

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
MINUTES**

11 September 2010

The meeting was called to order by DCO Mike Williams at 0940.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES, followed by the Coast Guard Guardian Ethos, led by Roger Haynes, DCDR-12.

DCO Williams called for a moment of silence to remember those who perished in the World Trade Center tragedy nine years ago today.

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 17 July 2010 minutes.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and David Law, DCDR-11 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Williams called for approval of the 18 August 2010 minutes.

Motion: Curtis Han, DCDR-5 moved and Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS:

DCO Williams called on COMO Mike Maddox to conduct the district elections. COMO Maddox stated that there are 18 voting members present; 10 votes are required for election to each office. COMO Maddox introduced the tellers' committee as follows: COMO Gail Ramsey, Chairman, Robert Firehock, DSO-LP and Fran Fisher, DSO-FN. COMO Marilyn McBain will post the candidates for each ballot and the election results on the screen. 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.

District Commodore – COMO Maddox stated that Angelo Perata is a candidate for the office of District Commodore. COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Commodore. There were none.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the secretary be directed to cast one ballot for Angelo Perata for the office of District Commodore. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

District Chief of Staff – COMO Maddox stated that Rod Collins is a candidate for the office of District Chief of Staff. COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Chief of Staff. Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 nominated Mike Nolan for the office of District Chief of Staff. COMO Maddox called for additional nominations from the floor for the office of District Chief of Staff. There were none.

Ballot No. 1

Rod Collins was elected to the office of District Chief of Staff

District Captain – COMO Maddox stated that the following are candidates for the office of District Captain:

Judy Esteban
Sue Fry
Mary Kirkwood
Dean LaChapelle (incumbent)
Mark McLaughlin
Mike Nolan
Richard Thomas
Paul Verveniotis

COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor for the office of District Captain. There were none. COMO Maddox invited each candidate to speak for two minutes.

Ballot No. 1

Dean LaChapelle elected

Ballot No. 2

No election. Fry and Nolan tied for low vote

Ballot No. 3

No election – Nolan eliminated

Ballot No. 4

No election – Fry eliminated

Ballot No. 5

No election – Esteban and Verveniotis tied for low vote

Ballot No. 6

No election – Esteban eliminated

Ballot No. 7

Richard Thomas elected.

Ballot No. 8

Invalid ballot

Ballot No. 9

No election – Fry and Nolan tied for low vote

Ballot No. 10

No election – Nolan eliminated

Ballot No. 11

No election – Fry eliminated

Ballot No. 12

No election – Esteban and Verveniotis tied for low vote

Ballot No. 13

No election – Verveniotis eliminated

Ballot No. 14

Mary Kirkwood elected

DCO Williams resumed the Chair and called on CDR Chareonsuphiphat, who introduced CAPT Cynthia Stowe, Commander Sector San Francisco, to administer the pledge of office to the newly-elected bridge.

COMO Vic Connell described the frocking ceremony and called up the newly-elected district officers:

DCO(e) Angelo Perata
Rod Collins, DCOS(e)
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT(e)
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT(e)
Richard Thomas, DCAPT(e)

CAPT Stowe, assisted by DCO Williams, administered the oath of office. DCO Williams, assisted by CAPT Stowe, conducted the frocking ceremony.

CAPT Stowe addressed the audience, stating that she was looking forward to working with the Auxiliary in District 11N.

DIVISION REPORTS

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). FL-12 has been involved in kite surfing patrols, where they conducted 14 SARS. The division will assist with Fleet Week, where they have been asked to support the ship tours in San Francisco with crowd control. They are looking for volunteers to assist from other divisions. They will be supporting a local hospital with a casualty exercise. An OPTREX is scheduled for 30 October at Pier 40, San Francisco.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). An OPTREX is scheduled for Whiskeytown Lake on 7-10 October, and an OPEX will be held at Brannan Island on 15-16 October.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). There has been good activity in all mission areas. The division continues to support boating safety awareness. The division will be moving its meetings to another location.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). Han introduced Charles and Linda McCarty who recently completed their deployment on Deep Horizon. They logged a total of 1400 hours. The division's combined multi-agency exercise was completed. It was very successful.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR- 6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Coast Guard Week birthday celebration was very successful. Division members also attended Clean Boating Network meetings.

Larry Kelley, DCDR- 7 – Report on file (Attachment B). On 7August, three Auxiliarists were involved in a night SAR on Bear Lake, searching for two POW's. The SAR resulted in two lives saved. Kelley read from a letter of appreciation from the Utah State Boating Manager who commended their skills.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Crescent City RBS boat is back on line. Lake County Auxiliarists participated in a 4-day fair, with a booth manned daily. They will be assisting on 19 September with jet boat rides events in Crescent City.

Rod Rollins, DCDR- 10 – VSCs and PVs are continuing in the division. Elections will be next week. An ABS class is in process.

David Law, DCDR- 11 – Elections will be on 18 September. The boating season is now winding down.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). A boat crew class will be starting 18 September.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment). Attached to the e-mailed report are photos of the August PCA Fair. Esteban reminded everyone that walk-in's to the PCA fair are a real problem at the

front gate. People need to pre-register. Esteban presented a check to Flotilla 6-10, which had the most members attending.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat described his work in the aviation section during his service in Deep Water Horizon. He spent a lot of time flying VIP's around the area. RADM Castillo has picked up another star. DCO(e) Perata will attend the upcoming Commanders' meeting. CWO Kilburger will be back in the office on 14 October. Divisions were asked to provide COW information as soon as possible so the district leadership and gold side can make appropriate plans to attend.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). Regarding the Fleet Week request for assistance, there will be an e-mail going out with more information on the crowd control for boat tours.

Collins called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). The Sector San Francisco commercial fishing vessel program is working well. Division 6's SO-MS has reported AWW activity.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). Divisions 3, 4 and 8 have completed all of their assignments. We are at 77% completion at this point, but all work needs to be done by the end of this month. Nick Tarlson took one of the top 5 National Department of Commerce Cooperative Charting awards for the most charting update reports. Tarlson and Duncan also received individual Honor Roll awards. Oysters Point Flotilla 01-05 also received the Flotilla Honor Roll award.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Within the next 3 years the BS&S course will be taught on line. An instructor would be in the classroom, and the class will be broadcast on the internet. This planned change is motivated by the declining class enrollment. This is in the design phase at present, and focus groups are being appointed. The program will probably use Webinar. Anyone interested in being part of a focus group, please contact Haynes.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file (Attachment C). The district currently has 700 net over last year's PV's. We are currently leading the Pac Area.

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz reviewed the OPTREX's that are coming up.

Farnholtz called for the following reports:

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). COMO Ramsey commended divisions for their OPTREX planning. Reminder to make sure that all candidates have been vetted before requesting QE's for them.

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – They are continue to fly 4-5 patrols per week, with normal activities. One special event, they were asked to help the CG test their radar system and worked with two vessels in support of the system testing.

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

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP - Nothing to report.

LaChapelle called for reports as follows:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Wetzel encouraged members to add information to the web as well as in their reports. There will be a photo session for the newly-elected officers for the web site immediately after this meeting. They are working on new system to allow easier updates on the web site.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Reminded divisions to make sure they have the latest version of the eligibility for division and flotilla candidates. The eligibility requirements have been changed.

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

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – A National FC leadership course with 22 students was held at the August PCA Fair. They are eligible to stand for office. The Elected Officer Academy is being planned for November.

George Knies, DSO-PB – Absent

Richard Thomas, DSO-HR – Report on file (Attachment C). Thomas reminded the board that disenrollments are due to him by 1 October. Do not send them to DIRAUX.

Recess: 1135

Reconvene: 1230

Perata called for reports as follows:

Robert Hendry, ASC – Jeff Price reported for Hendry that everything requested with Sector has been completed.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). The proposed budget will be voted on in the November board meeting. Disenrollments must be to DSO-HR by 1 October, or there is no guarantee units will not be billed.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR- Nothing to report

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Mark Mushet, DDA – Absent

Denis Eaton, CTO – Nothing to report

Phil Sanchez, DEP – D-Train is 26-27 March 2011. There is information is available. The D-Train committee is already beginning work on the conference. Anyone in the district is invited to be part of the D-Train committee.

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Described and showed life jacket display and packet which will be sent to each division. There is a 15% discount available for AT&T service for Auxiliary members. Statistics show that recreational boating fatalities have been about the same; however boating fatalities has gone down and canoes and kayaks have gone up.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by COMO Connell and DCO Williams presented to COMO Marilyn McBain – a Meritorious Team award for Category 99 conversion to its current form.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by COMO Connell and DCO Williams, presented to Mike Lauro, the Pacific Central Region Navy League Auxiliariist of the Year Award for his work in the VE program.

DCO Williams, assisted by COMO Connell presented the following awards:

- FL 03-09, the National VSC Award, 1st Place for 2009.
- FL 01-15, Chart Updating Honor Roll Award
- Jim Duncan, Chart Updating Honor Roll Award

Perata presented awards to Roger Haynes and Charlie Duncan for their work on successful PCA Fun Run. Duncan recognized the three cooks: Bob Gwaltney, Dave Law and Angelo Perata

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R

COMO Connell gave the following NACON Report –

- National Elections:
 - Jim Vass, NACO
 - Tom Mallison, VNACO
 - Marie Scholle, DNACO-R (from Alaska)
- The UDC has 66,000 tucked ODU uniforms which they want to give away. They are working on a process with National to distribute them.
- The ICS-210 course can be taught as a live video conference. National is working on ways to deliver it.
- The AUXOP program is being updated and changed. There will be 3 mandatory core courses, and list of 8-9 electives to choose from for the other 3 courses.
- The AUXMAN will come out in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Elections – DCO Williams reminded DCDR's that their liaison DCAPT needs to know the date, location and time of division elections. A member of EXCOM must attend.

Flotilla Elections – DCO Williams asked DCDR's to notify their DCAPT the results of flotilla elections as soon as they are held. We need to know who are the new FC's, so we can work out stipend for Elected Officer Academy.

COW – DCO Williams stated that the gold side and EXCOM need to have the date, time, location and uniform most predominantly worn to the COW so that assignments can be made for attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams stated that all members may attend the elected officer training. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, 20 November, 0930

District Board and Staff Meeting

Training to begin in the afternoon following the board and staff meeting

1900 – Reconvene at Executive Inn for training session

Sunday, 21 November

0800 – 1600 Training

Calendar and Budget Considerations – DCO Williams reported that we will have a 10-15% reduction in budget for the Auxiliary. The district is developing a schedule based on 5 on-site meetings per year. The schedule will be out in November.

We will be using Webinar for telephonic conferences for next year. Webinar will also be open to all members of the division, and can be used for training, meetings, etc. Participants will need USB head phones with a mute button.

DCO Williams reminded the board and staff that when the DCO term ends, the DSO appointed officer terms also end. Those who wish to continue or be considered for a DSO position, should notify the DCO(e) by letter. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1310.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is a telephone board meeting at 1900 PDT on Wednesday, 20 October 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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ATTACHMENT A

DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, DCOS
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX
Mary Kirkwood, DCCR-1
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DSO-HR
Rod Rollins, DCDR-10
David Law, DCDR-11
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSP-PE
Judy Esteban, P-PCA

DISTRICT STAFF:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV
Jeff Price, DSO-CM
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS
Frances Fisher, DSO-FN
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA
Sue Fry, DSO-MS
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
Morris Farmer, D-AA
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Neil Nevesny, CRC
Phil Sanchez, DEP
Denis Eaton, VCDR-10/CTO

GUESTS:

Simone Adair, VCDR-1
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP
Joanna Nevesny, ADSO-LP
Dan Tinney, ADSO-HR/MA
Monica Eaton, IPDCDR-10
Ronald Walker, ADSO-LP
Marlene Phifer, SO-HR
Michael Nolan, BC-PUP
Kenna Craig, PDCDR-11

Wesley Craig, PDCDR-11
Carol Farmer, FSO-SR, FL-78
Bill Becker, FC-57
Marsha Sanchez, FL-55
Jack Kane, FL-12-01
Dave Talton, FSO-MA/VE/PE, FL-17
Jim Blackburn, BC-VQF
Linda McCarty, SO-SR, Div-5
Charles McCarty, VCDR-5

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ATTACHMENT B

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- Fall PE classes are beginning
- Continue to support communications activities
- Sunday afternoon Kitesurfer patrols have ended for the season
- Preparing for on-the-water patrols and dockside crowd support for Fleet Week
- Preparing for supporting SFGH disaster drill
- Active in patrols
- Fall OPTREX planned

DETAILS

- Flotillas 14, 15 and 17 have public educational courses starting in the next month: Weekend Navigator and BS&S/SS&S
- Communications activities included watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team, 16 MOBILE PATROLS, and assistance in 1 SAR case
- Flotilla 12's Sunday Kitesurfer patrols have been completed for this year. Approx 14 Kitesurfers were assisted/rescued over the summer by the Auxiliarists. This activity was a great force-multiplier for Station Golden Gate who usually responds to these calls.
- Division 1 will be assisting with patrols during Fleet Week. We are also leading the Auxiliary support of crowd support for ship tours during Fleet Week. Members will be standing 4hr watches assisting with shepherding the public on and off the tours. POC for ship tour support: Rick Saber
- Division 1 is assisting SF General Hospital's Emergency Room Disaster Drill on September 15th. Intent is to strain the resources of the night shift in their busy trauma ED. They hope to have as many as 100 Auxiliarists/family members show up "injured" in their emergency room. POC: Carol Paz
- Flotillas 14 and 19 have been active with training and safety patrols, including helicopter training with Air Station SF. *Silver Charm* had a SAR case (capsized catamaran)
- Fall OPTREX planned for October 30, at South Beach Yacht Club, Pier 40 in SF. Will have quals/requals, on-the-water training exercises, and dockside classes for crew candidates.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Continue watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- SF General Hospital Disaster Drill, Sept 15th 03:30-09:00. POC: Carol Paz
- "Taste of South Beach", September 25 at Pier 40, SF. POC: Diana Serchia
- Division 1 OPTREX, October 30 at Pier 40, SF. POC: Steve Salmon

2010 DIVISION GOALS

- ❖ Recruiting and Retention:
 - Make 1st contact within 2 weeks of identified interest
- ❖ RBS Programs:
 - Vessel Safety Checks (pending)
 - Program Visits: coordinate PV sites to identify overlaps and voids to ensure maximum coverage
 - Public Education (pending)
 - Public Affairs: add outreach to schools, scouts, sea scouts
- ❖ Marine Safety
 - AWW: Each Flotilla to make 3 AWW presentations, all PVs and VE to include AWW on form when submitted
 - All MS officers to obtain MS ribbon
 - For each Flotilla: MS, MT, OPS, VE, RBS-PV, FC and VFC to obtain MS ribbon
 - Ferry Vessel Audits (pending)
- ❖ Operational Activity
 - Hold 2 OPTREXs
 - Arrange QE check rides for initial/requalifications
 - Coordinate with SO-MT to include members who need training/QEs
 - Work/train with gold side: Flotilla 12 to patrol with StaGG, Flotilla 19 to work with StaSF, participate in Fleet Week, continue helo Ops training with SF Air Station
- ❖ Establish, cultivate, maintain relationships
 - participate in the commissioning of the Waesche
 - Work with California Boating & Waterways on Dock Walkers program
 - Develop and publish a matrix of liaisons with governmental/nongovernmental agencies

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Under the guidance of Div. 3 Recreational boating service is doing well in Program visits and Vessel Safety Checks
2. Public education continues along with Member Training
3. Pyro Day coming up at Sta. Rio Vista
4. WhiskeyTown Fire Boat nearly ready
5. New elected officers on the horizon

DETAILS

1. FL-33 had 44 VSC,s for Aug.FL-35 had 46, and FL-39 had 73 a total of 163. Also 33 Program visits.
2. Flotillas continue to give BS&S classes and schedule more along with member training as winter approaches. Aux. Com. Class given on Aug. 24.
3. Station Rio Vista conducting Flare demonstration and disposal.
4. Radios have been installed in fire boat. One VHF Marine, one VHF digital provided by park and also a GPS unit and PA.
5. Office elections start this month.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Coast Guard personnel at Rio Vista working directly with Aux.
2. National Park Service donating time and equipment in mutual enterprise.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

1. Chico Air Show 25&26 Sept.
2. OPTREX 7,8,9,10 Oct. Whiskeytown Lake
3. Salmon Festival 16 Oct Colman Fish Hatchery, Anderson.
4. OPTREX 15,16,17 Oct. Brannan Island Includes vessels, air craft, and autos in SAR and ICS

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

Train more Cox,ns and Crews, and get more Facility Boats available. Reach more Recreational Boaters with more VEs. Some Flotillas still not responding. Keep up Public Education classes. Starting to reach more people.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- High level of effort continues at new Alviso Marina to increase boater awareness and safety, to reduce caseload on STA SF.
- Good activity across the board in all mission areas.
- Division meeting place at the Verizon building in San Jose comes to an end after 11 years.

DETAILS

- Division meetings have been held at the Verizon building in San Jose for 11 years, but recent Verizon space management has resulted in loss of that venue. Special thanks to Dave Naumann, SO-OP and long-time Verizon employee for hosting our meetings. Temporary relocation of meetings to Mountain View Rec Center, no long term venue yet chosen.
- PV activities – multiple visits to West Marine
- Interpreters – some activity this month, including one member working as Chinese interpreter aboard a CG cutter on a North Pacific patrol. One additional member completed qualifications as interpreter.
- Five remaining PATONS at SFO have been completed – this completes all PATON activities for this year.
- Several VSC activities held at Anderson Lake and Calero Reservoir as well as at Alviso County Park.
- Members involved as instructors at the recent PCA Fair.
- Operations – Several safety patrols, including towing assistance provided to boaters in the South Bay lakes. Facilities are signed up in POMS for upcoming Fleet Week.
- Processing of three new candidates.
- One more flotilla website updated to District template.
- Veteran's Day Parade (11 NOV) in San Jose will include a Division facility on a trailer as part of the parade of floats, same as last year.
- Dues are paid by flotillas and division for Q2.
- Op Care & Comfort 6 day packaging event (Aug 24-29)

- Last month's division meeting was held as a social event, and a local historian provided a very interesting video presentation of the history of Alviso and the South Bay Yacht Club (established in 1888). This continues our developing relationship with boaters in the new Alviso Marina.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- On-going regular interaction with rangers of all South Bay lakes and new Alviso Marina.
- Submitted application for attendance at San Jose Veteran's Day parade.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- BS&S class will start 16 SEP.
- Suddenly In Command Seminar to be taught at West Marine in San Jose on 25 SEP.
- AWW presentation and Q/A period planned at the Peninsula Yacht Club in Redwood City in September
- Division Election 22 SEP
- Division COW 07 NOV in Mountain View
- Planning a member visit to STA MONTEREY (inter-division activity)

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Lose no quals in 2010
- Continue upgrade efforts on websites

Maintain current high energy level across flotillas

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Two members completed their 30-day deployment in support of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response.
- Division 5 members participated in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet OPTREX at Brennan Island State Park, Rio Vista.
- Flotilla 52 participated in the multi-agency training exercise at Lake Berryessa
- Several members have participated in the Marine Safety training courses throughout the month of August.
- Flotilla 55 provided 'Suddenly in Command' session to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets.
- 111 VSC and 108 PV reported in the month of August.

DETAILS

- Flotilla 53 members, Charles and Linda McCarty returned home after their 30-day deployment, in support of the 'Deepwater Horizon' oil spill response, recording a combined total of well over 1400 hours of Marine Safety support to the U.S. Coast Guard. They have also put together a deployment activity summary report, which was submitted to the District Commodore, Mike Williams and the Director of Auxiliary, CDR David K. Chareonsuphiphat. Anyone interested in the report will be made available upon request.
- Total of 16 members participated in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets (Concord Squadron) OPTREX at Brennan Island State Park, Rio Vista on August 21, 2010. The Auxiliary members, along with the Sea Cadet instructors and senior leaders, directly participated in the planning process and executing the event using Incident Command System structure and positions--Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer, Public Information Officer, Operation Section Chief,

Logistics Section Chief, Group and Unit Leaders, etc. The event was very successful, and it was one of the best organized training exercise I have witnessed. All planned and scheduled events were executed without any complications. Bravo Zulu to all who participated.

- On 28 August, 7 members of Flotilla 52 participated in a multi-agency, joint training exercise at Lake Berryessa. The participating agencies were Napa County Sheriffs Marine Unit, Cal-Fire personnel, California Highway Patrol Air Operations (Golden Gate Division) and Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Berryessa RBS Task Force team members from Flotilla 52. Auxiliary Facility 211225 (MARS) served as the safety observation vessel from which communications were coordinated between the CHP H-30 helicopter crew and other participating vessels and personnel. The purpose of the multi-agency training exercise was to promote the inter-agency interaction and enhance the search-and-rescue efficiency.
- Throughout the month of August, several Marine Safety Training sessions were attended by members of the Division. 3 members attended the ICS-339 (Division/Group level supervisor) training, Pollution Investigation/Federal On-Scene Coordinator PQS and 8-hour HAZWOPER training. 7 members attended the Pollution Prevention Outreach Workshop at PCA fair. 4 members also attended the four-day, ICS-300 & 400 training sessions at the end of August. Currently, 3 members have started the weekly, Pollution Investigation training at Incident Management Division at Sector San Francisco.
- On 14 August, 5 instructors from Flotilla 55 provided the 'Suddenly-in-Command' session to 18 U.S. Naval Sea Cadet members, 12 of whom were age 17 or under.
- In the month of August, total of 111 vessel safety checks and 108 program visits were recorded for Division 5.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Performed very first operation training exercise with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp.
- First, multi-agency, joint training exercise with Napa County Sheriff Marine Unit, Cal-Fire Sonoma/Napa County, and California Highway Patrol Air Ops Golden Gate Division.
- Members of Division 5, especially Flotilla 55 continue to work closely with the Sonoma County Sheriffs and the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Sonoma.
- Members of Flotilla 52 continues to assist the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Napa County Sheriffs Department at Lake Berryessa, by providing safety patrols and RBS missions (VE, PV and PA).
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in joint training with Coast Guard Stations Rio Vista, Vallejo, and Bodega Bay.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 5 Annual Tie-out will be held at Brannan Island State Park from Friday, 24 September 24 through Sunday, 26 September 26. 5 RV sites have been reserved. Vessel Safety Checks will be offered to the boating public in the morning, along with some members participating in the Coastal Cleanup. There will be some training and fun activities in the afternoon, followed by an evening BBQ dinner, provided by Division 5.
- Division and Flotilla elections are scheduled during the regular meeting dates: Division 5 - Thursday, October 7, 2010 @ 2000, Vallejo Yacht Club Flotilla 51 -Thursday, October 14, 2010 @ 1930, Vallejo Yacht Club Flotilla 52 -Tuesday, October 19, 2010 @ 1930, Napa Valley Yacht Club Flotilla 53 -Tuesday, October 19, 2010 @ 1930, Solano Yacht Club Flotilla 55 -Tuesday, October 12, 2010 @ 1930, Petaluma Yacht Club Flotilla 57 -Thursday, October 28, 2010 @ 1930, To be determined

- Division 5 Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 1200 to 1600, at Zio Fraedos Restaurant, next to Station Vallejo and Vallejo Marina. Formal invitations will be sent out in the near future.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to enhance member training by providing additional operation exercises, coordinate Division-wide specialty course training sessions.
- Encourage each Flotilla to implement mentoring system to the new members and member training sessions every Flotilla meeting.
- Increase Coast Guard support mission hours, providing additional operation and administrative support to local stations.
- Promote inter-agency relationship and multi-agency training exercises.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. The AUXLO for Station Monterey BM1 Draves attended the Flotilla 6-4 meeting and on behalf of Station Monterey, both he and Cmdr Kahle thanked everyone who participated in the Coast Guard Birthday celebration at El Estero Park. BM1 Draves had “a great time” and appreciated the “awesome barbeque
2. FC 6-4 Tony Budlong attended the August 19th meeting of the Combined Delta and Northern California chapters of Clean Boating Network (CCBN) which had a quarterly meeting held at the Berkeley Marina.
3. Division 6 has currently logged 1942 surface patrol hours this year.
4. During this reporting period, aids verifiers from Flotilla 6-10 completed the number of annual private aid to navigation verifications as follows:
 - Wallace Smith – four
 - Jane Smith – one
 - Brendon Smith – one
 - Bruce Simpson – six
 Ralph Bettman of Flotilla 6-1 has verified thirty-eight private aids to navigation.

DETAILS:

1. The fisherman’s Exhibit at the old Monterey Train Station was extended for the month of September for viewing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Flotilla 6-4 will keep materials on display and including Boating Safety, Water Way Watch and Boat Green information. Topics covered will include invasive species such as the Zebra and Quagga mussels. The display will be up for a total of six weeks.
2. Flotilla 6-4 is held the instructor training series as a MT course on Saturday August 28. Five flotilla members completed the course by teaching the lessons of a one-day About Boating Safety course. This effort took almost eight hours to accomplish.
3. Flotilla 6-4 member Alex Urciuoli who self studied the AUXCOM course took the examination and has been advised that he has passed.
4. Flotilla 6-7 is currently teaching the MT Coastal Navigator class which began on September 1.
5. On July 27th Flotilla 6-10 took Coastie to ATT Park for the Family Safety Festival. Wally and Jane Smith were the Coastie operators

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

1. USCG Station Monterey is currently doing COMMS training for Auxiliarists interested in becoming watch standers at the station.
2. Jerry Edelen a member of 6-4 attended the US Coast Guard Education Services Officer Symposium in Norman, Oklahoma from August 23rd through August 26th.

UPCOMING Events, Dates and Location:

Plans are being finalized for the Division Change of Watch which will be held at the Aptos Seascapes Resort. A golf package will be included for a morning round prior to the event.

DIVISION GOAL

1. Retain current members, recruit new members. To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division
2. 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

- Bear Lake Night SAR, two persons rescued
- Closeout of the Boating Season
- Division 7 Elections

DETAILS

1. SAR: Three members of Flotilla 78, Pamela Berger, Bill Rouleau, and Lana Visser, were at Bear Lake in northern Utah to support the annual Raspberry Festival on Saturday, 7 August. They carried out a standard safety patrol early in the day and then stood down until evening to be able to support the parade of lights scheduled for that night. However, upon reporting to the marina and checking in with the ranger on duty, they were asked to support a search effort for two persons who had left a disabled boat late in the afternoon and were attempting to swim to shore to obtain help for the persons remaining on the boat. The Auxiliarists planned and carried out a search pattern in conjunction with two boats from the Utah State Parks Department and one from The Rich County search and rescue unit. The two swimmers had become separated during the night. One was found at approximately 2230 hours and was flown by helicopter to the Ogden Regional Hospital (approximately 90 miles away) in an extremely hypothermic condition. The other was found at about 2310 hours and was transported by ambulance to Logan Regional Hospital (approximately 40 miles away). In his note to the Division 7 Commander, Dave Harris (Utah State Parks Boating Program Supervisor) wrote "The skills learned and practiced at our Utah Lake training each spring were invaluable during this incident." The appropriate paper work for recognition of the Auxiliarists' performance will be submitted.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. Utah's boating season is coming to a close. The State Parks boat used by the Auxiliary at Bear Lake will be moved to winter storage the weekend of 11/12 September. The boat used on Utah lake will be kept in service through the first two weeks of October. The longer period reflects the difference in the date of onset of winter conditions.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

1. **Division 7 Elections:** Division 7's elections have been rescheduled to their original date of 21 September. The OPTREX planned to follow the elections has been postponed until October.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS:

LAKE COUNTY OPTREX – OCTOBER 1, 2, & 3rd

Crescent City – RBS25543- ready and running, Jet Boat tours

Eureka – Potential class of government agency, potential future FC

Mendocino – New VE Personnel, Help at Lake Sonoma, Noyo River Training

Lake County – Lake County Fair –Tie-out

Division – Tie-Out -OPTREX, BBQ & Pool Party, NACON

DETAILS:

Crescent City – Flotilla Commander – Becky Barlow reports that the new Coast Guard RBS boat is repaired and ready for service. There was a slight hold up as paperwork had to be signed off in Washington DC since 25543 was a Coast Guard asset that was to be utilized by the auxiliary. Thus far, Becky states that 3 coxswains and 3 crew members have been re-qualified and have 2 more crew members nearly ready to do their qualifications. The Jet-boat tours up the Klamath River for Sept. 19th is set and there is approximately 25 to 30 people signed up with several gold side participants. The flotilla has two new members in process.

Eureka – Flotilla Commander Thom O'Connor that the flotilla still has one member giving several support hours as a watch-stander. FC O'Connor states that it appears that they will have a qualified member of the flotilla that possibly will run for 2011 FC.

Mendocino – Flotilla Commander Harold Hauck reports that the flotilla has two new qualified vessel examiners. The flotilla located in Fort Bragg has been active in Lake Mendocino doing VE's as well as on water boat patrols. The flotilla was requested by a Sonoma County flotilla to provide VE's at Lake Sonoma. Thus far they have completed approximately 60 VE's at Lake Sonoma. The Flotilla did not have a meeting in August as many of the members attended the PCA in Alameda. Last Wednesday the flotilla completed another week of joint training with Noyo River station and practiced tows and man over-board drills with active duty Coast Guard personnel. The flotilla will be holding their elections at their next meeting and they also report that they have 2 new members in process. During the month of August the flotilla also completed regular scheduled quarterly maintenance of the Point Arena lighthouse as well as regular weekly maintenance of the Point Cabrillo lighthouse.

Lake County – The primary functions of the flotilla were dedicated to covering the Coast Guard Auxiliary booth for 10 hours a day over the Labor Day weekend and the flotilla has been very active with planning and assisting in the October OPTREX.

DIVISION EIGHT – Division standing rules submitted for approval at District level.

Preparations are being made for OPTREX. I am hosting Pool and BBQ fellowship on 12 Sept. I attended NACON

Up-Coming/Events

Flotilla 88

September 11th – Flotilla Meeting- Lakeport Yacht Club

September 12th – 4th annual Pool and BBQ fellowship at Rich Thomas' home.

October 1-3rd – OPTREX – Lake County Tie-out & Division Elections and Board & Staff meeting.

Flotilla 8-11

September 19th – Flotilla providing Jet Boat Cruise up Klamath River.

September 22nd – Flotilla meeting

Flotilla 86

September 11th –Flotilla Meeting – Noyo River Station

Flotilla 87

September 11th – Flotilla meeting. - Eureka

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

RBS-25543 operational and assist Coast Guard

Mendocino joint training with Noyo River Station & watch-stander

Mendocino continues supporting the Army Corp of Engineers

Eureka –potential safe boating class to be provided to Mendocino County officials.

DIVISION GOALS:

Retain members and remain safe

David Law, DCDR-11**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
2. Area Patrols Continue
3. All Flotillas Division 11
4. September OPTREX At Lake Tahoe

DETAILS

1. Boat Crew Training continued with Station Tahoe through the month of September
2. Area Patrols continue in the month of September with various lake events planned See Calendar
3. All flotillas are conducting training for Coxswain, boat Crew and AUX Op classes. Boat inspections continue at area marinas
4. OPTREX will be held at Lake Tahoe September 18th
5. Division 11 has over 1500 patrol hours for 2010

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. At the request of Station Tahoe, Two-boat Trainings are scheduled throughout the month

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

4-5 Sept Outrigger Canoe & Kayak Race North Lake Tahoe

5 Sept Fireworks

18 Sept Tahoe Big Blue adventure Kayak race

18 Sept OPTREX Lake Tahoe

19 Sept Aflac Iron Girl Triathlon race
24 Sept South Lake Tahoe Kayak race
26 Sept Fall Classic North to South Paddleboard race

DIVISION GOALS

1. Increase Safe Boating Training with interagency partners

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

DETAILS

- PE classes: 12-91 is offering a one day ABS class September 18 and a Tuesday evenings Weekend Navigator class starting November 2. 12-3 Plans are under way to offer a BS&S class. The proposed dates are Saturdays beginning 16 October and ending 13 November
- Operations: Crew class to start in Sept 18 for the two dozen members wishing training. Patrols include training with Sta. Rio Vista, Sta. SF & ANT-SF. Three facilities are offered for Fleetweek. Remember to complete your PATON reports by month's end.
- All flotillas have been active in VSCs
- 4th cornerstone activities have been focal with 12-5 holding Pizza get togethers and 12-1 holding an annual chili cook-off this Saturday.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Sept 15 training OPS patrol with Sta Rio Vista
- Sept 18 start of Division crew training course
- Oct 7 – 10 Fleetweek patrols.
- Oct 15-17 District OPTREX at Brannan Island.

DIVISION GOALS

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

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Fair - August 21 – 22, 2010 – Thank You! To all instructors and support staff for making the PCA a success. Mary Kirkwood - WELL DONE – BZ.

Registrations:

- 136 registered members – 30 no shows = 133 attendees
- Offer 17 classes
- Several new classes – were very popular
 - MEES - (Prevention Specialist – Marine Safety)
 - Flotilla Leadership Course

District store open for business for both days

Static displays:

- AWW, Marine Safety Programs, Member Training opportunities

Challenges:

- Cancellation of classes that were not full to minimize cost of travel orders for instructors
- Last minute registrations, including walk-ins posing a challenge for security at the Gate

Lessons learned / suggestion for future:

- New member course could easily be expanded to all day
- Issues with non-compliance to proper wearing of uniform – will have booth for uniform review / help
- DIRAUX was not open during weekend – need to be requested sooner

Winner for most Flotilla members attending with 21% is Flotilla 6-10

Please submit curriculum ideas for the February Fair to Mary Kirkwood. Planning is already underway

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Division 1 Monthly meeting
- NACON
- AWW Status
- MSOM Missions

DETAILS

- Attended the Division 1 monthly meeting and as always was treated superbly. I was also invited to a dinner meeting for Flotilla 17. The presentation, food and company were fantastic!
- Attended NACON and found it very informative. A large number of vendors were present and it was beneficial to be able to spend time talking with them.
- We have had some changes at the District level for the ADSO's over seeing this program. We are refocusing on this mission and scheduling to get it back on track. I appreciate everyone's understanding as we work through these issues.
- As is mentioned in the DSO-MS report this month, the MSOM mission is being reviewed by the Gold side to guarantee that it is assisting the stations properly. Reissuing of orders was halted by the Gold side for now until the review is completed. Any Auxiliarist with orders that go past September 1 can still perform the missions until the end date of their orders. As soon as we are notified that orders will be issued again we will get the message out.

INTERAGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

Upcoming Events

- Division 10 Election Sep 18
- Division 1 Election Sep 22
- Division 4 Election Sep 22

DISTRICT CAPTAIN'S GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Plan to work with Division 11N Commanders Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals for 2010.
- Plan to work with Division 11N Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals and projects for 2010.
- Assist in getting the AWW program restarted in District 11N.

**US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
MINUTES**

11 September 2010

ATTACHMENT C

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

TCO-PQS Information:

There has been some confusion coming from various people in various Divisions who have given out very bad information to the most vulnerable, the new communicator. The best way to get the best information out is to ask the right person in the Leadership and Management. If the Division Comms Officer is unable to assist then PLEASE make sure that the Member notifies the District Communications Officer. The DSO-CM is in place to help anyone through this process. ALL Completed TCO-PQS forms MUST be sent to the DSO-CM for a complete sign off. Only page 36 needs to be sent not the entire PQS. ONLY a Flotilla Communications Officer can sign off as the mentor not an AUXOP or anyone else. If the FSO-CM is the one taking the PQS then special arrangements can be made but only made through the DSO-CM.

Rescue 21 System in place:

I have been advised that all but two areas, Lake Tahoe and south of Monterey have been completed. At this time, the Coast Guard is fully depending on this system and so far, it seems to be working just fine. As previously noted, the Coast Guard increased their radio frequency but several new CG labeled frequencies have been added and at this time the Auxiliary WILL NOT be a part of this transition. The Auxiliary will continue to use the VHF marine frequencies as we always have. The Coast Guard has requested to be notified if and when an Auxiliary surface unit, Aircraft or LM move to a frequency not normally used. This can be facilitated by a simple phone call and then all the watch stander needs to do is add the frequency to the computer screen.

New Repeater Site Investigated:

As previously reported, the repeater team checked out a site above San Jose/ Santa Cruz that currently houses the Rescue 21 system. We met with the assigned Chief from the Coast Guard at the site and discussed the possibilities co-existing with that location. A few obstacles have shown up and now the DSO-CM is looking at another location on another mountain top. Either way, the Comms team is still dedicated to making sure that we have the best possible communications for that area.

Auxiliary Radio Nets:

Please be advised, NO radio nets are approved without permission of the DSO-CM. The DSO-CM is responsible for ALL nets that start up anywhere in this District. It is very important that ALL members who are communications qualified and have been issued a call sign are given an opportunity to roger in at the proposed time and day. Transmitting over HAM bands violates current Coast Guard policy in regards to discussing Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary business over HAM frequencies. This is referenced by CMDINST M2000.3D Chapter 5. If the Net is strictly being held on HAM bands and no Auxiliary business is being handled then the DSO-CM has no jurisdiction.

Repeater System on Mt. Diablo and pending locations:

I am pleased to announce that the Districts repeater team has successfully completed a total switch of repeaters on Mt. Diablo. The old system was replaced by a donated NCIS Motorola Micor repeater. The new system is one of the best made and will make a huge difference when transmitting and receiving. The Repeater team is currently working on the new location which will be Mt. Umunhum, located high above the Santa Cruz Mountains and above San Jose. The repeater will be used for anything that the Auxiliary needs in the Santa Cruz and Monterey areas. The repeater will also be augmenting the Coast Guard in the event that their R21 system goes down. There has been a lot of talk about repeaters in this District handling inland lakes and the simple answer to all of that is that if the Coast Guard does not respond there then the District will not be providing a system there. The frequencies are allocated through the MLCPCAREA and they have made it very clear as to what they expect from the Auxiliary District Communications. So, if any Division would like to have a repeater then please feel free to make the purchase on your own and make sure that appropriate radios are used. The frequencies that are used are for narrow band and the modification of any amateur radio is prohibited by Federal law. The Repeater Team can provide the frequencies to use if and when someone steps up.

HF Program is growing with new net control:

The H/F program is moving very fast towards a D11N net control. Apparently, there was some obstacle that arose from Southern California and the H/F team from D114 was forced to change the West Coast Net to something else. I have recently received information that whatever was the problem was rectified and now we can use the West Coast net again. I am currently working on a specific time and day for the D113 net and I have the stations in place to help.

HOAX Mayday Callers:

Since the implementation of Rescue 21, the Coast Guard has received a large amount of HOAX callers on VHF CH 16. The new system allows the person who is transmitting to be located within 3 to 5 miles of where he or she is transmitting. The problem is that the NEWS media makes a very big deal out of this and tries to lay blame on the Coast Guard for not being able to pin point the exact transmission location. Needless to say, we can play a major part in all of this. All we need to do is listen up on the radio when possible. If you hear something, report it.

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.

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.

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 Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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.

NOTE FOR LAND MOBILE OPERATORS:

When requesting orders in POMS, please use the drop down box for "Select Station" and select "Land Mobile". This choice is between Sector SF Prevention and Station Rio Vista. Then in the comments section, at the very bottom of the order request page, state which Area, Station or other unit you will be working with and your intentions while on patrol.

It should also be noted that the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM is activating all POMS related Mobile missions. This will help in the reporting of all missions. All SO-CM and FSO-CM should encourage each and every mobile to get involved with some kind of patrol within their own Division to get familiar with their area of responsibility. Currently there is no need for mobiles during the week unless approved by the ADSO-OP/PAC/LM. Most of the patrol work should be directed towards the weekend. Please note that the patrols will be looked at very carefully to assure that vehicles are not over saturating areas listed in POMS. Please submit your patrol request at least a week in advance.

Who can inspect my radio facility? Your FSO -CM or anyone in the CM Chain can inspect your Radios. The [Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual](#) M16789.3E states:
Annex 4, Sec. D.1. Initial Inspection

The facility owner must arrange to conduct an initial inspection of each fixed land, land mobile, and RDF facility and thereafter, a reinspection every three years from the date of acceptance. Only a flotilla, division, district, or National communications Staff officer who has successfully completed the requisite Auxiliary communications inspection qualification (AUXCOM or TCO-PQS), or a member completing such qualification and specially designated by the Director, may conduct an inspection. The inspector must report the results on the Radio Facility Inspection and Offer for Use Form (CG -2736A/ANSC-7004) to the Director. In the [Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual](#), states in Annex 4: **B.4. Decal Display**
Auxiliarists may display the miniature decal and wreath on the exterior or interior of the building in which the radio equipment is housed, on any legal place on a motor vehicle containing the radio equipment, or on the radio itself. Radio facilities must not use the large size facility decal.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN

The 2010 YTD financial report is attached. (Please note that the right column is a proposed 2011 budget.)

Q2 dues ...divisions 1, 3 and 5 are outstanding.

EXCOM and DSOs ... Please get expense reimbursement requests in ASAP.

Audits – No audits were completed in the last month. Lists will be districted to those divisions with delinquent units at the District meeting.

NEW—Next year we will request the year end bank statements along with reconciliations be attached to Forms 7025. Please make certain that you inform your SO-FNs about this...and remind them that they should inform their respective FSO-FNs.

REMINDER – All units must submit disenrollment forms to the DSO-HR by 1 October. Otherwise, they may be liable for dues.

Richard Thomas, DSO-HR

	TOTAL 2008	TOTAL 2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Approved Members	1456	1465	N/A	1474	1477	N/A	1533	1533	N/A	1546	1543
Members In Process	N/A	N/A	13	15	7	12	19	27	2	8	6
Retired Request	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	4	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Natn'l Phone Inquiries	331	192	37	23	16	27	18	14	7	39	8
Disenrolled for Non-Dues	94	91	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	1
Disenrolled by Request	19	36	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	2
Total Disenrollments	127	171	3	1	1	0	1	1	4	1	3

Reminder: Keeping existing members is equally if not MORE IMPORTANT ... if you haven't had contact with an existing member for awhile, now is the time to make contact and see what we can do to make them active. Now is a great time to remind everyone that disenrollment forms are due to me by OCTOBER 1ST. As a reminder, I created a cheat sheet to help you process any paperwork you might have regarding personnel changes. This cheat sheet can be found on the District web site under Human Resources, or the following: http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/docs/PS_Cheat%20Sheet.pdf.

Steven Johnson, DSO-MA

The PCA Fair sales were a little over \$2,000.00. I am having a little problem with the credit cards. When I get all done I will let you know what the total is. The training books are flowing well.

I am having a little behind getting items out to the members when the orders come in. My job has been busy and I have been coming home late. Things are starting to slow down so the items that members have ordered should go out at reasonable time.

Sue Fry, DSO-MS

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

We are asking all Division Captain's to continue to make contact with their AWW Representative and their SO's-Prevention (MS) to be sure to hand out AWW stickers, pamphlets/materials at their Information Booths, PE classes, PA events or other Public gatherings where appropriate. The most important element is to report events to the DSO-MS/Prevention so that Sector can be appraised of the Auxiliary support.

COMMERCIAL VESSEL PROGRAM

Crab Season will be upon us in early November. This is predicted to be a good year for harvesting crab, so operators will be preparing to load crab pots on their vessels. There will be a training session at CGI for Auxiliarists interested in earning the CFVS PQS just before the season opening.

Uninspected Passenger Vessels- While the UPV program did not prove to add a substantial number of new vessels to our data base, it showed the many reasons for Mariners to obtain a Coast Guard Mariner's License, especially the OUPV (or six-pack) One of these reasons is the following: **Sailing Schools** that involve the use of a CG Licensed Captain to give instruction to paying passengers are classified as operators of Uninspected Passenger Vessels and are thus not entitled to use a VSC for the vessels used for that purpose. There are some sailing schools who use the ASA website to advertise that they have a safety exam for their vessels. mm ADSO-CVP Rick Saber reporting. The Port of San Francisco is continuing to equip their work boats and launches with safety equipment in order to earn a UPV decal for their vessels. The UPV team will continue to contact the Port authority responsible for this program.

DOMESTIC INSPECTIONS.

There are 2 Auxiliarists who are providing support and or training in K,T and Uninspected Towing Vessels . The ADSO-MEES prepared and presented a new training on Marine Sanitation Devices to all members of Domestics. The Active Duty continues to be an asset by providing training in Waterways Management PQS for Aux. In Liferrafts we are continuing to look for Auxiliarists who are interested in training for auditing duties at COMAR in San Francisco (Hyde Street Pier area). Please contact the Bill Burns, ADSO-L for this opportunity.

FERRY BOAT AUDITS

With the pending audits we will have 125 audits to date for Ferry Boats. A program to update information as to which ferries are operating on the Bay has begun. Keeping track of active vessels enables us to schedule audits more accurately and saves the Auditors from making a trip that has to be cancelled. An active auditor took the time to take pictures of EACH vessel operating on the Bay. This information will be transferred to the website shortly. This includes pictures of Bay Link, Red and White, Blue and Gold, Oakland/Alameda Ferries, Harbor Bay Ferries, Alcatraz Cruises and Golden Gate Ferries. A total of 33 vessels in all. This has been shared with the Dispatcher in the Domestics as well.

MARINE SAFETY OBSERVATION MISSIONS

At this time the Coast Guard is reviewing the program to make sure it is assisting the Stations properly and that the training is adequate for the job. For those that have active orders- that is those going through September, may continue to patrol on a regular basis and as usual.

VOLUNTEERS AT PLANNING AND READINESS D11

This mission has been completed and we are awaiting any further assignments.

TRAINING AT THE AUGUST PCA FAIR

There were 2 Prevention Areas (MS) presented at PCA as well as a Marine Safety Information table set up to present information concerning the Marine Safety Ribbon, the various Marine Safety courses and the many PQS's available to Auxiliarists. AWW display with informational brochures and materials was set up. 1st, was the IIMS Review class and the opportunity to take the IIMS CG proctored test. This is the last step for the MS Training Ribbon Award. ICS 100,200, 210, 700 and 800, Good Mate, and IMSEP are the other requirements. 2nd, was the Introduction for the Auxiliary Outreach Prevention Specialist PQS.(MEES). Twenty-two members took the class and all who wished were signed off on all but the last section of the PQS. The last section is the member's presentation lesson (to Flotilla or other group) and participation in an MS activity such as Coastal Clean-up Day (September 25). A Google Group was formed online to upload files to MEES Trainees to be used in their presentations to Flotillas and the public as well as provide a forum for their questions. An additional PQS class is being prepared for future PCA's and DTRAIN training. That will be the MSAM PQS, Marine Safety Administrative and Management Specialist.

AUXILIARY TRAINING BY D11 AND SECTOR

Two pollution Response workshops have now been held with 12 Auxiliarists attending and passing the training which included 8 hour Hazwoper and ICS 339. The next workshop may not occur until after the New Year due to time limitations for the Active Duty and their rotation to the Gulf for Deepwater Horizon. Training continues with Sector for the Assistant Pollution Investigator PQS. The regular training is one day per week, but the Active Duty has been very flexible with Aux members being able to come in on several days to receive training and complete the PQS. An ICS 300/400 class was held by the training team from Incident Management Division and 7 Auxiliarists completed that training. These classes will be ongoing and Auxiliary members will be invited to attend. Those members who have completed the ICS 300 course are invited to attend the specialty ICS courses listed on Homeport. When these Marine Safety/Prevention/IMD courses are completed, Aux members should make sure to bring a copy of the Certificates to DIRAUX for input into AUXDATA. All relevant courses for the Aux area will be included in AUXDATA.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS

1. NATIONAL CHART UPDATING AWARDS: These awards were presented at the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference (NACON) in Scottsdale, AZ, August 25 to 29, 2010. Congratulations to the following members for outstanding contribution to the Chart Updating Program for the program year from April 1 2009 through March 31, 2010. Congradualtion to District 11 Northern Region on taking 4 of the 5 National Top U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service Awards.

National District with the Members submitting reports.

District 7 with 12 members.

National District with the greatest amount of Chart Updating Credits.

District 1 Northern with 2216 Credits.

Flotilla with the most members submitting report
District 7, 17-06, Central Brevard, FL with 6 members reporting.

National Individual Member with the greatest amount of Credits:
District 1 Northern, Frank Cotter with 1388 Credits.

National Individual Member with the greatest Chart Update Items:
District 11 Northern, Nick Tarlson with 14 reports.
District 1 Northern, Frank Cotter with 14 reports.

National Chart Updating Honor Roll Awards:
 District 11 Northern, Flotilla Honor Roll
Flotilla 01-05, Oyster Point with 5 members.

District 11 Northern, Member Honor Roll
James B. Duncan, 03-05 with 518 credits.
Nick G. Tarlson, 12-01 with 533 credits.

2. **First Notice of the "2011 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating C-School" at Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia on 17-19 June 2011.**

3. **REMINDER PRIVATE AIDS TO NAVIGATION (PATON) COMING DUE: All PATON Sheets are due at the end of the month to complete your D11 (dpw) PATON assignment.** We have completed 71 % of the Districts assignment. Check item 4 below for your Divisional status to date. Divisions 3, 4, & 8 have completed their assignments. All Division Navigation Systems Officers check with you FSO-NSs to make sure there is no problem with their Aid Verifiers.

4. **2010 ATON, PATON, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITIES:**

D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON & CU activities to date. This table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating reports received by D11 (dpw), NOAA-NOS & AUXDATA through **September 7, 2010.**

2010 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION						PATON's				BRIDGE's			2010 AV's	
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	AOR	Check	% Done	STILL TO DO	BI	AOR	Check		% Done
1		3	62	1	23	4	108	62	57	46	3	4	4	100	20
3	61	6	46	12	31	20	46	46	100	0	20	13	13	100	13
4			65		6	2	65	65	100	0		2	2	100	8
5		8	75		22	9	104	75	72	29		9	9	100	16
6		1	73	2	37	4	115	73	62	44	2	2	2	100	7
8			4			1	4	4	100	0		1	1	100	4
10	1	3	36	1	23	13	45	36	80	9	10	10	10	100	10
11			89		39		88	86	99	1		N/A		N/A	10

12			88	3	12	10	176	87	49	91	5	9	9	100	12
Total	62	21	538	19	193	63	754	534	71%	220	40	50	50	100%	100
	2010-D11 Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2010 to Dec 31, 2010						2010 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2010 to Mar 31, 2011			2010-2011 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2010 to Mar 31, 2011					
Div	Rpts	2nd Ob	CUC	Rpts	2nd Ob	CUC	Rpts	2nd Ob	CUC	Rpts	2nd Ob	CUC	Rpts	2nd Ob	CUC
1															
3	6	2		2	2					4	1				
4															
5															
6															
8															
10															
11															
12															
Total	6	2		2	2					4	1				
Total D11 Reports 1/1 through 12/31/10 →							6	Total NOAA CUC 4/1/10 to 3/31/11 →							0
Total Aids to Navigation Reports				682	Total Members Submitting Reports →				72						
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO*				254	254 out of 682 reports showing up in AUXINFO →				37%						
Total Chart Updating Reports				6	A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized										
Total ATON & Chart Updating				686	NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.										
➤ Note: *Red numbers above is the information from AUXINFO as of September 7, 2010 update.															
➤ We have started NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year - April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.															
➤ We are in the D11NR Chart Updating Year - January 1 through December 31.															
➤ Note: The Green number under 2 nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.															
➤ Note: "ALWAYS submit a 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not completed until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands."															
➤ "Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don't find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help."															

5. CHART 18656 SUISUN BAY IS OUR LATEST EDITIONS

D11 Northern Region now has available 2 New Chart Editions in 2010. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition" Table for D11 Northern Region is on page 7. The traditional paper chart will be available in 2 to 8 weeks. I have added a new column to the "Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table" for the latest LNM updates. These latest LNM updates applied to all charts in the NOAA's On-Line-Viewer and the free downloaded Raster Navigational RNC's & Electronic Navigational ENC's charts. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table" for D11 Northern which is on page 5. Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table are obsolete for use in Navigation, ATON, PATON and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart with the latest LNM updates is of vital importance to patrol operations, aid verification and chart updating activities. When charted information becomes obsolete, further use of the chart for navigation may be dangerous. Natural and artificial changes, many of them critical, are occurring

constantly; and it is important that we in the Auxiliary use the most up-to-date charts and publications. **The web address below is an excellent source for charts to attach to your Chart Updating, ATON discrepancy reports & Unpermitted PATON's found because these charts are the most update charts you can get.** <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>

6. VISIT OUR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS WEB SITES: Your Navigation Systems staff has been updated guides and Navigation Systems forms for use in the Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating fields. I invite all members to explorer the District 11 Northern Region (NS) Navigation Systems covering Aid to Navigation, Bridge and Chart Updating fields. Dyane Mohr, ADSO-NS/CS has included key information, form, and resources you will need to become a knowledgeable participant in District 11 Northern Region's (NS) five major Navigation Systems programs. **REMINDER THAT ALL PAST NAVIGATION SYSTEMS BULLETINS ARE POSTED ON THE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS WEB SITES.** Bulletins have been posted since January 2007 on our web page. There are a lot of good Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating information in these past bulletins. If any SO-NS FSO-NS and Aid Verifiers have lost them, you should down load them and keep them for your reference. The information in these past Bulletins will help your members in carrying out your NS programs. Visit at <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> & the temporary National Navigation Systems website at <http://www.uscgaan.com>.

This is the place to get & download all of the new forms used for ATON & Bridge discrepancies, Chart & Coast Pilot reports. You can get all the training guides to assists you as a new or future aid verifier and chart updater new and old. We are continuing to upgrading & updating the information on our site. By regularly visiting these sites you will have the resources and knowledge necessary to keep our waterways safe for the maritime public, our environment free form pollution and our charts and small craft facilities up to date.

Reminder to all SO-NS, FSO-NS Staff Officers, and Aid Verifiers, if you haven't download your copy of the Navigation Systems Guides and new forms, you should. Download the excel forms to your computer so you don't have to go looking for them when need a specific form. If the form you are using is not an Excel forms it's an older versions and obsolete. The new forms let you know what information is needed by clicking in each form box. The new form can be e-mailed directly to the DSO-NS for faster distribution to the proper USCG office and is the quickest and best way to get your report with all the needed information. You can also attach digital photograph.

7. AID VERIFIER MAY LOSE CERTIFICATION DUE TO NOT COMPLETING THEIR 5-YR RE-CERTIFICATION OPEN BOOK EXAM: To Division 1, 4, 5, 11 & 12 SO-NS, this is a reminder that the following Aid Verifiers will lose their Aid Verifier Certification on December 31, 2010. **AID VERIFIERS QUALIFIED OR AID VERIFIERS RE-CERTIFIED IN 2005** 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 e-mailed 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 have less then >3 months to Re-certify!!!!**

**Aid Verifiers that have not completed their
5 Year Re-certification Open Book Exam**

ID NO.	DIST DIV-FLOT	NAME	CERT AV	Qual. or Cert. DATE
1144665	113-01-02	JOHN F. SULLIVAN	1	051123
1176361	113-01-02	SHIRLEY A. VAUGHAN	0	051127
1214225	113-04-06	STEPHEN F. POWELL	1	050219
1176255	113-05-05	LARRY KUBO	1	050906
1172108	113-11-01	ANGELO A PERATA	1	050428
1213843	113-11-01	BRUCE D McINTYRE	1	050428
1219025	113-11-01	RAY E. WISSE	1	050428
1187610	113-11-04	BRUCE M. COLE	1	050428
1208258	113-11-04	Robert Oden	1	050428
1130780	113-12-01	SUSAN H. ZIKAWORDEN	1	050825
1183447	113-12-01	JAMES ELLIOTT	1	050219
1177104	113-12-03	GAIL L. RAMSEY	1	051027
1211790	113-12-05	KAETHE LANGS	1	050219

8. NOAA – OFFICE OF COAST SURVEY: Do you have this web site in your computer “Favorites”? If you don’t, just look below at all of the best nautical subject information you can get. Ever Auxiliary member that operates or crews on any boat or is an Aid Verifier or would like to do chart updating you should know this site and have it on your computer.

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/chartspubs.html>

You will always be in the know and up to date with the best marine information. The NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey is there to help you with as much marine information to help you have an enjoyable and safe boating experience.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

AUXILIARISTS ENTERING THE WATER:

This is the warm time of the year and the water is very inviting so I am reminding you what it tell us in Chapter 4 of our Operations Policy Manual (USCG CG-5421)

E.19 Entering the Water. Auxiliarists on an Auxiliary facility that is under orders shall not enter the water during any operations. This restriction also applies to PWC coxswains, except when necessary to mount or dismount to allow normal operation, remount if involuntary ejected, or while performing PWC coxswain qualification task “dismount/remount/re-right in deep water” under the supervision of a mentor in accordance with Auxiliary Boat Crew Qualification Guide, Volume III, COMDTINST M16794.54 (series).

CELL PHONES:

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard is reviewing a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation Wednesday that the service develop policies on the use of cellular phones on Coast Guard vessels as well as issue a safety advisory to the marine industry on the possible dangers of crewmember use of electronic communications devices such as cell phones, smart phones and personal data assistants.

The Coast Guard issued guidance July 16, 2010 to its personnel prohibiting the use of these devices by operators of Coast Guard boats and also restricted their use by other crewmembers.

“While cell phones and texting devices have become ubiquitous in everyday life, the internal Coast Guard policy issued in July prohibits their use on Coast Guard boats without the permission of the coxswain, said Lt. Cmdr. Chris O’Neil, a Coast Guard spokesman. “The policy also strictly prohibits the use of these devices by the coxswain, or the operator, of a Coast Guard boat.”

Cell phones and texting devices may be useful communication tools if boats lose a marine radio signal or as alternate means of communication to a marine radio.

The Coast Guard takes the NTSB recommendations seriously and will provide a response to the letter upon a thorough review. The NTSB recommendation comes amid investigations into two collisions involving Coast Guard boats but does not draw any conclusions that the use of electronic devices was a cause of those accidents. NTSB and Coast Guard investigations into those two accidents are ongoing. The San Diego Civil and Criminal litigation is still in progress. NTSB urges Coast Guard policy on cell phone use

(08-11) 10:55 PDT LOS ANGELES, (AP) --

A federal agency says crew members on two Coast Guard boats involved in separate collisions last December were using cell phones or similar wireless devices.

The National Transportation Safety Board stressed Wednesday it has not determined the causes of the collisions in San Diego Bay and Charleston, S.C. The agency says crew members were using the devices for texting or conversations unrelated to vessel operations. The NTSB did not say how many crew members were using wireless devices or what their roles were in vessel operations. The agency is recommending the Coast Guard develop a policy on use of the devices. In San Diego, a Coast Guard boat collided with another boat, killing a child and injuring four people. In South Carolina, a collision with a small passenger vessel injured six. Then we received the below:

UNCLAS //N16000//

ALCOAST 382/10

COMDTNOTE 16000

SUBJ: BOAT FORCES CELL PHONE/TEXTING DEVICE POLICY A. U.S. COAST GUARD BOAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING (BOAT) MANUAL VOLUME I, COMDTINST M16114.32 (SERIES).

1. PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE BOAT FORCES UNITS GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND TEXTING DEVICES WHILE UNDERWAY.

2. BACKGROUND: CELL PHONES, IPHONES, AND PDAS, SUCH AS TREQ DEVICES, HAVE BECOME A COMMON COMMODITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE. MOST COAST GUARD MEMBERS HAVE THEM AND, AS SUCH, AN EXPECTATION OF CONSTANT COMMUNICATION HAS DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE DEVICES CAN EASILY BECOME A DISTRACTION DURING THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS.

3. ACTION: THE USE OF CELL PHONES/TEXTING DEVICES AND PHONE APPLICATIONS ABOARD BOAT FORCES ASSETS IS NOT AUTHORIZED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE COXSWAIN. AT NO TIME WILL THE OPERATOR OF THE BOAT USE A CELL PHONE OR TEXTING DEVICE.

4. THIS POLICY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT REVISION OF REF A.

5. A COPY OF THIS MSG SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THE FRONT OF REF A.

6. POC LT WILL SCHRADER, CG-7311, AT (202) 372-2472 OR WILLIAM.A.SCHRADER (AT) USCG.MIL.

7. RELEASED BY RDML VINCE ATKINS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR CAPABILITY.

DISPOSAL OF MARINE FLARES:

Most of you about the fact that in California there is not enough means for proper safe disposal for the marine expired flares (MEF). MEF are considered household hazardous wastes and explosives. Currently, there are only 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection centers throughout the State collecting marine and aerial expired flares http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Ca_Flares.pdf In some regions, people can drop them off at some police or fire stations, but this option isn't applicable to the entire state.

FLEET WEEK, A heads-up from Linda Vetter:

The 2010 San Francisco Bay Fleet Week event is coming up in a month (Oct. 7-10). Guidelines for Fleet Week are attached to the District Calendar and explain all the policies, procedures, deadlines, etc. for Auxiliary participants in surface operations. As always, we anticipate participation from across the District where possible.

We are also maintaining a list of those qualified crew and coxswains who are available to crew for others, as extra crew is often needed with so many boats on orders. Anyone interested in crewing for others, please provide the SF Bay Area PAC (Linda Vetter, silvercharm@pacbell.net) with your name, email address, and dates from Oct. 7-10 that you are available, and the list will be made available to coxswains with orders.

GAR SCORE FORMS: NEED YOUR INPUT

Below are links to various GAR Score forms. Seems each District and sometimes each Coxswain has their favorite method of determining the score. We currently do not have any of the choices linked to our WEB and it is impracticable to link them all. Need to hear from you which ones you find the easiest and most practicable to use. Please look them over and let me know your thoughts on the below or another form you find more desirable. Send your suggestions to: deltapony2@juno.com.

<http://a0130605.uscgaux.info/GAR%20Form%20FI%2065.pdf>

[http://www.5nr.org/downloads/forms/Standardized_Risk_Assessment_Model_\(GAR_Model\).pdf](http://www.5nr.org/downloads/forms/Standardized_Risk_Assessment_Model_(GAR_Model).pdf)

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg113/docs/Safety_Mgr_Crs/ORM_Handouts.pdf

http://www.a0701706.uscgaux.info/member_news_and_information.htm

<http://a01410.uscgaux.info/Garformupdated2010.pdf>

http://www.cgaux.org/response/_documents/GAR%20Model%20Surface%20Ops.pdf

HELP !!! HOW TO LET OUR MEMBERS KNOW WE ARE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT???

We do not chase, we do not go through a "no wake" zone at speed, we do not use loud hailers (unless absolutely necessary), we never use sirens (disconnect them if possible) and we never act or give the impression we are law enforcement. We are to practice and share Recreational Boating Safety (RBS). PLEASE TELL ME HOW TO GET THIS POINT ACROSS while the Coast Guard and Law Enforcement agencies are still speaking to us. This year has been one incident after another where our members are being called upon the carpet for indiscretions. Please share your thoughts how we can get this information across to our members. We have written about it, talked about it and still incidents occur. What are your thoughts???

MENTORS, WHO CAN BE A MENTOR?

The question came up a few in the past few weeks: who can mentor a Coxswain.

"Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual", COMDTINST M16794.51A

Chapter 3, Section B.2 (I added the "bold"):

B.2 Mentor Assignment Policy

The mentor must be currently or previously certified in the position for which tasks are to be taught and signed off. This means that to mentor a coxswain trainee, the mentor must be currently certified, or have been previously certified, as a coxswain. A mentor for a crew member trainee must be currently or previously certified as either a coxswain or crew member. A mentor for a PWC operator trainee must be currently or previously certified as a PWC operator. In all cases, "previously certified" means that the member's certification lapsed not more than two years prior to being assigned as the trainee's mentor. Mentors do not need to be IT-qualified.

POMS & ORDERS: (REMINDER)

POMS seems to be down more frequently lately, not for long periods of time, but still I suggest you print a copy of your orders as soon as they have been activated. I know most of us wait until the night before a patrol to print the orders and if POMS is down you will not be able to print the orders that are supposed to be on board with you when underway.

If you are having problems with POMS please contact your local Patrol Area Coordinator (PAC) or myself first and we will see if it can be solved; if not then we will proceed to a higher level. **Be advised that POMS does have occasional problems so the sooner you request your orders, at least one to two weeks prior to your patrol date, the sooner your Patrol Area Coordinator can activate them and the sooner you can print a copy so you will have it on board.**

DISTRICT 11N UNDERWAY HOURS TO 07 SEP 2010

Mission Hours as values	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	MS - Marine Safety	SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	All Missions
Div 01	1,164.30	0.00	0.00	1.00	1,165.30
Div 03	2,899.70	104.20	0.00	60.50	3,064.40
Div 04	622.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	622.90
Div 05	2,628.70	0.00	0.00	75.40	2,704.10
Div 06	1,878.30	0.00	0.00	63.80	1,942.10
Div 07	582.00	0.00	0.00	58.90	640.90
Div 08	662.90	43.00	7.20	17.20	730.30
Div 10	456.20	0.00	0.00	59.00	515.20
Div 11	1,564.60	0.00	0.00	57.20	1,621.80
Div 12	870.40	9.00	0.00	10.40	889.80
11NR - Eleventh Northern	13,330.00	156.20	7.20	403.40	13,896.80

CERTIFICATION AND RE-CERTIFICATION STATS FOR D11N TO DATE:

INITIAL COXSWAINS

8

REQUAL COXSWAINS	19
INITIAL CREW	34
REQUAL CREW	<u>32</u>
93 Total	
These totals do not include the few that have failed their re-certifications.	

QE OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF: 07 SEP 2010

LOCATION	SPONSOR	EVENT	DATE & CONTACT	# CANDIDATES
LAKE TAHOE	DIV 11	OPTREX	SEPT 18 TH	5
CLEAR LAKE	FLT 8-8	OPTREX	OCT 1 TO 3 RD POC: Dane Hayward, FC 88	?
WHISKEYTOWN	FLO 3-9	OPTREX	OCT 7 th to 10 th POC: Charlie Duncan CMDUSCGAUX@aol.com	?
BRANNAN ISLAND	FLO 3-10	OPTREX	OCT 15,16,17 POC: Rosette8704@gmail.com	?
MILLERTON LAKE	FLO 10-5	OPTREX	OCT 23, 24 POC: fecapone@sbcglobal.net	?
SO BEACH, SFO BAY	DIV 1	OPTREX	OCT 30 TH POC: Steve Salmon anotherhorizon@sbcglobal.net	?

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA

I am writing to indicate I will not be in attendance today as I will be walking with an Americas Waterway Watch Banner during the Freedom Walk in Santa Clara and also participating in Troopfest 2010.

<http://troopfest.org/>

Other Recent Highlights:

> Met with national product manager for the Thales "Freedom" First Responder Radio promoted through DHS at a Baltimore C4ISR Conference to gain insight on grant proposals that would allow the Auxiliary to use this radio in support of Land Mobile. Thales radios are also used on the National Security Class Cutters.

> Met staff from Electronic Solutions from Northrop Grumman - support C4ISR gear sets being used on USCG National Security Class Cutters.

> Attended Sector Change of Command and Retirement for Capt. Gugg at YBI

Other noted PA events coming up include:

> Academy Service Night in Pleasanton

Issues to Note for future Discussion:

> Fees being charged by Boat Shows preventing Auxiliary Participation (E.G. - Jack London Square Boat Show)

More detailed report to follow later.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

Would online PE class be effective for the Auxiliary? To combat dropping attendance, high fuel cost for transportation, increasing cost for classroom space, a changing national approach to seeking information, and internet connectivity in so many homes today, the E Department proposed to National a program to have BS&S internet classes within 3 years. This is a flexible proposal and constructive feedback is requested from the membership. I have been asked to hold a few focus groups to discuss the intricacies so let me know if your flotilla or other group would like to participate. I've only glanced at the proposal so far but in part it might have your live instructors in a "classroom" transmitted via internet to the students. There are interactive capabilities so the students may ask questions and participate. Perhaps other chapters would be pre-recorded. Flotillas would be responsible for recruiting students and setting prices. Could be flexible with some students in the classroom and others online. Could, as we do now, join a neighboring flotilla's class. Instructors may have to wear makeup for the camera – okay, I just made that one up to see if you are still listening! The proposal is far more flexible and personal than the internet PE of today. I'll know more when I fully review the proposal.

Anyone interested in joining a focal group? Might be a project for our new Go to Meeting plan! **Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned**

Division PE reports

Division 1 with 79 PE graduates YTD. Margrit Keyes with the most informative report indicates several flotillas planning Weekend Navigator classes this winter; an ABS and a GPSFM.

Division 3 with 93 PE graduates YTD. Tom Holtzman Reports no classes held, and BS&S cancelled for lack of students.

Division 4 with 75 adult course and 40 youth course graduates. John Gorden No report

Division 5 with 215 adult and 279 youth graduates. Douglas Burke another informative report.

Suddenly in Command was held for navel cadets at Lake Sonoma. Three ABS classes with 50 grads.

Division 6 59 grads. Milton Entwistle No Report,

Division 7 13 grads. David Nelson No Report

Division 8 17 ABS grads and 559 school presentations. Kath Disney Nilson Report on file.

Division 10 22 ABS grads. Douglas Lazo No Report

Division 11 94 adult grads. David Law DCDR No PE report

Division 12 35 ABS grads. Stuart Hunter No Report. 12-91 has winter nav class planned.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV

Division Reports:

Division 03 has 29 visits to report

Division 05 has 175 visits to report

Division 10 has 140 visits to report

NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	498	809	+ 311
DIV 03	222	286	+ 64
DIV 04	58	49	- 9
DIV 05	1023	1062	+39
DIV 06	401	582	+ 181

DIV 07	39	36	- 3
DIV 08	109	189	+ 80
DIV 10	877	1035	+158
DIV 11	245	129	-116
DIV 12	20	15	- 5
Totals	3492	4192	+ 700

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
4192	2762	3616	308	289

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through August 2010)

For information including pictures from NACON 2010 from Scottsdale AZ visit <http://auxnacon.com>

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

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

<http://public.d11nuscgaux.info/pe.html>

Mike Lauro, DSO-VE

Congratulations to the **8** recent graduates of the Vessel Examiner class at the August PCA Training Fair! Mark Taylor holds the record for distance traveled for the Vessel Examiner class. He came all the way from Washington, Utah to attend! In addition, several members sat-in for a 2-day review. You'll find the members names who took and passed the exam listed further in the newsletter. So that the qualification process with the recent graduates and other new examiners goes smoothly, I'd like to once again review the process. After passing the exam whether in the classroom or on-line, 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. As I've mentioned many times in the past, there are many possible methods to train a new examiner. What follows is the preferred method.

