

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
15 April 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Mike Williams.

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.

DCO REPORT:

DCO Williams reported as follows:

- DCO Williams thanked members who attended D-Train. He commended Phil Grove for his work in putting together a successful D-Train. DCO Williams asked the board to send him comments regarding D-Train so they can be included in after-action report.
- DCO Williams stated that funding for D-Train will be tight next year. Given the state of the economy, we all need to look at ways to economize.
- District is not currently looking at a dues increase; however some divisions are looking at a dues increases. The intentions of National regarding any dues increase are not known.
- DCO Williams has sent each DCDR another copy of the Summary Report for AP Members. This is a good summary of what they can do while awaiting their security status.
- Feedback regarding the new leadership training is that it was very worthwhile. There were comments that March is too late in the year for the training and a request that it be expanded to two days.
- The AMLOC training class scheduled for Alameda has been opened to other Auxiliarists. If you have potential elected officers who would like to attend, please let them know.

COMMENTS – IPDCO/ARCO-P

COMO Connell reported as follows:

- The Auxiliary is continuing to align with CG modernization; however everything is being pushed back. Congressional approval is somewhat slow. They will be doing something similar, but without new titles, pending that Congressional approval. As soon as this happens, our national structure will be very different, with some new departments. We'll have to do a lot of work.
- There is new national staff in the departments of IT and training. The changes are good. We will see some improvement there.
- COMO Connell met with a delegation from China, with Jimmin Chang as interpreter. The delegation visited several cities, including San Francisco. COMO Connell did a CG Auxiliary presentation, with Chang as translator.
- The Governor of California has stated that he does not intend to stand down the California Department of waterways. This is good news for California boaters.

OLD BUSINESS

D-Train – DCO Williams again requested that the board send bullet comments on things that went well and what could be improved. The comments should be sent to DCO Williams and Angelo Perata, COS.

NEW BUSINESS

NSBW – DCO Williams reminded the DCDR's how important the NSBW activity reports are. He asked that the Division NSBW representatives be encouraged to submit their reports to Bob Hendry, DCAPT as soon as possible after the events. NSBW is very important.

AP Guidelines – DCO Williams stated that the board should have received them by now. If not, please let him know. This is an important guideline as to what an AP member can and cannot do.

DCO's Report to Commandant. – DCO Williams stated that he submits a monthly report to the Commandant regarding the Auxiliary. If a division has something that is special, out-of-the ordinary or unique, please let him know. He'd like to include that information in his report..

Financial Audits – DCO Williams reminded the board that unit audits should be done every couple of years. Also, if you have fund-raising activities planned, let the DSO-LP look at them first to make sure they're proper.

State of the Economy – DCO Williams reported that Boaters' World is in receivership and West Marine is closing some of its couple of stores. This is an indicator of the times, and emphasizes the importance of showing what the Auxiliary does and what a valuable asset it is. "Lives saved" and "property saved" are very important categories. We need to continually make sure our reporting is done so that we can show how important our work is, and how great our value is to the American public. We need to justify the funds that the Coast Guard gives us.

New Appointment – Denis Eaton has been appointed to the district staff as Chief of Technology.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing further to report.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division will sponsor some new AUXOP courses in May. They have several OTW activities planned.

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division has used some ICS principles to coordinate their activities, and everyone had a great experience. They are broadening activities with other agencies. PE and VSC programs are moving along well for this time of the year. NSBW planned activities are in the report.

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing further to report.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). All financial reports have been submitted. All members have been given TCT and OPS workshops. FL 64 has 14 new members in process. They are progressing on NSBW activities. Several flotillas are working on various activities during that week.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division is also dealing with local budget problems. State budgets have been cut, so the state has been asking for more support from the Auxiliary. Ranger Navigation and SAR training at Utah Lake has been completed. Information for the

division's disaster response plan will be completed by the end of April. The division focused on recruiting at boat show, and FL 72 has 16 new members. Hoelle asked for clarification from DIRAUX regarding getting approval and orders for the AMLOC course.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). The mailout response has been below expectations. One insurance company wants to team up with them, and one lake has asked for a VSC station and a PE class. They held a Eureka mini-blitz with VSCs, which included doing VSCs on all 7 sheriff's boats. They have qualified 2 additional people to become VE, and one new PV. Lake County has 7 new members in process. The division's Auxiliarist of Month is Charles Poplinger. Auxiliarist Victoria Stevens is new CG recruit, and went into the CG as an E2 because she was Auxiliary crew qualified.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT is going to give a NavRules class next weekend. If anyone else is interested, contact Eaton. Their AUXWEA class will be in June. Eaton has given the response plan survey to the FCs and they seem to be eager to get going on the plan.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment A). Auxiliarists are receiving CG training on an underwater submersible. It will be a good PA activity for the Auxiliary with the CG. They are still doing a lot of patrolling. Finding attendees for the AMLOC class is difficult because of pre-requisites.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division OPTREX is rescheduled for June 13-14. The Jack London boat show started today. Previously there were two separate week-long shows, one for power boats and one for sailboats. This year it is a combined 4-day show.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Farnholtz has been visiting CG stations Bodega, Monterey, Vallejo and Rio Vista. He is hearing from stations that they would like closer relationships with the Auxiliary. They are also looking for watch standers. There will be a memo coming out this. There are also CG members who are interested in receiving training to be Auxiliary QE's. Farnholtz reminded the DCDRs to share their response plan info with their FCs. We need to have strategic people available in time of need.

