

MINUTES  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
12 September 2009  
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 1040 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Richard Thomas, DCDR-8, followed by the Coast Guard Ethos led by Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6.

DCO Williams introduced special guest DCO Ed Lott from Hawaii.

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 A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 18 July 2009 and 19 August 2009 minutes.

Motion: Angelo Perata, COS moved and Charlie Duncan, P-PCA seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DCO REPORT

DCO Williams reported the following:

- ODU Uniforms – The untucked ODO will be available to Auxiliarists by 1 December 2009. The recommended wearout date for all other uniforms is 31 December 2012. The new sew-on collar device for the ODU uniform is either a black A or the Auxiliary logo.
- VE and PE Exams – These are being updated so they will be more instructive to the candidate.
- New FC Leadership Course – This is a new course being developed. A completion date is not yet available
- NACON in 2010 will probably be changed from Phoenix to San Diego
- Anyone wanting to be a chef on an Auxiliary facility may attend a school to become qualified.
- The CG is going to continue to fund the “wear it” program for life jackets in 4 states – one of the states selected is California
- Unit Elections – Those who are seeking office need to be qualified before they stand for election. Waivers will not be granted, except in special circumstances.
- Silver-side Orders Funding – There will be some instructions prepared to provide for the district staff.

DCO Williams thanked Linda and Roger Haynes for their work at NACON, and commended other district members who attended.

COMMENTS OF DNACO-R

COMO Connell reported the following:

The Auxiliary reorganization was announced during NACON. Division and flotilla changes have already been done, so there is nothing new at that level. All of the changes were at the National level. The CG modernization is before Congress now. Changes will be done in a uniform way, which will emulate the Coast Guard structure. Elected officers will be:

National Commodore

Vice National Commodore

Deputy National Commodore, Forcecom (still Pacific area duties)

There will be some new staff positions

N-Train – The DSO's who will attend N-Train in 2010 will be the RBS group: PA, PE, PV, VE and ASC.

## DIRAUX REPORT

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat reported as follows:

- CDR Chareonsuphiphat briefed the new Admiral last Thursday, and the Admiral was impressed with the work the Auxiliary is doing and its value to the Coast Guard.
- Commended the work in Division 8 with the Coast Guard boat, and the fact that crew for that boat must pass regular Coast Guard qualifications.
- DIRAUX is working on a committee with concerns about the California-mandated fuel, which is causing engine failures on large ships. A large vessel not under command in our busy waters could be a problem.
- Commended COMO Gail Ramsey for her work in handling QE scheduling.

## GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

DCO Williams and CDR Chareonsuphiphat presented the following awards:

- Mark McLaughlin – Pacific Ocean Rescue Team letter of commendation to members of Division 6.
- Chart Updating Honor Roll to Oyster Point Flotilla 01-05
- Chart Updating Honor Roll and Cooperative Charting Award to Jim Duncan for 1,444 chart updating credits.
- Membership Awards to:
  - Divisions 5, Flotilla 5-5 (5 new members)
  - Division 12, Flotilla 12-21, 2 new members
  - Bill Dotson Membership Award -19 new members.
  - Bill Dotson – AUXOP Certificate and pin
  - Irene Wetzel – District Best of the Web, runner-up award.
  - Letter of appreciation from Tahoe Donner Association to members of Division 11 for outstanding training of their personnel.
  - Letter of Appreciation to members of Division 5 from CG Headquarters for their participation in the Yacht Club Safety Day Event at Rio Vista.

DCO Williams, CDR Chareonsuphiphat, and CWO Kilburger presented the following awards:

- Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Award to Rodger Boles and Jimmin Chang as members of the Shipboard Guide Team in preparing a guide book of shipboard protocol, vocabulary, etc.

- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal to Jimmin Chang for his service as a language interpreter for a Chinese delegation during a Pacific area conference, on the vessel *Pusan* and during various other international meeting and conferences.
- Meritorious Team Commendation Award to Mike Rafatti, Doug Lazo, Phil Grove and Mike Lauro of Division 10 for their RBS life jacket marketing campaign.

DCO Williams, CWO Kilburger and COMO Connell present the following award:

- The Coast Guard National Eagle Award for RBS Excellence to Peter Kyryl of Division 6.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP presented to Larry Olsen a Certificate of Appreciation as ADSO in legal division.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA presented PCA checks and awards for the most members attending the PCA Fairs to:

- Flotilla 12-21 (February PCA Fair)
- Flotilla 5-3 (August PCA Fair)

#### D-TRAIN

Phil Sanchez, Meeting Coordinator announced that 2010 D-Train will be held March 26-28 at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park. We will have the same Friday Fun Night performers as 2009. Room price will be the same. Flyers are available, and room reservations can be made now. Training schedule will be available right after the first of the year.

Recess at 1130

Reconvene at 1215

#### ELECTIONS

DCO Williams reported that the elections will be conducted by COMO Mike Maddox.

COMO Maddox stated that there are 17 voting members present; 9 votes are required for election. Elections will be conducted in accordance with the District Standing Rules as follows:

#### ARTICLE VII, DISTRICT ELECTIONS

7.6 A simple majority of votes cast is sufficient to elect a candidate to an office. If more than two candidates are nominated for any one district office, and no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot:

7.6.1 The candidate receiving the least number of votes on the first ballot will be dropped out of the voting on the second ballot. Elimination of the "low vote" candidate will continue on the next and subsequent ballots until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

7.6.2 If there is a tie for low votes received on any ballot, the next ballot for that office will be a "run off" between the candidates "tied for low" on the preceding ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes on such next ballot run off between the "lows" will again be balloted on in the next succeeding ballot, along with all other candidates who

received a higher number of votes on the ballot preceding the tied for low ballot.

7.6.3 In the event of three successive tie votes for any District office, the presiding officer shall place all of the ballots cast on such third tied vote into a container and blindly select one ballot from the container. The teller committee then shall tally the remaining ballots, present the ballots to the presiding officer in a sealed envelope, and certify the result of the balloting to the presiding officer, who shall announce the result of that ballot and, if it be the last ballot between two candidates for any office, the final election result.

COMO Maddox reported that there are three offices of DCAPT. The following candidates have been submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Rod Collins (incumbent)  
Charlie Duncan  
Monica Eaton  
Wayne Farnholtz (incumbent)  
Dick Hoelle  
Dean LaChapelle  
Steve Salmon

COMO Maddox each of the candidates to address the board for 2 minutes.

COMO Maddox stated that the Tellers Committee is: COMO Gail Ramsey and Robert Firehock, DSO-LP.

Ballot No. 1

No Election – Eaton deleted.

Ballot No. 2

No Election – Duncan and Hoelle tied for low vote

Ballot No. 3

Between Duncan and Hoelle – Duncan deleted.

Ballot No. 4

No election – Hoelle deleted.

Ballot No. 5

No election – Salmon deleted.

Ballot No. 6

No election – LaChapelle deleted.

Ballot No. 7

No election – one invalid ballot

Ballot No. 8

Wayne Farnholtz elected

Ballot No. 9

No election – Tie for low vote among Eaton, Duncan and Hoelle.

Ballot No. 10

Among Eaton, Duncan and Hoelle – Hoelle to remain on ballot.

Ballot No. 11

Rod Collins elected.

Ballot No. 12

No election – Duncan deleted.

Ballot No. 13

No election – Hoelle deleted.

Ballot No. 14

No election – Eaton deleted.

Ballot No. 15

Dean LaChapelle elected.

COMO Maddox announced that he will keep the ballots for 24 hours as required by the District Standing Rules, after which they will be destroyed.

Dean LaChapelle was frocked by COMO Vic Connell and DCO Mike Williams.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Correction to the report: Steve Salmon's award was for the Pacific Central Region, not Division 1. There will be a Division OPTREX on October 3. COMO Lott attended FL 14, which is his flotilla's sister flotilla.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Delta Blitz went off great in Sacramento. There were many VSC's done. They have held two training events with STN Rio Vista.

Judy Esteban, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division's election date is 23 September. Flotilla 41 just celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Estaban acknowledged the work of Jimmin Chang as an interpreter for Chinese candidates aboard the Eagle for a week and interpreting for the Pacific Coast Guard in the port of Los Angeles.

Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). On 2 August STN Vallejo initiated an early-morning call-out to the Auxiliary for a disabled vessel. The tow was successful and the mission completed. This is first time STN Vallejo has called on the Auxiliary to assist. The Division tie-out is next week-end at Brannan Island, with training, VSCs and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Mayor of the city of Del Ray Oaks has joined the flotilla. The Central fire region has requested assistance from the Auxiliary to facilitate storm surge warnings to the public.

Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). Hoelle attended FL-78 meeting to present awards. FL-72 has recruited 16 new members. FL-78 has 5 potential members. The division is growing. FL-76 will hold a NavRules class to which all of the division is invited.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). Crescent City members must complete the Coast Guard quals in order to crew on the RBS. We have our first official watchstander. We also have four crew candidates and 4 coxswain candidates. There will be an OPTREX during Fleet Week. Everyone is invited.

Monica Eaton, DCDR-10 – The Division is out today participating in another push to get the RBS message out to the public. There will be an OPTREX 24-25 October at Millerton Lake.

Dee Dee Kincade, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division goal has been social media and getting the word out. They are now experimenting with videos, and have completed a video which is on line. The Division is working many regatta events right now. 50% of the patrol hours are regatta events. They are doing kayak safety classes, and are having good results working with Associations for PE classes.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division is scheduling a series of air, land and sea classes.

Charlie Duncan, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). Mary Kirkwood is new PCA Fair chairman. We have the funds for the memorial. Elections for P-PCA and VP-PCA will be held in November.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Excused.

