

**Date:** July 2023  
**From:** Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs  
**Thru:** Dale Fajardo, DCAPT-Prevention  
**To:** Commodore Curtis Han  
**Subject:** Activities Report August 2023

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**Division 1 – FSO-PA – Marisa Hoke**

**July 4th, 2023**, downtown Novato California. Novato's Annual 4th of July Parade. The USCG National Strike Team PST, accompanied by the following Flotilla 14 auxiliarists paraded while thousands of onlookers enjoyed the morning. For a video clip see our USCG Flotilla 14 Central Marin Facebook page.

\* **IPDCO D11-NR Dean McFarren** blew bagpipes soulfully as he marched in his kilt with the Irish Pipers.

\* **Flotilla 14 participants**

- **Alex Bennett, VDCR, Division 1, IPFC Flotilla 14, (Auxiliary Unit Coordinator) AUC Station SF, FSO-MA**
- **Lou Sarto, DSO-HR D11N, BC-HBB, USCG Special Projects, ADSO-PB, FC, FSO-HR**
- **Ken Louie, VFC**
- **Nancy Marion, Past DCapt & Commander** and Flotilla 14 Operations Officer
- **Mike Mitchell, DSO-Marin Safety**
- **Marisa Hoke - Flotilla – Public Affairs** - attendee

(Photos by Marisa Hoke unless noted)





**Flotilla 14 Auxiliaries Ken Louie VFC, Nancy Marion, FC Lou Sarto, and Michael Mitchell**



**USCG PST Petty Officer Amber Emrhein and Petty Officer Jesse Wilde ready to get the parade rolling.**

**Division 3 – SO-PA – Richard Celia**

Nothing to report.

**Division 5 – FC – Flt 55 & PA- Jim Matthies**

Flotilla 55 Sonoma County with much help from Flotilla 52 Napa hosted a RBS Booth on July 22 at the CA state small craft launch on the Russian River in Jenner California. The booth was at the request of the Sonoma Seal Watch organization which is a volunteer run wildlife conservation group that focuses their time and energy on keeping Harbor Seals and fish and wildlife safe from human interference. They work tirelessly on educating the visiting public, both boaters and visitors to Goat Rock State Beach on how to enjoy the beautiful California State Beach Sanctuary without harming it. Participating in this PA event were Mike Smith, Dinia, Eric and Colleen Paananen of Flotilla 52 and James Matthies of Flotilla 55. The ramp was busy with lots of paddle board enthusiasts including kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. We spent the day inspecting paddle craft, and paddlers for safety, checking for PFDS, whistles and vessel ID tags and reflective decals that we handed to paddlers. When we weren't assisting paddlers, we were being schooled by the Sonoma County Seal watch volunteers on how to educate paddlers on how to behave around the seals and their pups and other wildlife in this beautiful area. Another interesting and knowledgeable person we met there that day was Sookie from Water Treks Eco Tours. Sookie and her crew rent kayaks and give eco tours of the area. They are very knowledgeable as well and cover all the bases for people that come from out of the area to enjoy the Russian River and the wonderful wildlife that live there where the river meets the Pacific Ocean. This was a worthwhile endeavor. We all had a great day feeling like we made a difference, and we would like to return to assist the efforts of the conservationists of this area and to help educate the public and paddlers that come to enjoy it.



**Auxiliary Volunteers: Dinia, Colleen and Eric Paananen at RBS Booth Russian River State Boat Launch Jenner CA. 7/22/23**



**Auxiliary Volunteers: Mike Smith, Jim Matthies, Eric, Coleen, Dina Paananen at Thunder at Russian River State Boat Launch, Jenner, CA.**





**Clare and Lorena are Sonoma County Seal Watch Volunteers at Russian River Small Boat Launch, Jenner, CA**

**Division 6 – DSO-PA1 – JANE D. SMITH**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – Two boat training with #146 Station Monterey's 29 RBS & C G Auxiliary Patrol Boat #219 outside Santa Cruz Harbor. The crew not shown are Jerry Edelen – Flotilla 64, Brian O'Mara – Flotilla 6-10, Jane Smith – DSO-PA. District 11 N & Flotilla 6-10.**



**Coast Guard #146 29' RBS setting up to tow with Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat #219  
Instructor for the 29' RBS was BM1 Brennan Howard & Wally Smith Coxswain for the Auxiliary boat.**



**Coast Guard #146 sets up stern tow for the Auxiliary #219**



**Como Wally Smith at the helm of the Auxiliary Patrol Boat #219**





**Coast Guardsman setting the lines for side tow with the #219 and Como Mary Kirkwood watching.**



**Lynda Dossett crew on 219 waiting with the Coast Guardsman #146 waiting for the next command.**





Como Wally Smith – Coxswain, checking lines of the tow while Coast Guardsman waits.

