

MINUTES  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
16 January 2010  
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 1045 by DCO Mike Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1, and the Guardian Ethos was led by Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6.

DCO Williams called for a moment of silence in memory of COMO Phil Fleisig, who recently crossed over the bar.

DCO Williams introduced the members of EXCOM for the 2010 year. DCO Williams invited members of EXCOM to introduce their district staff officers, and invited the district staff officers to introduce their ADSOs.

DCO Williams, assisted by CDR Chareonsuphphat, swore in new DSOs and ADSOs.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Williams declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

The meeting was recessed at 1115.

The meeting was reconvened at 1215.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Williams called for approval of the 21 November 2009 minutes.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 moved and Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

COMMENTS – COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R

COMO Connell reported the following:

- National Staff – COMO Connell introduced members of D11N who are serving on the National Staff.
- Haiti Relief Efforts – Except for interpreters which are available in D7, there will not be any Auxiliary first responders. Most Auxiliary support will be as backfill to support positions for CG personnel who are assisting in Haiti.
- ODU untucked are now available to Auxiliarists. They can only be purchased as a set with both blouse and trousers together.
- N-Train – There will be an emphasis on RBS, and the RBS DSO's will be attending. Attendees need to have read the district strategic plan and bring a copy with them. All of the training received at N-Train will be brought back and presented at D-Train.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Williams called for district board reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). All COWs have been completed except the Division COW which is next week. Members participated in the annual Holiday party at the SF Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Mike Day, FC-14 related the story of an Auxiliary communications watchstander who relieved a CG crewman so he could spend time repairing a Zodiac. The repaired Zodiac, a few days later, was sent to assist in Haiti. It was ready to go thanks to the relief work accomplished by the Auxiliarist.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). All COWs are completed. Staff positions have all been filled. The division completed 125 VSC's in December, for a total 1842 for the year. Flotilla 39 gave a boating safety class to the US Army battalions, with 200+ members attending.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). Flotillas are getting PE classes scheduled. They have established a good relationship with West Marine as a location for PE classes and VSC's. The division is providing 2 of 6 Chinese interpreters currently assisting to translate some software.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Division COW will be next Sunday (24 January). A lot of PE classes are planned, and some have already taken place. They will be offering classes to Travis AFB again this year. The division is also doing joint training programs with STN Vallejo, Rio Vista and Bodega Bay. They will be doing two SAR OPEX's this year.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). Tony Budlong suffered a heart attack on his way to this meeting and has been rushed to the hospital. On 11 January the VHF "high site" light went out. An Auxiliary land mobile was able to cover the area until it was repaired. A successful Santa Cruz SAR patrol was able to locate an overdue outrigger canoe. STN Monterey Auxiliarists have fingerprinted 15 Coast Guard personnel, which saved them from driving to Alameda. Auxiliarists are currently working on an oil slick disbursement experiment with the Coast Guard.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division currently operates two vessels which are provided by the state. One of the vessels, which patrolled on Bear Lake, had 60 assists on boats valued at \$819,000 in a boating season that runs essentially from May to September.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has initiated a program they are calling "Jubilee" to promote PE classes.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). All COWs are completed. Members are providing PE classes as part of the Clovis Community College curriculum.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division now has 26 members who are certified in emergency suits.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). Members completed an ATON photographing patrol in December. Two OPTREXs have been scheduled: May 1 for practice and May 7 for QE certification.

Mary Kirkwood for Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Excused. Report on file (Attachment B). The PCA fair is coming up in February. There is one more week to register. The registration fee has been raised from \$5 to \$10. Kirkwood is sending out email confirmations on registrations and class assignments. There will be a PCA meeting Sunday morning at D-Train.

Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). AWW appointees are needed for each division. NSBW is May 22-28, 2010. It's time to start working on it, and appoint a committee chair. Please let Collins know who your NSBW chair is.

Collins called for reports from the following staff officers:

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). The BoatUS Foundation is shutting down its toll-free phone line. That will now be accessed through its web site. There seems to be a lot of interest in PE classes this year.

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

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report.

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Fry is starting a marine educational program which will be available at the PCA Fair and at D-Train.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). Mc Alwee recognized all of the work from Auxiliarists who are assisting the Coast Guard. You never can tell when what you are doing will be a good example for others. We are adding some PA tools – banners to promote the Auxiliary and safe boating, and we hope to get a Sammy the Sea Otter to help promote boating safety. An aquatic invasive species display has been prepared to go in the aquariums.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAP-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). We are working on a joint training exercise with surface/comms/aviation. It will be held October 15-17 at Brannan Island.

Farnholtz called for reports from the following staff officers:

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – It has been quiet so far on aviation front. We are training 3-4 new observers and one new pilot. We are conducting three to five patrols per week.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). Price is working on adding a new system in the field.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). We finished last year with 99% of our assignment. This is the best we've done. Only 6 aids weren't checked. All of the PATON sheets will be out this week. Our first workshop will be next Saturday (23 January) at 0900 via "Go To Meeting," an on-line system.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). At the elected officer training tomorrow Ramsey will hand out lists of everyone who needs equals in 2010. On the web site is an index of all of the information contained in the ops reports and which report they are in. Ramsey expressed appreciation on behalf of the Fleisig family for all of the cards and e-mails of condolence they have received.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file (Attachment B). Nothing further to report.

LaChapelle called for reports from the following staff officers:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). The web site is a PA activity, so report your time in the PA category. Wetzel encouraged CS people to train members on how to use the web site. We have a web site for every flotilla. The Best of Web competition is coming up. Each DCDR should submit a flotilla for consideration. Wetzel is working on a new MSEP site, the ops photo gallery, member training graphics and the district store. We need a web master for the “In Memoriam” site.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file (Attachment C). There is a new 7029 form and a new 7030 form. The electronic versions are not on web site yet, but should be soon. All units need to get their annual unit officer reports in. They are now delinquent.

Steve Johnson, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). Johnson called on Dave Talton to report as outgoing DSO-MA. Talton reported that during 2009 the store had \$25,000 sales, with \$15,000 profit. The store did well in its first year. Talton will be around to consult, if needed. We get a lot of orders from all over the country. Use the order form for orders. It is the most efficient way to make sure orders are received and processed quickly.

Richard Thomas, DSO-PS – Report on file (Attachment C). Thomas will be handling national inquiries during the first part of the year, to see if he can find out where we’re losing those contacts.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT – Elected Officer Training is scheduled for tomorrow, beginning at 0800. Maddox should have the training schedule for D-Train by the first of next week. Maddox is creating a series of training videos called “How Do I?” and is looking for topic suggestions. There will be a DVD with information distributed tomorrow.

Angelo Perata, COS – Report on file (Attachment B). Perata expressed appreciation to all members for the contributions they make.

Perata called for reports from the following staff officers:

Steve Salmon, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). We will have a new Sector Commander and Deputy Sector Commander. The new SC will be CAPT Cynthia Stowe. The new DSC will be CAPT Jay Jewess. The Change-of-Command will be in late August.

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file. The budget notes on page 3 are for 2010. Form 7025 goes to Stephen Chan, ADSO-FN. Audit for Flotilla 12-3 has now been done. The audit committee is Robert Firehock and COMO Gail Ramsey.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Report on file (Attachment C). Nevesny will be giving a presentation at the elected officer training tomorrow.

Robert Firehock, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Mark Mushet, DDA – Mushet has been participating with a diversity working group addressing diversity awareness within the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Encourage your flotillas to become involved in diversity awareness.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat expressed thanks to Mark Mushet for his participation in the diversity project. He also commended Dave Talton for his work this year with the district store, and recognized Neal Nevesny for his work in CRC. COMO Marilyn McBain is working on 7029 format issue, which is going to market us better. CDR Chareonsuphiphat is working on data integrity issues with Coast Guard leadership and has been attending division COWs and conferences. The number of D11N members on the national staff is testament to the great work you all do.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – If you're on orders, you may wear a life jacket with USCG Auxiliary or a life jacket that has nothing on it. If you're not on patrol orders, you cannot wear the life jacket that has the CG Auxiliary lettering on it. There will be QE training February 27-28. We hope to create some videos on how to do evolutions. CWO Kilburger will be doing a presentation tomorrow on Auxiliary administrative discipline, including how to conduct an investigation. PPE – we are looking at some of the areas where we have times when a dry suit is needed, and hope to be able to outfit those regions with the proper equipment. If your members have worn PFD's, they can contact the office and exchange the PFD for a serviceable one. CWO Kilburger earlier sent out a RadioTel handbook as a "how to" on radio communications. Please share this with your members who are in operations.

#### OLD BUSINESS

D-Train – Phil Sanchez, EP showed a presentation on the events for D-Train 2010 March 26-28, at the DoubleTree hotel, Rohnert Park CA. Information is on the web site. If you register before February 15, you will be entered in a special drawing. Rooms will be \$99/night. We will also be in Rohnert Park in 2011 for the same room price. 2009-10 new members will have their registration waived. Sanchez is working on a special Friday morning golfing event with lunch.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Budget – DCO Williams reported that a copy of the proposed 2010 budget has been distributed to the District Board. The budget needs to be adopted.

Motion: Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 moved and Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES seconded that the budget be adopted, as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

Motion: COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO moved and Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 seconded that the line item for AIM Program funds of \$23,291.00 be moved to the unrestricted general cash funds, since the AIM Program no longer exists. Following discussion, the motion was adopted.

#### FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams expressed appreciation to the district board and staff for all of their work which contributed to the success of the Auxiliary in D11N.

DCO Williams distributed a copy of Focus and Goals for 2010, which comes from a meeting with the Admiral for District 11. These are the most important things we need to do. We don't need heroic effort to save lives if we do the public education, vessel safety checks and program visits. DCO Williams committed to do 20 VSCs and 20 PVs during 2010. In Operations, the accidents are happening on inland waters, not on the coast. We need to establish and nourish relationships with other agencies.

Angelo Perata, COS recognized newly-elected Flotilla Commanders and Flotilla Vice-Commanders in attendance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a telephone board meeting on Wednesday, 10 February 2010 at 1900 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 16 January 2010

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Mike Williams  
Angelo Perata, COS  
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R  
Rodney Collins, DCAP-RBS  
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES  
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP  
CDR David Chareonsuphat, DIRAUX  
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-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-PS  
Rod Rollins, DCDR-10  
David Law, DCDR-11  
Roger Haynes, DCDR-12/DSO-PE

#### DISTRICT STAFF:

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO  
Larry Olsen, DSO-AV  
Jeff Price, DSO-CM  
Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS  
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN  
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS  
Robert Firehock, DSO-LP  
Steve Johnson, DSO-MA  
Sue Fry, DSO-MS  
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT  
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP  
Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA  
Phil Grove, DSO-PV  
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR  
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE  
Linda Haynes, D-AD/H  
Steve Salmon, ASC  
Mark Mushet, DDA  
Neil Nevesny, CRC  
Phil Sanchez, PE  
Denis Eaton, CTO/VCDR-10

#### GUESTS:

Charles McCarty, VCDR-5  
William Correll, ADSO-PV  
Dan Tinney, ADSO-PS/MA  
Steve Dolgen, ADSO-PA  
Stephen Chan, ADSO-MT/CS/FN  
Robert Liu, ADSO-OP/CM  
Joanne Leighton-Nevesny, ADSO-LP  
Charlie Cohn, FC-61  
Anthony Dymond, ADSO-CS/PE  
Anita Farnholtz, ADSO-OP  
Wil Sumner, ADSO-MS  
Jim Blackburn, VFC-57  
Thomas Henderson, FC-11-1