Robert Hendry, DCAP-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Hendry has been meeting with Sector and ASC re “lessons learned,” and how we helped the stations. Our primary mission is to support Sector. The Delta Blitz operation has been very successful.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-SPT – Report on file (Attachment B). Division 1 elections will be on 28 October. There is a call for *Northwind* articles.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file (Attachment B). We have just celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Auxiliary. Life jacket program information will be coming out shortly, and will be passed on when received.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Reviewed the summer’s activities, which included visits to Lake Tahoe, Crescent City, a Norfolk VA training session, Utah and NACON.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – As PPE equipment, DIRAUX will provide a PFD, bag, whistle and signal mirror to each boat crew member. If you have division members using their own personal equipment who have not received equipment from DIRAUX, have them contact DIRAUX (Stacy Curtin), and we’ll send the equipment to you. Members need to wear the proper uniform on patrols and when being qualified.

At NACON all of the OTOs agreed that the three-year requal program needs to be kept. Procedures for performing specific evolutions are in the *Boat Crew Seamanship Manual* and the *Boat Crew Qualification Guide*. These manuals will give you everything you need to know.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

DCO Williams called for staff reports as follows:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Kevin Sellstrom for Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file (Attachment C). COMO McBain has sent out to all members, via the district email system, information on the new program available which is tied to e-directory. Eligibility reports now on AUXDATA will give you the information you need to certify candidates.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

David Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Neil Nevesny, ADSO-MS for Nick Tarlson, DSO-MS – The MSOM program is doing well. Each time we patrol, that is one site less the Coast Guard has to visit.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – Report on file (Attachment C). The lack of printed training manuals is a problem for some students. Maddox will put a link on the district web site to a web site that will print manuals at a very reasonable cost. Maddox is working on a review for all of the closed-book courses.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). Duncan is looking at “Go to Meeting” service for his staff officer meetings. This could be an excellent venue for division training. This could work at the flotilla level also, with Duncan training flotilla personnel.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). COMO Ramsey has distributed a spread sheet showing the information required before requesting a QE.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file. The year is not over, so please continue your PA work. There has been good progress on the BSA MOU. Speakers’ bureau efforts are off to a good start. Fleet Week is coming up, and we will be working with the Coast Guard. We still need good speakers and more Coastie people. There should also be more life jacket display use. We will have a PA web site when we make the transition to new web site.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Absent. Report on file (Attachment C).

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). Haynes expressed thanks to all of the PE instructors for their efforts. They have completed the exhibits for the Admiral’s museum. We have not met with new Admiral to ascertain her desires regarding tours, etc.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file. Deadlines are coming up for disenrollments. If they don’t come in, you’ll have to pay for the members. October 1 is the deadline.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Excused

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). D11N is at 98% of their goal for the year. We are #1 in the Pac area by a large amount. We are at 7600 VSCs in AUXINFO. We are at 78% of our decal usage. We have over 300 VE's. 72 VE's have produced 20+ VSCs. 28 VEs have 60+. Do we continue the RBS training program? Lauro will be glad to go to any division to train Auxiliarists.

Steve Salmon, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). We have a lot of requests from Sector.

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

Mark Mushet, DA – Absent

Phil Sanchez, EP – D-Train flyers are available. You can sign up now.

#### OLD BUSINESS

District Calendar – DCO Williams reported that some of the basics are now available for 2010 and will be posted on the district calendar for everyone to examine.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Division Elections – DCO Williams reminded all DCDRs to notify your DCAPT of the date of your elections. He needs to attend the election.

Officer Program – Check out the new program available on line. When you sign on, you get the highest level for the office you hold.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1410.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 1900 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR



## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 12 September 2009

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams  
Angelo Perata, COS  
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R  
Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS  
Rodney Collins, DCAPT-SUP  
CDR David Chareonsuphaphat, DIRAUX  
CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO  
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1  
Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3

Judy Esteban, 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:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV  
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN  
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS  
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP  
David Talton, DSO-MA  
COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT  
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS  
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP  
Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR  
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:

DCO Edson Lott, D14  
Steve Dolgin, ADSO-PA  
Tony Dymond, ADSO-CS/PE  
Ron Darcey, ADSO-AV  
Stephen Chan, ADSO-MT/CS/FN  
Steven Johnson, ADSO-MA  
Joanne Nevesny, DSO-LP  
Ron Walker, ADSO-LP  
Peter Kyryl, SO-MS/MT, FL-67

Jimmin Chang, FC-48  
Bill Becker, VFC-57  
Bill Dodson, VFC-64  
Bill Blackburn, VFC-57  
Charles McCarty, SO-MT, FL-53  
Linda McCarty, SO-SR, FL-53  
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, FL-78  
Richard Allen, FL-67

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 12 September 2009**

#### **Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1**

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

- Correction to last month's report regarding Steve Salmon
- Flotilla 1-4 from Hawaii has proclaimed Flotilla 1-4 (Central Marin) as their "Sister Flotilla"
- 5 members of Division 1 participated in "moulage" exercise in Concord
- Flotilla 12 began involvement in MS-OM program in August.
- Several PE classes beginning
- Member training courses continuing
- Flotilla 17 continues to work with Air Station SF on helo ops on a weekly basis
- Fall OPTREX planned for October 3 @ Berkeley Yacht Club
- Flotilla planning a tabletop exercise to practice skills learned in ICS 210 at their October meeting
- Members of Flotilla 17 participated in "National Marina Day" at the SF Marina
- Preparing to participate in SF Bay "Fleet Week"

#### **DETAILS**

- Last month's report erroneously noted that Steve Salmon was awarded the Division's Auxiliarist of the Year award, when in actuality he was awarded the Auxiliarist of the Year Award for the Pacific Central Region
- Commodore Edson Lett, from Hawaii, attended Flotilla 14's meeting this month and announced that Flotilla 14 in Hawaii has drafted a proclamation stating Flotilla 14 (Central Marin) as their "Sister Flotilla", and has invited members of the Flotilla to join them in activities when in Honolulu.
- 5 members of the Division participated in a moulage exercise in Concord, per request of DIRAUX. The event was much more involved than anticipated, and one member got to play "dead" all afternoon.
- Flotilla 14 about to start Advanced Navigation class using the Weekend Navigator text. Flotilla 12 has 28 students enrolled in their Fall SS&S class
- Several members working towards Boat Crew, and hope to get qualified at our Fall OPTREX
- Planning 1-day OPTREX for 3 October at Berkeley Yacht Club continuing. To include a night navigation/SAR exercise. 1hr TCT refresher and other dockside classes will be offered as well as time on the water.
- Activities at the "National Marina Day" at SF Marina included VSCs, dockwalkers, distribution of AWW materials, 41 ft from STAGG, and a BBQ.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Worked with various agencies (Sheriff, SF Fire Dept, SFPD, Parks and Rec, California Boating) at National Marina Day

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- OPTREX- October 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II
- Work on member retention: integrate retention into every program and activity we do as a Division, and encourage each Flotilla to assign mentors for new members. Plan to provide new member orientation as a Division.
- Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses
- Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliaries

### **Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-3**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. OPTREX
2. SURFACE PATROLS
3. AUX ACTIVITY
4. MEMBER TRAINING
5. AGENCY INTERACTION

### **DETAILS**

1. The OPTREX at Whiskey Lake is in its final stages for September 25-28. The October OPTREX at Brannan Island is coming together. Anyone wishing a QE for the last OPTREX of the year contact the Flotilla Commander Flotilla 3-10. The POC and Date are on the District Calendar.
2. Surface Patrols on Oroville, Shasta, and Folsom are limited due to low water levels. The Sacramento River and upper Delta is still active.
3. Reported Activity: 28 VSC, 18 MDV, 203hr Marine Patrols.
4. The Division presented 124hrs MT and 13 hrs on the water Boat Crew Training, Tows and MOB. In October an AUXCOM Specialty class will be presented and in November the Division will present an ADV. NAV. illa 33 is offering a BS&S Class 15 Sept, 2009.
5. On Water training for Stn. R/V Boat Crews in High Risk Vessel Screening exercise Div. facilities supported.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

Several of our air, LMR, surface facilities and their crews assisted USCG and local Law Enforcement agencies in the Million Boat float. After action report on file.

### **DIVISION GOALS**

1. **TRAIN – QUALIFY – REFINE – PARTICIPATE**  
*Passwords for achieving our goals.*

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

### **Judy Esteban, DCDR-4**

Division Election September 12<sup>th</sup> candidates, 23 September is our next meeting.

- Division Commander; Paul Verveniotis and John Sparrer
- Vice commander; Joaquin Duran and Dave Naumann

Flotilla Commander Reports

41 – Flotilla is 65 years old and planning a birthday party in conjunction with VSC at Lake Anderson Sept 12. Three new members pending

46 - Tower repair is almost complete

48 – Jimmin Chang is acting as interpreter for Chinese Public Safety Marine Police Academy cadet visit to the USCG Academy and *Barque Eagle*. Participate as the interpreter in the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum MMEX exercise In Port of Angeles.

49- Marina day VE was a success. Two new members pending

COW Committee

December 5<sup>th</sup> will be at the Three Flames Restaurant, San Jose. Dinner will be no more than \$35. TROPS or Civilian attire.

### **Ray VanCleave, DCDR-5**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. FL 53 member rescues a boater
2. Auxiliary patrols begin on Tomales Bay
3. Successful SAR case executed by Auxiliary crew on Suisun Bay
4. Flotilla 52 has a new home

#### **DETAILS**

1. FL 53 member Doug Burke reported having an opportunity to save a Travis AFB Airman's life while he was fishing near Edo's Harbor. The Airmen, while attempting to pull anchor ended up tangling the rode in the boats prop, and subsequently fell overboard. He was clutching a throw cushion as the current carried him down the river when he was pulled to safety aboard Doug's boat.
2. Earlier this year, Station Bodega Bay requested that the Auxiliary assist them by patrolling Tomales Bay. Although FL 55 patrols the Bodega Bay area with six facilities, none were suitable for the very shallow waters of Tomales Bay. However, FL 55

members committed themselves to finding a solution to the problem. One of the members acquired an older, shallow-draft Boston Whaler. Other members pitched in to equip and make ready the boat to be an operational facility. Last month, Auxiliary vessel "Sea Scum" was ready, and two patrols were conducted. Upon seeing the Auxiliary on patrol, a Marin County Park Ranger expressed his gratitude that the "Coast Guard" was there.

