

MINUTES OF DISTRICT D11N TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
10 February 2010

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

PRESENT:

DCO Mike Williams	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Angelo Perata, COS	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	David Law, DCDR-11
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Curtis Han, DCDR-5	

OLD BUSINESS

District Goals – DCO Williams reminded DCDRs that if they didn't get a copy of the district goals, please get with your DCAPT for a copy. We would like to discuss these at D-Train. We want to focus on RBS activities and Recruiting and Retention.

MS – Sue Fry is the new DSO-MS.

ASC – Steve Salmon has resigned because of some serious eye problems. Bob Hendry has been appointed to be the new ASC.

NEW BUSINESS

DCO Report – DCP Williams reported on the following:

- We have a new 7029 form, which is designed to chart our real value to the Coast Guard. CDR Chareonsuphiphat was responsible for promoting this new method, which shows the value of all of our hours and removed the "black hole" perception of those previously under-reported hours.
- Facility owners are encouraged to get photos of their facilities in POMS. The new AUX Manual should be out before 2011. It will be a CD, only.
- AUXOP program changes are coming. The new program will require AUXSEA ,AUX NAV and AUXPAT, plus 5 electives from a course list that is still being developed.
- The 2010 VSC decals are out. However, the decal backing is not scored, so it's difficult to remove. Please alert all of your VE's of this problem.
- Progressive Insurance is sponsoring a literature rack which will be made available for all PV's.
- 2010 will have more classes required. They will be: Sexual Harassment Prevention, Diversity, Security, H1N1 Influenza, OPS (for D11N only) and the annual TCT.

- The ferry vessel audit program, which has been operating under prototype program, is being looked at to go National.
- NACON will be in Scottsdale AZ. We will have the new Commandant attending.
- CG Modernization has passed the House. They are now waiting for further action.
- There will be no SAR competition in 2010.
- In order to take the AUXSCE course, you must have completed AUXNAV first.
- National is working to upgrade several of the AUXOP courses.
- The AUX Manual always trumps anything in Standing Rules, so they're working on new Standing Rules templates. If a unit's Standing Rules are more than 5 years old, they need to be looked at.
- The AIM program is still continuing as it is.
- New ODUs are now available, but they must be purchased in sets. The old ODU trousers don't go with new shirt. Sew-on office devices are a black "A".

D-Train – Phil Sanchez, EP reported as follows:

- The training schedule is available on the web.
- The Admiral will host an all-hands meeting Saturday afternoon.
- We will be adding course descriptions to the classes.
- Registrations are coming in. Remember the cut-off date is February 15 for the early-bird special drawing.
- Hotel reservations at the \$99 price must be made by 15 March. The way they are going, we may run out of rooms at that \$99 price, so don't procrastinate.
- The D-Train format is similar to last year.
- Registration and training rooms will be in the same areas as last year. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner during the entire time of D-Train.
- Friday fun night will have the same group as last year.
- New members in 2009 and 2010 will have their registration fee waived and will be eligible for a 20% discount at district store. New members will have "new member" designation on the name tags, which can be used for identification at the store.

NEW BUSINESS

ICS-210 – COW Danny Kilburger, OTO reported as follows:

- The original March 2009 deadline was extended to March 2010. Headquarters has called asking for number needing the class, and that information has been supplied.
- We have more upcoming members who need it.
- The problem is getting instructors for the training. We don't know the answer yet to that, but when it is known Kilburger will make sure DCO Williams is notified.
- CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported that DCO Williams went to bat at the last conference to get better access for this class. There has been no consideration for people in the pipeline. We need to figure out a way to get people in the outlying areas trained ASAP.
- Kirkwood reported that there are three spots still available in the morning ICS-210 class at the PCA fair.

November Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams reported that this has been moving to November for the 2011 elected officers. Please encourage elections in time for the newly-elected officers to attend.

This will give them an opportunity to begin planning right after elections. We will have information about funding later.

Awards – DCO Williams reported that several awards will be given out at D-Train. When recipient names are known, the DCAPTs will notify their DCDR if a member of that division is going to get an award. This will give you an opportunity to encourage them to be there. If an award recipient is not there, the name will not be read.

REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). The starting year weather has been a little rough, but we have had a few exercises. We are working on a spring OPTREX, probably early June. We also have several PE classes planned.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). Several PE classes are being offered. An AWW coordinator has been appointed. The division received a donation from WalMart. An exhibit booth was a great success.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). Two PE classes have been scheduled. All of the current Coxswains have taken ICS-210. We have 10 members interested in MS training. The division's Standing Rules need to be updated, and this is being done. An AWW coordinator has been appointed. We are working on an OPTREX. We have over 70% who have requals due this year.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). We're off to a good start on VE and PE missions. We have had some patrols, and a successful call-out drill earlier. AWW and NSBW chairs have been appointed. There will be an OPTREX on 24-25 April at STN Vallejo.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). We are preparing for our 9th Annual Valentine's Day banquet, which is hosted by the division for Coast Guard members and their families.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). We are currently involved in indoor boat show. We are planning OPTREX's for June and mid-August. Currently we have an equal number of crew and coxswains. We are now coordinating with Utah State for a joint operation for NSBW at Utah Lake.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). Crescent City is doing well with new members. Eureka is working with K-Mart on a life jacket giveaway. Mendocino County is involved in the Whale Festival planning. Lake County is planning a St Patrick's Day feed. Thomas was invited to witness the turning off of the LORAN stations.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment A). We are working on OPTREXs, and are currently involved in the boat show.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment A). We will be providing patrols for several fishing derbies during February, with both facility and radio patrols.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). An AWW chairman has been appointed. There will be an OPTREX June 19, location not selected yet. Our flotillas are more active than usual. They are scheduling PE classes and OPS missions. Members of the division have expressed interest in "Save the

PCA Fun Run.” They are willing to volunteer and help with that event. There have been several reports that the E-learning center is having trouble and is not on line.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). As of today, 203 people have enrolled in the PCA fair.

Rod Collins, DCDR-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). Thanks to all of the divisions who have appointed AWW coordinators. They will be contacted soon. If you haven’t appointed a coordinated, please get one appointed. Jerry McAlwee will be the NSBW coordinator. Each division should send the name of its NSBW coordinator to McAlwee.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCDR-RES – Farnholtz attended N-Train. A new ASC has been appointed, Bob Hendry. Joint OPTREX at Brannan Island is being planned for in the fall. The Antlers OPTREX at Lake Shasta is coming up. Members are encouraged to continually look at calendar to see where activities are. Everyone invited to all of them. Farnholtz is working on a timed exercise at STN Rio Vista.

Dean LaChapelle, DCDR-SUP – Report on file (Attachment A). LaChapelle was also able to attend the shut-down of the LORAN system. GPS no longer has a back-up.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file (Attachment A). At D-Train there will be a DCDR meeting at 1215 on Friday, with the District Board meeting at 1400.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – Staff are preparing D-Train awards, and CDR Chareonsuphiphat is working on information for the Admiral’s speech. At N-Train he was able to report on the value of Auxiliary during 2009. He is developing a score card for the Auxiliary statistics. CDR Chareonsuphiphat requested that Esteban and CWO Kilburger get together on the Auxiliary Memorial. We hope to have something soon.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger received good feedback on his discipline presented at the elected officer training. He is currently working on awards for D-Train. CWO Kilburger commended the work done by Roger Haynes and his team on the lighthouse refurbishing.

FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams –

- Encouraged member participation in the training aids, scrapbooks and publications awards at D-Train.
- Emphasis for this year is on RBS. This is our primary mission.
- DCO Williams is preparing information for the Admiral to use in his presentation at D-Train. All DCDRs were asked to furnish DCO Williams with one short paragraph highlighting their division’s accomplishment during 2009. Send the paragraph to Bell by the end of the work day on Friday, 12 February.
- An ALCOAST bulletin has just been sent out with information on ADM Allen final report on the state of the Coast Guard.

Wayne Farnholtz – Remind facility owners to get vessel photos into POMs

Richard Thomas – The PS officer title has changed. It is now DSO-HR.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A
District Telephone Board Meeting
10 February 2010

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- Division COW completed
- PE classes scheduled
- Continue to support communications activities
- Very involved in Marine Safety Observation Missions
- Continue with on-the-water operations during the winter

DETAILS

- Division 1 COW held 23 January at Sinbad's in SF.
- Flotillas 12, 14 and 17 have scheduled PE classes to start in the next month
- Communications activities past two months include 41 land mobile patrols, 6 SAR cases, 1 High Site covers and 8 Radio Nets conducted
- MSOM activities: 15 hours, 5 patrols, 42 sites visited, 7 members participating
- Three vessels completed a total of 7 patrols during December and January