Cynthia Perazzo, FL-57  
Bill Becker, FC-57  
Lorin C. Grover, FC-11-5  
Bill Darling, ADSO-CS  
Rick Saber, ADSO-MS  
Diana Serchia, FC-17  
Gary Murray, ADSO-PV  
Rex Miner, FC-78  
Marlene Phifer, FSO-PS, FL-51  
Monica Eaton, IPDCDR-10  
David Talton, FL-17  
Tony Diamond, FC-76  
LeRoy Cross, FL-12-1

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 16 January 2010**

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

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

- All COWs in the Division have been completed, except the Division COW
- PE classes completed
- Members participated in the annual Holiday party at the SF Veteran's Affairs Hospital
- Continuing to organize Division Honor Guard
- MT- one member qualified as new Crew
- Members participated in West Marine trade show
- Two new members became Qualified Interpreters
- CDR Day (Pacific Strike Team) provided inspiration for volunteering with the CG AUX, and recognition for the work Auxiliarists perform

#### **DETAILS**

- SS&S class completed with 21 graduates, Weekend Navigator class completed
- Several members attended the Veterans at the SF VA Hospital's annual Holiday party and brought some holiday spirit to the residents there
- Have received some flags with harnesses needed for the Division Honor Guard. Still recruiting members to participate
- Robert Liu (FI 14) and Moises Rivas (FI 15) received status of Qualified Interpreter
- At Flotilla 14's COW, CDR Day recounted the impact having an Auxiliarist (Richard Celia- FC Flotilla 14) relief one of his men as watchstander. The crewman spent the time repairing a zodiac that is being sent to Haiti in earthquake relief just a few days later. CDR Day discussed that the boat would not have been ready/available for Haiti's disaster if the Auxiliarist had not been there to allow the watchstander to perform the required repairs.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Gold side and veterans at the VA Hospital event

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

- Division COW January 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sinbad's restaurant, SF waterfront 6pm

#### **SUCCESS in ACHIEVING 2009 DIVISION GOALS**

- Continue work on America's Waterway Watch- finish Phase I and implement Phase II  
→ Finished implementation of Phase I of America's Waterway Watch and



implemented Phase II. Provided 564 hours for AWW in all aspects of the program: integrated AWW into Vessel Exams, public education, public affairs booths, and marine dealer visits.

- Work on member retention: integrate retention into every program and activity we do as a Division, and encourage each Flotilla to assign mentors for new members. Plan to provide new member orientation as a Division.  
→ Enrolled 26 new members. Decision made not to provide new member orientation as a Division as it was offered at PCA Fair.  
→ We worked to infuse fellowship and fun into every activity we planned for the year, to create ways to expose new members to a greater array of opportunities with the Auxiliary, and to ensure there was a variety of training available for our members. A New Member checklist was developed that encourages the new member to spend time with each of the staff officers in their Flotilla to see what they do and the opportunities available. Our fellowship activities included two OPTREXs, a BBQ following marching in the Novato 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and participation in Veteran's Day activities.
- Enhance member training by providing OPTREX and at least 3 of the AUX-OP courses  
→ We provided two successful OPTREXs- with almost 100 Auxiliarists attending from 5 different Divisions. 5-7 facilities participated in each OPTREX. Qualified several new coxswains and crew members, as well as provided reguals. We provided classes in Navigation, Patrols, and SC&E. Also offered 8hr TCT course.
- Increase number of hours being submitted by Auxiliarists  
→ Division 1 members logged 37,785 hours in 2009- an increase of 10,000 hours or 36% from 2008

### **Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3**

#### **Highlights**

1. Change of Watch completed by all flotillas.
2. Division did 125 Vessel Safety Checks in December bringing total for year to 1842
3. Division staff positions have all been filled
4. Flotilla 39 to give BOATING SAFETY Class to US Army Battalions 200+ members

#### **Details**

1. Self Explanatory
2. Flotilla 39 did 122 VEs in Dec.

### **Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Public Education classes being scheduled
- Chinese interpreters being provided to USCG Operations Systems Center
- DIV 04 OPTREX preliminary planning
- New Years Eve Fireworks support
- West Marine annual schedule of events
- Submission for the Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit

## **DETAILS**

- Some slowdown of activities over the holidays as expected – activity has already picked up in first half of Jan.
- BS&S class scheduled to start 25 FEB.
- ABS class to begin soon specifically for Santa Clara Water Department personnel.
- FL 48 is providing 2 of the 6 Chinese interpreters involved in a Chinese translation project for USCG Headquarters unit, Operations Systems Center at Martinsburg, WV. They will be working on a project to translate some of their software users guides into Chinese.
- New ANSC 7029 distributed for immediate use.
- Soliciting within DIV for new AWW Division Coordinator, no assignment yet.
- High percentage of Boat Crew personnel will have re-quals in 2010. Also several new crew candidates are nearly signed off for new quals. Div 04 is beginning the organization of an OPTREX to be held in Redwood City, date TBD.
- Two AUX vessels participated in New Year's Eve Fireworks barge safety zone enforcement.
- Coordinating with West Marine to develop the year's schedule of events (VSCs at storefront, one-day courses). This includes the San Carlos and San Jose retail stores.
- Submission for the Auxiliary Medal of Operational Merit to the crew of AUXFAC LIFESAVERS for exemplary execution of a SAR case in the South Bay during the annual Kilohana Klassic Outrigger Canoe Race.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- None at this time, although annual involvement with rangers at South Bay lakes for VSCs is expected to begin with the boating season. Additionally, Flotilla 46 usually has involvement with the Sea Scouts.

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

- Humanitarian Activity - "Casino Day" planned for President's Day, 15 FEB at Menlo Park VA Hospital. Continuation of similar activity from last year, likely to become an annual tradition.

## **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

- High focus on key areas of OPS, Public Education, and VSCs.
- Overall plan of 20% multiplier on key metrics over 2009 (VSC's, etc)
- Zero loss of capabilities due to missed quals
- Better use of technology (all flotillas and division using district website template, new OPS calendar of patrol needs)

## **Curtis Han, DCDR-5**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Flotilla Changes of Watch
- Surface operation activities in December, 2009

- Auxiliary specialty class in December, 2009.
- MSOM training workshop at CGSTA Vallejo
- Flotillas participated in ATON photograph missions
- Flotilla 51 member stood watch on December 17, 2010
- Flotilla 51 holiday party at CGSTA Vallejo
- RBS activities throughout November and December
- Division staff and committee meeting

## **DETAILS**

- Flotilla Changes of Watch held as follows:
 

Flotilla 51	Vallejo Yacht Club	December 12, 2009
Flotilla 52	Napa Valley Yacht Club	December 12, 2009
Flotilla 53	Vacaville Recreation Center	December 17, 2009
Flotilla 57	Benicia Yacht Club	November 22, 2009
- Next scheduled Change of Watch:
 

Flotilla 55	Negri's Family Restaurant	February 6, 2010
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- Flotilla 51 did one training patrol with Flotilla 52 members in December, hosting a guest from the California Maritime Academy. Flotilla 55 reports a patrol of Petaluma River for the Lighted Christmas Boat Parade, a safety patrol on Tomales Bay, and two safety patrols along the Sonoma coast. Flotilla 57 performed a safety patrol on the West Delta.
- Flotilla 53 offered an AUXPAT specialty class on December 5 and 12, at Armijo High School.
- Division 5 Marine Safety Officer, Herb Hoesser, provided Marine Safety Observation Mission training at Coast Guard Station Vallejo for Flotilla Marine Safety Staff Officers.
- Flotilla 51 conducted one ATON patrol per request from District. Flotilla 52 performed local bridge photograph mission. Flotilla 55, during safety patrol at Tomales Bay, took photos of District-requested buoy.
- Flotilla 51 member stood communication watch on December 17<sup>th</sup>, while the Mare Island high-site antenna was deactivated for Rescue-21 testing.
- Flotilla 51 members enjoyed their annual holiday party at Coast Guard Station Vallejo on December 10. Auxiliary members brought gifts for 14 children of station staff.
- Members of the Flotillas continued to participate in RBS activities, such as program visits, vessel exams, and public education courses throughout November and December.
- Division elected officers met with the Division Staff and Committee members on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss administrative procedures and mission goals for 2010.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Division 5 members continue to participate in training with Coast Guard stations Vallejo, Rio Vista, and Bodega Bay.
- Division 5 will continue to offer boating safety courses and public affairs events at Travis AFB (U.S. Air Force)
- A cadet from California Maritime Academy participated in their new community service program, shadowing Auxiliary members from Division 5, serving minimum of 30 hours.

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

- Division 5 Change of Watch is scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2010. The Change of Watch will be held at Jonsey's Restaurant, located in Napa County Airport. No host bar at 1700, dinner at 1800. Uniform of the day—Service Dress Blue or appropriate civilian attire. Person of contact: Ray Van Cleave, rayv99@comcast.net

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

- Enhance member training by providing 2 SAR operation exercises and coordinate Division specialty course training sessions.
- Increase recreational boating safety activities during National Safe Boating Week and throughout the year.
- Encourage each Flotilla to implement mentoring system to new members and to provide new member training session every Flotilla meeting
- Coordinate and implement Division-wide American Waterway Watch and Marine Safety Observation Mission patrols/missions.
- Increase Coast Guard support mission hours, providing additional operation and administrative support to local stations.

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Flotilla 6-4 aided with the Station Monterey Christmas Party. The event included a raffle of prizes provided by Monterey merchants with the donations coordinated through the Monterey Bay Council of the Navy League. Also gifts were provided for the crew of the Cutter Hawksbill.
2. Division 6 Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 are busy making preparations for the annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day dinner which will be held in the station's dining hall. This is an extremely popular event for the station's and the Cutter Hawksbill's crews and their families.

#### **DETAILS:**

1. Division 6 AuxNet now has a call out on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 radio facilities are participating.
2. Division 6 was assigned by District to verify 113 private aids to navigation, three federal aids and two bridges. Division 6 completed 100% of these assignments and also reported 8 unauthorized aids.
3. Upcoming classes member training offered by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10. A two consecutive Saturday February 6 and February 13 offering of the AUXSEA course. This will be interrupted by PCA and the followed by a two consecutive Saturday March 6 and March 13 offering AUXPAT. This will give Division 6 members an opportunity to complete in a short time frame two of their AUXCOM courses
4. A First Aid Class for boat crew will be facilitated by a member of Flotilla 6-10 who is an EMT. This will held at the Santa Cruz Harbor Meeting Room on January 16.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

1. On January 11<sup>th</sup> Tony Budlong 6-4 maintained a land mobile radio watch at the Big Sur Lighthouse while the ALPA team repaired the VHF high sight. The

- sending of an 87 ft cutter to stand station off of Pt Sur to monitor the VHF bands was cancelled.
2. On December 13<sup>th</sup> two facilities from Flotilla 6-7 were performing a safety and training patrol off of Santa Cruz Harbor. A call came in from Station Monterey Comms stating that there was a missing single passenger outrigger canoe that had not returned to the harbor. One facility began search patterns off shore while one facility returned to the harbor to see if the canoe had returned. The canoe was found and the sending of a 47 MLB from Monterey and a helicopter from Station San Francisco was canceled.
  3. Through 2009 and now into 2010 Flotilla 6-4 has provided finger printing for security upgrades needed by the Coast Guard active duty staff at Station Monterey. During this period 15 active duty members have had their finger printing requirements fulfilled by Auxiliary members who are qualified in this task. This eliminated the need for these active duty members from having to drive to Oakland for finger printing.
  4. On Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> members of Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 participated with representatives from Sector San Francisco, California Department of Fish and Game and MBARI in a tar ball experiment. In this exercise rice hulls were released into the entrance channel of Moss Landing Harbor during flood tide to simulate an oil spill. This will be an on going operation. An Auxiliary facility was used to halt vessel traffic in channel during the exercise while an Auxiliary MSOM team provided land mobile support. This participation by the Auxiliary eliminated the need for Station Monterey to send a boat and crew to Moss Landing.

