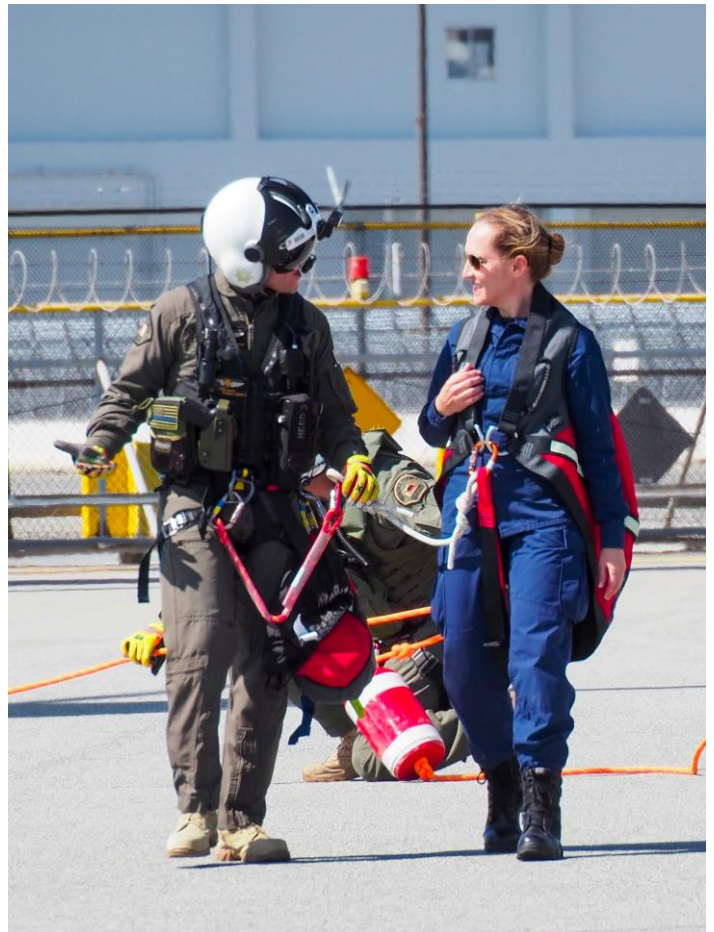


Alex Bennett and Pete Gorenberg interact with a C-27 Coast Guard pilot at Interagency Day at Air Station San Francisco. US Coast Guard.



Tiffany Townsend participates in a hoisting demonstration by the Sonoma County Sheriff rescue team. U.S. Coast Guard

Auxiliary Photos by Terry Blanchard and Pete Gorenberg.



Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA

No report submitted

Division 4 – SO position vacant

No report Submitted

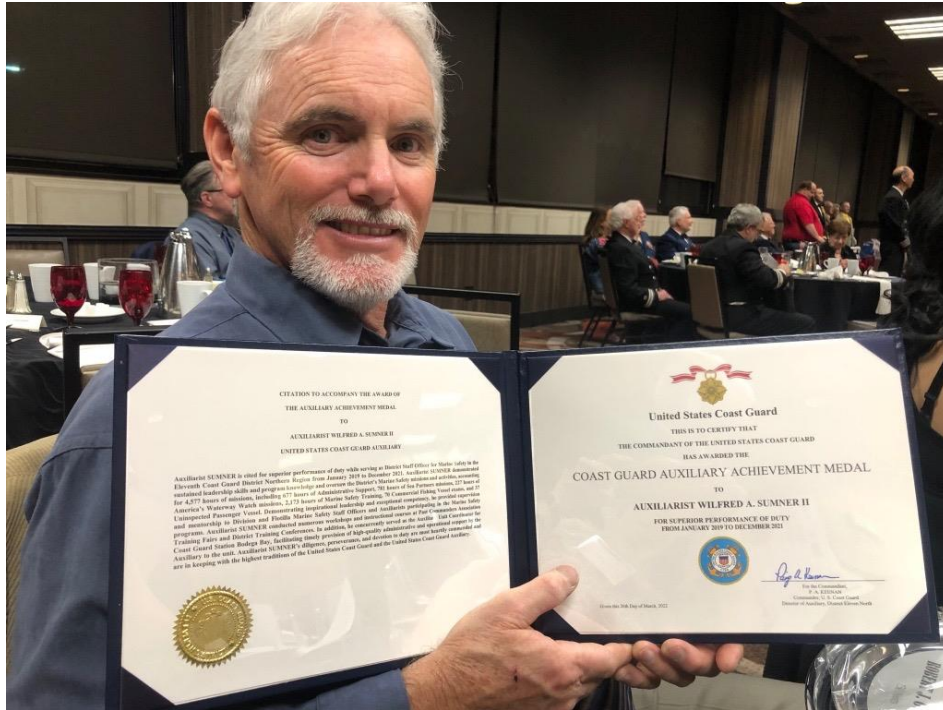
Division 5 – Jim Matthies – VFC/PA - 55

A few other members with me from Division 5 attended DTRAIN in Reno at the lovely Nugget Hotel last weekend. It was maybe a little smaller turnout that I remember from previous years but many members did show up were very happy to be back. There were lots of good training opportunities with talented instructors. I attended a very informative PA Training Class on Saturday morning that was presented by Jane and COMO Wally Smith. I learned, but I have a lot more to learn. That's ok, there are plenty of good materials available and great Instructors/mentors willing to help out when needed for help learning.

DTRAIN was a great time for my wife Maria and me to get away. We had a fantastic view of the eastern snowcapped Sierras from our room. We also attended the awards dinner had a very nice time as always.

Wil Sumner is still making Flotilla 55 proud. He won 3 outstanding performance awards this year.

Much thanks to all the folks that worked so hard to bring us DTRAIN! Phil and Marsha Sanchez and Mary and Bob Smith all members of 55 do a great job every DTRAIN. I'm sure there are many others from all over D11NR that work very hard also! Thank you



Jim Matthies VFC of Flotilla 55 Sonoma County proudly accepted the Auxiliary Achievement Award on behalf of Wil Sumner at the Awards Dinner, DTRAIN 2022.

Jim's Wife Maria Matthies enjoys some yummy Vegan Pizza at a locally owned restaurant Engine 8 Urban Winery Reno Nevada. DTRAIN 2022

Division 6 – Flotilla 64 – SO-FN – Steve McCann – Coxswain of OPFAC#474

The 47' MLB made several different approaches to accommodate simulated varying sea conditions. Once completed, the tow lines were released. Once exercises concluded, all lines were passed back to the crew of the 47' MLB. All agreed to meet again on a future date for two-boat training with the 29' RBS as the simulated DIW vessel. This will provide opportunities for the crew of the AUX OPFAC#474 to practice towing and boat handling skills.



Rob Kay on Steve McCann's boat OPFAC#474 of Flotilla 64 looking towards the 47' MLB as they begin the stern tow.



Tracy Schultz of Flotilla 64 is kneeling on the bow of the OPFAC #474 waiting to receive the heaving line from the crew of the 47' MLB.

Division 7 – SO-PA Position Vacant

No Report Submitted

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA – Flotilla 88

Nothing to Report

Division 10 – Rebecca O’Brian-Witt- SO – PA

Nothing to Report

Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO – PA – Flotilla 11-01No Report

No Report

Division 12 - Jim Losi - Public Affairs, PCA President & DSO-HR

No Report

Very respectfully submitted,

Jane D. Smith,



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