



## **DISTRICT 11NR STATE LIASON COORDINATOR STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** 10 April 2024

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**To:** Curtis Han, COMO D11NR  
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**SUBJECT:** MEETING HELD WITH CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING & WATERWAYS

**Ref:** (a) State Liason Officer Guide, 2.B.(4)

1. The CA Division of Boating & Waterways (DBW) hosted an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Tuesday, 09 April 2024 in their offices located at 715-P Street, 11th Floor, Sacramento, CA. Angelo Perata and I attended in-person, and 11th District CG Recreational Boating Safety Specialist Douglas Leavell attended via Zoom.
2. Attending in-person from DBW was Interim Director (BLA) Maria Perez, Zach Mundy (Chief Boating Safety Unit), and via Zoom were Vivian Matuk (Boating Clean & Green Unit) and Joanna Andrade, (Mgr Licensing & Consumer Protection).
3. The main topic of the agenda was National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24). I shared scheduled activities of Auxiliary Flotilla's such as: the Water Safety Fair hosted by Division 1 in Marin County, PE scheduled classes, and a Public Information booth that will be in Old Sacramento on 18 May. Although I had requested input from NSBW coordinators in D11NS and D11SR, nothing had been received as of this date. And, DBW did not further discuss their scheduled activities for NSBW.
4. Other topics of discussion were:
  - a. Vessel Safety Exams
  - b. Distribution of State boating safety literature
  - c. Public Education class offerings
  - d. Hypothermia and cold water immersion deaths education
  - e. The 2015 MOA between the CG and DBW. They were unaware of this MOA and I later emailed a copy to DBW for their review.
  - f. PFD loaner and give-away programs
  - g. DBW exploring adding QR codes to their public literature
  - h. Marine dealer visits and why we believe it's an invaluable program



- i. Auxiliary interaction with local marine law enforcement agencies, and the differences between active duty CG and Auxiliary authorities and policies
  - j. Our resources, such as personnel, vessels and aircraft
  - k. California Boater Card education
5. Again, I felt the meeting was very productive but primarily is our opportunity to educate DBW staff on CG Auxiliary policies, procedures and resources. We share the common objective of recreational boating safety, although their obvious focus is state specific.. DBW staff agreed to continue meeting on a quarterly basis and they will schedule the next meeting.