#### **UPCOMING Events, Dates and Location:**

Annual Valentine's Day Dinner February 14<sup>th</sup> Station Monterey Dining Hall. All of Division 6 flotillas will participate.

#### **DIVISION GOAL**

1. Retain current members, recruit new members.
2. To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division 6.
3. 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**

- Division 7 flotillas filled out their staff appointments.
- Division 7 filled out its staff appointments.
- Division conferred with Utah State officials to develop Auxiliary support for State venues during the summer boating season.
- The Change of Watch Committee addressed details for the January event.
- The Division is beginning to work out operation requirements for the summer boating season
- The Division will participate in the Utah Boat Show & Watersports Expo in February.

#### **DETAILS**

The four flotillas that make up Division 7 held their elections in October. November and December were spent in fleshing out their respective staffs and developing their plans for the coming year. All on-water operations are shut down because of the weather.

The Division brought its own staff on-board in these same two months.

The Division Commander met with Dave Harris (Utah State Boating Safety Coordinator) and his assistant, Chris Haller, to work out preliminary estimates of the dates and scope of two ranger training sessions and the program for the Safe Boating Week event.

The Change of Watch committee firmed up the major details for the January event in December.

The Division received a request from the sailing coordinator for the Utah Summer Games for Auxiliary support (perimeter control and rescue services) for the two sailing regattas to be held this summer.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

Division 7 has a very close symbiotic relationship with the Utah State Department of Parks and Recreation Boating Safety Division. Like all government entities this division is underfunded.

In addition to carrying out the Division's agenda, the Division augments the State Park's personnel on seven of the State's most popular lakes and reservoirs by providing safety patrols and SAR services. In the spring, the Boating Safety Coordinator releases a list of the areas that need our aid and specific dates for various events being held on those waters. The Division works out a program for its members to meet those needs. For example, on Bear Lake in 2009, Auxiliary members totaled 208 underway hours, and 60 assists on boats valued at \$819,000 in a boating season that runs essentially from May to September. There is no on-water activity in the winter because of adverse climate conditions. The Agency's list is expected to be released in March.

In addition, Division 7 presents on-water training in search and rescue techniques for park rangers and other law enforcement personnel at Utah Lake in northern Utah in April and on Lake Powell in southern Utah in May.

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

1. The Division's January Board meeting will take place at the Department of Natural Resources building in Salt Lake City on 19 January beginning at 1900 hours. All members of the Auxiliary are welcome to attend. The Uniform of the Day is Tropical Blue (preferred) or appropriate civilian attire.
2. The Division's Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday 30 January at Madeline's Restaurant (1133 West 10600 South in South Jordan, Utah) with a no-host bar opened at 1800 hours. Member training will be offered at the DNR building beginning at 0800 hours. The Uniform of the Day for both events is Tropical Blue (preferred) or appropriate civilian attire.
3. The Division will support the Utah Boat Show & Watersports Expo, held from February 11 through the 14<sup>th</sup> at the South Town Expo Center in Sandy, Utah. This is a show that regularly is attended by over 3000 visitors, and it's one of the Division's major opportunities to interact with the boating public. We offer safety literature, a schedule of boating safety classes, and inform the public of the Auxiliary's mission, and recruit new members.

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

The Division's principal goal is to expand our membership so we have enough people to support the Division's mission. Our future plans in terms of Operations is to support patrols, member training, and SAR operations on all of Utah's major waterways. In terms of Public Education, we shall continue to offer boating safety classes. One of the great advantages we have over the "canned" programs available over the internet is that we are able to interact directly with the student; if the student has a question, there is a live person to take him through the issue. In terms of Public Affairs, we shall continue our safety presentations in libraries and public schools.

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Crescent City – New FC planning, COW

Eureka – In Progress

Fort Bragg – COW – lighthouse maintenance – on-going training

Lake County- COW, New FC planning.

Division COW

#### **DETAILS:**

##### **Crescent City 8-11**

Crescent City has a new Flotilla Commander, Becky Barlow has taken the reins of the Flotilla and her husband, IPFC has been elected VFC.

The RBS boat has been down for a couple of weeks due to mechanical problems.

The Flotilla is preparing for their COW on January 23, 2010, which I will be in attendance.

Becky Barlow informs me that most of the end of December and first part of this year is being spent in re-organizing FSO- positions, reviewing crew qualifications, and on-going training.

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

Thom O'Connor, FC of Flotilla 8-6 states that there hasn't been much activity and the first part of 2010 will be dedicated to re-organization of FSO-positions and setting goals to increase the productivity of this Flotilla as well as pushing to get local talent involved in the Auxiliary and leadership positions.

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

The Flotilla had their COW in December and newly elected FC, Harold Hauck was sworn in along with newly elected VFC, Chris Jewell. Harold actually was elected mid- 2009 due to the untimely passing of Doug Pohlson, FC.

This Flotilla is in the process of setting goals and function dates for 2010 and have all their FSO's in place for 2010.

##### **Lake County**

The Lake County Flotilla had their COW in December and welcomed in newly elected FC, Dane Hayward and VFC, Gary Dromi. During their January meeting all FSO-positions were filled and there were several new FSO's appointed to new positions.

The flotilla worked on their calendar for 2010 and planned several tentative activities.

#### Division COW

Division Eight had their COW at Benbow Inn, in Garberville in December and was well attended. We were honored to have CDR Chareonsuphiphat,DIRAUX, CDR Fuller, USCG-Humboldt Bay, Angelo Perata, COS Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT, Robert Hendry, DCAPT, Rod Collins,DCAPT and Jerry Collins, PCAPT present as well as members from all Flotillas in the Division being represented.

Richard Thomas was re-installed as Division Commander and the new Vice-District Commander is Bruce Rogerson.

Numerous awards were given with the highlights being the awarding of the new Doug Pohlson Memorial Award, for the Division most inspirational Auxiliarist of the Year, which was awarded to "all members of Flotilla 87". Division Auxiliarist of the Year award went to Charles Poplinger of Flotilla 87 and Division Flotilla of the Year was awarded to Flotilla 88.

Prior to the COW, the Division Board and Staff met to set goals and calendar dates for 2010. The calendar is as follows:

#### **IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES: - 2010**

Month of January- **Flotilla Commanders and all Staff members are to push getting the Jubilee sheets** back into my possession and to push people to commit.

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee Committee – Telephone Conference Call

February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Past Commanders Assn. Training Fair - Alameda

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Board and Staff Telephone Conference Call- 7:00PM

March 26-28<sup>th</sup>- D-Train – Rohnert Park

April 23-25<sup>th</sup> – Education Jubilee & Board and Staff Meeting – Ukiah

June 26-27<sup>th</sup>- Board & Staff Meeting and Training – Eureka

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Board & Staff Telephone Conference Call- 7:00PM

AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Past Commanders Assn. Training Fair - Alameda

OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> – DEADLINE FOR DISENROLLMENTS

October 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> - Division Elections, Board & Staff Meeting and Clear Lake Tie-out (Optrex)

October 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> –Fleet Week

November 18<sup>th</sup>- Board & Staff Telephone Conference Call – 7:00PM

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla 88 – COW

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla 87- COW

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Division Eight – COW

Flotilla -86 – COW-TBA

Flotilla- 87 – COW – TBA

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

Flotilla 8-11 COW – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Flotilla 8-6,8-7 Flotilla meetings – January



## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

None to Report

## **DIVISION GOALS:**

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

1. To retain membership – keep close attention to those members we now have – especially the new people – give them authority, give them task, pay attention to them, recognize them, give them a mentor and make them feel part of the team.
2. Create new blood for Division Staff Officers for the future. – Take on assistants to help you and to guide them with knowledge regarding a specific position.
3. Identify and provide guidance to potential leadership positions within each flotilla for future elected officers and specifically aid in obtaining required courses, ie, ICS, APC, etc.
4. To have each flotilla in the Division concluding a plus 4 “net” membership. Recruit & retain!!!
5. To provide substantial effort to develop Flotilla 8-6 to continue as an independent flotilla in 2011 by increasing membership and getting local leadership roles and elected officers in place. After all the work the O'Connor's have done, as well as many of us throughout the division, it would be a shame to have to make this a detachment.
6. To develop and have a successful Education Jubilee.
7. To explore and develop a minor Division Fund Raiser.
8. To continue with support to Flotilla's on their annual operations in a **safe and effective** manner.

## **Rod Rollins, DCDR-10**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Change of Watches are complete

### **DETAILS**

- Flotilla 10-05 participated in the Clovis Christmas Parade on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Flotilla 10-06 will also be participating in a Christmas Parade November 30<sup>th</sup> in Visalia.
- An ABS class is taught twice a month every month by Flotilla 10-05.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Flotilla 10-02 has been working closely with the Boy Scouts. They participated at the Division COW.
- The Tulare County Lake Patrol participated in training at Lake Kaweah in December.

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

- None at this time.

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

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

## **David Law, DCDR-11**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
2. Flotilla 11-01 and Coast Guard Annual Holiday Parties
3. Exposure Suit Qualification Swims
4. Twenty-six (26) Division 11 members qualified in dry suits
5. Flotillas 11-03 and 11-05 held a combined ABS class on December 5<sup>th</sup>
6. Radio High Site down for twenty four hours for cable repair
7. Eight Two-boat Trainings scheduled for January
8. Dry suit swim video featured on local NBC Channel 4 TV
9. Passing Over The Bar- Dion "Skip" Poupenny passed away December 18 at his home in Dayton, NV. Skip had been a member of Flotilla 11-01 North Lake Tahoe for over 8 years. During that time he became active as Boat Crew and a Vessel Examiner. But his love was assisting at AIM week at the Coast Guard Academy during July each year. Skip was a very dear friend of Angelo Perata DCOS.

### **DETAILS**

1. Boat Crew Training continued with Station Tahoe through the month of December and January
2. MSD900 Suit and Kokatat dry suit swim and qualification tests were completed in January
3. Twenty-six (26) members are now qualified in 900 or Kokatat dry suits. This PPE equipment allows for winter training with Station Tahoe
4. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Flotilla 11-01's new FSO-PA Linda Thee videoed the dry suit qualification swims at Station Tahoe, then contacted to Reno's NBC Channel 4, which aired segments that night and again the next morning during news broadcasts.
5. The editor of the *Navigator* contacted the Division to show interest in our Two-boat Training on Lake Tahoe, which might prompt a cover picture on a future issue
6. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December, four members stood watch for twenty four hours during the high site cable repair.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

1. Flotilla 11-01 holiday party at the Blue Onion, Lake Tahoe, was attended by members of the Coast Guard and their spouses/guests, including Senior Chief Daniel Bennett, XPO Grimm, and EPO Barton. Flotilla 11-01 members were invited to the Coast Guard holiday party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. DCDR Dee Dee Kincade, CG Liaison Jack Leth, and Chief Of Staff Angelo Perata attended
2. Station Tahoe Senior Chief Bennett announced that BM2 Crystal Lynskey will assume the duties of Coast Guard Auxiliary Liaison Officer at the station in February after attending boarding school
3. At the request of Station Tahoe, eight Two-boat Trainings were scheduled between January 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and a Two-boat training was held on both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Jack Leth and Tom Henderson were invited to drive the safe boat. We also responded to a SAR case (a boat taking on water) with the Coast Guard. All planned patrols are fully staffed with several trainees

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

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

1. January 25<sup>th</sup>: Division meeting, Fire Station 1, Carson City, NV, 17:00 hours
2. February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>: Crosby Fishing Derby at Pyramid Lake, NV
3. March 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>: Reno Boat Show

#### **DIVISION GOALS**

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

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

See Below

#### **DETAILS**

1. The division is meeting next week. We will be working on division plans and goals. Several new staff members are breaking into their positions.
2. Introduce new form for reporting following changes to 7029
3. Completed one December patrol to photo ATONS along lower Sacramento Deep Water Channel for ANT-SF. Scheduled for Feb 3 patrol for Sta. Rio Vista training needs.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

None

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

- 1 Jan 21 First Division meeting of 2010
- 2 Every Tuesday 1900-2130 A C N class Flotilla 12-91 in San Ramon.
- 3 Jan 17 Flotilla 12-1 Start of Boat Crew Training class at CGI.
- 4 Jan 26 Start of BS&S Flotilla 12-91 San Ramon
- 5 May 1 Proposed date of OPS U/W training and workshops
- 6 May 7 Proposed date of Div 12 OPEX

#### **DIVISION GOALS**

- 1 Assist rebuilding of flotillas.
- 2 Set calendar for 2010 at Division meeting Jan 21.
- 3 Provide training opportunities for members of the Division.

