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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, AUG 2022
DATE: 08 SEP, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Div. SO-MS and ADSO-MS Reports
2. CDR Allegretti, Chief of Prevention Sector San Francisco – “Bodega Bay Community Outreach Event”
3. Active Request: U.S.C.G. PAC-PARS Notice of Inquiry – Distributed 8x
4. Reported Tracking to Michael Hay/Michael Salisman, USCG
5. DSO-MS Ongoing Report YTD Overview of Activities; and work with Sector San Francisco Prevention Chief.; and, Meetings YTD with LT. N Keeney (IMD) re: New Prevention/Response Training
6. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Meeting Face to Face in Novato 13 JULY
- 7 MS Projected Training Program for 2022 YTD

National Changes – Current MSAM Training SET to Expire 6-8 weeks (attached)

- 6 Summary of Marine Safety Activities 3553.23 hrs*. Logged to date

Challenges:

Response Activities - USCG Requests for Potential Increased Auxiliary Support as Noted below for:

- A) **BODEGA BAY COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT...SAT 27 AUG: “Completed”**
Led by San Francisco Sector Commander CAPT Lam and S. F. Sector Prevention Chief CDR Alegretti (noted monthly) S. F. Sector Prevention Request of 28 APR for Gold Side and Auxiliary participation Updated to “USCG Community Outreach Event”

B) USCG PAC PARS NOI, Notice of Inquiry Port Access Route Study continues as USCG Still seeking MARINER INPUT. USCG REPORT WILL BEGIN PRODUCTION IN JAN 2023

Goal MET: MS Home Page “Content” Continual Updates with Distribution to All ADSO-MS, SO-MS, including our Current Marine Safety Rooster - Staffing Positions and MSEP Members; **for Distribution down MS Membership requesting Verifications.** The 2022 District MS Home Page Rooster has ongoing Updates for processing. They will be forwarded to Carl Henning DSO-CS for Updating in OCT for 2022 D11N MS Home Page, an Ongoing Task as additional MSEP Members continue to meet their MSEP Certifications

BZ BZ ...WELL DONE”

BZ BZ Morgan Swiggett, FSO-MS 12-91:

BZ to FSO-MS Morgan Swiggett for their earlier JUN SHORELINE CLEANUP . Which recovered 460 lbs of trash working the City of Berkeley Waterfront. As this Highly Successful event was greatly appreciated by the City of Berkeley Parks and Recreation Department....The Auxiliary Event led to the Team looking to assist The Berkeley Waterfront with their **current Aquatic Species Nuisance problems.**

BZ Morgan and his Team, notified me they had agreed to assist the City Parks once again with the removal of their current Aquatic and Invasive Species on SAT 27 AUG. They had a lot of fun, learned new techniques for removal and as I understand, completed an outstanding Job. Morgan immediately sent out a thank you to his team with a ton of Great photos and words of encouragement. Morgan tells me the City is now replanting from their Native Plant Nursery. Thank you again Morgan.....Thanks to you and all your 12-91 TEAM. “WELL DONE”

BZ Jeff Fite, 03-03, Current ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM **working** with Michael Mitchell **ADSO-MS UPVE/CFVE on PQS UPVE Examinations towards UPVE Certification.**

BZ Jeff with Michael Initiated in May the 2022 Version Intro to UPVE Study Group. The 9 Session Online Intro to UPVE Workshop via Webinar has been Completed as of 01 AUG with members now working towards their PQS Signoffs and UPVE Designation through Michael Mitchel. Congratulations to Jeff Fite, Larry Stanton and Joseph Chavoen

Highlights from Jeff Fite ADSO-MS MEES MSAM; SO-MS 03-10: held a successful Paddlecraft Day 2022 including 3 VSC’s; Concluded the Lead of the Online UPVE Classroom successfully with his peers; scheduled another Beach Cleanup day for OCT; Notes that the NEW PaddleSmart

course is scheduled for 15 APR 2023 at the Consumnes River Preserve, with VSC's Scheduled to follow; working on another Beach Cleanup at FREEPORT Bridge for 22 OCT 2022; and he is working on Dockwalker Cross Certification.....Besides everything he does as our ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM, Jeff just accepted my request to fill Sue Fry's Position as Assistant DSO-MS ...