Robert Hendry, DCAP-RBS – There is a lot of NSBW activity being planned. Bill Kinsey ADSO-PA will help with report preparation. He will be contacting each NSBW coordinator about the format and dates for reporting. Hendry asked DCDRs to please ask their AWW coordinators how that training is going and what activity is being accomplished. If they're not getting what they should have, let him know? Hendry is continuing to work on strategic goals program. The district staff officers have been involved, and he will be asking the staff officers to work with the division staff officers to get this done.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-SPT – With all of the activities going, please submit articles and pictures for the *Northwind*. Also, when an article is done, please have someone proofread the article before it's submitted.

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata commended on the variety of activity that is going on. Keep up the good work.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat stated that D-Train was a great success. He also commended on COMO Connell's briefing to the visiting Chinese delegation. DIRAUX has been working hard to brief all of the new CG officers coming on board. The Secretary of Homeland Security has put out a memo to discontinue all unnecessary travel. We spent a lot of funds on D-Train this year, but probably won't be able to spend that much next year.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger has been involved in the initial draft of guidelines for Auxiliary, based on new manual. Nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000 PDT.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at 1900 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 April 2009

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

Many members attended and provided workshops at D-Train
Two Flotillas have BS&S classes underway, GPS class also underway
Member training courses planned
Continue planning for our Division OPTREX – May 2 & 3
Dockwalking class completed April 11
Creating a Division “Honor Guard”
Preparing for participation in “Opening Day on the Bay”
Will be participating in another radiation detection exercise- date TBA
Developing “New Member Check In” form
Provided safety booths at South Beach Harbor and at the Corinthian Yacht Club

DETAILS

Flotillas 14 and 17 have BS&S classes underway, Flotilla 17 also has GPS for Mariners underway
AUXPAT class scheduled to begin April 21. Boat Crew training is underway. AUX SC&E scheduled for June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. 8hr TCT being planned.
Division OPTREX planned for May 2 & 3 at Richmond Marina Bay. To include opportunity for on-the-water training and practice, regattas, SAR competition practice, OPS and TCT refresher courses, and boat crew skills check-offs. A fellowship activity is also being planned (BBQ). We will also have a lecture on Hypothermia by a local physician.
Accepting volunteers for a Division “Honor Guard” for special events. Will hold marching practices, as well as review of protocol.
Planning activities for Opening Day of Yacht Season. Linda Vetter will be the Patrol Area Coordinator. “New Member Check In” form being finalized. To be used as a tool to encourage new members to get experience in all aspects of the Auxiliary, and track their progress over time.
Flotilla 17 provided a boating safety booth at South Beach Harbor on 4/4 and Flotilla 12 VSC Safety Day at Corinthian Yacht Club 3/21

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
Flotilla 14 to provide ABC Boating Safely class for the Marin Municipal Water District

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

AUXPAT starts April 21 @ Loch Lomond Yacht Club
OPTREX May 2 & 3 @ Berkeley Marina Bay
BBQ/Picnic celebration for the 70th anniversary of the CG Auxiliary-June 20. To include recognition of those Auxiliarists who have been members 10 years or more.
Participate in the Novato 4th of July parade- July 4

Division 1 Baseball Day at the Giants- August 2

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II

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.

Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses

Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliaries

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

NSBW

AUXOP Training

PE

OPTREX update

Annual Camellia Cup Race on Folsom Lake

Opening Boating Day Yacht Parade

AIR OPs Training

DETAILS

Friday will be the third meeting with Cal. Department of Boating and Waterways NSBW Committee.

Along with the Sacramento Police and Sacramento Fire Departments Marine Units we will have a 25' Safe Boat from Station Rio Vista and the CDBW boat for displays. We have also opened up the display area for vendors to show their wares.

Our Division Members Training Staff Officer has scheduled an AUXWEA class to begin Tuesdays May 12 and run through mid June, and an APC class has been schedule for July 12. We currently have an AUXNAV Class underway, which started 14 MAR.

The Division has 2 BS&S Classes currently underway with 13 students in one class and 11 in the other.

On May 2nd and 3rd.

Division OPTREXs: FL-39's Antlers Lake Shasta. Shasta Lake is coming up and should be in good shape for the Apr. 30 – May 3.OPTREX.

Annual Camellia Cup Sail Boat Regatta, Folsom Lake. We expect to use 6 Surface facilities and one Land Mobile Radio.

