

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR  
DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING  
16 June 2010

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

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Angelo Perata, DCOS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	David Law, DCDR-11
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	

OLD BUSINESS

Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams reported that we have approved funds for the newly-elected officer training in November. The schedule is being put together, and information will be available in September.

NSBW – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS stated that he has received NSBW reports from Divisions 1, 4 and 5. Collins has reviewed the DCDR reports, and most divisions had activities and did a good job. Many divisions had multiple activities. Divisions are reminded to get their NSBW reports to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA right away so he can compile them and submit the district report to DIRAUX. The AWW program is starting to get some traction. Collins expressed appreciation to all who have been working on this project.

Retirements – DCO Williams reviewed upcoming retirements for CAPT Gugg and CAPT Cullen. They will each be presented with a plaque and appropriate gift from the Auxiliary. If any division has photos of Auxiliary activities, particularly with CAPT Cullen or CAPT Gugg, please send copies to Curtis Han to be included in the retirement gifts.

NEW BUSINESS

Operational Exercises – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES reviewed upcoming OPTREX's from the district calendar. Between now and October there are 9 more OPTREX's scheduled, which should give the members many opportunities for training and/or QE sessions.

District Elections – DCO Williams reported that to date the following have been nominated for election to District office:

District Commodore – Angelo Perata  
District Chief of Staff – Rod Collins and Wayne Farnholtz  
District Captain (3 positions) – Mary Kirkwood and Dean LaChapelle

DCO Williams asked that anyone else interested in running for office notify him ASAP. The nomination deadline is imminent. DCO Williams stated that nominations from the floor during the September meeting will be in order. Nominees from the floor will be vetted at the meeting prior to elections.

## REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held an OPTREX last week-end. The Division's NSBW report is on file. Jeff Price got to shake President Obama's hand during his visit, and the President was able to identify him as an Auxiliarist. Wind surfer patrol training information is on the division web site. Frank Sullivan from Division 15 crossed over the bar on 8 June. Easter Seal Day on the Bay is July 7.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held NSBW review activities through Memorial Day week-end. They have 3 land mobiles covering MSOM activities.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). NSBW has been the division's big focus. There was a division OPTREX on June 5, with 15 qualified or requalified. The division and one flotilla have completed their Standing Rules updates. Flotilla 42 has been very active in humanitarian activities.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held a 4-boat training exercise on 29 May. They are planning to do this at least once quarterly, because it was so successful as a division activity. The division's NSBW report has been submitted. The June 26 OPTREX is QE only, no training.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). Crescent City Auxiliarists went to 9 different schools to talk about boating safety. Lake County weather conditions have not been good for activity. On 15 May, John Fox was contacted by Sheriff's Department asking for assistance with a capsized boat. He couldn't get crew, so he went out as Good Samaritan on his own. They were able to save 2 of the 3 persons from capsized boat.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

David Law, DCDR-11 – We had a float plane on Lake Tahoe. Look at our web site for pictures.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). Every flotilla in division had functions for NSBW. The upcoming division OPTREX is also a QE sign-off event, not training.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). The Poker Run will be on July 31 at Brannan Island. Roger Haynes is chairman of this event. The BBQ will be cut off at 100 attendees. The BBQ has been moved to the Outrigger. The PCA Fair is August 21-22. We would like to have a registration desk. All DCDRs are invited to bring flyers for OPTREXs, classes, etc. We're hoping to have new member group at the PCA Fair and are looking for volunteers to help new members with fingerprinting, etc. There has been no movement on memorial.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). We need photographs for the gift for CAPT Cullen. If anyone has pictures of Auxiliarists with Capt Cullen, send them to Collins or to Curtis Han. We have 10 photos for CAPT Cullen and 20 photos for CAPT Gugg. We would like 30 for each. Please search your archives for photos of either.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – There was a recent National survey request regarding contingency planning, which should have been sent to Steve Salmon. There were only two responses. Farnholtz has sent out e-mail letter to all of the DCDR's with a copy of survey. Please fill it out for your division, and forward the survey to each FC to fill for them to fill out also. Please send completed copies to Steve Salmon and Farnholtz. July 1 is the deadline.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file (Attachment A). LaChapelle has been researching sources for video teleconferencing. We would like to have a program demonstration for our July meeting. After the demonstration, he would like to have as many people as possible to use it during the 30-day free period, so that by winter we can use it for board and staff meeting and a lot of training. LaChapelle is also working on a National leadership class for elected officer training. For video teleconferencing, participants need a headset with a USB plug-in and high-speed internet. Maybe we could have a class at the PCA Fair on video conferencing?