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Involved in the planning for the annual "Maverick" surfing competition (communications)

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Spring OPTREX- date not finalized (probably June 5th)

2010 DIVISION GOALS

To be finalized at our February meeting, to include:

- Recruiting and Retention
- RBS programs (VE, PV, PE, PA)
- Marine Safety (AWW, Ferry Vessel Audits)
- Operational activity (OPTREX, involvement in key events)

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

1. PE and MT classes ARE Off to a good start
2. MSOM Patrols completed
3. AWW Coordinator appointed
4. Chico Detachment turned in \$1000 donation.
5. Whiskeytown radio frequencies change
6. Cal Expo booth success

DETAILS

1. AUXNAV, and ABS classes completed by F-39,
2. Two MSOM patrols conducted in Jan. by F-35
3. Annette Herring appointed as AWW Coordinator for Div 3. Will work with SO-MS
4. Chico Detachment turned in check for \$1000 received from Wal-Mart for a donation made last fall.
5. Whiskeytown Park Service has changed radio frequencies. Flotilla 39 required to reprogram portables at PCA Fair in Feb.
6. Flotilla 35 mans booth at Cal Expo resulting in five new Aux. members and twelve students for Feb. BS and S class.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. F-35 Responding to request by Dept. of Boating and waterways at Cal Expo.
2. F-33 Meeting with Park Rangers at Folsom Lake
3. F-39 Entering in partnership with Federal Park Service on Fire Boat at Whiskeytown,
4. Division continues to work with Bureau of reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers, local Sheriff Departments, and CHP.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. PCA Fair Coast Guard Island Feb 19-21
2. MSOM and TCT training Diggs 9189 E. Stockton Blvd. Feb 27
3. Anderson Boat Show March 5, 6, 7
4. Hazmat course 8Hrs. March 20, Contact F-3-10

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

1. Add new members train and retain old members
2. Increase activity in PE, PA, and VSC in all Flotillas by increased member participation.
3. Increase Opportunity for members to participate in activity of their choice
- 4 Give new members a committee job.
5. Improve computer skills, starting with DCDR.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- Division budget is approved.
- PE classes are scheduled for Feb.
- Div04 MS-OM training is scheduled
- Standing Rules under review
- AWW Coordinator appointed
- OPTREX planning underway

DETAILS

- Division 2010 Budget is approved.
- All member dues have been billed to flotillas – two of five paid so far.
- New recruits being processed.
- PV visits are ramping up, primarily at West Marine stores.
- BS&S class info submitted to local papers (Almaden and Evergreen Times, Cupertino Courier, Metro newspaper, and Milpitas Post).

- CPR and First Aid classes will be offered to members.
- Div04's MSOM training to be received from Robert Liu. Currently have ten members interested in participating in the required training.
- Two additional SO positions filled – amended 7007 needs to be filed.
- Standing Rules – Year 2000 or later are acceptable. Div04 and FL41 to be revised as needed, approved and sent up the chain.
- Have appointed Gaylord Van Dyne as the AWW coordinator for Div04, to be working with Rod Collins DCAPT.
- Operations – ICS-210 - All coxswains in Div04 have completed 210 or 300. Six coxswains; nine crew in Division 04 (70% of OPS qualified personnel) have their quals lapsing in 2010 and will need requal. An OPTREX planning committee has been formed, event likely to be held in Redwood Creek/South Bay.
- Comm Svcs – high focus to align all flotillas and division websites with the district template.
- Best of Web – Flotilla 48 nominated.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Have created and filled a liaison position with the Port of Redwood City.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Humanitarian Activity - "Casino Day" planned for President's Day, 15 FEB at Menlo Park VA Hospital. Continuation of similar activity from last year's Veteran's Day event.
- PE Class for SJ Water Dept. is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 23; details will be finalized.
- FL 48 Spring BS&S class has been rescheduled to start on Feb 25th
- VSC Day at Calero 3rd weekend in April (April 17-18).
- NSBW activities with West Marine to include having a public booth and VSCs for the May 22/23 weekend. Details are in process of being finalized.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Div 04's OPTREX.
- Revise all websites to match district template.
- Division Goals – At start of 2010, 57% of Div04 members have no qualification in any of our three targeted areas: Public Education (IT), VSCs/VE, and Operations/Boat Crew.
- VSCs: 450 within the Division. (322 were accomplished last year)
- PE: At least 3 classes per flotilla
- PA: At least 3 events per flotilla (may be combined with VSC activities)
- Ops: At least 3 patrols per coxswain (as coxswain).

