

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
17 January 2009
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 1030 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Bob Hendry, DCAPT-RBS.

DCO Williams called on Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1, who reported on the recent passing of two division members: Jack Kelley and Ketan Chinlund. DCO Williams asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of these, and any other members who may have recently crossed over the bar.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Williams declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 15 November 2008 minutes.

Motion: Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 moved and Angelo Perata, COS seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCO Williams invited all district and assistant district staff officers who are present to come forward and be sworn in to their offices. The staff members will be introduced by their District Captain, as follows:

Robert Hendry, DCAPT-Prevention introduced:

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS, and ADSOs Al Coddington, Bill Burns and Neil Nevesny
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS and ADSOs Roger Haynes and Tony Dymond
George Prows, DSO-PA and ADSOs Harry McBain, Albert Rugo and Bill Becker
Roger Haynes, DSO-PE and ADSO Tony Dymond
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE and ADSOs Tony Budlong and Joaquin Duran

Rod Collins, DCAPT-Support introduced:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS and ADSOs Tony Dymond, Joyce Bell, Morris Farmer and
Stephen Chan
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT and ADSO Stephen Chan
Rich Thomas, DSO-PS and ADSO Dan Tinney
Dave Talton, DSO-MA and ADSOs Dan Tinney, Simone Adair, Steven Johnson and
Diana Serchia

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-Response introduced:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV and ADSOs Ron Darcey and Leo Gross
Jeff Price, DSO-CM and ADSOs Fred Sellstrom, Kevin Sellstrom and Morris Farmer
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP and ADSOs Dean LaChapelle, Jeff Price, Wayne
Farnholtz and Linda Farnholtz,

Angelo Perata, COS introduced:

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN and ADSOs Stephen Chen and COMO Marilyn McBain
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP and Robert Liu, ADSO-LP
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Neal Nevesny, Civil Rights Counselor
Randy Parent, DFSSO
Phil Sanchez, Event Planner
Steve Salmon, ASC and Assistants, COMO Gail Ramsey and Jeff Price
Linda Haynes, AA/H
Morris Farmer, AA and his assistant Carol Farmer

DCO Williams, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphiphat administered the swearing-in ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DCO Williams commended the work of COMO Vic Connell, PDCO, who is now ARCO-P.

DCO Williams introduced the 2009 EXCOM as follows:

Angelo Perata, COS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-Response
Bob Hendry, DCAPT – RBS
Rodney Collins, DCAPT – Support
CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX

DCO Williams reported on the following:

- N-Train is in St Louis the week of 25-31 January. Attending will be members of EXCOM, the District Event Planners and select DSO's. Educational information will be presented during D-Train.
- Acknowledged appreciation to Linda Haynes for the work she does to make district meetings more user-friendly.
- Referred to the new name tags for the district board members, which were created by Morris Farmer.

COMMENTS: COMO Vic Connell, PDCO/ARCO-P

COMO Connell reported on the following:

- There are two National Director Commodores from D11N – Robin Freeman and Ed Sweeney
- CG Modernization:
 1. The Auxiliary is trying to align itself with the Coast Guard as it modernizes.
 2. All of the sectors are very happy with the sector coordinators, so this program is working well.
 3. We have many new title changes, and there will probably be some others in the future
 4. More flexibility is available in the division for appointment of staff officers and in number of flotillas to keep the division viable.
- Public Affairs are getting more involved with electronic communications, thru the electronic social media. Many admirals are also using this, and we will be using it more.
- IT – Irene Wetzal is doing a great job with our division web page. National is trying to standardize the look of the web pages.

- AUXDATA – National is working on making it more user-friendly. Coast Guard Enterprise is a system we will eventually be transitioning to. This is our long term direction.
- National has listened to the concerns of the members and is fixing the APC exam. They are rewriting the exam to make it more of a learning tool instead of a road block.
- RBS – The RBS workshop in San Diego is 18-19 February. All SLO's and other RBS staff will be attending the conference.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file. The flotillas and the division have held their COW, with an attendance of 70. Several members have completed the AUXWEA course, and some members are now attending boat crew training. Three members have received the RBS device. The division is continuing work on America's Waterways Watch program, and will be working on retention.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Report on file. The division has shut down Sacramento Radio 1 as of the first of the year, and the equipment being stored. The shut down is because the facility doesn't meet AVA standards. They are considering creating a mobile system using a small travel trailer. The first meeting will be devoted to discussing goals for the year.

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4 – Report on file. The division intends to take a bifurcated approach on recruiting and retention with an updated PE program. They are working on modernization with better partnerships with other agencies. They are working with a Navy Reserve group in area. Many members are interested in marine safety. Participation in Operation Care and Comfort with the Silicon Valley Red Cross is giving them opportunities for PA.

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 – The division is focusing on MT efforts. They have completed the AUXSEA class and the AUXNAV class is in process. They are providing support to the Coast Guard in their area. The division COW was last Sunday (11 January). STN Vallejo personnel are attending Auxiliary events. The Auxiliary is also assisting STN Bodega Bay. The first meeting will be goal planning, but will including retention and growth targets.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file. The STN Monterey Commanding Officer attended an Auxiliary meeting and thanked Auxiliarists for their assistance. Recognized, particularly, were the station Valentine, Halloween and Christmas parties which involve the CG personnel and their families, and which are organized by the Auxiliary.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Report on file. We currently have snow and hard water in Utah. Division goals this year are recruitment, reactivation and retention of inactive members. One flotilla has completed the AUXWEA class and the AUXNAV class is in progress.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file. The division/flotilla combined COW was held in December, and it was well attended, including several Coast Guard members. Division meetings are going to be held in Garberville, which is central geographically in the division. There is a lot of distance between flotillas.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file. Division 10 is #1 in the nation for VSCs.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 – Report on file. Mike Lauro will be coming to the division next weekend to do a VE qualification class. Kincade hopes to get other instructors to Nevada for training. The division is continuing training at the Coast Guard station, and is doing training on Lake Tahoe because of current good weather. Kincade emphasized the importance of communication among the members.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file. Kathy Kindred passed away a week ago. The division goals will include more fellowshiping.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA – Report on file. Duncan met with new DCDRs and invited them to join PCA when they have 6 months in office. Duncan is still working on the proposed memorial to be built somewhere on Coast Guard Island. The Poker Run will be on Brannan Island this year. Date TBD. PCA Fairs are the 3rd weekends in February and August. Sign up as soon as you get the flyer. Many classes are already filled for the February PCA fair. There will be a PCA breakfast at D-Train.

Recess at 1130

Reconvene at 1230

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-Response – Report on file. Farnholtz congratulated all of his divisions for their progress and introduced the following staff officer for reports:

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file. The MT3 is a new form that will be for Coxswain, PWC, and Crew who are REYR or REWK. This form will tell you what to do to be recertified. All Coxswains who do not have ICS-210 by 31 March 2009 will be REYR. All of the PCA classes for ICS-210 are filled. D-Train will also have an ICS-210 class. Ramsey has sent an email to all who have not taken ICS-210 to give them first choice at D-Train. After the currently-scheduled classes, including Divisions 11 and 7, we will only have 30 coxswains who will need ICS-210. After we get over this hump, encourage other members to take this class. In the report is a copy of all items required in operations. Last year we brought more stations on line where we can have operations mid-week. We will be working on more for this year. The operations workshop will be mandatory again this year. Plan OPTREXs and QE requests now and get that information to Ramsey for scheduling. OPTREX dates should go to Dean LaChapelle for scheduling.

Larry Olson, DSO-AV – Report on file. We have 10 operational aircraft – one is a helo and two are twin engine. We have 11 current certified pilots and 22 current observers and air crew members. The aviation people are actively training and mentoring new members coming into the Auxiliary. They expect to bring 2 or 3 new aircraft on line this year.

Randy Parent, DFSO – We met our three goals last year, and we plan to meet them again this year. These three goals are: (1) Flight Safety, (2) Flight Safety and (3) Flight Safety. This is critical because all bets are off if we have an issue.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file. As of now, there is no requirement for an OPS-8 to be sent in on land mobile radios. Price is working to get a repeater in Utah. Rescue 21 is coming on line at Sector SF in June or July. We have been guaranteed spots where we can put repeaters. We have been notified that there is DQS information that will come out in August 09, but there are no details. Price hopes for more info at N-Train.

Bob Hendry, DCAPT-Prevention – Report on file. Hendry reported that Mike Lauro, DSO-VE and Roger Haynes, DSO-PE have made themselves available to provide training if any divisions are interested. Funds are limited, so put in your request right away. NSBW is 16-22 May. Hendry requested that DCDRs, please select someone in their division to be the point person for NSBW. Let Hendry know the name of that point person right away, so we can get them any available resources. America's Waterways Watch program also needs a point person in each division. Please give Hendry that information also. Hendry introduced the following staff for their reports:

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file. In this year we will be available to help units set goals and promote the AWW program, especially units not close to CG Island. We also have presentations on AWW. There will be ferry vessel audit training at the PCA fair. Training is required each year.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file. The district finished 2008 with 100% of the bridges and 95% of the private aids that were assigned having been completed. All divisions except one finished their tasks. We have two new PQSs for aid verifiers, chart updating and small craft facilities. Duncan will learn how these will work at N-Train.

George Prows, DSO-PA – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file. There are three boat shows in our district that have been cancelled, so expectations are that students and recruiting will be down. When you go to the web site to list new classes, be aware that the form is not password protected. There has been some difficulty with spammers, and we are working on ways to prevent that. Many flotillas are teaching the Weekend Navigator course. We will be putting information on the web site to help teach that class. No youth classes are scheduled on the cutter yet. There will be a PE workshop at D-Train, but it is not mandatory.

Phil Grove, DSO-PV – Excused. Report on file.

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file. Lauro is excited about the Reno training trip. Lauro is on the national committee that is putting together the new VSC manual. He has gotten 30-35 comments from district members, which he will put together and submit. All of the comments are valid. D-Train will have a kayak rental workshop. This will be a pilot program. Lauro is working with CA dept of boating with a "wear it" program for the Delta. He will circulate the info on this program as soon as it's available.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-Support – Report on file. Collins reported that he is excited about this year, and working with staff and divisions. He would like to get more **Northwind** articles. Collins asked all DCDRs to submit articles about their activities. Collins expressed thanks to COMO Maddox for the leadership training program which will be held tomorrow. Collins introduced the following staff for reports:

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – Report on file. Stephen Chan is posting on the district web site all MT classes. If you are hosting an MT class, please give the info to him for posting. There is a new PE class, Weekend Navigator. To teach this course, you must have taken the course. If you are an instructor wishing to teach the course, take the exam. If can pass the exam, you have passed the course. Maddox has a new training aid for NavRules, WEA, and NAV. Eventually it will include all of the AUXOP courses. Copies of the training aid will be distributed at the leadership training tomorrow.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file. McBain reminded everyone that members need to get their hour reports into their unit IS officer prior to 31 January for consideration of district awards at D-Train. Units also need to get their unit officer reports in. These were due 10 December 2008. Many are still not in. There have been requests for C schools submitted by new AP members. Members are not eligible for a C school until the PSI has been completed.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file. Work on establishment of credit card use and web site purchases is ongoing. There is a lot of work to complete that process. In the meantime, use the order form that is on the web, following instructions printed there. Talton is working with vendors to get terms for additional materials.

Rich Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file. Thomas suggested that retention be a part of our program in addition to recruitment. Thomas' report includes figures to show how membership is going. He is preparing a log in people who have disenrolled, regardless of reason. In mid-October he will send a list to the FCs of people who have been disenrolled, so they can see if there is anyone missing. Thomas described a "cheat sheet" that is available on the web for the disenrollment procedure. 30 June is the deadline for NACO awards.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Wetzel referred to the district calendar which is on the web. All of the division COWs and OPTREXs (thru Dean LaChapelle), need to be on the district calendar. There is a page on the web site "In Memoriam" to list members who have passed away. Divisions may submit names of members who have "crossed over the bar" for inclusion on this page, including brief remembrances. Divisions also need to have a calendar on their web pages. Wetzel will have a web class at D-Train. Wetzel has three goals: (1) to support unit web sites (will pre-format a web site); (2) win best of the web; and (3) make our web site more navigable for members. A new district web site is being designed to make us look like the Coast Guard web site.

Morris Farmer, AA – Farmer has created an e-mail communications mailing list. He encouraged members to use the mail distribution list. DCDRs need to get their unit officer lists into DIRAUX so the info can get into AUXDATA. Also let Farmer know when members pass away so they can be deleted from the mailing lists. It is distressing to surviving family members when they receive Auxiliary mail for these members.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file. Perata commended DCDRs for including their goals in their reports. Perata introduced the following DIRAUX staff, who were present:

Stacy Curtin

Tina Perry

Many PEPiRBS need battery updates. Check yours. If it needs to be updated, send the information to Curren. Perata introduced the following staff for reports:

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. Form 7025, Unit Financial Report, is due 31 January. It is delinquent after 1 March. They are sent to Stephen Chan. Fisher has received national dues billings and will be sending them to the divisions. If your SO-FN has changed and is not listed on the web please let Fisher know.