BZ Lilli Furguson SO-MS Div. 1 ..Completed **AUX MSAM back in JUL**, Verifications were ALL Completed with Oral Board. Lilly was processed through DIRAUX and to CDR Jones her Award.

The Highlights of Lilli's Report were her MSAM; helping Flt 1-4 FSO-MS start Attending the ADV Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Quarterly Workgroup; and that Flt 1-9 FSO-MS would like to help get new members involved in / Qualified for MSEP programs

Reports Received:

I am pleased to have received reports for AUG from FSO-MS Morgan Swiggett, FSO-MS Carrie VanDeBoom Div 10, SO-MS Lilli Furguson Div. 01; Jeff Fite Div. 03; Manny Rimeriez USCG (CIV) CFV;; and Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV/CFV

Focus on MS Vessel Pollution issues control and responsibilities, distributed 48 Green Boating kits, discussed AAW, Aquatic and Invasive Species, and most all aspects of RBS

ALWAYS WORTHY TO NOTE: BZ to Manny Rimeriez: Major MS Accomplishment "Organized a Team Approach" to CFV's (Commercial Fishing Vessels): Manny with Michael Mitchell organized a **Team of 24 – Certified CFVE's over a 4 Day Period. Covering Ports of Monterey, Moss Landing, Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay, Bodega Bay, Fort Bragg, and the Humbolt Bay AOR:** This Activity resulted in:

34 Dockside Exams, 24 CFVS Decals Issued, Two Safety Spot Checks along with 57 Safety Discussions with Fishing Vessel Operators. **BZ to ALL Involved in this Activity.**

BZ JEFF FITE: MAY - AUG: Jeff , ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM along with his Division has Established a Very **POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONSUMES RIVER STAFF Regarding various aspects of MSEP including having Completed inspections of paddle craft, the Establishment of a permanent MSEP and RBS Booth, as well as are Organizing a large Fall Shoreline Cleanup**

I am certain from general communications, **that the current ADSO-MS's and most SO-MS Officers are continuing to work diligently towards ensuring 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: CDR Allegretti, LT Natasha Kenney re S. F Sector Prevention/IMD program development and needs; "DCOS" Curtis Han, D-Capt Bruce Martin, Jeff Fite ADSO-MS MEES/MSAM, Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV (emphasis UPV)/ CV (and Manny Ramirez (Civ.) overseeing CFV at YBI: Sue Fry ASC, and as

needed Past DSO MS Wil Sumner, and DSO-MT Ann Zoochi, along with ALL others noted within this MSEP report.

Sector San Francisco Commander CAPT LAM and Sector San Francisco Prevention Chief CDR Allegretti 27 AUG Bodega Bay Community Outreach Event.

The following is your DSO-MS D11N Summary of this extremely positive as well as critical meeting:

First and Foremost, let me say it was a honor and privilege to attend representing the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and our Prevention and MSEP Unit at this Important Event led by Sector San Francisco Commander CAPT Lam and his Selected Section Chiefs of Sector San Francisco.

Second I will say there were no minutes of this meeting , as this is still an Open Investigation by the U S. COAST GUARD Sector San Francisco ...

This Meeting was conducted through an Independent Moderator, and “Focused” on CAPT Lam and CDR Allegretti, with San Francisco's Sector's, Chief of Response, and the OIC Station Bodega Bay GOAL of Clarifying the Actions of Sector and the Small boat Crews actions; and decisions for those actions, While Actively and patiently listening to ALL the Community CFV Representatives of Bodega Bay; and Citizen's questions and concerns..... Openly and Honestly. This being through the Critical Importance of Being Present and Responsive....to Attaining and Reestablish Trust and Open lines of Communication between The Bodega Bay Community and U.S.C.G. Sector San Francisco Leadership. This met through frank and open discussion regarding the Sector’s Complete timeline review of the tragic Loss of life and subsequent loss of the Vessel SEASTAR ,,

I believe that All of Sector San Francisco's personnel were highly successful with this mission of clarification regarding actions undertaken, as was the integrity of the CFVE Bodega Bay members present.