3. At approximately 0750 on 2 AUG, we received a call from the Auxiliary Liaison at Station Vallejo requesting Auxiliary assistance to respond to a call from a disabled vessel on Suisun Bay. By 0917, FL 51 member Mike Ungersma and his crew were underway. The disabled vessel was located and safely towed to the Benicia Marina, and the mission secured at 1245.
4. Flotilla 52 had their first meeting last month at their new home, the Napa Valley Yacht Club.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

Four California Highway Patrol officers passed the ABS class conducted by FL 51 at the Napa Airport CHP facility. The CHP operates two trailerable boats, two helicopters, and two fixed wing aircraft from the facility.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

The Division 5 Tie Out will be held at Brannan Island State Park on September 19 and 20. Operational exercises are planned and a pot luck BBQ hosted by the Division will be held on Saturday evening. All are welcome. Contact Phil Sanchez at [pmsanchez2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmsanchez2@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### **Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 held joint pre-QE training session on Sunday Sept 6. Qualification evolutions for crew and coxswain were practiced.
2. Flotillas 6-1,6-4,6-7-and 6-10 have scheduled an OPTEX at Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a joint effort among the Division 6 flotillas to meet the 3-year re-qualification requirements for crew and coxswains in order to keep the division operational. Also two initial crew qualifications will be attempted.

#### **DETAILS**

1. Flotilla 6-7 set up a boating safety booth in honor of National Marina Day at the Santa Cruz Harbor. Well attended by the public
2. Division 6 AuxNet continues to have its first Monday of each month call out. This month 11 radio facilities participated.
3. Division 6 performed 99 program visitations during the month of August
4. Division 6 did 36 VSCs during the month of August.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

1. Meetings have been held with the regional fire chief of the Monterey Peninsula, which includes Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel. Due to budget cuts the policy of sending out a fire truck and a crew of firemen during times of storm swells is no longer possible.

The purpose of this was to warn people of high wave danger on the shore side rocky areas. The fire chief asked if the Auxiliary could take over this task. It should fit with the MSOM program and the logistics are being structured now.

2. Flotilla 6-1 is continuing with their second Saturday of the month training operations with Station Morro Bay.
3. Santa Cruz Tower Assists in an Emergency. Wally Smith VFC 6-10 was on duty in the tower September 5 when he monitored a medical emergency call from a vessel four miles south of Capitola. Apparently the calling party was using a handheld and neither Santa Cruz Harbor nor Station Monterey heard the call. After realizing that no one else would respond, Wally took the call and played a central role in coordinating emergency assistance efforts using both VHF radio and cell phone. Well done Wally!
4. Thanks to Kevin Sellstrom, ADSO-CM, for his massive support of the Land Mobile program. He has helped several D6 AuxComs to acquire Icom IC-F121 LM radios. Santa Cruz Mobile 04 has upgraded to an Icom F121. Three Monterey AuxComs have F121's on order at this time. Santa Cruz Mobile 13 has recently upgraded to a West Marine VHF650 (Uniden Solara DSC)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

1. The Division 6 COW will be held on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>. The District Calendar currently indicates November 14<sup>th</sup>. The date change is due to the availability of the banquet room at the Rancho Canada Golf Course. Rancho Canada is offering a large discount on green fees for those interested in a round of golf prior to the COW activities.
2. The Coast Guard birthday was celebrated by the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Div 6) and the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Navy League providing cake for Station Monterey and the Cutter Hawksbill .

### **DIVISION GOALS**

Retain current members, recruit new members. To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division 6. To mentor new members and to continue to provide training for current members. To continue our excellent rapport with USCG Station Monterey and USCG Station Morro Bay.

### **Dick Hoelle, DCDR-7**

#### Division

- After the OPEX Aug. 6-9 the Division has been busy with safety patrols and a triathlon at Jordanelle Res over six hundred swimmers
- The Div. election committee has completed their search for qualified candidates and submitted to the board. Elections will be held 22 Sept at the DNR Bldg during the regular scheduled board meeting.
- Dist is sending two QEs for the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept to test more candidates for the boat crew program.

#### Flotilla Reports

- 7 2 \* Mentoring of new members & patrols
- 7 3 \* Summer ops at Flaming Gorge.
- \* Flotilla meeting discussion per DCDR and VDCDR elections

- \* District awards presented by DCO Williams, Dick Hoelle, DCDR and Larry Kelley, VDCDR.
- 7 6 \* No activity report
- \* Will be holding a NAV Rules Class that is open to the div., starting in October
- 7 8 \* Has five new potential members
- \* District awards presented by Div. DCDR and VDCDR
- \* Mentoring & training for boat crews

### **Richard Thomas, DCDR-8**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Crescent City – Salmon Season

Eureka – Public Classes and new web site

Fort Bragg – Light House- interactive drills with Noyo River Station

Lake County- Aton Inspections and Tie-out prep.

#### **DETAILS:**

##### **Crescent City**

During the month of August all crew and coxswains had to do qualifications under the direction of Coast Guard Personnel and all passed. These were newly developed physical requirements and these Auxiliarists had several drills that they had to complete in timed events. They had to run distances, float in a dry suit in the ocean and several other requirements. It is a pleasure to report that all passed and will continue to man the RBS in Crescent City.

From August 28th through September 7<sup>th</sup> the very short salmon season was open along the coastal waters. Flotilla Commander Bill Barlow stated that the weather was not as great as normal and there were fewer fishermen than they had expected. During this week of season the members of the flotilla were very active in being highly visible to the public both on the water as well as dockside. Several Auxiliarists handed out safety materials, with an emphasis on America Water Way Watch.

The Dorado crew and the Crescent City members had a joint BBQ.

During August the flotilla coxswains and crew members will be doing their physical agility test that is now required to remain as active participants for patrols on the 851.

Program Visitor's have been busy and the flotilla is preparing for a busy salmon season as it will be open for only 10 days at the end of August and the local flotilla will be active in VE's and patrols.

##### **Eureka 8-6**

Flotilla Commander O'Connor completed several more VE's and taught two boating safety classes. I was out on the East Coast on business and was not able to contact him to get more information on flotilla events. The night of our phone board meeting he and Flotilla Commander Barlow were not available as they had a SAR's case just prior to the meeting.

##### **Mendocino 8-7**

The flotilla under the guidance of newly elected Flotilla Commander, Harold Hauck, had a busy August and thus far in September. They completed the routine scheduled maintenance of Cabrillo Lighthouse.

They recently have had 4 members begin the process of becoming crew qualified and 1 to 2 possible new coxswain trainees beginning their direction for qualifications.

The flotilla participated in the Paul Bunyan parade and was accompanied by Coastie. They utilized Coastie on a couple of weekends out at the lighthouse and Coastie was very popular to the general public.

Fort Bragg Flotilla has just had a member become fully qualified to be a watch-stander at Noyo River and there is a second individual that is in training for the position of watch-stander.

One of their members is not fully qualified to serve as a crew member on a 47' and this member also recently received his AUX-OP pin and certificate.

### **Lake County**

The Lake County flotilla continued to work with VE's and has reported to have 182 completed VE's for the year.

Most of this month is focused on the Up-coming Tie-out at Clearlake. There are extreme questions as to where on the water events will take place as the lake is extremely low. All classes and dinners and board and staff meeting will be held in Lakeport at the Lakeport Yacht Club.

Atton inspections were completed on the lake- see interagency report.

### **Up-Coming/Events**

Tie-Out – October 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup> -Clearlake

Oil boom inspection and operation training on the water – Clear Lake – at the tie-out

Hazmat Class – Tie-out - Clearlake

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

Crescent City took Dorado Crew members on their RBS and did a FAM of the Auxiliary AOR and pointed out and referenced a variety of hazards.

Lake County performed two nights of ATON inspections of a variety of locations around Clearlake and reported any issues with the County of Lake.

Mendocino had several training patrols and assisted Noyo River Coast Guard station in training patrols.

### **DIVISION GOALS:**

No New Goals- as stated in original report.

I have sent reminders that as part of our Auxiliary mission in Division Eight it is important to emphasize safety during this busy time of the year.



## DeeDee Kincade, DCDR-11

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Introduction of Videos on the Division Website
2. Regatta Patrol Activities
3. Winter Kayak Safety Class
4. Lake in the Sky Air Show
5. 2-Boat Training with Station Lake Tahoe
6. Visit with CG Master Chief Charles Bowen
7. Patti Bauernfeind Ultra Marathon Swim Across Lake Tahoe

### DETAILS

1. Tom Komadina SO-CS and Jack Leth SO-OP are producing videos on our Division website. Our first introduction into videos was a clip of the Trans Tahoe Swim, one of the many regatta events that occur on Lake Tahoe during the summer. Our current headline feature is a 10 minute video of the Auxiliary conducting a 2-boat Coast Guard coxswain qualification with Station Lake Tahoe. These videos are attracting members and the public to our website. It is a way to communicate what we are doing and to entice current and prospective members to join our activities. We plan to video PE and MT classes in the future.
2. Operational Activities
  - a. Regatta Patrols – Facilities provided safety zone patrols for the following events since mid August: Annual Lake Tahoe Outrigger Canoe and Kayak Race Sept. 5-6, and the South Lake Tahoe Labor Day Fireworks Sept. 7. The Outrigger Canoe and Kayak Races were held during a high wind advisory of 20-25 knot winds and 3 foot seas. The organizers voiced that they were appreciative of our presence. We have 4 more regatta events planned for the month of September which include the Big Blue Kayak Adventure Race Sept. 19, Lake Tahoe Marathon Kayak Event Sept. 25, the Fannett Island Sailboat Race Sept. 27 and the Tahoe Fall Classic Paddleboard Race Sept. 27. The SUP Event on Sept. 27 is a paddleboard event that spans the entire 22 miles of Lake Tahoe during a time when we start to see cooler, rougher weather on the lake.
  - b. We have regularly scheduled 2-boat CG training patrols on Mondays and Tuesdays.
3. Member Training - Our Division is conducting a QE Day on Sept 13. We have one initial coxswain, two initial boat crew and two 3-year boat crew re-qualification.
4. Public Education
  - a. Flotilla 11-01 is conducting a Winter Kayak Safety Class at Station Tahoe on Oct. 3. Our original instructor Jay Schmidt will be flying in from Texas to help our instructors teach the class. Harry King from EnviroRents will be demonstrating assisted and unassisted “on the water” rescues and safety equipment. Roger Haynes DSO-PE is coming to Tahoe to observe the class.
  - b. Flotilla 11-03/05 are teaching an ABS Class in Reno on Oct 3.
5. Public Affairs Activities – Seven members of Carson City Flotilla 11-05 manned a booth at the Lake in the Sky Air Show in South Lake Tahoe on August 29. Over 8000 people attended the event and the booth received good attention. Auxiliary Air Program members Ed York and Bob MacRea flew Ed’s Cessna 172 to the event.
6. Vessel Exam Activities – As of Sept 10 our Division has conducted 952 VSCs. This is an increase of 427%, up from 223 conducted last year.
7. Fellowship – Flotilla 11-05 had their summer picnic flotilla meeting on Sept 6. Flotilla 11-04 is having their summer picnic on Sept. 12.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