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flotilla 55 Change of Watch held on February 6, 2010.
- Marine Safety Observation Mission in Napa and Solano County.
- Patrol schedules to aid in coordinating boat crew training throughout the Division.
- Flotillas 51 and 55 members stood communication watches during Rescue 21 installation and testing.
- Member training in RBS and surface ops well underway.

- 9 safety and training patrols in January
- January issue of *Delta Gateway* newsletter available.
- Flotilla 52 performed a phone-tree call exercise.
- Flotilla 55 performed 99 program visits in January.
- Flotilla 57 received Contra Costa County Friend of Adult Education Award.

DETAILS

- Flotilla 55 held their Change of Watch on Saturday, February 6th at Negri's Restaurant in Occidental, CA. There were about 60 members who attended this event, including honored guests, Commander Jeff Good (Petaluma Training Center), Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Gagnon (CGSTA Bodega Bay), and Angelo Perata (DCOS, D11NR).
- Several members of Flotillas 52 and 53 have conducted Marine Safety Observation Missions in Napa and Solano counties. Several additional members have also expressed interests in receiving necessary training.
- Each Flotilla has provided patrol schedules to aid in coordination of boat crew training throughout the Division. This will allow the trainees to train with several coxswains aboard various facilities.
- One Flotilla 51 member stood watch on January 19th while the Mare Island high site antenna was deactivated for Rescue 21 testing. One Flotilla 55 member stood radio guard in Bodega Bay while Rescue 21 installed equipment at the Jenner high site.
- All Flotillas are getting busy with member training activities early in the year. Several members have completed their program visitation and vessel examiner qualification requirements and many are in process of training. Surface operation training (boat crew) is also well underway with handful of trainees preparing for the upcoming QE session in June.
- There were total of 9 safety/training patrols throughout the Division 5 AOR, including Bodega Bay, Petaluma River, San Joaquin and Sacramento River and Suisun Bay.
- January, Change of Watch edition of Division 5 newsletter, *Delta Gateway*, was distributed on January 31st and the copy is also available on Division 5 website.
- On February 8, Flotilla 52 established a phone tree call list and successfully conducted a call exercise. The rest of the Flotillas were also recommended to establish their phone tree call lists and conduct Flotilla call exercises.
- There were over 100 program visits in January throughout the Division, including 99 visits performed by Flotilla 55 PV team alone.
- Flotilla 57 received the California Council for Adult Education, Contra Costa County Friend of Adult Education Award, presented at Shadelands Art Center in Walnut Creek on February 11, 2010. This award is given to 3 recipients for contributions to adult education of significant value to the schools and the population of Contra Costa County.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members from Flotilla 52 are communicating with the local Sea Scouts in further developing a working relationship in the boating community. Future plans include participation in joint training exercises and social events.
- Members from Division 5 are currently participating in joint trainings with Station Rio Vista on first and third Wednesdays of the month and with Station Bodega Bay on Friday evenings.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 5 Operation Training Exercise is scheduled for April 24-25, 2010. This will be a non-QE session training event weekend where the focus will be on surface operation training. Morning classroom sessions will include operation workshop, MOB, towing, search pattern drills, first-aid, hazwopper presentation. The afternoon underway sessions will include putting it all together, focusing on MOB, towing, and search and rescue. There will also be a flare shoot, by the Coast Guard Station personnel.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Flotilla 6-4 along with members of Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 are working on preparations for the annual Valentine's Day Party to be held at the Station Monterey dining hall. This very popular and well-attended event will include the staff of Station Monterey, the crew of the Cutter Hawksbill and their families. In the past this has been a great social activity for both the active duty personnel and for the members of the Auxiliary.
- A major QE session is being planned by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 to be held at Santa Cruz Harbor on April 18th. The plans are for one initial coxswain, one requal coxswain, 3 crew in REYR requal, and 5 initial crew qualifications. With 10 individuals going through the qualification process it will be an intense and hopefully productive day.

