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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, SEP 2022

DATE: 14 OCT, 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. 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
5. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Meeting Face to Face in Novato 13 JULY
- 7 MS Projected – COMPLETED Training Program for 2022 YTD
National Changes – Current MSAM Program format to eventually be replaced
- 6 Summary of Marine Safety Activities 4297.73 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”

A HUGHE BRAVO ZULU TO THE HIGHLY ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MSEP TEAM

ALL MSEP 2022 Originally Planned Goals HAVE BEEN MET and Exceeded:

Thanks to the efforts of our Exceptional MS TEAM: ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM and several of our SO-MS and our FSO-MS efforts **ALL PLANNED AND COURSE AND WORKSHOPS (JAN 2022 Training)** were Met and EXCEEDED BY 30 SEP 2022, with a NEW 2022 FORMAT UPVE Training Program for Certification Program Added and COMPLETED.

This UPVE Program was Led by ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM, JEFF FITE, working with the guidance and support of ADSO-MS UPVE/CFVE Michael Mitchel. Jeff saw the Opportunity and after our discussing the UPVE Online Training Modules (9 sessions) Initiated this Program... Broadcast the new UPVE Training to ALL members of D11N (w permission) and of those who Registered and Participated 3 Successfully Completed. Those Individuals are working "on-call" with Michael Mitchel to Complete their 5 UPV Inspections towards their UPVE Certification.

MS Home Page "Content" with Continual Updates was Completed 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 continues 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 Qualifications and Certifications

BZ BZ ...WELL DONE"

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

BZ to FSO-MS Morgan Swiggett Flotilla 12-91 East Bay/Neptune for the earlier JUN SHORELINE CLEANUP for the Berkeley Parks and Recreation Department. Recovering 460 lbs of trash working along the City of Berkeley Waterfront. This Highly Successful event was Admired by the City of Berkeley Parks and Recreation Department This resulted in The Auxiliary Flotilla Team being asked to consider assisting the Berkeley Waterfront with their **current Aquatic Species Nuisance problems.**

Morgan and his Team, notified me they had completed assisting the City Parks and Recreation Department with the Auxiliary Team's removal of the current Aquatic and Invasive Species on SAT 27 AUG. They learned new techniques for plant removal and completed an outstanding Job. The City was and is now is replanting from their Native Plant Nursery.

Morgan, to his credit, immediately sent out Thank You Notices to his team with Great photos and words of encouragement and thanks for their efforts.. 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** 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 recently accepted my request to fill Sue Fry's Position as Deputy 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 included: The SO-MS successfully involved: FSO-MS planning to attend the Online Dockwalker Training and Planning meeting; Connecting Her FSO-MS with the California Environmental Boating Program Manager for the Potential of Flotilla Level (See Dockwalker's Section) Dockwalker Training Programs in 2023; An FSO-MS reported on inviting and OSPR Speaker for their Flotilla meeting and; one FSO-MS Took the Intro to MEES and MSAM Workshop at the PCA Fair, Provided MS and MEP information at the CA Regatta and Encourage members to participate in the California Coastal Commissions Shoreline SEP Cleanup Day

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, and I always appreciate the support and input from our ASC Sue Fry. Thank you All for All that you Do.

Personally I was able to set up a MS/PA Booth Focused, on MS Vessel Pollution issues control and responsibilities, the distribution of CA 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 for 22 OCT.**

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. Note: There were No Meetings or on-going projects, completed with Your DSO-MS, in the month of SEP 2022...do to Operational needs of the Prevention Department Sector San Francisco:

THEREFORE I include/Repeat The following DSO-MS D11N Summary of the extremely positive as well as critical Community Outreach Meeting: " **Maintaining and Fostering Positive Relationships with the Communitis Served by the U.S. Coast Guard**" Including Active participation of the Auxiliary" as **Led by Sector Commander Capt Lam with Prevention Chief CDR Allegreti, and CAPT Lam's Select Section Chiefs of Sector San Francisco.**

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

DSO-MS D11N Report of meeting ON File with AUG Board and Staff Report

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.

The Community was clearly asking that We of the AUXILIARY be more visible and present.and Yes I know many of us 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 .

One New Point I will repeat for this SEP Report: I was having conversation's after the formal meeting with a few of the CFV Operators. I brought up the Topic of PLB's and Automatic Engine Cut Systems. None of those I spoke with were familiar with the PLB's, and One Captain offered he had the Engine Cutoff...but it was Only Available for Volvo Engines. The Next Weekend the Auxiliary held a VSC and PA Day for the Bodega Community and they were able to Provide information on both PLB.s and their Functions and the New Guardian Engine Shut off and Crew Monitoring System which I had forward them.

I will also Repeat my Agreement with CDR Allegretti's Remarks to me in our follow-up After this Community meeting...."That if One Community we serve is asking for our increased Presence and Assistance. So likely are All of the Communities we serve as Auxiliarist". .

I again am extremely pleased to share that DCOS Curtis Han along with (AUC) John Guaraglia and DCDR for the AOR Randy McCormic when initially were invited by Sector, 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.

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. Which has taken place regularly as Reported monthly by your DSO-MS, and has led to New positive working relationships as well as the development in process of several new Opportunities for Auxiliarist to become Certified by the Gold Side to fill, various Mission Support Roles (Noted Below in Following brief) after appropriate Training and Certification's currently under development for both the Gold Side and then the Auxiliary Supporting Mission's of Sector San Francisco's, Approval and Implementation.

I continue to meet, as previously as Noted in my MAY-AUG 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 those noted above Specific Areas of Increased Auxiliarist Support within Sector San Francisco AOR towards Enhancing Manpower Readiness.....

Noting there is 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 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 .