The meeting concluded thanks to Sector San Francisco's Leadership, Sector Commander CAPT Lam and Staff Officers, in a Very Positive and Productive Mode. Contacts for direct communication were established by both San Francisco Sector and the Community members present..

For us The USCG Auxiliary D11N there was one Solid takeaway, and my conversations with the Bodega Bay Members was consistent.... They Greatly Appreciate All the U S. COAST GUARD. and THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY does for their community.

CDR Allegretti expressed to me, and I agree, that this Bodega Bay Community “Takeaway” is most likely similar and worthwhile for consideration for our entire AOR’s Communities.

THEY are asking that We of the AUXILIARY be more visible and present.and Yes I know many are. Not only inspecting various classifications of Vessels.....But Also offering Courses on All Aspects of Boating Safety They are Inviting us to be more Present supporting them with All forms Safety Education as well as in this particular circumstance, supporting US Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay... Let's Not let them down .

More to come later. This is it for now. I Thank you all for support of this mission

As Always I welcome your comments and feedback.

V/R

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NOTE: Initially the Bodega Bay Community Outreach was in it's development stages communicated as a potentially larger showing of support the Bodega Community. Through the months of Investigation the size and scope of participants was modified as Sector Command clarified it's mission goals. CAPT Lam and CDR Allegretti determined a small unit of 8 (inclusive of Chief CFVE and D11N AUX DSO-MS).. would best address the Smaller CFVE/Citizen for this Mission.

I am extremely pleased to share that DCOS Curtis Han along with (AUC) John Guaraglia and DCDR for the AOR Randy McCormic were willing to step up and support this mission.

More-so I am extremely Pleased that upon receipt of the Above "Mission Overview" John Responded that the Very Next Weekend his Flotilla had scheduled to conduct VSC's and have a PA Booth in Bodega Bay and interact with the community.

Note: MS has monthly distributed to All DCDR's and SO-MS Board and Staff, CDR Allegretti's notice regarding the Sector San Francisco Community Outreach Event for the community of Bodega Bay. This due to the "CFV" Loss of Life aboard incident and the subsequent loss of the Vessel SEASTAR. _ Purpose to have Small and Situationally Aware "Coastie" Group presence ...so as not to overwhelm the Impacted Bodega Bay community members.

CDR Allegretti Chief of Prevention S. F. Sector Quaterly Meetings: CDR Allegretti requested that we meet more frequently than once a year (prior years) with himself, and more frequently as may be needed with his Staff Officers and the DSO-MS).

15 and 29 JUN I met as previously Noted in my MAY/JUN District Board and Staff Report, with LT Natasha Kenney on YBI. We have been proceeding on structuring proposals discussed during 28 APR Quarterly meeting with CDR. Allegretti. These are , productive meetings related to the Specific Areas of Increased Auxiliarist Support within Sector San Francisco AOR towards Enhancing Manpower Readiness.....

Noting there was the opportunity for enhanced MSEP Auxiliary support of the Gold Side. Therefore I cc: CDR Allegretti and select Staff Officers the D11N Updated MSEP Qualifications, Staffing Growth and Development; and all Ongoing DSO-MS Board and Staff Reports Indicating the MSEP Mission Activities.

LT Kenney and I are actively working on, with her CDR's, Chief of Response, approval, on the development of "Potential" Enhanced Training or Auxiliary Pollution Responders for IMD.

We have Developed a comprehensive "Updated" **Specific to Sector San Francisco**, review of Pollution Responder PQS Programs (Active Duty/Reserves and Auxiliary) for future active utilization within Sector San Francisco "Qualified" Auxiliarist Support. Program Certification of Auxiliarist's by Active Duty/Goldside, includes Successful Completion of Modified "SCAT" Training with Orals Board onsite (YBI) with Sector San Francisco Prevention and IMD .

