

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, D11N
DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
19 May 2010

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

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Angelo Perata, COS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	David Law, DCDR-11
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Estaban, P-PCA
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3	

OLD BUSINESS

November Elected Officer Training – DCO Williams announced that new elected officer training for 2011 officers will be held in conjunction with the 20 November District Board and Staff Meeting. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1900 Friday, 19 November – Orientation meeting for 2011 District Board members.
- 1030 Saturday, 20 November – Regular District Board Meeting. Newly-elected officers to attend. Time permitting, new elected officer training may commence.
- 0800 – 1600 Sunday, 21 November – Elected officer training

DCO Williams asked the DCDRs to encourage any of their units which may hold elections after 20 November to consider moving their elections to an earlier date in order to allow their elected officers to attend this training. DCO Williams also reminded the board that any other officers may attend the training, if they desire.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Considerations – DCO Williams reviewed the 2010 budget situation. He reported that the District lost 20% of its budget this year. Currently we have spent about 77% of our available budget. We are continually trying to adjust our spending in order to deliver the best bang for the Auxiliary dollars. CWO Kilburger reported that we're currently OK for PPE's; however the inventory is going down. CWO Kilburger has asked for money specifically for PPE's. DCO Williams reported that CDR Chareonsuphiphat has also been working behind the scenes to try to get some additional funds. Budget consideration was the reason for canceling the on-site meeting in May.

Uniform Issues – DCO Williams reported that there are still challenges regarding the availability of untucked ODU's for Auxiliarists, some of which are related to sizes. When information is available it will be forwarded to the Board.

Radio Procedures – DCO Williams reported that correct radio procedures still seem to be a bit of a challenge. Jeff Price, DSO-CM indicated there are some problems, even with some Auxiliarists who are

working on CG stations. DCO Williams encouraged the DCDR's to ask their CM officers to remind their members of the importance of proper marine radio protocol.

Retirement and COW – Invitations for the retirement and Change of Command for CAPT Cullen and CAPT Gugg have gone out. They have been good supporters of the Auxiliary, and we appreciate the relationship we've had with them in the District.

NASBW Activities – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS reported that this is our most important activity right now. Collins commended each of the divisions for planning at least one activity, and indicated that most divisions are planning multiple activities. NASBW reports are to be sent to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA. Make sure your people get their reports in on time. Include lots of pictures. Mike Lauro has now done 10,000 VSCs.

Operational Exercises – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES reported that there are a number of OPTREX's coming up for members to receive training. Farnholtz encouraged boat crews on patrol to use quiet time as an opportunity to review activities and skills for the crew members. Farnholtz reminded Coxswains to make sure they input the correct information on fuel that is used when requesting reimbursement. Farnholtz also reviewed surface and air patrols being covered on the coast.

District Elections – DCO Williams reported that District elections will be during the 11 September District Board Meeting. The Nominating Committee is: DCO Williams, COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R and CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX. Anyone wishing to run for a district office must submit a letter of intent to DCO Williams no later than 90 days before the date of the election per the District Standing Rules. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted in accordance with the District Standing Rules.

Auxiliary Manual – COMO Connell briefly reviewed the draft copy of Auxiliary Manual currently being finalized. Most chapters are the same. The disciplinary action area has been clarified. Information on CG modernization is included. Changes in national election procedures and reorganization information are also in the manual. It is hoped that the manual will be available in July. They hope to provide a paper copy to each flotilla. For the rest, it will be in CD form.

REPORTS

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR- 1 – Report on file (Attachment A). Rae Kleinen of Flotilla 12 was named Auxiliarist of the Year. Many Auxiliarists attended and served as tour guides during the commissioning of the *Waesche*. There is a Division OPTREX on June 12. There will be training on June 14 on how to assist wind surfers.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). The OPTREX on Clear Lake in April was very successful. NSBW activities are being set up. The division will be pushing RBS activities.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR- 4 – Report on file (Attachment A). NSBW is focus for everyone in the division. There will be at least 5 venues at various lakes. The division is sponsoring training in boat crew and VE's. The division participated in a Golden Guardian exercise with the Port of Redwood City, which was a simulated terrorist attack.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). The April 24 OPTREX was successful, with 35-40 attended, including active duty. Several members are working on the Trident program. There are a lot of plans for NSBW in several different areas.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). Surface operations program includes an outrigger event. We are planning several NSBW activities. The local DOD having a booth at safety awareness program, with which we are involved.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). Division members provided a two-day Boating Officer SAR training session for the State. Two instructors and 7 mentors participated. Members from two flotillas participated in the Pony Express Elementary School Safety Fair, which was directed at children and their parents. During NSBW we plan VSC stations on 4 lakes and reservoirs, plus NSBW kickoff activities with the state at Utah Lake. However bad weather predicted, so we'll need to see how the weather goes.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Absent.

David Law, DCDR-11 – Seven members in the division were awarded the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation Award at Tahoe.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). Esteban plans to begin again to work on the memorial.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Collins expressed thanks to everyone for assistance at the *Waesche* commissioning and for all of the planned NSBW activities. Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz again emphasized the value of training while on patrol.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Angelo Perata, COS – Perata emphasized the importance of the requirements on flares. We do not do flare demonstrations for the public. Please make sure all of your members are aware of this information.

COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R – Connell will be in Washington DC next week for the Change of Command for our new Commandant and new Vice-Commandant. There will be a one-day flag conference with ADM Brown, the new PacArea Commander. COMO Connell is impressed with his qualities and his support of the Auxiliary.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – Kilburger commended the work of Simone Adair at the Coast Guard events on the Island.

FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Williams – Highlighted the Lake Powell boating officer training done by Division 7, and reported that the was State impressed with how well Auxiliary boats are equipped.

The WSBAA Conference is 13-16 June in Park City UT. ADM Castillo will be coming, also COMO Vic Connell, COMO Gail Ramsey and Angelo Perata.

Perata – The district has 1477 members as of April. The Poker Run registration fee of \$20 will be waived if registration is sent in by May 25. Roger Haynes is chairman. The event is a go. July 31 is the date.

DCO Williams – lead by example. Be sure to turn in all of your hours. We need them to justify our funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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ATTACHMENT A

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- Rae Kleinen, Flotilla 12, Auxiliariist of the Year PE classes underway
- PE classes finishing with high number of students
- Continue to support communications activities
- Spring OPTREX planned
- NSBW activities planned
- Division 1 membership participated in the Waesche commissioning and the Pacific area Change of Command

DETAILS

- Rae Kleinen, Flotilla 12, was named the "Auxiliarist of the Year"
- Flotillas 12 and 14 are finishing PE classes underway: BS&S (18 students), and SS&S (27 students)
- Communications activities included watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team, and assistance in 4 SAR cases, including a "person in the water" who was successfully rescued, and identification of a body that had come ashore.
- Spring OPTREX scheduled for June 12 at the Berkeley Yacht Club. To be a one-day event, with QE checkoffs and dockside classes for crew trainees.
- NSBW activities planned for South Beach Yacht Club in SF, Oyster Point Yacht Club, Pillar Point Marina, Station Golden Gate, West Marine
- Several Division members participated in the Commissioning of the Waesche, and the Pacific Area COW. Activities included Navy league support, Tour Guide & Bus Coordinator, MSPT Committee support, Coast Guard Information Booth manning, USCG Auxiliary Information Booth manning, provision of static displays, and escorts for WWII SPARs. In addition, members assisted with VIP receptions.

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

- Spring OPTREX June 12 at Berkeley Yacht Club
- KOPS and KIDS, June
- NSBW activities- various marinas and yacht clubs
- Sunday afternoon/evening trainings with Station Golden Gate
- 6/14 training (Flotilla 12)- emphasis on kite and wind surfers: how to approach a downed surfer, how to disassemble to get on your facility, etc.

2010 DIVISION GOALS

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

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Antlers OPTREX, Shasta Lake, April 29th to May 2
2. NSBW Start May 15th Discovery Park Sacramento
3. NSBW Start May 22nd Whiskeytown Lake
4. Program visits and Vessel exams.

DETAILS

1. Antlers OPTREX over-Result Over 70 participants engaged in TRAINING, TESTING, and QUALIFYING. Members came from Bodega Bay, Fort Bragg, Sacramento, and Elk Grove to the South, and Eureka and North to participate. Capt. Maguire and his son Jack stayed to enjoy the full lake for three days. I think Jack will be a Cox'n very soon., and the Capt. Is about ready to transfer back to Small boats. Congratulations to the Requals and to the new Qualifiers.
2. NSBW is well underway With Flotilla 3-10 Kicking off in Discovery Park. A very impressive VSC line and many outside agencies represented. Cal-Boating exchanged life jackets with a new one for one that was no longer serviceable (while supplies lasted) .West Marine was available to sell type 5 flotation device to those who needed one to pass VSC or in need of other equipment. Sacramento was well represented by Fire Dept.,Rescue divers, and Sheriffs Dept. FL-3-10 Had their New Communication Trailer on display.

3. NSBW Will start at Brandy Creek Marina, on Whiskeytown Lake on May22, 2010. Put on by FL-39.they will be assisted by CHP Helicopter, National Guard Bridge Building Batallion, and US Park Service. A vessel Safety Check Station will be in progress, and covered by both Radio and TV. A large Information booth will be set up adjacent to West Marines.
4. All Flotillas are working hard to complete VSC and Dealer Visits. FL-35 Did 37 VEs in April and 6 Program Visits. FL-39 did 63 VEs and 43 Program visits.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

See OPTREX's listed above. Coast Guard always represented.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Whiskeytown Regata May 29th and 30th. Brandy Creek Marina.
- Memorial Day Celebration, Oregon State University at Lake Shasta 29th thru 31st
- PCA FAIR, August 21and 22, CG Island

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

- To protect the Boating Public,
- Productively serve the Coast Guard,
- Try to enjoy the work.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued prep for NSBW
- Various training efforts in several areas
- Golden Guardian exercise – Port of Redwood City
- Division Social meeting in April with guest speaker from NCOCA

DETAILS

- Upcoming NSBW – several activities across the flotillas at West Marine, local lakes (VSC Days)
- Several Div facilities participated in the Opening Day on the Bay
- Various safety patrols in the Central bay and Delta
- Numerous training activities in boat crew / VE / other programs
- Marine Safety Observation Mission activities
- OPS and TCT workshops conducted
- Additional dockwalkers trained
- Division Social Meeting in April – guest speaker was president of Northern California Outrigger Canoe Association
- Division website has completed transition to district template

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Public Education class for San Jose Environmental Services Dept
- Upcoming significant interaction at Golden Guardian exercise – see below.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Golden Guardian exercise – 18 MAY. Full scale emergency operations drill at Port of Redwood City, simulating a terrorist bomb attack. Many agencies involved.

- West Marine NSBW activities on 22 MAY
- VSC Station at Redwood City launch ramp on 22 MAY
- VSC Weekend scheduled at Calero Reservoir on 29 May
- Facility participation in upcoming KFOG Kaboom.
- Menlo Park VA Hospital will be having a Memorial Day event on 31 MAY, traditionally supported by FL43
- Moffett Field Trip for member fellowship
- OPTREX on 05 JUN

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Lose no quals in 2010
- Improve satisfaction levels by membership involvement in their "favorite" activities
- Prep for upcoming OPTREX
- Upcoming boating safety classes currently being planned

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Division 5 Operation Training Exercises at Station Vallejo was a success.
- Flotilla 51 participated in Dockwalker activities in Rio Vista and Benicia area.
- 3 Marine Observation Missions were performed in Division 5 AOR in April
- 5 members receives the Marine Safety Training Ribbon
- Bridge and PATONs verified in the Bodega Bay region
- 15 safety/training patrols in month of April, involving 6 facilities.
- 95 Program visits and 136 vessel exams performed in April
- Public education courses taught throughout the area

DETAILS

- On April 24, 2010, Division 5 Operation Training Exercise (OPTREX) was held at Coast Guard Station Vallejo. About 40 people participated, including the Station active duty members. The morning sessions included operation workshop, HAZWOPER presentation, and rotating shore-side stations involving MOB, towing, and SAR demonstrations and exercises. Immediately after lunch, 6 Auxiliary facilities and their 41' UTB participated in joint underway exercise, with 1 active duty coxswains onboard each Auxiliary facility. The members also had the opportunity to shoot some old, expired flares at San Pablo Bay. Upon returning to the station, 1-hour TCT class was offered to those in need, followed by a nice BBQ dinner.
- Members of Flotilla 51 distributed total of 51 Dockwalker kits to the boating public at Rio Vista Marina and Benicia Yacht Club. Additional Dockwalker training days were also available for Auxiliary members for past two months.
- Division 5 members performed 3 Marine Safety Observation Mission patrols in the month of April, covering Rio Vista and Vallejo AOR.
- 5 members of our Division successfully completed and passed the IIMS course and received their Marine Safety Training Ribbons and certificates, and they will be pursuing Marine Safety Trident programs/missions.
- The aids verifiers from Flotilla 55 verified 5 bridges and 6 PATONs in their Area of Operation, and the paperwork was submitted up the chain.

