



## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

### District Eleven North Region DISTRICT STAFF OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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To: Commodore Curtis Han

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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.
  2. Recruit members who will actively participate in our exciting communications programs.
  3. Train with our communications partners.
  4. Increase Division level communications programs.

#### **Highlights Up:**

1. Diablo repeater is scheduled to be installed April 7.
2. Plans moving forward to schedule quarterly training exercises for 11N and 11S. We are working closely together to better serve CG District 11. A table top exercise is in planning stages to incorporate in a small scale, AUX Surface OPS and EM as well as active duty stations. The exercise will build on training held over the past few years. A draft has been prepared.
3. I have made contact with USCG TRACEN Petaluma Electronics School. They may have surplus mobile radios that may be transferred to the AUX CM. Two radios are in need of replacement in the Sacramento trailer.
4. There may be a placement repeater site for South Bay coverage. More to follow.

#### **Highlights/ DOWN:**

1. Mt Diablo repeater is still down as a result, we were not able to assist Sector San Francisco when Rescue 21 failed.
2. The following divisions have not submitted reports when requested: 4-5-6-8-10-11.

#### **ADSO Reports:**

1. D-DSO-CM Paz: See Div 1 report.
2. ADSO-ARMS:Firehock: AWO program functioning well. No additional activity.
3. ADSO-ACV-BUSCH: No report filed.
4. ADSO-CM CC- Scholz:  
Working on implementation of new macros for digital communications programs as well as a series of field exercises leading to the full scale event likely to be held this fall.

The trailer remains secured with the Division Commander William Ross. Soon as the Snow and Weather moderates, we anticipate using this facility Initial focus will be training new and potential TCO's as well as to support authorized missions.

Division 7 continues to host a weekly Amateur Band Radio Net.

Three members participate in the Monday Ventrilo net. Two additional members have been encouraged to join the net.

The SO-MT hosted a one-hour Zoom session to discuss the Division 7 Communications program 10 members attended the session. Three members reached out to me to seek recommendations regarding a reasonably priced VHF/UHF Part 90 approved transceiver for use. Discussed at length the fact that many amateur VHF/UHF Radio's will not be accepted for Facility Status.

Five members will be seeking TCO qualification within the next few weeks. Working with current TCO qualified members to acquire facility status for appropriate UHF/VHF equipment.

ADSO-CM Utah-Williams: ADSO-CM-D7CC

7. ADSO-CM AA-Farmer: NO report filed.

8. ADSO-CM CC/RDF-Thorsson:

One request for response by Sector San Francisco. I was not able to respond as I was out of state. I made contact with TRACEN Petaluma and have been advised that there may be surplus VHF mobile radios available for transfer to our program.

9. ADSO-CM-TK-Sellstrom: No report filed. Plans moving forward to replace Diablo repeater. Possible replacement site for South Bay coverage.

10. ADSO-AUX MON- Flores-

The Auxiliary Monitoring (AUXMON) Program - Mission 20B RADIOWATCH PROGRAM

The AUXMON program consists of an elite group of dedicated Coast Guard Auxiliarist who provide direct support to Coast Guard Communications Command (COMMCOM) by providing quality reports of

COMMCOM's transmission of radio weather and safety of life information to mariners on the high seas.

USCG WEATHER BROADCASTS ORIGINATE FROM BOSTON; PORTSMOUTH, VA; CHARLESTON, SC  
NME; SAN JUAN, PR

NMR; ASTORIA, OR NMW; CAMBRIA, CA NMQ; MIAMI; NEW ORLEANS; KODIAK; POINT  
REYES, CA; HONOLULU; AND

GUAM NRV

These messages consist of Distress, Urgent, Safety, Weather, Navigational  
Aids, Hydrographic

information, and ice condition broadcasts using Narrow Band Direct Printing  
(NAVTEX, SITOR), Facsimile

(WEFAX) and computer-generated voice (VOBRA) modes of transmission. Messages  
originate from

COMMCOM and are broadcast from remote transmitter sites throughout the United  
States. Vessels

operating throughout the Northern Hemisphere depend on these broadcasts for  
ease and safety of

passage. COMMCOM regards those who make use of this information to be  
important customers who

deserve the best service and product. Auxiliarists who participate in the  
AUXMON program are

providing needed quality control for these Coast Guard broadcasts.

11. ADSO-CM-ALE-Montagne-

A summary of my radio operational hours are:

- SHARES: 10 hours
- USCGAUX: 8.5 hours

The radio operational hours are derived from the following table:

SUMMARY OF RADIO ACTIVITY DOCUMENTED IN A CG-4380A							
#	DATE (YYYY-MM-DD)	LOG	UNIT	SHIFT START	SHIFT END	SPAN HOURS	T H
985	2023-03-29	SHARES REGION IX	NF11CH	16:00	16:30	0.50	0.5
984	2023-03-29	SHARES IDAHO	NF11CH	15:15	15:45	0.50	1
983	2023-03-29	SHARES NATIONAL	NF11CH	13:00	15:00	2.00	3
982	2023-03-29	USCGAUX WCA NET	NF11CH	01:30	02:30	1.00	4
981	2023-03-22	SHARES IDAHO	NF11CH	15:15	15:45	0.50	4.5
980	2023-03-22	SHARES NATIONAL	NF11CH	13:00	15:00	2.00	6.5
979	2023-03-21	SHARES CA	NF11CH	20:00	20:30	0.50	7
978	2023-03-18	USCGAUX D11CC ALE/WINLINK PRACTICE	NF11CH	16:00	19:00	3.00	10
977	2023-03-15	SHARES REGION IX	NF11CH	16:00	16:30	0.50	10
976	2023-03-15	SHARES IDAHO	NF11CH	15:15	15:45	0.50	11
975	2023-03-15	SHARES NATIONAL	NF11CH	13:00	15:00	2.00	13
974	2023-03-15	USCGAUX WCA NET	NF11CH	01:30	02:30	1.00	14
973	2023-03-08	SHARES REGION IX	NF11CH	17:00	17:30	0.50	14
972	2023-03-08	SHARES IDAHO	NF11CH	16:15	16:45	0.50	15
971	2023-03-08	SHARES NATIONAL	NF11CH	14:00	16:00	2.00	17
970	2023-03-08	USCGAUX WCA NET	NF11CH	02:30	03:30	1.00	18
969	2023-03-03	USCGAUX D11CC ALE/WINLINK PRACTICE	NF11CH	02:00	03:30	1.50	19
968	2023-03-01	SHARES REGION IX	NF11CH	17:00	17:30	0.50	20
967	2023-03-01	SHARES IDAHO	NF11CH	16:15	16:45	0.50	20
966	2023-03-01	SHARES NATIONAL	NF11CH	14:00	16:00	2.00	22
965	2023-03-01	USCGAUX WCA NET	NF11CH	02:30	03:30	1.00	23