This FALL shall begin meeting with LTJG Connell to be Develop Sactor San Francisco AOR PQS/Training for **Auxiliarist Cleared as "Eyes only" Crew members on USCG SF AOR Patrols; Along with "On-Call" Assistance with Aids to Navigation Auxiliarist to evaluate Notices to USCG.**

I informed CDR Allegretti that I Reported on his Interests of Expanded AUX Support, at All Future D11N USCG Auxiliary Board and Staff meetings. This being so I Provide current and accurate Information, as may be needed, to the D11N Commodore. District Chief of Staff and the D11N Board and Fellow Staff Officers.

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

The 13 JULY ADV WorkGroup Quarterly meeting Summary:

Initial FACE to Face meeting of 2022. Chair now is OSPER Officer, w USCG LT. Natasha Kenney as C-Chair; held at the States Land Commission Offices in Hurcules @ 1000 :

***NOAA provided - NOAA Marine Debris Program Updates, and ADV Solutions.**

***Lt Kenney addressed The American Challenger** actively since MAR . cutting up and removal to Vallejo for further demolition

***We reviewed** the Status of the State Lands Committee: **Delta Cleanup Fund**

***There was a Review of the Delta Taskforce**

Next ADV WorkGroup meeting: TBD - 12 OCT 1000-1200 State Lands Commission - Novato

2022 TRAINING PROGRAM - Marine Safety and Environmental Program

It is Understood through Historical experience that Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs are our ongoing local level (community as well as District) activities. 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...

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

MEES and MSAM INTRO PQS SAT 25 JUNE: Held At Station Rio Vista. This ALL Day MSEP Workshop was welcomed by OIC Chief Bennett. The **Highly Successful 8 hour workshop was LIMITED TO PRE REGISTERED ATTENDEES. There was one cancellation and 13 in attendance ranging from Utah to both the North and South Coastal Divisions and the Central Valley.**

Co-Lead Instructor Jeff Fite ADSO-MS MEES/MSAM did and Outstanding job. The Participants follow up comments were Positive and Rewarding. Jeff and I thank All who supported this Workshop, from the Participants, Station Rio Vista personnel and our AUX CA Staff

The Purpose of this Workshop was to assist getting members on track to complete their Individual PQS and Orals for their Marine Safety Ribbon and Marine Safety Administration star device

CURRENT MSAM QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS TERMINATING (6-8 weeks MAX)

(During our 25 JUN Workshop numerous times we repeated potential MSAM Expiration)

Memo distributed by ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM - after our discussing. Thanks Jeff

.....Joseph and I mentioned in class that a new MSAM would be coming out by the end of the year. Well, I have more details after attending NACON.

The new MSAM will be released within 2-3 weeks. NOTE: **This was 2 weeks ago**

When it drops, you have five weeks to complete your qualification using the old PQS. Otherwise, you have to start over with the new PQS.

Since you've already put in a bunch of work on the outgoing PQS, you should push to finish it ahead of the deadline, which is five weeks after the new PQS drops.

All MS qualifications are organized around a three-pronged approach. (Get it? A trident!)

First comes **Education**. I hope you've done these already but if not here are the links again:

- [Introduction to MSEP](#) This 90-page guide is the foundation of every MSEP career and qualification. You will learn about the history of the Coast Guard and the many jobs of the Prevention Department, about the legal and regulatory framework of the Coast Guard, and all the ways the Auxiliary can support MSEP. There is a non-proctored, open-book exam at the [National Testing Center](#).
- [Good Mate](#) Start with this easier-to-digest course on best practices for boaters, yacht clubs, and marinas to prevent pollution. There is a non-proctored, open-book exam at the [National Testing Center](#).
- [ICS 100](#) Introduction to the Incident Command System (FEMA)
- [ICS 200](#) Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response (FEMA)
- [ICS 210 or 300](#) First On Scene or Intermediate ICS (AUXLMC)
- [ICS 700](#) An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (FEMA)
- [ICS 800](#) National response Framework, an Introduction (FEMA)
- Completion of the [APC](#) or any [Auxiliary Leadership](#) course, such as FLC (available online and in person) AUXLAMs, AMLOC, or higher. The PQS still references obsolete leadership classes. This should be fixed in a future update
- Complete two years in any elected or appointed AUX office

Second is the **PQS**, the skills portion. Joseph and I signed this off in class for you.