Later this FALL should begin meeting with LTJG Connell to be Develop Sector 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 next ADV WorkGroup Quarterly meeting Shall be held on 19 OCT Virtually, with a notice of Invitation sent to all previous recorded Attendees By Andrew Kershen of the State Lands Commission.

Chair now is OSPER Officer, w USCG LT. Natasha Kenney as C-Chair; held at the States Land Commission Offices in Hurcules @ 1000 : Topics of discussion to date are:

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

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

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

***There is generally a Review of the Delta Taskforce**

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...

We are Quite Pleased to announce that ALL of our Planned 2022 Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Trainings and Workshops were Successfully Completed as Planned

These being along with the Addition of the UPVE Online Training Workshops

At D-Train we offered successfully with Good attendance the following:

- * Introduction to Marine Safety D11N
- * HAZWHOPER AWARENESS (4 hr) Course.

Annual Station Rio Vista MS Workshop 25 JUN

- * MEES and MSAM INTRO PQS SAT 25 JUNE:

Held At Station Rio Vista. This ALL Day MSEP Workshop was welcomed by OIC Chief Bennett.

NEW Additional Training Offered:

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

Throughout THE 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 Provided :

- * SEA PARTNERS and Invasive and Aquatic Species workshop
- * Introduction to Marine Safety D11N
- * INTRO to MEES PQS Workshop

TRAINING and EDUCATIONAL Notes/Updates: Re: UPVE: As previously noted: The UPVE 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

Dockwalkers- Save the Date and Register - Virtual Meeting You Don't Want to Miss- Join us on Wednesday, November 9th

Join us, the California Clean Boating Network, on **Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 (10 am to approx. 12:15 pm)** for a free and exciting educational virtual meeting.

Learn directly from California experts about top tier subjects impacting our waterways, from

- the state of the microplastics science in CA, how the EPA plans for monitoring and managing them, and dispel some common misconceptions along the way;
- the importance of monitoring sewage pumpouts and how it impacts boaters statewide;
- the impacts of expired marine flares and what California is doing to properly and safely dispose of these flares and what reusable options are available to reduce hazardous waste generation and learning
- the whales that reside off the coast of California, their importance to our marine ecosystems, challenges these whales are facing, and the resources the public has to help with reporting and research.

We look forward to sharing this knowledge with you and offering you plenty of time to ask questions. Further information on this meeting's topics are included below.

- Date: **Wednesday, November, November 9th, 2022**
- Time: **10 am to approx. 12:15 pm**
- You must register in advance for this meeting [here](#). **Register today to secure your virtual spot, meeting capacity will be capped, secure it now.**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing information about joining the meeting.

Detailed information about the MEETING TOPICS

1. **“All the Small Things”:** **Microplastics Monitoring and Management (Scott Coffin, Ph.D. State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water).** California’s Environmental Protection Agency is the first government body in the world to require testing for microplastics, including in drinking water, marine waters, animal tissue, and sediments. Dr. Scott Coffin will discuss the state of the science, the agency’s plans for monitoring and managing microplastics, and dispel some common misconceptions along the way.

2. ***Priming the Sewage Pumpout: Why We Monitor and How it Impacts Boaters Statewide (Kendal Soriano, The Bay Foundation and Liz Juvera, San Francisco Estuary Partnership).** Discharging sewage overboard creates environmental and human health problems, especially in a state with more than four million recreational boaters! To reduce the negative impacts of discharging sewage overboard, boaters are encouraged to use sewage management facilities, including pumpout and dump stations, floating restrooms, and mobile pumpout services. California's Clean Vessel Act Education and Outreach teams in NorCal and SoCal produced two reports this year with valuable insights on sewage pollution prevention, the CVA Pumpout and Dump Station Performance Report and the Boater Sewage Disposal Survey Report. Tune in to hear about key findings and top takeaways.

3. **Collaboration for Conservation - Whales off the California coast are experiencing unique challenges, but resources are available to allow anyone to become a citizen scientist and help (Danielle Tentschert, Education Manager, Ocean Connectors).** This presentation will discuss the whales that reside off the coast of California, their importance to our marine ecosystems, challenges these whales are facing, and the resources the public has to help with reporting and research.

4. **Expired Marine Flares in California (Vivian Matuk, California State Parks and California Coastal Commission, Yalin Li, California Product Stewardship Council and Cristian Centeno, Port of Los Angeles).** Learn about the impacts of expired marine flares and what California is doing to properly and safely dispose of these flares and what reusable options are available to reduce hazardous waste generation.

[Register for the meeting here](#)

Thank you for helping us disseminating this information about this important educational meeting.

Vivian Matuk



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 WAS 17 SEP 2022 0900 – 1200

National Seeks Prevention Directorate Branch Chief:

BRANCH CHIEF INFORMATION SERVICES (BC-POI)

Duties and Responsibilities

In the area of Prevention Support:

- Maintain the Prevention Directorate’s website in full compliance with Auxiliary web policies.
- Serve as initial point of contact for users reporting issues with the current WOW website.
- Conduct initial troubleshooting of issues reported from Directorate staff.
- Keep the Directorate informed of new trends, capabilities, and tools impacting internet usage.
- Encourage and facilitate the use of electronic communication throughout the Directorate.
- Be responsible for the direction, guidance and training of Branch Assistants under their charge.
- Provide a quarterly digest report of Branch activities to the DVC-PO.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Experience with the WOW platform as well as prior experience working with a website in the USCG Auxiliary is preferred but not required

Candidates should forward a completed Application for National Staff (Form ANSC-7062), a resume describing Auxiliary and professional experience, and a brief statement of interest to **Deborah Johnson, Communications and Education Division Chief** at deborah.johnson@cgauxnet.us. We look forward to hearing from you!

<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	4297.73 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:

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

Sue Fry (ASC)

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