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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, JUN 2023 ( JUN 2023 forward)

**DATE:** 08 JUL 2023

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. **SMART GOALS for MSEP TEAM  
and 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; scheduled Meetings: LT. N Keeney (IMD) her replacement LTJG Davis re: ADV Activity w AUXAIR and Progress on Prevention/Response Training to Support Active Duty Mission Readiness.**
3. **Marine Safety Staff Officer's Reported Activities / Events MAY-JUN 2023**
4. **Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Meeting 12 JUL 2023 1000-1200 – Virtual Only  
Return to Operations with AUXAIR regarding ADV's -  
NOAA Salvage Solutions for ADV's Update**
5. **MS TRAINING PROGRAM– Schedule Implemented to include All National Changes:**
  - MSAM PQS Program procedure Change Effective 01 APR 2023**
  - UPVE PQS New Intro Procedure Course utilized in 2023**
  - Coming Fall PCA Fair will offer New AUX-LR PQS**
6. **Dockwalker and the CA State Parks/CA Coast Commission Program Partnerships**
  - Marina/Yacht Club workshop – California's Spill Response Structure/Spill Response Resources for Boating Facilities and Communications with resource agencies.**
7. **Summary of Marine Safety Activities 4930.23 hrs\*. Logged 2022.**

## Challenges and Smart Goals for 2023:

### Smart Goals:

**SMART GOAL #1: MSEP TEAM will Increase or Maintain 2022 Course and Training Opportunities AND Active PARTICIPATING MSEP Member Instructors by 50% in 2023:**

Measured By: More than the three 2022 Inst. Increase to 5 active Instructors in 2023

GOAL will be MET @ Fall PCA Fair. : :wo New MSTR's Assist: Q & A at 10 JUN Workshop

**SMART GOAL # 2: The MSEP TEAM will support the development and growth of members by increasing the number of new MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS and "AWARD" CERTIFICATIONS by 20% in 2023:**

Measured by: There shall be an increase in either New MSEP Qualifications and/or Combined with "AWARD" CERTIFICATIONS by CDR. DIRAUX or COTP/Chief of Prevention Sector San Francisco in 2023:

Goal tracking to be met: 1 AUX UPVE Awarded to date, w 12 Candidates for both MEES and MSAM along with UPVE having completed Initial PQS Intro and or Orientation Workshops at the Annual MS Station Rio Vista 10 JUN Workshop. Some already working towards completion of Self Initiated PQS w VO's, towards submission and Verification for Oral Boards. Several May Complete within 2023

**ALL MSEP 2022 Planned Goals were MET/EXCEEDED & MSEP on tract to Meet 2023 :**

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

MS Home Page "Content" with Continual Updates HAS BEEN Completed including: Deputy DSO-MS, All ADSO-MS,( awaiting info on some 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\* was previously forwarded to Carl Henning DSO-CS for Updating. \*This is an Ongoing Task as D11N AUX Members continue to meet their desired Various MSEP Qualifications and Certifications.

**I would like to again thank the noted MSEP leaders as well as All our Active MSEP Members for their Dedication and Proactive Participation in 2023. This leads the MS/MEP Unit towards a Highly Regarded MSEP Year for 2023.**

**As of JUN 2023, the Potential for Multiple RARE and Coveted M-Pro ( Trident) Device being Earned and awarded within 2023 currently and strongly exists.**

### **Reports Received:**

I am pleased to regularly continue to receive MS Monthly Reports and/or Updates from Deputy DSO-MS ADSO-MS MEES/MSAM Jeff Fite, ADSO-MS Sea Partners / FSO-MS Morgan Swiggett, Michael Mitchel ADSO-MS UPV/CFV, FSO-MS Carrie VanDeBoom Div 10, former SO-MS Lilli Furguson Div. 01; and as appropriate from Manny Rimeriez USCG ( CIV) with CFVE updated data;, and I always appreciate the support and input from our ASC Sue Fry.