DETAILS:

- Division 6 AuxNet call out continues on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 Auxiliary radio facilities are participating with occasional communication with Station Monterey Comms. Four additional members have completed AUXCOM plus the PQS had their radios inspected as facilities and are now land mobile qualified.
- The Agreement was completed with Monterey Bay Kayaks for the 2010 Kayak Vendor Project. This will include vessel examinations on the rental kayaks and a possible kayak boating safety course as part of the public education mission.
- Current member training being offered by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10. A two consecutive Saturday February 6 and February 13 offering of the AUXSEA course. This will be interrupted by PCA and the followed by a two consecutive Saturday March 6 and March 13 offering AUXPAT. This will give Division 6 members an opportunity to complete in a short time frame two of their AUXCOM courses

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- A red lighting system is being installed in the Auxiliary radio tower at Santa Cruz harbor in order to improve night operations.
- SO-PV Sean Sheehan is attempting to get safety literature that is printed in Spanish in order to provide information to that segment of the boating public.
- Members of Flotilla 6-4 are continuing to provide fingerprinting service for the active duty members of Station Monterey. This is a great service for the active duty members as it negates their having to go to Oakland for this requirement.
- Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 upon agreement with the Santa Cruz Harbor Master have placed 4 literature boxes in the harbor area. These boxes are like the real estate information boxes placed in front of homes for sale. The Auxiliary boxes contain boating safety information, Auxiliary information, and notices of upcoming public education classes.

UPCOMING Events, Dates and Location:

- Annual Valentine's Day Dinner February 14th Station Monterey Dining Hall. All of Division 6 flotillas will participate.
- A meet the COs' Day will be held in conjunction with the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Navy League. This event will include the commanding officers of the Defense Language Institute, Naval Post Graduate School, Navy Fleet Numeric, and Coast Guard Station Monterey.
- Plans are being formulated for a Coast Guard Week recognition and activities to be held on Monterey during the first week of August.

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 and USCG Cutter Hawksbill.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bank Failure Affecting Flotilla 0706
- Change of Watch and Awards Banquet
- Workshops
- Member Training
- Audits
- Public Affairs
- Safe Boating Week Planning

DETAILS

1. The state of the economy hit home for Flotilla 6 this month. For several years the Flotilla has maintained an account at a regional bank (deposit insured). The bank was taken over by State regulators in January. The Flotilla's funds were transferred to a national credit union; the deposit is federally insured. The transition was seamless.
2. Division 7 held its Change of Watch on 30 January. The event was attended by fifty members and their guests including Coast Guard Captains Thomas Cullen (keynote speaker) and Patrick Maguire, Commodores Gail Ramsey and Mike Maddox, DSO-FN Fran Fisher, Dave Harris (Utah State Boating Safety Coordinator) and Chris Haller (Assistant State Safe Boating Coordinator). The event was held at Madeline's restaurant in South Jordan, Utah. A delicious dinner, selected by the attendees from a menu of six items, was served.
Seventeen service awards, in the form of plaques, were presented to various members of the Division. The Division Commander's Award went to two individuals who have given outstanding service over the years: Jennifer Bennett and Nada Turpin. Awards went to the member who has made the most progress toward the AUXOP award, to

the three highest members (in hours or numbers) for Vessel Examinations, Program Visits, Vessel Coxswain service, Vessel Crew service, Instructor, and Public Affairs. Certificates of Appreciation went to many others. The selection of recipients is based on a formula developed for that purpose which has served the Division well for two years and which will be incorporated into the Division's Standing Rules.

