



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

District Eleven North Region DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

January 11, 2022

To: Curtas Han

Cc: James Losi

Cc: District Board and Staff, ADSO-SO CM

From: Larry Stanton DSO-CM

Goals: 1. Provide excellent contingency communications in support of Coast Guard District 11, Sectors and Stations through continuous training and education.

Highlights Up:

1. Replacement repeater (Diablo site) donated by 11S picked up in Long Beach, passed off to Kevin Sellstrom . Anticipated to be in place in February.
2. Contacted CM-staff, most responded as interested in maintaining their ADSO positions. I am grateful and looking forward to an exciting year.
3. PLB activation report received from RCC- for Sausalito area. ADSO-Thorsson responded.

Highlights/ DOWN:

1. Mt Diablo repeater is still down.

Outside Agency Contact: None

ADSO Reports:

1. ADSO-Paz. No report filed.
2. ADSO-ARMS-Firehock: No activity. Covering AWO shifts, program working well!
3. ADSO-ACV Busch- Hi Larry, nothing to report from ADSO-CM-ACV. I haven't been to the ACV since it has been relocated within the security area on CGI.
4. ADSO-CM AUX Mon- Simmons

I continue to monitor West Coast NAVTEX broadcasts and provide daily feedback to COMMCOM.

I am working on initial plans for NMC1 to participate in Armed Forces Day 2023. You will be copied on correspondence.

I may be asked to assist with the updating of BNM drafting and broadcasting by CG-762, NAVCEN & COMMCOM. When/if I am asked, I will advise ALCON via chain of leadership and management for visiting and concurrence.

ADSO-Simmons-

4. ADSO-Williams-
Communications Trailer

The trailer has been secured in a secure area with the Division Commander William Ross. We eagerly await the return to more moderate weather—Spring to commence using this facility, for training as well as to support authorized missions.

Division 7 continues to host a weekly Amateur Band Radio Net. Currently 11 members participate in the weekly rostered net.

Four members have expressed interest in participating in the Monday Ventrilo net. One of the members is in the process of having his Land Mobile accepted and call sign issued to participate.

One additional member has HF capability and will be contacting our appropriate District Staff to expedite the configuration of his equipment to participate. Members HF radio has been accepted and call sign issued. Work schedule is a constraint at this time.

We look forward to working with current TCO qualified members to acquire facility status for appropriate UHF/VHF equipment.

V/R

Michael L. Williams
ADSO-CM-D7CC

5. ADSO-Thorsson-I had a EPIRB Case yesterday. Responded to Marina Green but there was no signal to be heard. It was reporting positions all over the bay, but concentrated around the Berkeley/Berkeley Marina area, but there were no ground signals there either.

I'm putting together a presentation to help discuss how to better prepare our RDF efforts in the future based on the experience I've been gaining.

Just acquired an ACR Vecta2 but haven't had a good chance to test it. It's only able to do 121.5 and 121.775 (Training frequency). Suggest a Vecta3 instead, if you can find one. It apparently can be tuned anywhere from 115-160. It going be used for open mics as well as EPIRBS. Will report on the Vecta2 next time I get a call with a signal.

Division reports:

Division 1-SO-PAZ_No report filed.

Division 3 SO-STANTON

3-1 FSO Foster-No report filed.

3-3- No FSO-CM

3 -5 Harrison

Highlights

* **Food Service crew of Nancy Holtzman, Darcy Kauer, Pat MacSwain, Linda Haynes, and Tommy Holtzman** did a great dinner for the crew and their families on Christmas Eve. **Steve Allen** provided his famous Road-kill Chile. There was enough left over for couple days. A love pat for the crew's tummies.

Activity Details

* Station is going through **remodeling** including painting, flooring, kitchen, housing, lighting, grounds and water. Much of the work is being done by the crew i.e. painting and appliance installation including a new stove with 8 burners and 2 ovens.

* CG Station Rio Vista conducted **05 SAR cases** during the last 30 days. The average December SARs over the last 10 years is 09. The most SARs conducted by the Station in one day was 13 on a Sunday in July 2009. The Station conducted **10 Vessel Boardings**. The average December boardings for the last 10 years is 17. The most boardings conducted in one month by the Station was 149 in September 2015.

* Stood 13 days of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** at the Station for a total of 91 hours. Totals for 2022 were 1,204 hours over 160 days.

* **Morgan Curtis VFC 5-3** stood 08 hours of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** over 02 days.

Agency Interactions

* Participated as the Auxiliary representative in the Station's monthly **DOIT (Delta Officers Intelligence Team)** meeting on the 7th. Nothing to report.

Current Projects:

* **Assisting training** 02 new CG Crewmembers in AOR and Watchstanding duties. Both just out of Cape May.

* Working with **Doug MacPherson** on another **Boating Season Kickoff for 2023**. Tentatively scheduled for early spring. Looking to include another **SAREX** with it.

* Seeking **Auxiliary Radio Watchstanders** for the Station to replace me. I'm over 80 and can't last forever. Come on. Its not that hard if I can do it. Ask Morgan.

Challenges:

* To obtain more active **AUX facilities in the Station's Stockton area** of responsibility.

* To get AUX members certified as **Radio Watchstanders** at Station Rio Vista.

My Goal and Objective for the Month

* To be the first person on my block to have anything.

Steve Harrison FSO/AUC 113-03-05 707-529-2152

Highlights

* **John Hardin** did a terrific job coordinating and conducting Auxiliary participation by 04 facilities from 03 Flotillas in 02 Divisions in the Iron Man Race on the 23rd. He even arranged to have comms by AUX to lessen the burden on the Station. Thanks John and all who participated.

Activity Details

* CG Station Rio Vista conducted **09 SAR cases** during the last 30 days. The average October SARs over the last 16 years is 22. The most SARs conducted by the Station in one day was 13 on a Sunday in July 2009. The Station conducted **08 Vessel Boardings**. The average October

boardings for the last 10 years is 50. The most boardings conducted in one month by the Station was 149 in September 2015.

* Station sent a boat to YBI for Fleet Week. Station crew drove the van to and from YBI each day. Tough commute.

* Stood 14 days of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** at the Station for a total of 96 hours. Participated in 02 SAR cases.

Agency Interactions

* DOIT meeting canceled due to Fleet Week requirements.

Current Projects:

* **Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC)** for CG Station Rio Vista for D11

* Working with **BMC Bennett** to have **Station personnel attend Flotilla meetings**, within Station's AOR, when the Flotillas have enough in person members to make the trips worthwhile.

* working with **Doug MacPherson** on another **Boating Season Kickoff for 2023**. Tentatively scheduled for early spring. Looking to include another **SAREX** with it.

* Planning another **Station Day and BBQ** to include specific tasks like painting, cabinet repair, and window cleaning in addition to yard work.

* Seeking **Auxiliary Radio Watchstanders** for the Station to replace me. I'm over 80 and can't last forever. Come on. Its not that hard if I can do it.

* Seeking **Auxiliary flotillas** to visit the Station for a tour, BBQ and maybe a RBS 29 ride. A great way to get to know the crew. Call me at 707-529-2152 to set up a date.

Challenges:

* To continue to be optimistic about the **future of the Auxiliary** in the Delta.

* To obtain more active **AUX facilities in the Station's Stockton area** of responsibility.

* To get AUX members certified as **Radio Watchstanders** at Station Rio Vista.

* To get AUX members out of the house and back to **active unit participation**.

Continuing Notices and comments

* **If you really want to help the Coast Guard. I mean real direct help as a Station Crewmember, become a Watchstander at one of the Stations.** It provides a direct service and frees up CG crews for other duties and studies. The Coasties will love you for it. None of them like doing it as it is boring most of the time. Each Station has unique requirements from just answering the phone to actual participation in a SAR case. Check it out with the Station nearest you. Just call and ask for the Officer of the Day (OOD) and tell them you're interested. They'll be glad to hear from you.

* **Auxiliary members are always permitted on the Station in uniform (ODUs or Trops) but must be fully vaccinated.** Masks are not mandatory. (See Auxiliary COVID-19 Reconstitution

Guidance Version 3 for details). **Give me a call to arrange a group tour. I'd love to show you around. Cell (707) 529-2152 or Station (707) 374-2871.**

*** The Station is always available for two boat drills with AUX facilities in Div 3, 5 and 10 in Station's AOR.** Any facility owner or Coxn who wishes to participate, just call **BM1 Mike Swofford at 707-374-2871** or me at 707-529-2152 in advance to schedule a meeting date, time and place with the Station's boat.

My Goal and Objective for the Month

* To do my duty as an American Citizen and vote next month.

Steve Harrison FSO/AUC

113-03-05 Sacramento

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3-10 FSO-Sellstrom- No report filed.

Division 8- No report filed.

Division 10- No report filed.

Division 11-SO Leinan- No report filed.

Division 12- SO-Torio – Nothing to report, other than my weekly AWO missions. Also, Stephen Busch received his TCO certificate on Nov. 30 after we worked on his PQS over a few months

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Meet all SO-Cm members.
2. Increase TCO operators.
3. Get Diablo and south bay systems back on air.

Goals:

Promote a high level of reliable communications services to the Coast Guard and USCG-AUX using VHF, HF and digital modes (fixed and mobile). This goal can be achieved by doing the following:

1. Complete establishment of trained "Radio Direction Finding Teams" to assist with locating ELT-PLB and Open Microphone issues.
2. Encourage members to achieve TCO status and become HF operators. D11N is in need of additional operators.
3. Hold large and small scale communications exercises to enhance training of members.
4. Train with gold side communications team. Planned training includes Radio Direction Finding, HF and VHF field training exercises within next 8 months.

No Photos