

DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
25 February 2009

PRESENT:

DCO Mike Williams	Mark McLaughlan, DCDR-6
Angelo Perata, COS	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-Response	Monica Eaton, DCDR-10
Bob Hendry, DCAPT-RBS	Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11
CDR Dave Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Charlie Duncan, P-PCA
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Steve Salmon, ASC
Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3	Phil Sanchez, Event Coordinator
Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

EXCUSED:

COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/ARCO-P	Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4
Rod Collins, DCAPT-Support	Dick Hoelle – DCDR-7

The meeting was called to order by DCO Mike Williams at 1900 PST, who declared that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DCO Williams deferred approval of the 17 January 2009 Board and Staff Meeting to the March meeting, to allow the board time to read the minutes.

DCO REPORT –

DCO Williams reported that the RBS Conference was attended by members of EXCOM and the State Liaison Officers, as well as State Boating Law Administrators and other state law-enforcement personnel from the states of Districts 11N and 11S. The conference was hosted by Paul Newman, RBS Specialist. There was a lot of good information at the conference, and boating issues were covered.

DIVISION BOARD REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing new to report. Kirkwood was excused at 1930 to attend Division 1 board meeting.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing new to report. The division is working on its NSBW program. The 25 March division meeting will be held at the Air Station. The next three meetings will be held With Flotillas 33, 35 and 39, respectively. Following that they will be back at the Air Station.

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division is getting more active with Stations Vallejo and Bodega Bay. They participated in IFO exercises this week and were on the water with the Station. The division is also providing weekly support with Vallejo. The PE program is in full swing. All of the flotillas have activity in that area. PE is a good source for potential members.

Mark McLaughlan, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held its 8th annual Valentine Dinner with STN Monterey. They had great attendance from station members, staff, family and friends. The division had three land-mobile callouts last weekend, for a capsized fishing boat, a missing person and a capsized sailing vessel. They recently participated in a Lighthouse Family Fun Day activity. The Auxiliary interacted with 200 individuals, and handed out California Boating Division whistles promoting boating safety.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). Thomas visited all of the flotillas in January. He is impressed with Crescent City and their work with the Coast Guard. The division is working with calendars and plans for the coming year. They have instituting new awards program for the division, and he will be naming an Auxiliarist of the Month. Garberville will be central location for division meetings. The division is working with many other agencies to promote boating safety. Thomas has obtained mailing list for all boat owners. There are 8000 in their 4 counties. They will conduct a pilot program of 250 mailing in one flotilla's area and see how it goes. The letter talks about PE classes, free VSCs and boating safety. The mailing will go out within the next 2 weeks. Thomas will report on the results at D-Train.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – Nothing to report.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment A). There is a lot of activity going on. The RBS Workshop was huge success. Nine members passed the VE exam. They have been able to get on the water, which is early for this year. They provided support for the Fishing Derby on Pyramid Lake. March 7-8 is the sports show, and they will have a booth.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). Flotilla 12-91 has its annual pizza night this Saturday (February 28). They invite STN San Francisco to join them. They will be participating in the St Patrick's Day parade in city of Dublin, which will give them the opportunity to promote PE classes. Two flotillas are in merger talks. This may resulting in their combining into one dynamic flotilla

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). We had a great PCA fair. There was a good crowd. Driver startup program (a new class) was good. Memorial – Fran Fisher will be meeting with the station CDR March 1 or 2. The PCA Standing Rules are finished, and will be approved at PCA breakfast at D-Train.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-Response – Farnholtz is working on the Response strategic goals. He will be asking for DCDR participation in formulating these goals. Salmon will be contacting the Gold Side to work on Operation Patriot Readiness to find out what the Station needs. They will identify the number and names of Auxiliary personnel who can be used as CG force multipliers. We need to update this information in order to know what Auxiliarist competencies and readiness exists, and to know how many Auxiliary facilities are available. We need to increase the number of facilities. We would also like to improve the Auxiliary's integration with CG command, through joint training exercises, AWW, and

focus on the Delta. Farnholtz is also looking at tabletop exercises for aviation and communications, and include the Gold Side and see how we interact. DIRAUX is currently a life jacket, Type III, 50 mph, a mirror and a sound-producing device to all crew, coxswain and PWC when they become qualified. These must be returned when the member leaves the Auxiliary. Legitimate trainees may also be given some of this equipment for use during training. Farnholtz is preparing disciplinary procedure document which will be available to DCDRs when it is completed and approved.