3. Commodores Gail Ramsey and Mike Maddox presented three workshops the morning of the Change of Watch. The workshops were held at the main conference room of the Utah Division of Natural Resources Building in Salt Lake City. The workshops were: TCT (tailored for inland waters), Operations, and a class for newly elected officers. All three were well attended.
4. Member Training: Three classes have started. Radio Technician and a general Ham Radio class are being taught by Morris Farmer, and Patrol (AUXPAT) is being taught by Kevin Woodruff. A Navigation class is being planned for the Fall.
5. DSO-FN Fran Fisher audited the Division and all four Flotillas on 30 January. Her report reads in part "...in general, all were very good...". She will offer specific recommendations to improve the Division's financial control in the near future.
6. Public Affairs. The Division Commander and Vice Commander have been invited to address the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club on 3 February. The subject will be a description of the Auxiliary and its relation to the Coast Guard and the activities of the Utah Division. In addition, planning is underway at the Division level to support the Utah Boat Show and Sportsmans Expo to be held 11-14 February in Sandy, Utah (a suburb of metro Salt Lake City). This four-day event is a major showcase for Utah boat dealers to display their new boats and services to the Utah boating public and for the Auxiliary to present their activities in recreational boating safety. In past, this event has been attended by over three thousand people. The Auxiliary booth will continue the National's theme of SAVE A LIFE. The economy has not been kind to Utah dealers this past year. Two (or more) have folded. Another, that deals in high-end boats, sold twenty-five this last year and lost every sale because the buyers could not obtain financing at reasonable rates. Without doubt, this will affect attendance at the boat show.
7. Planning is underway to support Safe Boating Week. It's the Division's intent to have vessel safety check stations on at least three of Utah's major lakes and reservoirs. To that end, the Flotillas have stepped up their efforts to qualify additional examiners.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Joyce Bell, Utah's State Liaison Officer, attended a meeting with Dave Harris (Utah State Boating Safety Coordinator) and Chris Haller (Assistant State Safe Boating Coordinator) on 26 January to develop plans for Safe Boating Week. The State wants to stage a boating safety fair at Utah Lake (near Provo). The discussion included the role the State would like the Auxiliary to undertake on the weekend of 28-29 May 2010 in support of the fair (30 and 31 May will not be included in the effort).

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

The major upcoming event for February is the Utah Boat Show and Watersports Expo to be held at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah on 11-14 February. The Division will staff an information booth in two-hour shifts throughout the four days of the show. This event draws the most visitors of any other event to be staged in Utah related to recreational boating.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

The ice broke up early two years ago, and a vessel safety check area was set up on Jordanelle Reservoir (a lake within easy towing distance from Salt Lake City) for the weekend of Safe Boating Week. The

weather was beautiful; the days were warm and sunny. Over three days the Division did 108 VSC's. Last year, the weather did not cooperate - the Saturday was cold, overcast, and blustery, and we were set up for only the one day. We did 8 VSC's. The Division's goal is to do at least 50 VSC's on the Safe Boating Week weekend by setting up stations on at least three waterways.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS:

Crescent City –

- COW
- New member blitz
- Update quals
- Chance of Command

Eureka –

- Pushing VSC's, PV'S, and Public Education
- Qualls
- Life jacket giveaway

Mendocino –

- Whale Festival Planning
- Training for Detachment

Lake County-

- Calendar setting
- LORAN station
- St Patrick's Day Feed

Division –

- Education Jubilee
- Assistance
- Government Agencies
- Rescue 21 Event -

DETAILS:

Crescent City 8-11 –

- Crescent City flotilla held their change of watch on January 24th. Bruce Rogerson, VCDR represented the division. Also the Coast Guard was well represented with Lt. Starr, Humboldt Air Station, LTJG Cuevas, Commander of the Dorado and some members of the crew, and Senior Master Chief Janis and staff from Soma Station were present.
- The flotilla has been very active during this past month on new member blitz's and two members have given presentations to the local Rotary Clubs and are getting some radio exposure and newspaper coverage. Thus far during the New Year they have one new member package submitted to DIRAUX and they have 3 new prospects.
- Becky Barlow, FC states that currently the flotilla operations side has a few crew members that need to complete their qual's in order to continue as crew personnel.
- On January 27, 2010 several of the Flotilla members attended the Change of Command for the Dorado, which was attended by Captain Martino and other Gold Side members.
- The flotilla reports one SAR's case in February and completed a 4 hour night operation training on the water.

Eureka 86 –

- Currently the flotilla is using the winter months to move forward to completing the qualifications of several members to become VE qualified as well as potentially PV and safe boating instructors.
- Flotilla Commander Thom O'Connor and I have discussed the potential of a children's life-jacket give-away at the Eureka K-Mart. I have been in contact with the store manager and at this point he is very receptive to the idea.

Mendocino 87 –

- Flotilla 87 is preparing for the Mendocino Whale Festival and continues their monthly work on the Point Cabrillo Light House.
- The flotilla will be discussing the possibility of selecting a new detachment leader for the Point Arena or the possibility of eliminating the detachment.
- Flotilla Commander Harold Hauck reports that Roy Jones is near completion of his requirements to become a watch-stander.
- The flotilla will be setting their calendar for the coming year and discussing training opportunities.

