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TO: COMO Curtis Han

CC: DISTRICT 11N BOARD AND STAFF

FROM: JOSEPH R Chavoen DSO Marine Safety

RE: District Staff Officer, Marine Safety Report, JAN 2023 (NOV/DEC 2022)

DATE: 13 JAN 2023

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Div. SO-MS and ADSO-MS Reports**
- 2. CDR Allegretti, Chief of Prevention Sector San Francisco and DSO-MS Ongoing Sector San Francisco Overview of Activities; work with Sector San Francisco Prevention Chief CDR Allegretti; and, Meetings YTD with LT. N Keeney (IMD) re: New Prevention/Response Training to Support Active Duty Mission Readiness.**
- 3. Active Request: U.S.C.G. PAC-PARS Notice of Inquiry – Distributed 8x**
- 4. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Meeting 18 JAN 2023 1000-1200 – virtual**
- 5, MS TRAINING PROGRAM– COMPLETED PLANNED Plus ADDED New UPVE for 2022
National Changes – Current MSAM Program still pending replacement**
- 6, Summary of Marine Safety Activities 4580.48 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: S. F. Sector Prevention Request of 28 APR for Gold Side and Auxiliary participation Updated to “USCG Community Outreach Event” **Highly successful.**

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

ALL MSEP 2022 Originally Planned Goals were MET and EXCEEDED:

Thanks to the efforts of our Exceptional MS TEAM: ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM (Jeff Fite* 03-03) and several of our SO-MS (Lilli Ferguson* 113-01) and our FSO-MS (Morgan Swiggett* 12-91) efforts **ALL PLANNED AND COURSE AND WORKSHOPS** (JAN 2022 Planned Training and Events) were Met and EXCEEDED BY 30 SEP 2022. This Included Introducing and offering **NEW 2022 FORMAT UPVE Training Program for Certification: The Updated UPVE Program now is comprised of 9 Independent Study Sessions, which were added and COMPLETED.** * Consistently show Leadership within MSEP and Programs and Events.

The Added Training for our UPVE Program was Led by Deputy DSO-MS / ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM, JEFF FITE, working with the guidance and support of ADSO-MS UPVE/CFVE Michael Mitchel. After MS Team discussing the UPVE Online Training Modules (9 sessions) Jeff Initiated a Group Study Program... 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.

UPVE 2023: We Plan to Offer A “Kickoff” Workshop, where-in we Assist Participants with “HOW TO” Register and Complete the Online Sessions Having Completed 2 Sessions during the UPVE Workshop – Encouraging them to Form their own UPVE Study Groups.

MS Home Page “Content” with Continual Updates HAS BEEN Completed including: Deputy DSO-MS, All ADSO-MS,(pending info on new SO-MS) This includes the Addition of the 2022 Certifications (MEES and MSAM) Marine Safety Rooster - Staffing Positions and MSEP Members; **for Distribution down MS Membership requesting Verifications.**

The 2023 District MS Home Page Detail has been forwarded to Carl Henning DSO-CS for Updating. This is an Ongoing Task as D11N AUX Members continue to meet their Various MSEP Qualifications and Certifications

2022 Recognition Summary: 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 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 resulted in The Auxiliary Flotilla Team assisting the Berkeley Waterfront with their **current Aquatic Species Nuisance problems.** 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.** The City is now is replanting from their Native Plant Nursery.

Morgan, distributes Thank You Notices to his team which include Great photos, and thanks for their efforts.. **Additionally Morgan Completed and was Awarded his MSAM in 2022. BZ.**

BZ Jeff Fite, 03-03, Deputy DSO-MS / **ADSO-MS MEES and MSAM** as mentioned above, **worked** with Michael Mitchell **ADSO-MS UPVE/CFVE on PQS UPVE Examinations towards UPVE Certification. Jeff with Michael Initiated in May the 2022 Version “Intro to UPVE Study Group”**. The Pilot 9 Session Study Group was Completed. **With Successful** Participants working towards 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 Paddle Smart course is scheduled for 15 APR 2023 at the Consumnes River Preserve, with VSC’s Scheduled to follow; Completed another Beach Cleanup at FREEPORT Bridge 22 OCT 2022; and 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. BZ Lilli, Verifications Completed along with Oral Board, Lilli was quickly processed through DIRAUX and to CDR Jones for her Award. We are saddened that Lilli needed to Step Down as SO-MS Div. 1.

The Highlights of Lilli’s Report included: Lilli met with the Division Elect DCDR regarding her stepping down as SO-MS, after she met with each FSO-MS encouraging their interest in this Division Position. She Also met online with Vivian Matuck regarding the Dockwalker program and she successfully involved: FSO-MS planning to attend the Online Dockwalker Trainings and Planning meeting; Connecting Her FSO-MS with the California Environmental Boating Program Manager for the Potential of Flotilla Level 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 Commission’s, as well as other Division/Flotilla Shoreline Cleanup Days. . **BZ Lilli** for All you have supported and accomplished.