Please keep in mind that even though the trainee has passed the written exam, they may not be able to properly use the knowledge or they may not possess the confidence to greet the boater or correctly fill out the 7012 VSC form. With this in mind, I prefer the trainee observe me performing at least the 1st and 2nd exams. Under supervision they can then perform at least the 3rd thru 5th exam, possibly more if you feel it is necessary. Hopefully, each succeeding VSC is an improvement over the previous. As the trainee performs these exams, only **ONE** person should be directing and critiquing them. It should be done in a polite manner away from any other VSC activity so as not to embarrass the trainee. Once the trainee has completed the supervised exams, they can continue performing VSC's that day and begin to record information on their own 7038 form. Now the paperwork portion of the qualification process; The qualifying examiner receives credit for the 5 VSC's performed under their guidance and the VSC's are reported on the 7038 form with the name of the trainee and their member number listed on top of the form **and** in the REMARKS section. The 7038 should **ONLY** show the actual VSC's performed with the trainee. PLEASE start a new 7038 to record any additional VSC activity. The qualifying examiner's 7038 with the trainee information should be submitted ASAP thru the I.S. chain and **PRIOR** to submission of the trainee's MT-2 form to the DIRAUX office. This is a VERY important step! All of your other VSC activity should be listed on a separate 7038 and submitted normally. In addition to the 7038, the VE portion of the MT-2 form (which can be found on the District VE website) **MUST** be filled out

COMPLETELY by the qualifying examiner and then returned to the trainee so the Flotilla Commander can sign and return the form to trainee who will then make a copy for their file. The member can either fax or mail the completed MT-2 form to the DIRAUX office. It is important to note that each step must be completed correctly and in a timely manner or an unnecessary delay will occur in the trainee's qualification process. If you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Each month RBS Device recipients will be listed here! This information is supplied by the Director's office as members become qualified. Thanks to our new Yeoman YN3 Kara Ingerson of the Directors office for following up on this important device after YN2 Stacy Curtin was transferred. The presentation of the device may be pending. Congratulations to:

Douglas T. Lazo 10-05

Many hours of hard have gone into earning this device! This bring our District total 32 members who have earned the device, which is approx. 2% of our District membership and approx. 10% of our RBS team. If you've earned the device, I hope you are proud to wear it as you're part of an elite group!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's this past month during 2010*:

David K. Talton	01-07	Alan P. Kluska	04-01
Shirley C. Maxson	05-05	James W. Rogerson	08-07
Gary T. Dromi	08-08	Gary Thomas	08-08
Linda D. Lawrence	10-03	Roy I. Priem	11-04

This brings our total to 69 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 21% of the total District examiner base. 2009 had 55 examiners or 17% at this time. Where's your name?

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

*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 30, 2010

Congratulations to the following members who have passed the Vessel Examiner training class at the recent PCA Training Fair held at Coast Guard Island over the weekend of 21-22 August:

Beni Agoustari	01-02	Ray Flissinger	03-01
Jerry Adams	03-03	Tommy Holtzman	03-05
Robert Johnson	05-07	Keith Simmons	06-04
Mark Taylor	07-08	Glenn Funk	08-07

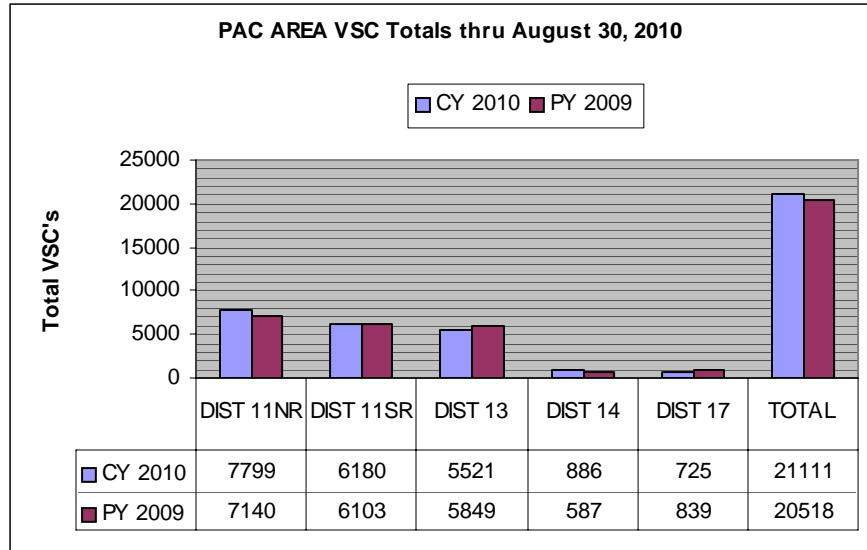
Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

Tracy R. Schultz	06-04	Ronald S. Araujo	12-03
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***Re-certification**

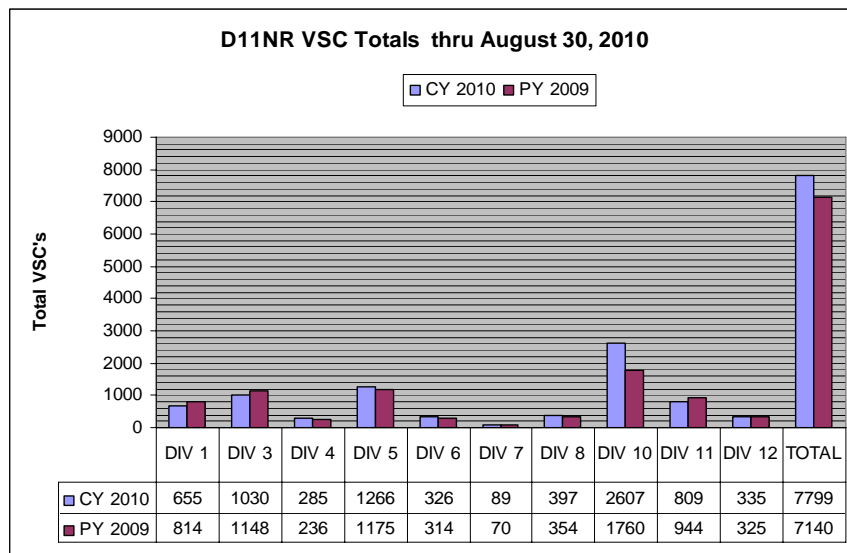
With the addition of these 2 new examiners for 2010, our examiner base is now **329** active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

PAC AREA 2010 Statistics*



*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 30, 2010

D11NR 2010 Statistics*



*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru August 30, 2010

The goal for D11NR for 2010 is **10,000** VSC's. We are **78%** of our goal for the year and **109%** of 2009 production! The data source is AUXINFO. PLEASE be certain that all stats are reported MONTHLY using the CURRENT Form 7038 to your FSO-IS so you and your unit(s) will receive proper credit. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **4495** or **58%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **5103** or **65%** are High Risk VSC's.

District News

-A special request from the Director's office; PLEASE have the qualifying members 7038 with the 5 VSC's entered into AUXDATA by the FSO/SO-IS PRIOR to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

-**When** performing a VSC with the new 7012A, please give the boater the form and record your information on a separate 7038. At some point, please email me at; sumfun@juno.com with the total number of VSC's you've performed with the new form. This information along with any comments or suggestions you may have will be forwarded to the national level.

-From: The California Coastal Commission

"I have talked to most of you about the fact that in California there are not enough safe means for proper disposal for the marine expired flares (MEF). We all know that MEF are considered household hazardous wastes and explosives. Currently, there are only 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection centers throughout the State collecting marine and aerial expired flares http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/Ca_Flares.pdf In some regions, people can drop them off at some police or fire stations, but this option isn't applicable to the entire state. Considering this situation, we started a working group with the Department of Toxic Substances Control, Cal Recycle, a CUPA representative and the Coastal Commission to explore statewide solutions for this issue with the ultimate goal being the development of a consistent and comprehensive disposal program for expired marine flares, therein promoting protection to our marine environment, landfills and public safety. Based on some calculations we made, we estimated that there approximately 174,026 flares generated per year by recreational vessels and recreational documented vessels in California. Mismanagement of marine expired flares poses a public safety hazard and potential harm to the environment. **However, there are no documented cases of environmental harm or emergency incidents caused by mismanagement of marine flares in California.** However, it is imperative to find proper and convenient solution to this issue before a major disaster involving human live or environmental impacts happen. At this point, we (the working group) are collecting information to prove that there is a need to find a solution to this lack of proper and convenient locations for disposal of the marine flares. In order for us to continue to build the case, **I am contacting you today (the experts) to request you to please send me a statement (one paragraph) describing, based on your experience, what your experience has been dealing with marine expired flares (incidents), why in your boating world are MEFs a big issue. If you even have photos of marine expired flares you have found (at your marina, yacht club or events) please send them to me. I would appreciate if you please send me your statement/information and photos (if applicable) by Thursday, September 9.** Please feel free to forward this email to other boating experts who could help us getting the information we are requesting. Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you"

Source: Vivian Matuk

vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov

Environmental Boating Program Coordinator
California Department of Boating & Waterways
California Coastal Commission

-2010 Grants Handbook now available

The RBS Affairs Department is pleased to announce that the 2010 edition of the Grants Handbook is now available. This is a terrific source of information about potential grants and awards in the field of recreational boating safety. All flotillas and divisions should plan on downloading a copy and reviewing it for potential opportunities.

Source: William Griswold, BC-BRG.

-The RBS Affairs Site Has Moved

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Affairs Department web site is now on a new server, with a new address: bdept.cgaux.org. For now, visitors entering the old "auxbdept.org" address into their browsers

or following old links will be redirected to the new site automatically. This automatic redirection will end eventually, so please update all links to the RBS Affairs site.

Source: Alan Dove, BC-BRI

-New Boating Safety Alert Service

The Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Affairs Department is pleased to announce that a new boating safety alert service has been launched. RBS-News provides information about boating safety tips, best practice ideas, and important announcements about boating safety. To subscribe to the RBS-News alert service, simply click: http://bdept.cgaux.org/mailman/listinfo/rbs-news_bdept.cgaux.org and fill in the section labeled "Subscribing to RBS-News".

Source: Bruce Johnson, DIR-B

-Vessel Examiner Manual

A new and updated Vessel Examiner Manual is in the final approval stages at Coast Guard headquarters. It is anticipated that it will be available in the 1st quarter of 2011.

Source: Peter Urgola DIR-V

-Federal Requirements Booklet: The Federal Requirements Booklets are still out of stock at ANSC.

Source: Pete Urgola DIR-RBV

- ANSC now has a VERY limited of "Paddle Smart" I D stickers available on a 1st come basis-ANSC#3004A

- Sticker, "Paddle Smart" PC ID (BR) -

Please provide this information to your FSO-MA or FC and ask that they order a supply. I have NOT seen these and I'm NOT certain about the quantity you may receive.

Neil Nevesny, CRC

No activity during this last reporting period.