Lake County 88 –

- Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward reports that during the February 2010 flotilla meeting several events were discussed and placed on the calendar for the up-coming year.
- The first event on the calendar will be March 17th where Flotilla 88 and 87 will jointly prepare lunch for Coast Guard Station personnel from Noyo River. Started several years ago by Past District Captain Jerry Collins, this has become an annual event. This year the chairman, Dane Hayward has decided to place a twist to the typical corn beef and cabbage luncheon by doing BBQ Tri-tips.
- The flotilla also is working on other dates for the calendar including patrols and clean-ups.
- On February 8th, Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward and I accompanied District Captain Dean LaChapelle and his wife to the Loran Station in Middletown. Chief Greenlaw, station commander, cordially greeted us and we were honored to be part of the national ceremony of the closure of Loran. At approximately 11:30am the station had their speaker phone on in the computer room of the facility and we listened to the Vice Admiral Papp and other speakers provide a series of comments regarding the 67 year history of Loran use in the United States, followed by the roll call of all 24 stations nationwide.
- At noon, the process started and we were honored to watch the ceremonial off switch that disabled the Middletown Station. Of the 24 stations 19 went off line and the remaining 5 stations will continue to operate along the Alaska and Canada borders for an additional six months due to international agreements.
- The Flotilla is making initial plans for the Wal- Mart children's life-jacket give-away in May 2010.

DIVISION EIGHT –

- On February 9th, I held a phone conference with all the Flotilla Commanders regarding our proposed Education Jubilee. After significant discussion it was decided that we would stand down from having the jubilee this year primarily due to conflict with other education opportunities- PCA, D-TRAIN- Other OPTRIX's all being around the same time as well as the distance that would be required for our division members to travel.

- I have continued to be in contact with the Flotilla Commanders to provide any assistance that can be rendered.
- I am in the process of sending letters to ALL federal and state groups, organizations, or departments within our AOR as introduction to the Auxiliary and consideration of the type of things the Auxiliary can assist.
- We have a few division members reportedly that will be attending the Rescue 21 event in Eureka on February 16th.
- Bruce Rogerson, VDCDR is currently in Canada at the Winter Olympics Games and serves as a driver for the athletes.
- I have sent reminders to Division personnel that the PCA and D-Train events should be on their calendars.

UP-COMING/EVENTS

- Flotilla 8-11 Flotilla meeting – February 24th
- Flotilla 88 – Flotilla meeting – February 6th
- Flotilla 87 - Flotilla meeting – February 13th
- Flotilla 86 – Flotilla meeting - February 13th

Flotilla 8-11

- Feb. 20th – Spaghetti Feed – open to the public
- May 8th – Formal Dance

Flotilla 88

- March 17th – Noyo River Station- St Patrick's Day feed
- April 17th – Flotilla 88 patrol for Lakeport Regatta
- May 1st - Flotilla 88 assist to Clean-up lake shoreline
- May –TBA- Children life jacket give-away
- July – 4th – Stand-by patrols for card-board boat lake races
- July – 24th- Rummage sale

Flotilla 87

- February 22 Hour TCT class – Noyo River
- First Aid Class- TBA

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- Dorado Change of Command Ceremony attended by Auxiliarists
- St. Patrick's Day Feed – In planning
- Night Operations Crescent City on water with crew members from the Dorado
- Glen Funk – Watch Stander – Noyo River
- Gregg Stevens – Crew member – 47 – Noyo River

DIVISION GOALS:

– Key components of this year's GOALS for the DIVISION:

- To retain membership – keep close attention to those members we now have –especially the new people – give them authority, give them task, pay attention to them, recognize them, give them a mentor and make them feel part of the team.
- Create new blood for Division Staff Officers for the future. – Take on assistants to help you and to guide them with knowledge regarding a specific position.

- Identify and provide guidance to potential leadership positions within each flotilla for future elected officers and specifically aid in obtaining required courses, ie, ICS, APC, etc.
- To have each flotilla in the Division concluding a plus 4 “net” membership. Recruit & retain!!!
- To provide substantial effort to develop Flotilla 8-6 to continue as an independent flotilla in 2011 by increasing membership and getting local leadership roles and elected officers in place. After all the work the O’Connor’s have done, as well as many of us throughout the division, it would be a shame to have to make this a detachment.
- To explore and develop a minor Division Fund Raiser.
- To continue with support to Flotilla’s on their annual operations in a ***safe and effective*** manner.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10

HIGHLIGHTS

- Planning for OPEX’s

DETAILS

- All Flotillas are planning for OPEX’s in the spring.
- An ABS class is taught twice a month every month by Flotilla 10-05.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Flotilla 10-02 and 10-05 members are working closely with the Boy Scouts planning water safety programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- None at this time.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

1. Identify those who have not completed their qualifications for 2010 and find necessary assistance.
2. Planning for the new year and getting a calendar together.
3. Current Standing Rules for all flotillas.