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Perata attended part of the WSBA conference in Park City UT. While there he met with the Sterns representatives at the conference, and may be able to get some more life jackets for a second display. There are a lot of new life jackets coming on line.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – We received some extra funding to purchase some additional Mustangs. Kilburger will be at the Alameda OPTREX. He will also bring the office's new Yeoman, Kara Ingerson will attend the OPTREX as part of her Auxiliary orientation. Kilburger is working on the Whiskeytown MOU to use the fire boat. The update for Utah's MOU to add a third boat has been completed.

#### FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams report the following:

- Harry McBain passed away a week ago. There is no information yet on his memorial.
- ADM Castillo was in Utah to keynote WSBA conference, and also visited with Auxiliarists.
- The CG budget is austere, but the Gulf incident may increase funding. Members can assist via Operational Backfill. Information from CWO Kilburger has been sent out to the members. 5 Auxiliarists have already volunteered.
- The Admiral is concerned with GAR, and that it is turned in at the beginning of each patrol. He is also concerned with communications.
- Encourage your members to get the untucked ODU's soon, so that we can all wear the same uniform.
- We will be recommending a change to 4 meeting a year at Coast Guard Island. We need to cut our expenses, so we need to look at doing this. We will be submitting a proposed revision to the District Standing Rules to change the meetings from 6 to 4 per year and also to correct the titles of the District elected officers. The proposed revised Standing Rules will be presented at the July meeting, so they can be voted on in September.
- COMO Vic Connell gave a presentation on the Auxiliary at the WSBA conference.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 0930 on Saturday, 17 July at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2050.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS**  
**16 June 2010**

**Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1**

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

- PE classes continue
- Continue to support communications activities
- Spring OPTREX held
- NSBW activities completed
- Participation in Memorial Day remembrances
- Member shakes hands with President Obama
- Member active in Interpreter Corps
- Windsurfer patrol training offered
- Auxiliarist from Flotilla 15 "Passed Over the Bar"

**DETAILS**

- Flotillas 12 and 14 are continuing public educational courses
- Communications activities included watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team, assistance in 4 SAR cases, radio guard provided for the annual "Escape from Alcatraz" (1000 swimmers in the Bay) and Comms support for President Obama's visit.
- Spring OPTREX was held June 12 at the Berkeley Yacht Club. The one-day event included QE checkoffs for 1 new/4 requal crew member; dockside classes included marlinspike, navigation, TCT and OPS refreshers, and a hypothermia/survival course by Dr. Jason Sloan (Flotilla 17). Approx 40 members attended from 4 different Divisions.
- NSBW activities completed South Beach Yacht Club in SF, Oyster Point Yacht Club, Pillar Point Marina, Station Golden Gate, West Marine. Full report on file
- Several members of Division 1 participated in various Memorial Day activities around the Bay. The largest contingency of Auxiliarists was at the SF Presidio
- Auxiliarist Jeff Price was honored to shake President Obama's hand during the President's trip to SF. President Obama acknowledged him as an Auxiliarist.
- George Barantseff (Flotilla 17) provided Japanese Interpreter support to Sector SF on 5 May during visit by CO, XO, and OPS of Japanese maritime training ship.
- Flotilla 12 held a Windsurfer Patrol training, which was attended by members from various local Flotillas. Class was held in preparation of weekly windsurfer patrols by Flotilla 12.
- Auxiliarist Frank Sullivan, former Flotilla Commander and Division Staff Officer passed away on June 8, 2010

**AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- KOPS and KIDS, June

- Sunday afternoon/evening trainings with Station Golden Gate
- Weekly windsurfer patrols
- 7 July- "Day on the Bay" event for Easter Seals at the Corinthian Yacht Club (POC Rick Saber)

