

MINUTES
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
20 March 2009
Rohnert Park CA

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Firehock, DSO-LP. DCO Williams called for a moment of silence for the four California policemen killed in the line of duty, whose funeral is today. DCO Williams introduced the following special guests:

CAPT Mark Rizzo, CHDIRAUX
Harry Jacobs, COS, D11S, and his wife, Victoria
Bert Blanchette, DCAPT, D11S
Ray Tsuneyoshi, Director, CA State Boating and Waterways
LTJG John Tschudy, Group SF Auxiliary Liaison
ENS Brown, Incoming Group SF Auxiliary Liaison

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 17 January 2009 minutes.

Motion: Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 moved and Charlie Duncan, P-PCA seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Williams called for approval of the 25 February 2009 minutes.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO REPORT

DCO Williams reported on the items discussed during the 20 February EXCOM meeting in San Diego CA.

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, ARCO-P

COMO Connell stated that we are waiting for the CG Modernization package. When it is implemented, we will look a lot different. At that time we will be aligning more closely with the Coast Guard. We will begin to see the changes later this year. COMO Connell stated that the current economic conditions have placed our country in a “perfect storm” situation for volunteerism. He expressed thanks for all who are volunteering.

COMMENTS – CAPT Mark Rizzo, Chief Director of Auxiliary

CAPT Rizzo stated that he currently wears two hats – RBS as well as Auxiliary Boating Director. CAPT Rizzo reported on the following:

- Sea Cadet Program – This program was started in 1982. The Coast Guard has entered into an MOU with the Navy League to revive this program. Our focus will be on-the-water training only, and they want to use the Auxiliary to help the Navy League in providing this OTW training. This MOU is only with the Sea Cadets, so we cannot engage in the same activity with any other groups. Also, it is only for OTW training service.
- TWIC Cards Program – The DOD is working on a way to get these cards for some Auxiliarists who need the cards for their work with the Coast Guard. They are going to do a test with D1, D8W and D14 using a “volunteer card,” to see how it works. If it does, they will be able to issue TWIC cards for all Auxiliarists who need them. Until then, the current password sign-on will still be used.
- CAPT Rizzo described a situation in D13 which could have resulted in the need to salvage an Auxiliary vessel that was under orders. The vessel was saved and didn’t need the services, but it raised the question as to whether or not the Coast Guard could fund salvage services for an Auxiliary vessel under orders, if needed. The answer from Legal was that an Auxiliary vessel is a Coast Guard vessel, so they are covered. There is still some conversation among groups as to who will provide the funds. National will figure out a way to do it. It will be funded.
- Some questions have been raised concerning Civil Air Patrol flying for the Coast Guard. This is happening; however they will not be flying traditional Auxiliary missions. They will be flying for the DOD, on specific classified missions with specific gear, which Auxiliary aviation cannot do.
- ICS-210. We are at 90% in the Coast Guard. The deadline for completion of ICS-210 has been extended to 1 April 2010.
- The highest population of boaters is in D11’s AOR. CAPT Rizzo expressed appreciation for everything being done to assist the boating public.
- Coast Guard Modernization – The major initiative will be to explore how the Coast Guard Auxiliary can better support the Coast Guard – not only in RBS and OPS, but in all other areas. There will be a lot of areas where the Auxiliary can offer support.

DCO Williams, assisted by CAPT Rizzo swore in the following district staff officers:

Nick Tarlson, ADSO-CS
 Rex Miner, ADSO-CS
 Phil Grove, DSO-PV
 Denis Eaton, District Media Specialist
 Larry Draper, ADSO-IS
 Neil Nevesny, CRC
 Phil Sanchez, District Event Planner

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Kirkwood highlighted the division’s upcoming dockwalkers event and OPTREX.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). LaChapelle highlighted the division OPTREX being held the end of April at Lake Shasta. The dockwalkers program begins April 16, with 10 people scheduled to start. Their telephone tree exercise went off well.

Jerry McAlwee, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). Nothing further to report.

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). VanCleave reported that their division OPTREX is 2 May at CG STN Vallejo. OTW patrols are going full speed, and they are supporting STNs Rio Vista, Vallejo and Bodega Bay.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division was honored to host, with STN Monterey, ADM Thad Allen, with CAPT Gugg and CDR Davidson, yesterday. ADM Allen discussed the fact that there are changes coming and budgetary issues. However, he said they will no longer “do more with less.” The new motto will be “do your best with what you have.” The ADM has a face book account and blog.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division continues to work with Utah State Park Rangers. On April 8-9 we will provide Navigation and SAR training. This training program is headed by Lou Carroll. The division has received a list from Utah State of special events they want assistance with.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – The planned mail-out resulted in mailing 1100 letters, and was completed earlier this week. They have had 15 calls so far, but expect more since the mailing has only been out about 2 days. Flotillas 87 and 88 had their annual corned beef and cabbage feed. They served 54 Coast Guard people. Training classes are going well. Crescent City is working with the local sheriff's department. Mendocino has an Auxiliarist who has qualified as a Coast Guard crewmember. The Humboldt Air Station refueling assistance program is ongoing. The BLM has asked the Auxiliary to participate by patrolling on ATV's. Lake County members are working with lake management in lake shore cleanup.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division hosted a PA booth and VSC station with Pro Bass Shop. They were situated next to life jackets and were able to assist visitors by showing them how to properly fit life jackets. They have been invited back to help train the store's employees on how to fit life jackets.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). Division 11 is actually on the water. To date, they have more hours OTW than any other division. The Coast Guard loaned the division 20 MSD900 suits. 22 members became qualified in the dry suits. STN Tahoe is not able to launch their boat because of low water. They need training, so these division members have worked with the Coast Guard to do training of their CG personnel. The tribal people at Lake Pyramid are doing more fishing derbies, so we have been doing more patrols. We are putting pictures and blogs on our web pages.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). During the recent disaster drill Haynes used an e-mail notification first; then followed up with phone calls. He discovered that many members had already read the e-mail, so it streamlined the telephone notifications.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). Duncan reported that there are new personnel at Coast Guard Island, so they are beginning contact with them to see if we can get a new location and plan for the Auxiliary memorial.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). Contingency Response Plan – Farnholtz is working on a template for member information which can be used. He will be asking for input from DCDRs on their members. The Gold Side uses the AuxPal system. We

would like to do quarterly drills and communications exercises. We would also like to try some tabletop exercises. Farnholtz has prepared a draft of a disciplinary guideline plan to assist FC's and DCDR's to take care of the flow of information for disciplinary action. He had assistance from Robert Firehock and Robert Liu, district legal in putting together the guideline. It will be distributed following final approval.

Robert Hendry, DCAP-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). NSBW is May 16-22. All DCDR's have appointed a contact. This should be a good year. The divisions have also provided a contact for America's Waterways Watch program. Tomorrow will be the kick off for AWW. Stop by the MS activity workshop.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-SPT – April is Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Month. Collins is the 2009 campaign head for D11N. ADM Allen has chosen "Looking After Our Own" for this year's theme. This is non-profit charitable, and works from contributions and its own assets. There are no government funds. When you get your packet in the mail, anything would be appreciated – suggest \$3 per Auxiliarist. Collins passed a hat among attendees. At the close of the meeting, Collins reported that \$282.00 was donated.

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata created a "What We Do in the Auxiliary" manual last year. The manual is designed to be updating as needed. New FC's will get a copy of the manual during their training on Sunday. Perata called attention to the life jacket display, which has information on how they work and who can wear what. Size life jackets for kids by weight. We will be getting more displays from the CDR Chareonsuphiphat and Paul Newman, RBS Specialist, so they can be displayed throughout the district.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – During NSBW there will be an article about the Auxiliary in the *Yachtsman* magazine. CDR Chareonsuphiphat expressed thanks to the DIRAUX staff for the work they are doing. Thanks to Roger Haynes for helping with museum at the lighthouse on Admiral's residence. CDR Chareonsuphiphat expressed his pride in the accomplishments of the district. "D11 is #1 twice."

Angelo Perata, COS directed the DCAPT's to call for their staff reports as follows:

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT – Response called for the following staff reports:

Randy Parent, DFSO – For the last month the squadron has been on a safety stand-down. The air station is preparing a survey for us, which we will complete when we get it. Aviation safety meeting is tomorrow morning at 1000

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). The Coast Guard Sector SF communications station has been loaned to us for the D-Train program, including medical staff. It is set up in the parking lot. Come out and see the station.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). SAR plaques were distributed to the DCDR's. After this week-end we will be 97% completed with ICS-210.

Steve Salmon, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). Salmon expressed thanks to members who participated in the disaster drill. We had 6 vessels ready to go in 32 minutes and 10 mobile facilities in 18 minutes. There were various responses on wellness contacts. The drill did turn up some problems, in some divisions more than others, but the purpose of the drill was to discover where the problems are. 26 volunteers are participating in the "loose a ton" campaign.

Robert Hendry, DCAPT – RBS and Readiness called for the following staff reports:

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). The MS program will be a general presentation at 0900 by Greg Kester, National Department Chief. Ferry vessel training will be by Abigail Wagg, and in the afternoon there will be an MS observation program. April 11 and 16 will be Dockwalker training.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). The NS program covers federal and private PATONS, bridges and small craft facilities. The program has changed a lot. Duncan will have the updates in tomorrow's presentation. Diana Moore, ADSO-NS will handle the NS portion of the web site.

George Prows, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). The PE presentation will review current PE programs, which will include short classes. Nothing is planned for the radar course. There has been a downturn in hours and number of graduates, probably due to the economic environment. Thanks to the divisions and flotillas who are working to find new sources for their classes.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file (Attachment C). There will be a PV workshop tomorrow.

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). The VE workshop will be in the morning and afternoon.

Rod Collins, DCAPT – Support called for the following staff reports:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). Wetzel will be set up and showing the new web site all day tomorrow. She invites comments and feedback. If there are any questions on e-mail system, contact Morris Farmer, ADSO-CS.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – There is nothing new for the general membership for AUXDATA. The new url for AUXINFO is "https" to get in. Two IS workshops are scheduled.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). The district store is open, and we are accepting credit cards. Come and shop.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – COMO Maddox recently attended a class on vessel stability and pre-surface effects. The NavRules visual basic program for Mac users is now on the web.

Rod Collins for George Knies, DSO-PB – Publication date for the *Northwind* will be 8 April in order to get D-Train info in it.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – So far this year we're up 43 people. The national web site has been down for -1-1/2 months, so we have not had any leads from them at all. D-Train is a time for training. There will be a class for uniform maintenance.

Perata called for the following staff reports:

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – There will be a finance/legal workshop tomorrow. A financial statement will be prepared next month.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Firehock will be doing a finance/legal workshop tomorrow. It will focus on fundraising and audits. Because of the confidentiality of his work, Firehock will not be submitting written reports for file.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – All minutes have been approved. Nothing further to report.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Happy to report, there is nothing to report.

Mark Mushet, DA – Absent.