#### **Judy Esteban, P-PCA**

- PCA Fair – February 21 & 22 at Coast Guard Island - Registration fee for the weekend: \$10 early-bird of \$15 if postmarked after January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- \$100 to the Flotilla who has the high percentage of member attention

- Free for members of the PCA
- Breakfast Meeting Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> at D-TRAIN in Rohnert Park

## **Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Attended Changes of Watch
- Working with DSO's for their 2010 goals
- Division AWW Coordinators
- Attended 11S DTRAIN

### **DETAILS**

Attended the Changes of Watch for Divisions 4, 8, 10 and 12. I had a great time at each of them. We even had Elvis show up at the COW for Division 8.

Congratulations to all of the Commanders elected for 2010.

I have been working with the DSO's under RBS & Prevention regarding their goals for 2010.

I have requested each Division Commander to appoint a coordinator for the AWW program. The following members are the coordinators for their Division:

Division 5 Steven Johnson  
Division 8 Richard Thomas

### **OK Commanders let's get the rest of your Divisions covered.**

Attended District Eleventh South's DTRAIN. We had an excellent time seeing how another District puts on this event. We have brought back some ideas and have confirmed that we do some things very good. Hopefully we can blend some ideas from Eleventh South into our DTRAIN make it even better.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

No contacts so far this month.

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

I plan to attend the Change of Watch for Division 1 this month.

I will be attending NTRAIN at the end of January

### **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.

Plan for activities during NSBW (May 22-28)

Assist in getting the AWW program restarted in District 11N.

### **Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Response Goals
- Contact with Division Commanders
- Contact with DSO-AV, DSO-OP & DSO-COM
- Operations Ground School @ PCA Fair
- COW Divisions 3, 8, 11 & 12

#### **DETAILS**

- Working on 2010 Goals and activities for Response.
- Have consulted with each of the Division Commanders 3, 11, and 12.
- Have consulted with DSOs for AV, OP and CM to establish joint operations event at Brannan Island this summer.
- Plan to help teach Operation Ground School @ PCA Fair February 20-21
- Attended Changes of Watch Division 3 Sacramento, Division 8 at the Benbow Inn south of Eureka, Division 111 in Reno and Division 12 at Pier 21 in Alameda.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

No contacts so far this month

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

Plan to attend N-Train in St Louis January 28-31  
Operation Ground School @ PCA Fair February 20-21  
Attend QE training @ CGI February 27  
Plan to attend DTRAIN at Rohnert Park March 26-28

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

Attend as many Division meetings as practical.  
Assist in developing D11N Response plans for 2010

### **Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SPT**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Attended COWs
2. Attended D-Train D-11SR
3. Contacted The Institute of Heraldry
4. Attended meeting regarding Lake Powell OPTREX.

#### **DETAILS**

1. Attended COWs for Division 3, which was attended by Capt. McGuire DIRAUX, as well as FL-3-10, FL-33, FL-35, FL-39.
2. D-Train D-11 SR had an attendance of over 600 members. There were several things that they did that we might consider adopting for our conferences

3. Attempted to contact The Institute of Heraldry at Ft. Belvoir VA regarding USCG and USCG AUX flags, Coat of Arms, Blazon, and Symbol Heraldry. Several e-mails, and three phone calls later, still unable to get anyone.
4. The OPTREX planning for Lake Powell is in its infancy. At this time the matrix for the operation is still in development and will continue to be developed, until the decision to abort due to funding.

## PROJECTS

1. Lake Powell OPTREX
2. Heraldry protocol for D-11NR Auxiliary

### **Angelo Perata, COS**

As we welcome the new year, I had the pleasure of attending different Division Change Of Watches. It was nice meeting members thru out our District & members of the Gold side.

I'm always amazed at the hours members are willing to give to the Auxiliary. The talent & dedication goes without question. As we get ready for 2010, DCO Mike Williams has the Flotilla and Vice Division Commanders attending an elected officer training class this Sunday January 17. (If you haven't already done so please pass this information on to your elected leaders.)In the long run this will make your job easier.

Last week visited District 11 South D-train. Shared information from both Districts, Working on joint programs, to be discussed at a later date.

Please read our District web-site as our DSO-CS Irene Wetzel has been busy improving our web site Ease of navigation, good information, etc. Irene has send out this information on e-mail dated 01-16-2010. Keep it handy. Her catch phrase is, "read, guess, point and click." (Are we lucky to have her).

## ATTACHMENT C

### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 16 January 2010

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

Special Thank you from R21 Chief: During the last few months the Communications Department has been asked by both the Rescue 21 installation people as well as the Sector Command Center to stand continual watches while they put the new equipment in place. Several members from various Divisions have been asked to help and all who have been asked have done so with pleasure. The Chief would like to extend his gratitude for all who have come out, and in some cases at a moment's notice.

Authorization for Land to Air magnetic signs: I have received approval from the National Response Department down through the Telecommunications Department that the ACU's (Land Mobiles) can now have the magnetic sign (the letter "A") that can be placed on the top of the roof of the car, truck or van. It is very important that the sign does not have any Coast Guard or Auxiliary markings on it but just the letter "A". Now, this is not an invite to go crazy with the letter "A" but instead to practice some restraint. The color can be in red, blue or black. The Aircraft needs to know it's you. Any questions please ask!!!

New Repeater Equipment: I have asked the District to assist with some funding that we will need for our next venture. The discussion is still to take place and we are hopeful that some good will come out of the elected leaders meeting. We are about ready to break ground on a brand new site that will be a huge improvement for some communicators in Divisions 6, 4, 12 and 1. The new system will allow for a second radio net that will be a Bay Area and Coastal net. If the funds are not available, that will not detour the venture. The District's Communication Department is committed to providing all qualified members with the best possible tools to get the job done. There is also another site that is being looked at that will cover the coast of Division 5 and through the west delta also covering a few "dead" areas such as the Golden Gate area as well as through to San Pablo Bay. The Sector and I are working on this and more is to follow as it becomes available.

Communications Training: The Response Department will not be going to N-TRAIN this year so I will likely not have anything to present at D-TRAIN but if anyone would like a small discussion group to be formed then please let me know and we can meet up to discuss whatever is on the mind of those interested in the program. The Response Department will also be working on a table top training exercise that will incorporate Air, Land and Sea. The first part of this will be a table top and the perhaps a Communications drill of some sort. The Sector Communications Trailer is also available to come to any OPTREX or training at the Division level. The locations that it can be towed to must be cleared through Sector San Francisco prior to any departure but the Command Staff did advise that we could train with it as needed. The trailer is currently being stored at my residence while construction continues at YBI.

DTRAIN: The Communications Department has been asked to help out with communications at the event in March. If anyone is interested in helping out with Comms work and being available to assist the Event Coordinator, they are encouraged to contact me as soon as possible. I will provide the radios to the four people that I will need. The pay is the same!!!

Several High Profile Search and Rescue Cases: During the past couple of months the ACU's (Auxiliary Communication Units) have been involved in some very significant cases that have turned out positive and some that were less positive. A very special THANK YOU to ALL the Mobile Communicators who not only take the time to come out and dedicate their time to a patrol but also list themselves as being available in the ARMS System. We have some of the best around when it comes to response!

\*\*\*\*\*The Following is a continual message from the LCDR at Sector San Francisco. The amount of false MAYDA YS is getting way out of hand from all over the District. The violations also come as "Radio Checks (which are illegal) and children playing around on their parent's radio. Clearly the hoax MAYDAY can be disguised as anything! \*\*\*\*\*  
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 MAYDA YS 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/LON or geographic location and how strong he or she heard the transmission.

Below are the offices of the ADSO-CM: All of their email addresses have been updated on the Districts web site under Departments. As always, PLEASE START YOUR QUESTIONS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL FIRST. Please let the SO-CM have the first crack at helping you out. If you have no SO-CM then please feel free to contact one of my Officers. This just keeps with the tradition of Leadership and Management. Email addresses are listed on the District web site under Programs.

ADSO-CMIHF: HELP WANTED! This candidate needs to be well versed in the art of High Frequency. The candidate's responsibilities will include advising of the type of equipment that is needed to get the job done. The candidate will also be responsible for assisting Mr. Farmer with training. Please inquire to the DSO-CM if interested.

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

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

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

ADSO-CMIHFIMT: Mr. Morris Farmer will be assisting with Member training with HIF. This is for those who would like to get started in the HIP program. Morris is here to address your questions.

AUX RADIO NET: All Communications units are encouraged to check in and if nothing else, test their equipment to see if it all works both on the VHF marine channels as well as the repeater frequency. The net is being held at 2000 local time each Monday evening on VHF CH83A. If for some reason CH 83A is occupied then we will switch our



VHF Marine remote to transmit on VHF CH 06A. The Sector Command has approved this.

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

ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System: This interactive site is fully controlled by the DSO-CM and the Auxiliary Watch Officers under the direct Supervision of the OTO, DIRAUX and the CDO at Sector SF. This site that has been established contains several Mobile responders that have stated that they want to be a part of the emergency call out process. The old style of utilizing the 11 NIR 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 SM, 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 DIP to SAR and everything in between. All SO-CM and FSO-CM are encouraged to pass this information along to their membership. This site is the only one of its kind in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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. Please see the information below. These are questions and issues that the members of this District have continually asked to know about.

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-OPIPACILM 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 ADSOOPIPACILM. 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. Summer is here and this would be the time to get out there and patrol. Please submit through POMS and notify me in advance of the patrol date so I can activate. This is being re-sent with a quote of current policy below:

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.I. 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 replacement course), 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 -2736A1ANSC-7004) to the Director. The Auxiliary must complete all inspections following the initial inspection before the expiration date of the facility's acceptance for use.