Additionally I would like to formally Thank the noted MSEP leader’s as well as All our Active MSEP Members for their Dedication and Proactive Participation. This Dedication lead to our Successful MSEP Year in 2022.

Reports Received:

I am pleased to have regularly received reports and/or Updates 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 updated data; 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 to Help us have met, and this Year Exceed, our MSEP Mission Goals .

STILL ALWAYS WORTHY TO NOTE: BZ to Manny Rimeriez: Outstanding MS Accomplishment “Organized a Team Approach” to conduct CFV’s (Commercial Fishing Vessels): Manny with Michael Mitchell organized a **Team of 24 – Certified CFVE’s** who over a 4 Day Period. Covered 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.**

My Thanks to **the current ADSO-MS’s and most SO-MS Officers who continued to work diligently towards ensuring 2022 Has Proven to be as successful a year for the MS Department in 2022 as it was in 2021, In Fact they have Exceeded 2021**

We continue 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, after the month of SEP 2022...do to Operational needs of the Prevention Department Sector San Francisco, and then My own Medical issue Requiring Surgery in DEC:

THEREFORE I Repeat The following Summary of the extremely positive as well as critical Bodega Bay Community Outreach Meeting: “ Maintaining and Fostering Positive Relationships with the Communitis Served by the U.S. Coast Guard” Including Active participation of the Auxiliary”. **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 this meeting is 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.

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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 .

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". .

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 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. These may include 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 look forward to working, as previously as Noted in my MAY-SEP District Board and Staff Report, with LT Natasha Kenney on YBI. Due to Workforce Demands and Activities regarding San Francisco Sector, and then my own Medical carryover from years ago requiring Surgery... we did not have the Opportunity to meet and or move forward with our previously noted new AUX Trainings which will We had been proceeding on structuring proposals discussed during 28 APR Quarterly meeting with CDR. Allegretti. Those are, productive meetings related to those noted above in Specific Areas of Increased Auxiliarist Support within Sector San Francisco AOR towards Enhancing Manpower Readiness.....

LT Kenney and I have been 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 will be by Active Duty/Goldside. .In this year 2023, I hope to begin meetings to 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 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 Quarterly WorkGroup Meeting will be held Virtually on 18 JAN 2023 from 1000 to 1200 with a notice of Invitation sent to all previous recorded Attendees By Andrew Kershen of the State Lands Commission.

Note: The ADV WG Meeting of 19 OCT 2022 included a presentation worth repeating here:

CA Product Stewardship Council – Marine Flare Disposal Programs – Ms. Yalin Li

How to provide events for site safe, free, and proper Marine Flare Disposal...Those interested in hosting an event can apply @ <https://www.calpsc.org/cpsc-marine-flare-projects>

Note: The power point presentation is available through the above State Lands Commission - Mr. Andrew Kershen.

TRAINING PROGRAM (2022 Summary) - Marine Safety and Environmental Program

It is Understood through our experience that Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs are many of our Auxiliary 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 now with the Addition of the 2023 UPVE Education/Training Introductory 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.

*** 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**

BZ to the Following 2022 MSEP Certifications:

MEES and MSAM Qualified:

Jeffrey B. Fite, Donald L. Pierce, Erik J. Paananen,
Dinia J. Paananen, Lisa D Curtis, Karensue Galvin

MSAM Qualified:

Lillian Sarah Ferguson, Morgan Swiggett

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Throughout THE 2023 Year leading to the year we will continue to offer: Intro to MEES, Shoreline Cleanup, ADV Presentations and American Waterway Watch etc.

The MSEP Training Program for this year 2023 will somewhat Replicate last years successful Sessions.

We are kicking 2023 off with the Following at the 21-22 JAN PCA Fair:

- *Introduction to Marine Safety D11N***
- *Aquatic and Invasive Species Workshop***
- *Shoreline Cleanup Events - How to Organize and Complete***

Our Calendar for 2023 will be formally released and posted in FEB 2023: to include:

Workshops at D-Train

Station Rio Vista JUN 2023: The MEES Workshop (with potential MSAM or UPVE Intro)

Fall PCA workshops

Additional to be determined “ Online Study Groups or Trainings”

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

2023 CA Boater Kits will be Available - Contact Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov for future 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

Marine Safety Activity, Summary for:	2020	2021	2022
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	4930.68 hrs. (*NOV 2022)

(NOTE (*) Total MS Support Data has not been completely calculated for YTD 2022 due to DSO-MS Medical Surg/Issue in DEC 2022. This Data will be complete as of FEB 2023 Report

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Jeff Fite, Deputy DSO-MS

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 Morgan Swiggett, ADSO-MS Sea Partners

Div.(SO-MS): 1 _____, 3 Jeff Fite, 4 Pat Flood, 5 Vacant, 6 Alex Urcioli

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