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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, FEB 2024 (JAN 2024 forward)

DATE: 07 FEB 2024

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **Developing SMART GOALS for MSEP TEAM and Div. SO-MS and ADSO-MS Reports**
2. **Welcome aboard to CDR Krysia Pohl, who replaced CDR Hale Allegretti as Chief of Prevention Sector San Francisco. CDR Pohl Arrived Aboard Sector S. F. AUG 2023, Awaiting Opportunity to meet. These meetings generally included: LT. N Kenney (IMD) her replacement LTJG Davis re: ADV Operations / Marine Safety Activity inclusive of our AUXAIR and; ENS Jankilow regarding (formally LT Kenney) Progress on Prevention/Response Auxiliary MS Training to Support Active Duty Mission Readiness.**
3. **BSX ALAUX 032/23: PROMULGATION OF THE AUX OPERATIONS PROCESS GUIDES – RE: VOLUME IV – MARINE SAFETY AND SECURITY - Effective 01 AUG 2023**
4. **National Dir. Prevention Kim Cole: Monthly 2024 DSO-MS Zoom Meetings All DSO-MS & Bi Monthly SEA PARTNER's Meeting with New "Division Chief-Prevention Outreach" formerly "Branch Chief" Sea Partners - Thomas Brennan-**
5. **Marine Safety Staff Officer's Reported Activities / Events DEC 2023/ JAN 2024**
6. **Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Meeting – 17 JAN 2024 1000-1200 – Hurcules, CA Virtually included:
The Planned Return to Operations with AUXAIR regarding ADV's –
Marine Flare Disposal Program: CA Product Stewardship
NOAA ___ Salvage Solutions for ADV's Update**
7. **MS TRAINING PROGRAM SCHEDULE – 2024 Training and Activity Schedule for 2024**
Modificatons throughout year on as needed basis by D11NR Membership. Implemented to include All National Changes of 2022 and 2023 :

MSAM PQS Program procedure Changed Effective **01 APR 2023**

UPVE PQS New Intro Procedure Course utilized in **2023**

AUX-LR PQS “ Overview” * New PQS Qual - Sector S. F. authorized approval at:

17 JUL 2023, Approved @ DSO-MS and Sector S. F. Prevention Chief CDR Allegretti

Introductory meeting with New Sector S. F. Prevention Chief CDR K. Pohl

8. JAN PCA Fair “2024 Schedule for Trainings/Workshops; Partner Agency Training re: Dockwalker Program with the CA State Parks/ Department of Boating and Waterways / CA Coastal Commission Program Partnerships

Marina/Yacht Club workshop – California’s Spill Response Structure/Spill Response Resources for Boating Facilities and Communications with resource agencies.

9. Summary of Marine Safety Activities 4930.68 hrs*. Logged in 2022.

Challenges and Smart Goals for 2024:

Smart Goals:

SMART GOAL #1: MS/MEP/SEC TEAM will Increase or Maintain 2022/23 Course and Training Opportunities AND number of Active PARTICIPATING MSEP Member Instructors by 50% in 2024:

Measured Buy. Increase current three 2022/23 Lead Instructors to 5 Active Instructors in 2024

2023 GOAL was MET @ Fall PCA Fair 2023: Two New MSTR’s Inst. for NEW Life Raft Inspector Qual along with previous MSTR Instructors Assisting general courses and Q & A at 10 JUN Station Rio Vista MEES Qual Workshop

SMART GOAL # 2: The MSEP TEAM will support the development and Qualifications growth of members by increasing the number of new MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS and “AWARD” CERTIFICATIONS by 20% in 2024:

Measured by: There shall be an increase in ‘EITHER” New MSEP “Award Qualifications and/or Combined with “AWARD” CERTIFICATIONS by CDR. DIRAUX or COTP/Chief of Prevention Sector San Francisco in 2024:

2023 Goal tracking was MET: 1 AUX UPVE Awarded - Dep DSO-MS Jeff Fite now UPVE Qualified AUX- UPVE with 2 more actively in progress. 4 Auxiliarists completed AUX-UPVE in 2023; RE: MEES and MSAM: 12 2023 Auxiliary Candidates completed MEES Intro PQS Workshop and Orientations for MSAM and UPVE . All 12 are potential future MSTR’s, having competed their Workshops: Intro PQS w VO Signoffs and or Orientation Workshops at the Annual MS Station Rio Vista JUN Workshop.

Moving Forward: Above Successful Member Candidates are now working towards completion of Self Initiated PQS w VO's, for submission and Verification for Oral Boards. Several could Complete within 2024 in both MEES/MSAM,UPVE and AUX-LR.

Assistant Aux Life Raft Inspector AUX-LR was successfully provided at SEP 2023 PCA Fair. 17 Attendees participated in our recently approved Aux Assistant Life Raft Inspector Qualification Orientation Course. Approval issued by then Sector S.F. Prevention Dept Chief CDR Allegretti by Dir. of the COTP. **Congratulations to the 7 Participants who w VO, ADSO-MS Michael Mitchell Completed the Assistant AUX Life Raft Inspector in 2023. Well Done to All.**

ALL MSEP 2022 and expanded 2023 Planned Goals were MET and EXCEEDED & MSEP is on tract to excell 2024:

THIS IS ALL 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 Morgan Curtis – 05 along with Lou Sarto) and our FSO-MS Kit Galvin efforts ALL PLANNED COURSEs AND WORKSHOPS (Ref: JAN 2023 Planned Training and Events) were Met and EXCEEDED as of 17 SEP 2023. All Hands Well Done.

MS Home Page “Content” with Continual Updates being completed include: Deputy DSO-MS, All ADSO-MS This includes the Addition of the 2023 QUAL Certifications (MEES and MSAM); UPVE Qual Award and AUX Life Raft Inspector Qual. Certifications. ,(potential additional SO-MS to added by MAR 2024)

The MS Teams efforts towards expanding MS/MEP USCG New Mission Support Quals has proved highly successful.

The 2024 District MS Home Page Detail as needed is 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. Thanks to Carl for his ongoing support.

I would like to again thank the Active Duty Prevention and Response Department's of Sector S. F.: Welcome Aboard CDR Krysia Pohl Prevention Chief; LTJG Davis; ENS Jankelow; Along with the noted “Active” MS/MEP Team Leaders; and All our Active MSEP Members for their Dedication and Proactive Participation in 2023.

This leads the MS/MEP/SEC Unit towards a Highly Productive/Regarded MSEP Year for 2024.

Outcome of 2023: the Potential for Multiple RARE and Coveted M-Pro The (Trident) Device being Earned and Awarded within 2024 currently and strongly exists.

Regarding Reports Received:

I am always 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, SO-MS Morgan Curtis, Div. 5, former SO-MS Lilli Ferguson Div. 01; FSO-MS Carrie VanDeBoom Div 10 and as appropriate from Manny Rimeriez USCG (CIV) with CFVE updated data;. I always appreciate the support, input, and Advice from our ASC Sue Fry.

We Offer our Hardy and WELL DESERVED CONGRATULATIONS to D11NR:

DEP DSO-MS/SEC; ADSO-MS MEES/MSAM; UPVE, ETC.:

JEFF FITE FC 03-03 D11NR “AUXILIARIST OF THE YEAR 2023” – We would not have had our successful year without you dedication to Excellence. Thank You. EXCEPTIONALY WELL DESERVED AND WELL DONE.

ADSO-MS ADV, CFV, UPVE:

MICHAEL MITCHELL on his Appointment as DEPUTY DIRECTOR P-DIRECTORATE PREVENTION. I thank you Michael for all of your Guidance and Independent work on the behalf of the Prevention Department and more specifically our Team within MS/MEP. WELL DONE.

“MORGEN” LISA CURTIS, Div 11 Northern 05, SO-MS... of our ACTIVE MS UNIT - WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE “GOLDSIDE SAN FRANCISCO SECTOR – WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT DIVISION: MORGAN has been invited, and will be training with the Goldside “Waterways Management Team”, for completing Training and PQS in Waterways Management, then her Certification.

Definitely OUR Congratulations go to you Morgan, and our sincere Thanks to: LT William Harris and LT Abby Hamann – Waterways Management Division, Sector San Francisco, for their willingness to assist Morgan with accomplishing, this her goal in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, becoming Certified in Waterways Management within D11NR. WELL DONE to ALL.

MAJOR UPDATE AND INCLUSIVE CHANGES EFF. 01 AUG 2023, CHDIRAUX, FROM BSX USCG, REGARDING ALAUX 032/23 PROMULGATION OF THE “AUXILIARY OPERATIONS PROCESS GUIDES”: and NOTICE POSTED 11 SEP 2023 RE: PREVENTION DEPT . “ MARINE SAFETY and SECURITY”

Note ALL “Environmentatl Protection” Areas/Componenents are still in effect,

FYI: NOTE THAT SECTIONS - 1 THROUGH III VOLUMES - IMPACT IN LIKE DETAIL “OPERATIONS”: I - GENERAL SURFACE; II AIR OPERATIONS; III TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PLEASE REVIEW as Distributed from CHDIRAUX which is impacting the Traditional MS/MEP Unit of the PREVENTION DEPARTMENT very Positively and Proactively .

DSO-MS/SEC had posted here AUG-DEC 2023 AWARENESS. The clear intent of these measures is to assist us within the Auxiliary to address and meet our commitment to the U. S. Coast Guard Mission and support their Manpower Readiness. Thank you.

AUXILIARY OPERATIONS PROCESS GUIDE: VOLUME IV: MARINE SAFETY AND SECURITY.

Proud Traditions – Worthy Missions 16798.34A August 2023 Marine Safety Professional (M Pro) Device Program Guidebook **AUXILIARY OPERATIONS PROCESS GUIDE, VOLUME IV – MARINE SAFETY AND SECURITY – AOPG 16798.34A**

T. P. Glendye/ Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety

OnGoing Welcome CDR Krysia POHL Chief of Prevention S. F. Sector. We stand Ready to support your mission to the best of our abilities.

Note: CDR Hale Allegretti, Chief of Prevention, Sector San Francisco has departed and CDR Krysia Pohl, is our Sector S.F. Prevention Chief, with a strong Team, the Helm as Prevention Chief.

The Auxiliary Prevention Departments MS/MEP/SEC Unit, would like to express our Thanks to CDR Allegretti for all of his direction and support towards the D11NR Auxiliary MS/MEP/SEC Unit. It was indeed a pleasure to meet on 17 JUL prior to his departure to reflect on the last years and secure Sector approval of additional QUAL to support Sector manpower Readiness by the Auxiliary MSEP Unit of the Prevention Dept. It has been a true pleasure to have known and work with CDR Allegretti, and Sector S. F. Staff Officers, over these last several years as DSO-MS D11NR.

Note: JUL/AUG/SEP 2023, followed an extremely Active, with the inclusion of 5 new/revised Course Programs, Quals Workshops. An Additional New Quals Workshops which were reviewed With Sector by the DSO-MS and Appropriate ADSO-MS's.

The focus of the DSO-MS with previously established San Francisco Sector Meetings continues to be regarding the D11NR MS/SEC Unit of the Prevention Dept. increasing the “Active” and “Qualified” Personnel Resources directed towards Enhancing U.S.C.G. Manpower Readiness needs as Determined by you CDR for Sector San Francisco.

CDR Allegretti discussed my request for verification of Additional Quals needed within Sector, and provided me a brief on soon coming aboard Sector San Francisco -Prevention Chief, CDR Krysia Pohl.

He specifically told me he had complimented the Auxiliarie's contributions to the Marine Safety Mission as well as our willingness to support Sector with/on other Community Outreach Events.

CDR Krysia Pohl, Chief of the Prevention Department, Sector San Francisco Fall 2023. CDR Pohl, I will look forward to meeting with you and the Sector Team that you CDR Pohl deems appropriate.

CDR Allegretti initially requested in 2021, when I was introduced as the DSO-MS D11NR, that we meet more than once a year. These proved to be viable and very productive meeting's, generally quarterly, including individually meeting with Staff Officers as AUX DSO-MS, as often as we deemed necessary. The Quarterly Meetings had taken place regularly, are progress reported monthly, and have led to increased positive working relationships, and the Expansion of Sector Identified/supported Quals for Auxiliarist. Those as well as new developments, in process, verifying a few new opportunities for Auxiliarist to become "Certified" (See Morgan Curtis and Waterways Management Qualification noted below) by the Gold Side to enhance " Identified" **Sector San Francisco SPECIFIC Manpower Readiness needs.**

USCG Mission Support Roles:

Pollution Responder and Auxiliary Assistant Boat Crew Goal was with Assessment, Training and Certification(s) were been under development with LT Kenny (of the Sector Response Dept. working with Prevention) and myself. Upon Completion there was Sector San Francisco Specific Review of a Qual PQS for Pollution Responder and Auxiliary Assistant Boat Crew. **Only** Dedicated Auxiliarist would be considered and Qualified to Augment Minimum USCG (Sector S. F. Specific) Boat Crew. If approved then passed to D11NR Auxiliary Senior Leadership, will review. **These Roles as discussed for Auxliarists, SHALL BE SPECIFIC to only Sector San Francisco, Sector's 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, LTJG Rachel Davis and ENS Rachel Jankelow. LT Kenney, Then IMD co-chair, and I worked on these programs, with CDR's. Chief of Prevention and 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.

It has been intended that The Certification of Auxiliarist's Assistant Boat Crew would be Conducted through a several day 3-4 course, including one day of mini SCAT Training, by the combined Active Duty/Gold Side and DSO-MS/Dep DSO-MS for mid 2024. last year we finished developing this: "Sector San Francisco AOR" Specific: PQS and Training for Assistant Auxiliarist Boat Crew, Cleared as "Eyes only" Crew members on USCG SF AOR Patrols; Along with still to work on..."On-Call" Assistance with Aids to Navigation Auxiliarist to evaluate Notices to USCG.

CDR Pohl please note I report out on Sector San Francisco's Interests of Expanded AUX Support at All D11N USCG Auxiliary Board and Staff meetings. I strive to Provide current and accurate Information, to the D11N Commodore. District Chief of Staff and the D11NR Board and Fellow Staff Officers. I look forward to meeting with you at your convenience regarding your vision of D11NR Auxiliary support.

Welcome to the Prevention Web Site



As an integral part of Team Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is vital to the support of U.S. Coast Guard missions.

The Auxiliary's Prevention Directorate is responsible for the planning and administration of Auxiliary programs to support and augment the U.S. Coast Guard's Prevention missions. As such, we assist and augment the Coast Guard's vital role as the nation's guardian agency ensuring the safety and environmental protection of our nation's precious waterway resources. As America's Volunteer Guardians, we are committed to being dedicated, vigilant and ready to engage this mission on behalf of our fellow citizens.

Go to [What's New](#) for important/critical notices

The Directorate oversees two major Auxiliary programs:

Navigation Systems

- ATON Verification
- PATON Verification
- Bridge Verification
- [Chart Updating](#)

Marine Safety (and Security)

Commercial Vessel Activities

Inspected Commercial Vessels

- Foreign Flagged Vessels
- Domestic Vessels (i.e. T-Boat, K-Boat, Passenger, Cargo, Tanker)

Uninspected Vessel Activities

- Uninspected Passenger Vessels (i.e. Fishing Guides, Sailing Schools, Sightseeing Tours)
- Uninspected Tow Vessels

Leadership



Kim Cole
Director



Michael Mitchell
Deputy Director

- Commercial Fishing Vessels

Port and Facility Activities

- Port Facility Inspections
- Container Inspections
- Marine Safety Oriented MOM Patrols

Prevention Outreach

- America's Waterway Watch
- Sea Partners
- Good Mate
- Marine Mammals Resources
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Resources

Communication and Education

- MS Training Ribbon & Insignia Qualification Programs
- Directorate Newsletter - **Safety Lines**
- Website Maintenance
- MS/MEP Educational Programs and Materials
- MS/MEP Resources

Please Note: Because of the diversity and breadth of the programs overseen by the Prevention Department, and the diversity of those programs which are both Direct Augmentation of Coast Guard Programs and are Auxiliary programs exclusively, this site is a portal to sites dedicated exclusively to specific programs. Currently, they may not link back to this page. Please bookmark this page as those sites may not link back to this portal to return here.



National Prevention Director Kim Cole Quarterly DSO-MS Meetings in 2024:

Kim Cole has announced that we will begin holding monthly Prevention Department Meetings regarding the sharing of Activities, Strengths and overcoming Weaknesses of our Marine Safety and Security Units beginning in 2024. This is a great opportunity for us to build upon our shared strengths and meet our goal of supporting the U. S. Coast Guard’s Mission Readiness. I have shared this with my Deputy DSO-MS and All Active ADSO-MS and we each look forward to these Opportunities in 2024.

Kim Cole Director Prevention, AAPP: 2024/25 Quarterly Prevention DSO-MS/SEC Meetings:

The above “Aux Process Guide” was brought up in the new Quarterly Meetings for further discussion and clarification, with Director of Prevention Directorate Kim Cole at our very positive ALL DSO/MS Meeting in JAN 2024. We are all looking forward a very positive and productive 2024 and these Quarterly meetings allow the DSO-MS/SEC to discuss solutions to concerns and share successes. More info from meeting format attached below

For 2024 our meeting are at 1900 EST:

31 JAN 2024, 30 APR 2024, 31 JUL 2024 31 OCT 2024

ALAUX SEA PARTNERS Thomas M Brennan National Division Chief- Prevention Outreach:

Bi-Monthly Meetings in 2024 [following message was sent via BCC to all DSO-MS/SEC.]

Good morning,

Attached to this message, you will find the first quarter hours reports for the Sea Partners and America’s Waterway Watch (AWW) programs. Both programs showed an increase in logged hours from Q1 in 2022.

Sea Partners hours increased from 657.4 in 2022 to 958.61 this year.

AWW hours increased from 180.12 in 2022 to 204.5 this year.

NOTE: Regarding the increase in SEA PARTNER'S HOURS to 958.61 for 2023:

Of the 14 District's of the Auxiliary I am EXTREMELY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT D11NR accounted for 234.7 of those 958.61 hours.

I would like to Note and Thank ADSO-MS SEA PARTNERS, MORGAN SWIGGETT Along with All our Members within D11NR who Supported and participated in our Sea Partner's Workshops, and Activities in 2023. BZ TO ALL lets keep this rolling in 2024.

NOV – DEC Activity and Training Reports / Year in Review / Training Calendar.

Relatively Quiet - except for Planning and Structuring for 2024

End of Year Reports received for 2023

:Jeff Fite, Dep DSO-MS / SO-MS 113-03

Summary: Jeff Fite Dep DSO-MS/ADSO-MS/SO-MS – Jeff Always submits an extensive and Excellent Report including his Div and Flotilla Activities.

Highlights in 2024: Highlights:

- I have undertaken the Field Ecology certificate at Sac City College (see under "Projects") Details:
- Shepherd MEES & MSAM candidates to successful qualification • Introduction to Auxiliary Prevention Outreach Specialist • Needs another revision before PQS Workshop 15 JUN 2024
- To-do: review, notes, add/edit elements, proofread, final approval • How to Become an Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner
- Continue refining before PQS Workshop 15 JUN 2024 • The AUX-UPV online course has been updated and needs to be incorporated into this presentation
- To-do: review (incl. online), notes, add/edit elements, proofread, final approval • UPVE Look-and-Feel Task Force • Pick team, write team citation and send to DIR-P Kim Cole
- Get underway by assigning predatory tasks: graphic element ideas then brainstorm
- Basic rules of look-and-feel • Generate templates, then review for ADA compliance, usability, compression, fair use
- Port course material from UPVE Online Course into templates
- Memorialize all design choices in a Style Guide

- Deliver NLT 15 JUN 2024
- Complete another draft of Aquatic Nuisance Species • Include elements from Morgan Swiggett
- Review Officer Snook, DFW, DBW, CA Coastal Commission for content
- To-do: review (incl. online), notes, add/edit elements, proofread, final approval • Present to AUX units and at local fishing clubs and professional guide organizations, the latter as UPVE Outreach
- How to prepare for IMSEP • Prerequisite to many Qual's, not just AUX-POS and MSAM
- Cover the material, but with an eye to AUX-POS PQS • To-do: review (has the new class dropped?), notes, create/edit elements, proofread,

WATERWAY CLEANUP 21 OCT 2023 - FREEPORT BRIDGE BEACH

POC Jeff Fite: Flotilla 3-10 0900 briefing

By virtue of attending the 2023 Quals Workshop at STA Rio Vista back in June, you are considered to be currently striking for the AUX-POS qualification. I want to send you this announcement and invitation directly, in case the all-hands announcements to DIV's 3-5-10 get delayed.



One of Team Coast Guard's most important missions is *Marine Safety And Environmental Protection*, also called MS/MEP, and it is the biggest division of the Prevention Directorate. Boaters and other users of our waterways deserve clean water and shorelines because:

- A healthy ecosystem produces less debris in the water,

- Water free of pollutants is less toxic to swim in,
- Water flowing through a healthy environment is less likely to promote disease,
- Fish and other organisms taken from healthy environments are more abundant and safer to eat,
- Spending the day surrounded by a thriving natural world is pleasant and promotes mental and physical health, and
- helping maintain a diverse, healthy ecosystem is the kind thing to do for other species, and is good stewardship of the Earth

UPVEs:

- Two UPV's worked with Fite and Larry Stanton to get ready

Training Calendar for 2024 will replicate with flexibility 2023 Successful Year.

Repeating THE JUN 2023 Annual MS Workshop for Qualls Day Station Rio Vista

The 2023 MS/MEP Qualifications Workshop- 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 to members of the 2022 MSTR Graduation Cadre who attended for moral and Round Table Discussion on the mindset/discipline necessary towards actually getting the qualifications completed: Thanks to: Morgan Curtis, FLT 53; Kit Galvan, FLT 53; Morgan Swiggett, FLT 12-91.

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 us that over expenses, we were able to(Donations for Lunch by AUX) , Provide the Station Welfare Fund with \$125.00. Thank You All for supporting this Annual Workshop

The Annual Workshop Day at Sta. Rio Vista in JUN Each Year shall remain the principal venue for getting MS/MEP assisting AUX Team members towards their Various Chosen MS Qualifications.

“MS/MEP Roadshows”: The MS Instructor Team Members Jeff Fite and Morgan Swiggett, and I, agreed on initiating, on a case-by-case basis where realistic Member Area hardships exist for D11NR , participants..

Our Mission: to allow Auxiliarists of D11NR to Participate – regardless of real Hardship for the “Mandated Face to Face” Qualification 4 hour Workshops .

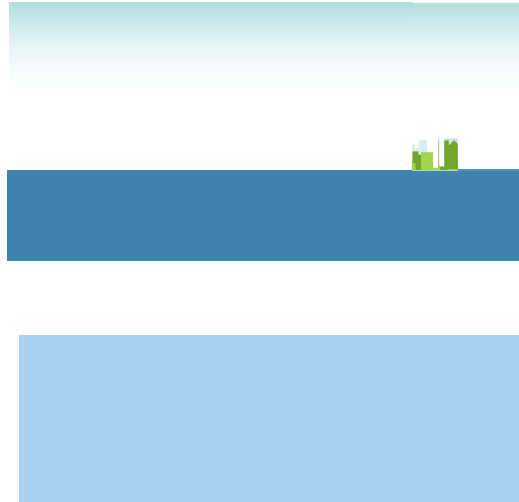
Historically regarding MEES and MSAM, Intro 4 hr Workshops – legitimately difficult to schedule at PCA or D-Train Events due to hours required and number of classrooms.

6 years Ago the MS Team “Established” the Summer “Annual MS Workshop Day at Station Rio Vista” to supplement D-Train and PCA Fair Time Slot availability.

MS Team Highlight/Activity of Summer 2023 (2)

ADSO-MS Sea Partners Morgan Swiggett: Coast Guard Island Shoreline Cleanup -

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 Chavoen 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.



SAT 23 SEP 2023

California Coastal Cleanup Day. ADSO-MS SEA PARTNERS Morgan Swiggett This annual event always takes place on the third Saturday of September and is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy. California Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event in the US and International Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event on the planet! This year we will be joining our friends at the City of Oakland for their version of the event and will be BACK on Coast Guard Island for another round of cleanup. Additional information on Oakland's Creek to Bay event for those interested can be found at:

<https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/oakland-creek-to-bay-day>

In addition to our next CGI cleanup on SAT 23 SEP, looking into "adopting" our very own Coast Guard Island in order to participate in regular, ongoing shoreline cleanups on a critical site that could use some further attention, even after the outstanding effort we put into our last cleanup event. The City of Oakland offers a program where groups can "adopt" a site to regularly clean up and if my application is approved, it would allow us to coordinate with Oakland Public Works who can provide loaned tools (PPE), debris collection services and even donated refreshments for volunteers. I will report back once my application has been reviewed and I receive feedback. Additional details and information to follow so please be on the lookout for an email from me (m.swiggett.uscgaux@icloud.com) in the coming days but if anyone has questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach me by email or phone (510-410-5138).

Morgan additionally Reported on his Flotilla's event for Memorial Day Weekend SAT, SUN and MON providing a booth, at the **San Ramon Art & Wind Festival** an annual tradition. Morgan 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. Additionally provide information/answer questions about **America's Waterway Watch** and the **Dockwalker's Program** with survey's filled out and kits distributed. There is continuously a large focus on Marine Safety in general with lifejackets on display.

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Workgroup - 2024:

The ADV Quarterly WorkGroup Meeting was held in person and Virtually on 17 JAN 2024 at 1000 hrs.

Chaired by Richard Burke OSPR with Co-Chair LTJG Rachel Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector San Francisco. Historically a quarterly meeting at the Cal State Lands Commission, Hercules from 1000 to 1200 hrs., It was determined for multiple reasons to try moving to a JAN – JUL meeting in 2024.

The Agenda was around

“Regarding Relevant Updates” ADV's with in San Joaquin County Removal; necessary “Booming” activities required when OES Ariel Noted Sheen leading to the Removal of the TUG _____ which was relocated successfully to Mare Island (Vallejo) Ship yard; the Status of the Long term Former Passenger Vessel “ Aurora”; Bouy Maintenance and four vessels boomed within Delta AOR; and the barges and Tugs stored in Broad in Broad Slew to be removed by owner by JUL 2024...he is mean while sending funds to support this activity as Broad Slew is a Federal Anchorage, not a Storage Facility.

“ The Oakland Estuary” in particular the A) Status update on the City of Oakland voting to increase funding for law Enforcement and removal of “numerous Vessel Encampments. And B) the Status and Role of the U.S. Coast Guard with it's Responsibilities “ Bound by Direction of the Captain of the Port on matters of “Safety” All agreed this is a matter we will look forward to the City of Oakland once again supporting it's Waterfront Patrol Unit.

AUXAIR 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.**AUXAIR** unfortunately was not able to make this meeting , however their Excellent support was recognized and Their two Aircraft identified ADVs (4) with photos within their report from 23-25 AUG was appreciated. The Report was buy Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) Air Station Sacramento, Russ Kaiser, IPDCDR Div. 113-03, and it had been distributed. This was immediately followed up with Auxiliary Distribution by Ron Darcy, AUXAIR Rep to the ADV . Their Flyovers were properly reported to Sector San Francisco, and photos were taken of the 4 vessels they located.

Their mission “Flyovers” w reported locations of Derlick vessels is critical information especially with respect to Hazards to Navigation and numerous environmental issues.

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. I highly recommend their review for those interested in the partnerships developed in Rhode Island for Cost efficient ADV Recycling,

FYI: The ADV WG Meeting of OCT 2022 included a presentation worth repeating:

[CA Product Stewardship Council – Marine Flare Disposal Programs](#) – Ms. Yalin Li

Counties wishing an event can apply @ <https://www.calpsc.org/cpsc-marine-flare-projects>



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

PREVENTION DEPARTMENT D11NR

MARINE SAFETY, SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

2024 TRAINING PROGRAM CALENDAR

LEAD INSTRUCTORS:

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JEFFREY FITE DEPUTY DSO-MS; ADSO-MS MEES AND MSAM

MORGAN SWIGGETT ADSO-MS SEA PARTNERS

TRAINING PROGRAM Overview (2024) - Marine Safety/Security/Environmental Protection Program

Our experience has shown us 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 Auxiliaries MS/SEC/MEP 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:

Qualifications: Verifying Officer's (VO) and with PQS, "Oral Board", and/ or Exams

Upon Successful Completion DSO Submission Rec. Letter, Award Issued by COTP or
CDR DIRAUX , CGI Alameda

Auxiliarist Opportunities for Certifications and Quals within D11NR

Intro to Marine Safety Specialist MEES Qualification Workshop

Intro to Marine Safety Administration MSAM Qual Modified by National 2023 (Self Guided)

Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examinations, UPVE Qual New 2022

AUX Assistant Liferaft Inspector AUX-LR (New Qual 2023)

Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations,

Marine Safety CG Support - Manpower Readiness: In Process with Sector S. F.:

* AUX fulfill "Min." Crew Standard: PQS , 5 Day, w mini SCAT and Oral Board

Sea Partners Program (including)

Pollution Response and Aquatic and Invasive Species,

Shoreline / Beach Cleanup Activities

American Waterways Watch to name a few

Partner Agency Trainings: CA Coastal Commission / Dept of Boating and Water Ways

Dock Walkers Trainings/RBS Public interactions with Clean Boating Kits Distributions

We are very pleased that ALL of our scheduled Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Trainings and Workshops were Successfully Completed as Planned, plus additional Trainings

MSEP TRAINING CALENDAR 2024 as presented at the JAN 2024 PCA Fair:

(Subject to adjustments to accommodate National as well other program needs throughout the year)

These Trainings/Workshops with the Addition of the 2023 UPVE Education/Training/Introductory Workshops were successfully Implemented and Completed during 2023:

JAN 2024 PCA Fair: (All Completed)

- *Introduction to Marine Safety Opportunities (emphasis within) D11NR*
- *Aquatic and Invasive Species Workshop*
- *Planned 2024 MS/SEC (Still Full MEP – SEA Partners Program)*

MINI D-TRAIN on CG Island we plan offering the following:

- * SEA Partners Overview including Shoreline Cleanup Organization and Conducting
- * Intro to Marine Safety D11N - Updated to reflect D11NR & Specifics of S.F Sector
- * TWO NEW COURSE FORMATS: Intro to New ONLINE PQS for MSAM and UPVE .

ANNUAL STATION RIO VISTA MSEP Workshops: SAT 15 JUN (TBC) 2024, 0800-1700

This is the 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. All Donations = actual cost and our Donation to Station Wellness Fund...

.NOTE - Afternoon Sessions are both Orientation and Informational “How To” and Educational in Nature. to NEW National Formats and Procedures for MSAM and UPVE PQS , Both leading to ‘Certifications’

Session 2: *Orientation to the Revised 2023 MSAM Module, Online and Self Guided, includes PQS within each of 10 Sessions and requires Verifying Officer sign offs on PQS to progress to next session.....We review this 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)*

Note: ROADTRIP Workshops for the above QUALS. Overview of Concept

FALL PCA Fair SEP 2024 – U.S.C.G. Base Alameda: MS/SEC/MEP :

- * **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*)**

2024 additionally includes Online Course Offerings – Scheduled as needed

Throughout THE 2024 Year leading to the year we will continue to offer: The Various Quals Workshops, eg. Intro to MEES: provide info regarding SEA Partners Activities - Shoreline Cleanup, ADV Presentations and American Waterway Watch etc.

The MSEP Training Program for this year 2024 somewhat replicates previous years successful Sessions. **Workshops/Courses Have Been Updated to current PQS “Standards” and to Sector SF Areas of expressed Focus of Need. Inclusive of “Updated ” Workshops and Courses from National P Directorate. All have successfully been incorporated with very positive outcomes with Qualifications and Certifications already in 2023.**

DOCKWALKERS/CA State Parks/CA Coastal Commission 2024 Partnerships with D11NR

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

CA State Parks/ CA Coastal Commission MS Related Workshops -Look for these in 2024:

Dear Northern CA USCG Auxiliary:

Please join us for one of our **FREE virtual or in-person Dockwalker classes in 2024. Your organization endorsed our partnership since 2000. Please check the benefits our partnership provides to your organization at the bottom of this email.** Last year thanks to your efforts, we were able to share clean boating practices and distribute the CA Boater Kits among **7,500 California Boaters throughout the state!**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAININGS [\(please click in the links below \(blue underlined text\) to register\)](#)

[Saturday, March 2 10 am to 12:45 pm](#) – Virtual Training

[Saturday, March 30 10 am to 12:45 pm](#) – Virtual Training

[Thursday, April 11th 9 am to 11:45 am](#) – Virtual Training

[Saturday, April 20 10 am to 12:45 pm](#) – In person-Training - Oakland Yacht

Club 1101 Pacific Marina, Alameda, CA 94501 (Regatta Room)

[Saturday, June 15th 10 am to 12:45 pm](#) – Virtual Training

Refresher Trainings

If you have been trained in the last three years, you have the option to register for a refresher training:

[Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 10 am to 11:30 am](#) – Virtual Training

[Thursday, May 2, 2024 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm](#) – Virtual Training

[Check the Northern CA flyer](#) in this hyperlink or the attached flier

What are the benefits the Dockwalker Program provide to the USCG Auxiliary?

The USCG Auxiliary endorsed our program in 2000, since then you have been one of our main partners. **The benefits the Dockwalker program will provide to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, including:**

- The Dockwalker program is consistent with **the Coast Guard marine environmental pollution message** and **fulfills your commitment to carry out the mandate of the Commandant of the Coast Guard.**
- The Dockwalker program complements your **safety mission** (*Remember safety and the environment go hand in hand*), **the USCGAUX Vessel Examination program, and supports Public Affairs/Public Education events.**
- Your participation in the Dockwalker program may count towards **the Annual Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Program** (*Form 7030, Mission Code 70N; Remarks: Dockwalking*)
- **Hours of Dockwalking may count towards earning the Aux Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Insignia.** *USCG Auxiliary can report those hours using the Form 7030, Mission Code 70N; Remarks: Dockwalking*

The Dockwalker program can be used by the USCG Auxiliary members as follows:

- As part of the Vessel Safety Checks (VEs)
- As part of the boating safety classes

- At boat shows and boating events
- As a component of your navigation and boating safety classes now required to obtain the CA Boater Card
- As a component of National Safe Boating week and events
- As a component of your presentations at marinas, yacht clubs or boating associations

It is important to note that even though the program is called the Dockwalker Program, USCG Auxiliary members do not necessarily have to walk the docks in order to reach out to boaters because **Dockwalking** (conducting face-to-face education and distributing the boater kits accompanied with education) **can be done wherever boaters are**, including:

- Boating facilities (marinas, yacht clubs)
- boat launch ramps
- fishing piers
- boat shows
- boating events
- as mentioned above, while conducting VEs, boating safety and navigation classes, USCG Auxiliary Public education events and presentations

Please help us sharing this important information with your members

Annual Workshop for Marinas and Yacht Clubs regarding SPILL RESPONSE HELD MAY

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

2024 CA Clean Boaters Kits Available Around MAR- Contact 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

<u>Marine Safety Activity, Summary for:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
All Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams	178	275	tabulating	“	in process
Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams	28	26		New Qual 1 Certified	
Auxiliary Assist LifeRaft Inspector/hrs.				New Qual 4 Certified	
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	“		
Total Hours	2437 hrs.	4067	4930.68	Est. 5500	

(NOTE (*) Total MS Support Data has not been “completely” calculated and transferred for 2023 due to data Entry and Transfer errors This Summary will be completed as of MAR MSEP Report

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