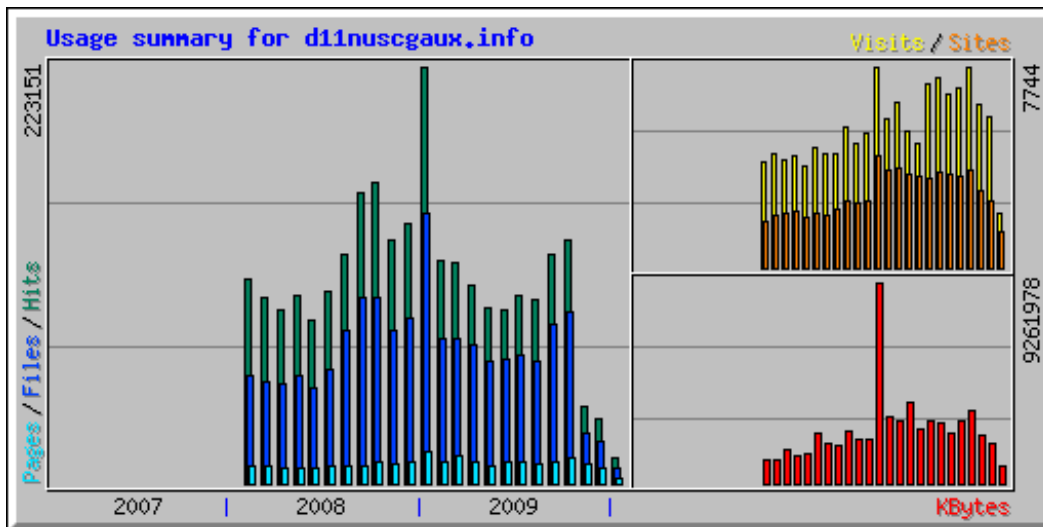
**In the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, states in Annex 4: B.4. Decal Display** Auxiliaries may display the miniature decal and wreath on the exterior or interior of the building in which the radio equipment is housed, on any legal place on a motor vehicle containing the radio equipment, or on the radio itself. Radio facilities must not use the large size facility decal.

### **Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS**

1. The district template provides improved navigation. All 150 pages are assessable from the left menu bar. The left menu bar expands to three levels of page topic which are a subset of the heading. Each of the seven headings has a Contents Page which lists all the page topics under that heading. A search engine is available on the left menu bar of all pages, for convenience, soon to be placed above the Security Levels.

We have an intuitive site: Read, Guess, Point and Click, Try Again.

2. Many of the flotilla and divisions will be using the template to incorporate branding of the Auxiliary and ease of navigation for the user. The organization unit links will be placed on the left menu bar, increasing accessibility to all units. Informational content is the focus of template usage.
3. The Best of Web 2010 Award criteria has been modified slightly to put more focus on content and use of branding. It is not necessary to use a template. All divisions will be evaluated. Each SO-CS is to nominate one flotilla. If a flotilla in a division is not nominated, an FC may self-nominate the website. Dateline has been extended for January 30, 2010. Information on the web:  
<http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/staff/cs.html>
4. The PCA Fair technology class is for all members to enhance their skills with internet usage and program usage. One class will develop a Google Group of their flotilla or project area.
5. The following Webalizer Report gives the Daily Averages for "Pages" and "Visits." Notice the Daily Averages between 2008 and 2009 by month. There is a steady visitor increase noted by the yellow bars with a average daily visit of over 400 visits on all our subsites. For a full report visit>  
<http://d11nuscgaux.info/webalizer/index.html>



**COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS**

AUXDATA has some changes that were effective 4 January 2010. There is a new ANSC Form 7029 and a new ANSC Form 7030.

The 7029 is a big change as your prep and travel hours must now be recorded so that they will be recorded to credit RBS missions in lieu of Administrative Support missions. Therefore you will no longer see a mission 99, because it has been expanded to missions 99A through 99E. So please inform all of your members to use the new form immediately for all hours recorded in January 2010 and to read the instructions on the form. There are two pages to the form and it is optional which form the member wants to use. Both pages 1 and 2 do not have to be sent to the IS officer. The member can use either or both. It will be an advantage for the IS officer who does data entry to see Page 2 to insure all hours that are supposed to be recorded on other forms are reported correctly and not lumped into prep and travel. Please pass the following information to all of your members. Any Mission 99 hours on the old form for the year of 2009, please have the IS Officers enter the hours as Mission 99E and not send them back to be placed on the new form

The 7030 form has not changed, but there have been new missions added especially to the Public Affairs program which has been expanded from five to eleven missions. The instruction pages have all changes in BOLD and UNDERLINED so they will be easy to spot. As of today 8 January 2010, the new 7030 has not been posted to the web but hopefully it will be posted before our board meeting.

Both the 7029 and 7030 e-forms are not yet completed and will be posted as soon as they are ready.

**Dave Talton, DSO-MA**

This is the final report for 2009 and my final report as DSO-MA. I am happy to report the District Store is in good shape and the new DSO-MA, Steve Johnson, is a very capable person to carry on and make further improvements.

We had sales approaching Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in 2009 with a profit of close to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) when all sources are taken into consideration.

I urge you all to pass on the information regarding ordering from the District Store. ALL orders are to be placed on the official order form found on the website. No orders can be accepted via phone or email.

It has been a pleasure working with you all and I look forward to working with you in other capacities in the future.

### **Sue Fry, DSO-MS**

Plans for the following areas are as follows:

#### COMMERCIAL VESSELS - Skip Morford, ADSO-MS/FV

Commercial Fishing Vessels Activity will be coordinated with the CG Department Coordinator with training and assignment being completed during the special surge efforts for Salmon and Crab seasons. Contacts during other times will be coordinated and/or assigned by the Coordinator as well and occurs at active Commercial Fishing Vessels venues such as Fisherman's Wharf, Pillar Point, Moss Beach and Bodega, or upon request by an active fisherman at other Marina's or storage sites in the Bay, Delta or Coastal areas.

#### UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL PROGRAM - Rick Saber, ADSO-MS/UP

Contacts with the 300+ CG licenses holders, OUPV through Masters, will be accomplished after a CG letter is sent to all license holders during the early days of February introducing the 5 STAR program and soliciting their participation. Follow-up phone calls will be accomplished by a phone brigade within 2-3 weeks of the letter being sent. Areas of Examinations will be organized and a team of examiners will be assigned to visit each License holder and owner operated vessel. Training will be needed to supply enough examiners to cover the program and should be accomplished by the CG Coordinator, ADSO-MS/UP and Auxiliary qualified examiners. This program will be of vital interest to all Pac operators in the BAY, DELTA and COASTAL areas as well as on INLAND LAKES in California, Nevada and Utah. This is an ongoing program as decals are issued ANNUALLY.

#### UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSELS - Under Development

This program needs to train experienced Commercial Vessel Auxiliarists to look at larger Commercial tugs in order to ensure that the vessels adhere to the Coast Guard Safety Standard's and applicable CFR's.

#### PORT SAFETY AND SECURITY INSPECTIONS, HARBOR PATROLS, FACILITIES and CONTAINERS - Neil Nevesny ADSO-MS/F/C

The program supports the needs and requests of the Facility and Container Branches/Prevention Department. Training is given by the individual Branches and Auxiliarists are used in Assisting the Active Duty inspection teams. Auxiliarists are trained as they indicate an interest by completing the PQS involved.

MARINER LICENSING/DOCUMENTATION, COURSE AUDITS, PROCTORING,  
TESTING and GRADING, ARCHIVING RECORDS AND MISLE INPUT -  
ADSO- TBD

Contact Sue Fry, DSO-MS for Information. Auxiliaries may indicate an interest in this program through the DSO-MS. A need exists at the local Regional Exam Center at the Federal Building, Oakland for a variety of assistance. A regular schedule of assistance can be arranged.

AMERICA WATERWAY WATCH - Robert Hendry, ADSO-MS/WW, Al Coddington,  
ADSO-MS/WP Presentations, Bill Burns, ADSO-MS/DP, Displays, Material Distribution  
and Reports

This program is being reinvigorated to give it a more vital role in the Auxiliary venue of CG assistance and US Security. Marinas as well as Companies involved with Marine activity will continue to be contacted and involved with employee education as to Waterway and facility security. Awareness education presentations will be made to Auxiliary Divisions as requested and needed and at PCA Fairs and DTRAIN.

FERRY AUDIT PROGRAM - Abigail Wagg, ADSO-MS/A

The program has become an important part of the Maritime Safety portion of MS/Prevention. 2009 was a record breaking year for Audits with 50 auditors completing 227 audits as of the end of November. Training is given at least twice each year and is mandatory annually for all. Please check the Schedule at both PCA Training Fairs in February and August and at DTRAIN for additional training.

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE - Richard Celia, ADSO-MS/ER

There are two parts to this program. The actual weekly support to the Pacific Strike Team, located in Novato and the support to the Prevention Department in case of a major or minor event in which office, technical or field support is requested and needed. (ie Cosco Busan). Auxiliaries should indicate interest through the ADSO Richard Celia or the DSO-MS.

MARINE POLLUTION EDUCATION- Simone Adair, ADSO-MS/E

The Marine Safety and Prevention Department of the Auxiliary will support the State Boating and Waterways Dockwalker Program by providing training sites in order to present the knowledge and materials of this Marine Environmental Education programs to Auxiliary members who will in turn present these materials to the boating public at Marina's, Docks, Information Booths, Safety Events at various venues, and Yacht or Sailing Clubs on a one to one basis. The Dockwalker program asks that each Mariner fill out a survey on Marine Environmental Education questions when receiving the useful State supplied materials. The ADSO-MS/E will be able to provide information on the areas listed here, MEES, Dockwalkers and Sea Partners.

LIFERAFT INSPECTION SURVEYS - Gilbert Ellis, ADSO-MS/E

Auxiliaries observe the servicing of Commercial Vessel Liferrafts when due for their annual or 5 year inspections at the two depots (Liferaft Companies) in the Bay Area and then submit their observation report to the Coast Guard POC at CGIsland. The ADSO provides assignments as received.

## HAZMAT AWARENESS Wil Sumner, ADSO-MS/H

A power point presentation is available for Flotillas and Divisions. Please contact the ADSO for information.

## MARINE SAFETY OBSERVATION MISSIONS (MS OM) - Robert Liu, ADSO-MS/M

Under the request and guidance of Sector San Francisco in support of the CG Stations in D11N Patrols using members' vehicles cover areas in individual Station AOR's. Different Marina sites are visited to visually inspect fence integrity, look for activities that occur at Marina's and shoreline areas. Pocket orders are given at the beginning of the calendar year to members who have taken the annual training and patrollers are expected to check in by phone with the OIA before undertaking the Missions and to close the mission in the same manner.

## MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST

This Trident PQS is a major part of learning about Marine Pollution. It is a challenging program covering all of the elements you need to know in order to be a good steward of clean water. The MS will support the Annual local Shoreline Cleanup effort which is a significant public support for a cleaner, healthier Marine Environment.

Marine Safety Training will be held – A full day of Marine Safety Department Training is expected to be offered at DTRAIN in March 2010 covering all of D11N's active programs that have been listed above. Additional training will be offered at the August PCA and at other times upon request to the DSO-MS and the ADSO responsible for the area.

### James Duncan, DSO-NS

**1. NAVIGATION SYSTEMS is now using GO TO MEETING (GTM):** The Eleventh District Navigation Systems Department has started using **GO TO MEETING** for Navigation Systems meetings and training session. I have conducted five (5) training session and more to come on how to use this new format to keep all Navigation Systems personnel up to date on new Navigation Systems materials. **All 2010 SO-NS will be invited to the next GO TO MEETING training session in early January.** You'll receive an **e-mail** giving you the time, date and pin number if you use your telephone, and not VoIP, voice over the internet. **There is no cost to the attendee; all you need is to sit in front of your computer.**

All 2010 SO-NS please go to the following **GO TO MEETING** web site <http://www.gotomeeting.com> and click on How it Works then click on Watch Demo. This will give you a basic idea how it works. I will be sending with your invitation e-mail a copy of the three pages "**Attendee Quick Reference Guide**". This will help you a lot.

**SO-NS ADVANCE NOTES:** The 2010 SO-NS Officers Workshop will be held on **GO TO MEETING**. This work shop is scheduled to be on Saturday January 23, 2010 at 0900 on your computer. SO-NS's this is a very important workshop for your division & flotillas to assist you & your FSO-NS's in their job. I'm also planning an open discussion on the course we want to take this program and the needs of each division and flotilla. **Mark your calendar.** Our new web page <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> will be a big part of this discussion. What do you want on our web site?