1. We continue to provide 2-boat training for Station Lake Tahoe on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Auxiliary was instrumental in helping the qualification of two Coast Guard coxswains last month, BM3 Reid Roach and BM2 James Macri.
2. Operational members from Flotilla 11-01 were included in a visit from the Coast Guard's Master Chief Charles Bowan on August 26 at Station Lake Tahoe. The Master Chief presented the crew with CG Medallions and thanked them for their service.
3. On May 30 long distance swimmer Patti Bauernfeind contacted us through the Division website asking for guidance regarding her planned swim on August 28. For the last several months I have been corresponding with Patti, answering questions about security and permit issues concerning the swim. She did complete the swim on August 28. The following is from an email I received after the event:

Hi Dee Dee - I wanted to thank you and your staff for the terrific support provided while I completed my swim. Below is a write up of the swim. As you know, Lake Tahoe is a beautiful lake. For endurance swimmers, it is more than just beautiful, it is a great challenge. I think that you'll hear from more swimmers as this type of swimming becomes more popular and as more swimmers train for the English Channel. The only surprise I had on the swim was how cold the up swells were near Incline Village. Advice I'll give to other swimmers is to drink hot tea 3 miles out to keep their core warm.

On Friday August 28th, Patti Bauernfeind, Director in Product Marketing, completed a long-time goal of swimming the 22 mile length of Lake Tahoe in 10 hours and 39 minutes – setting a new record! She swam from Camp Richardson South Lake to Incline Village North Lake Tahoe. This is 22 miles at 6200 feet elevation. She is only the 15th recorded swimmer to swim the length of Tahoe but only 4 have swum between the two farthest points on the lake. The swim is like running an ultra marathon; a marathon swim is 10K or 6.2 miles and the Tahoe swim were 3+ times this and then some.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

1. 12SEP Flotilla 11-04 Picnic, So. Lake Tahoe, CA
2. 19SEP Big Blue Adventure Race (Kayak), Tahoe Vista, CA.
3. 25SEP Lake Tahoe Marathon (Kayak), South Lake Tahoe, CA.
4. 27SEP Fannett Island Sailboat Race, Windjammers Yacht Club, S. Shore
5. 27SEP Tahoe Fall Classic Paddleboard Race, Camp Richardson, CA
6. 28SEP Division Meeting (1900) Elections, CG Station Lake Tahoe

## **Roger Haynes, DCDR-12**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

See Below

### **DETAILS**

- 1 Div 12 is working to schedule a series of joint land, sea, and air exercises.
- 2 Discussions are underway to hold several events at Outdoor World, and negotiating customer incentives for participation in VEs and PE classes.
- 3 Flotilla 12-05 in Fremont has negotiated meeting space in the Fremont Fire District training facility at Grimmer and Automall. They will now meet on the third Tuesday at 1900. Unfortunately membership did not turn out for the first meeting in this new location.
- 4 Flotillas 12-02 and 12-21 are moving forward in their merge, forming 12-01. Attendance

at the monthly meeting has risen as members from both attend. Breakout Committees are working on transition issues in OPS and RBS

5 Division is asking each flotilla to teach an AUXOP or similar course during 2009. Flotilla 12-03 scheduled an AUXCOM class for September 12-13, while Flotilla 12-21 scheduled CPR/AED and Basic First Aid for October 17-18.

6 One Div 12 member is participating in the Oct. 3 OPTREX of Div 1 at Berkeley.

7 Div 12 members are participating in training patrols for Sta. SF and Sta. Rio Vista. Two Div. 12 facilities are signed up for Fleet Week and I expect four more.

8 Div 12 chose not to have an Auxiliary booth at the Jack London boat show starting this weekend through next due to the poor public attendance last year at this fall show and the outdoor placement of non-paid non-profit booths.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

1. None

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

1 Sept 19-20 Flotilla 12-91 PA event Day on the Glen in Dublin.

2 Sept 26 Flotilla 12-91 ABS class in San Ramon

3 October 8 – 11 Fleet Week. Blue Angles and Canadian Snow Birds will be flying “the box”. Two division facilities are signed up and I expect more.

4 October 13 Flotilla 12-91 GPS class

5 October 14 one facility will work with Sta. Rio Vista for their crew training.

6 October 17-18 Flotilla 12-21 is holding MT for CPR and first aid.

## **DIVISION GOALS**

1 Assist rebuilding of flotillas.

2 Identify member dissatisfaction with Auxiliary and find ways to make satisfactory.

3 Provide monthly training opportunities for members of the Division.

4 Facilitate communication between coxswains and crew so no OPS members are REYR due to hours.

## **Charlie Duncan, P-PCA**

PCA Fair:

For those that didn't know, Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 will now be organizing the PCA Fairs for next year, with the help of Como Gail Ramsey. I will still be running refreshments for both days unless they can find someone else that wants to get up at 0500, to have the coffee ready for the group that always comes in early.

Memorial:

Still nothing from the Gold side on the Memorial, we have the ground and that's it. Maybe after October 1, 2009 we will have a little money to get something started.

## **Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Attended a meeting at Sector to confirm lessons learned with the

Marine Safety – Observation Missions program and to verify the benefit accruing to the Stations due to Auxiliary support.

2. Support AWW activities requested by Sector.
3. Congratulations to Bill Kinsey, Mike Lauro and others for the great job done to support Delta Blitz activities.

### **DETAILS**

1. A meeting was precipitated with ENS Marcus Brown and Steve Salmon to give an overview of program activities to date and review lessons learned. second objective of the meeting was to verify that the process used by the Coast Guard in its Operations Focused Lens is picking up Auxiliary activity and can verify that this effort is being of assistance to the local Stations.

The numbers of Auxiliarists trained and patrolling is increasing. Several incidents have reinforced the notion that we must continually communicate our mission is to observe and report. Most are doing so but there have been several questions raised. A regular communication is being developed that will remind all participants of the Observe and Report emphasis.

Also, changes in Watch standers and OODs at the local Stations have required reminders of the program to Station personnel.

Neil Nevesny has drafted a document suitable for posting in watch standing rooms that gives instructions to watch standers thereby assisting them in handling calls from Auxiliarists.

Finally, it was resolved that a detailed report of points visited by Auxiliarists will be provided to Sector so they can adjust Station tasking accordingly.

### **PERSONAL GOALS**

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

### **Rod Collins, DCAPT-SPT**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Attended Division meetings

#### **DETAILS**

Attended the Division meetings for Division 4 and Division 10.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

No contacts so far this month.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

I plan to attend the elections for the following Divisions:

Division 4, 23 September

Division 10, 9 October

Division 6, 3 October (representing Robert Hendry, DCAPT-RBS)

## **DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

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

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

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

## **Angelo Perata, COS**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Flotilla Commander Leadership Course

Intro to New AUXChef

New Social Media

Untucked ODU and New Sew-on-Insignia

NSAR 2010

Division 07

### **DETAILS**

1. Flotilla Commander Leadership Course is being developed by National and our DCO Mike Williams has been very active in getting this implemented.

2. Auxchef is a new program, It involves working with the Coast Guard Galley personal and on your own. Hope to have classes available soon. More information will be forthcoming.

3. Social Media is fairly new. Instructor is Ryan Bank in teaches a great class. This is the wave of the future, and we hope to bring him to D11NR soon.

4. Untucked ODUs At this time they are only available for new members. They hope to have them available after the first of the year for all members. The good news is we have

until 31 Dec. 2012 before it is authorized for wear. So keep your old uniforms, and who knows they might change back to the old style.

5. The new sew-on insignia (Black A) will soon be available for ODU, WB, & parkas The Red or blue A will no longer be authorized after 31 Dec. 2010

6. N-SAR 2010 Has been canceled due to funding,. Hoping to get funds for NSAR in 2011.

7. Will be traveling to Utah for their Division elections in Sept.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

Attended NACON last week. It was our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. We were delighted to have different Countries present.

The three that come to mind were CANADA, NEW ZEALAND and the PHILIPPINES – all Coast Guard Auxiliaries. The Philippines were there in force with their beautiful dress uniforms.

Thursday night was hospitality night & each District brought something representing there area. Roger and Linda Haynes representing D11NR did an outstanding job. Thank you, Roger and Linda.

National announced the creation of our new Auxiliary National Administrative Structure. Our PACAREA Commodore Vic Connell has a new title. It is now Deputy National Commodore Force Readiness (DNACO) What a mouthful. Good luck Vic.

Saturday Night our guest speaker was Admiral Thad Allen Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. He discussed Auxiliary Modernization to align with the new Coast Guard Command Control and Mission Support Structure. The Coast Guard Auxiliary a force multiplier of vetted and trained volunteers and in his final comments said that we are leading the way..., “there is nothing that we ask you to do that you don’t do.”

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 12 September 2009**

#### **Larry Olsen, DSO-AV**

Aux Air is steadily getting back to normal flight operations following the Safety Stand Down from earlier this year. We now have eleven (11) facilities certified to conduct missions. We also have eleven (11) qualified pilots and approximately 18 active observers. We have one pilot trainee and four observer trainees that will soon be certified and ready to go to work for the Auxiliary.

