



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

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Division 1 – FSO-PA – Marisa Hoke

Division 3 – SO-PA – Richard Celia

Nothing to report.

Division 4 – Neil Slawson – FC & SO-PA

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

Flotilla 55 did not host any PA events this month. We did however have some members that participated in Fleet Week San Francisco 2023. Flotilla 55 member Frank Capurro worked doing Marine Safety Duty aboard the USCG Buoy Tender George Cobb during the Blue Angels’ performance on Friday Oct 6th. He greeted guests, stood watch and ate a terrific lunch with the rest of the crew. Thank you, Frank, for representing Flotilla 55 and supporting the USCG and Fleet Week this year!

Also worth mentioning were our Operations Crew that also supported Fleet Week by guarding the fly zone and keeping stray sailors away from it. Flotilla 55 Members that participated Friday and or Saturday Oct. 6th and 7th were Coxswain Thomas Herbst, Qualified Crew Larry Kubo, Doug Twitchell, Therese Van Wiele, James Matthies and soon to be qualified crew and owner of the facility Great White Randy Saxe. Thank you, Crew mates, for a great couple of days and a Job well done! Also, thanks to Steve Kilgariff and Frank Capurro who both crewed on other facilities over Fleet Week 2023.
Semper Paratus!!



Cutter George Cobb Fleet Week San Francisco Bay Oct 6th Fleet Week 2023. Photo taken by James Matthies from Facility Great White of Flotilla 55 Sonoma County.

Division 6 – DSO-PA1 – JANE D. SMITH

Division 6 Change of Watch 2023 - Report – DCAPT – Chuck Cobrey

On November 11, approximately 50 Auxiliarists from Division 6, as well as spouses and special guests, celebrated another successful year at the Division 6 Change of Watch luncheon. The venue was held at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Club in Seaside, California. The Club overlooks the beautiful Monterey Bay at Ft Ord where the US Army rehearsed for the Normandy Invasion eighty years ago.

Special guests at the luncheon included Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Commander Capt. Taylor Lam, Station Monterey Commanding Officer Lt Matthew Peryea and his Executive Officer, Lt Bryce Laster.

In attendance for the Director of the Auxiliary was our Operations Training Officer, BOSN Thomas Perez

Representing the Auxiliary's senior leadership was Vice National Commodore Mary Kirkwood, Assistant National Commodore Tracy Schultz, D11N Commodore Curtis Han, and his Chief of Staff Jim Losi, and past Deputy National Commodore Wally Smith.

Additional special guests included representatives from the National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration, the Santa Cruz Harbor and Coast Guard boat crew members from Station Monterey.

After new Division and Flotilla leadership members were sworn in and remarks given by several special guests, Lt Peryea took to the podium and thanked the Division for its support to the Station over the past year. He then announced the approval and granting of the Meritorious Team Commendation for members of Division 6 for the outstanding support for Station Monterey, specifically in the areas of Communications, helo support boat operations, and fellowship venues. Well done, Division 6 members!



Vice National Commodore Mary Kirkwood (center) chats with Capt. Taylor Lam at the Division 6 Change of Watch. Table also included DCDR Div.6 Dave Frisbey, VCDR Jane Smith & Como Wally Smith. Photo by DCAPT Chuck Cobery.



Attendees sharing fellowship prior to the Division 6 Change of Watch included, from left, Jerry Edelen, Flotilla 6-4, DIRAUX OTO Thomas Perez, D11N Commodore Curtis Han, Asst National Commodore Tracy Schultz, and Mark Mc Laughlin, Flotilla 6-4. Photo by Auxiliarist Chuck Cobery.

Division 7 – Lana Visser – SO-PA.

From: Lana Visser, SO-PA, Division 113-07 Utah
Subject: Division 7 September/October PA Report

Bear Lake Brawl Triathlon

Flotilla 78 patrolled the perimeter for the Bear Lake Brawl triathlon September 16, 2023. The event was held at East Beach State Park on the Idaho side of Bear Lake, UT. The event featured swimmers, cyclists, and runners. Auxiliarists Pamela Berger, Joseph Stocking, and Lana Visser, aboard Mama Bear, kept a watchful eye on triathlon participants in the swimming portion of the event, looking for swimmers who were having difficulties during their swim. Event participants seemed better prepared for the event this year, with only two swimmers needing to be taken back to shore by PWC.



Bear Lake State Park, Idaho - Mama Bear and crew patrols the second leg of the Bear Lake Brawl Triathlon. September 16, 2023. Photograph courtesy of Bear Lake State Park, Idaho.

Layton City Fire Department Open House

On September 27, 2023, Carl Henning, Ann Zocchi, and Tony Zocchi from Flotilla 76 participated in the Layton City Fire Department Open House event to promote the importance of wearing a life jacket to children and their parents when participating in activities on, near, or around the water.

This event was a fun filled evening for an entire family. During the event children rode on fire engines with the siren, sprayed fire hoses at a prop, watch live fire demonstrations,

received child I.D. packets, met firefighters, police officers, 911 dispatchers, and visited many booths that promoted child safety.

