

## District Public Affairs Report

Date: 18 April 2024  
From: Chuck Cobery, DSO-Public Affairs  
To: Commodore Curtis Han, District 11N Board and Staff  
Subj: Activities report for March 2024

To my colleagues:

I am pleased to submit my PA report regarding activities within D11N.

### **D11N activities:**

On 28 March a joint group of USCG and USCG Auxiliary leaders hosted a tour and recruiting event at the Culinary Specialist Apprenticeship (CSA) School at Training Center Petaluma for twenty-six culinary arts students from the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College in Clearlake. The students were divided into three groups, each led by a CSA school instructor. The tour included the many buildings and stations where CSA students prepared various dishes and desserts.

D11N Chief of Staff **Jim Losi**, one of the CGAUX representatives, reported that he had the opportunity to shadow the students as they ventured through the CSA school. He noted that the budding chefs appeared excited and interested in both the culinary displays as well as the Coast Guard/Aux team.

The visiting students were treated to lunch in Haley Hall followed up by remarks from the Coast Guard element regarding a career as a Coast Guard Culinary Specialist. Additionally, Commodore **Richard Thomas** of the USCG Auxiliary provided a very good overview of the Auxiliary as a possible alternative to joining the USCG. A quick poll taken after the luncheon indicated about one third of the visiting students were interested in joining the Sea Service.

The event, the first of its kind, was judged by all to be a success and Jim Losi indicated that the USCG/USCG Auxiliary team will start working on the next tour of a community college culinary arts school to visit the CSA school at TRACEN Petaluma



Chief of Staff Jim Lose (far left) stands with members of the Coast Guard recruiting team and culinary staff members of the Petaluma CSA.

Photo provided by COS Jim Losi



Culinary Arts Students from Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College help themselves to some cookies during a tour of the CSA school in Petaluma.

Photo provided by COS Jim Losi



Commodore Richard Thomas pitches the CGAUX to culinary students from the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College.

Photo provided by COS Jim Losi

### Division 3 and 5

Provided by Division Commander Doug MacPherson:

**Don Anderson** coordinated the Auxiliaries activities at this year's Sacramento Boat Show from 7-10 March with fifteen volunteers from both Division 3 and Division 5. CGSTA Rio Vista brought one of their 29' RBS's as a static display, and local CG Recruiting staff also had a booth. **Jeff Fite** brought Coastie to the event: a big hit with the kids and adults. Also attending with our assistance were members of America's Boating Club who had a booth next to ours. It was a great success with many members of the public learning about the activities of the US Coast Guard, and what they can do to be safe on the water.

*(For photos of this event, please see Doug MacPherson's Division Commander's report for March.)*

### Division 6

The 13-week Safe Boating Class held at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting room came to a close in early April. These classes are held twice per year in the spring and fall and have continually provided excellent boating safety education opportunities to the general public. The last class of approximately 15 students provided very positive feedback comments regarding the course instructors and content via end of course surveys. Division 6 instructors are Commodore **Wally Smith**, lead instructor, **Bruce Krogstad**, **Chuck Cobery**, and Commodore **Tracy Shultz**.



**Chuck Cobery** finishes a class on the use of radios at a Safe Boating class in Santa Cruz.

Photo by COMO Wally Smith

I am pleased to confirm that Commodore **Dean Mcfarren** has agreed to chair the D11N 2024 Safe Boating Week, at which D11N Auxiliary members will participate on 18 May. He has reached out to all Division Commanders with detailed guidance and excellent suggestions for a successful event and will collect all reports from the participating Divisions to forward up the chain to the National level. Yes, this is a big deal. I encourage every Division to get out there and show our colors by promoting our number one mission of boating safety to the general public. Additionally, the event has been an excellent recruiting tool in the past and has garnered interest from local news media. Thank you, Commodore Mcfarren!

Very Respectfully Submitted,  
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