Phil Sanchez, EP – This D-Train has record numbers in attendance – over 300 people have registered. Sanchez reported on various “housekeeping” items related to the D-Train conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar – DCO Williams reminded the board that there will not be a May board meeting at Coast Guard Island. The next meeting at Coast Guard Island will be on 18 July.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCO Williams called on Nick Tarlson to read the following awards:

DCO Williams, assisted by CAPT Rizzo presented the following:

- Meritorious Team Commendation Medal – Rich Thomas (and other team members) for work in the Personnel Services program.
- Meritorious Team Commendation Medal – International Nautical Terms Dictionary Team to George Barantseff (and other team members).
- Auxiliary Commendation Medal to Irene Wetzel for her work as Civil Rights Counselor.
- Commandant’s Letter of Commendation to Linda Haynes, for her work as hospitality coordinator for D11N.

DCO Williams, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphiphat and LTGJ Tschudy presented:

- Meritorious Team Commendation Medal – D-Train conference at Modesto, CA (2007-2008) to Bill Sharp and Monica Eaton (and other team members).
- Meritorious Team Commendation Award – 2008 Dockwalkers Team to Charlie Duncan (and other team members).
- Meritorious Team - Aux Maritime Transportation Exercise Team to Jim Duncan, Wayne Farnholtz, Anita Farnholtz, Roger Haynes, Steve Salmon, Abigail Wagg, Neil Nevesny and Gail Ramsey.

The following award was read by CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO:

DCO Williams, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphiphat presented:

Aids Verifier – 2005-2008 to Nick Tarlson

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1630.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephonic meeting on Wednesday, 15 April at 1900 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 27 March 2009

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/ARCO-P
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT – Res
Robert Hendry, DCAPT – RBS and Res
Rod Collins, DCAPT – SUP
CDR Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
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

DISTRICT STAFF:

Jeff Price, DSO-CM
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS
Randy Parent, DFSO
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP
Dave Talton, DSO-MA
Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
James Duncan, DSO-NS
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

George Prows, DSO-PA
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Phillip Grove, DSO-PV
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Morris Farmer, D-AA
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Steve Salmon, ASC
Phil Sanchez, DEP
Denis Eaton, CTO

GUESTS:

Harry Jacobs, COS, D11S
Victoria Jacobs, DSO-PE, D11S
Bert Blanchette, DCAPT, D11S
Ray Tsuneyoshi, Director, CA State Boating
Curtis Han, DVCDR-5
Larry Draper
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Tony Budlong, FC/ADSO-CS
Steven Johnson, ADSO-MA
Skip Eckel, VFC
Johannes Pattiradjawane, FC
Bob Peterson, ADSO-OP
George Barantseff, FSO-DA
John Boyne, IPDCDR-11
Laurie Kerr, FSO-MA, 12-91

Rex Miner, VFC-78/ADSO-CS
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, 07-08
Harry McBain, ADSO-PA/P
Judy Esteban, PDCDR-4
Chris Doutre, SO-CM-6
Peter Kyryl, SO-MS-6
Dyane Mohr, ADSO-CS
Ralph Neal, SO-PA-6

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 27 March 2009

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- 1 Two Flotillas have BS&S classes underway, GPS class also underway
- 2 Member training courses planned
- 3 Continue planning for our Division OPTREX – May 2 & 3
- 4 Dockwalking class scheduled for April 11
- 5 Creating a Division “Honor Guard”
- 6 Preparing for participation in “Opening Day on the Bay”
- 7 Will be participating in another radiation detection exercise - date TBA
- 8 Developing “New Member Check In” form
- 9 Division Standing Rules approved

DETAILS

- 1 Flotillas 14 and 17 have BS&S classes underway, Flotilla 17 also has GPS for Mariners underway
- 2 AUXPAT class scheduled to begin April 21. Boat Crew training underway. AUX SC&E scheduled for June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21
- 3 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.
- 4 Accepting volunteers for a Division “Honor Guard” for special events. Will hold marching practices, as well as review of protocol.
- 5 Planning activities for Opening Day of Yacht Season. Linda Vetter will be the Patrol Area Coordinator.
- 6 “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 tracks their progress over time.
- 7 Approved an updated version of the Division Standing Rules which includes new officer titles

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- 1 Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1 Dockwalkers class April 11 @ Loch Lomond Yacht Club
- 2 AUXPAT starts April 21 @ Loch Lomond Yacht Club

- 3 OPTREX May 2 & 3@ Berkeley Marina Bay
- 4 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.
- 5 Participate in the Novato 4th of July parade- July 4
- 6 Division 1 Baseball Day at the Giants- August 2

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- 7 Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II
- 8 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.
- 9 Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses
- 10 Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliarists

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

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

DETAILS

1. PA- Sacramento Boat Show, 12-15 March, went off well with several people requesting the BS&S Class We also picked up some local member candidates. FI-39 Redding, has a BS&S Class beginning with 6 students and well as a Crew-Coxswain Class.
2. Leadership Training "Get Motivated" business seminar Wednesday, March 25, 2009 was attended by 6 members.
3. We presented a 5 hour COXSWAIN-BOATCREW-MENTOR Training Class with 26 members attending. The Class concluded with the 1hrs District 11 2009 OPs Wk Shop and 2009 TCT Class.
4. FL-33 is presenting AUXNAV class which started 14 MAR.
5. 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.
6. NSBW is growing, we have invited 5 LE Department, and 3 Fire Department Marine units for the opening day. They will have their patrol boats on displays along side a 25' Safe Boat from Station Rio Vista and 2 Division Facilities.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Flotilla 31 is still working very closely with Air Station Sacramento and Sector SF even though the have stood down for a while.
2. We have Comm. Watch Standers routinely assisting Station R/V.

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 well into 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.
 - 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

1. Port of Redwood City Marine Area Disaster Drills
2. District Emergency Call Out Drill
3. Sequoia Yacht Club Partner – Redwood City
4. South Bay Opening Day (SBOD) – April 4
5. AUF – Training Support to USCG Air Station SF
6. Training and Liaison with AUXAIR
7. NSBW Events Scheduled
8. OPSEC & COMSEC Reviews – Encrypted Data Handling
9. SCC Parks – VSC Protocol to work with Invasive Species Inspectors
10. Marine Safety Symposium – Cal Boating/Dockwalkers
11. Flotilla Websites - Moving to District Server
12. Science Fair Awards
13. PE Programs

DETAILS

1. Div4 will augment the Port of Redwood city marine area disaster drill on 31 MAR with at least one on-water facility. This is in conjunction with a Port facility and a Police facility from Redwood City.
2. Participation in the District Emergency Call Out Drill made use of the Call Tree charts produced by each Flotilla last year. Lessons learned include need to establish periodic schedules for updating these trees as well as providing an instruction set on the back of the Call Tree form. 70% of the membership was contacted within 30min for an average of 30 sec/member once the DCDR was notified by the ASC. The remaining 30% required over 2 hours and was isolated to one Flotilla. Problems are easily corrected.
3. SYC hosted the March Div4 Meeting on 25 MAR. Attendance was unusually high on account of Administrative Issues. Requests and procedural protocol reviews with the Chain-of-Leadership have been productive and are in process.
4. SBOD activities are scheduled and have been planned using ICS-201 Form as part of Division ICS Training Exercise. Activities will include Safety Patrol and participation in Regatta, AUXCOM Land Mobile Radio Guard, PA Trailer in SYC parking Lot and

- PA/VSC Booth at Launch Ramp.
5. Two Division members attended the AUF program brief at CGI. Several coxswains and Crews are prepared to support training requirement and working with District OPS on scheduling protocol.
 6. Several Division members are continuing to attend Air Squadron Dinners and support ADSO-OP projects for integrating Air and Surface assets in a modernization development for SAR and AWW objectives. Next meeting is 31 MAR.
 7. NSBW in Div4 will include West Marine VSC Events in San Carlos, Redwood City, and SCC Lakes in addition to news print, radio, and press release efforts in the South Bay area. Committee participants from Flotillas are working best practice Span-of-Control coordination with Division NSBW Chair.
 8. Consultation with District Legal et al has been initiated to better understand OPSEC and COMSEC policies on various Auxiliary documents including reports, memos, minutes, etc., the DCDR has supplied all Division FC's and appointed SO Staff with encrypted flash drives for storage and maintenance of Aux documents. This affords improved transportability as well as security. Flash Drives provided are 100% waterproof.
 9. SO-VE has held meeting with SCC Parks to determine protocol for VSC inspection at Lake Launch ramp facilities including Anderson, Coyote, and Calero. This includes identification of inspection areas, updates on Invasive Specie Inspection Process so Auxiliary does not interfere, and VSC schedules to improve awareness and increase inspections for boaters.
 10. 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 soon be released along with locale and we again request input from area Divisions and partners for interest in attending and what desired objectives for MS education are best.
 11. Most Flotilla websites have maxed out national server and have planned to migrate to District Server.
 12. For the third year, Div4 supplied judges to the regional Synopsis Science and Technology Fair held in downtown San Jose. Five students will be receiving awards and presentation will be at Great America on the afternoon of March 29. One Academy candidate was identified with referral to USCGA Admissions.
 13. PE Programs are continuing to create new course schedules and these will soon be printed and distributed to Division PE/PA/VE/PV officers.

AGENCY INTERACTION SUMMARY

Red Cross – Silicon Valley Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Committee – PA project to have a Coast Guard Member participate in the SF Giants Combined Service Color Guard. Liaison with AUXLO via ASC has been made for April 7 and May 25th games @ 1300.

Navy Reserve, Force Protection – San Francisco. Looking forward to planning area FAMS.

Santa Clara County Parks – working agenda and planning for joint emergency drill.

Port of Redwood City – SBOD Patrols have been planned and VE/PA activities will support

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.

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

1. On-the-water support of CG Stations well underway
2. AUXOP classes continue
3. Public Education Classes at Travis AFB
4. RBS Missions getting special attention
5. Memorial Day Ceremony planned
6. Public Affairs Events
7. OPTREX planned for 2 May 2009 – Coast Guard Station Vallejo

DETAILS

1. On-the-water support of CG Station Bodega Bay, CG Station Vallejo, and CG Station Rio Vista is well underway. The division has logged almost 300 hours so far this year. Support for Station Bodega Bay alone has totaled more than 200 hours. In addition, patrols in support of CG Cutter Sockeye are scheduled.
2. AUXNAV class was completed in February. Other AUXOP classes are being planned.
3. Flotilla 52 conducted an ABS class at Travis AFB with 15 students attending. Most were active duty personnel. Flotilla 51 will conduct an ABS class there in April.
4. The RBS Mission area is off to a good start this year. The Division has performed 246 Program Visits, 116 Vessel Safety Checks, and has logged over 200 hours in Public Education. All five flotillas have Public Education offerings in March and April.
5. Flotilla 55 is participating, along with CG Station Bodega Bay, in a Memorial Day ceremony at the Pt. Reyes Cemetery.
6. Flotilla 57 members, Kinsey and Becker made a presentation on Basic Water Safety to employees at the San Pablo Dam Reservoir. They will maintain in contact for future public education events and/or vessel exams. Blackburn and Becker went to Children's Hospital Oakland and demonstrated the Coastie toy to the children. Active duty public affairs personnel were present.
7. Division 5 OPTREX is planned for 2 MAY 2009 at Coast Guard Station Vallejo. As in previous years, Station personnel will be leading shore-side and on-the-water training assisted by experienced Auxiliary members. There will be no QEs present, so no initial or re-qualification check-rides will be given. It is an opportunity for some quality time with the Gold Side. A BBQ cook-out is also planned for participants and Station personnel compliments of Division 5.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Thanks to some hard work by DVCDR Curtis Han, Auxiliary members should now be able to gain access to Travis Air Force Base for authorized activities using the DHS CG Auxiliary ID card.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Bodega Bay Fishermen's Festival, April 4&5.- Flotilla 55 will have four facilities in the water for this event.

Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay Open House, May 23 – All are welcome.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The March 10th meeting of Flotilla 6-4 had as a guest speaker Mark Strobin, Lead Forecaster NOAA who is based at the National Weather Service office in Monterey. Also in attendance were LT Kahle CO Station Monterey and AUXLO BM1 Strickland. An excellent presentation on marine forecasting was given. Of particular interest for the Coast Guard members in attendance was the new grid forecasting system. The marine area is divided into 2 kilometer square grids with a forecast given hourly for each grid. This would allow a coxswain, when creating his DR plot, to have a forecast for the weather to be expected at each waypoint. This would be of tremendous advantage for Station Monterey in planning a SAR mission to, for example, Pt. Sur. The coxswain would know what to expect as far as weather and seas for his journey down, on scene and for the return. The Coast Guard expressed a great desire in utilizing this program and the auxiliary felt that it had done a great service in making it available to them.

DETAILS

1. From January to March of this year Flotilla 6-4 has entered 11 prospective members into the new member process
2. Division 6 participated in the District Disaster Call Out and even though many members were on the road to a Division Meeting in Morro Bay of 110 members 58 were successfully contacted.
3. The March 7 Division Meeting in Morro Bay had an excellent turn out and Flotilla 6-1 did their usual excellent job as host.
4. Chris Doutre, SO-CM has been doing the Division 6 AuxNet for 6 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 expressed interest in participating.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. 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. .
2. Flotilla 6-4 has had the privilege of Coast Guard Station Monterey CO Lt Kahle attending each flotilla meeting.
3. Flotilla 6-1 is continuing their second Saturday of the month training with Station Morro Bay.
4. 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 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
- * Held a joint ABC class at DNR bldg. Eight students
- * Div Board & Staff meeting to be held 17 March at DNR bldg

Flotilla Reports

- 7 2 * Members requiring 5 year TCT attended class on 14th Feb
* Two new potential members attended meeting
* TCT refresher to be taught Mar.9th by Dick Hoelle
* Discussion- NSBW, Mentors, OPTREXs, Membership
- 7 3 * Reviewed why 5 year TCT was not entered last year putting all ops members in REYR
* Discussed why all SARs at Flaming Gorge were not entered
- 7 6 * 7 6 Served at the boat show on the 5th of Feb. from 1400 to 2200
* Jim Zocchi Crossed Over the Bar 10 Feb. 39 years w/ the AUX. Activity in RBS, PV, Instructor for Utah's PWC program & VE. Received many div awards for 08 including AUX of the Year that was presented to Jims wife at his Memorial Service by the VFW and US Air Force
- 7 8 * Seven members served at Boat Show
* TCT & Sexual Harassment taught at flotilla meeting 3 Mar.
* NAV class still on going w/10 students from 7 3 & 7 8
* Ham Radio still on going 4 students

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10

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

- 1 NSBW plans
- 2 Report on disaster drill
- 3 Board Meeting changes possible
- 4 ICS-210 class

DETAILS

- 1 FC's were making plans in their areas and will report to Rod Rollins VCDR

- 2 Results that Steve Salmon sent from the Disaster Drill were given and the Division totals
- 3 Due to decreased attendance, we are looking at changing the meetings to better accommodate the members. Ideas were exchanged, and a possible plan presented.
- 4 A 210 class was taught in Visalia

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- 1 Training with Station Rio Vista has been ongoing. There is a member training to be a radio watch stander.
- 2 Flotilla 10-05 has been working with the Fresno Water Safety Council and has received coloring books for children with the Auxiliary logo included.
- 3 Flotilla 10-06 is working with the State Parks and Recreation to establish a patrol schedule and needs. They are working on a coop calling tree.
- 4 Flotilla 10-03 had a CPR and First Aid class taught through the Red Cross and The American Heart Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1 VSC and Safety booth at the Pro Bass Shop in Manteca.
- 2 OPTREX at Kaweah lake April 17-18
- 3 All Flotillas's are planning PE classes and putting out schedules for them.

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. Consider changing future Division Meetings to accommodate this.
3. NSBW – Make plans in local areas to get the safety message out to the public.

DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Summary of Winter Operations
2. Snowfest Parade
3. Cabela's Outdoor Sports Show
4. Power Sports Show
5. Member Training
6. Division Website Blog
7. Walt Genest's Memorial Tree Planting
8. Training with Station Lake Tahoe
9. TCT Class for Station Lake Tahoe
10. Station Lake Tahoe Pyro Shoot
11. Watch Standing Classes
12. First Annual Arctic Paddleboard Race
13. Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby

DETAILS

1. No one is more surprised than us that we are ahead of all Divisions in the District for Marine Patrol hours. We have conducted 8 regatta patrols and 6 Coast Guard training patrols since the beginning of the year for a total of 433.50 patrol hours. Upon replacing MSD900 dry suits with Kokatats the Coast Guard loaned over twenty MSD900 dry suits to the Auxiliary. Twenty operational members have been trained in MSD900 dry suits. With Lake Tahoe's lake level so low that the Safe Boat had to be moved from the hoist to a nearby marina and the remaining Safe

Boat on a trailer the Coast Guard is short a second boat for two boat training. The Auxiliary facilities from Reno and Carson City have been available to fill that gap. Members from three of the four flotillas are manning patrols. We have helped to train several new Coast Guard coxswains and boat crew for the upcoming busy summer season.

2. Station Tahoe and Flotilla 11-01 North Lake Tahoe participated in the Tahoe City Snowfest parade held on February 28. We had our largest turnout of Auxiliarists and Coast Guard participants ever. Senior Chief Daniel Bennett was the driver of the tow vehicle of the Coast Guard Safe Boat. Senior Bennett's wife Angie and two daughters, Stephanie and Holly, rode in the Safe Boat along with BM3 Madison Gallentine, BM2 James Macri, retired Auxiliarist Robyn Genest and the Station mascot dog, Lady Bird. Eight members from Flotilla 11-01 handed out boating safety materials along the parade route. This is a real "home town" event where the Coast Guard is recognized by the community
3. Flotilla 11-03 hosted a booth at the Cabela's Spring Outdoors Sports Show in Reno on March 7-8. Cabela's was very supportive of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary, placing the booth directly in front of the store and providing a banner advertising courtesy vessel safety checks. Little Toot (our information booth boat) and the Melroy (the flotilla's unit owned facility) were displayed in the booth.
4. Flotilla 11-03 will be hosting a booth at the Power Sports Show on April 4-5 to be held at the Reno Convention center. This show features all powered sports vehicles such as powerboats, jet skis, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.
5. Member training classes planned for April and May are AUXSC&E, AUXNAV and a Boat Crew Academy.
6. Division 11's Website Blog has started to really take off. Two of our flotilla newsletters are being posted monthly. Stories and photos of flotilla activities are being posted on the Photo Blog page. Our Division Calendar is now posted on the Commander's Blog page. See www.sierracgaux.org. The Snowfest Parade is our featured article this month.
7. Division 11 traditionally plants a tree facing the lake at Station Lake Tahoe for members who have "passed over the bar". We will be having a tree planting ceremony on April 25 for Flotilla 11-01 member Walt Genest on April 25. Auxiliary, Coast Guard and family members will attend.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. We continue to train at the request of Station Lake Tahoe; averaging once a week. It looks like this pace will continue until their RFO (Ready for Operations) inspection coming up in early May.
2. At the request of Station Lake Tahoe we will be conducting a TCT Class in April for several new Coast Guard recruits. Auxiliary members will also attend.
3. Station Lake Tahoe has invited the Auxiliary to join the Coast Guard in Pyro Training in April.
4. The Watch Standing "Train the Trainer" Workshop began at Station Tahoe on March 9. Auxiliary Liaison BM2 Adam Season conducted a full day of training for four Flotilla 11-01 members. We have 3 additional members who will be trained in the second group. Our next training day is April 22.
5. On March 7 our Watch Standing AOR Patrol took a detour to help the Coast Guard with the First Annual Arctic Paddleboard Race held in Kings Beach, CA. Thirty paddleboarders braved the 37 degree water and 35 degree air temperatures to race around a buoy placed 1000 yards into the lake. To see pictures of this beautiful "walking on water" race view the Photo Blog on our Sierra Division 11 website.
6. At the request of Station Lake Tahoe Auxiliary facilities will be conducting regatta patrols for the Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby on April 18-19 being held at Pyramid Lake, NV. 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

1. Power Sports Show, Reno Convention Center, April 4-5
2. Hook Line & Sinker/Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Derby, Pyramid Lake, April 18-19
3. Watch Standing "Train-the-Trainer" Workshop, April 22, Station Lake Tahoe
4. Walt Genest Memorial Tree Planting, April 25, Station Lake Tahoe

FUTURE PLANS

1. August 8 was selected for our Division Training and Picnic Day

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS

See below

DETAILS

- 1 Flotillas 12-2 and 12-21 are exploring merger possibilities. Flotillas 12-5 and 1291 are not seeking mergers and Flotilla 3 has not indicated one way or the other.
- 2 Division OPEX scheduled for June 6-7 but not reported on District OPS site yet. There are about a dozen members needing to requal plus new trainees this year. 12-91 had one new crewman and four requals meet with QEs this month.
- 3 Three flotillas report pipelines with 2 to 4 potential members each
- 4 Flotilla 12-91 participated in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade with a Gold SAFE boat and one Auxiliary boat. Coloring books, whistles, and Fed Regs were distributed along the parade route by energetic Auxiliarists on foot.
- 5 Flotilla 12-21 Operations completed a successful land and sea operation, including members from other flotillas, and added a 48' facility to their fleet. Their RBS team held a VSC day for new VE qualifications and PA outreach.
- 6 PE classes were held for BS&S and Weekend Navigator, graduating some 18 students. A weekend long youth class graduated 15 navel cadets.
- 7 The Disaster Drill of March 7th was a wakeup call for most flotillas. Most reviewed and updated their plans. One Flotilla was a disaster since in nine calls I was not able to contact a member who could reach its other members. An 'at-aboy to the member driving near Tahoe who tried to step up but was without a phone list. Since I keep a draft disaster message ready at all times in my email drafts folder, I completed and sent it to the FCs before beginning to call them. One flotilla had already received that message and was acting upon it by the time I called. Others were able to quickly bring up the written message, shortening my voice call. Lesson learned however is I should send to more than the FCs since some were not available and their backups then did not have the email to refer to. Next time I will send to all members in the division unless district has already done so. This will give all the members written confirmation.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1 OPEX schedule May 2nd practice and June 6-7 QE meeting.
- 2 Chili cook-off and VE station at Emeryville May 16

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
 - 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 flotilla 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
- 4 Member development including staff training their replacement.
- 5 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

PCA Fair: It was very successful thanks to Gail Ramsey, Fran Fisher, all the instructors, helpers, store personnel, for doing such a great job. I would personally like to thank Gordon Robbins, Carl Pierce, and Lonnie Singer for getting up at 0430 to get everything ready, especially the coffee, and arranging all of the food that was presented to all 240 Auxiliarists that attended our February PCA Fair.