### **Some Reported JUN Events and Activities, 10, 17, 24 JUN 2023 reported by varous MS Officers:**

#### **10 JUN 2023 Annual MS Workshop for Quals Day Station Rio Vista**

The 2023 MS/MEP Qualifications Workshop got underway at 0800 on 10 JUN 2023 at Sta Rio Vista

- The 2023 *MS/MEP Qualifications Workshop* was conducted, by Joseph Chavoen (DSO-MS), Jeff Fite,(Dep DSO-MS/ADSO-MS MEES / MAMS ), and Morgan Swiggett (ADSO-MS-Sea Partners) as instructors. Fifteen participants were trained on:
  - MEES - AUX-Prevention Outreach Specialist line items from the PQS, and on the qualification process and requirements for assembling an application packet, and ultimately an oral board and ultimately to qualification
  - MAMS( Fmr MSAM) principles, and how to start and progress through the Moodle modules leading to an oral board and ultimately to qualification

- AUX-UPV Examiner principles, and how to successfully complete the self-study sessions on the P-Directorate website, through proctored UPVE's, and ultimately to qualification.
- Bravo Zulu to the participants, who now comprise a cadre of MEES and MSAM candidates: Chris Armbrust, FLT 14; Frank Capurro, FLT 55; Gail Giacomini, FLT 14; Martin Ouellette, FLT 10-05; Jonathan Perrone, FLT 10-02; Lou Sarto, FLT Lou Sarto, FLT 14; Tim Trichelt, FLT 35; Jason Yen, FLT 53.
- Thanks also to members of the 2022 Cadre who returned for a round table discussion on the mindset and discipline necessary for getting the qualifications completed: Morgan Curtis, FLT 53; Kit Galvan, FLT 53; Morgan Swigget, FLT 12-91. These participants also received orientation to AUX-UPV.

A very Special Thanks to Darcey and the CA Team for once again coming through and providing an Excellent Lunch for Participants and Station Rio Vista Personnel. Darcey informed that over expenses, were able to( Donations for Lunch by AUX) , Provide the Station Welfare Fund with \$125.00. Thank You All for supporting this Annual Workshop

This Annual Workshop Day at STA Rio Vista in JUN Each Year will remain the principal venue for getting MS/MEP team members started towards their Various Chosen MS Qualifications,

Note: Additionally, the MS Instructor Team Met and agreed on providing, on a case-by-case basis, A potential MS/MEP Roadshows where realistic , extenuating hardship circumstances exist. Our Goal to allow Auxiliaries of D11NR to Participate - Due to Hardship for the "Mandated Face to Face" Qualification Workshops .

Currently to this end the MS Team has agreed for the ASDO-MS MEES/MSAM to "Pilot" an All Day MS Qualification;s Roadshow. This MS Workshop Day is Currently scheduled for STA Lake Tahoe on 09 SEPT 2023 .

Historically regarding just MEES and MSAM, one Section had been annually offered at D-Train and the other at a PCA Fair with no particular order. 4 years Ago the MS Team "Established" the Summer "Annual MS Workshop Day at Station Rio Vista" to supplement D-Train and PCA Fair Offerings. Thus because of ongoing "Group" interest by auxiliaries of great distance from The Station Rio Vista's Annual MEES/MSAM Workshop through 2022, the MS Team determined piloting going on the road should help many MS Qualification interested Parties and Candidates well outside the Greater Bay Area.

To this end yet another potential MS Road Show to the North Coast and Sector Humboldt is also under consideration.

## **17 JUNE PCA Fair and MS Team Events:**

**Mini D- Train / PCA Fair SAT 17 JUN:** ADSO MS Sea Partners / DSO-FN , in attendance reported out on D11NR Finances through MAY. Morgan along with DSO-MS Chavoan Reporting out on the Activities of the MS Team through MAY and into JUN, at the Board and Staff Meeting on 17 JUN 2023, additionally attended workshops for Currency..