The Evening of Saturday May 2nd will be the Opening day Yacht Parade on the Sacramento River. Tow Surface facilities have been requested.

Even though Air Ops have stood down, air safety training continues at Flotilla 31 and the Squadron. This months meeting reviewed the recent crash of a corporate turbo prop. On May 2nd at CGI they have scheduled an Air Safety Workshop, and on the 30th of May a Member Training class covering Spatial Disorientation, Photography and mid-air collision avoidance.

Notation

1. The Leadership Training "Get Motivated" business seminar held Wednesday, March 25, 2009 was attended by 6 members. Sadly, it turned out to be more of a Book Selling tour.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Flotilla 31 is still working very closely with Air Station Sacramento and Sector SF even though they have stood down for a while.

We have Comm. Watch Standers routinely assisting Station R/V.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

NSBW is well into the planning stage.

The Dock-Walker-Training Program will begin with a training meeting on 18 APR at the Sacramento Marina.

Camellia Cup Sail Boat Race On Folsom Lake in May.

Thursday April 30th at UC Davis, DBW will present a workshop on Invasive Species 0845 -1445

DIVISION GOALS

TRAIN – QUALIFY – REFINE – PARTICIPATE are passwords for achieving our goals.

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

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

NSBW Multiple Venue Activity Plan
South Bay Opening Day (SBOD) Event Success
DTRAIN Participation & Feedback
SCC Lakes - VE/PA Events
Recruiting Efforts
Marine Safety Observation Mission (MSOM)
AWW/Sea-Partners
PEPIRB Best Practices
Operation Care and Comfort – SF Giants Tickets

DETAILS

NSBW Plan Summary

- o PE class – ABS Working a schedule with Vector Control – Santa Clara County Boat Operators for watershed Mosquito Surveys.
- o VSC/PA Events at multiple locations including one at West Marine in San Carlos, Redwood City and SCC Lake Anderson.
- o PSAs
- o Print ads
- o PV visits
- o Recruiting event – Venue TBD

Theme: “WEAR IT” - all event activities will have members wearing a Lifejacket with a “WEAR IT” decal. Additional “WEAR-IT” materials are being sourced.

SBOD at Redwood City Port Area/Sequoia Yacht Club (SYC) was supported by 16 Div4 members along with the DIV5 crew of *Sunrise*. The DSO-CM and DVC-MS also stopped by in support and review of a Div4 Land Mobile serving as OPFAC Radio Guard. Four Div4 OPFACs and one Div5 OPFAC supported the Regatta as group leads along with providing safety oversight of water operations. Two assists were performed. A dozen VSCs were also performed at the launch ramp area and over 50 people visited the FL41 PA trailer that was set up in the SYC parking lot including a visit from the Port of Redwood City Fire Fighters. A PE Course for their group is being scheduled as a result.

Eight Div4 members attended DTRAIN and enthusiastically participated in workshop and fellowship activities, including formal discussion groups with the Gold Side. Several also took advantage of the ICS-210 and OPS/TCT workshops. Highlights included modernization dialogue with Judith Youngman from USCGA, Marine Safety program briefings, and Awards Banquet where one member participated in the formal “Crossing Over the Bar” ceremony.

Scheduled VE event dates for the boating season for SCC lakes Anderson, Coyote, and Calero have been established. Over 20 VSCs were conducted on April 11 at Calero. Three new VEs just completed their qualification requirements including mentored VSCs.

All Flotillas have either new member applicants or recent new members who are active in some program areas. We hope to hear promising news about the National Site referral process getting fixed. Div4 has provided feedback on the MSOM program to the District MS staff. The main concerns have been regarding “Assignment to Duty” coverage. As there are no insertion risk areas at this time in Div4, there is interest to help support Div1 or others with their list. Our SO-MS will coordinate.

One member was accepted and will attend the Sea-Partners/AWW conference in San Diego on May 8 & 9.

PEPIRB Operational Test Report indicating best practices for use of McMurdo PLBs forwarded to all Division Operations Officers for briefing of CXN and Crew persons. Sensitivities to antenna well water and sky-view obstruction covered.

Through involvement in AFES, 60 tickets for Active, Reserve, and Auxiliary to several SF Giants games were obtained (20 each for games on April 17, May 1st, and May 3rd). The May 3rd game tickets were gone in less than two hours following announcement to Sector. Additional tickets for future games will be available so I encourage all interested notify their Division Commander to whom these announcements are forwarded.

AGENCY INTERACTION SUMMARY

Red Cross – Operation Care and Comfort (OCC) – see above.

Navy Reserve, Force Protection – San Francisco. No new activity to report.

Santa Clara County Parks – working to set date for joint emergency drill.

Port of Redwood City – Successful Joint Emergency Drill held on 31 March.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

PE

FL 43 – Inky the Whale in May at Isleton

FL 43 – ABS for May 9 at Sequoia Yacht Club

FL 43 - BS&S June/July TBD

FL 46 – WKN for Sequoia Yacht Club Requested

FL 49 – SIC @ Frogs of Coyote Boat Storage – Morgan Hill and on April 18 and 9 May at West Marine – Saratoga Ave. in San Jose.