David Law, DCDR-11

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
2. Crosby Fishing tournament at Pyramid Lake

DETAILS

1. Boat Crew Training for January has been suspended during haul-out of auxiliary boats. Training will resume later this month after maintenance is completed.
2. At the request of Station Tahoe, four Auxiliary Facilities and two Land Mobile Facilities will provide safety patrols at Pyramid Lake for the weekends of February 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th. This tournament draws more than two hundred fishermen to a desert lake with extremely cold water and a propensity for sudden high winds and rough water.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. At the request of Station Lake Tahoe, Auxiliary Division facilities will be conducting regatta patrols for the Crosby Fishing Derby on February 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th at Pyramid Lake, NV. Full comms will be available each day of this event

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

1. February 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th: Crosby Fishing Derby at Pyramid Lake, NV
2. March 12th through 14th: Reno Boat Show

DIVISION GOALS

1. Update Division Standing Rules
2. Increase Safe Boating Training with interagency partners

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flotillas continue piecing together their programs for 2010. Have not yet received their Feb. reports.
- Division Annual Finance report completed and will be filed this week

DETAILS

- Division OPTREX scheduled for June 19th with a mandatory practice June 5th. Location TBD, but probably in the Estuary. Listed on District calendar.
- No March Division meeting due to D-TRAIN March 26-28. All members are encouraged to attend in Rohnert Park. New members (2009 & 2010) will receive 20% discount at the district store and are eligible for the drawing to reimburse one member for their hotel expense. Reservation forms and schedule on the District web page.
- PE classes scheduled: 12-1 offering SS&S starting Wednesday March 3 at OYC; MT ACN class in progress Tuesdays at 12-91 in San Ramon.
- Social mixers: Flotilla 12-91 pizza night scheduled Feb 27.
- Operations: 12-1 planning training ops March 6 and 20 and April 10. 12-5 held patrol out of Antioch Jan 23 and 12-91 held Feb 3 patrol for Sta. Rio Vista training needs. 12-5 Mike O'Leary on behalf of air wing heading effort in their flotilla to contact watch standers for cross training in working with a/c reporting in.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- June 5 OPS U/W training and workshops
- June 19 Div 12 OPTREX with QE

DIVISION GOALS

- Assist rebuilding of flotillas.
- Provide training opportunities for members of the Division.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Fair – February 20 & 21 at Coast Guard Island
Registration as of Feb 4 about 150 members on Saturday, and 120 on Sunday
Feb 10 deadline for registration on update numbers for this report

Breakfast Meeting Sunday March 28th at D-TRAIN in Rohnert Park

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP

ACTIVITY

1. Attended District 11 SR's D-Train 8-10 Jan at Costa Mesa.
2. Attended COW for Division-5
3. Met with DCDR Han regarding their Division Flag and again regarding the Heraldry Committee.
4. Contacted Ft. Belvoir re: Heraldry policies.
5. Poled Davison, 3, 5, 6, & 8 re: ICS 210.
6. Contacted Phil Sanchez re: training at D-Train
7. Worked with DCDR-8 re: Wal-Mart PFD give a way program.
8. Traveled to St. Louis and attended the AMLOC DCAP/BC Academy 26-29 Jan
9. Attended N-Train 29-31
10. Met with DSO-PA McAlwee at N-Train re: Heraldry Committee.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. D-11SR's D-train was interesting and found some issue that we might adopt and others that we do better.
2. The D-5 Change of Watch was well attended by both the Silver and Gold side. Held at Jonesy's at the Napa Airport, it was well planned and presented. The only flaw occurred when the power failed and the APU could not provide full power to the restaurant.
3. AMLOC and N-Train classes found to be very informative and relative.

PROJECTS

District 11 Aux Heraldry Committee consists of Dean La Chapelle, Curtis Han, DCDR-5 and Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA.