



## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

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

August 4, 2023

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. D11 N and S will be demonstrating our HF capabilities to the D11 Command Center COOP Exercise at Air Station Sacramento from August 22-24. In service practice sessions start this Saturday, Aug 5.
2. Thank you to Paul Custance NM11JF for providing excellent service to the boating public on July 4. Paul was standing radio "guard" and effectively managed a boating emergency!
3. We are near replacement of the Diablo site repeater. It is most likely that the marine radio "link" will be put in service at a later date. More to follow.

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

1. Diablo is still out of service.
2. Division 3 SAR Ex cancelled.

#### **ADSO Reports:**

1. D-DSO-CM Paz: See Div 1 report.
2. ADSO-ARMS: Firehock: No report.
3. ADSO-ACV- Busch: I have nothing to report for the ACV as it is grounded.
4. ADSO-Contingency Communications: Scholz:

Actively working on the demonstration to the D11 Command Center/COOP Exercise scheduled for August 22-24. The exercise is an expansion to the exercises held over the past few years. This will involve transmitting simulated messages to the Command Center and various Sectors/Stations throughout California.

5. ADSO-CM Utah-Williams: ADSO-CM-D7CC: No report filed. Participation in weekley VHF and HF nets.
6. ADSO-CM AA-Farmer: NO report filed. Excused.
7. ADSO-CM CC/RDF-Thorsson: No report filed.
8. ADSO-CM-TK-Sellstrom: No report filed.
9. DSO-AUX MON- Flores- No report filed.
10. ADSO-CM-ALE-Montagne- Working extensively on future training exercises.
11. ADSO-CM Spectrum Management- Simmons- No activity.

Eric

**SO REPORTS BY DIVISION:**

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

**Highlights/Topics:**

**Details:**

Division 1 Report

**FSO Reports:**

Flotilla 12:No report received. No call outs

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
- 2 TCO's will participate in the Division OPEX on July 29.

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 workon getting it updated.
4. **Projects:**

**Goals and Objectives:**

Flotilla 14: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

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**Division 3- SO-Stanton:**

3-1: Foster: No report filed.

3-3: No FSO-CM

3-5: AUX FSO-CM / AUC Harrison **Highlights**

## Highlights

\* **Operation Dry Water** involved the Station working alongside San Joaquin Sheriff over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The Station did 14 boardings with 03 terminations. The Sheriff arrested 05 individuals for BUI (Boating Under the Influence of liquor or drugs) and 01 person for a felony warrant. Good work Crew.

\* The **SAREX** was cancelled due to unavailable AUX facilities. Will try again this fall.

\* The bad news is the Station lost 03 more Crew members. **BM1 Reagan** went to CGS Bellingham WA on the 17<sup>th</sup>. **MK1 Turner** went to Humboldt Bay CA on the 5<sup>th</sup>. **SN Brown** went to A School on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

\* The good news is the arrival of **BM1 Burkett** on the 5<sup>th</sup>. He is the new Executive Petty Officer. He came from the USCGC Sockeye at Bodega Bay. **MK2 Stubin** arrived on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He came from CGS Brunswick GA. Welcome aboard!

\* A **Sea Scout, Ian Lerch**, came on Station on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is a High School Junior and wants to be a Coastie. He lived on Station for a week and got training like any newly arrived Coastie except he didn't go to the gun range or get pepper sprayed. He even went out on a couple patrols. He will be replaced by another Sea Scout when he leaves. Great opportunity for these two kids and the Coast Guard.

\* The Station provided a RBS-29 and crew for the **River Delta Parade** at Oxbow Marina on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. It provided another RBS-29 for the annual fireworks show at Mandeville Island on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary provided two boats (**Intrepid and Mistress**) for this late night event.

\* Had lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup> with **Steve Allen** at the Point. We crewed together for 10 years in his boat **This Side Up** for the Auxiliary. We did over 50 SAR cases in the Station's AOR. I added this to my report because Steve was the best Coxswain and partner and friend I've had in my 16 years in the Auxiliary. He is also one of the few people I've known since I left the Air Force who I would fly combat missions with. Thanks for all the terrific rides Steve!

## Activity Details

\* CG Station Rio Vista conducted **27 SAR cases** during the last 30 days. 06 were done by **Captain Hardin** and 01 by **Tommy Holtzman**. The average July SARs over the last 10 years is 19. The most SARs in one month was 70 in July 2009. The most SARs conducted by the Station in one day was 13 on a Sunday in July 2009. That included 03 at the same time. I was busier than a one armed paperhanger. The Station conducted **95 Vessel Boardings** with 05 terminations. The average July boardings for the last 10 years is 37. The most boardings conducted in one month was 149 in September of 2015.

\* Of the 28 Boardings done last month 06 (21%) resulted in terminations. The usual suspects of no or insufficient life jackets were the reasons. Not ever a surprise.

\* **Morgan Curtis VFC 5-3** stood 14 hours of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** over 03 days.

\* I stood 14 days of **Radio Watchstanding (20B)** at the Station for a total of 98 hours.

## Current Projects:

\* Working with **Kit Galvin, 5-3 VDC DIV 5; BM1 Swofford, OPS;** and **Don Anderson, Div 3;** in joint participation with Station on **Rio Vista Bass Derby** booth and **RBS-29** display October 13, 14, 15<sup>th</sup>. CG Recuriters will also attend.

\* Working with **Don Anderson, Pete Hnat, Doug MacPherson, John Hardin, BM1 Swofford, BM2 K Hansen** on a rescheduled SAREX on 07 September.

\* Working with **Kit Galvin, 5-3 VDC Div 5** to setup a **Boating Safety Course** on Station on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

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

### **Challenges:**

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

\* To get AUX members to come to the Station for a visit and interact with the Crew.

### **My Goal and Objective**

\* To focus on where I'm going in life, not where I've been.

**Division 4-** SO-CM Cooley:

1 Successful net contact Monday 1900. Waiting for renewal docs for RC radio facilities.

**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:

Practice sessions for D11 COOP demonstrations are in process.

No photos.