Joanne Nevesny for Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Neil Nevesny CRC – Report on file. Nothing further to report.

Phil Sanchez, EP – D-train is 27-29 March. To date 25 people have reserved hotel rooms. On the web site there is a form to let you know how to sign up. The room price is \$99. The hotel is the Doubletree Hotel at Rohnert Park. The District Store will be there on Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday. The registration flyer will be on the web site. Sanchez is still working on the Friday Fun Night activity. Sanchez reviewed the Friday, Saturday and Sunday agenda. In order to encourage new members to attend, there will be free registration to new members (confirmed application in 2008-09). If anyone in other divisions would like to help, please let Sanchez know. More volunteers are always welcome.

Steve Salmon, ASC – Report on file. Last month Sector SF set the following goals, for which the Auxiliary may be able to provide assistance: (1) clean up the Delta. We can increase boating safety contacts and patrols. (2) Mitigate the small vessel threat. We can extend the pilot program in the America's Waterway Watch and marine domain awareness patrols. (3) Complete disaster response plans. We are hoping to have some joint drills. (4) Additional outreach to other government agencies. We do a lot of that, so DCDR's please report such activity to Salmon so he can pass it along to Sector SF.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – The DIRAUX section of the web site has been updated to show personnel at the office and who handles what. A group of Auxiliarists helped upgrade the lighthouse museum on the Admiral's residence. We may eventually have Auxiliarists man the museum. CDR Chareonsuphiphat attended the Prevention Conference with all of D11 where they talked about activity in that area. District 11 is #1 twice. Mike Lauro is commended for his VE work, which gave us #1 in VSC's. We are also #1 in ATON. COMO Gail Ramsey is doing a great job scheduling ICS-210 classes. We are closest in the nation to getting this done. Great work is being done on the web site. Chareonsuphiphat has gotten some good ideas from COMO Marilyn McBain on how to keep track of member activities. Chareonsuphiphat reported on the value of the Auxiliary to the Coast Guard. For every \$18,000M invested, they get \$200,000M back. That is a great return on investment. He will be reporting this to the Coast Guard. He is working on Auxiliary awards with Nick Tarlson and Morris Farmer.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – Kilburger gave instructions on how to gain access to the Air Force base as follows: Go to business center outside the main gate, in uniform, with proper identification. They will photocopy that ID and it will be kept in with their approved IDs. Members are reminded that access is just for purchasing uniform items at the clothing store.

OLD BUSINESS

What We Do in the Auxiliary – Angelo Perata, COS reported that this is a presentation to be given to DCDRs which they can pass on to their FCs for use as a recruiting tool. Perata and Hendry are also working together to get life jacket display materials for boat shows and PA events. Some of the life jackets for young children were shown. These displays will be up at the PCA Fair.

NEW BUSINESS

District Budget – DCO Williams, explained items in the district budget; particularly the AIM account monies, and the different format of the EXCOM budget,

Motion: Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 moved and Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES seconded that the district budget be adopted, as presented. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

Calendar – DCO Williams reported that there may be a change to the September meeting date, dependent on NACON. There will be no formal on-site meeting in May. The May meeting will be a telephone board meeting.

Work with Other Agencies – DCO Williams requested information from divisions about what we do with other agencies. This is important to share with National.

Economy – DCO Williams encouraged leaders to look at innovative solutions with meetings, etc., for ways to save money for their members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1435.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday, 25 February 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A
ATTENDANCE LIST
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
17 January 2009

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/NACO-P
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT
Robert Hendry, DCAPT
Rodney Collins, DCAPT
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1
Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3
Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5
Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7
Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DSO-PS
Monica Eaton, DCDR-10
DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSO-PE
Charlie Duncan, P-PCA
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO

DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olson, DSO-AV
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS
Randy Parent, DFSD
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
David Talton, DSO-MA
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS

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Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Steve Salmon, ASC
Morris Farmer, AA
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Phil Sanchez, EP

GUESTS:

Tina Perry, DIRAUX Office
Stacy Curtin, DIRAUX Office
Stephen Chan, ADSO-FN, MT, CS
Bill Dodson, VFC
Kay-John Kavanaugh, FC-33
Steven Johnson, ADSO
Joanne Nevesny, ADSO-LP
Dan Tinney, ADSO-MA, PS
???, ADSO-PA
Al Coddington, ADSO-MS
Robert Liu, ADSO-LP
Simone Adair, ADSO-PS
Bill Correll, ADSO-PV
Ron Walker, ADSO
Harry McBain, ADSO-PAP
Anthony Dymond, ADSO-PE, NS, CS
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Kevin Sellstrom, ADSO-CM
Fred Sellstrom, ADSO-CM

Leo Gross, ADSO-PS
Ron Darcey, ADSO
Gary Murray, ADSO-PV
Diana Serchia, ADSO-MA
Albert Rugo, ADSO-PA
Bill Becker, ADSO-PA
Marlene Phifer, SO-PS-05
Mary Smith, FSO-FN, 05-01
Robert Smith, FSO-VE, 05-01
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, 07-08
Charles McCarter, FSO-MT, 07-03
Mike Nolan, SO-MS, 01-05
Lawrence Osborne, FC-61
Anthony Budlong, FC-64
Lewis Derfuss, FC-53
Lonny Singer, FC-39
Marsha Sanchez, FL-55
Denis Eaton, FSO-MT, 10-03
Steven Perez, FC-11-05

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 17 January 2009

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

HIGHLIGHTS (since last report e.g. Public Affairs, Member Training, Vessel Exams, Operations, Public Education, etc.)

- The Division, and all Flotillas completed their COW
- AUXWEA course completed
- Boat Crew training ongoing
- Members received RBS Devices
- One member from our Division died this month
- Two Flotilla IS officers will be processing their Flotilla information at the Flotilla level
- All Flotillas have been updating their websites

DETAILS

- Division COW was 67 in attendance, including 6 active members from the Gold side, and 5 Auxiliarists from District.
- Several members from Division 1 completed and passed an AUXWEA course conducted by Steve Salmon. This course was attended by members from several Flotillas in Division 1.
- We had 10 members from throughout the Division (flotillas 12, 14, 17 and 19), plus one member from flotilla 35 in Sacramento, attending boat crew training on Saturday afternoon. The training was provided by 6 members of Flotilla 17.
- Members from Flotillas 12, 14 and 17 received their RBS Devices
- Jack Kelley, a member of the Auxiliary since 1986, died this past week. His funeral services are 17 January.
- FSOs from Flotilla 12 and 17 will be processing their own Flotilla mission and activity reports
- All Flotilla websites have been/are being updated. Flotilla 12 moved their website to the new, larger CG server

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None to report

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Planning to hold 2 OPTREX training events this year; one in spring and one in the fall

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Will approve Division budget at January meeting
- Will continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II
- Plan to work on member retention: integrate retention into every program and activity we do as a Division, and encourage each Flotilla to assign mentors for new members. Plan to provide new member orientation as a Division.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

1. We closed out 2008 with the de-commissioning of Sacramento Radio 1.
2. We conducted our first Board and Staff meeting as a Round Table, to set down guide lines and identify the needs of the Division as a whole.

DETAILS

1. Sacramento Radio 1, located at the old Air Force Dock on the Sacramento River in the City of Sacramento, has been a Division 3 Communication Facility for about 12 years, Due to ADA Compliance issues of the entire facility the possibility of liability complaints and the cost of bringing the dock and radio facility into compliance was prohibitive.
2. Our discussion covered the importance of Unit Pride and Responsibility: A properly worn uniform sets an example by the Leadership. The attitude and actions of the Division will be reflective to the Flotilla membership making it essential that Board and Staff Officers know our jobs if they are to accomplish their missions, which includes training their subordinate officers at the flotilla.
3. We identified the need for membership training programs for leaders, mentors and the general membership.
4. Division OPTREXs may be effected by lake water levels. However, FL-39's Antlers Lake Shasta and FL-3-10s Brannan Island are still anticipated.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Our training program with the Sacramento Fire Marine unit has been delayed due to City Funding issues.
2. Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko attended the FL-39 COW and is representative of the activity of that flotilla with the U.S. Forrest Service, Dept. Water Resources and local Law enforcement agencies.
3. Flotilla 31 is still working very closely with Air Station Sacramento and Sector SF flying routinely scheduled missions weekly.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Surf and Turf Sports Show at Cal Expo Feb 13-16
2. Redding Boat Show 11-12 Jan 09 with COSTIE making an appearance.

DIVISION GOALS

1. **TRAIN – QUALIFY – REFINE – PARTICIPATE** are passwords for achieving our goals.
 - TRAIN our Officers and Mentors, so they can train our membership
 - QUALIFY our members in the areas they seek to participate, so they can participate skillfully and proudly in the Four Corner Stones.
 - REFINE our skills and attitudes to become proficient and professional in our missions
 - PARTICIPATE in more and different activities to expand and round out our knowledge and skills

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

1. COW
2. New Year's Fireworks
3. OPEX Planning with SCC Parks
4. USCG Academy Admission Partners Program
5. Training and Liaison with AUXAIR
6. Navy Reserve – Force Protection Unit Training Partnership
7. Communications – Internal and External – DIV Website
8. Marine Safety – Modernization
9. Division Meeting Location
10. Membership Loss and Gain - PE Focus
11. SO-IS Support

DETAILS

- A special Division meeting was held on 15 NOV at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara in lieu of a formal COW for the purpose of Division awards and officer installations. Mike Williams (DCO-e), Gail Ramsey (DSO-OP), and Angela Perata (VDSCO-e) were noted guests in addition to Phil Hearin, Ranger from SCC Parks.
- Two Division facilities and five members supported the SF New Year's On-water Fireworks in conjunction with USCG, other Auxiliary, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Department Assets. No incidents occurred.
- Planning discussions are underway with SCC Parks for an inter-agency OPEX event in late April or early May. This will involve surface facilities from Rangers and Auxiliary in conjunction with Auxiliary Land Mobile and Area Fire Station.
- FL48 - Admissions Partner interviewed one candidate for CGA. FL49 – one Admissions Partner in training. FL41 - Medical support from other Division members again anticipated for AIM week 2009.
- Two Division members attended the D11N AUXAIR squadron dinner in November and met the Air Station SF Commander and Force Protection Officer. Joint PA and capabilities familiarization activities were planned in addition to effort to focus on AWW and get AUXAIR assets to public events in 2009. Three pilot member candidates were interviewed for membership by FL49 in December.
- Navy Reserve Force Protection Unit in SF area is growing and Div 4 members have facilitated introductions between the USCG Air Station and CDR's in the Navy Reserve Force Protection Unit. The Navy has requested DIV 4 members provide a brief of Auxiliary capabilities in 2009 and requested FAM guest rides on Auxiliary patrols for Navy personnel. DIV4 has done this previously in 2007 and gained a member from this activity. A plan for a USCG Helo fly-over of a nationally televised sports game in the South Bay area is being discussion for 2009.
- Auxiliary email and internal communications protocols and policies will be presented at the 25 FEB Div 4 meeting by Irene Wetzel.
- A Division website planning and update meeting was held between DCDR, SO-CS, and one FSO-CS. This will focus on activities on Division members to support recruiting and retention goal – basic theme is focus on people and pictures rather than broad band information – this is well handled by District Site!
- Div4 recognizes the importance of increasing and promoting our capability in MS to maintain our relevance in the ever increasing technology and hazard dense marine environment. A handful of Division members are interested in training and program participation in Marine Safety and are requesting a brief by Nick Tarlson on 25 MAR or alternate date – this to be promoted also for Navy and SCC Park guests as a PA and Agency development event.

- The Division is presently without a confirmed meeting location. A special meeting of the board will be held Jan. 22nd to consider options.
- Significant membership transfer and disenrollment threaten the operational integrity of two flotillas – FL49 lost 25% of its membership in one month. The Division has lost half of its key producers during the past two years. Hence, a focus on Auxiliary best practices in recruiting and retention shall be the theme for 2009 - spearheaded by a highly organized and Division supported PE program. A scheduling and information worksheet tool was developed and distributed to all Flotillas.
- FL49 is processing three new member applicants; FL48 is processing one new member applicant, FL46 received two transfers, FL43 is expecting a few incoming transfers.
- Div4 is mainly depending on our SO-IS, Ken Hinners, for AUXDATA input. While he performs superbly, our growth and accountability will require improved IS density in the Flotillas. Other members have been encouraged to signup for AUX-10 C-School.

AGENCY INTERACTION SUMMARY

Red Cross – Silicon Valley Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Committee -plans and supports events like Operation Care and Comfort, other Vet Services.

Navy Reserve, Force Protection – San Francisco. We have developed a training partnership and will use Auxiliary facilities to provide FAMS of the SF bay watershed area and hold joint maritime partner education and social functions.