Time spent validating a pending release of the ION2G Automatic Link Establishment software was 6 hours.

Time assisting Auxiliarists with the radio facility configurations was 5 hours. This includes:

- Mike Myers mobile: 2 hours
- Mike Williams: 1 hour
- Paul Sweitek: 2 hours

2 Hours were spent in the RM / TCT refresher on Mar 21.

A one hour meeting to discuss D11CC with Bill Scholz was held on Mar 24.

A total of 16 hours was spent on software development tasks to support generating the D11CC directory on Mar 24-25.

ADSO-Spectrum Management- Simmons-

Nothing new to report. Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Test is May 13th. Have you propagated this out to the CM group yet? It will be treated as a Fellowship Event. Auxiliaries are welcome to swing by to watch and even participate in the event:

NMC1 / US COAST GUARD BASE ALAMEDA, CA (USB + RTTY)  
1700Z - 2359Z 7,351.5 kHz USB 14,459.5 kHz USB

### **SO REPORTS BY DIVISION:**

#### **Division 1- DDSO-CM PAZ-**

##### **FSO Reports:**

Flotilla 12: Report Received. No activity to report.

Flotilla 14: Report on file.

- Both land mobiles continue participating in the Monday Night Radio Net
- 2 members continue doing the AWO for Sector communications

Flotilla 17: Report Received. No activity to report

Flotilla 19: Report on file.

1. Continue to check in on the Monday radio net at 1900 hours, channel 83A. Check in is relayed by Redwood City Mobile 1.
2. No callouts.
3. Land Mobile still not in ADII. Will working on getting it updated.

##### **Projects:**

##### **Goals and Objectives:**

Flotilla 14: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

Flotilla 19: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

#### **Division 3- SO-Stanton:**

3-1: Foster: No report filed.

3-3: No FSO-CM

3-5: FSO-CM Harrison-

### **Highlights**

\* **BMC Bennett**, OIC, will be promoted to Senior Chief effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Well deserved.

\* Met the new XPO **BM1 Matt Burkett** who will join us on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He comes to us from the CGC Sockeye in Bodega Bay. Current XPO **BM1 Chuck Reagan** will transfer to CGS Bellingham WA in May. Both are in for a big change in operations.

### Activity Details

\* A Station **Crewmember** was injured on a SAR case on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It took six staples to close his head wound. This underscores the fact that this can be a dangerous business.

\* CG Station Rio Vista conducted **10 SAR cases** during the last 30 days, including 01 by **John Hardin** and **Greg VanKoersel** on **Sidekick**. The average March 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 **06 Vessel Boardings**. The average March boardings for the last 10 years is 32. The most boardings conducted in one month by the Station was 149 in September 2015.

\* **Morgan Curtis VFC 5-3** stood 16 hours of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** over 04 days. She was presented with a Station's Challenge Coin by **BMC Bennett** on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She earned it and is considered a Station Crewmember. Good job Morgan.

\* I stood 14 days of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** at the Station for a total of 98 hours. Missed 01 day (10 Mar) due to road closures for flooding.

### Agency Interactions

\*The Station's **DOIT (Delta Officers Intelligence Team)** meeting has been scheduled for April but no date yet. The plan is to have one hour for LE discussions which are somewhat classified followed up with one hour of SAR and boating activities. Lunch at the conclusion. More details later.

### Current Projects:

\* Working with **Doug MacPherson, BM1 Swofford, BM2 K Hansen, Don Anderson, John Hardin and Russ Kaiser** on another **Boating Season Kickoff for 2023**. Scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Station. Looking to include another **SAREX** on July 18th.

\* Working with **BMC Bennett, OIC, and BM1 Swofford, OPS**, to have a CG Crewmember attend AUX Flotilla meetings in our AOR whenever schedules permit.

\* Recruiting **Auxiliary Radio Watchstanders** for Rio Vista Station to supplement Morgan and I. Come on. It's not that hard if I can do it. The CG Crew will love you for it

### 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

\* To enjoy life as it comes

**Division 4-** SO-CM Cooley: No report filed.

**Division 5-** SO-CM Gleason: No report filed.

**Division 6 -** SO-CM Huynh: No report filed.

**Division 7-SO-CM Farmer:** Excused.

**Division 8-** Felton: No report filed.

**Division 10-** Brady: No report filed.

**Division 11:** Leinan: No report filed.

**Division 12:** Robert Torio:

No formal report for this month. Stephen Busch and I plan to inspect the ACV in the very near future and to drive it around CGI to get the fluids circulating and the tires rolling. Hopefully it will start.

No photos.