



District Public Affairs Report

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From: Chuck Cobery, DSO-Public Affairs
To: Commodore Curtis Han, District 11N Board and Staff
Subj: Activities report for January 2024

To my colleagues:

Please enjoy some of the events that occurred last month within our District as reported by our dedicated PA's.

January 2024 PA activity for District 11N, Flotilla 113-12-91

James Matthies, Division 5, writes that his organisation is preparing for the Steel Head festival which will be held at Lake Sonoma Visitor's Center in February. A booth will be set up and **Randy Saxe** will have his facility vessel on site dressed up with OPS gear and PPE on display. Also in the planning stages is preparation for Fish Festival held at West Side Park in Bodega Bay on May 4th and 5th as well as possibly participating in the Apple Blossom Festival in Sebastopol CA on April 27th and 28th.

Ronald Nathan, FSO-PA Flotilla 5-1, reported a PA event on Saturday January 27 at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill in conjunction with the Sea Scouts, who are hosting the affair. Flotilla 51 was invited to attend and provide RBS materials and information.

From Division 6, Chuck Cobery, 6-10 FSO-PA, DSO-PA:

On early the morning of 15 January Commodore **Tracy Schultz** and the crew of Schultz's *Dolphin Dreams* departed Moss Landing for a training session in support of the Coast Guard. Crew members included Commodore Wally Smith on the helm and auxiliarists **Chuck Cobery**, **Bruce Krogstad**, **Steve McCann**, and **Mark McLaughlin**. Additionally, the CO of Station Monterey, **Lt Matt Peryea** was aboard as an observer. Prior to leaving Moss Landing the crew received word that the planned liaison with a helo from Air Station San Francisco was cancelled due to a real-world search and rescue operation in the vicinity of Half Moon Bay. *Dolphin Dreams*, however, had also been scheduled later that day to rendezvous with one of Station Monterey's 47-foot patrol boats for a planned towing exercise. In the spirit of Semper Gumby, the towing exercise was pushed forward, and *Dolphin Dreams* took up a position as a distressed vessel west of where the Salinas River empties into the Monterey Bay and waited for the patrol boat to find them. The Coast Guard Crew, helmed by a Coxswain-In-Training, were only given *Dolphin Dreams*' general position and told the facility had no communications ability. The patrol boat showed up in due time and a successful, professional stern tow was initiated. A man overboard drill was conducted enroute Moss Landing while under tow to complicate the training evolution, which was completed safely and by the book.

After an hour of towing, the *Dolphin Dreams* was positioned into a side tow at the mouth of the Moss Landing Harbor and subsequently guided and placed gently against the Harbor's fuel dock. Lt Peryea thanked the Auxiliaries for their commitment to service and professionalism and praised the Auxiliaries for their seamanship. He also reported later that the Coxswain in training passed his oral examination the next day! A good day all around for the new Coxswain as well as for the Auxiliary in augmenting the Gold Side.



Commodore Tracy Schultz stands by as the 47-foot patrol boat from Station Monterey takes position beside *Dolphin Dreams* in preparation for a stern tow.
Photo by Auxiliary Chuck Cobery



A line is thrown to *Dolphin Dreams* to initiate the stern towing evolution.
Photo by Auxiliary Chuck Cobery



Lt **Matt Peryea**, Station Monterey Commanding Officer, observes the side tow docking of *Dolphin Dreams* at the Moss Landing Fuel Dock by crew members of the 47-foot patrol boat from his command.
Photo by Auxiliarist Chuck Cobery

Flotilla 6-10's new leadership



Debora Cohen (l) and Ingelise Rowe (r) are the new Flotilla 6-10 Vice Commander and Commander, respectively.
Congratulations, ladies!
Photo by Auxiliarist Chuck Cobery

Night Patrol, submitted by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa, Division 12

Upon meeting Jim Losi on *Servant* at 17:00 on January 27, 2024, at the Oakland Yacht Club and completing GAR (Risk Assessment), the crew of 5 Auxiliarists departed toward San Francisco through the Oakland Estuary to perform nighttime qualifications.



The team members were **Jim Losi**, Coxswain of *Servant*, **Greg Olsen**, Coxswain, **Morgan Swiggett**, Boat Crew & Coxswain in Training, **Jean Pierre Carjuzaa**, Boat Crew Trainee, and **Jeff Grave**, Boat Crew Trainee



A side tow exercise was performed on the following day:

Odyssey with Greg Olson, Adam Adam Kovalevsky, and Greg Glesson approaching Servant for side tow



Greg Olsen Communicating with Jim Losi during side tow

Servant went on that afternoon to meet with Silver Charm's crew for side and Stern tows qualifications.



Figure 2 SILVER CHARM preparing for towing operations near Yerba Buena Island. Photo by Jeff Grave of Flotilla 113-12-91.

Thank you all for your submission for this month's PA report. I encourage all Division Commanders to forward this report to their respective PA's to inspire further reporting on all the good things we do.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
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