**\*Dep DSO-MS Jeff Fite Regional Safety Day and Paddle Craft Safety:** Jeff was in the process of Establishing a Strong working relationship with LODI LAKES for the Day focusing on Paddle Craft Safety. In Jeff's Role as FSO-MS-03-10: Dep ADSO-MS Fite Organized a very successful Expansion of his Consumes River Paddle Craft Safety Day at LODI LAKE and will Return every 4<sup>th</sup> SAT of the Month.

### **Regional Safety Day Events:**

Jeff , Joe Heap and Rol Santos operated a PA booth, distributing activity books to about 100 children and boating safety and environmental protection literature to about 150 adults at the Regional Safety Day in Elk Grove Park, 17 JUN 2023. The event was a showplace for public safety agencies and their equipment, hosted by the Cosumnes Community Services District.

Jeff has successfully presented his Bay-Delta version of Aquatic Nuisance Species was presented to FLT 3-10 on 18 MAY 2023. Six Flotilla members attending

As DSO-MS, with the input from MSEP Team in JAN 2023 We published the tentative class schedule for the year including the remaining PCA Fair 16-17 SEP 2023.

Towards enhancing relevance in D11NR, Jeff Fite asked to update and the **“Intro to MSEP D11N” class still including all Auxiliary Options, But emphasizing what is Actually available to our Sector San Francisco Auxiliarist.** This has been a goal of the Deputy DSO-MS..to Update, keep complete, and then present.

## **MS Team Activities of 24 JUN 2023 (2)**

### **\*Coast Guard Island Shoreline Cleanup - 24JUN 2023**

**ADSO-MS Sea Partners Morgan Swiggett Invisioned and developed the combined Auxiliary and Gold Side Shoreline Cleanup event which was highly successful. In Addition to ADSO-MS Sea Partner's Swiggett, DSO-MS Chavoan and 12 Auxiliarist showed up @ 0900 for a Briefing by Morgan and Risk vrs Gain Discussion regarding the Areas and Safety Issues associated with the Base's Shoreline Cleanup.**

Morgan also Reported on his Flotilla's event for Memorial Day Weekend SAT, SUN and MON had a booth, at the **San Ramon Art & Wind Festival** an annual tradition. Set up

the **Marine Safety section, which included The Pollution Diorama**. Here Morgan demonstrated to children and their parents the many ways that trash and other pollutants can make its way from suburban neighborhoods, creeks and storm drains all the way to the SF Bay and ocean. He also took the time to provide information and answer questions about **America's Waterway Watch** and to discuss the **Dockwalker's Program** with survey's filled out and kits distributed. There was a large focus on Marine Safety in general with lifejackets on display and a wide variety of brochures to hand out, including coloring books/sheets for the kids.

**On Sunday the Flotilla had one of our the Flotilla members, Doug Kerr, fly in his 1955 helicopter** for a landing on the baseball field where families could sit in the cockpit, take pictures and ask questions, **and Monday they had the famous Coastie roaming the pavement in front of our booth which is always a popular draw**. Big attendance both days and as usual, the interactive pollution diorama we have was a huge hit with both kids and their parents.

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- Fite and Heap conducted Paddle Clean & Safe events at the Cosumnes River Preserve (12 adults and 8 children at the PA booth, and two paddlecraft VSC's), and at Lodi Lake (14 adults, 6 children, 1 VSC)
- Fite conducted an examination of an Uninspected Passenger Vessel on 21 JUN 2023 in Discovery Bay, with Larry Stanton as trainee. Vessel was the M/V Chief James Scott Martin, an ex-44 foot MLB that was stationed at USCG STA Tillamook Bay.

### **FSO Morgan Curtis 113-05-03**

Morgan always submits an engaging monthly report on her Flotillas MSEP Activities. She , Strongly Focuses on encouraging the Division's other FSO-MS to become as active as can assisting the Division and thus the District with our MS MEP Goals and trainings.