## **2010 DIVISION GOALS**

### Recruiting and Retention:

- Make 1<sup>st</sup> contact within 2 weeks of identified interest

### RBS Programs:

- Vessel Safety Checks (pending)
- Program Visits: coordinate PV sites to identify overlaps and voids to ensure maximum coverage
- Public Education (pending)
- Public Affairs: add outreach to schools, scouts, sea scouts

### Marine Safety

- AWW: Each Flotilla to make 3 AWW presentations, all PVs and VE to include AWW on form when submitted
- All MS officers to obtain MS ribbon
- For each Flotilla: MS, MT, OPS, VE, RBS-PV, FC and VFC to obtain MS ribbon
- Ferry Vessel Audits (pending)

### Operational Activity

- Hold 2 OPTREXs
- Arrange QE check rides for initial/requalifications
- Coordinate with SO-MT to include members who need training/QEs
- Work/train with gold side: Flotilla 12 to patrol with StaGG, Flotilla 19 to work with StaSF, participate in Fleet Week, continue helo Ops training with SF Air Station

### Establish, cultivate, maintain relationships

- participate in the commissioning of the *Waesche*
- Work with California Boating & Waterways on Dock Walkers program
- Develop and publish a matrix of liaisons with governmental/nongovernmental agencies

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

- NSBW Started May 15<sup>th</sup> at Discovery Park in Sacramento, and continued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> through out the rest of the Division.
- MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END 29<sup>th</sup> thru 31.
- Land Mobiles and MSOM .
- AIR Facilities continue to practice with Boat Facilities For easy ID

### DETAILS

- NSBW - There were Patrols, Vessel Exams, and Information Booths at nearly every lake in the division. Resulting in 4 new members, 26 Dealer Visits, and 221 Vessel Safety Checks. 17 graduated from BS&S Class, 14 from Advanced class. Many life jackets were exchanged for ones no longer serviceable.

- Safety patrols were made every day from 29<sup>th</sup> thru 31. Most Lakes had more than normal activity due to high water and warm weather. Shasta Lake had 2 Facilities and thirteen Sheriffs boats due to influx of college students from Oregon. 15 arrests were made related to intoxication, 2 injuries to hospital not boat related. Whiskeytown Lake held 17 races in Regatta with 3 Facilities patrolling, 1 minor collision.
- Three land mobiles are actively supporting the MSOM program at this time, covering 4 of the 5 site groups. The Sacramento area land-mobile response program for Station Rio Vista became operational on 28 May. Rescue 21 Repeater at Walnut Grove has improved comms with Rio Vista and surface and land mobile units.
- It was suggested that mylar streamers of the type used to deter birds might be used to enhance visibility of facilities from A/C during a SAR Incident.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Interaction with all agencies good at this time. Requested by Both Tehama and Shasta Co. Sheriffs to assist in near future.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Patrols, Booths and VSCs
- Poker Run and Optrexs in October

#### DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

Continue to expand membership, Continue to train members and public, and support the COAST GUARD.

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Supported NSBW with a Public Affairs booth at West Marine, and VSCs Stations at Lake Anderson, Calero Reservoir, & Port of Redwood City. In addition, another PA booth was present at Coyote Point yacht club.
- Successful OPTREX held in Redwood City on 05JUN – 15 qualifications were completed, thanks to four QEs present.

#### DETAILS

- NSBW activities - boating safety materials and Dockwalker kits were distributed at multiple PA booths, and held multiple VSC events at Port of Redwood City and Anderson Lake and Calero Reservoir. The 22 MAY VSC day at Anderson was canceled due to poor weather and held the following weekend.
- Boatcrew candidates busy with OTW training.
- Two members attended *Waesche* commissioning ceremony.
- TCT and OPS refreshers completed for those who needed them for quals.
- On the water support of KFOG Kaboom fireworks
- June 5 OPTREX successfully qualified three new crewmembers and requalified four coxswains and eight crewmembers for a total of 15 qualifications. This was the first OPTREX held in Division 4 in several years.
- Kayak business wants AUX to teach "Paddle Sport America" class. Details to follow.

- Flotillas 41 and 49 are holding joint meetings with continued discussions of flotilla merger.
- Flotilla 41 Standing Rules voted upon and approved. Submitted to District Legal for review.
- District Standing Rules draft is complete and reviewed, to be voted upon at June meeting.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Memorial Day event at the Menlo Park VA hospital.
- Close work with rangers at South County lakes during NSBW.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Planned Flotilla trip to Moffett Field on June 24 (Thurs), as part of fellowship activities.
- BS&S class coming up in September.
- FL-43 plans to assist Operation Care & Comfort (care packaging) in San Jose on June 13 (Sun).

#### DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Lose no quals in 2010
- Continue upgrade efforts on websites
- Maintain current high energy level across flotillas

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Division Commander attended the LORAN Station Middletown Decommissioning Ceremony
- Several boating safety classes were offered throughout the Division in the month of May
- 2-hour condensed basic boating safety class was provided to 43 Sea Ray Club boat owners
- Members manned Public Affairs booth during the 3-day Napa County Air Show
- Other PA events included West Marine Boating Safety Day, Open House at Station Bodega Bay and safety briefing at San Pablo Reservoir
- 14 safety/training patrols in the month of May involving 10 facilities
- May 29<sup>th</sup> 4-boat training exercise was a success, leading to future plans of frequent training events
- Joint training between Sonoma County Sheriff, Army Corp of Engineers and USCG Auxiliary at Lake Sonoma.
- Division 5 had a busy week during the National Safe Boating Week.

#### DETAILS

- On Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, I attended the LORAN Station Middletown decommissioning ceremony. Others attending were two Auxiliarists from Division 8, active duty staff from USCG Navigation Center, Washington D.C. and Training Center Petaluma, and RDML Joseph Castillo.
- In the month of May, Flotilla 52, 53, 55 and 57 provided public education courses throughout the Division. Total of 5 courses were taught and 61 students successfully completed the programs
- On May 15, 2010, at the invitation of Station Rio Vista, a 2-hour condensed basic boating safety class (ABS) was taught to 43 Sea Ray Club boat owners at Happy Harbor on the Delta Loop



- On May 7-9, 2010, members from Flotilla 52 and 55 manned a public affairs booth at Napa County Airport during the Air Show. Auxiliarist, Gerald Terman had three of his airplanes there and USCG Auxiliary Air Squadron members also flew in on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for this event.
- Members of Flotilla 55 participated in a Boating Safety and Swap Meet at West Marine, Santa Rosa where they manned a PA booth. They also manned a safety booth at Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay during their annual open house on May 22, 2010. Flotilla 52 provided a rental staff safety briefing at San Pablo Reservoir, reviewing California boating laws, federal and state safety equipment requirements and boating safety procedures.
- There were total of 14 safety/training patrols in the month of May throughout the Division 5 AOR involving total of 10 facilities; all 5 Flotillas participated. The areas patrolled are Bodega Bay, Lake Sonoma, Lake Berryessa, Rio Vista, Carquinez and Mare Island Straits, and the Delta.
- On Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 facilities--Osprey (FL51), Cygnus and Spoiled Rotten (FL52) and Grumpy (FL53) participated in a 4-boat training exercise. The evolution included stern and side-towing exercises, alternating facilities. The outcome of the training event was so positive and productive, we are scheduling and planning to do multiple-facility training exercises at least once quarterly.
- There was a joint training between Sonoma County Sheriffs, Army Corp of Engineers and Coast Guard Auxiliary. 3 Army Corp personnel, 1 Sonoma County Sheriff and 4 Auxiliarists participated in this event. The object of the joint exercise was to discuss and evaluate each agency's towing and SAR policies and procedures, train to learn from each other. The even was very successful.
- All 5 Flotillas actively participated in the activities during the National Safe Boating Week. Please see the addendum for a summary of activities.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- As mentioned above, joint training exercise with Sonoma County Sheriffs and Army Corp of Engineers went well. Future plans also include a joint training with the Napa County Sheriffs at Lake Berryessa.
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in joint training with Coast Guard Stations Rio Vista, Vallejo, and Bodega Bay.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- QE session will be held on June 26, 2010 at Station Vallejo. About 20 members are scheduled for this event.
- There will be a Naval Sea Cadet OPTREX at Rio Vista on August 21-22, 2010. Members of Division 5 will be participating in this event, coordinating efforts with the Station Rio Vista and Concord Naval Sea Cadet squadron members. For more information, please contact Bill Kinsey [wmkinsey@comcast.net](mailto:wmkinsey@comcast.net)
- Division 5 Annual Tie-out will be held at Brannan Island State Park from Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided in the near future.

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- National Safe Boating week kick-off for Flotilla 6-4 took place on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> along the Monterey Harbor Masters dock. A 47 MLB from Station Monterey was present with a crew to provide tours and information. Auxiliary members manned a booth to recruit members, offer vessel examinations and tell of the public education courses available. BM1 Greaves the

auxiliary liaison for Station Monterey spent most of the day at the booth. Lt. Suckow the stations EXO provided doughnuts, which were much appreciated.

- Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 held two events for National Safe Boating Week. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> an information booth was set up at Santa Cruz Harbor offering boating safety materials, public education class opportunities, and vessel safety checks. On May 29<sup>th</sup> an information booth was manned at the Santa Cruz West Marine Store offering the same services. Coastie made an appearance at both events.
- Flotilla 6-1 for NSBW had a boating safety booth at Port San Luis. The PSL Harbor appreciated the effort and requested a larger event next year. A VSC station was also ongoing during the event.
  
- On the Memorial Day Weekend Flotillas 6-4,6-7 and 6-10 joined forces for the annual Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Race. This two day event features three open water canoe races with 14 six man canoes in each event. Heavy swell, wind and holiday boat traffic make this an intense regatta escort duty. Auxiliary vessels stood station next to overturned canoes, responded to a mayday and assisted with a beached sailboat.

#### DETAILS:

- Division 6 AuxNet call out continues on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 Auxiliary radio facilities are participating with Station Monterey Comms being a regular responder.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup> Wally Smith FC 6-10 gave Coastie training to members of Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 with 10 Auxiliarists qualifying as Coastie Operators.
- Tony Budlong FC 6-4 was awarded the 2009 National Commodore's Award for having preformed 229 Vessel Examination and received the coveted Vessel Examiner's license plate frames.
- Matt Wall 6-4's FSO-NS received the 2009 Eagle Award for ATON and chart updating. This is the third year in a row that Matt has received this award.
- Division 6's four flotillas performed 99 program visitation operations in May

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- Flotilla 6-7 and 6-10 have been doing joint training exercises with the crew of Station Monterey's RBS 25 out of Santa Cruz Harbor.
- Flotilla 6-4 participated with local public safety and Department of Defense agencies on May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Defense Language Institute's Safety Awareness Day. The Auxiliary handed out boating safety materials, information on boating safety courses and offer vessel safety examinations. Ten individuals at the event signed up for boating safety classes
- USCG Station Monterey is currently doing COMMS training for Auxiliarists interested in becoming watch standers at the station.
- Flotilla 6-1 provided a regatta patrol for the annual Wildflower Triathlon held at San Antonio Lake. The Ranger staff at the lake appreciated the assistance.

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

- Plans are being formulated for a Coast Guard Week recognition and activities to be held on Monterey during the first week of August. This will be done in conjunction with the Staff of USCG Station Monterey, the crew of the USCG Cutter Hawksbill and the Monterey Bay Council of the Navy League.