Bob Hendry, DCAPT-RBS – Hendry has asked for names of NSBW and AWW contacts from the DCDRs. He has received some of this information, and will start sending information to those contacts. Four divisions haven't responded yet. They are Divisions 3, 7, 10 and 12. There will be some AWW training at D-Train. Hendry has been meeting with Salmon and LT Tschudy to talk about MSO missions. Hendry has been working with the DCDRs to coordinate COW dates. He has been working with five divisions who have all requested Jan 9-10, to see if some can move to a different date. Division 7 will move its COW to January 30. Others are consulting with their membership about other dates. Rich Thomas will be at the D-Train leadership training session and will talk about the new member packet he has developed. If you're interested in the packets, contact your liaison DCAPT.

Angelo Perata, COS – The life jacket display is ready to go. . It is in the trailer with Coastie. Mike Lauro has it right now, but it will be on display at D-Train so everyone will see what it looks like. DIRAUX is having another made, and Paul Newman, RBS Coordinator will be making another one. After D-Train, Bob Hendry will be taking over the display. If you have a need for the display, contact Hendry. Perata has been compiling information on the numbers of facilities in the district. Since 2005 there has been a decline. Perata will be getting with the DCDRs for ideas on how to get this decline turned around. One idea has been to revisit the possibility of reimbursable patrols during the week, and see if we can get that.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat DIRAUX – The Air station has instituted a stand-down with the Auxiliary Air Program. This is not a bad thing. It gives everyone a chance to look at the value of the Auxiliary to the Air Station. CDR Chareonsuphiphat has talked to the Air Station CO, and concurred that it's a good way to move ahead. The goal is not to shut the program down, but to keep it going. DCO Williams has put a lot of work into D-Train and getting things ready for the members. There will be a lot of awards, and the DIRAUX office is working on them. The EXCOM meeting in San Diego in conjunction with the RBS Conference is already producing a lot of positive work.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger will be conducting the QE workshop on Saturday (28 February). They will be talking about policy, sessions and what it will take to get everyone certified.

OLD BUSINESS

COW Scheduling – Previously discussed.

PCA Fair – Previously discussed.

District Store – DCO Williams reported that the district did a great business at the PCA Fair. They are currently working on a procedure for on-line credit. The store will be at D-Train.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan –

DCO Williams reported that we need to demonstrate the value of the Auxiliary to the Coast Guard, and that there is a return on investment. In a time of diminishing budgets, it's about showing the CG how important we are. The data we're asking for is to show the value of what we do to the people who will fund us.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat stressed that we're not trying to drive the numbers, but we want to stay ahead of this problem, look at our metrics and know our strategic plan. Some of it is the "how" as well as the "why." We need to look at the numbers and the people we have trained. Hopefully this will be a positive thing. When setting goals a DSO may even set a number lower because they know what is going on. Our message needs to be, "If you cut us, this is the value you will lose because of our value to you." We want the DCDRs to be involved in this process.

There was discussion about the Auxiliary hours that are reported on the Form 7029. Because of the way AUXDATA is configured, the majority of Auxiliary hours are grouped onto that form. Is there a way to make this reporting more effective and better show what we are doing? It was suggested that a quick fix would be to report the Form 7029 hours as RBS work.

Calendar Changes –

DCO Williams reported that the September meeting at Coast Guard Island is being changed to 12 September. May meeting was converted to a telephone meeting in order to fund the FC's to come to leadership training at D-Train. This will also allow you to participate in NSBW activities within your division.

DCO Williams asked all of the DCDRs to send their liaison DCAPT a list of the FCs who will be attending D-Train. DIRAUX currently has only a partial list. This list needs to be sent to your liaison DCAPT right away, or they won't be funded.

D-Train - Phil Sanchez –

- To date, 110 rooms have been blocked. The closing date is 1 March. Sanchez is working with the hotel to get more rooms released to the Auxiliary.
- Registration forms are out, and 72 people have signed up. Sanchez is projecting 170 registrants.
- The committees are working well, and are up to speed in their areas – 30 total people working on the various committees.
- The training schedule is on the web.
- The meeting programs are being taken care of by the EMCEE, Bob Peterson.
- Jeff Price has secured the Sector SF incident command trailer for our command center. This will be fun.
- The New Member Academy is all set, with the Instructor. New members are beginning to register.
- District store has a room. They will try to get set up Thursday night, to be ready for Friday afternoon.
- Friday Fun Night is set. Some wineries have donated free wine. This will be an after-dinner event with cheese, veggies and cutting board. This will not be a full meal.