Santa Clara County Parks – this will be our third year of building formal joint training and response capabilities for Anderson, Calero, and Coyotte lakes.

Port of Redwood City – Div4 hopes to re-invigorate the Redwood City South Bay Opening Day (SBOD) in 2009.

Volunteer Center, San Jose – opportunities to serve as victims in Incident Command Drills

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

PE

05 FEB: FL48 - BS&S Class at San Jose First Congregational Church 1830-2130

09 FEB: FL 46 - ABS Class for Port of Redwood City Police and Port Officials.

TBD

FL 46 – WKN for Sequoia Yacht Club Requested

FL 49 – WKN for Los Gatos Yacht Club Requested

FL49 – SIC Class @ Cope & McPheaters, Santa Clara Requested

PA

18 MAR: Silicon Valley Science and Engineering Fair Judging

04 APR: Annual Resource Fair for Veterans & Families – SJ Vet Center

04 APR: SBOD 2009 - “Legends of the Bay”, Redwood City – Sequoia Yacht Club

APR – SEP: Joint VE/PA activities once each month at SCC Lakes

May: TroopFest 2009 – Location TBD

11 SEP: Freedom Walk 2009 from San Jose Navy and Marine Reserve Support Center

11 NOV: Veterans Day Parade

Division Goals for 2009 – “Transparency, Modernization, Fellowship, and Partnership”

- New Members: 12, with at least two (2) new in each Flotilla.
- New ITs: 6
- PA Events: 15
- PE Hours: 250
- VSCs: 500
- PVs: 250

- ATONS: 100%
- COMMS Drill Each Quarter
- Conduct OPEX or OPTREX
- Invite and participate in a social event with Gold Side or other Partner Agency
- All Flotillas with qualified FSO-IS
- COW w/Gold Side and other Agency Guests

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Division-wide Member Training in Progress
2. BS&S class underway
3. Training with CG Station Bodega Bay started up again after holiday break
4. Change of Watch held 11 JAN 2008
5. Flotilla 55 provides holiday support to CG Station Bodega Bay

DETAILS

1. A series of AUXSEA classes were completed in December, attended by 15 members. An AUXNAV class is currently being conducted and will be completed in February.
2. A Boating Skills and Seamanship class is being held at the Petaluma Yacht Club with 11 students. The class started on Saturday 10 JAN and will complete on 24 JAN.
3. On-the-water training with CG Station Bodega Bay resumed on 07 JAN after a break in December. Several Auxiliary boat crew trainees are taking part in the exercises gaining valuable experience from the Gold Side.
4. The Change of Watch was held on 11 JAN at Jonesy's Restaurant in Napa. It was well attended by members and guests. Special thanks to COMO Vic Connell, ARCO – Pacific; CDR Chareonsuphphat, CDR Davidson, LCDR Williamson, Angelo Perata, DCOS, Bob Hendry, DCAPT, and CWO2 Kilburger for helping to make the event such a success.
5. Flotilla 55 helped CG Station Bodega Bay have a happy holiday season. Auxiliary watchstanders were on duty so Station personnel could attend their holiday party, and the Flotilla provided holiday treats for both Christmas and New Years Day.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Initial preparations are being made to partner with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Napa County Sheriff's Office for operational and RBS missions at Lake Berryessa, and with The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office for operational and RBS missions on Lake Sonoma.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Planning has begun for the Division 5 OPTREX to be held at CG Station Vallejo. A final date has yet to be determined, but we hope to avoid the unfavorable tidal conditions we have experienced in the past.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

As we have yet to hold our first meeting of the year, Division Goals have not been finalized. However, goals will include member growth and retention targets to be supported by a strong member training focus.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Members of Division 6 facilitated the Christmas parties for both USCG Station Monterey and USCG Cutter Hawksbill.
2. Members of Division 6 have assisted USCG ALPA teams when the Big Sur high site repeater has been incapacitated
3. The Santa Cruz harbor radio tower staffed by members of 6-7 and 6-10 is being made fully functional
4. The Division 6 COW occurred in November and was well attended by division members, members from other divisions, district staff officers and members of the USCG.

DETAILS

1. Division 6 has one qualified QE which will facilitate the training process for boat crew and coxswain
2. Division 6 has on member qualified as Finger Print Technician with another soon to qualify which will expedite the PSI process for new members
3. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 have had an excellent sign up for the PE courses Starting Sailing (11 students), ACN (18 students) and BS&S (11 students).

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Preparations are being made for the Valentines dinner provided for the staff and families of Station Monterey.
2. Initial planning is being done with the conjunction the United States Navy League Monterey Bay Chapter in inviting USCG Cutter Aspen for a return visit to Monterey Harbor. This will include activities for the crew and a reception for the ward room
3. Flotilla 6-1 is continuing their second Saturday of the month training with Station Morro Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Division Meeting held January 10 at Santa Cruz Harbor. Calendar was approved and staff officers given oath of office.

DIVISION GOALS

Retain current members, recruit new members. This will be done mainly through the PE programs but also with community outreach such as speaking engagements with groups such as the Rotary Club

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7

Weather

Snow & Hard Water

Division Planning, Prep & Goals

1. Trying to get new FCs on track such as reports on time
2. 09 Div Board meeting in Dec to set goals calendar input
3. DIV. BOARD & STAFF MEETINGS WILL BE BI-MONTHLY AS FOLLOWS: JAN. MAR. MAY. JUL. SEPT. NOV.
4. Div. goal for 2009 recruitment, re activation of inactive members, retention.

Utah Boat Show

Date 4 Feb Through the 8th. South Town Expo Sandy UT

Booth planning in process Lou Carroll Chair Person – Theme Recruiting Why Should I join the Auxiliary.

Change of Watch

31 Jan. 2009 very well planned and on track. Chair Person Nada Turpin

Only District member Silver or Gold registered is RCO Salmon

Next year Div.-7 is submitting for 9 Jan. 2010- (Feb to be discussed) to eliminate conflict with NACON

OPTREX & OPEX

OPTREX hosted by Div-7 at Jordanelle Res. UT 6th & 7th Jun.

OTW & Dockside Training for new coxswain & crew, and any re-quals .

OPEX hosted by Div.-7 at Strawberry Reservoir UT 6th -9th Aug.

6th. Travel Day, Familiarization, Training, Night Cruise,

7th. Familiarization, Training, and Night SAR. Some sign-off.

8th. Testing sign-off, Re-quals, Evening Banquet

9th. Any left over work, travel day

AUXOP Courses

Weather – Hosted by Flotilla 7 8; completed waiting results

Five students - Three completed

AUXACN – Hosted by Flotilla 7 8, 2nd week do not have student count as yet.

Div-7 Calendar

Attached 12 months per the current plan

State special patrol request list should receive some time in April which will be added to calendar.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

Highlights

Board Meeting

Division COW

Flotillas COW

Telephone Board and Staff Meeting

Highlights of the first two weeks of the New Year are limited.

Mendocino, Crescent City, and Eureka will be lead by existing Flotilla Commanders that are beginning their second year as commanders. Lake County has a new Flotilla Commander, Harry DeLope, who has the expertise as he served two years as FC in the past.

During the December Board meeting that was held prior to the COW the 2009 Division budget was approved and calendar of known activities, board meetings, Change of Watches, and other events were approved. The Board voted to approve our live board meetings to be held in Garberville, which is the most equal proximity for distant flotilla members to travel. The Board voted to hold a separate COW for the Division, which is to be held on January 10, 2010.

In December the Division held its COW in Eureka and was very well attended and there were numerous Gold Side present, including Captain Martino – Commander of Group Humboldt Bay. The COW was a combination of the Division and COW for Eureka and Crescent City.

I attended the Mendocino and Lake County COW's on separate dates.

On January 08, 2009 the Division held its first telephone Board and Staff meeting with an excellent turnout. All Flotilla Commanders were present and there was a 70% turn-out of all SO's. Reports were limited due to it being the first week of 2009, however, most stated their personal goals and other reports will be into the Division by the 20th of January.

Agency Interactions

None to report

Up-Coming Events

I will be attending the Mendocino Flotilla meeting on January 24th and the Crescent City Flotilla meeting on the 28th. I will be the guest speaker for the Crescent City Rotary Club on the 29th. Each of the flotillas are currently concluding their dates and events for the year and will be reported next month as provided to me.

Division Goals & Future Plans

Beginning in December 2008, extensive ground work has been laid for a variety of projects to take place throughout the Division.

- Insurance Agent Letters
- General Public Letters
- High School Letters

Letters and labels have been produced for all Insurance agents in Humboldt, Lake, and Mendocino Counties. The letter will have a sample of certificates for vessel exams as well as safe boating classes. The letter to the agents are basically an introduction of the Auxiliary and requesting to pair up with the agent so that they might contact their boat insured and recommend that they have their vessel's checked as well as attending a boating safety class.

Having acquired the assessor rolls of "all" boat owners in Humboldt, Lake, and Mendocino Counties we have produced 1,000 mailing labels. There were over 7,000 boat owners, however, until we see what type of return we get for this trial run, we will limit each county to 250 letters going out.

The letters will have two certificates- one will be for a vessel exam and one for safety boating class announcement. The letter itself briefly introduces the Auxiliary, short comments on vessel exams and boat safety class and a small section of volunteer opportunities.

There are a total of 24 high schools in the counties mentioned above. A letter of introduction of the Auxiliary and information regarding enlisted and Coast Guard Academy will be sent to each high school and attention of the counselor department. There is a poster included with the package that provides brief details and contact name and number that will be posted in the counselor department.

All of the above items are in the final stages of assembly and are due to be mailed out during the first week of February.

Other goals:

Make a preliminary investigation as to the feasibility of attempting to start a flotilla in Ukiah, California.

Make a preliminary investigation of a local "educational jubilee" in a central location for all Division members to have easier access to classes.

Make a preliminary investigation of Division-wide fellowship events

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10

HIGHLIGHTS (since last report e.g. Public Affairs, Member Training, Vessel Exams, Operations, Public Education, etc.)

- COW's completed
- VSC Division 10 is #1 Nationally
- Parades

DETAILS

- All the COW's are completed and the new officers are already working on planning for 2009.
- Division 10 is #1 in the nation! 2382 VSC's were done in 2008. Mike Lauro, Phil Grove, and Barbara Leonardi were the leaders.
- The Kaweah Flotilla participated in the Visalia Christmas Parade in December. They towed a Facility with uniformed members on board who handed out candy to the children along the route. The Fresno Flotilla Participated in the Clovis Christmas Parade. They also towed a Facility with members in uniform on deck. Two hundred coloring books on water safety were given out to children along the parade route.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- CAPT Cullen and a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers attended the Division COW.
- The Chief of Station Rio Vista attended Flotilla 10-03 COW. He had some ideas on how we could better help the Station. Due to the high number of fatalities last year, he emphasized the need for patrols on the Delta.
- The Parades were in coordination with the city planners of Clovis and Visalia
- Doug Lazo FC 10-05 has been going to the Fresno recruiting office and recruiting new members.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Stockton Boat Show February 16th and 17th Due to the changing economy, there was a question about the event even being held.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

1. OPTREX – Identify those members who need on-the-water training as well as those who need to requalify as crew or coxswain and plan training sessions. Specific dates have not been set.
2. Member training – Members from all Flotilla's were requesting training. Plan: Establish dates sites, and instructors for the training.

DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Vessel Examiner Qualifying Class on January 24-25 in Reno, NV

2. Holiday Season Fellowship Events
3. Additions to Division Website
4. Visit from Admiral Zukunft
5. Cosby's Fishing Derby Weekends on Pyramid Lake
6. Douglas County Sheriffs Seamanship Training
7. 2009 Division Goals

DETAILS

1. DSO-VE Mike Lauro will be conducting his 2-Day VE Qualifying/Refresher Class in Reno, NV on January 24-25. We currently have 22 members attending the event.
2. Three of our four flotillas held holiday fellowship parties during the month of December. Flotilla 11-01, North Lake Tahoe, annually hosts a holiday party for members and personnel from Station Lake Tahoe. Over 20 Coasties and their spouses attended the event.
3. Tom Komadina has returned from National to be my SO-CS this year. Tom has added a News/Picture/Video Blog to our Division website. Check out our Fleet Week Video. We will be adding a Division Commanders blog to the website. Since we started new postings, website hits have greatly increased.
4. Plans are underway to begin a series of Boat Crew Academy classes this winter.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. DCDR Dee Dee Kincade and SO-OP Jack Leth were invited by Senior Chief Bennett to represent the local Auxiliary at the visit from Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral Zukunft. The meeting was held on January 12 at Station Lake Tahoe.
2. Station Tahoe requested Auxiliary patrols for the four days of the Crosby Fishing Derby to be held on Pyramid Lake on February 7-8 and 14-15. We have planned two facilities for each day of the event. We will be conducting patrols in MSD900 suits.
3. Station Tahoe has requested from the Auxiliary seamanship training for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department personnel who will be manning boats on Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake. Instructors from Flotilla 11-01 and 11-04 have determined that the curriculum will be two days of classroom instruction followed by three days on the water training. Training will commence before April.
4. Members from Flotilla 11-01 and 11-04 assisted USCG ALPA team for maintenance of the local high site repeater on January 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Ongoing AUXSEA Class – every Tuesday, IGT Building, Reno, NV.
2. Vessel Exam Qualifying and Refresher Class – 0800 January 24-25, IGT Building, Reno, NV. Mike Lauro Instructor.
3. Division Planning Meeting and Luncheon – 1100 January 31, Residence of DCDR Dee Dee Kincade, Incline Village, NV.
4. Crosby's Fishing Derby Patrols - February 7-8 and 14-15 at Pyramid Lake, NV.
5. Reno Boat Show – February 13-15, Reno, NV.
6. Snowfest Parade – February 28, Tahoe City, NV.