## DIVISION GOALS

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

## **Larry Kelley, DCDR-7**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Powell Ranger Training
- Safe Boating Week Kickoff – 22 May
- Green River Friendship Cruise
- Deployment of “Boat Utah” and “Little Bear”

### DETAILS

- Ranger Training. Division 7 members trailered their boats approximately four hundred miles from the Salt Lake Valley to Page, Arizona in support of ranger training at Lake Powell over 6-7 May. The participants included National Park Rangers serving the Lake Powell area, Sheriff’s personnel, and Utah State Park Rangers. Facilities from 11South tend to support the area near the Glen Canyon dam in the southwestern end of the lake, units from Utah and western Colorado support the area near Bullfrog, nearly 100 miles upstream from the dam. The training sessions were chaired by Commodore Roger Meyer and were a success. Commodore Meyer was also presented with a “Utah State Volunteer Instructor of the Year” plaque for his volunteer work teaching state youth PWC classes.
- Safe Boating Week. The Division planned a VSC blitz over May 22 in support of the kickoff to Safe Boating Week. However, intermountain weather blitzed us. For example, the station at Pineview Reservoir had bright sunshine and clear sky early in the morning. By 1000 a massive rain cloud had moved over the station; by 1100 we were in heavy rain; by 1200 we were in snow. We folded the station at 1400 hours with two inches of snow on our display table. However, we did inspect two boats (hardy souls). The other VSC stations around the state did not do much better. The station at Jordanelle Reservoir closed because of snow and moved down to the lower elevation Utah Lake. The people at Utah Lake worked six boats for the day.
- In addition, several events were held at Utah Lake that targeted children. Anne Evans, Utah State Boating Education Coordinator and Lana Visser, FSO-PA-78, collaborated in creating a kid’s water safety activity. The children and their parents participated in games and activities that taught the basics of boating and water safety.
- Green River Friendship Cruise. The Green River Friendship Cruise is an annual event held over the Memorial Day weekend. Boats put in at the town of Green River, travel the section of the Green River from Green River to the confluence of the Colorado River and then go up the Colorado to Moab. The trip takes them through Labyrinth Canyon and a good part of Canyonlands National Park. The trip is about 100 miles as the crow flies, but nearly double that along the river’s course. Joyce Bell and Don Robertson supported the event by inspecting all of the thirty-two boats to make sure each met the safety requirements of the State.
- Deployment of “Boat Utah” and “Little Bear”. Utah has turned over to the Auxiliary two 19- foot Boston Whalers for service on Utah’s lakes. “Boat Utah” is assigned to service on Utah Lake, and

“Little Bear” goes to Bear Lake. Both boats were deployed to their respective venues over the Memorial Day weekend. The State is preparing a third boat to be turned over to the Auxiliary on weekends for service at Jordanelle Reservoir. These three venues are among the most popular boating areas in the State.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- The Utah State Department of Natural Resources has submitted a list of the venues and dates of events on those venues that the Department personnel want Auxiliary help on.
- Utah Lake State Park. Support the Utah Lake Festival on 5 June with a static display of an Auxiliary facility showing how the boat and crew are outfitted and interact with the public on the Auxiliary’s mission.
- Deer Creek State Park. Provide perimeter control and SAR standby for the Utah Summer Games paddleboard competition and dinghy sailing regatta.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

- The Division will sponsor an OPTREX at Jordanelle State Park over 12 June.

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Crescent City – School Presentations / Coast Guard Ball
- Eureka – No Report
- Mendocino – Safe Boating Weeks Events and new qualified personnel
- Lake County – Life Jacket Give Away, SAR, Safe Boating Week.

#### DETAILS:

- Crescent City – Becky Barlow, FC reports that the Coast Guard Black-Tie Ball was very successful and there were approximately 100 people that attended the function and the flotilla received \$1,000 in donations. Jill Munger and Becky Barlow made 9 visits to schools in the area during safe boating week and made presentations to over 800 students regarding on water safety. On Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday of Safe Boating Week the flotilla had a booth at the local marina and performed 47 VE’s and also fitted and gave away 34 children life jackets. The flotilla is expecting to receive their new 25 foot RBS boat from the Coast Guard shortly and all crew and coxswains are meeting Wednesday evenings and Saturday for on-going training.
- Eureka – No report from Eureka as I was not able to reach Thom O’Connor, FC. He may be on vacation but I only had two days to contact him since I just returned from vacation.
- Mendocino – Ken Reynoldson successfully completed coxswain and Bob Gerbi completed crew member at Antlers. Bruce Rogerson is recording a TV message regarding Vessel Exams and BS&S classes in the Fort Bragg area for a local TV station. Jan Jewell attended C school for web designers. Jan Jewell also was appointed ADSO-CS. The flotilla completed a BS&S class for the public during June. Harold Hauck, FC reports that they have a strong possibility of having 6 new members BQ’d within the next month or two. Bruce Rogerson, VCDR is currently updating his qualifications as Commercial Vessel Examiner and has a few request for inspections in the Fort Bragg area.
- Lake County – Gary Dromi, VFC reports (FC –Dane Hayward out of state) – that Safe Boating Week was dramatically affected by poor weather. He stated that opening weekend of Safe Boating Week there were approximately 10 boat trailers at Redbud Park when normal times