FL49 – ABS for County of Santa Clara Vector Control Techs

FL49 – SSS at Silicon Valley Red Cross – Starts June 8
FL49 – WKN for Los Gatos Yacht Club - TBD

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5

Highlights

1. OPTREX planning finalized
2. Dockwalker Training held
3. Ten Patrols conducted
4. Communications Call-out
5. Fellowship events
6. National Safe Boating Week activities planned

Details

1. The plans for the Division OPTREX have been finalized. A copy of the flyer was distributed at the Division meeting, and was also e-mailed to all FCs and FSO-MTs, and posted on the District Calendar. The D5 Operations Training Exercise (OPTREX) will be held on May 2 at CG Station Vallejo. The Operations Workshop, TCT Refresher, Communication Class, First Aid Class and POMS Class will be given Saturday morning by Aux. Instructors. Boat crew skills will be taught by Active Duty CG. There will be on the water practice by Aux. boats attending. There will also be a night navigation exercise. A BBQ is planned for Saturday evening.
2. Flotilla 52 hosted a Dockwalker training class, made available to the entire Division 5, at Vallejo Yacht Club on Thursday, March 19th. 20 members attended the event and all 5 flotillas were represented. Flotilla 55 also hosted Dockwalker training held at CG Station Bodega Bay. Seven members received training.
3. The Division reported ten patrols during the month of March in the Station Rio Vista, Station Vallejo, and Station Bodega Bay AORs. Two patrols were in support of AUF exercises in San Pablo Bay, and 4 were joint training exercises with Station Bodega Bay and Station Vallejo.
4. FL55 SO-CM Reports a call out on 2 Mar 09 as a 121.5 EPIRB had been activated in the vicinity of Spud Point Marina, Bodega Bay, He met two CG members from Sta. Bodega Bay. Found that signal was coming from area of Spud Point. Decided to try Masons Marina, Signal was stronger near Posono's Bros. Fishing Dock, BM1 Paulino saw a flashing light near the end of a slip, climbed the gate and found an EPIRB floating near a sunken 28 ft. fishing boat. Marina's owner was contacted and the CG obtained information regarding the owner. The EPIRB was recovered. Secured from call out.
5. Fellowship Events: Members of Flotilla 51 took a field trip to the Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model in Sausalito. 30 members and guests of Flotilla 57 have signed up for a land and water tour of San Francisco aboard the Bay Area Quacker amphibious vehicle.
6. NSBW activities include Boasting Safety classes, VSCs, Public Affairs, and Dockwalker events throughout the Division. For example, Flotilla 55 plans to hold a ABS class on May 16 at the Sonoma County Sheriff Office in Santa Rosa; and VSC and Dockwalker events at Westside Park and Boat Ramp in Bodega Bay, and at the Petaluma Marina on May 16, a Public Affairs Booth the CG Station Bodega Bay Open House on May 23, and Safety Patrols, VSC and Dockwalker events at Lake Sonoma on May 23, 24, and 25.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS

On March 27th Station Monterey was honored to USCG Commandant Admiral Thad Allen visit and make a summary of his State of the Coast Guard Address. Admiral Allen then responded to questions and suggestions from the Station Monterey Staff. Flotilla 6-4 Commander Tony Budlong and I were invited to attend the event by Station CO Michael Kahle. I had a conversation with Admiral Allen concerning the AIM program and the possibility of expanding the pool of candidates by including the six maritime academies as training centers for future Coast Guard officers. Admiral Allen's statement to us was that he has grown wear of hearing "do more with less" as it is an oxymoron and told us to "do the best with what we've got".

DETAILS

From January to April of this year Flotilla 6-4 has had a very active new member recruiting program and appears to be on track for 11 new members to be processed through the system.

Division 6 had 10 members attend D-Train this year with members participating in the District meetings, Commander's meeting, attending and helping in the presentation of several classes.

Flotilla 6-1 is making preparations for the Wild Flower Triathlon to be held a San Antonio Lake on May 2nd and 3rd. Flotilla 6-1 members will provide escort service for the swimmers separating them from the rest of the boaters.

SO-CM Chris Doutre has been doing the Division 6 AuxNet for 8 weeks now with increased participation each week. The AuxNet entails a call out on 83A at 2030 hrs each Monday. Participants in the Division include land mobiles and fixed stations from Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10. Flotilla 6-1 in Morro Bay still remains beyond the capabilities of VHF. Station Monterey Comms has now begun participating in the exercise.

Flotilla 6-10 is finishing BS&S on April 15th with 9 prospective graduates and will begin another session of BS&S on April 30th.

Flotilla 6-4 is currently half way through the BS&S course with 9 students attending.

Flotilla 6-7 completed their BS&S course on April 1st, the Weekend Navigator course will graduate 15 students on April 20th and the Sailing Skills and Seamanship course will be completed soon.