DIVISION GOALS

Our first meeting of the year is being held at the residence of DCDR Dee Dee Kincade on Saturday, January 31. At this meeting we traditionally set goals and discuss events for the year. Last year's Division goal was to encourage communication and collaboration between Flotillas, Division staff members, Station Lake Tahoe, local agencies and marine interests in our area in

order to further the goal of promoting boating safety on Lake Tahoe and our Nevada inland lakes. I believe we made significant progress in accomplishing this goal in 2008 through inter-agency interactions. For 2009 I will propose the use of our Division website to create an open forum throughout the Division (similar to the District website). Our SO-CS Tom Komadina has created the vehicle to upload Flotilla activities through blogs; news, pictures, and videos.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS

1. See below

DETAILS

1. First Division meeting of 2009 is scheduled for next week. We will set our calendar then.
2. Recruiting and retention is a focal issue for a couple flotillas. Division will provide a MT schedule to help them develop their new members.
3. In the past Div. 12 has been first OPEX of the year in mid-April. Conflicts with weather and tax season are causing us to reconsider.
4. Flotillas are making their PE plans and entering them on the District web site.
5. Not all flotillas have informed me of their staff selections and I will follow up.
6. No Pleasanton boat show this year results in lost PE students. Flotilla budgets reflect reduction.
7. Elected officers all scheduled to attend training Jan 18 or Mar 29.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. To be set at meeting next week.
2. Chili cookoff and overnigher planned for mid year

DIVISION GOALS

1. OPEX(s) schedule for the many completing crew training started 2008
2. MT Schedule to focus on AUXOP classes in 2009 to provide timely training for members. Division level classes draw members from multiple flotillas to justify class.
3. Leader development by asking all staff to think and work toward training their replacement.
4. Chili cookoff and overnigher this year
5. Others to be developed at first meeting of the year.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA

Happy New Year to all who join me as new Board and Staff Members.

My goals for 2009 are: Try to break ground on the Auxiliary Memorial on Coast Guard Island, with the help of my staff, and Como. Gail Ramsey. This project has gone on for years and we need to get it going in 2009, before all of us are gone.

The PCA Fair is one of our best programs on Coast Guard Island. The PCA Fairs are the third weekend in February and August and with the excellent help from DIRAUX, we will get a tremendous amount of training done. Expansion of the PCA Fair would be difficult, because of the lack of class rooms, and the programs the Auxiliary requires for every one, ICS-210, TCT, and other workshops. Some of these programs can and should be taught at OPTREX's around the District if possible.

The Poker Run will happen this year, the price of gas and other factors shouldn't be such a problem as it was last year. We will have our favorite DCOS Angelo cooking your favorite steaks or his gourmet chicken. I will engrave a bunch of wine glasses and bent prop, and other awards, and I hope Fran and Gail can arrange the restaurants again like they have for years.

The Standing Rules have been rewritten removing Captain and inserting Commander in five places, and will be voted on after the District Meeting.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-Response

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discipline Document
- eLearning
- District Report Template
- Contact with Division Commanders
- Contact with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM

DETAILS

We have made draft of disciplinary procedures guidelines applicable for flotilla commanders to follow when discipline of a member needs to be addressed. Reviewed draft with DSO-LP who will polish and present to CDR. Eventually, it will be presented at N-TRAIN to National Legal for their consideration.

We are investigating the possibility of using eLearning and virtual classroom opportunities for the Auxiliary. Adobe Connect Pro and Adobe Presenter Power Point vendors will be sending information to me soon.

We have made a Template, with DCOs encouragement, for use by Auxiliarists when making their reports to the Board. We distributed the Template to all division commanders for their use.

Made telephone and email contacts with each of my Division Commanders

In contact with DSOs for AV, OP and will be in contact with CM.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to attend N-TRAIN at St Louis January 27-30

Plan to attend RBS conference in San Diego February 17-19

Plan to teach PWC class at PCA Fair February 22.

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Plan to follow up on Discipline Guidelines document and encourage its acceptance.

Plan to continue eLearning opportunities for the District.

Plan to attend as many Division meetings as practical.

Plan to further investigate Response responsibilities.

Robert Hendry, DCAPT-Prevention

This is my first report for this coming year for Recreational Boating Safety and Prevention activities. Considerable planning is underway for a successful year and the District Staff Officers in these areas are experienced, enthusiastic and ready to go. As RBS and Prevention are key missions for the Auxiliary, all Division Commanders are requested to energize their staffs in working with their flotillas and the District Staff Officers so that best practices are shared and synergies available in our organization are maximized. Here are some key points to emphasize.

Recreational Boating Safety Road Trips

This year, the District Staff Officers for Vessel Examination and Public Education are making themselves available for visits to Divisions early in the year to promote recreational boating safety efforts in the Divisions. This is a great opportunity for training, enlightenment and/or motivation of our members to prepare for this year's RBS activities. The Division Commanders are requested to discuss desired activities directly with the DSOs. As time and funds provided are limited, only the first five agreed upon requests can be honored.

National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) 2009

This year the NSBW is scheduled for May 16 through May 22. In order to promote this week as best possible, Division Commanders are requested to appoint a person from their Divisions to spearhead Division activities. I would appreciate it if all DCDRs can provide me the name and contact information for their representatives as soon as possible so that they will always be apprised of opportunities available from a District point of view. We are continuing to work on the idea from last year of preparing displays of the variety of life jackets.

America's Waterway Watch Program

The threat of small vessels to inflict damage in our ports still looms large. There are efforts underway by the Department of Homeland Security and the US Coast Guard to mitigate this risk. A program entitled America's Waterway Watch is designed to enlist the boating public to assist in identifying these threats in the planning stages to avoid potential damage. The CG Auxiliary can play an important role in assisting in this outreach program. There is a lot of material available to assist Divisions in rolling out a detailed effort in this regard. Please make a contact with Nick Tarlson, District Staff Officer – Marine Safety whose staff will be prepared to assist.

Division Commanders are requested to appoint a representative from their Divisions to become knowledgeable with information available and to coordinate activities in their units. There will be training at D-Train so appoint someone now and schedule them to attend D-Train.

Fishing Vessel Inspection Emphasized

Another area that the Auxiliary can give assistance in is the Fishing Vessel Inspection program. We are currently meeting with the Coast Guard officials to determine how we best can support them in this. Special relationships need to be developed with owners of the fishing fleets and the timing of such inspections needs to coincide with their activities so as not to conflict with their varied seasons. More to come on this as we develop an agreed upon approach.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-Support

HIGHLIGHTS

- Change of Watches Attended
- Met with each of the Division Commanders for Divisions 1, 4, 10
- Made contact with DSO's IS, FN, CS, MA, PS. MT

DETAILS

Attended the Change of Watch ceremonies for Divisions 1, 4, 6, 10 and 12. All of the events were planned perfectly and it was an honor and pleasure to be a part of their celebrations. During my attendance at the COW's I also met with each of the Division Commanders that I support.

Worked with COMO Maddox and COMO Williams to plan develop the officer leadership training schedule for Jan 18th. COMO Maddox also contacted all of the presenters and made sure that they would be available. Additionally COMO Maddox put together an initial DTRAIN schedule for review by COMO Williams and DCOS Perata.

I have been in contact with the DSO's for IS, FN, CS, MA, PS & MT. I will meet with the DSO-PB and DSO-PA at the District meeting.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to attend N-TRAIN at St Louis January 27-30

Plan to attend DTRAIN, March 27-29

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Plan to work with Division Commanders Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals for 2009.

Plan to work with Division Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals and projects for 2009.

Plan to work toward the submission of more articles, for the Northwind, from a larger audience within District 11N.

Angelo Perata, COS

Staff reports for 2009: to more closely align with our new District Board Chart.

Each District Captain will call on their DSO-Staff to give out their reports.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT – Response – NS-OP-AV-CM

Bob Hendry, DCAPT – Prevention – MS-PE-PV-VE

Rod Collins, DCAPT – Support – CS-IS-MA-MT-PA-PS-PB-FN

District Board Meeting Jan 17, 2009:

District Staff Officers will be asked to give a SHORT summary of their projections for year 2009, or highlight what they feel is one of their top priorities for 2009.

As always, we are open to suggestions on how to better our Board meetings.

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 17 January 2009

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV

AuxAir starts the year 2009 with a complement of 10 aircraft that are certified and currently receiving orders to fly missions for Air Station San Francisco (ASSF). Two (2) of these aircraft are twin-engine models; seven (7) are single engine models; and one (1) is a helicopter. We expect to bring two or three more aircraft on-line during the first quarter of 2009.

Our Aviation Squadron currently has 12 active Pilots and 20 active Air Crew & Observer members. We have an additional 10 to 15 Auxiliary members who are going through training and mentoring to become Observers.

We are flying about three to five missions each week in support of ASSF.

We held our first Squadron leadership & management team meeting yesterday evening with both Squadron and Safety members in attendance. We covered a number of subjects including a program for DTRAIN; scheduling our pilots for ICS-210; reviewing our budget and flight schedule for FY2008-2009; status of training and recruitment; our goal to review and revise our recruitment and training syllabus; preparing for our next Safety Workshop and AETC course; and confirming the format for our bi-monthly Squadron Dinner meetings.

Aviation has been included in this year's N-TRAIN conference and both Randy Parent and I will attend, with each of us going to a separate three-day training program. AuxAir has suggested several options for conducting and/or participating in workshop(s) at D-TRAIN in Rohnert Park. We will follow the guidance provided by EXCOM as to our level of participation.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

Here is the Communications report from the past few months. This report will include some activities that were completed and goals for the years 2009 and 2010.

1. During the past couple of months, the Communications department has been involved with some very high profile cases. The first case took place on 29NOV08. That was the case that involved an over turned vessel just off the coast of Pillar Point in Half Moon Bay. This case had a tragic ending as the boat captain and his friend were both killed by a wave that capsized the vessel. Both of the occupants were trapped inside the boat while it was submerged in the water. The DSO-CM was on scene and set up the liaison work between the Sheriff/ Fire and Sector SF. I was also tasked with gathering any and all information (including pictures) and making sure that they were transferred to Sector SF. The second case took place on 14DEC08 at 0430hrs at Coyote Point in San Mateo. I was called as tasked with the response to the Marina for a reported party boat with 26 passengers that were close to capsizing. I met up with the Battalion Chief and set up the liaison platform between San Mateo County and the Sector. Once the people were all rescued, I was tasked to get all the information from the passengers and then transmit back to Sector SF.

2. I advised that I had received 5 more D/F machines from Sector SF. On 20DEC08, I met up with AWO Bill Kinsey at the Pittsburg Marina and took a boat ride with him. We met up with another Auxiliary vessel in the Delta and began a test of the D/F machines while using a training beacon. We found that one of the machines was not operating correctly and that has now been resolved. Two of the new D/F machines will be handed out at the meeting to qualified Auxiliary Mobile Operators.
3. On 28DEC08, I was advised by ADSO-CM Sellstrom that Sacramento Radio one is no longer active. All the radio equipment has been removed and a new location is currently being investigated.
4. This year I have created the ADSO-CC position. This position will be for Contingency Communications. The person that I have selected for this position has a large amount of experience in this field already. This year we will focus on better quality communications using various means of technology. The ADSO-CC will also be working very closely with me in regards to Rescue 21. I have been advised that things will be forming by summer. I have met with the planning folks at the PACAREA level and we have a green light for installations of new repeaters in some of the key locations. Once the locations come a little better in focus, we will plan on getting the best possible communications to our members.
5. This year at the District Training Fair, I have been asked to provide the Communications platform. I will be working very close with the Operations person in charge of planning the event. We will be rolling out some nice things and I will be providing the communications for those who are involved. We will have a nice surprise at the Conference as well that will be the Command post for the Operation.
6. I have saved the very best for last. I was informed this past week that Mr. Richard Schuster has put his request in to retire from the Auxiliary. Mr. Schuster has done so much good work with providing area familiarization for new folks at Station Rio Vista. Mr. Schuster's knowledge of the Rio Vista AOR has made him a player that has been proven to be a very good asset for all to utilize. I would like to thank Richard for ALL that he has done and wish him the very best. He has left some very BIG SHOES to fill!