Flotilla 76 had an interactive booth at the event that interacted with children to promote water safety and the importance of wearing a life jacket. Panda was also present and met and interacted with many children. It was estimated that there approximately 2,000+ individual (adults and children) attended the event.

The event for the flotilla was very successful and Flotilla 76 was invited back for next year's event.



Layton, Utah - Auxiliarists Tony Zocchi, Panda, and Carl Henning waiting for the start of the Utah Lake Fall 4th Grades Field Trips



LAYTON, UTAH - PANDORA PANDA WITH FELLOW MASCOT BE READY UTAH BEE FROM THE UTAH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. SEPTEMBER 27, 2023. PHOTOGRAPH BY TONY ZOCCHI.

Utah Lake Fall 4th Grades Field Trips

Auxiliarists Paul Custance and Ammon Thompson from Flotilla 73 and Lana Visser from Flotilla 78 participated in the 4th Grade Field Trip event at the Saratoga Marina October 2-3. All total we had 272 4th Grade students from Fox Hollow Elementary, plus their teachers and chaperones, cycle through our presentation on life jackets and Reach/Throw/Don't Go. We divided each class into two groups and each group were able to go through the presentations on both subjects.

The first group learned about the importance of wearing a life jacket and how to put it on properly. Each student had the opportunity to put on a life jacket and have it inspected to verify it was put on correctly,

had all the buckles and ties fastened, and learned how to tell if the life jacket they put on was the correct size. Time permitting, we also had a life jacket race to see who could run to a pile of life jackets, find one that fits them the best, put it on correctly, and race back to the finish line. It was a good way to dispel some of that pent-up excess energy!



Saratoga Marina, Utah. Students learn from Auxiliarist Paul Custance how to properly put on a life jacket at the 4th Grade Fall Field Trips held at the Saratoga Marina. October 4, 2023. Photo courtesy of KSL Channel 5 reporter Kaigan Mears Bigler.

The second group learned about what to do when they saw someone in distress in the water. We first and foremost emphasized that they were not to go into the water to try to rescue the person, and that the best way they could help was to loudly attract attention by screaming, blowing a whistle, jumping up and down while waving their arms, or any other way to get attention from the life guards, rangers, or other adults who could call 9-1-1 or start rescue procedures if they were properly trained. We then discussed a variety of items they could try to throw out to the distressed person to hold on to until help arrived. We had a life ring, Type IV throwable, and life jacket for them to attempt to toss as close as possible to a training aid dummy (and we reminded them – particularly the boys – that the objective was to get the throwable object as close to the victim as possible so they could grab it, not to try to hit it in the head).

The first day was overcast cold, and occasionally drizzly. By lunch time the students were cold and wet. They gathered for lunch on their buses, had lunch, got warm, and then loudly “declined” to finish the field

trip. The adults decided in light of this “rebellion” to take the kids back to the school, which was a good decision because shortly after they left, and we got everything packed back into our vehicles, it began to rain in earnest. So there were two classes in the afternoon which we were not able to give our presentation to.

The second day was much better weatherwise and the students more willing to listen and participate when they were not cold and wet! Unfortunately, we were not able to take photos during the life jacket they put on was the correct size. Time permitting, we also had a lifejacket race to see who could run to a pile of life jackets, find one that fits them the best, put it on correctly, and race back to the finish line. It was a good way to dispel some of that pent-up excess energy! The life jacket they put on was the correct size. Time permitting, we also had a life jacket race to see who could run to a pile of life jackets, find one that fits them the best, put it on correctly, and race back to the finish line. It was a good way to dispel some of that pent-up excess energy!

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – SO-PA

Lakeport Fire Protection Partners with the Flotilla of Lake County

The Lakeport Fire Protection station requested assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 08-08 of Lake County in distributing free life jackets to children. The station had life jackets for children in all size ranges. The giveaway was at the Heroes of Health & Safety Fair held on October 21, 2023.

Working closely with the Fire District, the Flotilla members demonstrated the proper fitting of the life jackets. The children were weighed and fitted with the proper size. Over 70 free life jackets from infant size to youth sizes were distributed at the Fair. Many thanks from concerned parents were given to both agencies for the free life jackets. Boating Safety information was also available free for the boat public as well as Activity books for the children.

The Lakeport Fire Department and the Lake County Flotilla stress how important it is for everyone to wear life jackets when out on the water, especially the children.

BE SAFE - WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET



Lakeport Fire Fighters with Flotilla VC Art Martinez (2nd from left) and Flotilla FC Kevin Kealey (far right) with parent & child wearing new life jacket.



Logan & Jeremy with new lifejackets and parent Julie Passantino



Lakeport Fire Fighter John Tyson and Flotilla Vice Commander Art Martinez discuss the importance of wearing life jacket for everyone especially children.



VC Art Martinez fits children with new lifejacket while others wait their turn.

Division 10 PAO – Rebecca Obrienwitt

HIGHLIGHTS:

Flotilla 10-02 was invited to be guest speakers at the California Striped Bass Association meeting on October 3, 2023. Marine Safety Officer Carrie Van De Boom and Public Affairs Officer Rebecca O'Brien-Witt spoke to the group on several topics of water safety, including a presentation and discussion on some of the newer types of personal flotation devices, the pertinent new laws and regulations going into effect January 1, 2024, impacts of invasive species in the waterways, and distribution of Dockwalker kits provided to the Auxiliary by the State of California to boatowners after a short discussion on the topics on the questionnaires.