Flotilla 6-1 has just completed the BS&S course

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Preparations are being made for NSBW with Station Monterey. Events will include SAR demonstrations including helo ops provided by USCG Air Station San Francisco. In water SAR demonstration with Coast Guard 25 ft RB and Coast Guard 47 ft mlb. Flare demonstration with examples of various types and their proper use. The USCG recruiter will be making presentations to the public. The Pacific Grove surf rescue team will be making an in water demonstration. A properly equipped life raft will be on display. Flotilla 6-4 will have a display booth providing boating safety information, free whistles and books for the children and have several vessel examiners on standby to provide VSCs as needed. .

Flotilla 6-4 has had the privilege of Coast Guard Station Monterey CO Lt Kahle attending each flotilla meeting. Also attending is BM1 Strickland the AUXLO for Division 6

Flotilla 6-1 provided "Annie" a 42 ft vessel. For Station Morro, Bay Law Enforcement Boarding practice. All station personnel rotated through the training and it took most of the day.

Flotilla 6-1 will attend Admiral Zukunft's, Commander, 11th Coast Guard District visit to Station Morro Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Station Monterey and Flotilla 6-4 NSBW Saturday May 17

Santa Cruz Harbor Master and Flotilla 6-7 NSBW May 17

Flotilla 6-7 and West Marine NSBW May 24

DIVISION GOALS

Retain current members, recruit new members. Keep all those qualified in operations current. Mentor all interested members through the crew and coxswain process. Complete all PATON assignments.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7

Division

* Snow & Hard Water – Winter Ops

* D- Train approx 12 from Div-7 attended

* State Boats assigned to Div- 7 have been assigned to locations for boating season – Little Bear at Bear Lake (cx Bill Rouleau & Pam Berger), Boat Utah at Jordanelle (cx Mike Mylo)

* NSBW planning is in the works. Chair is Lana Visser. She is working with the State – classes, VSCs and activities plus patrols at Utah Lake Provo Boat Harbor- Flotillas 73,76,78. Jordanelle Res VSCs and patrols at the request of the State 7 2 to provide coverage Chair Mike Mylo

* NAV/SAR Ranger Training at Utah Lake was held 8 & 9 April Lou Carroll chair, report pending
2009 Div. budget still in discussion, 2nd board meeting to be held 22 April 2009 (voting on dues increase)
Disaster Response Plan to be completed and submitted in April

Flotilla Reports

7 2 * Mentoring of new members TCT taught by Dick Hoelle

7 3 * TCT taught

7 6 * Mentoring four members for June OPTREX no QEs needed

7 8 * NAV class still on going; Instructor Joyce Bell.

Ham Radio still on-going; Instructor Morris Farmer.

27th April Health & Safety Fair at Pony Express Elementary School.

9 June Boating Safety presentation at Neways International.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS:

Mail-Out

Eureka Saturday Mini-Blitz

Lake County Classes and Fellowship

Crescent City

Mendocino

Auxiliarist Stephens returns home

DETAILS:

Mail Out

Thus far, the mail-out attempt is significantly below expectations and hopes. We have had approximately 25 total hits from mail-outs – mainly regarding VE's and Public Education Classes with two people interested in joining. There was one bright spot, which was a contact from an insurance

company. They requested more vessel inspection coupons and are attempting to put together a package for 20 of their boat owners in the Ruth Lake Area and see if we can have a BS & S class at that lake followed by vessel exams of all the boats.

Eureka Mini-Blitz

Last Saturday I drove to Eureka and participated in a mini Auxiliary exposure campaign at one of the Marina wharf locations. Several VE's were completed as well as qualification supervision for two new VE personnel. I took one gentleman out to complete his supervision check-out for PV. This was a great opportunity for the Eureka Flotilla to add three new members that will be productive along with their recent newly approved watch-stander. They are planning ABC public class for May 2nd.

Lake County

Lake County has potentially seven new members that are in the initial stages of joining. This is an outstanding number of new members for such a small community area. The Flotilla is preparing for their May 6th – OPS and TCT – 1 hour classes and May 16th the 8 hour class will be offered. Betty Strach, John Fox, and Jerry Collins are in the process of putting together a crew school. This flotilla is adding some additional “fellowship” events onto the calendar and is being spear-headed by Robert McAllister. The last weekend of April will be particularly busy as the Flotilla will be participating in a rummage sale, booth at the Heron Festival, and VE inspections at various points around the lake.

Crescent City

There are no new events in Crescent City beyond what was reported in the last Report. They continue to share 24 hour on call status for SAR missions.

Mendocino

Mendocino reports two new members recently started initial application process and both are former military. They will be having a booth at the marina in Fort Bragg during National Safe Boating Week. I awarded the Auxiliarist of the Month Award from the Division to Charles Poplinger.

Up-Coming/Events

8-7- Mendocino will be participating and assisting at the Historic Preservation Day on May 2nd at the Cabrillo Light house. Additionally on May 16th the flotilla will be hosting a Ham Radio Technician Class.