Memorial: Nothing yet as to location on CG Island, or type of memorial. Suggestions as to type of Memorial have been made, but nothing definite as to material, have been made. Fran Fisher and Gail have an appointment with the Gold side and as soon as something happens I will let everyone know so work can be started.

Standing Rules: Today is the voting day for Standing Rules, the ONLY change is Captain is now Commander. So it will still be called PCA, but called Past Commanders Association.

Poker Run: There is a new Ranger at Brannan Island named Paul Pagan, who now wants to charge us a \$35.00 fee for use of two parking spots, a \$100.00 deposit for garbage in these two parking spots, proof of insurance for this event. I am leaving the insurance to our attorney, and I am writing Gary Lyons head of Brannan Island State Park, about the fee, and deposit. All OPTREX's do not have to pay fees, or deposits, so why should we.

The PCA is looking for help putting on the PCA Fair for August, if you can call Gail Ramsey and donate a little time, I would appreciate this. I know Gail can always use help now that boating season is upon us, and she has a lot of QE's to look after.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Discipline Document
- 2 Flotilla Response Planning Templates
- 3 Draft Response Organizational Chart
- 4 Draft Contingency Response Plan Outline
- 5 Contacts with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM Table-Top Exercise
- 6 Planning meeting with CG AUXLO
- 7 AUF Exercise familiarization with CG

DETAILS

- 1 Finalized draft of disciplinary procedures guidelines applicable for flotilla commanders to follow when discipline of a member needs to be addressed. Input contributed by Robert Hendry, DCAPT, Robert Firehock, DSO-LP and Robert Liu, ADSO-LP (The 3 Rs).
- 2 Flotilla Response Planning Templates finalized for distribution at District Meeting
- 3 Completed Response Organizational Chart with approval of DCO.
- 4 Completed D11NR 2009 Contingency Response Plan Outline draft for presentation to EXCOM. Committee members included COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP, Bill Kinsey and Michael Marseille
- 5 Had contact with DSOs of Operations, Aviation and Communications requesting preparation for tabletop exercise drill. Earthquake Greenville Fault, Delta.
- 6 Met with ASC Steve Salmon to review Auxiliary Sector Coordinator duties and responsibilities

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month other than AUXLO for AUF exercise in the Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

Plan to attend DTRAIN at Rohnert Park March 26-29

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

Follow up on Discipline Guidelines document and encourage its acceptance.
Continue eLearning opportunities for the District.
Attend as many Division meetings as practical.
Further investigate Response planning.
Visit CG Stations in the Bay area

Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Completed contact lists of Division NSBW and AWW coordinators and forwarded relevant NSBW correspondence.
2. Met with Sector SF AUXLO and ASC to finalize training plans for AWW and for Marine Safety – Observation Missions
3. Worked with DCDRs to resolve conflicts with COW dates.
4. Attended Division 8 meeting in Garberville, CA
5. Worked on the development of measurable goals for the District 2009 Plan

DETAILS

1. The completed contact lists were distributed to the ADSO-MS-AWW for use in contacting and training coordinators in best practices for AWW launch in line with requests from Sector San Francisco. Further, correspondence received from the California Department of Boating & Waterways was circulated and general direction provided for planning NSBW activities and final report which will be required at end of events.
2. Previewed the public presentation prepared for Divisional coordinators to make to external groups to promote the America Waterways Watch program. Sector SF has requested that we make at least two outreach presentations each month for this program. The ADSO-MS-AWW will coordinate. Also, a preview was made of the

internal presentation prepared for Divisional coordinators to give at Division and Flotilla meetings to generate interest in and involvement of all members.

In addition, a training program has been developed, and was previewed, for Auxiliaries assisting the CG in performing observation patrols of selected sites that have been identified as having potential to be used as insertion points for terrorist activity. After prescribed training, members, possessing BQ and at least one qualification, can volunteer to perform prescribed patrol routes on a regular basis. Neil Nevesny, ADSO-MS will be in charge of this program working with SO-MSs. The initial training will be given at DTrain to SO-MSs attending. Pocket orders, non-reimbursable, will be given by Sector for land patrols and observation missions may be performed as part of multi-mission sea, air and land mobile patrols. Reports will be gathered through the ADSO-MS each month.

3. While there were conflicts with District official availability and the COW dates of five divisions (and one additional potential), at this time there is only one conflict remaining and one potential which has not been scheduled yet.
4. Division 8 held their regularly scheduled meeting at a central point in their AOR – Garberville, CA. The meeting was well attended and business conducted professionally. Of interest was a featured book entitled “Point Cabrillo Light Station”, which was authored by a member of Division 8 (Bruce Rogerson), in commemoration of 100 years of service to the maritime communities on the North Coast of California.
5. To complete the Strategic Plan developed by EXCOM, DCAPTs were requested to work with respective DSOs to develop measurable goals for 2009. In my areas, this included AWW implementation, vessel exams, public education graduates, program visitations, public event contacts, fishing vessel exams, ferry and commercial vessels audits and PATONS and bridge surveys. To date, nearly half of goals are proposed with the remainder being completed by March 26. EXCOM will discuss these proposed goals at its D-Train meeting.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

NONE

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. D-Train at end of March – AWW seminar, MS-OM training and New Leadership Training.
2. 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

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 27 March 2009

Steve Salmon, ASC

Disaster Drill

On March 7, 2009, Sector San Francisco conducted a disaster drill involving Auxiliary members from throughout the District. The scenario was a severe earthquake, with both Station San Francisco and Station Golden Gate damaged, and the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges closed.

Sector made four requests of the Auxiliary:

- 1) That we account for all our members;
- 2) That we supply five vessels, four to provide transportation between Yerba Buena Island and Jack London Square, and one to provide transportation between Station Golden Gate and San Francisco;
- 3) That we supply four Auxiliarists to assist with logistics on Yerba Buena Island;
- 4) That we place all land-mobile units on standby to listen for any distress calls that the Coast Guard might not hear.

Within 18 minutes of the request, all available land-mobile units (plus three fixed land stations) were on standby. Within 32 minutes, six vessels (*Silver Charm, Lifesavers, Sunrise, Maverick, Willy Willy and Melody*) were available, with the additional Auxiliarists for assistance in logistics ready to board

In the meantime, in accordance with our Incident Response Plan, I called all Division Commanders, asking them to account for their members, giving first preference to the larger divisions (with more members to call) and those closest to the presumed area of the earthquake.

There were remarkably few problems and misunderstandings, given the scale of the exercise and the number of people involved. Except for two flotillas, all had reported by 1400 that afternoon (most by 1100). Over half the members were contacted directly (746 out of 1461). In 333 other cases, a message was left; in 109 cases, there was no answer; and in 28 cases, the number used was a wrong number. In one case, the member was in distress, 911 was called, and the member was immediately transported to the local emergency room.

Patrol Restrictions Lifted

Sector San Francisco has discontinued the requirement that vessel and land-mobile patrols be limited to weekends. The normal criteria (multi-purpose, and of benefit to the Coast Guard) will still apply, but the day of the week will not be a criterion.

Auxiliary Assistance to the Incident Management Division

Officers of the Incident Management Division have begun scheduling interviews with Auxiliaries who have volunteered to assist the Division, and who have completed the 8-hour hazardous materials first-responder course. Auxiliaries will be accompanying the active duty on landside patrols, and may be asked to assist with situation assessment in response to pollution incidents, providing "eyes on scene" for mystery sheens and reported spills. Auxiliaries will also be assisting with education and public outreach.

"Lose a Ton" Campaign

CAPT Gugg, Sector Commander, has challenged members of Sector San Francisco to "lose a ton" (collectively, that is) by June 1, 2009. Sector's divisions will be competing against each other, and CAPT Gugg has also invited the Auxiliary to participate. In response, 26 Auxiliaries (collectively weighing over 5,300 pounds) have volunteered. Who will win?? Good luck, everyone!

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

I attended NTRAIN in St. Louis and I am glad that I did. This NTRAIN provided me with some key information that the members of this District would certainly benefit from. One of the key items that was discussed was the TCO-PQS and the new procedures associated with getting new communicators up to speed on what is expected not only on a National level but also a District level. As advertised, all communicators that have passed the AUXCOM course prior to OIAUG08 have been "grandfathered" in and anyone who has taken the course after that date must take this PQS. The DVC-OT took the mentoring process to an incredible level by creating a CD that has ALL needed information and several references that will make the local mentoring process very easy. The Flotilla level Communications Officer will be the key person to the mentoring process. Once the new communicator has taken the PQS, the form that will be filled out will need to come directly to the DSO-CM for a final sign off. The DSO-CM will then submit the form to DIRAUX as a completed document. The members file will reflect the PQS being passed. There is also talk of a possible device that will be associated with this that is still under development. It should be noted that this PQS is not just for the new Communicator but also for any communicator that would like to have this qualification in their file. Please note that this PQS is just for those who move forward into the Communication program and not for those who just want to take the AUXCOM course in pursuit of their AUXOP device. The CD will be passed out at DTRAIN for ALL Flotilla and Division level Officers. The ADSO-CM has already received this CD. It is very important that this CD remain in the hands of the appointed officer and should be passed down if and when there is a new officer appointed. The CD will also be handed out to the DSO-MT and the DSO-OP.

On 07MAR09, there was a call out drill that came down through the ASC (Auxiliary Sector Coordinator) through the Sector AUXLO. This call out brought up some very serious issues that we in the Communications Department needed to address. As stated in the ASC report, it took approximately 16 minutes for the Auxiliary Watch Officer to get back with availability. This is actually a pretty good time frame. It was noted that we had several mobiles that were already available through the ARMS system and 3 fixed land stations that were not. If this were an actual emergency, the mobile would have been deployed based on the need of the Sector and the fixed land stations would have been stood up until their services were no longer needed. This system has been tested and the results were outstanding. One of the main issues that we needed to address with the ARMS system was the fact that we needed to add several

components that were not looked at in the past. So, the CMIIT team got together and put EVERYONE in the system. We placed ALL levels of the Auxiliaries Leadership and Management. ALL DCDR's and their VCDR's have been added with a drop link for each Division. The ARMS system has always been equipped with SMS texted style paging so ALL cell phones would receive a texted message indicating the emergency. All emails would do the same. Now, if the immediate Bay Area was effected by a catastrophe then there would be a location outside the area that would get the word out to all the other areas. There has been recent talk about another system that is making it through the Auxiliary, but it is missing one main thing and that is the local Auxiliary members that are educated with the immediate geographic. We plan on testing this out very soon but in the meantime, the ARMS system continues to be used by the Auxiliary Watch Officer at the request of the Sector Command Center. Prior to this call out, we utilized the ARMS availability list for a Saturday in January and the call was to have all listed to come up on the radio via the Districts repeater and check. All but one mobile answered the call and the rest were scattered all over northern California.