We are now flying about three patrols per week and are flying additional support missions for the Coast Guard. On 16 Aug 2009 we had one Aux Aircraft flying in support of Aux vessels and land mobiles for the Million Boat Float event that took place between Rio Vista and Sacramento.

Our AUXLO, LTJG Hilary N. Smith has been reassigned other duties at the Air Station and we now have a new AUXLO, LT Matt Udkow. Recently, DIRAUX transferred funds to the Air Station for the purchase of PPE for Aux Air members. We have placed orders for flight suits, PFD's, and maintenance for our off-shore life rafts.

We are preparing for our Safety Workshop, which is scheduled for 24 Oct 2009 at Air Station Sacramento. We also have our swim and egress exercises scheduled for Saturday, 14 Nov 2009, in the pool at CGI.

#### **Jeff Price, DSO-CM**

Here is the Communications report from the past few months. This report will include some activities that were completed.

1. Updated news regarding the new Repeater that will be located high on top of the Santa Clara /Santa Cruz Mountains. The new shack has been built, the main antenna has been erected and the Auxiliary Communications is standing by until we receive authorization to get our own antenna and other related items placed inside. This repeater will be a HUGE addition for the Communicators in Division 6 as well as the Divisions along the San Francisco Bay. We are hoping to have this completed within the next couple of months. All Division CM Officers will be notified and those that have the proper radios will be included with the testing. We have acquired a new set of frequencies for this specific repeater. Most of them have been uploaded by the Repeater ADSO and that took place at the last PCA fair.
2. Mike Nolan and I met with the Harbormaster at Pillar Point to discuss the operational procedures that will be put in place. As indicated in the last report, the Auxiliary Mobile Communicators will now be back filling the Harbormasters Office while the Harbormaster is underway on Search and Rescue related matters. The Mobile Communicators job will be well defined. If there is a need for coverage, the AWO will dispatch two mobile units to the San Mateo County coast. One Mobile Communicator will be tasked with maintaining the Harbormasters Office and the other will be tasked to the incident. All

interested Mobile Communicators are requested to contact Mike Nolan at:  
[mobile1@irishlad.com](mailto:mobile1@irishlad.com)

3. The Communications Department was heavily involved with the "Delta Blitz" this year. The Sector Command Staff approached me and has asked for my help with transporting the Sector Communications Trailer to all three event locations. In addition to transporting, the Sector Command has asked me to help with the Comms from the stand up of the trailer until the Blitz is concluded. Our role is just the radio work. Mr. Mike Nolan has offered his vehicle up as a secondary vehicle to transport the Communications Trailer. Having two vehicles on the ready to transport this trailer has proven very successful. We were involved with all three deployments. I look forward to next year!
4. **AUGUST PCA FAIR:** We had a very nice turn out at the PCA Fair. We had representation from just about all the Divisions. We went over items such as how to set up a landing zone for helicopters, PRO-WORDS (what not to say) and other radio related topics. Kevin Sellstrom ADSO-CM for radios and repeaters also provided some key information in regards to the type of radio that can be utilized by the Auxiliary. A copy of the power point was available for those who attended the class. One of the other items that we discussed was the restructure of the Mobile Call signs. I have been working with a few of my fellow DSO-CMs from around the country and I believe we have found something that will be very user friendly to both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. I will be rolling out the new call signs hopefully by 01JAN10
5. **FLEET WEEK 2009:** ALL positions for Communicators have now been filled. There will be no additions this year. All assigned Communicators have specific tasks for this event.
6. **TCO-PQS:** I am extremely pleased to announce that we now have a total of three Communicators that have taken and passed the PQS. Their information has been entered into the database. We have two more in the pipeline which will be done by the end of September. We had ZERO in July so progress is being made and I thank all who have been pushing this very much!
7. **AUXCOMM CLASS:** There will be a two day AUXCOMM Class taking place at Coast Guard Island on 12SEPT09 and 13SEPT09. Please contact Mr. Jim VanFleet if you are interested in getting qualified. I am not sure if the class is filled or not. His contact info is: [intrepid@comcast.net](mailto:intrepid@comcast.net)

#### **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.

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

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

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

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

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

**AUX RADIO NET:** All Communications units are encouraged to check in and if nothing else, test their equipment to see if it all works both on the VHF marine channels as well as the repeater frequency. The net is being held at 2000 local time each Monday evening on VHF CH83A. If for some reason CH 83A is occupied then we will switch our VHF Marine remote to transmit on VHF CH 06A. The Sector Command has approved this. The so called "WEST DELTA NET" has been terminated. This net was scheduled at 1900 each Monday. Once the new repeater system gets installed, we will be having an additional net in the week.

**AWO (AUXILIARY WATCH OFFICER):** There are 2 current vacancies in this program. All interested parties need to contact the DSO-CM.

**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.

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

then you will not be activated, period! ALL MOBILES THAT WORK UNDER ORDERS WOULD NEED TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM.

**Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS**

1. D11NR received the national Best Of Web (BOW) Runner-up Award for 2009. The icon is posted on the awards page of our website: <http://d11nuscgaux.info/comments.htm>
2. D11NR 2010 Website activation is being postponed until November, to allow time for training of webmaster for security and template usage. Visit the site under development: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/>
3. The following Webalizer Report gives the Daily Averages for “Pages” and “Visits. Notice the Daily Averages between 2008 and 2009 by month. There is a steady visitor increase.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
<a href="#">Sep 2009</a>	4028	2825	367	219	1440	901352	2194	3671	28255	40289
<a href="#">Aug 2009</a>	3165	2106	341	215	3603	2350422	6686	10590	65315	98140
<a href="#">Jul 2009</a>	3243	2231	382	235	3678	2781419	7308	11862	69182	100548
<a href="#">Jun 2009</a>	3111	2214	389	235	3398	2911260	7051	11673	66420	93333
<a href="#">May 2009</a>	3014	2118	310	153	3493	2462409	4756	9638	65673	93447
<a href="#">Apr 2009</a>	3519	2459	382	175	3568	3734380	5258	11487	73794	105599
<a href="#">Mar 2009</a>	3820	2489	470	206	3835	2901138	6393	14582	77185	118429
<a href="#">Feb 2009</a>	4266	2779	422	203	3789	3085495	5691	11826	77822	119464
<a href="#">Jan 2009</a>	7198	4659	550	249	4305	9261978	7744	17071	144433	223151
<b>2008</b>										
<a href="#">Dec 2008</a>	4476	2858	354	166	2547	2054837	5162	10999	88602	138785
<a href="#">Nov 2008</a>	4330	2735	333	160	2457	1987860	4811	10019	82070	129926
<a href="#">Oct 2008</a>	5207	3226	371	174	2543	2431560	5411	11502	100009	161439
<a href="#">Sep 2008</a>	5190	3326	305	145	2226	1742016	4377	9168	99780	155704
<a href="#">Aug 2008</a>	3962	2655	307	141	2037	1843806	4383	9529	82334	122827
<a href="#">Jul 2008</a>	3309	1984	300	148	2126	2311742	4596	9310	61529	102604
<a href="#">Jun 2008</a>	2917	1692	262	131	1969	1348136	3947	7889	50772	87516
<a href="#">May 2008</a>	3258	1878	274	137	2178	1309184	4276	8507	58243	101024
<a href="#">Apr 2008</a>	3109	1759	264	138	2122	1577604	4163	7922	52797	93284
<a href="#">Mar 2008</a>	3220	1752	308	140	1992	1121994	4349	9567	54321	99833
<a href="#">Feb 2008</a>	3775	1976	325	140	1779	1126810	4065	9431	57306	109486
<b>Totals</b>						<b>49245402</b>	<b>102621</b>	<b>206243</b>	<b>1455842</b>	<b>2294828</b>

4. OUR DISTRICT SETS A RECORD. D11NR is the only district in which every unit is listed on the national Flotilla Finder: <http://www.cgaux.org/flotillafinder/links.php?district=113>

5. Many kudos belong to the unit webmasters in our district. Here are some of the newer sites:
- Flotilla 86: <http://flotilla86.d11nr.info/>
  - Flotilla 35: <http://a1130305.uscgaux.info/>
  - Division 7: <http://division7.d11nr.info/>
  - Flotilla 55: <http://flotilla55.d11nr.info/>
  - Flotilla 11-5: <http://www.carsonauxiliary.org/>
  - Flotilla 11-1: <http://flotilla11-1.d11nr.info/>

### **Frances Fisher, DSO-FN**

All division dues though Q2 are paid.

REIMBURSEMENTS - EXCOM and DSOs ... Please get expense reimbursement requests in ASAP, but no later than quarterly. ...i.e. by 31 October, I should have received all reimbursement requests for expenses through 30 September.

Please remind all units that annual dues billing should have been started in July. Any disenrollments for non-payment of dues should be sent to the DSO-PS no later than 1 October.

### **COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS**

There is nothing new, other than the message that went out to all members of the district. A new tool is available: <http://auxofficer.cgaux.org>

This requires the same sign-on procedure as the e-Directory. You can access:

[SEARCH by Last Name, Member # or eMail](#)

[SEARCH by Qualification](#)

[SEARCH by Office](#)

You will see the level of your highest office. You can get Staff only or all members. This will prevent you from having to go into AUXDATA with a read only password.

### **David Talton, DSO-MA**

There is nothing new to report this month. Work continues on the new pricing and stream lining inventory to eliminate old items that do not sell.

Flotillas continue to order educational material for the public education classes they are teaching.

### **COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT**

#### **Member Training Materials**

Except for AUXSC&E, ANSC is not providing hard copies of OSC Student Study Guides (SSG). Each Flotilla MT officer should hold a CD (ANSC 5500) that contains the Student Study Guides for the OSC other than SC&E. Instructors for AUXCOM, AUXPAT, AUXSEA, AUXWEA, and AUXNAV should order a copy of ANSC 5500A from their respective FSO-MA. This CD contains both the SSG and Instructor Guides for these courses. The associated power point presentations for AUXWEA and AUXNAV are also included. The National Web Site has links to the IG and SSG for the OSC. Look at the Training Department under AUXOP. See: <http://www.cgaux.org/training/AUXOP.html>.