On April 24th and 25th the flotilla will be having a joint flea market with the Lakeport Yacht Club members as well as having a information booth at the Heron Festival on the 25th and will also have two Auxiliary vessel's on patrol for the annual Yacht Club regatta on April 26th.

Auxiliarist Stephens returns home. Our Flotilla member Victoria Stephens recently returned home from her eight weeks of basic training at Cape May, New Jersey. It was a proud moment for the entire flotilla to see her show up at the Flotilla meeting dressed in regular Coast Guard Uniform. Victoria successfully completed her crew status while in the Auxiliary and went into the Coast Guard as an E-2. She has been assigned to a small boat station in the Chicago area.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

8-7 – Coast Guard Station Noyo River – the Flotilla practiced tows with Coast Guard vessel after their Flotilla Meeting on March 14th meeting.

8-8 – Lake County is preparing to work with Lake County Lake bed management department on a lakeshore clean-up day. The flotilla is in constant contact with Sgt. Ostini, Lake County Sheriff's

Department boat patrol who has great respect for the Auxiliary and calls on the flotilla on many occasions for assistance.

DIVISION GOALS:

No New Goals- as stated in original report

DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11

HIGHLIGHTS

Power Sports Show
Public Education Classes
Walt Genest's Memorial Tree Planting
DTrain Summary
Undersea Voyager Project
NSBW Events
Robert Phifer Award
Training with Station Lake Tahoe
TCT Class for Station Lake Tahoe
Watch Standing Classes
Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby

DETAILS

Reno Flt 11-03 hosted a booth at the Power Sports Show on April 4-5 held at the Reno Convention center. This show features all powered sports vehicles such as powerboats, jet skis, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.

Reno Flt 11-03 conducted an ABS class on April 4. Upcoming ABS classes in May are South Lake Tahoe Flt 11-04 May 9 and North Lake Tahoe Flt 11-01 on May 16. South Lake Tahoe Flt 11-04 will be teaching a GPS class on May 16.

Division 11 will be planting a memorial tree at Station Lake Tahoe for deceased Flt 11-01 member Walt Genest on April 25. Auxiliary, Coast Guard and family members will attend the event.

18 members from Division 11 attended DTrain. Flotilla Commanders from three of our four flotillas attended the Leadership Training.

The Undersea Voyager Project organizers have contacted Lake Tahoe Auxiliary Flotillas and Station Tahoe concerning support and help with their month long project. The Undersea Voyager Project is a non-profit organization established to circumnavigate and study the Earth's oceans (27,000 miles) at depths of 100–1,000 feet utilizing human piloted submersibles. The Project will advance and communicate scientific understanding of the oceans, their interrelationship with climate, and human impact on the marine environment to a global audience. For the month of May teams of divers and 2 submersibles will be training at Lake Tahoe and nearby Fallen Leaf Lake collecting information on "keeping Tahoe blue". The Coast Guard and Auxiliary plan to conduct safety zone patrols on days the teams are in high traffic areas. A patrol is planned for launch day on April 30 at the Tahoe Keys Marina, South Lake Tahoe. Individual Auxiliarists also plan to provide civilian support by transporting divers to daily sites.

It is difficult for us to promote NSBW events so early in the boating season when recreational boaters have not arrived at the lakes. We traditionally plan events on Memorial Day weekend and hope the weather cooperates. We have 3 public education classes planned in May in the Tahoe area (2 during NSBW). Our annual Meeks Bay Vessel Exam Day and regatta patrol at the Mike Brown Sea Plane Splash-In will take place on Memorial Day weekend during the West Shore Opening Weekend at the Lake.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Senior Chief Daniel Bennett and the crew of Station Lake Tahoe were pleased to receive the Robert Phifer Award for 2008. Division 11 is appreciative of our relationship with Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe.

Our first Tahoe facility was made active this week in response to Station Tahoe's increase in requests for training as their RFO (Ready for Operations) inspection approaches on May 6-8. Training patrols are planned for April 16, 22 and 25.

At the request of Station Lake Tahoe Gail Ramsey and Angelo Perata will be conducting a TCT Class on April 29 at Station Lake Tahoe. Several new Coast Guard recruits and Auxiliary members will be attending.

The Watch Standing "Train the Trainer" Workshop continues with our next class on April 22. Auxiliary Liaison BM2 Adam Season will be conducting the class on computer procedures. 7 members are training as watch standers.

At the request of Station Lake Tahoe Auxiliary Reno Flt facilities will be conducting regatta patrols for the Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby on April 18-19 at Pyramid Lake, NV. We will have 2 facilities on Saturday and 1 one Sunday. We will also have full comms available both days for this event as we did for the Crosby's Fishing Derby in February.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby, Pyramid Lake, April 18-19

Watch Standing "Train-the-Trainer" Workshop, April 22, Station Lake Tahoe

Coast Guard Training Patrols, April 16, 22 and 25.

Walt Genest Memorial Tree Planting, April 25, Station Lake Tahoe

Undersea Voyager Project Launch Day, April 30, Tahoe Keys Marina

ABS Class South Lake Tahoe, May 9

ABS Class Truckee, CA, May 16

GPS Class South Lake Tahoe, May 16

Meeks Bay Vessel Exam Day, May 23

Mike Brown's Splash-In, West Shore, May 25

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS

1. See below

DETAILS

Flotilla 12-2 formed a Merger Committee for their discussions with 12-21.

Division OPEX re-scheduled for June 13-14. About a dozen members need to requal plus new trainees this year. Seeking to offer 8 hour TCT for trainees.

Four flotillas report 2 or more new members so far this year. Recruiting booth at CGI April 25 for Retired Military Seminar.

Sail & Power boat show Jack London Sq, Oakland April 15 thru April 19. In the past these have been separate shows, each lasting about a week.

Instructor MT scheduled Tuesday evenings in San Ramon starting April 28.

DTRAIN class for new members a big hit. Have heard comments that speakers do not need to tell us our numbers because we know the volume of work we put in. Some truth to this, but not all members know. Also, good to know that Gold side recognizes the numbers.

7. Elective Officer Training

- a. Difficult subject to bound as either most incumbents know what their requirements are or, they are completely lost and need mentoring.
- b. Needs to be held in November, before COWs
- c. Needs to be held twice for EO scheduling, and because not all EOs are identified in November. Therefore January training needed.
- d. Should be at least a day and a half, and provide opportunities among the EO's for more networking and socializing (team building).

8. NASBW

- a. VE & chili cook-off May 16 at Emeryville.
- b. Info booth at Lions Club event, May 17, Discovery Bay
- c. Info booth at Art & Wind Festival, San Ramon. Includes 25' SAFE boat & helo (Life landings).

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Sail & Power boat show Jack London Sq, Oakland April 15 thru April 19.

Instructor class Tuesday evenings in San Ramon starting April 28.

OPEX schedule May 2nd practice and June 13-14 QE meeting at Encinal Yacht Club docks.

Chili cook-off and VE station at Emeryville May 16

Info booth at Memorial Day and Art & Wind festival in San Ramon. SAFE boat & Helo landings.

DIVISION GOALS

Member Satisfaction needs a boost. Identify source of Satisfaction and inject.

Identify ways Division can increase reward & decrease the effort involved in volunteering.

Develop easy way to submit most mission and member hours.

4. Recruitment & Retention

- a. OPEX(s) schedule for the many completing crew training started 2008
- b. MT Schedule to focus on AUXOP classes in 2009 to provide timely training for members of multiple flotillas
- c. PE programs – locate class opportunities; arrange xflotilla instruction for flotillas lacking sufficient instructors.
- d. Identify outside groups PA & PS can address as recruiting effort.
- e. 4th cornerstone events if supported by flotillas

Member development including staff training their replacement.

Information flow up & down. We need will differ for FCs who attend District Web site access to reports, quals status, & activity hours recorded

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA

D-Train: Standing Rules were not passed, ran out of time, and controversy over sending out e-mail to members. I have proof that all members that have an e-mail address and are members of the PCA received them. Twenty four members were present, at D-Train and an e-mail will be sent to each member with the Standing Rules, and a letter with a post card asking if they approve or disapprove of the corrections and they sign it and return it to Como Marilyn Mc Bain when I get the OK from DIRAUX.

Memorial: Nothing new on the Memorial.

Poker Run: According to Head Ranger Gary Lyons, all OPTREX's at Brannan Island will be charged a \$35.00 fee for the paperwork that is done, and all members will pay to get into the Park. I got all this from a 45 minute phone call from him.

I will be in Mt. Shasta tomorrow night working till 2000 so I will not be on the phone for comments.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES

HIGHLIGHTS

Discipline Document
Flotilla Response Planning Templates
Contingency Response Plan Outline
Contacts with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM
Planning meeting with CG AUXLO
CG Station Visits

DETAILS

Finalized draft of disciplinary procedures guidelines to be cleared for distribution to members at next EXCOM meeting.
Flotilla Response Planning Templates distributed to DCDRs at DTRAIN to be used in their contingency response planning.
Finalized Response Organizational Chart.
Completed D11NR 2009 Contingency Response Plan Outline and presented to EXCOM. Distribution to be approved at next meeting.
Had conferences with DSOs Operations, Aviation and Communications. Operations working on Response Plan, Aviation going through stand down to assess safety concerns. Stations requesting communications Watchstanders program at the Stations. Source of reimbursement for mileage to Watchstanders, at the Stations, needs to be determined
Met with ASC Steve Salmon to review Auxiliary Sector Coordinator duties and responsibilities.
Visited Stations Vallejo, Bodega Bay, Monterey, Rio Vista, San Francisco and Sector SF to promote Auxiliary utilization. Participants included AUXULOs, ASC Steve Salmon, AUXLO LTJG John Tschudy, ENS Marcus Brown and DCAPT-R Wayne Farnholtz

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Sector SF AUXLO, Station's AUXLOs and associated Patrol Area Coordinators

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to visit Stations Golden Gate and Lake Tahoe soon

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Distribute Discipline Guidelines document and encourage its use.
Attend as many Division meetings as practical.
Further promotion of flotilla and division Contingency Response planning.
Visit remaining CG Stations in District 11NR
DSO-CM plans to install Watchstanders at each Station

Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS

HIGHLIGHTS

Continuation of planning for National Safe Boating Week activities.