- Sanchez will be meeting with the hotel the beginning of March to make sure everything is taken care of. The committee will start placing banners, placards, etc., Thursday morning. All meetings/training locations are scheduled. Transportation and protocol is all set up.

DCO Williams reported that the District Board will be looking at and discussing the Strategic Plan at D-Train. DCO Williams asked each DCDR to be prepared to give a 2-3 minute highlight your division, and any unique things from your division.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2005 PST

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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ATTACHMENT A

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 -

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

- Websites for Flotillas 12 and 14 have moved to the larger CG server
- Rick Saber received a Commendation Letter Award from the Commandant
- Three Flotillas have BS&S classes underway
- Member training courses planned
- Continue to plan for our Division OPTREX
- Dockwalking class scheduled for April 11

DETAILS

- Websites for Flotillas 12 and 14 have moved to the larger CG server.
- Rick Saber received a Commendation Letter Award from the Commandant for his work as Port Director at the 2008 Festival of Sail.
- Flotillas 12, 14 and 17 have BS&S classes underway or about to start
- AUXPAT class scheduled to begin April 21. Boat Crew training underway. AYX SC&E tentatively planned for June
- 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, and boat crew skills check-offs. A fellowship activity is also being planned
- Planning activities for Opening Day of Yacht Season

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None to report at this time

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Dockwalkers class April 11 @ Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- AUXPAT starts April 21 @ Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- OPTREX May 2 & 3 @ Richmond Marina Bay

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 Auxiliarists

Dean LaChapell, DCDR-3 –

HIGHLIGHTS

1. PA-Surf and Turf Sports show

2. PA- Sacramento Boat Show
3. Leadership Training
4. Coxswain-Boat Crew-Mentor Training
5. AUXOP Training
6. OPTREX update

DETAILS

1. PA-Surf and Turf Sports show, 12-15 February at Call Expo. The Division will have a presence
2. PA- Sacramento Boat Show, 12-15 March, is scheduled and application has been submitted for a booth.
3. Leadership Training "Get Motivated" business seminar Wednesday, March 25, 2009, a "Get Motivated" business seminar will be held at Arco Arena. Speakers like Michael Phelps, Rudy Giuliani, Zig Zigular, Steve Forbes and Gen. Colin Powell will talk about motivation. Several Members will attend as part of our Train our Leaders Project.
4. We are developing a COXSWAIN-BOATCREW- MENTOR Training Class focused at reinforcing on the water skills and learning new techniques. As all qualified Coxswains and Boat Crews are potential Mentors, that subject will not only be a specific chapter, but a back ground topic through out the program.
5. We are presenting AUXPAT which began Jan 24 and a review and test for AUXWEA on the 23rd. of FEB.
6. Division OPTREXs:, FL-39's Antlers Lake Shasta. Shasta Lake is still down to a point that power generation has been cut in half, but the Apt. 30 – May3 OPTREX is still scheduled, as is FL 3-10' Brannan Island OPTREX in October.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. We will be meeting with Station Rio Vista at 1000 Wednesday 4 Feb to exchange Operational Support ideas for the upcoming boating season.
2. 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
3. NSBW in now in the planning stage.
4. The Dock-Walker-Program will begin with a training meeting on 18 APR at the Sacramento Marina.

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. West Marine Partnership
2. BAS Service for Ketan Chinlund
3. PCA Tour of USCGC Sherman
4. Training and Liaison with AUXAIR
5. AWW and NSBW Division Chairs
6. OGA Assistance Guidelines
7. DockWalkers
8. Communications – Internal and External – DIV Website
9. BAE Systems – Host February Division Meeting
10. Marine Partner Closure – Cope & McPheters
11. APC Training

DETAILS

1. The January Division meeting was held on 29 JAN at the new West Marine store in San Carlos. The Store Manager was presented with an Auxiliary coffee mug and future events including a future Division meeting and parking lot VSC event are being arranged.
2. Division 4 supplied a bugler from FL49 for TAPS at the Burial At Sea (BAS) service for [Ketan Chinlund](#) three miles outside the Golden Gate Bridge on 8 FEB.
3. Division 4 member co-instructed a New Member Orientation Course to 19 new member from throughout D11NR during the CGI PCA Training Fair on 21 FEB which included a tour of the USCGC Sherman (WHEC-970). Feedback indicates this course will be expanding to a New Member Academy, potentially adding a second day at the August PCA for an ABS course to advance them to BQ status.
4. Two Division members attended the D11N AUXAIR squadron dinner in November and participated in discussion of AWW and practicum for locating surface facilities. An example of a recent AUXAIR & Surface patrol - successfully locating the ADSO-OP facility was highlighted.
5. Division Chairs were identified for AWW and NSBW. Flotilla Chairs for NSBW will also contribute, forming a viable team effort. Activities are already planned including parking lot VE at West Marine and Launch Ramp VE/PA booths in the South Bay.
6. Contact was made with the AUXLO and ASC for clarification on guidelines in planning and assisting Other Government Agencies (OGA) – see attached for the resulting document.
7. Div4 will hold a Dock Walkers and Marine Safety Forum and has invited Vivian Matuk from Cal Boating to be our guest speaker. Date will most likely be in May and the day is TBD. Other Divisions will be invited so we request a feel on interest to help us pick a suitable venue.
8. Auxiliary email and internal communications protocols and policies will be presented at the 25 FEB Div 4 meeting by the DSO-CM. This appears a popular subject – also a recent topic by the DC-PA. Issues involving poor communication have already led to Div4 staff losses in 2009 and have degraded morale.
9. The Division February meeting shall be hosted by BAE Systems, Ground Systems Division in Santa Clara. The ASD Division of BAE worked with subsidiary Bofors to develop and provide the MK110 57mm Mod 0 gun system that is the primary weapon on the new Legend's class cutter – E.G. USCGC Bertholf.

10. Cope & McPheters on El Camino Real closed their doors. Other local area marine dealers are also struggling and sensitivity to their situation is considered when approaching them for coordinating events and support.
11. One Flotilla has done a focused APC training and administered the exam. Other Flotillas plan a similar focus session to culture new leaders.

AGENCY INTERACTION SUMMARY

1. Red Cross – Silicon Valley Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Committee – a member attended the pilot course “Coping with Deployment – Psychological First Aid for Military Families” as part of a project to evaluate and recommend improved training for Auxiliaries for contingency support roles. An evaluation memo was sent to DIRAUX.
2. Navy Reserve, Force Protection – San Francisco. Forwarded OGA guidelines from AUXLO.
3. Santa Clara County Parks – developing coverage schedule for VE/PA and other activities.
4. Port of Redwood City – SBOD Patrols have been planned and VE/PA activities will support
5. Volunteer Center, San Jose – opportunities to serve as victims in Incident Command Drills.
6. Sea Scouts - a flotilla conducted an AIM/Active Duty Recruiting presentation in Novato at the Power Squadron Bldg. for Sea Scout Ship 427 on 1 FEB.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

PE

- FL 43 – Inky the Whale in May at Isleton
- FL 43 – ABS for April
- FL 43 - BS&S June/July TBD
- FL 46 – WKN for Sequoia Yacht Club Requested
- FL 48 – BS&S ongoing, others being planned
- FL 49 – WKN for Los Gatos Yacht Club Requested
- FL 49 – 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

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 –

HIGHLIGHTS

1. AUXOP Specialty courses underway and being planned
2. On-the-water support for Station Bodega Bay and Station Vallejo

DETAILS

1. AUXOP All flotillas reporting Public Education Activity
2. OPTREX planned at Station Vallejo
1. Specialty courses have recently completed and additional ones are scheduled. AUXSEA and AUXWEA were just completed, AUXNAV is underway, and AUXSC&E is scheduled.

2. We are well into our second year of on-the-water support for training with Station Bodega Bay, including RFO exercises planned for 25 FEB. Recently, we began regular on-the-water training exercises with Station Vallejo.
3. This is the time of year that Public Education offerings are in full swing. All Flotillas are reporting recent activity with much more to come. FL51 is offering an ABS class in March at the Solano Community College and a GPS for Mariners class in April at the Solano Community College. FL52 is offering an ABS class on 25 FEB at Travis AFB for Active Duty Personnel, and an ABS class on 14 MAR in NAPA. FL55 completed a Boating Skills and Seamanship class in January, is holding an ABS class on 21 MAR at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, and a GPS for Mariners class on 18 APR at the Petaluma Yacht Club. FL57 completed an ABS class this month, and a Weekend Navigator class is underway at the Pleasant Hill Adult Education campus.
4. Planning for the Division 5 OPTREX at Station Vallejo is continuing. The date has been narrowed to one date in either late April or mid May.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plans are being developed for a Coxswain/Crew Academy to be held in conjunction with the Division OPTREX.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Division Goals are being formulated and will be coordinated with the Goals for the Flotillas.

Mark McLaughlan, DCDR-6 –

HIGHLIGHTS

On January 31, 2009, the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum had their Lighthouse family Fun Day at the Museum to celebrate the anniversary of the Point Pinos Lighthouse from 1000-1500, with Lighthouse crafts, exhibits from Monterey Maritime Museum, Point Sur Lighthouse, Pigeon Point Lighthouse, USCG Navigation Systems Group from San Francisco, and Flotilla 6-4 representing the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Over 200 people interacted with the auxiliaries at their information table. Flotilla 6-4 members gave out Boating Safety items, brochures, decals, pencils, Lifesavers (candy), and 100 + whistles and plastic Cal Boating "Wear Your Lifejacket" bags. In addition the auxiliaries presented Federal, State and Waterway Watch materials to interested adults. There was a continuous Boating Safety DVD showing which drew a lot of attention!

DETAILS

1. Flotilla 6-7 continues with the Weekend Navigator class retaining all 19 students after 5 weeks of class
2. Flotilla 6-4 has four prospective members in the PSI process and anticipates a group swearing in ceremony soon
3. All Division 6 flotilla commanders have been given the District 11N Incident Response and Preparedness Plan to ready members for the March 27 limited disaster drill
4. Two Division 6 flotilla commanders and one vice commander attended the elected officer training held at Coast Guard Island.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Preparations are being made for the Valentines dinner provided for the staff and families of Station Monterey.

2. Flotilla 6-4 is in initial planning stages with Station Monterey concerning NSBW which will be held in conjunction with a station open house
3. Flotilla 6-1 is continuing their second Saturday of the month training with Station Morro Bay and is organizing NSBW activities
4. Flotilla 6-7 is organizing NSBW with the Santa Cruz Harbor Master
5. Larry Osborne FC 6-1 met with Senior Chief McKay (STAMB) to lay out goals and plan activities for this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Station Monterey Valentines Day Dinner on February 14.

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 and Hard Water

Division Activity

- A. Jan Division Board and Staff Meeting at Dept of Nat. Res.
 - B. 31 Jan. COW at Madelines Guests CAPT Gugg and Steve Salmon. Many members received division awards, CAPT Gugg and Steve Salmon did the swearing in of all officers. (Pictures are available upon request)
 - C. 31 Jan ICS-210 was held at Madelines - 30 members attending
 - D. 4-8 Feb. Utah Boat Show-Theme was recruitment-very successful received 21 applicants interested in joining. Picture of booth is attached
 - E. 14 Feb 5 year TCT taught by Joyce Bell at Utah Lake State Park, Provo.
 - F. Flotilla Highlights
- 7 2 A. Two new member certificates issued Jim & Brian Murray. Jim was sworn in.
 B. Sexual Harassment taught by Dick Hoelle
- 7 3 A. Announcements.
 B. Change meeting night to the 2nd Thursday of the month
- 7 6 A. Planned boat show watch list
- B. Jim Zocchi Crossed Over the Bar in Feb. A Memorial Service was held at the VFW Post in Layton UT w/ Air Force Honor Guard, Aux. was well represented and the following award plaque's were presented to his wife Norma and family- Aux. of the Year, 1st place for MDV & PV, 2nd place for VEs. (pictures are available upon request).
- 7 8 A. Current classes being taught –AUXNAV - 10 students attending from 73&78, Ham radio 4 students

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 –

Highlights

- Visitation of Flotillas
- Preparation of Mail Out
- Continuation of calendar setting

- Institute New Awards Program
- Preparation for Corn Beef Feed
- Preparation for Division Meeting-Garberville

Visitation of Flotillas:

During January and first part of February I attended flotilla meetings in Lake County, Fort Bragg, and Crescent City. I will be traveling to Eureka in the near future to attend their flotilla meeting.

This was an excellent opportunity to become familiar with local members and communities. My visit to Crescent City was the first time I have been that far north.

I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication each of these flotillas conducts their business and how they all have full calendars as volunteers.

Crescent City has volunteers that alternate 24 hour standby and operate Coast Guard Vessel 254851. Many hours are put in by these volunteers to stay qualified and safe.

Eureka was near distinction two years ago and under the leadership of Thom and Helen O'Connor – they have worked this flotilla back into a respectful motivated and active flotilla. Having served last year as almost every FSO as well as FC and VFC. The O'Connor's and their newest members have moved forward impressively. One of the new members has become qualified as a watch-stander in less than a year and another became FSO-NS and has been out with CG personnel on a 47 to check ATON's.

I was surprised in Fort Bragg at their first meeting of the year that by the end of the meeting almost every weekend starting in March was filled with activities. One of the "volunteer Auxiliarist" present actually announced that he passed all the requirements to serve on the 47's as a Coast Guard Crew member.

Lake County seems to win the majority of awards from the Division each year because they have a significant number of accumulative hours.. The flotilla typically doesn't get moving with venues until the end of March. Based on my attendance at their flotilla meeting it appears that they again have a significant number of dates and activities planned.

Each of the Flotilla Commanders showed great leadership abilities and lead their meetings in professional and spirited manner.

Mail Out:

The packaging of 1,150 envelopes and stamping them all is continuing. Each of the flotillas have been notified that these letters will be mailed out within the first two weeks of March and to be prepared for (hopefully) phone calls for VE's and Public Education Classes.

Continuation of Calendar Setting:

During the January and February flotilla meetings there was continuous plans and dates provided and approved for a large variety of events.

Institute a New Awards Program:

Effective January 2009, I have established two new awards within the Division. The first is to name a Division Auxiliarist of the Month Award and the second will be a Division Flotilla Quarterly Award.

The recipient of the Auxiliary of the Month Award will have a small bio on the Division Web-Site as well as being presented a Certificate.

Preparation of Corn Beef Feed:

To continue the tradition started by past Rear Commodore Jerry Collins, Flotillas 87 and 88 will combine to serve up some of the finest Corn Beef and Cabbage for the Coast Guard personnel at Noyo River Station in Fort Bragg. This year the feast will be chaired by Dane Hayward (VFC-88) and Vice-Chaired by me. The luncheon will be on March 18th, which is the day closest to St Pat's day when the station has "all hands".

Preparation for Division Meeting – Garberville

For the first time, Division Eight will hold their Board and Staff Meeting in Garberville, California. This location is considered to be the most central location for the members of Lake County and Del Norte County. This location will allow members to attend the meeting and be back home in the same day and take away the sting of numerous hours of driving and in most cases, the requirement to spend their own money on over-night lodging due to the distances.

Agency Interactions

On-going contacts as well as renewal older contacts as follows:

Mendocino 87-

USCG- Noyo River
Army Corp of Engineers – Lake Mendocino
Point Cabrillo Light Keepers Assn. –Pt Cabrillo Lighthouse
Point Arena Light Keepers Assn.- Point Arena Lighthouse
Humboldt Air Station – refueling Depot-Point Arena
California State Parks Department

Lake County 88-

Lake County Sheriff Department
Lake County Lakebed Management
Office of Emergency Services (OES)
Lake County Fire Departments
Lake County Multi-Agency Task Force.
Coast Guard Loran Station- Middletown, California

Eureka 86-

Humboldt Sheriff's Department
USCG- Samoa and Group
HSU-Aquatic Center
Local TV and Radio Stations- Public Affairs
Historical Society

Crescent City 8-11-

USCG-Group –Humboldt Bay
USCG-Station Humboldt Bay
USCGC-Dorado

USCG Station Chetco River-Oregon
Del Norte County Sheriff's Department
Tribal Police-Klamath River

Up-Coming Events

Mendocino: 87

Detachment Meeting & Fuel Spill Training February 10th
Flotilla Meeting- February 14, 2009
Mendocino Whale Festival – March 7th and 8th

Lake County: 88

Flotilla Meeting – February 7th
Flotilla Meeting – Mar- 7th – social prior to meeting at 1130 hrs.
Lake Bed Management shoreline clean-up - TBA

Eureka

Flotilla Meeting February 14th
Coastie Training – February 14th and 15th
Flotilla Meeting – March 14th
Yacht Club event – April 11th

Crescent City

Flotilla Meeting –Feb 25th
1 hour TCT and annual ops –TBA
On-going night ops and other continuous requirements – Wednesday nights.

Division Goals & Future Plans

There are no new goals set at this time. The main goal at this time is to work and succeed on the goals as presented in the January 2009 report

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 –

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Vessel Examiner Qualifying Class
2. Training with Station Tahoe
3. AUXSEA Class Completion
4. Division Planning Meeting and Fellowship Luncheon
5. Planning Meeting with Station Tahoe
6. Cosby's Fishing Derby Weekends on Pyramid Lake
7. Reno Boat Show
8. Post Boat Show ABS Classes and PE Schedule of Classes
9. Pre-Snowfest Pizza Party at Station Tahoe
10. Snowfest Parade, Tahoe City, CA.
11. Watch Standing Workshop at Station Tahoe
12. Updated Readiness Plan
13. DTrain and Leadership Training Workshop
14. Division Website Blog Training

DETAILS

1. DSO-VE Mike Lauro conducted a very successful 2-Day VE Qualifying/Refresher Class in Reno, NV on January 24-25. 25 members attended the refresher class on Saturday. 9 members passed part 1 of the qualifying process on Sunday. Our Division appreciates Mike devotion to the program and his desire to help fellow members become vessel examiners. Many of our members want to take a trip down to Lake Comanche in April to support Mike's efforts and to obtain their 5 qualifying vessel exams.
2. 10 members passed the AUXSEA class. We are planning a Division wide AUXSC&E class. For several members this will be their last class before becoming AUXOP.
3. 18 Division members attended the first Division meeting of the year held on January 31. This meeting is traditionally a planning meeting with a fellowship luncheon. The meeting was held at the residence of DCDR Kincade. Tom Komadina SO-CS gave a special presentation of the use of blogs on our Division website to encourage public education, vessel exams, recruitment and member involvement. See our newly posted "Cold Water Boot Camp" video blog on our website at www.sierracgaux.org.
4. Members from the Reno, Carson City and North Lake Tahoe flotillas manned the booth at the Reno Boat Show held February 13-15 at the Convention Center in Reno, NV. Although the show was smaller than prior years, the convention hall was busy over the weekend and several people stopped by our booth.
5. The Reno and Carson City flotilla will teach ABS classes on February 21 and 28 for attendees who signed up at the Reno Boat Show. The PE schedules are coming together for our Division. The North Lake Tahoe flotilla will be teaching ABS classes, Kayak Safety Classes and Suddenly in Command over the busy summer season. The Reno/Carson City flotilla teaches ABS classes the first Saturday of each even numbered month.
6. SO-OP Jack Leth is updating our Readiness Plan for the drill on March 7 and the upcoming boating season.
7. All 4 Flotilla Commanders will be attending the Leadership Training Workshop at DTrain.
8. SO-CS Tom Komadina is conducting training for the DCDR, FCs, FSO-PA, PB, CS and other interested members so they can post pictures, videos and new blogs on the Division website.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Station Tahoe continues to request winter training with the Auxiliary. Reno Flotilla facility Shiv'r Me Timbers trained with the Coast Guard on January 28. The Station has requested a training facility for the weekend of February 21-22.
2. DCDR Dee Dee Kincade, VCDR Dave Law and SO-OP Jack Leth met with Senior Chief Bennett on February 2 to discuss our collaborative events for the year including: TCT Training, On-the-Water regatta events calendar, inter-agency SAR training, Watch Standing training and Station personnel changes. Flotilla 11-01 members plan to be present at Quarters on February 27 to say good-bye to BM1 Josh Martin who is headed to Hawaii.
3. For 2 consecutive weekends, February 7-8 and 14-15, Auxiliary facilities joined Station Tahoe's safe boat and 2 Washoe County Sheriff's Office SAR boats (Marine 10 and 20) to patrol Pyramid Lake, NV for the Crosby's Fishing Derby. We also had full Comms available all 4 days. Thanks to the organization of our SO-OP Jack Leth, in all we had 3 facilities conduct 7 patrols with participation from 16 members from 3 different flotillas. When John Boyne opened up for business Sunday he made a "Hello all Stations..." broadcast on Channel 16 advising the boaters on the lake that the CG and the Auxiliary had patrols on the lake and that Channel 16 was for hailing and emergencies. One of the boaters actually came back to him thanking us for what we were doing. Good PA! A full report has been sent to Jeff Price DSO-CM and Gail Ramsey DSO-OP.

4. Our Pre-Snowfest Pizza Party is planned for February 27 at Station Tahoe. Members and family from Station Tahoe personnel and the Auxiliary plan for the Snowfest Parade to be held the following day by packing boating safety material bags for the parade. As the name implies this is a fellowship event where pizza, salad and drinks are served.
5. Station Tahoe and Flotilla 11-01 North Lake Tahoe participate in the Tahoe City Snowfest parade held on February 28. The Station pulls the safe boat and Auxiliarists hand out boating safety materials along the parade route. This is a real “home town” event where the Coast Guard is recognized by the community.
6. A Watch Standing “Train the Trainer” Workshop is to be held at Station Tahoe on March 9. Auxiliary Liaison BM2 Adam Season will be conducting the class for Auxiliary members who will begin teaching area familiarization and communication protocol to our members. We plan to have several members trained as Watch Standers for Station Tahoe starting in May.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Good-bye to XPO Josh Martin at Quarters, February 27, Station Tahoe
2. Pre-Snowfest Pizza Party – February 27, Station Tahoe
3. Snowfest Parade – February 28, Tahoe City, NV.
4. Watch Standing “Train-the-Trainer” Workshop, March 9, Station Tahoe
5. AUXSC&E Class, TBA

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 –

HIGHLIGHTS

1. See below

DETAILS

January meeting identified lack of agreement as to goals and role of Division. Continue to develop in February. Nick Tarlson filled the SO-OP position following Joe Cannon’s skiing injury. First Division OPEX is being discussed for May/June but no dates reported yet.

1. Recruiting and retention is a focal issue for several flotillas. At the February 26 meeting Division will schedule MT classes starting March or April to help develop new members.
2. Flotilla 12-21 organized its staff positions into three areas, RBS, OPS, and MS (Member Support). Our flotillas are interested in how this works out.
3. Flotillas 02, 21, and 91 have scheduled PE classes and are currently holding Navigation and basic boating safety courses.
4. Flotillas 21 and 91 have planned their calendars for the year. They have several new officers so high level of training. Other flotillas have not reported.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. OPEX schedule not yet set.
2. Chili cook-off and VE station at Emeryville May 16
3. Sexual Harassment Prevention training offered Feb. 26 at Div. meeting.

DIVISION GOALS

1. Member Satisfaction needs a boost. Identify source of Satisfaction and inject.
2. Identify ways Division can increase reward & decrease the effort involved in volunteering.
3. Develop easy way to submit most mission and member hours.
4. Recruitment & Retention
5. OPEX(s) schedule for the many completing crew training started 2008
6. MT Schedule to focus on AUXOP classes in 2009 to provide timely training for members of multiple flotillas
7. PE programs – locate class opportunities; arrange flotilla instruction for flotillas lacking sufficient instructors.
8. Identify outside groups PA & PS can address as recruiting effort.
9. 4th cornerstone events if supported by flotillas
10. Member development including staff training their replacement.
11. Information flow up & down. Need will differ for FCs who attend District Web site access to reports, quals status, & activity hours recorded.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA –

The year is starting off with a bang; got the Standing Rules typed and sent to Gail Ramsey to send to all PCA members for a vote at D-Train at the PCA Breakfast on Sunday March 29th, 2009, so make your reservations for breakfast.

The Poker Run at Brannan Island will be July 25th, Reservations are done, and we will be in the OLYMPIC AREA, spots 103 and 115 which were the spots we had in 2007. If any want to bring a trailer or motorhome for that Saturday there are spots still available. Call Reserve America @ 1 800-444-7275. The spots are \$31.75 a night. We will have New York steak, chicken, baked beans, French bread, salad, beer and wine, soft drinks, and lots of prizes, and broken anchor, and bent prop awards, so you that have boats be careful you might win something. The visiting gourmet "Italian" chef will be Angelo Perata, and his ever famous helper Mike Lauro. I can't tell you what the price of this outing will be because I have to ask our treasurer how much money I can spend. If anyone wants to taste this meal before Brannan Island, come to Antlers April 31, May 1,2, 3 for a great time, gourmet food, and 4 days of TRAINING, and Fellowship.

We are still trying to have a meeting with the Gold side on our Memorial, and I will keep you posted as to the outcome.

The PCA Fair is the 21st and 22nd of this month, and we are doing well filling our class rooms. If you don't have a class to attend, drop in to Gordon Robbins Class on "Defensive Driving" called "DIP" which stands for Driving Improvement Program, on Saturday afternoon, you can get a senior discount if you're old enough with your insurance company. This class is sponsored by AAA, and it is very well run and very interesting. Black Water and USCG were Gordon's instructors in Norfolk VA. Gordon is a retired CHP helo pilot, and a great instructor, hope to see all of you there.

There will be coffee, tea, fruit, and other gourmet foods Saturday and Sunday starting at 0600 till 1200 when you register for your classes.