GOALS FOR 2009

- A few of the goals for 2009 and 2010 is to provide the best possible out reach for our membership. This year will be faced with the COMMS PQS to take better shape and therefore the CM will be called upon to really help out their new Members. The information that I pass down from N-TRAIN will play a crucial role in getting this off the ground with a complete understanding of what will be expected. Most of this will be discussed at D-TRAIN in March and my ADSO-CM will be available to assist the Divisions with some of this as well.
 - We will be investing in some very special repeater technology that will be rolled out during the summer. Most of it involves WAVE and the ability to pipe in to current high sites.
 - All SO-CM and FSO-CM should be available to get their mobile operators involved with Flotilla and Division level drills if needed. The District CM team is available to help with all of this. It is very important to get the right message out as to what is expected with SAR related missions and other requests made by the Coast Guard.
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO:

LCDR Lusk – Sector Command Center Chief has asked ALL members of this Auxiliary (radio operator or not) that have marine radios either in their home or vehicle to listen in whenever possible on VHF CH16. There have been a BIG number of FALSE MAYDAYS that have come in. If the member happens to hear the MAYDAY call then the member is requested to call the Sector Command Center at 415-399-3530. The Member can really make a difference because he or she can narrow the search field down dramatically if he or she gives either his or her LAT/LONG or geographic location and how strong he or she heard the transmission.

Here are the offices of the ADSO-CM: All of their email addresses have been updated on the Districts web site under Departments. As always, PLEASE START YOUR QUESTIONS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL FIRST. Please let the SO-CM have the first crack at helping you out. If you have no SO-CM then please feel free to contact one of my Officers. This just keeps with the tradition of Leadership and Management.

ADSO-CM/IT: Mr. Joe Love, The CM/IT and I will be working to update the District Comms web page. We hope to include some pictures and event items that we can look forward to in 2009.

ADSO-CM/IT: Mr. Steve McCabe and Joe Love will be working to maintain the continued success of the ARMS system. We are hopeful that the Surface assets will be added this year to the system.

ADSO-CM/R: You have questions about this Districts Repeater(s). Mr. Sellstrom is here to help you out and give you the guidance that you will need to be successful in transmitting to the system.

ADSO-CM/CC: Kevin Sellstrom is available to assist with the type accepted radios that are now being authorized through the Auxiliary. Kevin will also be helping to improve radio relations through Sector San Francisco, Group Humboldt Bay and any active duty Station that would like to pursue radio alternatives.

ADSO-CM/HF: Mr. Stu Langs has taken this position to assist the already established H/F communicators with new frequency allocations and any information that comes down through National.

ADSO-CM/HF/MT: Mr. Morris Farmer will be assisting with Member training with H/F. This is for those who would like to get started in the H/F program. Morris is here to address your questions.

AUX RADIO NET: All Communications units are encouraged to check in and if nothing else test their equipment to see if it all works both on the VHF marine channels as well as the repeater frequency. The net is being held at 2000 local time each Monday evening on VHF CH83A. If for some reason CH 83A is occupied then we will switch our VHF Marine remote to transmit on VHF CH 06A. The Sector Command has approved this.

AWO (AUXILIARY WATCH OFFICER): We currently have all positions filled. I will be updating the comms page on the District site when this position comes available.

ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System): This interactive site is fully controlled by the DSO-CM and the Auxiliary Watch Officers under the direct Supervision of the OTO, DIRAUX and the CDO at Sector SF. This site that has been established contains several Mobile responders that have stated that they want to be a part of the emergency call out process. The old style of utilizing the 11 N/R roster to make call outs has been replaced by this site. This site emails the communicator with his or her availability for the next 24 hours. These members are only viewed by the DSO-CM and Watch Officer to insure the privacy of the person that has signed up. We are always looking to add more communicators so if you are interested please let me know and I will get you online with this process. I cannot promise that you will be called out

for the SAR but I can tell you that your services can and will be utilized should the need arise. This service has provided Sector SF with several comms related incidents from D/F to SAR and everything in between. All SO-CM and FSO-CM are encouraged to pass this information along to their membership. This site is the only one of its kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary. We are currently experiencing some ISP issues with the following providers: Comcast, Yahoo and AOL. We are working to get these UNSPAMMED!

Some issues have come up in the recent past as to the exact call out process and who controls that platform. It needs to be noted that the CALL OUT is in direct response to what SECTOR SF wants and therefore they can make advisements as to who they feel can respond to their calls. I strongly encourage all communicators that wish to be called out to be in and active in this system because there is NO OTHER WAY TO GET CALLED OUT. This position is a dispatching port therefore all AWO's have been instructed to utilize the availability list AT ALL TIMES. Bottom line is that if you are not on this list or you are and not active on the daily list then you will not be activated, period! ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS WOULD NEED TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM.

Please see the information below. These are questions and issues that the members of this District have continually asked to know about.

NOTE FOR LAND MOBILE OPERATORS:

When requesting orders in POMS, please use the drop down box for "Select Station" and select "Land Mobile". This choice is between Sector SF Prevention and Station Rio Vista. Then in the comments section, at the very bottom of the order request page, state which Area, Station or other unit you will be working with and your intentions while on patrol. It should also be noted that the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM is activating all POMS related Mobile missions. This will help in the reporting of all missions in this reporting as well and the active District spread sheet that has been created. All SO-CM and FSO-CM should encourage each and every mobile to get involved with some kind of patrol wit in their own Division to get familiar with their area of responsibility. Currently there is no need for mobiles during the week unless approved by the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM. Most of the patrol work should be directed towards the weekend. Please note that the patrols will be looked at very carefully to assure that vehicles are ot over saturating areas listed in POMS. Summer is here and this would be the time to get out there and patrol. Please submit through POMS and notify me in advance of the patrol date so I can activate

This is being resent with a quote of current policy below

Who can inspect my radio facility?

Your FSO-CM or anyone in the CM Chain can inspect your Radios.

The [Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual](#) M16789.3E states:

Annex 4, Sec. D.1. Initial Inspection

The **facility** owner must arrange to conduct an initial inspection of each fixed land, land mobile, and RDF **facility** and, thereafter, a reinspection every three years from the date of acceptance. Only a flotilla, division, district, or National communications Staff officer who has successfully completed the requisite Auxiliary communications inspection qualification (AUXCOM or replacement course), or a member completing such qualification and specially designated by the Director, may conduct an inspection. The inspector must report the results on the Radio **Facility** Inspection and Offer for Use Form (CG -2736A/ANSC-7004) to the Director. The Auxiliary must complete all inspections following the initial inspection before the expiration date of the **facility's** acceptance for use.

In the [Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual](#), states in Annex 4:

B.4. Decal Display

Auxiliarists may display the miniature decal and wreath on the exterior or interior of the building in which the radio equipment is housed, on any legal place on a motor vehicle containing the radio equipment, or on the radio itself. Radio facilities must not use the large size **facility** decal.

If you are interested in participating in the Auxiliary HIGH FREQUENCY Network then please fill out the information below and send it to the ADSO-CM/HF or the email address below for processing. National is currently looking for more H/F Station from District Eleven North. The assigned frequencies WILL NOT be distributed unless the proper paperwork is received. This is a National policy not a local policy.

District 11 N/R H/F Application for AUXMON and H/F related nets:

Please note that I will need the following information for those interested in this program as discussed at the top of the page:

1. Member Name: _____
2. Member ID: _____
3. Radio Call Sign – Mobile and or Fixed Land or both: _____
4. Radio ID: Mobile NM11?? / Fixed Land NF11??: _____
5. Members address: City, State, ZIP: _____
6. Lat/Long of the address (even if mobile): _____ / _____
7. Phone number: home/office/cell: _____ / _____ / _____

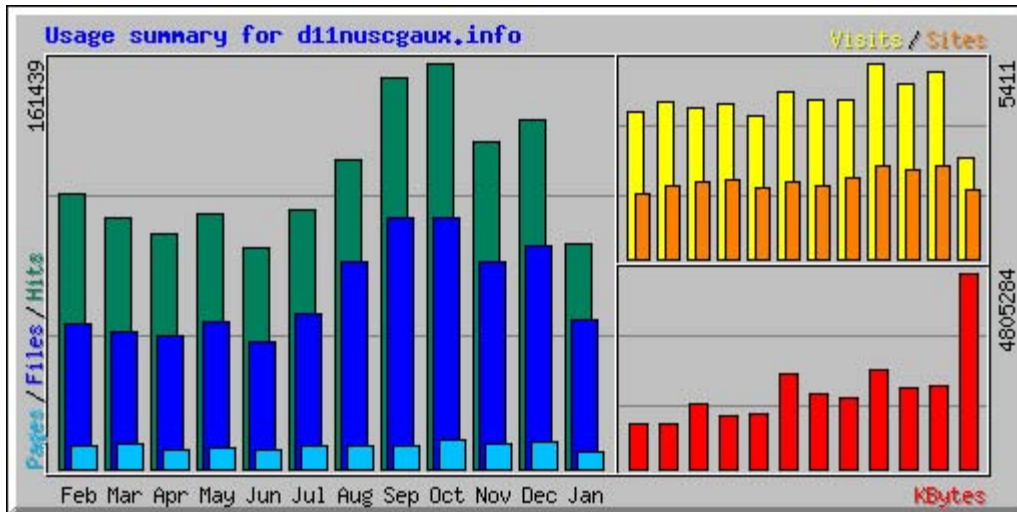
Please fill this out and send it back to me at oysterpointmobile3@yahoo.com

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

1. The evaluation for District Best of Web (DBOW) award recognition will take place prior to the end of January. All divisions are to nominate a flotilla, a Web Manager “webmaster” may self-nominate, due January 20. All Division Websites will be evaluated. Awards will be made during DTRAIN.

2. Website 2010 is in designed. Our current web pages will be reformatted and simplified navigation is in developed. Visit our site during development > <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/index.html>

3. Our graphic display Webalizer Report below compares monthly usage. October is the highest usage in 2008. An email message is sent monthly to all members featuring a website focus.



Summary by Month

| Month | Daily Avg | | | | | Monthly Totals | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Hits | Files | Pages | Visits | Sites | KBytes | Visits | Pages | Files | Hits | |
| Jan 2009 | 7480 | 4930 | 537 | 231 | 1913 | 4805284 | 2778 | 6450 | 59160 | 89762 |
| Dec 2008 | 4476 | 2858 | 354 | 166 | 2547 | 2054837 | 5162 | 10999 | 88602 | 138785 |
| Nov 2008 | 4330 | 2735 | 333 | 160 | 2457 | 1987860 | 4811 | 10019 | 82070 | 129926 |
| Oct 2008 | 5207 | 3226 | 371 | 174 | 2543 | 2431560 | 5411 | 11502 | 100009 | 161439 |

D11NR CS MISSION is to continuously upgrade the district web site for currency and to give support to unit website. The purpose is to provide information for member and public.

GOALS are broad so to incorporate the district knowledge bank onto our website. CS officers are to be proactive communicators with support and information.

Website 2010

In keeping the reorganization of the Auxiliary and to become part of the visual Coast Guard Team on the web, D11NR will reorganize the distinct website

- The appearance and format will be consistent with the Coast Guard website (banner above)
- Navigation will be simplified for easy access to all information
- An one year time frame will allow browsers to easily transition to the new site

February > 2010 Website navigation designed

March > 2010 Website navigation linked to current pages – Browsers invited to use

April – September > Pages formatted for 2010 Website – Browsers may use both pages

October – November > 2010 Website in effect

Visit Website 2010 development > <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/>

District Best Of Web (DBOW) 2009

The new DBOW award will be presented for the first time during DTRAIN 2009. The purpose is to bring recognition to the skills and talents of our district webmasters. Top websites to be submitted for the national BOW completion.

Support to Unit Websites

Our unit webmaster varies in ability and time to update websites. There are a variety of opportunities to assist webmasters

- Encourage webmaster attendance to AIX04 and PCMR Fair Website Class
- Provide training during the PCMR Fair Website Class
- Develop a preformatted website to be updated with a downloadable free editor
- Assist with migration for flotilla and division websites to the district server
- Communicate regularly with flotilla and division webmasters.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008 - The 2008 financial report is attached. I am assuming that all 2008 reimbursement requests have been submitted to me.

BUDGET - the 2009 proposed budget is included on the financial statement. Please see the "notes" tab at the bottom of the page for explanations of the various items.

DUES - Division 10 dues are outstanding....I have been told they will be paid by Saturday.

REIMBURSEMENTS - EXCOM and DSOs ... Please get expense reimbursement requests in ASAP, but no later than quarterly.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR JANUARY....