**2. PCA TRAINING FAIR:** I will be conducting two classes at the Past Commanders Association Training Fair on February 20 & 21, 2010 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda,

CA. Go to the District 11 Northern Region Web Site <http://www.d11nuscgaux.info/> Click on the Members button at the top of page and then click on Calendar. The "Past Commanders Association Training Fair" flyer for information & enrollment form is at February 20 & 21 dates. Sign up for both classes. They complement each other. Come and join us.

(1). AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION COURSE: The Web site on the flyer is wrong and should read: <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> . Check out the training material before the course. It will make it easier for you. This is an eight-hour qualification course and exam that will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The emphasis on the AV program is on ***prevention, accuracy, credibility, professionalism and service to the Coast Guard***. Our focus in D11 Northern is directed toward building the recognition of each Auxiliary AV-Aid Verifier as a highly competent observer and reporter in the eyes of the Coast Guard. Guidelines for Aid Verifier qualifications have been established. These guidelines include the taking and reporting of fixes and depths, the pre-underway and on-scene evaluation of the electronic equipment being used, high quality on-scene observations, and professional on-line verification report preparation. Fixes are taken with GPS sets using WAAS or DGPS, physical measurements, photographs, and the comparison of all observations to the Light List, the Coast Pilot and to the applicable NOAA Nautical Chart are included in the verification process. In the Aid Verifier Qualification Course you will learn everything you need to know to become a District 11 Aid Verifier. This class is for those who would like to become an Aid Verifier and assist the Coast Guard with their Aids to Navigation & Bridges. Any pass or present Aid Verifiers who would like to update their qualification, re-certification or review their skills are also welcome. Just sign up.

(2). CHART UPDATING CLASS: Any Auxiliary Member who would like to update or improve their charting skills should sign up.

The web site to check out before the class is <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> . This class will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010. The focus for the Auxiliary Chart Updating program is on ***prevention, accuracy, credibility, and professionalism***, and is directed toward raising your competence in the eyes of NOAA-NOS. There are specific guidelines for taking fixes and depths that require pre-underway validation of all equipment that is used to perform measurements, and for reporting quality control evidence for each on-scene observation and instrument reading. Also required are explanations of the technique(s) used to acquire any reported data. Observers are directed to define each chart update task, list their on-scene observations, develop a conclusion from the collected evidence and make a final recommendation to NOAA. A fresh scientific approach is encouraged. Evidence can take the form of a fix taken with a GPS set using WAAS, depths corrected to the charted vertical datum, physical measurements, photographs, drawings, marked up chart and printouts from the Internet. Any official document that supports your contention is great support evidence. The Internet can also supply great supporting data. In effect, you are pleading the case for acceptance of your premise as a chart update to NOAA.

### 3. The FINAL 2009 AID TO NAVIGATION, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITY:

SO-NS, Note the difference between AUXINFO & what D11 (dpw) has received. Question is why the disparity?



D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON/CU activity. Table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart updating reports received through **January 4, 2010**.

4. **Aid Verifiers that have lost their certification for 2010:**

<b>Not Completed their 5-Year Re-Certification Open Book Exam</b>									
DIST DIV-FLOT	NAME	CERT AV	Qual DATE	A	P	U	B	AST	AT
113-01-07	CHARLES B. WARREN	1	040715					0	0
113-05-01	BARBARA WILKINSON	1	040208		3			3	15
113-05-01	TOM WILKINSON	1	040208		5			5	25

<b>No Activity in 2009</b>									
DIST DIV-FLOT	NAME	CERT AV	Qual DATE	A	P	U	B	AST	AT
113-05-07	PAUL CLAUSEN	1	070217					0	0
113-05-07	RICHARD CONN	1	070217					0	0
113-10-03	GUY E MALLERY	1	070217					0	0
113-10-06	WILLIAM BOERSMA	1	080216					0	0
113-11-05	BRYAN L RICKS	1	050428					0	0
113-12-02	FRANK R. SWIFT	1	050219					0	0

6. **DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS:** D11 Northern Region had 7 New Chart Editions for 2009. We had only 2 New Chart Editions in 2008. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table" for D11 Northern Region which is on page 8. The **traditional** paper chart is available in about 2 to 4 weeks after the Charts-on Demand date. Chart 18649 has had two (2) new editions in 2009. Charts with edition dates prior to those listed in the table on page 7 are obsolete for use in navigation and Chart Updating activities. The date of a chart 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.

7. **Third Notice** Notice of the "2010 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating C-School" at Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia on 18-20 June 2010. **Ref:** [http://uscgaan.com/aton\\_c\\_school.htm](http://uscgaan.com/aton_c_school.htm). If you want to attend you must get your request into DIRAUX ASAP.

**COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP**

**D11N MANDATORY OPERATIONS WORKSHOP:**

The mandatory D11N Operations Workshop will be introduced at DTRAIN. The mandatory 1 HR National TCT will be included. At this time CDs containing both workshops will be available to the Flotillas and if possible placed on our District Web Site. When giving these mandatory workshops be certain that two signup sheets are given to the attendees. One for each workshop, and then given to your IS officer to be entered into AUXDATA.

**BOAT CREW GROUND SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERED:**

There will be a two day Boat Crew Ground School offered during the February 2010 PCA Fair. The class is limited so if you are interested I would suggest signing up ASP.



## **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION FOR 2010 REQUALS AND INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

We currently have qualified in D11N 210 Crew, 6 Personal Watercraft Operators, 153 Coxswains and 157 active surface Facilities. This year, of the above 74 Crew, 3 Personal Watercraft Operators and 54 Coxswains (or 41%) are due for their requal. This does not include members going for initial qualifications. I have sent, to all that are due this year for requal, a reminder. Please plan ahead and do not wait until November to take care of the requirement.

### **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**

There have been queries from our members regarding proper radio communication techniques. Below is a link to the training the Coast Guard receives on this subject. The Auxiliary needs to sound professional to the public, law enforcement as well as not to embarrass the Coast Guard when all hear us on the radio. Please read and assimilate, we all can get a bit sloppy in our communications.

RADIOTELEPHONE HANDBOOK COMDTINST M2300.7A

[http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/2000-2999/CIM\\_2300\\_7A.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/2000-2999/CIM_2300_7A.pdf)

### **REMINDER FOR NEEDED PHOTOS NEEDED BY SECTOR:**

The Auxiliary has received a request from CG Sector San Francisco to forward to them photos that represent deep-draft commercial vessels visiting their AOR and that we happen to have an opportunity to photograph while already out on an official patrol. Some of the key aspects of this effort are:

1. Safety First - Do not cross the bow of underway vessels, attempt to circle them for shots from all angles, approach too closely, loiter in the area, or otherwise impede traffic in any way. Ignore opportunities if there are ANY safety concerns.
2. Perform only during the course of normal patrols - Separate orders will not be issued for this activity. The photos are only to be taken while you are already out there on official orders for a patrol, with the boat and crew fully identified as CG Auxiliary, and when and where it is convenient to do so without separate patrols, diversions from original purposes and duties of a patrol, deviating from normal courses, or unsafe in any way. In other words, only as an opportunity presents itself while you are otherwise out there.
3. Photo Subjects - Vessels to include are only the deep-draft, commercial ocean-going vessels. These would include container ships, tankers, bulk freighters, ROROs (Roll-On, Roll-Off large car carriers), and integrated tugs and barges (not individual tugs and barges). Other commercial craft (e.g., ferries, fishing vessels, tugs) are not desired, nor government (e.g., Navy, CG, NOAA) vessels, cruise ships, private yachts, etc.
4. Locations - This request is from Sector SF, for their AOR. Basically that would mean vessels in San Francisco Bay, and up to inland ports of Sacramento and Stockton (or down to Redwood City), etc. Vessels underway or at anchor are the best photo opportunities, but vessels at a pier or berth are also ok if you can safely get a clear shot. These could include locations such as Oakland, Richmond, Benicia and others.
5. Good Photos - Photos should be of the vessel only (prefer no other vessels, including tugs and pilot boats, and not to include any portion of your boat or people, etc.). The ship should fill at least 2/3rds of the shot (but do not crop or alter the photo). Any of the eight primary points of the surface vessel photography angles are useful, although at least one shot each of the beam and the stern (with name, home port, etc.) are the most preferred. The eight points would be directly on the bow or stern, directly on port or starboard beam, and the port/starboard bow angles or port/starboard quarter angles.

6. Photo Submission - Only current, digital photos are desired. If you take any relevant photos, forward them (the full, unedited shots, and using original file names are fine) to LT. Sean Valentine ([Sean.M.Valentine@uscg.mil](mailto:Sean.M.Valentine@uscg.mil)). Include in the cover email with your submission what information you happen to notice about the vessel that would identify it (name, home port, flag, and/or IMO number), the approximate location, date and time of the photo, and the camera make and model used.
7. Other Photo Handling - It is also requested that, once you submit photos or determine that you have photos that are not useful for submission, that you delete them from your camera/computer and do not maintain any lists of vessels. The applicable ALCOAST (033/06), MLEM, D11 DRI, and Aux Operations Policy Manual (COMDINST M16798.3) publications cover this activity as long as the Auxiliary is not storing or maintaining databases of this data and we follow all the other guidelines mentioned above (attention to safety, photos only during course of normal patrols, etc.).

**Line Handling Commands – (So we all communicate in the same language)**

Put OVER or PASS	Pass the specified line to the pier and provide enough slack to allow line handlers to place the line over the bitt, cleat or bollard.		
Hold (line number)	Do not let any more line out even though the risk of parting may exist.		
Check (line number)	Hold heavy tension on the specified line but render it as necessary to prevent parting the line.		
Surge (line number)	Hold moderate tension on a line but render it enough to permit movement of the ship.		
Ease (line number)	Let a line out until it is under less tension, but not slacked.		
Slack (line number)	Take all tension off a line.		
Take the slack out of	Take all the slack out of a line, but do not take strain. (line number)		
Shift (line number)	Move a line to a specified location.		
<b>2010 OPERATIONAL EVENTS</b>			
LAKE SHASTA	FLOTILLA 3-9	OPTREX	APR 29, 30, MAY 1 & 2 CONTACT: cmduscgaux@aol.com
BRANNAN ISLAND	FLOTILLA 3-10	OPTREX	OCT 15,16,17 CONTACT: Rosette8704@gmail.com
MILLERTON LAKE	FLOTILLA 10-5	OPTREX	OCT 23, 24 CONTACT: fecapone@sbcglobal.net

**PERSONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TO BE ATTACHED to PPE: Reminder:**

DIRAUX issues type III Stearns PFD's and Anti-exposure coveralls as PPE. Each have pockets (the type III's also have Velcro and mesh) designed to carry the survival equipment, including PEPIRBS, supplied by this office. The lanyards required for each piece of survival equipment carried must be stowed in the pocket of the PFD, or in the case of the survival knife tucked between the handle and the sheath, so as to not pose a

problem with snagging. Below is the ALCOAST regarding the subject:

From ALCOAST 239/02: BOAT CREWMEMBER IN ALL BOATS UNDERWAY.

**E.** FOR THE BOAT CREW SURVIVAL VEST, RELOCATE AND RETIE THE MK 124 (FLARES) FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION TO THE POCKET CONTAINING THE SIGNAL MIRROR. TIE THE PEPIRB INTO THE LOWER LEFT POCKET OF THE VEST WITH **A 36 INCH PIECE OF TYPE I NYLON CORD USING BOWLINE KNOTS.**

**F.** FOR VEST TYPE INFLATABLE PFDS, RELOCATE AND RETIE THE MK 79 (FLARES) AND MK 124 TO THE RIGHT SIDE POCKET. **TIE THE PEPIRB INTO THE LOWER LEFT POCKET OF THE VEST WITH A 36 INCH PIECE OF TYPE I NYLON CORD USING BOWLINE KNOTS.**

**G.** FOR BELT MOUNTED INFLATABLE PFDS, PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT POCKET FROM THE PFD MANUFACTURER. INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT POCKET ONTO THE WAIST BELT. TIE THE PEPIRB INTO THE EQUIPMENT POCKET WITH A 36 INCH PIECE OF TYPE I NYLON CORD USING BOWLINE KNOTS.

**LIFEJACKET STANDARDS FOR CREW AND GUESTS:**

<b>SURFACE</b>	<b>PWC</b>	<b>AIR</b>
G Approved Type I, II, III  Inherently buoyant <b><u>OR</u></b> approved for automatic/manual inflatable lifejacket Note below notes 1 & 3  Dynamic strength tested to 50mph if facility can exceed 35mph  International orange <b><u>OR</u></b> high-visibility yellow Note 2  Marked "USCG AUXILIARY" <b><u>OR</u></b> have no markings	CG Approved Type I, II, III  Inherently buoyant lifejacket only  Dynamic strength tested to 50mph  International orange <b><u>OR</u></b> high-visibility yellow  Marked "USCG AUXILIARY" <b><u>OR</u></b> have no markings  Wearing of a wet suit does not negate the requirement to wear an authorized lifejacket	CG Approved Type I, II,  Manually inflatable approved aircraft use  Inherently buoyant or automatic inflation  Lifejackets are prohibited
<b>NOTES:</b>		
1- No inflatable lifejackets are currently rated to 50mph. If an inflatable is worn it must be one of the types that have been waived.		
2- Inflatables must display the orange or yellow when the lifejacket is properly worn deflated as well as when it is inflated.		
3- The inflatables issued as part of the "Wear It" campaign do not meet the guidelines required for wear during surface patrols.		

**NOAA TOOL CHART BOOKLETS:**

NOAA now has a new Web site that lets you print a NOAA chart in booklet form from a pdf file.

You can print all the pages to carry on your boat, or just one of a specific area of interest.

The booklet does have some Local Notice to Mariners corrections (see Page 7). While the booklet is a lot more convenient to use on a small boat, it does not take the place of the full size chart (which is still required on board a facility). See attached for a typical page and note comments on scaling.

### **Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS – Example PA Activities in D11N from December & January**

1. USCGAS Sacramento Highlights Role of Auxiliary
2. AWW Promotion Continues - Modernization Support From Auxiliary
3. USCG & Auxiliary Speaker's Bureau – Team Coordination
4. International Science Fair – USCG Award Sponsorship Effort
5. CA Coastal Commission Aquatic Invasive Species Project
6. New Member Orientation Course Updating
7. NTRAIN - JAN 29 & 30.
8. Sammy the Sea Otter - RBS Tool Coming Soon to D11N

#### **DETAILS**

1. **USCGAS Sacramento Highlights Role of Auxiliary** – Captain J.J. O'Conner will be speaking at NTRAIN and DTRAIN about the value of the Auxiliary, highlighting the contributions of Auxiliary members at Air Station Sacramento and their steadfastness during the loss of CG1705.
2. **AWW Promotion Continues** – a presentation on AWW and the Sector Marine Transportation Security Response Unit (MTSRU) was given to the Port of Redwood City Board on 9DEC. Auxiliary PA member now working with Sector.
3. **USCG & Auxiliary Speaker's Bureau** – Coordination with MSC PA Request Line established. Several highly successful events took place in 2009 and the goal for 2010 is to achieve at least one speaking engagement per month in the D11N AOR.
4. **International Science Fair** – USCG Award Sponsorship Effort – this year the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) will be held in San Jose, CA. Extending participation in judging special awards the past three years at the Silicon Valley Synopsis regional fair, requests have been made to get National Support for Awards at ISEF. Ideas include AIM, Ship Cruise, or visit to USCG R&D center.
5. **CA Coastal Commission Aquatic Invasive Species Projects** – Marine Environmental Education Specialist (MEES) project with CA Coastal Commission will be setting up an AIS educational display at Bass Pro-Shops in Manteca. Display samples and stands are in preparation.
6. **New Member Orientation Course:** PCA Training Fair Course focusing on History, Courtesies, and Customs will again be held 20Feb at PCA Fair. Tour of USCG Cutter is again planned. Great course for seasoned members too!
7. **RBS Team Goals:** Stay tuned for focals coming from RBS Team Training at NTRAIN 2010.
8. **Sammy the Sea Otter:** Out on the West Coast not many people know what a Snook is so Sammy the Sea Otter will soon be coming to help promote your Public Affairs events. This will add a great resource to our present RBS tools including the Life Jacket Display and Coastie.

#### **UPCOMING**

1. PCA 20FEB – “New Member Orientation Course” covering History, Courtesies, Customs, Uniforms, Island and Cutter Tour.

2. Community Safety Fair Event in Sacramento: Scheduled April 17, 2010. Location: 3110 Bradshaw Rd Sacramento, Ca. 95827. 11am to 3pm.
3. DTRAIN 26-28MAR – Unless you are at Bass Pro Shops holding a class!
4. DockWalker Training – Various Dates & Locations: Check CA Coastal Commission website periodically.
5. Overhaul of District Website PA Page – Please send in your planned or desired PA related events so we can get these on the calendar!
6. Bass ProShops Boat Show Weekends APR 27 & 28, MAR 3 & 4
7. USCGC Waesche Formal Commissioning at Alameda: 7 MAY 2010

**Recruiting Vinyl Stickers Available:** 8.5" x 1.5", White w/ Blue & Black Letters. Write to [dso-pa@d11nuscgaux.info](mailto:dso-pa@d11nuscgaux.info) and include USPS address.



**Roger Haynes, DSO-PE**

**-District PE graduates in 2009 were 3,496 youth course grads and 980 adult course grads. Goals for 2010 are 3,500 youth course graduates and 1,100 adult graduates.**

-At N-TRAIN I will look into the kayak course that seems to be on hold after its completion by the staff. It should be a good class especially during these economic times

- New SO-PE should be familiar with the ELib Resource Center at National. It recently added a new tool for instructors. This is a Brochure Center where Instructors can peruse a brochure or poster to ascertain if that is in fact the one that will best serve the needs of their class prior to ordering. Not only is a description and order number provided, but also a screen shot of the actual brochure or poster is available. This eliminates receiving a product that is not quite appropriate for a class. Visit the new Brochure Center at: <http://www.cgauxed.org/elib/brochures/brochures.html> It is listed on the main E-Lib Resource Center menu under "Instructor Training, Workshops, and Tools".

**-BoatU.S. Foundation** shifts from toll-free number to online site for boating class information. The *BoatU.S. Courseline* phone number (800-336-BOAT) for inquiries about the date and location of nationwide boating classes will be phased out by the end of March 2010. The *BoatU.S. Foundation* has been collecting and providing this information as a free service to boaters since 1984, and will continue to do so online at <http://www.boatus.com/courseline/>. By entering either zip code or state and city information at Courseline Online, you can easily locate the nearest locations of safe boating courses. You can also obtain course descriptions and information about the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and other groups that offer these courses.

- The 2010 non-mandatory PE workshop is available for d/l at the e-Lib national site. I

expect to place an enhanced version on my district web page after returning from NTRAIN.

-Having trouble locating more students for PE classes? Some suggestions to consider based on success at other flotillas:

- Work with partner businesses such as marine stores. Organize VE days well in advance so the store will advertise your event. Perhaps offer a half-day seminar such as Suddenly in Command (this course targets existing boat owners). Promote your PE classes at these events.
- Work with adult education departments, libraries, junior colleges etc as places to hold classes. They will help do the advertising for you.
- Advertise in Latitude 38, The Log, BoatUS (see above) and other nautical publications. Some of these may charge but good results are reported.
- Work with Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts using the recent MOU.
- Offer advanced classes such as Weekend Navigator to target die-hard boaters. There has been a lot of interest in this class lately and I have some suggestions for organizing the text. While no longer included as a CD, MapTech (or comparable) program is still available, just as a download rather than on CD. Phone or email for more on WN.

### **Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned**

#### **Division PE reports**

Division 1 Margrit Keyes No Report  
Division 3 Tom Holtzman No Report.  
Division 4 TBD Paul Verveniotis DCDR  
Division 5 Douglas Burke No Report  
Division 6 Milton Entwistle no report.  
Division 7 David Nelson No Report  
Division 8 Kath Disney Nilson No report  
Division 10 Douglas Lazo No Report.  
Division 11 TBD. David Law DCDR  
Division 12 Stuart Hunter No Report

#### **Richard Thomas, DSO-PS**

Given the National Economic troubles that affect all of the American Public and has an obvious impact on volunteers for all organizations, it is a positive note that we ended the year in the plus bracket of new membership. While not a staggering figure, given the huge increase in disenrollments from 2008, it is considered a point in the right direction. During the first 30 to 60 days of the 2010, I will be handling all the initial national inquiries and after personal contact, I will send the leads on to the appropriate processing units. This is a result of a recent survey that up to 40% of these leads are not being contacted or that it takes several weeks before they are initially processed. I am doing this pilot program to better follow-up with these leads and see if there can be determination of improvements that can be made to better improve processing. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Bob Davison-ADSO-National Inquires for all his outstanding work and support to me over the past three years and he will resume control of the National Inquires by the end of February. Also, thanking Dan Tinney for support as ADSO-Uniforms. I welcome our newest SO-PS, Gwen Hammer to our team of

dedicated Division Staff personnel and of course welcome back all the other great and dedicated SO-PS'ers for each Division.

	Total 2008	Total 2009	Jan 2010
Approved Members	1456	1465	N/A
Members In Process	N/A	N/A	13
Retired Request	10	11	0
Deceased	4	8	0
Natn'l Phone Inquiries	331	192	37
Disenrolled Non Dues	94	91	3
Disenrolled by Request	19	36	0
Total Disenrollments	127	171	3

**Phillip Grove, DSO-PV**

Division Reports:

Gary Murray of 05-05 completed 1103 program visits  
 Division 05 completed 1700 program visits

Local Statistics (visits):

	<b><u>PYTD</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>NET CHANGE</u></b>
DIV 01	942	853	- 89
DIV 03	292	455	+163
DIV 04	148	386	+ 238
DIV 05	1735	1700	- 35
DIV 06	397	735	+338
DIV 07	382	79	- 303
DIV 08	186	176	- 10
DIV 10	1637	1524	- 113
DIV 11	356	519	+ 163
DIV 12	6	39	+ 33
Totals	6081	6466	+ 385

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
6466	4595	8043	418	425

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through December 2009)

There will be a Program Visitor training review and test at the PCA at CGI Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1300. Manuals needed: RBSVP # M16796.3C & VSC # M16796.8. The study material must be read prior to class, as the class is only half a day.

ADSO-PV staff are Bill Correll of 10-03 & Gary Murray of 05-05

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

**Michael Lauro, DSO-VE**

**Happy New Year! I'd like to thank ALL vessel examiners for their hard work and dedication to the VSC program this past year!** As I write this, the final statistics for 2009 are continuing to trickle in, but we've reached **130%** of the Commodore's 7,800 VSC objective with **10,092 VSC's!** It shows YOUR continued dedication and support of the VSC program and Recreational Boating Safety in general. I hope I can count on your support for 2010 to help reach our new goal of 10,000 VSC's! We achieved several goals for 2009, briefly: **31 SUPERSTARS** reached the 60+ VSC plateau. In addition, **95** examiners reached the 20+ VSC plateau. This is the most in inception of these programs in 2002! I hope everyone has been recognized for his or her hard work. In addition, I hope you'll find your name listed later in the newsletter.