Morgan volunteered and attended the Station Rio Vista MS Workshop Day.... to help participants understand the Processes she experienced to manage and to and successfully completed both her MEES and MSAM.

We invited last Years MEES and/or MSAM Graduates to Come for the completing Day and explain their experiences with their – After the Workshops- PQS and then their Oral Boards, for their Awards. The following is typical of Morgan's Goals and Activities in summary.

**CDR Allegretti Chief of Prevention S. F. Sector Quaterly Meetings:**

**Note: CDR Hale Allegretti, Chief of Prevention, Sector San Francisco will soon be Departing and CDR Krysia Pohl, shall be taking the Prevention Chief Helm Effective 11 AUG 2023.**

I would just like to Express My Thanks to CDR Allegretti for All of his direction and support of the D11NR Auxiliary MS Unit of the Prevention Department. It has been a true pleasure to know and work with CDR Allegretti, and Staff Officers, over these last two years as DSO-MS.

CDR Allegretti and I will be meeting on 17 JUL with potentially Lt. Kenny, LTJG Davis, ENS Jankelow as well as other Staff Officer's. It was requested in 2022 that we meet more frequently, as it turned out was needed, including with Staff Officers and myself the AUX DSO-MS. This has taken place regularly as Reported monthly by your DSO-MS, and has led to extensive positive working relationships. These as well as developments, in process, of a few new opportunities for Auxiliarist to become "Certified" by the Gold Side to enhance Sector San Francisco Manpower Readiness needs. These include USCG Mission Support Roles. After appropriate Training and Certification(s) currently was under development with LT Kenny ( of the Sector Response Dept. is working with Prevention) and myself. Upon Completion There Shall be Sector San Francisco Specific Review. If approved then passed to D11NR Auxiliary Senior Leadership, will review. These Roles by Auxliiarists SHALL BE SPECIFIC to only San Francisco Sector AOR, at the discretion of the COTP. .

I look forward to continue working, as previously logged in my prior District Board and Staff Reports, w LT Natasha Kenney, now LTJG Rachel Davis and ENS Rachel Jankelow. LT Kenney , IMD co-chair, and I had been working, with CDR. Chief of Response, approval, the development of **"Potential" Enhanced Training or Auxiliary Pollution Responders for IMD.**

To Date 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 by "Qualified" Auxiliarist Support.

The Certification of Auxiliarist's will be Conducted by the Active Duty/Goldside. This year 2023, begins developing "Sector San Francisco AOR" Specific: PQS and 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.

CDR Allegretti is aware and pleased I have reported on his Interests of Expanded AUX Support, All D11N USCG Auxiliary Board and Staff meetings. I Provide current and accurate Information, to the D11N Commodore. District Chief of Staff and the D11NR Board and Fellow Staff Officers.

### **Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Workgroup:**

The next ADV Quarterly WorkGroup Meeting will be held Virtually on 19 JUL 2023, normally quarterly at the Cal State Lands Commission, Hercules on 19 JUL 2023 from 1000 to 1200. I am Extremely Pleased that AUXAIR is actively rejoining the ADV WorkGroup.. A notice of Invitation shall be sent to all recorded Attendees By Andrew Kershen. Updates were provided.

NOAA Continues to produce Monthly ADV SALVAGE SOLUTIONS UPDATES on the Recycling of ADV's these can be located for review at [SalvagingSolutions@noaa.gov](mailto:SalvagingSolutions@noaa.gov). I highly recommend their review for those interested in the partnerships developed in Rhode Island for Cost efficient ADV Recycling,

**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. If Interested, contact DSO-MS Joseph Chavoen 209 487 4757

### **TRAINING PROGRAM ( 2023 Summary) - Marine Safety and Environmental Program**

It is Understood through our experience that Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs fit with 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, Liferaft Inspector, 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 very pleased that ALL of our Planned last Year, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Trainings and Workshops were Successfully Completed as Planned**

### **MSEP TRAINING CALENDAR 2023:**



(Always subject to adjustments to accommodate National as well other program needs throughout the year).

These being now with the Addition of the 2023 UPVE Education/Training Introductory Workshops We successfully Completed Opening 2023 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*

### MS/MEP Education and Training Calendar Cont.

*The Calendar for 2023 was released and posted in FEB 2023 included:*

At D-Train we planned offering the following: D-Train unfortunately was CANCELLED

- \* Introduction to Marine Safety D11N ( Being Updated to reflect D11NR & S.F Sector)
- \* NEW COURSE FORMATS How to complete ONLINE PQS for MSAM and UPVE .

### Completed Annual Station Rio Vista SAT 10 JUN 2023, MSEP Workshops 0800 - 1700

This is our ALL Day MSEP Workshop, with Welcoming OIC Chief Bennett 0800 hrs..

Session 1: AUX-POS (MEES) Workshop 0800-1145 hrs- NOTE PRE-Registration Required

*LUNCH through 1245 hrs...Donations support cost and Donation to Station Wellness Fund....*

*.NOTE: ..Afternoon Sessions were both Orientation and Informational "How To" and Educational in Nature. to NEW Formats and Procedures for MSAM and UPVE, Both leading to 'Certifications'*

Session 2: Orientation to the New 2023 MSAM Module, Online Self Guided, includes PQS within 10 Sessions , with Verifying Officer sign offs on PQS.....We reviewed new Online Format, Registration and Login Requirements, the Method required for Module completion, toward PQS Completion, an upon Completion of Module's, Scheduling of Oral Boards for Certification.

Session 3: : Orientation to the New UPVE Self Study Online. Intent address Module 1 of 10)

\* FALL PCA Fair SEP – U.S. G. G. Base Alameda: DESIRED for MSEP to Provide :

- \* **NEW Auxiliary Assistant Life Raft Inspector - 2 Hr will cover Workshop Qual PQS with VO, Leading to Individuals pursuing the LR01-LR10 OJT**
- \* **SEA PARTNERS and Invasive and Aquatic Species workshop**
- \* **Introduction to MS/MEP in D11NR ( *Updated Introduction to Marine Safety D11N*)**

**2023 additional including Online Course Offerings to be Scheduled**

**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. However they Have Been Updated to current Standards and Sector SF Areas of expressed Focus of Need.

**DOCKWALKERS/CA State Parks/CA Coastal Commission Partnerships**

**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

**NEW DOCKWALKER TRAININGS 1000 1245:**

Final 2023 Session was SAT 17 JUN and was held VIRTUALLY

**CA State Parks/ CA Coastal Commission MS Related Workshop:**

**Workshop for Marinas and Yacht Clubs regarding SPILL RESPONSE 11 MAY 0945-1245**

DSO-MS has always attended representing the USCG Auxiliary Marine Safety Unit. This Year Deputy DSO-MS Jeff Fite Also attended.

The focus of this meeting ( one in Northern CA another on another date in Southern CA) is for MARINA OPERATORS AND YACHTCLUBS as well as Others, to here from CA Fish and Wild Life Spill Prevention and Response; Ca State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the CA Coastal Commission for an open discussion on:

California Oil Spill Response Structure, California's Marinas and Yacht Clubs Spill Response Communication Packet; Review Spill Case Studies and lessons learned and Best Practices; and Oil Spill Response Resources for boating Facilities.

**2023 CA Boater Kits are Available - Contact [Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Vivian.Matuk@coastal.ca.gov) for additional information 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**

<b>Marine Safety Activity, Summary for:</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
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	"	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>2437 hrs.</b>	<b>4067</b>	<b>4930.68 hrs.</b>	<b>_____</b>

( NOTE (\*) Total MS Support Data has not been "completely" calculated and transferred for 2023 due to data Transfer error This Summary will be completed as of AUG 2023 MSEP Report

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