Participated in kickoff activities at D-Train and in a web seminar for America's Waterways Watch activities.

Worked on the formation of a Delta Task Team in response to Sector's request for emphasis to be placed on RBS and OPS activities this summer in the Delta.

Assisted Division 5 in securing legal review of proposal to receive donations for a deceased member.

Completed the development of measurable goals for the District 2009 Plan

DETAILS

Reached an agreement for the Life Jacket display to be kept in the Coastie trailer and to be scheduled by Bill Becker, similar to Coastie. This avoids potential conflict with schedules. Distributed a copy of last year's NSBW week report for the District to all NSBW divisional coordinators so they can see what might be expected for this year. Welcomed Bill Kinsey on the NSBW team representing Public Affairs.

Responded to a request by Division 4 to obtain "Wear It!" stickers for use in public outreach activities by communicating with the CA Dept of Boating & Waterways. Will keep everyone posted of results.

At D-Train, presentations were made on AWW by Alan Coddington, ADSO-MS for divisional training.

Further, on April, 10, a web seminar was held for AWW coordinators to learn about the program. All Divisional Commanders were given a step by step summary on how to go about launching this important activity.

After discussions with participants in Delta Boating activity in 2006, it was decided that a partnership between AV, CM, OP, PV and VE would be needed to schedule coordinated tasks for this important activity. Bill Kinsey has agreed to chair this activity provided he has the support of relevant DCAPTs and DSOs to do so. Wayne Farnholtz and I are in agreement and COMO Williams has been consulted. After final agreement, invitations to participate will be prepared, and Bill will finalize detailed plans.

The family of a deceased member of Division 5 wanted to cite the Auxiliary for donations made in honorarium. Working with the DSO-LP, it was determined that a procedure needed to be followed and appropriate controls and audit put in place in order to do so. Division 5 is handling.

Attached please find the completed document with proposed goals for 2009. These proposals are supported by all three District Captains and are recommended for the approval of EXCOM.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

See above contacts with CA. DBW.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

National Safe Boating Week – May 16 through May 22.

PERSONAL GOALS

1. Support Divisions with National Safe Boating Week Events
2. Assist Divisions in launching major campaigns promoting America's Waterway Watch program
3. Attend two meetings and one event for each Division assigned
4. Assist fellow EXCOM members and perform tasks with professionalism and Goodwill

Rod Collins, DCAPT-SPT

HIGHLIGHTS

Attended DTRAIN
District Goals and Objectives

DETAILS

Attended DTRAIN and was impressed by the facilities, the local treatment of the Auxiliary (GREAT!) and the courses offered.

Credit cards now accepted by District store, way to go Dave!!!

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance chairman for D11N.

Working with Staff Officers on their Goals and Objectives

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

NSBW activities

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

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

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

First I would like to thank all the members involved in making this a great D-train. There was a lot of hard work that went into this & it showed. Thank you. Thank you.

April & May have many programs for the Auxiliary in D11NR. Here are a few that we need to be aware of:

Different Divisions & Flotillas AUXPAT, & OPTREXs, BOAT SHOWS, check for dates.

Bon Voyage party for LTJG Jon Tshudy; Date & Time Sunday May 17 at 1600

RSVP to Steve Salmon 510-222-1490.

2.OPENING DAY ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Date & time Sunday April 26 time 1030 blessing of the fleet in Raccoon Strait

1200-1500 Pier 39 Boat Parade.

3.CITY OF SAN RAMON MEMORIAL DAY EVENT. ART & WIND FESTIVAL.

Date. Sunday & Monday May 24,25; time 1000-1700; Chairperson. Roger Haynes 925-837-4647

4. CALIF.DEPT. OF BOATING

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FREE INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP

Date Thursday April 27; time 0845 -1445; Chairperson Vivian Matuk 415-904-6905; Location Yolo County Davis Ca. address 45211 County Rd. Davis

5. NSBW May 17-23 2009; Chairperson Bob Hendry (Reading the Division reports, we see members are already moving ahead. Great job).

6.TRAVIS AFB.(101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER)

Date May 21 2009; Boating Safety Booth; Chairperson Wing Safety officer Sue Clabby 707-424-4616
Ed Sweeny 925-837-4647 Ed will be contacting an Auxiliary Chairperson for assistance.
I will be gone May 02-10 in New London CT. Contact cell #530-318-6955 .
I will be going to Utah in June, Division 07.