there are dozens and dozens of boaters. The flotilla did have the children life-jacket give away at Wal Mart as scheduled and was a successful event. Cal Fire as well as California Highway Patrol participated this year and Cal Fire presented fire safety tips and CHP inspected and provided info on children car seats. A total of 84 life jackets were given away. The flotilla had representation at the Closing Ceremony of the Loran Station in Middletown, which was attended by Admiral Castillo. On May 6<sup>th</sup> Dane Hayward and I spoke to the "Superior Court Judge's Weekly Breakfast Meeting" – and made power point presentation regarding the auxiliary as well as America Water Way Watch.

- Gary Jolley, FSO-NS completed another ATON night operations on Clear Lake and observed that the shag rock lights burned out and reported to County of Lake had still not be corrected.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup> Flotilla member John Fox was contacted by the Lake County Sheriff's Department at 4:00 am asking for auxiliary response to a capsized boat on Clear Lake. John was unable to reach any crew members and thus went out at 4:30 am by himself as a Good Samaritan to assist. There a party of 3 persons cat fishing when the boat capsized and two were found and rescued while the 3 person was a drowning victim and found later in the morning.
- Gary Dromi and Betty Strach made presentations to children at 4 different schools in Lake County during Safe Boating Week.
- DIVISION EIGHT - Having been gone from May 8<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup> – I have not been active in the division.

#### UP-COMING EVENTS

Division Eight –

- Board & Staff - June 26<sup>th</sup> –In Eureka

Flotilla 88

- Rummage Sale – June 19<sup>th</sup> - Lakeport
- Flotilla meeting – July 10<sup>th</sup> – followed by BBQ & Pot Luck
- July – 4<sup>th</sup> – Stand-by patrols for card-board boat lake races

Flotilla 8-11

- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Hosting Crescent City Chamber Mixer
- All of June – boat training – Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade- Crescent City

Flotilla 86

- No Info

Flotilla 87

- June 19<sup>th</sup>- Flotilla Meeting
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Participation in Fort Bragg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla Meeting at Point Cabrillo Light House with BBQ to follow.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- Participated with Coast Guard Loran Station Personnel – closing of station – #88
- Army Corp of Engineers requesting VE's and Boat Patrols on Lake Mendocino -#87
- Weekly joint training with Coast Guard Noyo River Station - #87
- Joint training with Coast Guard personnel on water training- #8-11
- Request for SAR patrol by Lake County Sheriff with drowning victim -#88
- Betty Strach requested and provided training for California Fish & Game function-#88
- Betty Strach and Gary Dromi provided two BS&S classes for Cal Fire-#88

#### DIVISION GOALS:

To continue toward the goals set in the beginning of the year in a safe and productive manner.

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

##### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mike Lauro has completed 10,000 VSC's
- Multiple Accidents on Local Lakes
- Changed to Division Meeting to telephonic monthly and physical quarterly on a Saturday.

##### DETAILS

- Mike Lauro completed 10,000 VSC's.
- Kaweah Flotilla was the first responder at Kaweah. C. Feaver, B. Boersma and K. McSheehy on M & M were first on an accident between a PWC and a \$90,000 "go-fast". No cut off switch was being used on the "go-fast". One person is still missing from the boat. The kids on the PWC dove under the water to avoid the boat.
- On Millerton Lake Rollins, Pierce and Ferretti responded to a vessel aground which was actually a small runabout on shore with one male, 59 yrs, non-responsive. He was DOA. Two people tried to ride some horses to an island, the horses became tired and drown.
- 10-05 participated in a huge NSBW event in Fresno.
- VSC and PV continue at a rapid rate.

##### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Events noted above.

##### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

None at this time.

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

##### HIGHLIGHTS /DETAILS

- Division OPTREX scheduled for June 19th with 5 crew and 3 coxswains. Training event on June 5th had 6 "new" trainees participating in dockside and underway portions. 10 members participated in the night SAR.
- PE classes: 12-91 holding ABS class July 24 in San Ramon. 2nd Saturday of each month youth oriented presentations scheduled at Brannan Island as part of the ranger campfire program.
- 4th cornerstone activity in the Poker Run planned. New members encouraged to join in.
- Operations: Medical & equipment failures continue to limit patrols. 4 boats are scheduled in June and continue to take trainees. Patrols scheduled for July 4th weekend in the Delta.

##### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

##### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- June 19 Div 12 OPTREX with QE at CGI small boat docks
- June 19 PAVE event by 12-1 at OYC

- June 24 Melody training with Sta. SF
- June 27 Spending 3.2 PATON patrol Antioch to Pittsburg
- July 3 & 4 Spending 3.2 patrols of the Delta – trainees welcome
- July 4 PAVE event by 12-1 at Encinal YC.
- July 31 Poker Run

#### DIVISION GOALS

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

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

Poker Run July 31 - Brannan Island State Park Poker Run Committee:

Roger Haynes, Chair - 925-837-4647

Douglass Kerr - AuxAir

Jim vanFleet - Oscar Herding

Angelo Perata – Chef

Next PCA Fair - August 21 – 22, 2010

- There will be a Member Training booth near the registration desk... Commander's please bring flyers, to put on a table for display (i.e. notices of upcoming OPTREXs, training opportunities, OPS AUX classes being offered, etc)
- Hoping to have a New Members info booth... ? Fingerprinting, info on next steps/opportunities, etc. Looking for someone to coordinate this booth, and man it during registration and the lunch break. A member of the PCA would be great- we need to get more involved! Call Mary Kirwood
- If a member would like to help with the refreshments that would be awesome.

Memorial - made calls

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Division 10 Monthly Meeting
- Division 1 OPTREX at Berkley Marina
- NSBW Activities
- AWW Program

#### DETAILS

- Attended the monthly meeting for Division 10.
- Attended the Division 1 OPTREX. This was my first time at this OPTREX and it was excellent!! Classroom training and on the water qualifying all in a single day. Not to mention the food was great!!! All of the Division 1 members that worked on this event should be proud of how it turned out.
- It appears that NSBW was a great success this year. I have read the Division Commander's reports and there were many activities happening around the District. Lots of members getting the word out to the boating public.

- Now I have to ask that the Division reports that have not been submitted be sent in to Jerry McAlwee so he can consolidate them for our District report.
- But it looks like another “Job Well Done” from District 11N.
- The AWW efforts are starting to pick-up. More on this next month.

#### INTERAGENCY INTERACTIONS

No contacts so far this month.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### 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) (complete)
- Assist in getting the AWW program restarted in District 11N.

#### **Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP**

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Video Tele-Conferencing
- Leadership Class
- Air Station Sacramento / Cal-AME Liaison up-date
- Brannan Island District OPTREX

#### ACTIVITY

Video Teleconferencing Program providers have been reduced to WEBEX, by Cisco and GO to Meeting by Citrex. I recommend WEBEX BY CISCO. I also recommend that we take advantage of the 14 day free offer available for that program with access for up to 25 people. The monthly cost is \$49.95. It could be set-up for the July or August meeting or special meeting before that period.

Work has began on the November Leadership Class. Mr. Firehock has submitted a subject matter paper that will be beneficial to the class development. CMO Maddox has suggested some subject matter as well.

We still awaiting information on the Job Guide document, under development by USCG Air Station Sacramento, for the Cal-EMA liaison program.

The 2010 Brannan Island OPTREX committee will table top the Exercise 23 June. It will be very complex and in depth. We anticipate the first table top review in June the 23rd, and another in August. I am meeting with The DSO-OP and DCAPT- Response at 1000 this Wednesday on CGI for their review and input.