Third is **Service**, where you actually go out and do the job. For MSAM, there are two, related tasks:

- "Plan and organize a training program involving one of the following areas of the Prevention field: environmental protection, waterways management, or America's Waterway Watch."
- "Present the training listed above at a flotilla, division, district, or national level."

Easy-peasy, lemon-squeezy. There are tons of resources on the District MS page and National P-Directorate site. I also found this presentation on "[Keeping our Waterways Safe and Secure](#)" on the E-Directorate site (Public Education). It's a little out of date, talking about 9/11 boating restrictions being lifted, but it's clearly the seed that eventually became AWW. A little modification and it could work as an AWW presentation. The AWW site itself is a good resource. But there's plenty else out there, if you look around.

Remember to have your FC or a member who is already MSAM-qualified sign your PQS

Once you have all of that done (and have all your documentation organized), contact me or Joseph Chavoen to schedule an oral board examination.

Again, the deadline is five weeks after the day the new PQS drops. Don't procrastinate; even if you get everything done and turned-in, DIRAUX will still need time to issue you a Letter of Designation. That letter is what makes you an MSAM, and that letter has to be issued on or before the deadline.

MS TRAINING UPDATE: UPVE TRAINING COMPLETED FOR TRAINEES: BZ to Jeff Fite and ADSO-MS UPVE Michael Mitchell

This has been discussed over the last three months.. Jeff Fite ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM working with Michael Mitchell on his UPVE Certification Started a UPVE Monday Night Online Study Group. Purpose to Weekly Study and Discuss the 9 focus areas of the UPVE PQS. Upon Successful Completion of, Individuals work with Michael on completing their Inspections and gain Certification as a UPV Examiner. This was Initially broadcast with permission to District membership. 5 members of the Area participated and 3 Completed and are now Classified "UPVE Trainees" to work on their UPV Examiner Cert....(Yes one more Step toward the "Trident"

Throughout this Year leading to the PCA Fair we continue to offer: Intro to MEES, Shoreline Cleanup, ADV Presentations and American Waterway Watch etc,

FALL PCA Fair 17 – 18 SEP – U.S. G. G. Base Alameda: MSEP Providing :

***The SEA PARTNERS and Invasive and Aquatic Species workshop**

***Introduction to Marine Safety D11N**

*** INTRO to MEES PQS Workshop/Courses.**

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR PCA REGISTRATION: MSEP NOTICES REGARDING ADDITIONAL PREREGISTRATION DUE TO MATERAILS TO BE DOWNLOADED AND NECESSRY CLASS SIZE LIMIT.

FYI: NEW MSAM Revisions are being implemented through National:: UPDATE from Michael Mitchell's Conversation with National, to Expect UP TO a SIX (6) month Actual Transition for those currently completing their MEES/MSAM Requirements.

PLEASE REMEMBER As previously noted: The UPV Uninspected Passenger Vessel Workshop – is now offered through the National Training Web Site. Upon Successful Completion..and verification, MS Members will be put in touch with Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPVE / CFVE to work on scheduling their " Future" UPVE PQS.

DOCKWALKERS: We strongly encourage participation with, support of this program and it's 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

2022 CA Boater Kits Available - 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 415 904 6905 wk cp 916 764-0989

California Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) 17 SEP 2022 0900 – 1200 via Vivian Matuk

In 2021 36,289 vol. picked up more than 363,719 lbs of trash from all beaches and waterways throughout the state... If you are not in class, walking CGI Shoreline, please do your part..Well maybe next year.

<u>Marine Safety Activity, Summary for:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
All Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams	178	275	tabulating
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	3553.23 hrs. (*to date)

(NOTE (*) Total MS Support Data has not been completely calculated for YTD 2022

Procedures and Training in progress to rectify by OCT Activity Report

Respectfully Submitted:

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Thomas Samicola, ADSO-MS FBO

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