The Stanislaus River Salmon Festival in Knights Ferry is taking place on November 11, 2023, with several members of Flotilla 10-02 planning to participate in our PA booth activities that day. The focus of the festival is on environmental issues, conservation of resources, water supply management, invasive species, safe outdoor and water recreation, and wildlife issues, to name just a few. The weather is anticipated to be very pleasant, which should help attendance.

Our Fill the Boat event is on December 9, 2023, with the plans moving along among the committee members.

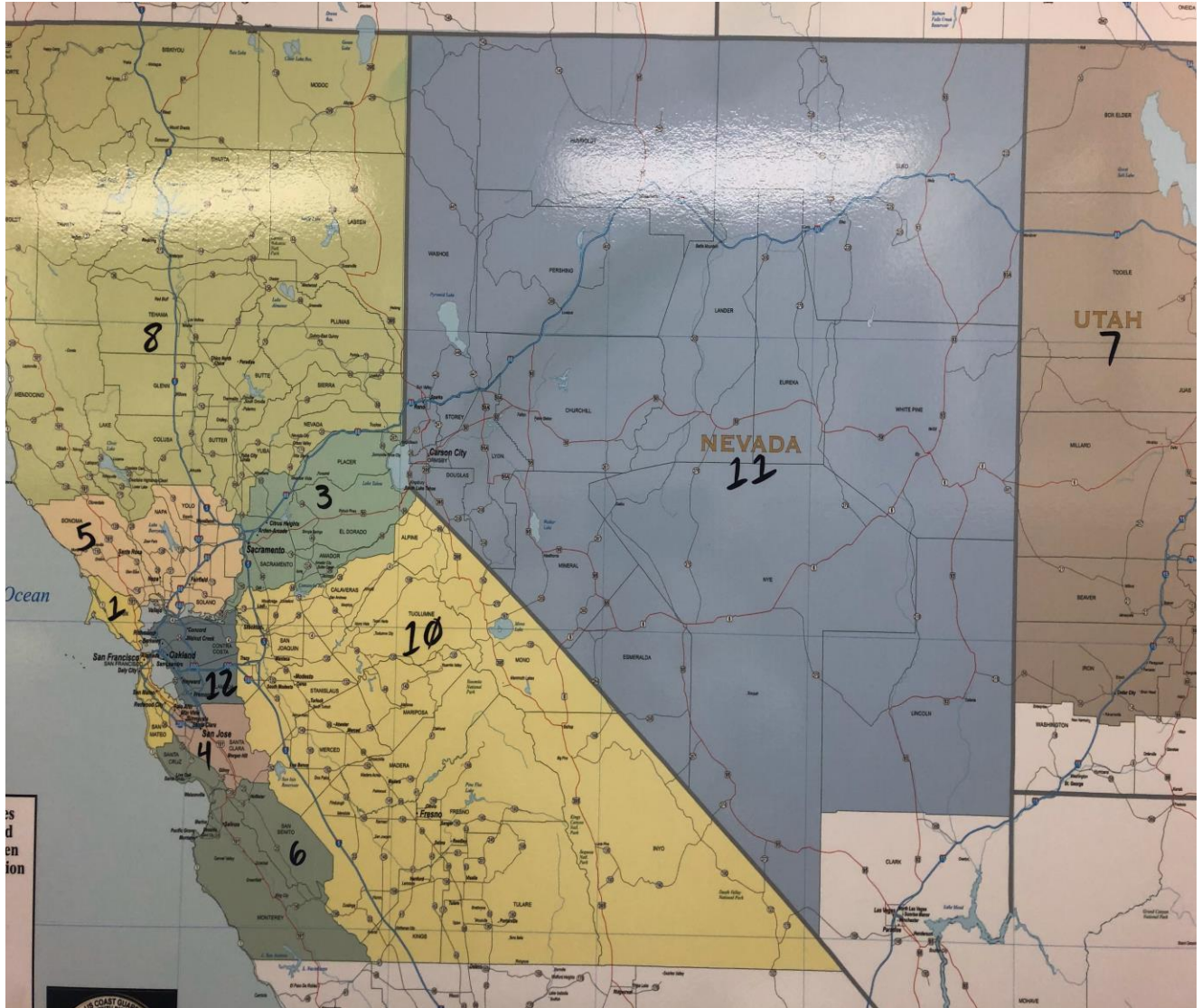
Division 11 – DCDR – Bill Stolz (acting PAO)

Nothing to report.

Division 12 – Jim Losi – DCOS & PAO

Nothing to report.

See next page for map of D11N Division Areas of Responsibility (AORs)



This is a map of our Divisions in D 11 Northern AOR's (Area of Responsibilities). Occasionally there has been confusion regarding Area of Responsibilities for Public Affairs events. Hopefully this map will alleviate any future confusion.

Very respectfully submitted,
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