I would like to thank Chris Doure SO-CM from Division 6. Chris and I discussed the possibility of starting a brand new Division 6 radio net. Chris not only developed the net for his Division but is also net control. The communicators in Division 6 are currently using VHF CH83A every Monday night directly after the Bay Area radio net. I encourage any and all communicators in Division 6 to get involved with this net. The net has a dual meaning. The communicators can not only be kept advised of any emergency but also they can check their radios to make sure they work correctly.

The District Communications Department was tasked with providing the Communications for this year's DTRAIN. I wasn't exactly sure what we could provide when I was asked, but after I spoke with Phil Sanchez and Mike Williams I had a clear picture. I had a meeting with Captain Gugg, Commander Davidson (Sector Response) and LCDR Lusk from the Commander center and we discussed the possibility of having the Sector Communications trailer at our event. This trailer is completely self contained and will be proudly displayed in the Double Tree parking lot. The Sector has provided some quality radios for us to use and we will also have our own personal radios for dual communications. Inside the trailer are 6 radios, a printer, and we will have wireless internet. This trailer saved the DTRAIN committee a few hundred dollars so it was a very welcome addition. My many thanks have gone to the Sector Command for the usage and they may even send some off-duty OSI's to help if needed. Some of the Sector Watch Standers actually offered to come up on their own dime just to see how efficient this trailer will be in the event they ever need to deploy it. Thank you to Phil and Mike for the trust that this would be done.

Lastly, I would like to thank ALL the mobile communicators that have been deployed to various Search and Rescue cases through out the area of responsibility. Some of these cases have been very complicated and have had heavy media attention. All the communicators have conducted themselves in the best possible professional manner. Several agencies have contacted the Sector to express their many thanks for having an Auxiliary liaison there on scene.

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 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-CMIIT: Mr. Joe Love, The CMIIT 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-CMIIT: 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-CMICCIR: 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-CMIHF: Mr. Stu Langs has taken this position to assist the already established HIF communicators with new frequency allocations and any information that comes down through National.

ADSO-CMIHFIMT: Mr. Morris Farmer will be assisting with Member training with HIF. This is for those who would like to get started in the HIF 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 our SYSTEM.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

1. The District Best of Web (DBOW) will be awarded during DTRAIN to each, a flotilla and a division. Also a runner up certificate will be presented for each award.

2. Website 2010 now has a new version which has navigation from both the top menu bar and a side menu. Initial public surfing will be available shortly after DTRAIN with current pages linked. Visit our site during development > <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/index.html>

3. During DTRAIN, there will be an interactive demonstration of the district websites and a survey taken of the participants: browsers used, effective usage of the district website, and navigation styles preferred. Support will also be available for the flotilla and division webmasters.

4. We now have some comparison figures for our site usage as displayed on the following Webalizer Report. Notice the Daily Averages for "Pages" and "Visits. A steady usage increase with a spike month in January, when members are seeking new information.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg							Monthly Totals		
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Mar 2009	3549	2317	385	194	2888	1985782	4465	8864	53303	81648
Feb 2009	4266	2779	422	203	3789	3085495	5691	11826	77822	119464
Jan 2009	7198	4659	550	249	4305	9261978	7744	17071	144433	223151
2008										
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
Sep	5190	3326	305	145	2226	1742016	4377	9168	99780	155704

2008										
Aug 2008	3962	2655	307	141	2037	1843806	4383	9529	82334	122827
Jul 2008	3309	1984	300	148	2126	2311742	4596	9310	61529	102604
Jun 2008	2917	1692	262	131	1969	1348136	3947	7889	50772	87516
May 2008	3258	1878	274	137	2178	1309184	4276	8507	58243	101024
Apr 2008	3109	1759	264	138	2122	1577604	4163	7922	52797	93284
Mar 2008	3220	1752	308	140	1992	1121994	4349	9567	54321	99833
Feb 2008	3775	1976	325	140	1779	1126810	4065	9431	57306	109486
Totals						33188804	67440	141604	1063321	1726691

5. D11NR store has completed the development stage, thanks to Mart Gardner and his programming skills. The inventory is being stocked by the recent addition of Rex Miner to the district CS Team. With a credit card possibility, makes store usage in the foreseeable future. Visit the store; inventory items are being added: <http://shop.d11nuscgaux.info/>

6. There is healthy dialogue with national staff and CS officers across the nation to improve web services. The improvements on the national site are providing effective navigation and new data based information. Concerns in many districts reflect a need to have contact information for perspective members at the local level. Perhaps data based sites for units without websites and development of template sites for ease of placing information on the internet.

7. Our district takes pride in the wealth of information provided for our members by the local websites. Webmasters are busy at work and appreciated!

Division Reports

Division 3 Cal Faulkner

Flotilla 39 reported updated website and is awaiting software for more improvements. Flotilla 31 requested assistance and now has updated website. Minor additions and adjustments to follow. 31 was also moved to the new server and all links were updated on the Division site. Updated calendar for 3-10 and numerous updates and changes were requested and completed on that website. No information was submitted from the FSO-CS for Flotilla 33 and 35.

Division 4 - Ken Hinners (SO-CS 4)

No specific SO-CS activity this month
The DSO-CS reports a new capability on the district web site
Officers for various levels have been added
Go to eAuxillary – eDirectory at <http://d11nuscgaux.info/>
Select officers list desired (Provides names and Email addresses)
A link will be provided on the Division web site

Div 4 web sight updates still needed include:
Division Captain & Vice Captain pictures
Some pictures of Division activates may be desirable
Division 4 detail schedule of activities
The District Schedule has been referenced(with link)
Division Staff officers are expected to coordinate activities in their AOR
The Division 4 web site should reflect activities in the Division
Provide PA, PE, VE and MT schedules
Provide location and descriptions of events
Provide contact point information (ie: phone # ?)
Division activity information will be added when provided by Division Officers

Division 5 – Curtis Han (SO-CS5)

Flotilla 51: No report

Flotilla 52: Nothing new to report. Flotilla website was nominated for District's Flotilla Best of Web.

Flotilla 53: The new flotilla web site is up on the web.

Flotilla 55: Website is up and running. Doing regular maintenance. Always looking for Flotilla input (events, photos, items of interest, etc., etc.)

Flotilla 57: Updated the staff officer page, but I am missing a few photos.

I encourage all members to visit the site and look for errors, and more importantly improvements. I am looking for some backup support and will happily train any member that is interested in learning more about maintaining a website. This is an excellent member training opportunity in my humble opinion.

SO-CS Division 5 Report

Link to AUXINFO is changed to <https://www.auxinfo.uscg.gov/> If you have this link on your flotilla websites, please update this link. Flotillas 52, 53 and 55 are now on the new district web server.

Division 11 – Tom Komadina (SO-CS11)

We have deployed our blog with 4 sections. The first is news which includes newsletters from our flotillas. The second is photos where we hope to showcase our division, and its activities. The third is videos. We hope to eventually make this the highlight of our division. We plan to do a video next weekend while we are on patrol at Pyramid Lake. Our long term goals include doing videos of classes we present to the public, as well as other events that involve Auxiliarists. For example, we would like to video the Operations / TCT workshops and make them available on the web so members who may have missed them could see them. Who knows, maybe even eventually Flotilla meetings. Flotilla 3 now has a digital high def video camera, and Flotilla 1 has approved the purchase of one, and should be buying theirs shortly. The fourth blog is the Commander blog where Dee Dee Kincade will post info of importance to the Division. The blogs are all syndicated so that our members as well as members of the public, can subscribe to the feeds so that they receive notification when there is a new posting.

I am doing "blog" classes this month. I have met with Dee Dee Kincade and made a presentation at our Division planning meeting last Saturday. Our goal is to have all of the PA/PB officers from each flotilla post to the blogs. Dee Dee has already made her first post. I met with Dennis Harms from Flotilla 3 Monday night and helped him make his first post, the newsletter, Dock Lines from Flotilla 3. Next Wednesday, I will be meeting with Jack Leth and Dee Dee from Flotilla 1 to get them up to speed. The following week Jim Snell and Vic Beelik will come here to get them going. They all seem eager to start!

As you know, content is king so I hope this will be a good way for many members of the Division to post to the site. You may want to consider posting the hypothermia video from the

Coast Guard on the District site. It really is well done and appropriate for this time of year. The water temp at Lake Tahoe is 38 degrees! By the way, in regards to content, my hat is off to you! You have done a great job constantly adding valuable content. I also look under the hood (view source) of the District site to learn stuff and it reminded me I need to expand my meta data. Anyway, congratulations, the site looks great. Someday you will have to teach me how you have been able to get all of the disparate people posting to the District Web. I suspect it is because of your good "people skills" but you will have to coach me on the technical aspects too.

Division 12 - Anthony Dymond, SO-CS

Planned Activities

1. Accumulate important information received from email or websites. Report this information to the FSO-CS's, the newsletter officer, and to other members.
2. Support the FSO-CS's to improve design and technical aspects of their flotilla websites.

Recent Activities

1. An informational email was sent to the flotilla FSO-CS's: They were reminded about DTRAIN and provided links to Information and Reservations and to the Schedule of Events. Some news from the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator's report was provided.
2. The Division 12 AUXDATA "Qualifications and Status (Training Status Unit Report)" on the AUXINFO/AUXDATA page (<http://a11312.uscgaux.info/auxinfo.htm>) has been updated for the month of March. Everyone is encouraged to look at this to ensure his or her qualifications are still current.
3. AUXINFO changed some of their log-in code procedures. Some matching changes were required in the division AUXINFO/AUXDATA links. This has been completed and there should be no changes apparent to the users.

David Talton, DSO-MA

As reported via email earlier this month, the District Store is now able to accept credit cards for payment. We have been processing a number of credit card orders from across the country. We look forward to giving the new process a real test at DTRAIN.

I am continuing my endeavors to obtain lower pricing from vendors in an attempt to increase our value to members with lower overall costs of merchandise. We have established a source for the sewn-on insignias and have them in stock at lower prices than previously available.

The Weems and Plath Navigational equipment, especially the ROADrule and LIGHTrule, have been well received. If you haven't seen these aids, stop by at DTRAIN. We offer them at a saving of approximately 25-40% of West Marine pricing.

Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS

According to AUXDATA, District 11N members logged over 750 hours of marine safety and environmental protection hours year to date in 2009, compared with 1,100 hours for the first quarter of 2008. Please remind your members to report their time and check their posted tasks and competencies.

America's Waterway Watch

We already have a great deal of activity in this area in 2009, and you should plan to attend special presentation tomorrow at 1300 in the Marine Safety Workshop on our plan for the future. 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

2009 Dockwalker training is scheduled for April 11 at Loch Lomond Yacht Club in San Rafael and April 16 in Sacramento. Please make every effort to attend or send someone (your MS officer) so that you can participate in this important program. Promotional flyers and registration forms for the training are available here:

http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/SanRafael_2009_Dockwalker.pdf

http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Sacramento_2009.pdf

A special Earth Day Week outreach program will be held in Sausalito on April 18, and any member is welcome to attend to help out.

Domestic Vessel Inspections

We are gearing up for another season of challenges for the commercial fishing industry. An overview of commercial fishing and uninspected passenger vessel programs (should be of interest to any current vessel examiner) will be presented in the afternoon Marine Safety Workshop tomorrow afternoon.

Ferry Vessel Audit Program

29 members attended the Ferry Vessel Audit Class at the February PCA Training Fair. We established a mentoring program which matches six experienced auditors from various points around the Bay Area - called "audit partners" with new trainees. We will be scheduling a full morning's training aboard a berthed ferry boat in Vallejo at the Baylink facility for mid-April. Year to date, we have had 16 audits, but this will increase with the good weather.

Abigail Wagg, ADSO-MS and CWO Phillips will provide mandatory Ferry Vessel Auditor training tomorrow at 10 am in the Marine Safety Workshop.

Facilities Inspection

We receive an average of one call per week for Auxiliary assistance in the Facilities Branch. A new Marine Safety Observation Program will be rolled out tomorrow afternoon at 1400 in the Marine Safety Workshop.

Regional Examination Center

We continue to assist the REC with remote locations and other support. Sacramento and Lake Tahoe have each serviced about a half dozen mariners apiece. I audited a Basic Safety Training course in Tomales and Santa Rosa in January.

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

Two more members have earned the Marine Safety Training Ribbon in our District: Stephen Chan and Arthur Hardee. They join:

Simone H. Adair
Stuart M. Hunter
Wilfred Sumner

William W. Burns
Dean LaChappelle

Phil E. Grove
Guy E. Mallery

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

James Duncan, DSO-NS

1. [Visit the National Aid to Navigation and Chart Updating Web Page](#): I invite all members to explore the National Aid to Navigation, Bridge and Chart Updating Department website. It is hosted on District 1's Navigation Systems web site. It will be located on this site until the information is moved to the national site which will take some time. It has all key information, NEW ANSC 7054 (ATON) FORM & ANSC 7037 (Charting Updating) FORMS, and resources you will need to become a knowledgeable participant in District 11 Northern Region's (NS) five major NS programs. <http://uscgaan.com/> NOTE: the PATON & some of the Bridge information will not apply to D11NR. All other information can be used in D11NR. The D11NR web site <http://aton.d11nuscgaux.info> will be undergoing updating and items are being added and changed weekly. By regularly visiting the two sites you will have the resources and knowledge necessary to keep our waterways safe for the maritime public, our environment free from pollution and our charts and small craft facilities up to date.

2. [The 2009 Coast Guard Light List](#) is now available the Coast Guard Navigation Center web site and all other copies of the light list are now obsolete and should not be used. <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm>. The 2009 Light List **Corrected through Coast Guard LNM 53/08** for D11 Coast Guard District just clicking on the map. The publication contains a list of lights, sound signals, buoys, daybeacons, and other aids to navigation. They are in PDF format and are approximately 4 MB in size. It is recommended that after downloading to save the files to their hard-drives. Print only the pages you need when you need them. In order to provide the maritime community with the best possible product, the Coast Guard Navigation Center is offering two alternatives for those who would like the current black and white pages replaced. The new color pages may be downloaded from the Aids to Navigation Insert link below and printed locally for insertion and reference. <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/ATON%20Plates.pdf> All SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers, and all operational members should have a copy of this new Coast Guard Light List, Volume 6 on your computer for printing a hard copy for your AOR when needed for referencing aids to navigations within your AOR.

3. COAST GUARD DISTRICT 11 LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS: All SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers, and all operational members should also be getting a copy of the Local Notice to Mariners via email from U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center. The LNM has important information about your AOR such and Chart Updates, Light List updates, Bridge work information and GPS information. Sign up to get you weekly copy by just going to: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>.

4. 2009 PATON & BRIDGE FORMS: The 2009 PATON Forms and Bridge Survey Forms have been printed and distributed to all Division NS Officers. The SO-NSs will or have already distributed to the proper FSO-NSs. The PATON sheets will need to sorted them and distributes them to your FSO-NSs. You can start checking your aids that are out in our waterways. Check the PATON sheet for seasonal aids which will be put around April or May. All bridges should be surveyed ASAP. There are no changes to the PATON Form. I-ATONIS is generating a new 12 digit Aid Number (1001166123456) for all new PATONS. The older ATONIS PATON numbers will remain the same until there is a major charge to the permit.

5. 2009 UNITED STATES COAST PILOT 7: All SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, Aid Verifiers, and all operational members should have a copy of the United States Coast Pilot 7, 41st Edition. Coast Pilot 7 nautical book covers California Coast & Delta that are administered by the federal government. 2009 Coast Pilot 7 is now available on the Internet at: <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm> Coast Pilot contains supplemental information that is difficult to portray on nautical charts, such as navigation regulations, channel and wharf descriptions, anchorages and bridge clearances. Although designed for professional mariners aboard ships of 1,600 gross tons or greater, Coast Pilot contains a host of information beneficial to operational facilities & recreational boaters as well.

6. 2009 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY: D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON/CU activity. Table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart updating reports received through **March 1, 2009**.

2009 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION					BRIDGES		PATONS			Not Done			2009 AV
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	BI	AOR	Done	%	AOR	Done	%	
1								4		0%	112		0%	23
3								13		0%	42		0%	10
4								2		0%	54		0%	7
5						1	1	8		0%	105		0%	19
6								2		0%	116		0%	8
8								1		0%	4		0%	1
10								10		0%	44		0%	10
11											89		0%	12
12			1		1			NA		-				
								9		0%	164		0%	13

Total 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 49 0 0% 730 0 % 102
0

Div	2008 D11NR Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2008			2008 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2009			2009 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2009 to Mar 31, 2010		
	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC
1									
2	2	2	36						
3									
4	15	1	1167	1					
5									
6	1	4	80						
8									
10									
11	0	1	20						
12									
Total	19	8	1333	1					

Total NOAA Reports
1/1 through 12/31/08
→

Total Aids to
Navigation Reports

Total Aids to
Navigation in
AUXINFO

Total Chart Updating Reports

Total ATON & Chart Updating

19

2

2

18

20

Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to
3/31/09 →

Total Members Submitting
Reports

2 out of 2 reports showing up
in AUXINFO →

3

100%

A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U=
Unauthorized
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 **March 3, 2009** update.

Note: **“ALWAYS submit a 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.”

7. PLANNED TERMINATION OF LORAN-C PROGRAM: A separate email was sent out to all hands about this program. The President had release his Policy Budget on Feb. 26. This policy included the intention to terminate LORAN-C service. The termination of an antiquated system that is no longer required by the armed forces, the transportation sector or the nations security interest is intended to save \$36M in FY10 and \$190M over 5 years. Consistent with the Administrations pledge to eliminate unnecessary federal programs and systems, the Loran-C signal will be terminated early in FY10. NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) intends to eliminate LORAN-C lattices from future editions of NOS Paper Nautical Charts and Raster Navigational Charts starting in 2009.

8. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: D11 Northern Region now available 1 New Chart Editions in 2009. We had only 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. See “Dates of Chart Latest Edition” Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 5. The traditional paper chart will be available in 2 to 8 weeks.

Chart Information			Traditional		Charts-on-Demand / RNC	
NUMBER	TITLE	SCALE	ED.	DATE	ED.	DATE
18649	San Francisco Entrance	40,000	65	Jul /06 (NM:7/29/2006) (LNM:7/25/2006)	66	Feb /09 (NM:2/28/2009) (LNM:2/17/2009)

Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 5 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. NOAA Raster Navigational Charts are free on line. Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) via the Internet at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov> and 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> The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating, ATON discrepancy reports & Unauthorized PATON's found because they these chart are always update.

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>

“All auxiliary vessels when underway should be checking all **Aids to Navigations** for any type of **Discrepancy** and also be checking the **Charts & Shoreline** for any type of **Charting Errors** as well as providing update reports on **Small Crafts Facilities** in their AOR”

DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITION TABLE In D11 Northern Region March 5, 2009

Chart No.	Chart Scale	Edition No.	Last Update
18600	196,948	14	Jan 26,2002
18601	40,000	14	Feb 2007
18602	40,000	12	Apr 2003
18603	40,000	16	Dec 2002
18605	15,000	12	Mar 2003

18620	200,000	23	Jun 2002
18622	25,000	54	Apr 2006
18623	40,000	11	Jun 4, 2001
18626	40,000	15	Sep 16, 2000
18628	10,000	8	Nov 27, 1999
18640	207,840	25	Aug 2005
18643	30,000	17	Apr 2003
18645	100,000	26	Sep 2008
18647	40,000	15	Sep 2002
18649	40,000	66	Feb 2009
18650	20,000	55	Dec 2007
18651	40,000	44	Apr 2006
18652 SC	40,000:80,000	34	Sep 2007
18653	20,000	10	July 2005
18654	40,000	44	Jan 2008
18655	10,000	59	Oct 2006
18656	40,000	55	Sep 2006
18657	10,000	19	Nov 2005
18658	10,000	31	Sep 2007
18659	10,000	15	Sep 2004
18660	20,000	3	Sep 2005
18661 SC	40,000	29	Dec 2006
18662 SC	40,000	21	Apr 2005
18663	20,000	6	Apr 2006
18664	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18665	40,000	11	Aug 2004
18666	10,000	1	Nov 24, 2001
18667	20,000	12	Aug 26, 2000
18680	210,668	31	Jun2005
18682	20,000	14	Nov 2003

18685	50,000	33	Sep 2005
18686	40,000	13	Jul 17, 1999
18700	216,116	22	Jul 2003
18703	40,000	25	Jul 2003
18704	20,000	13	May 2004
Coast Pilot	Volume 7	41	Jan 2009

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

D11N MANDATORY OPERATIONS WORKSHOP:

This is the workshop required by all our Crew/Coxs/ PWC Operators and is due no later than June 30th 2009. This OPS Workshop is specific to our District, and the National workshop **does not fulfill this requirement.**

The D11N Operations Workshop is available for download at:

<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface.html>. The One Hour Mandatory TCT is available at: <http://www.auxodept.org/>.

For those that have taken the eight hour TCT this year **it is not necessary to take the one hour refresher.** Elected officers, FSO-OP, FSO-MT, SO-OP, SO-MT, DSO-OP or DSO-MT can give the workshop as long as they are instructor qualified. Please have all those in attendance to the workshops fill out an ANSC 7039 and turn it into your IS officers. **Request the IS officer to make two entries for each name, one for the OPS workshop and one for the One-Hour TCT.**

Both workshops will be given Sunday morning at DTRAIN.

WEEKDAY PATROLS:

CAPT Cullen, Sector San Francisco Deputy Commanding Officer, has approved the request to remove the restriction of patrols to weekends. Requests for patrols which meet the normal criteria (multi-purpose, of benefit to the Coast Guard, etc.) will still apply, of course, but the day of the week will not be a criterion.

The budget will be monitored closely, so if it starts to run low (or if there are obvious abuses), the restrictions may need to be re-imposed, but until further notice the restriction to weekends is no longer in effect.

Our thanks to LTJG Tschudy, Sector San Francisco Auxiliary Liaison Officer, for a very effective presentation of arguments in support of this change.

DISTRICT 11N Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ISSUANCE POLICY:

Mission: District 11N DIRAUX to equip each Crew Qualified, PWC Operator and Coxswain with sufficient PPE to perform Operations missions in their area of responsibility and to provide to equip Trainees with PPE while on board operational facilities for training exercises. Trainees to retain equipment when qualified. Equipment is to be returned to DIRAUX if Trainee does not proceed with his/her training.

A. Crew PPE

- 1 Type III Life jacket speed rated for 50 mph
- 2 Mustang/Dry Suit for harsh conditions Operations
- 3 Knife

- 4 Whistle
- 5 Light
- 6 Mirror

B. Coxswain PPE issue

- 1 Same as Crew
- 2 **PEPIRB**

C. PWC Operator

- 1 Type III Life jacket speed rated for 50 mph
- 2 Wet Suit
- 3 Knife
- 4 Whistle
- 5 Light
- 6 Mirror

D. Trainees to be issued, by District 11N, PPE as described in (A) above

- 1 Division CDR to keep track of PPE on property inventory record
- 2 PPE issued will be retained by Trainees after they become qualified.

FACILITY INSPECTION FORM REMINDER:

When you do your facility inspection (ANSC 7003) please ***do not*** write "ALL" in the Section VIII (Operation of an Auxiliary facility by a Non-Owner). For Coxswains, other than the owner please fill out an OPS-8 form. Owners who are Coxswains not need to add their name to an OPS-8. **The OPS-8 form is available at:** <http://d11nuscgaux.info/downloads.html>

Location of "UP TOP" Operations Newsletter:

March 2009 - [UpTop In Operations Newsletter - February 2009](#) has been posted

Link: <http://www.auxodept.org/>

I would be very interested in feedback from you on the "Line Handling" article. Please let me know your thoughts.

DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS:

- a. Sector San Francisco maintains a database of reported derelict vessels in their AOR. **A Derelict Vessel Report form, to be sent to Sector, has been developed. A photograph of the reported derelict would be appreciated.** Derelict vessel info should be sent to:

USCG Sector San Francisco
Attn: Incident Management Division
1 Yerba Buena Island Rd.
San Francisco, CA 94130
415-399-3543 fax-415-399-7302

- b. **An identification sticker, to be affixed to a reported derelict, is being developed by SECTOR to reduce multiple reporting.**
- c. The Sector Derelict Vessel Report form will soon be included in the Forms section of the District web site.

OPS REPORTS INDEX by SUBJECT:

The subject index list will no longer be attached to the DSO-OP report but will be available on

the Surface WEB site. Please check the Index link and then go to the DSO-OP back issues that are archived on the same page to locate the subject you are seeking. Hope this makes it easier for you. <http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/surface/archive.html>

EVENT CALENDAR:

Please email me your Operational Events for this as well as the District Calendar.

2009	UNIT	LOCATION	CONTACT
APR 30MAY 3	OPTREX FLOTILLA 39	ANTLERS, LAKE SHASTA	POC: Charlie Duncan IPDCP DATE REQ: JUN 2008
May 2 and 3	OPTREX DIV 1	TBA	TBA DATE REQ: FEB 2009
JUNE 6-7	OPTREX – DIV 7	JORDANELLE RESERVOIR	TBA
AUG 6-9	OPTREX – DIV 7	STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR	TBA
SEP 27-28	OPTREX DIV 5 & FLT 51	BRANNAN ISLAND	TBA
OCT 16,17,18	OPTREX FLOTILLA 3-10	BRANNAN ISLAND	Carla Rose @ rosette8704@gmail.com
OCT 22,23 24	OPTREX FLOTILLA 10-5	MILLERTON	

George Prows, DSO-PA

- #1: 4/26/09 Opening Day on San Francisco Bay. Aux. facility Buccaneer will be assigned Public Affairs duty. Members of the printed press and television will be on board.
- #2: Planning for NSBW is well underway by divisions and flotillas.
- #3: Dockwalkers training will be held at following locations: April 11, 2009 -San Rafael April 16, 2009 10:00AM to 12.40PM 6:00PM to 8:30PM Loch Lomond Yacht Club Sacramento Marina, Cpts. Lounge 95 Loch Lomond Dr., San Rafael 2710 Ramp way , Sacramento
April 25, 2009 - Eureka
10:00AM to 12:30PM
Humbolt Bay Aquatic Center
921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka.
- #4: Div. 3 activity continues at a fast pace. Booth at Sacramento Boat Show at

- CalExpo. April 18 scheduled VSC at West Marine store Rancho Cordova. Radio and TV news media will be invited to the various NSBW activities. Boating Safety presentations at DST Corp. EIDorado Hills on 3/26/09.
- #5: Div. 6 Robert Aurner authored three articles that were printed in the Monterey Peninsula Herald.-- Good work--Flotilla 6-07 working with West Marine Capitola/Santa Cruz store to set up a booth for NSBW. Flotilla 6-6 working Santa Cruz harbor master and Sta. Monterey for NSBW.
- #6: Div. 10 Info booth and VE's at Out Door World Manteca 3/8/09. No report, I just took drive by and saw all the aux. activity.
- #7. Div. 11. Flotillas from Reno, Carson City and North Lake Tahoe manned a booth at the Reno Boat Show. Interest was shown in the BS&S class. Both consisted of Reno's "Little Toot" Boston Whaler and Tiny Toots pool where children can run electric boats if they were a life jacket.
Other activities include participation in the Snowfest parade, Cabela's out door sports show., Powersports show, and First Annual Arctic Paddleboard Race
- #8: Div. 12. Flotillas 12-21 and 12-91 joined forces in a VE day at Emery Cove Marina and Emeryville Marina A booth is planned for the combined Sail Pacific and NCMA Power Boat Show at Jack London Sq. Oakland.
- #9: No reports from other divisions.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

First Quarter Results. Through March 22, 2009 the district recorded 245 instructor PE hours for adult classes and 73 graduates. Q1 of 2008 instructor PE hours were 500 and graduates were

255. That is a 50% reduction in effort but a 70% reduction in production. Advanced navigation or Weekend Navigator suffered the most with a 68% reduction in instructor hours.

I see reports of classes for Army Core of Engineers, Park & Rec employees, boat dealerships, etc. that I've not seen in the past. While it is clear we are not keeping up with last year, I applaud the FSO-PEs for finding new sources of students in these difficult economic times.

PE 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. The national course may also be downloaded from <http://www.cgauxed.org/completecourses.html>. Here is added information from Anne Lockwood, DC-E that rounds out that download.

National's course development focus for the next two years will be on short courses for piloting, knots, weather and radio. These will be seminar courses like "Suddenly in Command". By the way, the PPTs are being revised for SIC and should be posted soon to the web.

The Youth Courses are being redone. We are way behind the times on that and we are targeting the youth as the most influential with parents and grand parents. Also - they are the future boaters, so it is logical to educate them properly now. Anne added two youth course managers to work on that concept.

Kayaking course is planned.

Radar - not planning to work on that right now.

SS&S was well received for those who taught it. Instructor notes are being finished and will be posted to the web.

Weekend Navigator - some like it some are critical. PPTs need to be redone, but see our district PE site for the PPT revised by me, and the fuel management module you may add to this course.

Instructor Award Certificates 2008 These certificates were delivered to DIRAUX for signature DCDRs should have received them this month.

District PE goals proposed for 2009 are 1,000 youth graduates and 1,500 adult graduates.

Division PE reports

Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned

Division 1 Francis Sullivan No Report Division 3 Tom Holtzman No Report Division 4 Paul Zahra No Report Division 5 Shirley Maxson No Report Division 6 Milton Entwistle No Report Division 7 David Nelson No Report Division 8 Kath Disney Nilson Flotilla 8-8 lost use of the classroom and is searching for another. Division 10 Roderick Rollins No Report Division 11 Dee Dee Kincade Reports they are developing a couple of 2-3 hour boating safety sessions that will address specific dangers to our area; cold water immersion, communications with our emergency services, equipment requirements, specific weather and obstruction dangers on Lake Tahoe, etc. Division 12 Ronald Walker Working on training program for county parks & rec marinas. BS&S and Weekend Navigator classes completed, graduating 18 students combined. Youth class graduated 15 navel cadets.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV

Division Reports:

Division 05 has 144 visits to report

Division 07 has nothing to report

Division 10 has 60 visits to report

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	209	92	-117
DIV 03	8	48	+ 40
DIV 04	16	30	+ 14
DIV 05	340	246	- 94
DIV 06	30	23	- 7
DIV 07	29	0	- 29
DIV 08	81	6	- 75
DIV 10	373	132	- 241
DIV 11	34	32	- 2
DIV 12	0	0	0
Totals	1120	609	- 511

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
609	246	669	63	13

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through February 2009)

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

I'd like to congratulate the recent graduates from the Vessel Examiner class at the VE workshop held in Reno in January and from the PCA Fair. The graduates are listed further in the newsletter. Please assist them as necessary in completing their qualification. Please make certain that their CURRENT MT-2 form and CURRENT 7038 are filled out correctly. As in the past, the MT-2 form must be signed by their Flotilla Commander prior to being submitted to the DIRAUX office. Any wrong step in the process will unnecessarily delay completing their qualification and receiving credit for VSC activity.

It was GREAT to see everyone at D/Train recently held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. I hope everyone had a positive experience from this important training fair and awards banquet. Congratulations to everyone who received an award for their hard work during 2008! A list of the Vessel Examiner award recipients are listed further in the newsletter. Congratulations to the members (listed further in the newsletter) that have performed 40+ VSC's and received a certificate of appreciation from the National Commodore.

In January, I solicited your comments about updating the VSC Manual. ALL of your suggestions have been forwarded to the various committee members for consideration.

NOW is the time to start formulating plans for NSBW, May16th-22nd. Please don't wait until the May flotilla meeting to start discussing plans. I'll have more about NSBW and VSC Mega-Month next month. Additionally, let's not forget about our examiner etiquette while performing VSC's. In addition to many other helpful aids, please take a minute and go to your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> for a quick etiquette refresher. While there, don't forget to print out the West Marine coupons.

Finally, the zebra/quagga mussel continues to be of concern to many examiners. Rather than deal with it again here, please go to your D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html> for a detailed explanation of our role in dealing with this problem. In the meantime, let's get out and start performing some VSC's and help support our state Wear It program! As always, your comments are always welcome at: sumfun@juno.com

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

Patrick B. Buckman*	05-02	Bonnie Miner*	07-08
Charles S. Johnson III	10-03	Joseph W. Harris	11-01
John R. Boyne	11-03		

***Re-certification**

With the addition of these 5 new and re-certified examiners for 2009, our examiner base total is now 302 active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members from the Reno VE workshop and the PCA Fair who have completed part one of the Vessel Examiner qualifications:

Ronald Smith	01-05	Patrick Wasley	01-05
William Bermudez	01-07	Patricia Daugherty	01-07
Stephen Daugherty	01-07	Gary Link**	03-03

Nancy Link**	03-03	Michael Alfidi	03-03
Annette Herring	03-09	Catherine Cieri	04-06
Michael Kneller	04-06	James Rohde	05-01
Kenneth Braun	05-01	Francis Panza**	05-05
Pamela Harris**	05-07	William Becker	05-07
Ralph Bettman	06-01	Jerry Gilmore	11-01
William Leppard*	11-01	Thomas Henderson*	11-01
Nevin Armstrong*	11-03	Alex Belleque *	11-04
Dennis Hogan*	11-04	Jeff Mays*	11-05
Steve Perez*	11-05	Leon Lucchesi*	11-05
James Cliff*	11-05	Varon Smith	12-21
Jack Kane	12-21		

*Reno

**Completed the Qualification!

Congratulations to ALL the following examiners who have performed 40 or more VSC's during 2008 and have qualified for STARS certificate signed by the National Commodore:

Richard A. Saber	01-02	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Diana R. Serchia	01-05	Michael F. Nolan	01-05
William W. Burns	01-07	Stephen R. Salmon	01-07
James R. Goff	03-05	Jeff D. Scarberry	03-09
Charles M. Duncan Jr.	03-09	Lonny B. Singer	03-09
George T. Cusak	03-10	Joaquin P. Duran	04-09
Curtis S. Han	05-02	Johannes A. Pattiradjawane	05-02
Charles E. McCarty	05-03	Wilfred A. Sumner II	05-05
Gary N. Murray	05-05	Jim D. Blackburn	05-07
Michael D. Mirata	05-07	Anthony T. Budlong	06-04
Scott L. Galloway	06-07	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Charles A. Poplinger	08-07	Joseph M. Madden	10-02
Michael A. Rafatti	10-02	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
John L. Paval	10-03	Neil P. Sliva	10-05
Phillip E. Grove	10-06	Von C. Webber	10-05
James L. Snell	11-04	Ricky A. Thomas	11-05

Congratulations to the following ADDITIONAL examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2008*. These names were inadvertently omitted from the January 2009 list.

Riley A. Turpin	07-02	James H. Zocchi	07-06
K. Sterling Hansen	07-06		

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2009*.

Richard A. Saber	01-04	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Michael F. Nolan	01-05	Simone H. Adair	01-07
Lonny B. Singer	03-09	Gary N. Murray	05-05
Michael J. Lauro	10-02	Von C. Webber	10-05
Ricky A. Thomas	11-05		

This brings our total to 9 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 3% of the total District examiner base. 2008 had 6 examiners or 2% at this time. Where's your name?

PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit.

Congratulations to the following who were recognized at D/TRAIN March 28th in Rohnert Park for their contribution to D11NR VSC program for 2008:

1 st place	Charles M. Duncan Jr.	Flotilla 03-09	379 VSC's
2 nd place	Phillip E. Grove	Flotilla 10-05	290 VSC's
3 rd place	Anthony Budlong	Flotilla 06-04	236 VSC's

In addition Flotilla 10-02 received the Outstanding Flotilla VSC Performance award.

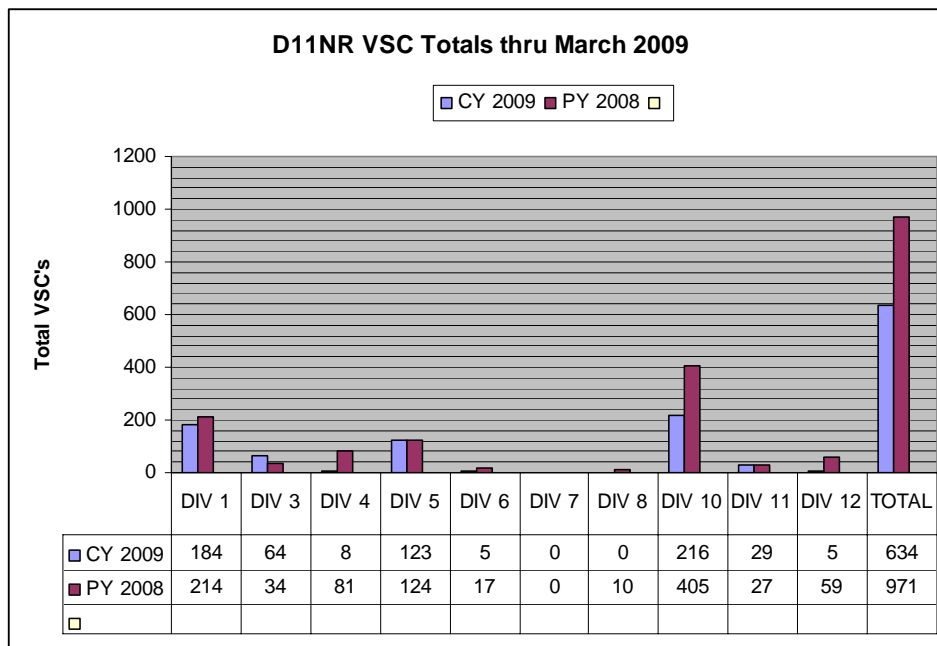
*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2009

VSC Calendar

- National Safe Boating Week May 16th-22nd
- Coast Guard Auxiliary 70th anniversary-June 23rd
- National Marina Day-August 9th
- Past Captains Training Fair-August 15th-16th at Coast Guard Island

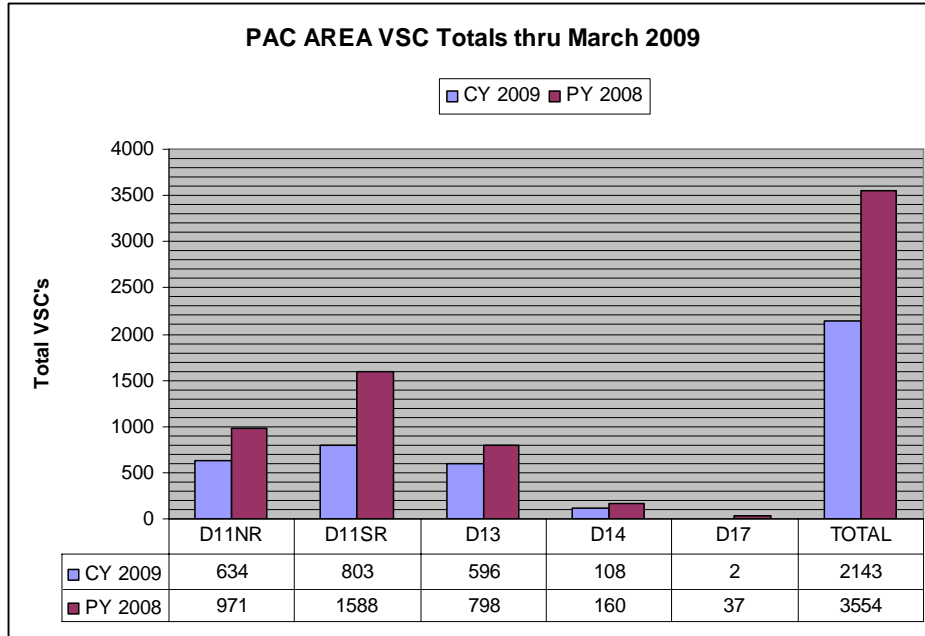
Division Statistics*

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 31, 2009



The goal for D11NR for 2009 is **7, 800** VSC's. We are **8%** of our goal for the year and **65%** of 2008 production! The data source is AUXINFO. PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **290** or **45%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **331** or **52%** are High Risk VSC's.

PAC AREA Statistics



National and District News

National News

-VSC Decal Shortage

Currently there is a temporary shortage of VSC Decals, and ANSC is OUT OF STOCK. Because only 150,000 VSC's are performed annually by the Auxiliary and the Power Squadron, State Farm Insurance reduced the initial distribution of decals from 400,000 to 250,000 decals. An additional supply has been requested from State Farm and there currently is no ETA.

PLEASE do not hoard decals and distribute current local stock as fairly as possible among local examiners. Each Flotilla and Division should always maintain a back-up supply. PLEASE do NOT request an additional supply from me as I do NOT have the resources available. I'm told that as soon as additional stock is received at ANSC, I'll be notified and I'll pass the word. In the meantime let's continue to share our current supply.

-Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

Name of product: Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers

Units: About 167,000

Distributor: Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

Hazard: The pressurized cylinders in the recalled fire extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate. In the event of a fire, this failure could put a consumer and property at risk.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves the Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers with model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between October 2007 and April 2008. The model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The manufacture year is on the bottom of the extinguisher. If you examine an extinguisher that is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, have the boater contact Kidde.

Sold at: Department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from October 2007 through April 2008 for about \$35.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should immediately inspect the pressure gauge. If it points to the red zone, contact Kidde to receive a free replacement extinguisher. If the gauge is not in the red zone, but you have questions about an extinguisher within the listed model numbers, please contact Kidde for additional information. Additional details are available at the following web sites: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09151.html> and <http://www.kidde.com>

Source: Pete Urgola DC-V

-OPFAC Changes

There have been two changes to the requirements for inspection of a PWC as an **OPFAC**. ANSC 7008, Section VII

1- Item 12: A type IV throwable PFD is no longer required

2-Item 20: A spare spark plug is only required for a 2 cycle engine.

These changes have been authorized for immediate implementation.

This information has been supplied by:

Source: Pete Urgola DC-V

District News

-The recommended changes for the upcoming revision of the VSC Manual have been posted on the D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. Several DSO-VE's including myself are re-working assigned areas. The target date for DSO suggested revisions is April 1st. At that time, the suggestions will be reviewed for accuracy and will be included in the revised manual. No date has been provided for the project completion.

-The Vessel Examiner class held in January in Reno had 9 students pass the written examination and the PCA Training Fair at Coast Guard Island had 21 students and ALL passed the written examination! Several are already working on completing their qualification. Please assist your local members in completing the qualification as soon as possible. Along with the Reno class graduates, all of their names will be listed in the April 1st edition of the VSC Newsletter. Thanks to all for supporting this effort. Another class is planned at the August PCA Training Fair.

-CAL BOATING has advised me that the 2009 ABC's of Boating are in print and should be released by early April. Orders can be placed at: www.dbw.ca.gov. In addition, the promotional order form has also been released. Orders for promotional materials are planned to be distributed prior to NSBW.

Finally, on a sad note Phaedra Bota, a 16-year employee of CAL BOATING and a good friend of the Auxiliary has left the Dept. Her presence will be missed. Currently her position has not been filled.

-As evident by the new logos, Nevada, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary have joined the "WEAR IT" campaign. A link to the National Safe Boating Council, the sponsor of the campaign can be found on the D11NR vessel examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>. As of this report, activities are still pending for the California campaign for 2009. As soon as information becomes available, it will be posted. At that point, several emails to Nevada and Utah regarding their program have gone un-returned.