While the Education Department has power point presentations for the public education classes at: <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/> , there is no central location for member training slides.

Students for the OSC will have to either use the PDF version of the Student Study Guides or print a copy from the PDF. Student Study Guides and many other Auxiliary Manuals can be purchased from: <https://marketplace.mimeo.com/CoastGuardAuxiliary#> . Prices vary from \$2.69 to \$28.81 depending on the length of the manual. Thanks to Pat O'Leary for providing information on this web site.

Students intending to take an OSC should ensure that they have the most recent student study materials because the exam is based on the current edition of the text. The National Web Site has a list of current texts, see: <http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/TrainingDocumentationDec2008.pdf> .

### **PCA Training Fair**

The original intent of the PCA Training Fair was to provide an opportunity for members to take a class which might not be given in their Flotilla or Division. The weekend would provide an intense review of the subject and prepare the student for the examination. For many subjects, the student needs to obtain the SSG and study the material before the weekend. For some of the courses, a student can show up for the class without having read the study guide and gain sufficient knowledge to pass the exam. For more complex or demanding courses, it is essential that the student come to class fully prepared.

### **AUXOP Study Web Site**

There is a web site: <http://www.comomike.info/Default.aspx> that provides a student with the opportunity to study questions for all the AUXOP classes, APC, and NAVRULES exams. The initial page of this site has buttons (green on the left side of the screen) that provide entry into the questions for the specified subject while the center column is a link to the electronic version of the student text. Many students have found this method of preparing for an exam to be helpful. The NAVRULES section has both drill and practice examinations while the other sections have drill only.

### **James Duncan, DSO-NS**

1. **REQUEST FOR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL BRIDGES:** The Auxiliary has received a request from **D11 (dpw) Bridge Section** for two (2) current clear and sharp daylight digital photographs of the straight on approach to all bridges one up and one downstream as seen from a vessels. A good opportunity to photograph bridges is while already out on an official patrol. Some of the key aspects of this effort are:

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**Photo Subjects & Good Photos** –Try to get two (2) clear & sharp digital photographs showing the bridge main straight on approach channel showing from bank to bank in narrow waterways one up and one downstream. For large waterway bridges photographs showing the main straight on channel approach with at less one bridge section on each side of the approach. Always have the bridge straight on approach in the center of the photograph. The Bridge should fill at least 2/3rds of the shot (but do not crop or alter the photo)

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**2. DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS:** D11 Northern Region now has available 5 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 10. 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
18652	<b>San Francisco Bay to Antioch</b>	Various	35	Aug /09 (LNM:) (LNM:24/2009)	35	Aug /09 (INM:) (LNM:24/2009)

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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>

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**3. CHART 18652 LATEST EDITION HAS BIG NEW CHANGES:** This is the third and last of our 3 small craft facility charts that you will notice a big change in this new 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition of chart 18652 covering the San Francisco Bay to Antioch. All Operational vessels, when you get this new chart, look it over very closely! You will be very surprised.

NOAA, Marine Chart Division issued a cartographic order (CO 002/05) and it is now being implemented. Starting with 2009 charts it's specifying that only small craft facilities that meet the following five criteria will be charted from now on:

1. Open to the public.
2. Sell gasoline or diesel fuel.

3. Have a pump out facility.
4. Have transient berths or moorings.
5. Give an approach depth and an alongside depth.

According to NOAA, Marine Chart Division if a small craft facility doesn't meet these criteria, they are of little value to the mariner and thus will not be included in the tabulation table on the chart. Thousands of small craft facilities (marinas) have been removed from the tabulations table (includes the magenta numbers on the chart showing the marinas location) on the chart because they don't meet these five criteria.

**Chart 18652 has lost about 64 marina locations from the 34<sup>th</sup> edition to 35<sup>th</sup> edition.** You can't go the web address below because it's not on the NOAA On-Line-Viewer of the Pacific Coast. You can also check on chart 18661 & 18662 at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>

**Note:** Out of 84 marinas in the 34<sup>th</sup> edition, now only the 20 marinas (listed below) are in the new 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the San Francisco Bay to Antioch Small Craft Facilities Chart 18652.

New small craft facilities table from Chart 18652, 35<sup>th</sup> edition below:

NO	SMALL CRAFT FACILITY	DEPTHS		SERVICES						SUPPLIES													
		APPROACH-DEPTHS-CHART SIDE	ALONGSIDE-DEPTHS-REPORTED	BEERTHS-MOORINGS-TRANSIENTS	RAMP SURFACED	REPAIRS	MARINE HULL-NATURAL	LIFT RAILWAY	BOAT RENTAL	CANOE-ROW-MOTOR	FOOD-LODGING-CAMPING	TOILETS SHOWERS-LAUNDRY	WINTER STORAGE	NAUTICAL CHART SALES	GROCERIES-HARDWARE	BAIT-TACKLE	DIESEL OIL-GASOLINE						
13	COYOTE POINT MARINA	A	12	8	B	E	S					M	CHS	F	TS	P	W		WI				DG
23	SAN LEANDRO MARINA	A	7	8	B	E	S							FL	TS	P			WI				DG
24	BALLENA ISLE MARINA	A	7	8	B	E						M	C	S	F	TSLP	WD		WI	GH			DG
49	EMERYVILLE MARINA	B	8	6	BME	S							C	FL	TSLP	W		WI	G	BT		DG	
50	BERKELEY YACHT HARBOR	B	8	5	B	E	S	HM		25			C	S	FL	TS	P		WI	H	BT		DG
50B	BERKELEY MARINA	B	7	16	B	E	S			1		M	C	H	FL	TS	P	WD	C	WI	GH	BT	DG
51	MARINA BAY YACHT HARBOR	B	5	5	B	E	S							F	TSLP	D		WI	G			DG	
53A	BAY SHIP & YACHT CO.	B	12	8	B	S		HMR						F	TSLP	WD	C	WI	GH	BT		DG	
70	CLIPPER YACHT HARBOR	B	12	8	B	E	S	HMR		100				F	TSLP	WD	C	WI	GH	BT		DG	
94	LOCH LOMOND MARINA	D	8½	8½	B	E	S	M						F	TS	P	WD	C	WI	GH	BT	DG	
98A	PORT SONOMA MARINA	C	7	7	B					3				F	TS	P	WD	C	WI		BT	DG	
100A	PETALUMA MARINA	C	9	9	BME	S								TS	P	W		W				G	
105	VALLEJO MUNICIPAL MARINA	D	12	12	B	E								TSLP				W				DG	
111A	NAPA VALLEY MARINA	C	14	14	B	E		HM	50	35				TS	P	WD	C	WI	GH	BT		DG	
119	BENICIA MARINA	C	8	8	B	E	S							F	TSLP			WI				DG	
123A	MARTINEZ MARINA	C	8	6	B	E	S							F	TSLP	W		WI	GH	BT		DG	
127	CITY OF PITTSBURG MARINA	F	27	8	B	E	S	HM				C	F	T	P	W		WI	G	BT		DG	
132	SUISUN CITY MARINA	D	10	10	B	E	S	M						FL	S	P	W		W	G	B	DG	
141	ANTIOCH MARINA	F	8	10	B	E								F	TSLP			WI	GH			DG	
145	DRIFTWOOD MARINA	E	6	6	B	E								TS	P	D						G	

All Navigation Systems & Operational personnel should be aware of this change. It could affect your Patrol Operations, Aid Verification and Chart Updating activities as well as your recreational boating.

**4. AID VERIFIERS QUALIFIED OR AID VERIFIERS RE-CERTIFIED IN 2004** it is your time to take the Open Book 5-Year Re-certification exam. Aid Verifiers must re-certification every 5-year. The 5-year Open Book Aid Verifier Re-certification Exam can be emailed or mailed to any Aid Verifier requesting to take their 5-year Re-certification. I've emailed the list of Aid Verifiers due this year to all SO-NS. SO-NSs please confirm that these Aid Verifiers are aware of this requirement. Please have then contact me (DSO-NS) for a copy



of the 5-year Open Book Aid Verifier Re-certification Exam or that they don't wish to re-certify.  
**They only have 4 months to re-certify!!!!**

**5. 2009 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY:** SO-NS, Note the difference between AUXINFO & what D11 (dpw) has received. Question is why the disparity?  
 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 **September 8, 2009**.

**2009 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT**  
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Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION					PATON's				BRIDGE's			2009 AV's
	A	AI	P	U	PI	AOR	CHECK	% Done	STILL TO DO	AOR	Check	% Done	
1			102		31	113	93	82%	20	3	3	100%	23
3			56	13	14	43	43	100%	0	13	13	100%	15
4			54		2	54	54	100%	0	2	2	100%	6
5	2	4	64		8	105	63	60%	42	9	9	100%	18
6	2	2	104	8	252	120	104	87%	16	2	2	100%	8
8			3			4	3	75%	1	1	1	100%	0
10		8	19		15	44	19	43%	25	10	10	100%	11
11		8	47		48	89	47	53%	42				11
12			85	7	18	163	84	52%	79	9	9	100%	12
Total	4	22	534	28	388	735	510	69%	225	49	49	100%	104
	<b>2009-D11</b>					<b>2009 NOAA-NOS</b>				<b>2009 NOAA-NOS</b>			
	<b>Chart Updating Year</b>					<b>Chart Updating Year</b>				<b>Chart Updating Year</b>			
	<b>Jan 1, 2009 to Dec 31, 2009</b>					<b>Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2009</b>				<b>Apr 1, 2009 to Mar 31, 2010</b>			
Div	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	Reports	2nd Ob	CUC	
1													
3	4		277	1		277	3						?
4													
5													
6													
8													
10													
11													
12													
Total				1	0	277	3						
Total D11 Reports 1/1 through 12/31/09 →					4	Total NOAA CUC 4/1 to 3/31/09 →					3		

Total Aids to Navigation Reports	614	<b>Total Members Submitting Reports →</b>	72
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO	<b>425</b>	<b>425 out of 614 reports showing up in AUXINFO →</b>	<b>69%</b>
Total Chart Updating Reports	4	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized	
Total ATON & Chart Updating	<b>618</b>	NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.	
➤ <b>Note: Red numbers is the information from AUXINFO as of September 8, 2009 update.</b>			
➤ <a href="#">We have started the 2009-2010 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year - April 1 through March 31.</a>			
➤ <a href="#">We are in the D11NR Chart Updating Year - January 1 through December 31.</a>			
➤ Note: The <b>Red</b> number under 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.			
➤ 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."			
➤ <b>"Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, &amp; 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."</b>			

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**Keep your charts up to date via the latest Local Notice to Mariners between new editions.**

**7. First Repeater [Make Photographs Really Work For You:](#)** Kevin Redden, BC-MNB. We've all heard the mantra that "a picture says a thousand words". When reporting an aid or bridge discrepancy or chart updating we must convey the issue we observe in the field to a person sitting in an office who in many cases has never seen the aid, bridge or chart updating that we are reporting on. We have to be able to draw a mental picture in that person's mind of the problem we are observing. This is where photographs are invaluable.