1. Forms 7025, Unit financial reports – These forms are due 31 January...delinquent 1 March.
2. Budgets should be prepared and voted upon. Without an approved budget, all expenditures must be approved by the board.
3. Make certain to get bank signature forms completed for any new elected leader or FN. Don't let your bank account be taken over by the state because there is no authorized signer!

AUDITS –I am now requesting that all units that have never been audited submit their materials....all units of Divisions 3, 5, and 12, all flotillas of Division 6 and FI 49. I have attached a list of the items requested by the Audit Committee (Audit of Units 2009).

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS

Another year is behind us and we will be pulling all of the figures for the 2008 awards. Please remind all of your members to get their time in and recorded in AUXDATA prior to 30 January 2009. I will pull the final figures for awards from AUXINFO on 2 February 2009.

Attention Division Commanders: Please advise your Flotilla Commanders that it is very important for them to get a copy of their Annual Unit Officer Report, ANSC Form 7007, to their FSO/IS to enter their officers in AUXDATA with the original mailed to DIRAUX. Also do not forget to do your division report. This year there are many that are still not in.

All of the new acronyms have been updated in AUXDATA. In addition the DSO/SO/FSO-AN positions were changed from AN to NS, Navigation Systems.

I will be giving an AUXINFO session on Saturday 21 February 2009 at the PCA Training Fair if you want to learn how to bring up any reports in AUXINFO.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP

Legal begins 2009 with what I consider a nearly full complement of staff, having added two ADSO's in 2008 and only lost one. Ron Walker joined us earlier in the year, and has a focus on Standing Rules, and Bob Liu came aboard in late November and is learning the ropes, with a focus on discipline. Larry Olson is stepping down to devote attention to his Aviation responsibilities.

Legal is one of the invited disciplines for N-Train this year and I will attend for our office. We are repeating our popular 30-minute module at the Elected Officers' Training in January, and will be represented at D-Train, where we will present a joint session with Finance. It was well attended in Modesto last year.

Our goals this year are to continue to provide you with the legal advice you require in a timely fashion and to provide prompt useful advice to our units to assist them to carry forward the programs in which they are interested. If a new Auxiliary Manual is published, as some expect, we anticipate a learning curve as we grapple with its changes and help incorporate it as a useful document.

David Talton, DSO-MA

We missed our target date (31 December) for having the web site revamped and credit card acceptance plan in place. My lack of knowledge in the area of web site construction caused me to set an ambitious time frame, to say the least. The plan was to roll out the new site and shopping cart capabilities, where we can accept credit and debit cards for payment, at the same time. However, revamping a web site is a much larger undertaking than I had anticipated, so we will be working on that as an ongoing project - my thanks to Irene and Mart for their help and devotion in this endeavor.

I will move forward with setting up the credit card acceptance program as a separate project. When in place we will be able to not only accept payment online but also at our major events such as the PCA Fairs and DTRAIN.

We have placed numerous orders for educational material as the Flotillas gear up for what appears will be an enlightening 2009. There are many classes scheduled for the first part of the year for ABS, SS&S (formerly BS&S) and the new Weekend Navigator.

A revised order form and new catalog will be uploaded to the web site in the next couple of weeks. Be advised that there have been some price increases on a few items, so order now before the new prices go into effect.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS

According to AUXDATA, District 11N Auxiliaries logged 6,279 hours of marine safety and environmental protection hours in 2008, compared with 7,332 hours in 007. Please remind your

members to report their time and check their posted tasks and competencies.

America's Waterway Watch We will renew our efforts to promote the AWW mission in 2009. Please remind your members to report their AWW activity, which should be represented in all public education, vessel safety checks, program visitation and public affairs activities. Please plan to have a presentation on AWW at an upcoming division meeting. We have about a dozen folks at the District level who can and regularly do assist with formal presentations on AWW.

Incident Management 008 Dockwalker Boater Kits are still available (see prior reports for ordering information).

Domestic Vessel Inspections Operation Safe Crab was a resounding success, with many exams and spot checks throughout the aor.

Ferry Vessel Audit Program Once again, as in 2007, we had a record year for ferry vessel audits. In 2007 we had 97 audits performed by 49 auditors. This year, we have 164 audits with 67 auditors. Of the 67 auditors, 27 have performed two or more audits, with many doing considerably more as you will see below. We had three training programs and plan to do the same in 2009. Every vessel in the active ferry fleet has been inspected, several times, including the orphan vessels--the Harbor Bay Ferry and the Angel Island ferry. We put a new effort into inspecting the Alcatraz ferries because of the huge tourist loads, and encouraged inspection of the Red and White fleets for the very same reason.

The top five complaints found by our auditors are as follow:

1. Broken or missing security tags on PFD lockers.
2. Failure to signal on maneuvering in and out of dockage.
3. Failure to hear the safety message for passengers on board.
4. No vessel security sweeps during a portion of the cruise. . Many off limits crew doors and other supposedly secure doors left unlocked permitting public access. WO Phillips follows up on immediately on the most serious breaches, and when time permits, contact regarding the rest.

Facilities Inspection We receive an average of one call per week for Auxiliary assistance in the Facilities ranch. We will pursue the MDA Inspection program with renewed energy in 2009 and ask for your support.

Regional Examination Center We continue to assist the REC with remote locations and other support. I am personally auditing the STCW Basic Safety Training Course in Tomales this week.

Pacific Strike Team Richard Celia continues to stand watch every Friday at the PST.

Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OMSEP) encourage your members to participate in this program, which is intended to protect their occupational health.

Marine Safety Training Ribbon The following members have earned the Marine Safety Training Ribbon in our District: William W. Burns, Phil E. Grove, Dean LaChappelle, Guy E. Mallery, Simone H. Adair, Stuart M. Hunter, Wilfred Sumner

Please encourage your members to consider this as a minimum goal and qualification for marine safety officers and members interested in the program. Once they have earned the ribbon, please encourage them to continue on to serve this mission area and earn their Trident pins. Trident Program No new activity.

Other Initiatives

Domestic inspections need interpreters in Croatian and Vietnamese languages The Ship Ride program is currently operating with active-duty riders only.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT

The National Staff has published a new policy for AUXSC&E. A copy of the policy is available The National Staff has published a new policy for AUXSC&E. A copy of the policy is attached as a Word document.

I have written a training aid for NAVRULES that displays a question from a 1300 question database, provides memory hints, and an explanation of the rule if the student selects an incorrect answer. Copies will be available at the Officer Training on 18 Jan. 2009 and perhaps at D-Train.

Best wishes for the New Year. as a Word document. I have written a training aid for NAVRULES that displays a question from a 1300 question database, provides memory hints, and an explanation of the rule if the student selects an incorrect answer. Copies will be available at the Officer Training on 18 Jan. 2009 and perhaps at D-Train. Best wishes for the New Year.

James Duncan, DSO-NS

1. **2008 SO-ANs:** I would like to thank all the SO-ANs & FSO-ANs for their work this year. Job well done. Divisions have elected their 2009 DCDR's. The DCDR's are setting up their 2009 staffs. If you are going to be moving on, please be sure to let me know as soon as possible and if possible who is replacing you. You will now be called SO-NS & FSO-NS. It takes time to get up speed in our programs and as your know we start off on January 1st. It is important for each division, flotilla and Aid Verifiers to get ATON/CU information as early as possible. Your prompt response and cooperation is urgently sought. I hope that all of you can stay on next year. The more years you work in the Navigation Systems Programs the easier it becomes.

2. **AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION & CERTIFICATION CLASS:** The next Aid Verifier Qualification & Certification Course will be held at the Past Captains Training Fair on Saturday February 21, 2009. This class is for those who would like to become an Aid Verifier and assist the Coast Guard with their Aids to Navigation & Bridges. Any pass or present Aid Verifiers who would like to update their qualification or skills can also sign up.

The following information is for all Auxiliary Aid Verifier Candidates. Please download a copy of the "Aid to Navigation Aid Verifier Qualification Guide & Check off List" at <http://aton.d11nuscgaux.info> then click on "Aid Verifier QUAL". Use this study guide before attending the AV Course.

This Auxiliary Aid to Navigation Verifier Qualification Guide defines the skills required for an Auxiliarist to become a Qualified & Certified Aid Verifier (**AV**). The Aid Verifier Candidate (**AVC**) check off list and tasks have been modified from the National to meet D11 Requirements. Each section contains a listing of tasks in which an Auxiliarist should be become proficient in order to complete any type D11 (dpw) AV mission successfully.

This guide can also function as a syllabus for a workshop or as a self-study guide. Each listing allows the **AVC** and what **D11 (dpw) & DSO-NS (Aid Verifier QE)** should expect.

If an Aid Verifier Candidate (AVC) has difficulty in learning the task, he or she is encouraged to contact help from your **AVTT** (Aid Verifier Training Team) which is the following:

1. Your **FSO-NS** (Flotilla Navigation Systems Staff Officer)
2. **Certified Aid Verifiers** within your Flotilla or Division,
3. Your Auxiliary **SO-NS, ADSO-NS** or **DSO-NS**,

The AVC can attend the next **Aid Verifier Qualification Course** (February Past Captain's Training Fair) when the AVC is confident in all of the tasks below. The DSO-NS will administer the "Aid Verifiers Qualifying & Certification Exam" at the end **Aid Verifier Qualification Course**. After passing the **Aid Verifier Qualification Exam** the DSO-NS will send a letter of completion to D11 (dpw) for Certification as an Aid Verifier (AV).

The Aid Verifier Certification will be granted for 5-Years. The District Commander (dpw) will forward the "Letter of AV Certification" to Director of Auxiliary D11 (dpa) for AUXDATA and their personal file.

There will be an Aid Verifier Re-certification Open Book Exam to renew their Aid Verifier Certification for another 5-year period.

There is an annual maintenance each year within the 5-Year Certification; the **AV (Aid Verifier)** shall submit the required number of ATON or PATON or BRIDGE Report each year to maintain their Aid Verifier Certification. **The required number in D11NR is one**

In the likely hood that an AV did not submit one ATON or PATON or BRIDGE report for the year and loses their AV Certification, They can be re-instated as a Certified AV. AV must a company a certified AV and do the required number of aids or bridge verifications. The certified AV will sign the report verifying that the Aid Verifier (AV) conducted the aid or bridge check satisfactory. AV will be re-certified for that year when the aid or bridge report is received by the DSO-NS.

- The AVC check off list and task list should be used as a learning tool preparing you for the AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION COURSE & EXAM.
- This guide has listing of task that an AID VERIFIER should be skilled in to accomplish any aid or bridge verification or checks that D11 (dpw) or ANT unit would task us to accomplish.
- The items on the check off list and tasks maybe part of the Aid Verifier Qualification Final Exam.

Each SO-NS should look over you certified Aid Verifiers to see if you need more Aid Verifiers to complete your D11 (dpw) assignment for 2009. Does each flotilla have the Aid Verifiers to easily check the aids you assign to them?

FINAL 2008 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

| Div. | AIDS TO NAVIGATION | | | | | | | BRIDGES | | | PATONS | | | Not Done | 2008 AV |
|------|--------------------|----|-----|---|----|----|----|---------|------|------|--------|------|------|----------|---------|
| | A | AI | P | U | PI | B | BI | AOR | Done | % | AOR | Done | % | | |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 126 | | 84 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 100% | 126 | 126 | 100% | 0 | 21 |
| 3 | 17 | 18 | 74 | 5 | 58 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 100% | 44 | 44 | 100% | 0 | 12 |
| 4 | 1 | | 82 | | 15 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 100% | 54 | 54 | 100% | 0 | 6 |
| 5 | | | 124 | 3 | 57 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 56% | 115 | 115 | 100% | 0 | 19 |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|---|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 6 | | | 93 | | 45 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 100% | 137 | 100 | 73% | 37 | 3 |
| 8 | 21 | 21 | 4 | 13 | 26 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 100% | 4 | 4 | 100% | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | 8 | 8 | 49 | | 24 | 11 | | 10 | 10 | 100% | 49 | 49 | 100% | 0 | 11 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 94 | | 96 | | | NA | - | - | 94 | 94 | 100% | 0 | 12 |
| 12 | 1 | | 171 | | 76 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 100% | 171 | 171 | 100% | 0 | 13 |
| Total | 57 | 56 | 817 | 21 | 492 | 49 | 27 | 50 | 46 | 92% | 794 | 757 | 95% | 37 | 100 |
| | 2008 D11NR | | | | | 2008 NOAA-NOS | | | | | 2009 NOAA-NOS | | | | |
| | Chart Updating Year | | | | | Chart Updating Year | | | | | Chart Updating Year | | | | |
| | Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2008 | | | | | Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2008 | | | | | Apr 1, 2008 to Mar 31, 2009 | | | | |
| Div | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | | | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | | | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | | |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 3 | 15 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 15 | 1 | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 100 | | | 1 | 4 | 100 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 18 | 7 | 100 | | | 1 | 5 | 100 | | | 17 | 3 | | | |
| Total NOAA Reports 1/1 through 12/31/08 → | | | | | | 18 | Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to 3/31/09 → | | | | | | 100 | | |
| Total Aids to Navigation Reports | | | | | | 944 | Total Members Submitting Reports → | | | | | | 89 | | |
| Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO | | | | | | 575 | 575 out of 944 reports showing up in AUXINFO → | | | | | | 61% | | |
| Total Chart Updating Reports | | | | | | 18 | A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized | | | | | | | | |
| Total ATON & Chart Updating | | | | | | 962 | NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date. | | | | | | | | |

• **Note: NOAA-NOS Chart updating year is April 1 through March 31.**

• **“ We are in the 2008-2009 Chart Updating Year”**

- Note: D11NR Chart updating year is January 1 through December 31.
- Note: The **Red** number under 2nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.
- Note: **Red** numbers is the information from AUXINFO as of **Jan 4th 2009** update.
- Note: “Don’t forget to submit your 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not done until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands.”

“Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don’t find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help.”

4. NOAA REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR TIDE TABLES & SMALL CRAFT FACILITIES TABLES INFORMATION

NOAA’s National Ocean Service is evaluating specific features on nautical charts for their importance to marine navigation. The goal is to improve clarity and ease of use. To achieve this, NOAA’s National Ocean Service is proposing the removal of

- **Tide tables & Tables of small craft facilities**

Both of these tables will be removed from the following D11 charts: 18652 18661 18662 18687

Tidal information will continue to be available at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>

These changes are expected to affect new chart editions commencing in 2009.

The proposed changes will be advertised on The Office of Coast Survey website under "Latest News" <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

Comments about these changes may be sent to NOAA through the form at <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx> before February 20, 2009.

5. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: Remember NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line. The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating & ATON reports because they are always update. **Note this site is no longer in use <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onlineviewer/>** Change your favorites to the NEW site below: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>

With less than one month to go in 2008, it looks as if D11 Northern Region will have only 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. We had 4 New Chart Editions in 2007. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition" Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 6.

Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 6 are obsolete for use in navigation and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart is of vital importance to the navigator and the aid verifier. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. Natural and artificial changes, many of them critical, are occurring constantly; and it is important that we in the Auxiliary use the most up-to-date charts.

6. NOAA-RASTER NAVIGATIONAL CHART SERVICE RESUMES:

NOAA has resumed its full service of providing free weekly updates and new editions of Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) via the Internet at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov> a list of certified RNC distributors is also available at the above Internet site. Address questions to NOAA at <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx>

7. AID VERIFIER (UPDATED) LOST CERTIFICATION DUE TO INACTIVITY: To Division 3, 5, 10, & 12 SO-NSs, this is the list of Aid Verifiers that lost their Aid Verifier Certification on December 31, 2008. Aid Verifier's Certification is maintained by activity. They must turn in one ATON Report or one PATON report or one Bridge report to be certified for the next year. The list below is those that have not turn in any reports in 2008. The listed Aid Verifiers should contact me, DSO-NS, for the way to be reinstated as soon as possible.

| DIV-FLOT | NAME | AV | QUAL. DATE |
|-----------|-----------------------|----|------------|
| 113-03-03 | GWENDOLYN SAVAGE | 1 | 060218 |
| 113-03-03 | ROY SAVAGE | 1 | 060218 |
| 113-03-10 | DEAN LA CHAPELLE | 1 | 040214 |
| 113-05-02 | JAMES S CONVERSE | 1 | 070217 |
| 113-05-03 | STEPHEN CAMER | 1 | 070217 |
| 113-05-07 | PAUL CLAUSEN | 1 | 070217 |
| 113-10-02 | TERRI LINN | 1 | 030215 |
| 113-10-03 | WILLIAM MARTIN WALKER | 1 | 040214 |
| 113-12-21 | CYNTHIA WEISS | 1 | 060218 |

8. LAST CALL & Notice for the “2009 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating C-School” at Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia.

About the Course: This school is designed to provide training in all five Auxiliary Aids to Navigation Programs - ATON - Federal Aids, PATON - Private Aids, BAP - the Bridge Administration Program, CU - Chart Updating Program and SCF - Small Craft Facility Program. The new Web-based Private Aids to Navigation System that is being introduced into the First District, NR will also be presented. PowerPoint training aids for most NS programs will also be introduced. The aim of the AN/CU–C School is to train a cadre of Auxiliary leaders who will promote the AN/CU programs in their District and develop new and lasting programs and relationships with the Coast Guard in support of the goals and objectives of the Auxiliary Aid to Navigation / Chart Updating Program.

Who May Attend: Candidates must be recently assigned as a FSO-NS (Flotilla Staff Officer - Aids to Navigation), or a SO-NS (Division Staff Officer Aid to Navigation), or a DSO-NS or ADSO-NS (District Staff Officer – Aids to Navigation). This training is not refresher training. Alternative training is available through District ATON program managers. COMDT (CG-5421) must approve all waivers. Only one class convening is scheduled per year. Applicants MUST have an internet e-mail account capable of receiving and downloading attachments to order to benefit most from this training. Therefore, the candidate’s e-mail address must be included in Block #22 of the Short-Term Resident Training Request prior to approval. No civilian contractors are authorized to attend.

Title is "C-School - Aux ATON & Chart Updating - Private Aids;" **Dates** - 5-7 June 2009; **Location** - Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia; **Times** - 0800 Friday to 1200 Sunday (30 Students). **Course Code** is 501065. Course

How to apply for this C-School and I encourage all SO-NS to apply:

Complete a “School Short Term Training Request Form CG-5223” **Click here to get Form CG-5223**; Send your completed CG-5223 form to your District DIRAUX (Director of Auxiliary) via your Flotilla Commander (your FC is required to sign the form).

Keep a copy of the Form CG-5223. Expect to receive travel and information about orders.

If you are interested, put in your request ASAP because there are only 30 openings.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

Link to OPS Reports Archives:

- <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/archive.html>

REYR – REWK:

This is the season that we will see all the names come up of those that have not completed their hours on the water, their workshops, NAVRULES and other requirements. For those that make up their time be certain that the hours are entered by there is officer into AUXDATA. DIRAUX cannot not move you out of REWK or REYR without proof that you have completed your required tasks. There is a new MT-3 form that will help you with the above.

ICS-210 UPDATE:

When the ICS 210 is recorded it will permanently be recorded in the Training Record. It will not show up on the Training Status Report until a certification (PWC Operator or Coxswain) is earned that requires the course. It will not show up on the Annual Member Letter unless there is

a certification that requires it.

D11N has 176 members who require ICS 210 by March 31, 2009. So far 89 have taken the course and we have 24 (that require the course) signed up for the PCA Fair. Another 25+ will be taking it in Utah the end of January. This means that less than 30 Coxswains, PWC Operators and Pilots will need the course after the PCA Fair. Hopefully these 30 members will take advantage of the ICS-210 classes being offered at DTRAIN. Below is further information that is available on the D11N Operations (Surface) Web Site.

Incident Command System (ICS)

All operational members are required to complete ICS training. Actions are listed on the [OTO Bulletins](#).

Courses may be studied and exam taken on-line: FEMA Emergency Management Institute IS 100 -Introduction to Incident Command System IS 200 -Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents IS 700 -National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction IS 800 - National Response Framework, An Introduction

When you take the test on line it is not automatically transferred to your record in AUXDATA. The positive ICS and Operations Policy Test results need to be faxed, emailed or snail mailed into the office. Be sure to keep copies for your record. Remember that OPS Policy Test results are not recorded in AUXDATA.

Please send your positive ICS and Operations Policy Test results to DIRAUX for entry into AUXDATA: **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY**
Eleventh Coast Guard District -- Northern Region (dpa-n)
Building 50-2, Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

Clarification of Coast Guard ICS-210 Training for Auxiliary -08/18

[ALAUX Message 7/24/08](#)

DO NOT REPLY:

Please do not hit reply when receiving messages from "ePostmaster 11N". Morris Farmer is our electronic postmaster, but he does not write the messages. Please respond to the person that wrote the message. Morris sends operational messages to all members of D11N who are listed in AUXDATA as being crew/coxswain qualified, and who have valid email addresses set up properly in AUXDATA. The addressee list is "automatically" generated from the official database source (AUXDATA). Whenever you change your email address (or phone or mailing address, etc.) for any reason, you must notify your Flotilla IS officer and put in the proper paperwork to update AUXDATA. That also automatically updates the email address used by POMS, etc., as well as all other Auxiliary mass mailings, by the way.

Cooler Weather Requirements:

The below was sent out by Linda Vetter and since it was so timely as well and well written I did a "copy and paste" to share with all.

"First of all, a reminder to all coxswains that with the colder weather coming, you and your crews is likely to need to be in proper protective gear (e.g., "mustangs") for any upcoming patrols. The rules as stated in the CG manuals are that these are required when the air temperature is less

than 80 degrees and the water temperature is less than 60 degrees (other issues, like sea conditions and proximity of other SAR assets, can also affect things). While "waivers" are often granted when the air temperature is in the 70's, etc., and we've had some balmy weather lately, those "summer months" are likely behind us for awhile. Also please note that it is the coxswain's responsibility to check the air/water temperature (and other weather conditions) prior to getting underway, to see what conditions and requirements exist. For the SF Bay area, if you want to use the same sources as the local CG stations, here's the web links:

For Station San Francisco AOR, they use the Alameda NDB (National Data Buoy) at:

http://seaboard.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=aamc1

For Station Golden Gate's AOR, they use the National Weather Service site at:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/preview.php?site=MTR>

You can click on various locations (and zoom in, etc.) to get "local" weather data. Of course, you can only get water temperature where the buoys or other sensors are located. Please add these links to your "favorites" list on your web browser to have handy before future patrols (or just future boating outings). Don't be calling the stations asking for waivers when the temperatures are above the thresholds so that waivers are not even needed. Also please note that in the cases where the thresholds to drop the mustangs are not quite met and you want to be considered for a waiver, that you need to 1) first gather the required information (air temperature, water temperature, sea conditions, proximity of other SAR assets, etc.), then 2) call your local AOR control (the Station you are working with, or Sector if you are on Inland Lakes or other locations without a local Station) and be able to pass them the required information so that their OIC/CO can determine if a waiver can be granted (and you both should log it all)."

Thank you Linda

MUSTANGS: BE AWARE!!

We have had several circumstances where our members have become dehydrated and/or overheated while underway and wearing Mustangs. Be aware of your fellow crew members, make certain everyone drinks water and if one of the crew does not feel well return to shore and take care of the problem. For some of us Mustangs act as an oven, overheating can be as dangerous as hyperthermia.

FLOAT PLANS:

A great website for float plans. Pass this on to recreational boaters as you come across them, also great for our Vessel Safety Check Examiners to hand out. Take the search out of Search and Rescue.

<http://www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf>

NAV RULES REMINDER:

Nav Rules are now due on the five-year anniversary date of the original test and Coxswains (or PWOs) no longer have until 31 December to do their 5-year requalification. This means that your currency can and will expire in AUXDATA during a calendar year when you hit this 5 year anniversary date and you will fall automatically into REYR status and not be able to request orders. If this happens, your local DIRAUX office will have to re-instate you after you have taken the requalification test.

FACILITY NOTES ON EXPIRATION DATES: From OPS Policy Manual:

The below is for those that do not put their reimbursement request into POMS in a timely manner nor get their Facility Inspections done when due.

"Patrol orders will not be issued to a facility that does not have a current inspection. The OIA must ensure each facility is currently inspected and displays the appropriate type of facility decal(s) before orders are issued. Only facilities with a current inspection may display any Auxiliary flag, insignia, or decal. See Chapter 3 for details on flag and insignia display. Facilities must be inspected and a new offer for use must be completed on an annual basis. *A facility shall be deemed to have a current inspection if no more than one year plus 45 days have lapsed since passing its last inspection.* This guidance supersedes the Auxiliary Vessel Examiner Manual, COMDTINST M16796.2 (series). Facilities not "offered for use" are not entered into AUXDATA. " ALSO.. Chapter 1 Section C (page 1-9) states

Auxiliarists offering facilities must forward the current Facility Inspection and Offer for Use Forms, appropriate to the facility type, to the Director for action in accordance with district procedures (see Appendix E for forms for vessels, aircraft, and radio facilities). *This authorization is valid for a specific mission or time period up to one year plus 45 days, unless specifically revoked by the owner.* Auxiliarists offering special purpose facilities must forward the current Offer for Use letter to the Director for action in accordance with district procedures (see paragraph B.1 of this chapter)."

FACILITY PATROL SIGNS:

Another reminder about patrol signs from the Operations Policy Manual (3-13):

"Auxiliarists operating Auxiliary surface facilities on patrol must prominently display the patrol signs shown in figure 3-5. These signs must be visible on both sides of the facility. A facility must not display patrol signs while it is not assigned to duty. If a facility is on ordered patrols for consecutive days, patrol signs may remain displayed during periods of non-use."