Welcome aboard to the District VSC staff to Alex Belleque from 11-05. Alex will join Tony Budlong from 6-4, Phil Grove 10-05, and Joaquin Duran 4-9 this year as an ADSO-VE. In addition to being a vessel examiner, he brings his talents to the staff to specialize in creating and maintaining our District website. Irene Wetzels DSO-CS suggested Alex to help relieve some of her workload pressure. Now that we have Alex as a dedicated webmaster, expect to see many updates and changes! Remember, this site is for **YOU** the examiner and will continue to make this is a ONE-STOP resource for ALL of your VSC needs. We are still the ONLY District to offer an all in one inclusive website. Congratulations to the D11NR members who as a result of their hard work in 2008 and 2009 have qualified for the new RBS device. Once you've earned it, you'll be proud to wear it. Please help promote the Vessel Examiner class amongst your new flotilla members at the upcoming February PCA Fair. Anyone who has taken this 2-day class will admit it's a great bargain at \$10.00!

After I return from N/TRAIN in St. Louis, I'll have more to report about a possible VE workshop and other developments at the National level. Hopefully the orange 2010 VSC decals will be available for order before late-January. Please encourage your Flotilla Commander and/or FSO-MA of **RECORD** to order the initial supply and other materials promptly. I'll notify everyone when the decals become available and the order form will be on the D11NR VE website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

Now is the time to make plans to adopt a marina, support NSBW, National Marina Day (**NEW DATE!**) and the "Wear It" campaign. Please see the calendar further in the newsletter for dates and please don't wait until the last minute! Additionally, let's not forget to support the National and state "WEAR IT" campaign by wearing our pfd's while performing VSC's. Again, while not required it's a good idea to wear them when working around the marinas while on the dock and climbing aboard vessels.

Let's have some FUN with our VSC program and get potential and new members to an outing and get them involved by helping greet, directing traffic, passing out literature, etc. Let's not forget about the 4<sup>th</sup> cornerstone and occasionally include a potluck or a BBQ. I'm looking for action VSC photos for the new photo page on our District Vessel Examiner site. If you think you may have a suitable photo, please send it to me at: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com).

In the meantime, I look forward to another great year and wish you a safe, happy and VSC productive year. If there is anything I can do to help make your local VSC outings successful, I hope there will be no hesitation to contact me at: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com)

### **Joaquin Duran, ADSO-VE -**

Fellow examiners, as we approach the start of another boating season, I'd like to reflect on challenges and achievements of 2009. In spite of significantly lower levels in our lakes and other obstacles that really made it tough on both the family recreational boater and the sport fishing industry, thanks to your efforts, we were able to create over 10,000 one-on-one educational VSC's this season-an all time record! Under Mike's leadership, the District VSC program has made leaps and bounds in recent years and continues to grow. His latest work,



the vessel examiner upgraded website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>, is an informative web site, is unique in its content and coverage. It's still the only one of its kind in the Auxiliary! As it continues to evolve, I hope you refer to it often and check out the new Photo Gallery.

Our efforts to increase our examiner base through classes at the PCA Training Fair couldn't be successful without your help promoting it to the new members.

Those who have attended Mike's class will certainly attest that it is unique in presentation and content. It's been great to have the opportunity to participate in this class.

Are you a newly appointed VE officer for 2010? If so, you along with the repeating officers have assumed an additional responsibility of administration in addition to your regular duties as a vessel examiner. If you did not receive a job description from the appointing officer (FC or DCDR), you can find it at on the new VE D11NR web site:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. I would like to ask the current and those considering appointment as either an SO-VE or FSO-VE take a minute and review the commitment you made or are considering. You help provide the structure upon which this fine organization rests, especially at the local level. By working as a true team, we can provide the information necessary to continue the meritorious service in a professional manner, which the boating public has come to expect and deserves. Additionally, it is necessary to disseminate important timely information throughout our organization via reports. If Mike failed to communicate information, our program would be in a state of disarray, especially at the local levels. At the same time, each appointed officer has a responsibility to report at least once a month to their elected officer and both up and down the chain. In short, let's not forget the administrative responsibilities we agreed to accept. I know we can count on you, to complete 2010 with flying colors. Look for more changes for the coming year. As always, your comments are welcome.

### **VSC Calendar-2010**

-PCA Training Fair Coast Guard Island-February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

-D/Train-Rohnert Park-March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

-National Safe Boating Week May 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

-National Marina Day-**June 12th-NEW DATE!**

-Past Captains Training Fair- Coast Guard Island-August 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!**

James A. Ippolito	03-03	Lawrence E. Cardoza	03-09
Jose R. Pereira	04-09	Peter P. Bartolo*	05-05
Jonathan D. Briend	06-07	Jack T. Scheidecker	10-02

\*Re-certification

With the addition of these 6 new and re-certified examiners for 2009, our examiner base total is now **323** active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 60 or more VSC's during 2009:

Richard A. Saber*	01-02	Robert J. Aston*	01-04
Michael F. Nolan*	01-05	Stephen R. Salmon *	01-07
William W. Burns	01-07	Gary OL. Link	03-03
James R. Goff*	03-05	Charles M. Duncan Jr.	03-09
Lonny B. Singer*	03-09	Annette F. Herring	03-09
Dan W. Weggeland	03-09	Jim D. Blackburn*	03-10
Joaquin P. Duran*	04-09	Steven M. Johnson	05-01

Johannes A. Pattiradjawane	05-02	Charles E. Mc Carty	05-03
Linda C. Mc Carty	05-03	Wilfred Sumner II	05-05
Gary N. Murray*	05-05	Ronald A. Kram	05-05
Anthony T. Budlong*	06-04	Jeremiah P. Collins*	08-08
Michael J. Lauro*	10-02	Michael A. Rafatti*	10-02
Anthony D. Leonardi*	10-03	John L. Paval*	10-03
Phillip E. Grove*	10-05	Neil P. Sliva*	10-05
Von C. Webber*	10-05	Joseph W. Harris	11-01
Thomas B. Henderson III	11-01		

\*Denotes repeat performer!

### **Congratulations!**

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

Jose Maria Castro	01-02	Richard A. Saber	01-02
Jerel Berkov	01-04	Robert J. Aston	01-04
Michael F. Nolan	01-05	Laurence B. Draper	01-05
Mark Mushet	01-05	Simone H. Adair	01-07
Stephen R. Salmon	01-07	Diana R. Serchia	01-07
Sue K. Fry	01-07	William W. Burns	01-07
Gary L. Link	03-03	David K. Talton	01-07
Richard A. Rutenschroer	03-03	James R. Goff	03-05
John G. Albro	03-05	Marla J. Moura	03-05
Dan W. Weggelend	03-09	Richard A. Garcia	03-09
Lonny B. Singer	03-09	Jeff D. Scarberry	03-09
Annette F. Herring	03-09	Charles M. Duncan Jr.	03-09
Manuel R. Garcia	03-09	Jim D. Blackburn	03-10
David R. Naumann	04-01	Joaquin P. Duran	04-09
Robert E. Smith	05-01	Steven M. Johnson	05-01
Johannes A. Pattiradjawane	05-02	Michael D. Mirata	05-02
Curtis S. Han	05-02	Charles E. Mc Carty	05-03
Linda C. Mc Carty	05-03	Randy C. Powers	05-03
Nelda Powers	05-03	Stephen M. Cramer	05-03
Gary N. Murray	05-05	Wilfred A Sumner II	05-05
Margaret R. Balch	05-07	Ronald A. Kram	05-05
Paul J. Brighton	05-07	John L. Banks	06-01
Anthony T. Budlong	06-04	Mart E. Gardner	07-02
Joyce W. Bell	07-08	Pamela V. Berger	07-08
Donald W. Robertson	07-08	Thomas P. O'Conner	08-06
Charles A Poplinger	08-07	Betty A. Strach	08-08
Jeremiah P. Collins	08-08	Robert E. White	08-08
William E. Sharp Jr.	10-02	Michael J. Lauro	10-02
Michael A. Raffatti	10-02	Matthew F. Innes	10-02
Marion A. Rider	10-03	John L. Paval	10-03
Irving R. Golub	10-03	Anthony D. Leonardi	10-03
Linda D. Lawrence	10-03	John P. Ferretti	10-05
Phillip E. Grove	10-05	Von C. Webber	10-05
Donald L. Pierce	10-05	Neil P. Sliva	10-05
David R. Flum	10-05	Steven W. Dicken	10-06
Diana D. Kincade	11-01	Bruce D. Mc Intyre	11-01
Leslie J. Pearlman	11-01	Thomas B. Henderson III	11-01
Joseph W. Harris	11-01	Angelo A. Perata	11-01

Patricia A. Walter	11-01	William M. Leppard	11-01
Donald A. Epstein	11-01	Jerry L. Gilmore	11-01
Peter F. Snook	11-01	Donald R. Morrison	11-01
Victor Beelik	11-04	James L. Snell	11-04
Ricky A. Thomas	11-05	William J. Stoltz	11-05
Alex C. Belleque	11-05	James S. Van Fleet	12-03
Fred A. Goodwin	12-03	John R. Kane	12-21
Clarence Johnson	12-21	Richard I. Niemi	12-21
Bruce E. Nicolai	12-91	Roger D. Haynes	12-91
Linda R. Haynes	12-91		

**This brings our total to 95 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 26% of the total District examiner base. 2008 had 72 examiners or 18% 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 December 2009.

### **Steve Salmon, ASC**

#### ***New Sector Commander and Deputy Commander Named***

CAPT Cynthia Stowe and CAPT Jay Jewess will become the new Sector Commander and Deputy Sector Commander, respectively, on the retirement of CAPT Gugg and CAPT Cullen this spring. I will forward brief biographical notes and effective dates of the changes in command when that information becomes available

#### **Auxiliarists of the Quarter**

Steve Allen was selected by Sector San Francisco as Auxiliarist of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2009, and awarded a Commandant's Letter of Commendation at an All Hands ceremony at Coast Guard Island on December 18. He was cited for "logging an astounding 56 hours under way" during the quarter, for assisting Station Rio Vista with training of their personnel, and for helping to enforce a safety zone following damage to a levee.

At the same ceremony, Rae Kleinen was named the Auxiliarist of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2009, and also awarded a Commandant's Letter of Commendation. He was cited for performing "an impressive 33 safety patrols as the coxswain of Auxiliary vessel *Sunrise*" during this period, for completing "over 20 helicopter hoist operations," for participating in "numerous Coast Guard training events" and several high-visibility events, including the Bay Bridge repair, Fleet Week, and a radiation detection exercise. Congratulations to both Steve and Rae!

#### ***Auxiliary Assistance to Station Lake Tahoe***

Auxiliarists are providing valuable assistance to many of Sector's small boat stations, as noted above, but recent activity in support of Station Lake Tahoe deserves a special highlight.

On the night of December 7, the fiber optic cable that connects the Lake Tahoe station with a "high site" antenna, (and through it, with Sector San Francisco) was severed. At the request of the DSO-CM, four Auxiliary radio stations maintained a watch until 0100 hours on December 9.

Like other stations, Station Lake Tahoe has also used Auxiliary boat facilities for two-boat training, but in this case the training is being done in icy winter conditions, sometimes at night, and with temperatures sometimes 20 degrees below normal, using special protective equipment. Bravo Zulu to the Auxiliarists in Division 11!