In reporting discrepancies however, there is an easy way to make a picture speak two thousand words! By simply putting the photograph into PowerPoint, and adding captions and arrows, the story we are trying to tell jumps right off the page, letting the reader know exactly what we are trying to report.

### **COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP**

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## **GAR (Green Amber Red) Great Tool!**

All - Hot off the press. September 2009 - GAR (Green Amber Red) GAR is based on a team discussion to understand and evaluate the risks attendant to a mission and how they will be managed. This worksheet has been developed and is recommended by National Surface Operations Division and Surface STAN Team

<<http://www.cgaux.org/response/documents/GAR%20Model%20Surface%20Ops.pdf>> .

Please note that this is for use as a GAR Worksheet where local commands have not already provided one. Be sure to check with your OIA (order issuing authority) for specific forms in your AOR before using this version. [Posted 01 Sept 2009, Source: Gary Taylor DD-Rd]

Click on the underlined link to download the form or go to the Surface home page and click on the Forms link. <http://www.cgaux.org/response/SurfaceOps/>

## **REYR????**

Sorry to be redundant, but the office has received three more complaints from members who did their make-up hours but failed to send in the MT-3 to DIRAUX so the REYR status could be removed, thus the below (**again**).

## **REYR / REWK PROPER WAY TO REGAIN OPERATIONAL STATUS:**

REYR is when you have a lack of a currency maintenance requirement recorded in AUXDATA for the qualification you have worked so hard to achieve. This may be due to lack of hours

underway and/or tasks not accomplished (TCT, Workshops, and ICS courses as examples). REWK is when you have not done the required workshops in a specified time and at the end of the year REWK will change to REYR. To regain Operational Status you must do the required time; this should be entered into AUXDATA showing you as a Trainee. Then submit to DIRAUX the Form MT-3 (1-09). This form is on the District Web Site:

<http://d11nuscgaux.info/docs/Downloads/D11NR-MT3.pdf>. Only the Director's office can remove the REYR or REWK. This procedure is being followed for Boat Crew, Coxswain or PWC Operator. If the REYR is due to lack of hours from the prior year, these hours need to be made up. Be sure to get this year's requirement hours in also or you will end up REYR again in January.

**DSC RADIO VIDEO AVAILABLE:**

A very informative new CGAUX video on DSC radio is available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lcBezzgDW4> Excellent for our members as well as Safe Boating Classes.

**ALL DIVISION OPERATIONAL EVENTS: PRIOR REQUEST FOR QES NECESSARY**

DATE - 2009	LOCATION	CONTACT	EVENT
13-SEPT	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE-DIV 11	SNELL, JIM <a href="mailto:jims22@sbcglobal.net">jims22@sbcglobal.net</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
21-SEPT	UTAH LAKE – DIV 7	ROGER BENNETT <a href="mailto:roger@bennettwoods.com">roger@bennettwoods.com</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
25-26-SEPT	WHISKEYTOWN –FLT 39 OPTREX	Lonny Singer <a href="mailto:Zingerfamily@sbcglobal.net">Zingerfamily@sbcglobal.net</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
27-SEPT	SANTA CRUZ	SEAN SHEEHAN <a href="mailto:sshee11126@aol.com">sshee11126@aol.com</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
3-OCT	BERKELEY YACHT CLUB DIV 1 & 12 - OPTREX	STEVE SALMON <a href="mailto:anotherhorizon@sbcglobal.net">anotherhorizon@sbcglobal.net</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
9-OCT	LAKE SONOMA		QE AVAILABLE
OCT 16 <sup>TH</sup>	BRANNAN ISLAND – DIV 3 OPTREX	DEAN LA CHAPELLE <a href="mailto:deanvic@yahoo.com">deanvic@yahoo.com</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE
OCT 24/25TH	LAKE MILLERTON, FRESNO FLT 10-5 OPTREX	DOUGLAS LAZO <a href="mailto:Lazo2dm@juno.com">Lazo2dm@juno.com</a>	QEs-AVAILABLE

**QUALIFICATION EXAMINERS AVAILABILITY:**

Please try to attend one of the above events if you are in need a a Qualification Examiner. This is the only year where Qualification Examiners have both 2005/2006 plus initial check ride duties to accomplish. We also have two Qualification Examiners that are currently disabled. All disruptions are ` temporary so please bear with the situation.

**CURRENT STATION RADIO FREQUENCIES:**

STATION/SECTOR	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO	21A	ALL WORKING FREQS
STATION SAN FRANCISCO	23A	16
STATION VALLEJO	81A	16

STATION GOLDEN GATE	21A	16
STATION MONTEREY	23A	16
STATION BODEGA BAY	81A	16
STATION RIO VISTA	21A	16
STATION LAKE TAHOE	21A	16
STA/GRP HUMBOLDT BAY	83A	16
STATION NOYO RIVER	83A	16

NOTES: CHANNEL 22A USED FOR CG COMMS WITH PUBLIC. AIRCRAFT/CUTTERS NORMALLY ARE ON SECTOR/GROUP CHANNEL

**HOURS TO DATE OF UNDERWAY HOURS FROM AUXINFO.**

[All Missions][11NR - Eleventh Northern][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2009][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES

Mission Hours as values	11NR - Div 01	11NR - Div 03	11NR - Div 04	11NR - Div 05	11NR - Div 06	11NR - Div 07	11NR - Div 08	11NR - Div 10	11NR - Div 11	11NR - Div 12	11NR - Eleventh Northern
AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	1,426.60	2,986.40	777.70	1,906.60	470.30	2,101.60	795.40	488.80	1,260.70	735.70	12,949.80
GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	0.00	150.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.50
MS - Marine Safety	0.00	0.00	8.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.60
SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	31.40	60.00	6.00	54.80	3.10	121.40	21.70	17.70	11.60	5.30	333.00
All Missions	1,458.00	3,196.90	792.30	1,961.40	473.40	2,223.00	820.10	506.50	1,272.30	741.00	13,444.90

All I will be in Bellingham, Washington helping my Mother September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. I will have my phone with me and I can check email (please no attachments). Please contact Mr. Kilburger ([Danny.W.Kilburger@USCG.MIL](mailto:Danny.W.Kilburger@USCG.MIL)) for Qualification Examiner questions.

**George Knies, DSO-PB**

Call for articles and photos for the October addition of the *Northwind*

**Roger Haynes, DSO-PE**

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

Achievements. Through September 6, 2009 we graduated 700 adult students. Thank you all instructors for your contributions.

I will attend a Winter Kayak Safety Class at Division 11. This PA event is being looked at as a prototype for a new PE class. Meantime anyone with cold water issues and boaters in the water may want to look over these materials. Let me know and I'll get you a copy.

Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned

Division PE reports

Division 1 Francis Sullivan No Report . Division 3 Tom Holtzman No Report Division 4 Paul Zahra No Report Division 5 Shirley Maxson Reports a wide range of classes scheduled between now and December, including ABS, GPS, BS&S, and Weekend Navigator. Division 6 Milton Entwistle No Report Division 7 David Nelson No Report Division 8 Kath Disney Nilson No Report Division 10 Roderick Rollins No Report Division 11 Dee Dee Kincade Winter Kayak Safety Class will be taught as a PA event Oct 3. Division 12 Ronald Walker No Report

**Phillip Grove, DSO-PV**

Division Reports:

Division 05 has 96 visits to report  
 Division 07 has 5 visits to report  
 Division 10 has 187 visits to report  
 Division 12 has 15 visits to report  
 NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	652	498	-154
DIV 03	198	222	+ 24
DIV 04	99	58	- 41
DIV 05	1274	1023	- 251
DIV 06	323	401	+ 78
DIV 07	230	39	- 191
DIV 08	167	109	- 58
DIV 10	1268	877	- 391
DIV 11	253	245	- 8
DIV 12	0	20	+ 20
Totals	4464	3492	- 972

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
3492	2613	4748	231	153

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through August 2009)

News from National. District 11N had 10 flotillas in the Top 100 for Program Visits and Division 10 having 3 flotillas qualify in 2008.

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

**Michael Lauro, DSO-VE**

Congratulations to the 12 recent graduates of the Vessel Examiner class at the August PCA Fair! You'll find their names listed further in the newsletter. So that the qualification process with

the recent graduates and other new examiners goes smoothly, I'd like to take a minute to review the qualification process.

After passing the VE exam whether in the classroom or the on-line exam, the trainee needs to complete at least 5 supervised VSC's under the guidance of a qualified examiner. The VSC's can be performed all in one outing (the preferred method) or over several outings. The qualifying examiner receives credit for these VSC's on the 7038 form with the name of the trainee and member number listed on top of the form and in the REMARKS section. The 7038 should only show VSC's performed with the trainee. All your other VSC activity should be listed on a separate 7038. In addition to the 7038, the VE portion of the District MT-2 form **MUST** be filled out **COMPLETELY** by the qualifying examiner and then returned to the trainee so the Flotilla Commander can sign and date the form who then returns it to the trainee. After making a copy, the trainee can either fax or mail the MT-2 form to the DIRAUX office. The MT-2 form along with many other aids can be found on your D11NR website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>.