**Division 7 – Lana Visser- SOPA**

No report submitted.

**Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – SO-PA**

Nothing to Report.

**Division 11 – DCDR – Guy Chism**

No report submitted.

**Division 12 – FSO-PA – Jean- Pierre**

**July 2023 PA activity District 11N, Flotilla 113-12-91**

**Report by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa, FSO-PA**

**Activity: July 16, 2023, MOM patrols and training with Jim Losi, Coxswain of Servant,**

Morgan Swiggett, and Adam Kovalevsky, Boat Crews and Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa, Boat Crew Trainee

Upon meeting Jim on Servant at 11:00, the crew of 4 Auxiliaries completed the risk Assessment and departed toward San Francisco through the Oakland Estuary. Morgan took the helm as the crew went on to practice docking, knots tying, and side towing activities along the way.



Adam and Jim practicing tow lines positions.

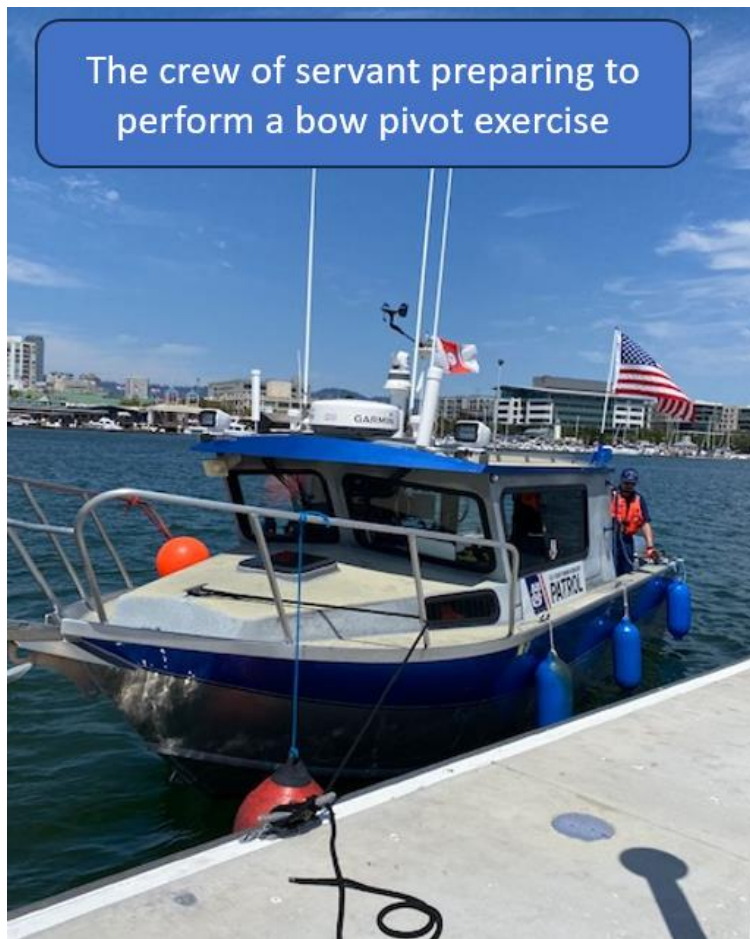
Side towing practices led to various random scenarios to familiarize the crew of potential interactions with various boaters and their situations. During this exercise, Jim played various characters of the type of boaters the Auxiliary may encounter ranging from novices to intoxicated individuals.

While practicing tow line numbering for efficient crew and Coxswain communication, Jim informed us to keep it simple with boaters needing towing as some individuals may not understand specialized words such as Bow, Stern, cleats, etc....

Jim Losi, Adam Kovalevsky, and Morgan Swiggett debriefing for an efficient and safe bow pivot exercise.

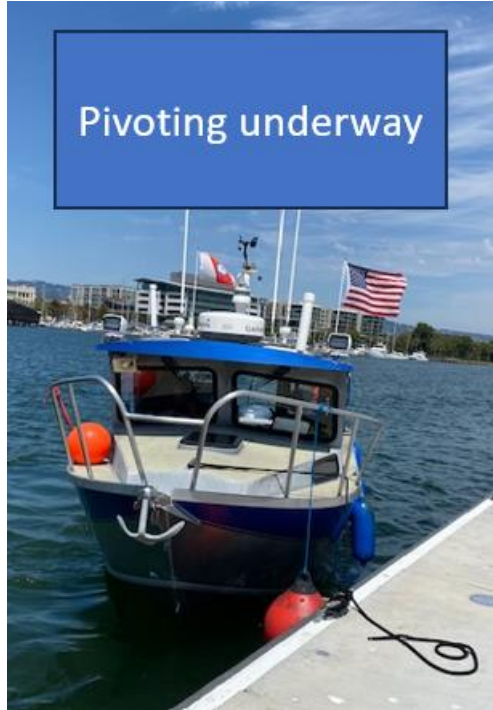


The crew of servant preparing to perform a bow pivot exercise

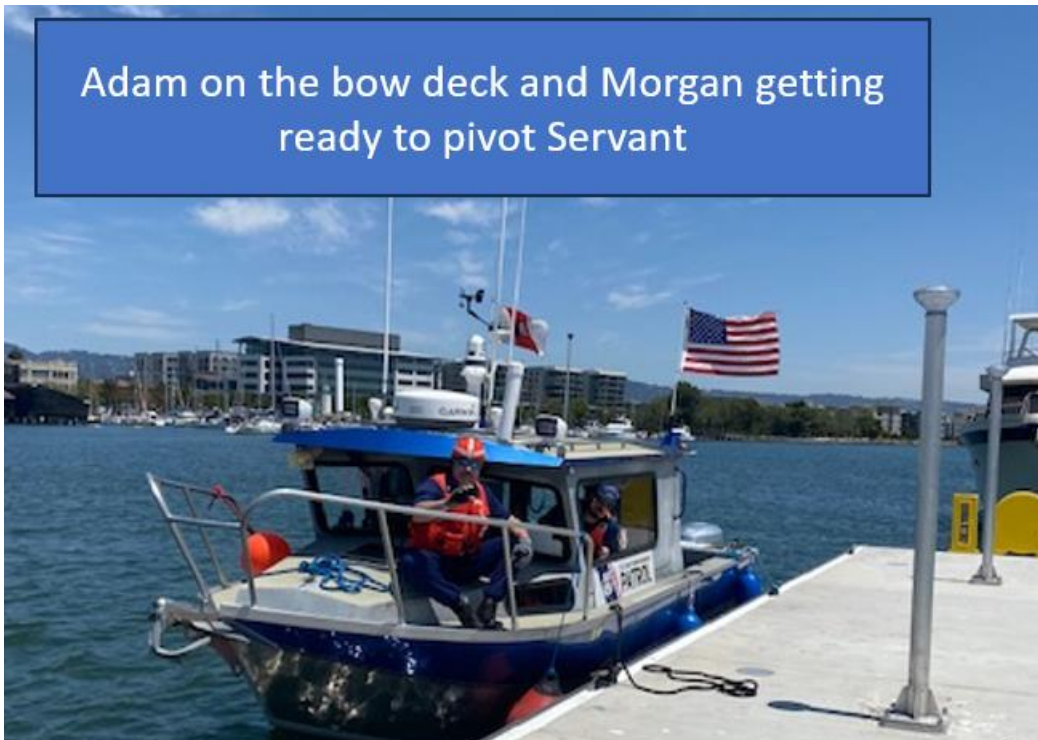




Pivoting underway



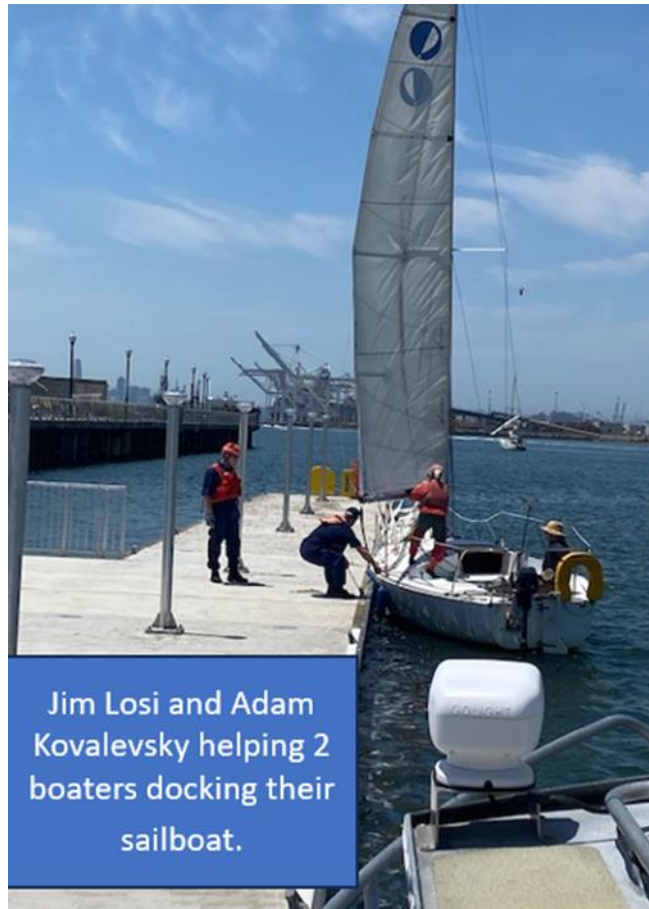
Adam on the bow deck and Morgan getting ready to pivot Servant





During our dock practice and bow pivotal maneuvering, a family with 3 children approached us with curious minds about our activity. The crew and the family had a great encounter surrounding the topic of our mission and Jim gave each child a Servant sport bottle as a token of remembrance. The whole family was clearly appreciative and left us with a great impression and understanding of what the Auxiliary does.

As we continued our various practices, Jim and Adam assisted 2 boaters with their docking of a sailboat who also informed us about a large plank of wood floating near the dock. Jim quickly assessed the situation, and it was determined that we could safely pick it up. Upon continuing our mission and training, Jim asked Jean-Pierre to the helm with the task of keeping a 120 ° course at steady speed of 4 knots.



**Date:** 30 July 2023

**Patrol Mission: MOM – With Training – Jim Losi – COS Reporting**

Crew: Olsen, Greg Coxswain and CIC  
Losi, Jim, Coxswain and Boat Crew  
Morgan Swiggett, Coxswain in Training & Boat Crew  
Jeff Grave, Boat Crew Trainee  
Jean Pierre Carjuzaa, Boat Crew Trainee

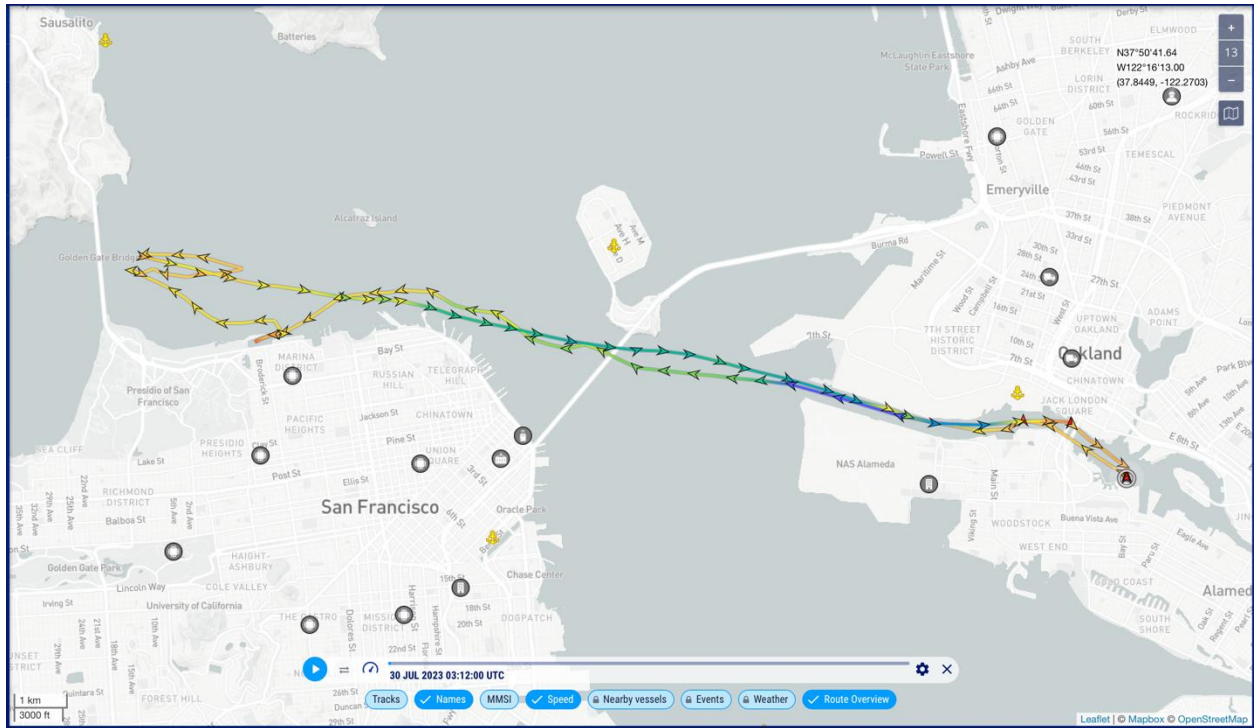
This is a very brief after-action review and/or evaluation of the above-mentioned patrol:



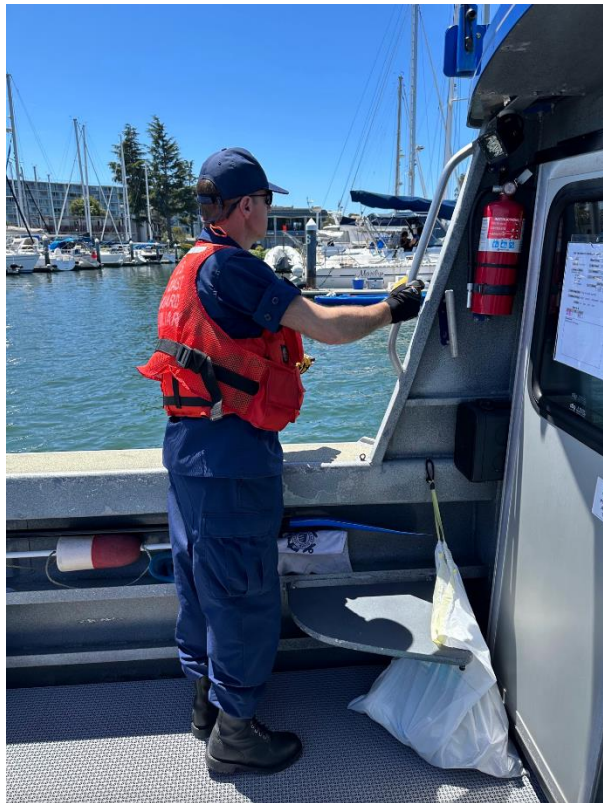
1. Engaged in a MOM patrol with the intent to engage in our traditional Kite Safety Surfer Patrol (KSSP) partnering with Station Golden Gate – STAGG. We also engaged in dock-side training, whereby Greg Olsen engaged in training in addition to other topics for Jeff Grave of Flotilla 113-12-91 and Jena Pierre Carjuzaa of Flotilla 113-12-91
2. As we transited to our operating area of the navigable waters near the Golden Gate Bridge, Greg Olsen, CIC noticed that sea conditions were deteriorating to dangerous levels. Winds were gusting to 25 knots, a small craft advisory was about to be announced, and swells were 4' to 6' every 3 to 5 seconds. CIC Olsen decided to terminate the patrol due to unsafe conditions.
3. While we were all disappointed in having to terminate the patrol due to poor conditions, we all respected the decision made by our CIC, Greg Olsen. It was the right decision to ensure crew and facility safety.
4. We transited back to OYC where we refueled at the Oakland Fuel Dock before docking at OYC.
5. We briefed at the dock at OPYC.



**On patrol near Golden Gate Bridge and STAGG. 25-knot winds with 4' to 6' swells every 3 to 5 seconds. Maybe it is time to terminate the patrol—photograph by Greg Olsen of Flotilla 113-12-91.**



**FIGURE 1 - TRACK LINE FOR PATROL OF 30 JULY 2023. PREPARED BY JIM LOSI OF FLOTILLA 113-12-91.**



**JEAN PIERRE CARJUZAA KEEPING A PORT SIDE LOOK OUT ABOARD OPFAC SERVANT. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF GRAVE**



**YANG MING CONTAINER SHIP TURNING IN THE TURN-AROUND BASIN IN THE OAKLAND ESTUARY. OPFAC SERVANT PROVIDED SECURITY WHILE THE 750' CARGO VESSEL WAS TURNING WITH THE AID OF THREE TRACTOR-TUGS. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF GRAVE.**

Very respectfully submitted,  
**Jane D. Smith,**



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