I mention the above because we do have new Coxswains and facilities owners that may not be aware of the policy.

AUX LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS, FROM NATIONAL, AS OF NOV 11TH 2008

"After special consideration for our Auxiliary members safety by the Coast Guard, the inflatable vests listed in the Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10F will continue to be authorized after 01 JUN 2009 for use on facilities that can exceed 50 MPH in lieu of Type III dynamic strength tested vests rated for 50MPH.

Specifically, the vests as listed in the R&SS Manual are:

- * LSC 485CG INFLATABLE
- * LSC 481CG/481CGM INFLATABLE
- * MUSTANG MD3183 INFLATABLE
- * MUSTANG MD0450 22 INFLATABLE

UPCOMING OPERATIONAL EVENTS:

| 2009 | UNIT | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| APR 30- MAY 3 | OPTREX FLOTILLA 39 | ANTLERS, LAKE SHASTA | POC: Charlie Duncan IPDCP |
| JUN 6-7 | OPTREX DIV 7 | JORDANELLE RES. UTAH | POC: Dick Hoelle |
| AUGUST 6- 9 | OPTREX DIV 7 | STRAWBERRY RES. | POC: Dick Hoelle |

2008 OPERATIONAL HRS RECAP AND PAST HISTORY

| Mission Hours as values | CHA RT - Aton/ Chart Updat e Patrol (03) | LOG - Logistic s Mission (54a) | REGATTA - (02) Regatta/Safe ty Zone Support | SAFETY - (01a) Maritime Observation (Mom) | TRN - (22a) Ops Training (Qualifcations) | AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,0 3,22a,54a,55a) |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 11NR - Div 01 | 7.90 | 1.00 | 49.30 | 1,885.50 | 459.90 | 2,458.60 |
| 11NR - Div 03 | 120.50 | 2.00 | 395.50 | 3,202.60 | 734.40 | 4,542.80 |
| 11NR - Div 04 | 15.80 | 11.40 | 165.10 | 741.30 | 162.10 | 1,113.70 |
| 11NR - Div 05 | 76.30 | 0.00 | 474.70 | 2,797.20 | 1,477.10 | 4,856.30 |
| 11NR - Div 06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 319.80 | 495.10 | 104.00 | 918.90 |
| 11NR - Div 07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 171.50 | 5,085.40 | 0.00 | 5,256.90 |
| 11NR - Div 08 | 10.00 | 22.00 | 83.00 | 1,165.10 | 677.00 | 2,163.00 |
| 11NR - Div 10 | 16.80 | 0.00 | 74.50 | 728.30 | 147.10 | 966.70 |
| 11NR - Div 11 | 26.00 | 41.00 | 450.70 | 245.10 | 521.70 | 1,284.50 |
| 11NR - Div 12 | 179.40 | 40.00 | 51.30 | 1,121.50 | 556.90 | 1,949.10 |
| 11NR - Eleventh Northern | 452.70 | 117.40 | 2,235.40 | 17,467.10 | 4,840.20 | 25,510.50 |
| 2007 | 478.70 | 57.40 | 1,191.00 | 20,313.40 | 4,296.50 | 26,681.50 |
| 2006 | 375.30 | 0.40 | 875.70 | 19,018.20 | 4,052.70 | 24,527.30 |

Please use this link for past DSO-OPs Reports and Robert Peterson's "Coxswain Shack" articles: <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/archive.html>

George Prows, DSO-PA

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

Decrease in students due to economic times and boat show closings.

PE Award Criterion

Last year detailed proposals were presented to District leadership. The main objectives of these proposals are to recognize productivity in addition to effort and to equalize recognition opportunities of large and small flotillas while keeping the formulas simple and straightforward. This has taken some teamwork and the revised recommendations will be presented to the Executive Board Saturday.

SPAM. The District continues to have spam postings to the PE new class listing form. We thank Irene for trying several approaches to solving this without being excessively restrictive on our members. We removed the password requirement and are developing other ways of blocking the spammers.

Weekend Navigator. Many flotillas are offering this course for the first time and feedback is accumulating on how to make it successful. I will be adding this information to the District PE site to make this available to the instructors as they start teaching this class. The MapTech software will read & install local charts from a "Maps" folder despite its claims to the contrary. Most reports indicate instructors are using local charts rather than the chartlets supplied.

D-train workshop. This year PE is not a required workshop, but I will present an update at D-train so instructors will have the latest information.

Check the District Web Class Listings
The District site is working to bring in the students!

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS

2008 Membership Activity

Approved Members – Not available
Members In Process – 8
Retired Request – 10
Deceased – 4
National Phone Inquiries – 331
Disenrolled for Non Dues – 94
Disenrolled by Request – 19
Total Disenrollment Applications – 127

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV

Division Reports:

Gary Murray of 05-05 completed 1033 program visits
Division 05 completed 1735 program visits

Local Statistics (visits):

| | <u>PYTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>NET CHANGE</u> |
|--------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| DIV 01 | 669 | 942 | +273 |
| DIV 03 | 415 | 292 | -123 |
| DIV 04 | 299 | 148 | -151 |
| DIV 05 | 1078 | 1735 | + 657 |
| DIV 06 | 263 | 397 | +134 |
| DIV 07 | 372 | 382 | + 10 |
| DIV 08 | 267 | 186 | - 81 |
| DIV 10 | 1844 | 1637 | - 207 |
| DIV 11 | 215 | 356 | +141 |
| DIV 12 | 115 | 6 | - 109 |
| Totals | 5537 | 6081 | + 544 |

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

| | | | | |
|------|------|-------------|----------|----------|
| D11N | D11S | D13 (OR&WA) | D14 (HI) | D17 (AK) |
| 6081 | 4254 | 7293 | 390 | 304 |

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through December 2008)

ADSO-PV Staff for 2009 are Bill Correll of 10-03, Gary Murray of 05-05 and Rod Rollins of 10-06

Updates & Information. <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/pv.html> and <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE

Highlights

- 1-Continue to maintain an ALL-inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.
- 2-Improve the quantity of VSC's performed for the year.
- 3-Establish the Kayak Rental Vendor Program.
- 4-Re-establish the RBS "Road Show" visits to other Divisions.
- 5-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.
- 6-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to the flotillas.
- 7-Continue to promote good will among the VE team
- 8-Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.
- 9-Continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC decal kit to new **examiners**.

Details

1-Continue the ALL inclusive District Vessel Examiner website.

With the assistance of Irene Wetzel DSO-CS, I plan to continue to promote and maintain the 1st of it's kind District website EXCULSIVELY to aid the vessel examiner! This site will be designed to aid the examiner. It includes: news, forms, job descriptions, reports, the VSC Newsletter, and many outside links that the examiner does NOT have to search for, and many other aids and materials.

2-Improve on the quantity of VSC's performed for the year.

Establish a goal of 7,800 VSC's for the year, if local conditions permit.. This will be a 2% increase over 2008. I plan to ask the SO-VE's and FSO-VE's to buy into this goal. Progress will be monitored and posted throughout the year and will be compared to the previous year, and other Divisions and Districts in the Pacific area. I will continue to offer incentives for examiners to reach the 20 VSC plateau and 60 VSC plateau. Awards will be distributed at District meetings to the DCDR's to be forwarded to the local FC's at the Division meetings. This new target is concurrent with our objective of increasing the number of vessel examiners by about 10%. There will be renewed effort to attain a more uniform distribution of VSC count throughout the District with the aim of having more examiners achieve 20 or more vessel safety checks in the year.

3- Establish the Kayak Rental Vendor Program.

With the assistance of Anthony Budlong ADSO-VE, establish a District-wide kayak rental vendor program District-wide for 2009 after the pilot program during 2008. Workshops are planned at D/Train to fully cover the program and what is expected. This program will be supervised by Tony Budlong ADSO-VE.

4-Re-establish the RBS "Road Show" visits to local Divisions upon request.

The ground work has been laid at the December meeting to re-establish the RBS Road Show with Coast Guard support. This program provides the requesting Divisions and all of their members the opportunity to meet the DSO-PE, PV, and VE. Present training and/or a workshop presentation followed by a question and answer period. During lunch, there is time for one-on-one networking. The requesting Division should submit a request to DIRAUX and the DSO's with a date at least 3 weeks in advance. This allows time for the DSO's to prepare and order supplies. Due to the hectic spring and summer VSC schedule, this program should end by April 1st and commence again on October 1st.

5-Enhance effectiveness of DSO-VE monthly reports.

Make increased use of information e.g. articles with direct applicability to VSC exercise and procedures, reference material useful to the boating public, clarification of ambiguous requirements to facilitate and expedite vessel inspection, etc. As a result of poor support from prior DCDR's, the SO-VE reports to the DSO-VE have been discontinued.

6-Continue to disseminate information on a timely basis to examiners in the flotillas.

This will be done on an as needed basis, following the channel of communication to the SO-VE's through the ADSO, on matters of marked urgency and/or importance, such as National or District news relevant to the VE program. In addition, the new VE site and VSC Newsletter will be a source of communication for ALL vessel examiners.

7-Continue to promote good will among the VE team

I plan to occasionally attend, with the participation of the ADSO-VE team, Division or flotilla VSC outings. The objective is not for the DSO or ADSO to critique examiners or perform VSC's, but provide the DSO-VE the opportunity to understand local conditions. It also provides the local examiners an opportunity for a one-on-one network period with the DSO-VE. When appropriate, the DSO-VE and/or ADSO-VE may participate in actual vessel safety checks along with the concurrence of the local team. This effort is construed to be of mutual benefit in order to continue to provide a homogeneous approach to vessel examinations. A pre-agreed upon calendar would be established for these visits.

8- Provide new Examiner training at the PCA Training Fair-twice a year.

Continue to provide an introductory Vessel Examiner letter to the new member that is in AP status. In addition, continue to provide a training opportunity for members at the 2-day PCA Fair

in February and August. Ideally I'd like the ADSO-VE to participate as a qualified instructor. Encourage local Divisions and Flotilla's to promote these workshops and addition to providing their own, with the intent of developing interest and further expertise in the program, while obtaining a more homogeneous approach to and application to VSC requirements. Ideally I'd like to see at least ONE new examiner per flotilla. Ultimate goal is to have 300+ ACTIVE examiners by YE 2009.

9-As in recent years, continue to provide a welcome letter and an initial VSC decal kit to new examiners.

As each NEW examiner is qualified, the DIRAUX sends the DSO-VE a copy of the qualification letter. Within days of receipt of the letter, the DSO-VE will continue to send the new examiners a welcome letter and a VSC starter kit. The member is then added to the VSC Newsletter circulation and their name is printed in the newsletter.

Steve Salmon, ASC

Sector San Francisco's Goals for 2009

On Thursday, December 18, I attended an all-day meeting of Sector's Senior Leadership Team in San Francisco. Attending were the Sector Commander and Deputy Commander, the heads of the five major departments (Response, Prevention, Logistics, Contingency Planning, and the Sector Command Center), a representative of the Reserve, the Command Master Chief, and myself as the Auxiliary representative.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop goals for calendar 2009. After an all-day discussion of some two dozen suggestions, the following goals were adopted and approved by the Sector Commander:

- 1) Mitigate the small vessel threat
- 2) Complete contingency response plans
- 3) Plan the training for additional Prevention Department billets
- 4) Clean up the Delta
- 5) Develop proficiency of the Sector Command Center staff
- 6) Improve internal communications
- 7) Develop additional outreach to other government agencies

Follow-up discussions since the meeting indicate that the Auxiliary will be asked to assist in achieving goals #1, 2, 4, and 7.

With regard to #1, Sector will ask the Auxiliary to build on the pilot America's Waterway Watch program in Division 1, and incorporate the lessons learned while expanding the program throughout the District. We will also be asked to continue Marine Domain Awareness patrols, using the list of sites developed for Operation Focused Lens.

With regard to #2, we will be asked to participate in joint disaster response exercises with Sector (see discussion below).

With regard to #4, we will be asked to increase boating safety education and vessel patrols in the Delta area. The efforts of the task force proposed last year by Bill Kinsey should help fill this need.

With regard to #7, the nature of our participation has not been specified, but I expect it will include the cooperative activities we are already engaged in.

Incident Response Plan

At its last meeting, EXCOM indicated support for a live drill to test our Incident Response Plan during the first quarter of 2009. Subsequently, I drafted a test scenario, based on an earthquake on the Hayward fault, and utilizing data and suggestions provided by the Director of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Team. I also discussed with Jeff Price, DSO-CM, some possible roles for mobile operators in such an exercise. More recently, however, LTJG Tschudy, our AUXLO, has indicated that in his view such exercises should be conducted jointly with Sector. I think this is clearly desirable, and I will be following up on the suggestion, but it means that any drill activities on our part will likely be delayed.

Additional Role for ANT Support Group

The Auxiliarists providing administrative support to Sector's Aids to Navigation Team has also been asked to assist in converting the Admiral's Lighthouse of Yerba Buena Island into a museum.