The qualifying examiner's 7038 with the trainee information should be promptly submitted thru the I.S. system. It is important to note that each step must be completed correctly and in a timely manner or an unnecessary delay will be created. Once the trainee has completed the supervised exams, they can continue performing VSC's that day. There are many possible methods to train a new examiner. Keep in mind that even though the trainee passed the written test, they may not be able to properly use the knowledge. In addition, the trainee may not possess the confidence to greet the boater or correctly complete the VSC form. With this in mind, I prefer the trainee observe me greeting the boater and observe me performing at least the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> exam. Under your supervision they can then perform at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> exam, maybe more. As the trainee performs these exams, each should be critiqued away from any other VSC activity so as not to embarrass the trainee. Hopefully, each succeeding examination is an improvement over the previous Checks. Just a couple of quick reminders:

1) All examiners need to remember to contact your FSO-VE, VFC, or FC if you plan to perform a VSC on a boat or spend hours at your favorite marina/launch ramp by yourself. This notification-not permission is so that you are covered by the Coast Guard insurance if something should happen.

2) All examiners at a VSC station should dress alike and dress correctly. The FSO-VE or the person establishing the station establishes the uniform of the day. The light blue golf shirt is an excellent substitute for the tropical blue shirt. Remember NO devices are worn on a Tilly hat or on the light blue golf shirt, as these are NOT uniform items.

3) Though not required, for YOUR safety a PFD should be worn when working around any docks or climbing aboard any vessels. It may be the new inflatable type V that we just received or a type III or a float coat.

4) **Finally, we perform VSC's-Vessel Safety Checks, not VE's. VE's are you and I-"Vessel Examiners".**

Even though it's late in the season and water levels are dropping, let's get a crew together, other equipment and schedule a VSC station to help out the boater-that's what we agreed to do when we joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary! As always, your comments are welcome.

Congratulations to the following members who have passed the Vessel Examiner class at the PCA Training Fair held over the weekend of 15-16 August. Please provide assistance so they may complete their qualification ASAP :

Roger Bazeley	01-07	Albert C. Rugo	01-07
James Ippolito	03-03	Jonathan Briend	06-07
Lewis Keizer	06-10	Jack T. Scheidecker	10-02
Tim Mandel	10-02	Gwendolyn Hammer	12-02

Rosemary Maddock	12-02	Ronald Walker	12-02
Chester Bartalin	12-02	Michael Fanfa	12-21

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

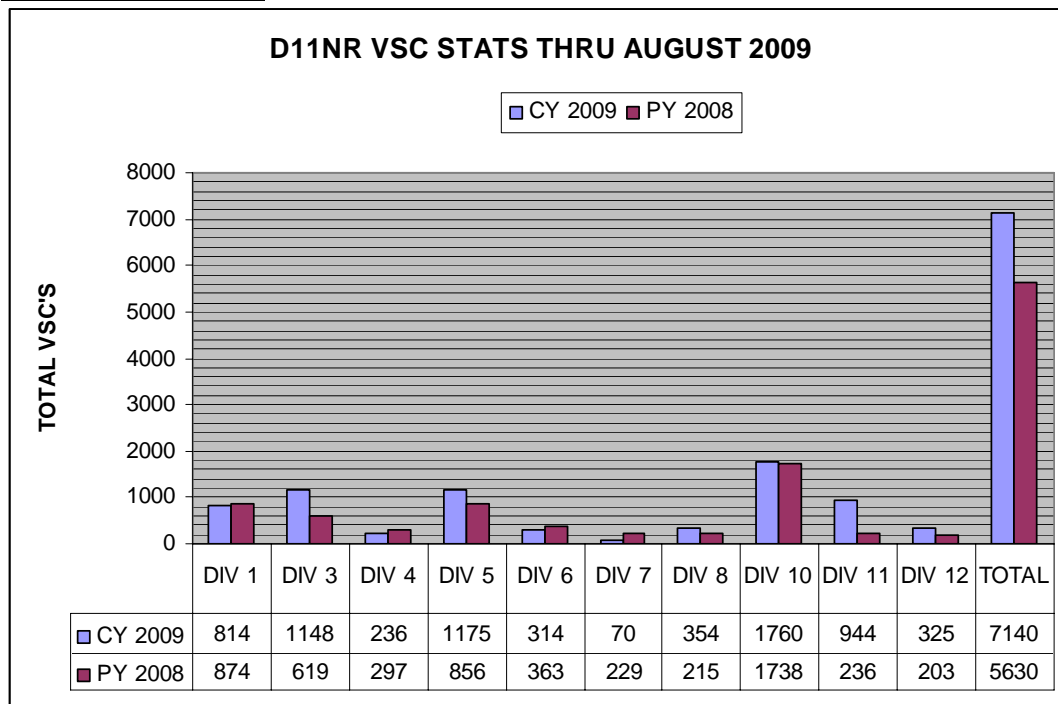
Jerel Berkov	01-04	David R. Naumann	04-01
Michael D. Mirata	05-02	Randy C. Powers	05-03
Paul J. Brighton	05-07	Irving R. Golub	10-03
Peter F. Snook	11-01	Bruce D. Mc Intyre	11-01
Jerry L. Gilmore	11-01	Donald R. Morrision	11-01
William M. Leppard	11-01	James S. Van Fleet	12-03
Clarence Johnson	12-21		

This brings our total to 72 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 17% of the total District examiner base. 2008 had 52 examiners or 15% at this time.

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.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 2009.

**Division Statistics\***



The goal for D11NR for 2009 is **7,800** VSC's. We are **92%** of our goal for the year and **126%** of 2008 production! **Note that 2009 continues to lead 2008 at this time!** 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 4404 or **62%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition 4385 or **61%** are High Risk VSC's.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 2009

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

Rodney E. Collins*	06-07	Peter W. Kyrul*	06-07
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Stanley T. Wolfberg \*  
\*Re-certification

06-10

Lura L. Dymond

12-91

With the addition of these 4 new and re-certified examiners for 2009, our examiner base total is now 302 active examiners! This represents about 21% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

### **District News**

Special thanks to Jim Goff, Randy and Nelda Powers for participating in the Delta Blitz III at Discovery Park and Sacramento Marina in Sacramento. 94 VSC's were performed at both locations for a total of 284 VSC's at all 3 events held over the summer! All 3 members participated at all 3 Delta Blitz's and did an excellent job! Additionally, thanks to all examiners how participated at these HOT events!

-We've been asked by the National V Dept to participate in a VSC survey. Please take a few minutes with your completed 7012/204 forms and click on the link below. Please place your state abbreviation and the zip code in the white boxes where the VSC took place. Then simply move your mouse to highlight each question and place a check mark in the box that corresponds to your 7012/204 form. Each box **requires** an answer, either "**YES**", "**NO**" or "**N/A**". When complete, click on the "**DONE**" button at the bottom of the page and proceed to the next form. So that you may be able to come back at a later time and add more information, please add the link to your "Favorites".

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pO89nSMc1z2iLtMkdlqIAg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pO89nSMc1z2iLtMkdlqIAg_3d_3d)

### **Steve Salmon, ASC**

#### **Surface Vessel Support**

The Auxiliary responded to an unusually large number of requests from Sector San Francisco for surface vessel support last month. In several cases, the surface vessels were assisted by land-mobiles, air patrols and Auxiliarists volunteering for other roles.

On August 16, there was a "Million Boat Float" on the Sacramento River, protesting plans to divert water from Northern California to Southern California (in the event, only about 27 boats participated). Four Auxiliary vessels (*Meanwhile, This Side Up, Dark Matter* and *Venture*) helped maintain safety, assisted by an Auxiliary air patrol and land-mobiles on the ground.

On August 19-20, Sector conducted the "Coyoto Shield Full Scale Exercise" at the Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO). *Osprey* helped maintain a safety zone on the river, and four Auxiliarists (Jack Kane, Jim Losl, Richard Saber and Leonard Lee) played the role of injured protesters ashore.

On August 28, Sector requested assistance in maintaining a safety zone around a sunken tug off Treasure Island, and *Sunrise* diverted from helicopter training to fill that request.

On August 29, *This Side Up* and *Mucho Gusto* helped enforce a "no wake" zone around a damaged levee on the San Joaquin River.

On September 4-7, five vessels (*Harmony, String of Pearls, Lopaka Nane, Sunrise* and *Farallon*) provided transportation to and from Yerba Buena Island during the Bay Bridge closure,

maintained a safety zone around the construction area and the Coast Guard base, and responded to at least one SAR case.

And on September 10, four vessels (*Footloose*, *Spending 3.2*, *Bella Luna* and *Chamaeleon*) participated in an exercise designed to test the ability of special equipment to detect the presence of a radiation source on a small recreational vessel.

Auxiliary vessels continued to support training at Sector's small boat stations as well. In the case of Station Bodega Bay, these activities have been expanded to include night patrols.

### **Support to Contingency Planning Department**

Support to Sector's Contingency Planning Department has been expanded, with the addition of new member Jim Higgins to the Contingency Planning Board, and as an observer and evaluator for the ongoing Operation Golden Guardian.

### **MSOM Patrols**

The number of shoreside Marine Safety Observation Missions has been steadily increasing. The missions are appreciated by the small boat stations, since they are in direct support of Sector's Operation Focused Lens, and each MSOM visit to an OFL site means one less visit is required by that station.

### **America's Waterway Watch Surge**

Sector conducted a "surge" operation called Operation Patriot's Resolve on September 10-12, and requested the Auxiliary's support with expanded AWW efforts. In response, a number of Auxiliarists are planning (or have conducted) special presentations and visits during that period.

### **Neal Nevesny, CRC**

During this last reporting period only one concern was reported to me - a difficult Civil Rights situation. After careful consideration and consultation, the decision was made that the situation would best be handled as a personnel issue.

I have sent out a notice for anyone interested in information or training materials on the required annual Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training to contact me.