- Total of 15 safety/training patrols, involving 6 facilities were reported in the month of April, covering Rio Vista, Vallejo, and Bodega Bay AORs.
- In the Recreational Boating Safety program, total of 95 program visits and 136 vessel exams were reported in the month of April. Vessel exam stations are planned throughout the Division, in preparation for the National Safe Boating Week.
- Two 'GPS for Mariners' classes and 2 ABS classes were offered since last report, including a class at Travis AFB on April 27, 2010.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- A boating safety class was offered to the members of the active duty, reserve, and civilian members of the U.S. Air Force on April 27, 2010, as a part of the Recreational Boating Safety Task Force and support programs. A public affairs booth will be set up in the near future during their annual health safety fair.
- 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

- There will be a LORAN station decommissioning ceremony at Middletown LORAN station on Friday, May 21, 2010. I will be planning on attending the ceremony.
- 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

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to enhance member training by providing additional operation exercises, coordinate Division-wide 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 the new members and member training sessions every Flotilla meeting.
- Increase Coast Guard support mission hours, providing additional operation and administrative support to local stations.

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Saturday May 22nd will have a combined effort with Flotilla 6-4 and USCG Station Monterey for the National Safe Boating Week "Kickoff". Station Monterey will provide a 47 ft MLB with crew for tours and the Auxiliary will have a boating safety booth. Vessel examinations will be provided, safety materials handed out and information for boating safety courses offered.
- Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 have two events planned for National Safe Boating Week. On May 22nd an information booth will be set up at Santa Cruz Harbor offering boating safety materials, public education class opportunities, and vessel safety checks. On May 29th an information booth will

be manned at the Santa Cruz West Marine Store offering the same services. Coastie will be making an appearance at both events.

- On the weekend of 24, 25 April Flotillas 6-4, 6-7 and 6-10 joined forces for training exercises on the 24th and a QE session on the 25th with 3 facilities involved in the operations on Monterey Bay out of Santa Cruz Harbor. The events were a complete success with all participants qualifying. There were 2 coxswain requals, one boat crew requal and three initial boat crew qualifications.

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 15th Wally Smith FC 6-10 gave Coastie training for those interested in it operation. Hopefully this will give more opportunities for the use of Coastie in Division 6.
- Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 will begin teaching BS&S on May 5th and May 15th respectively.
- Division 6's four flotillas performed 68 program visitation operations in April.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- Flotilla 6-7 will have a demonstration given of the Santa Cruz Harbor's new oil spill response trailer on May 18th.
- Flotilla 6-4 will participate with local public safety and Department of Defense agencies on May 28th for the Defense Language Institute's Safety Awareness Day. The Auxiliary will hand out boating safety materials, information on boating safety courses and offer vessel safety examinations.
- US Coast Guard Station Monterey and Brandman University's Monterey Campus were awarded the 2010 Public-Private Partnership Award at the Monterey Bay Regional Economic Forum held at Embassy Suites in Seaside, CA. Executive Officer Lt John Suckow, Brandman University Campus Director Jerry Edelen (CG Aux Flotilla 64 member) and Brandman University Graduate Program Manager Keith Simmons (CG Flotilla 64 member) were on hand to receive the award presented by the Monterey County Business Council, Offices of Congressman Sam Farr, Lt Governor Abel Maldonado, Assemblyman William Monning, and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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.
- May 29-30: Annual Outrigger Canoe Races in Monterey Bay will have regatta patrol provided by Flotilla 6-4. This is an annual two day event and Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 will assist. Land mobiles will also be operational.

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

- Ranger Training in SAR techniques at Utah Lake State Park
- Children's Fair at Eagle Mountain Elementary School
- ICS 210 Class
- Ham Radio Class

DETAILS

- Ranger Training. Approximately twenty three Utah State Park Rangers and other law enforcement personnel attended a hands-on training session addressing on-water search and rescue techniques presented by Roger Bennett and Lou Carroll, SO-OP. The two-day session covered classroom instruction and on-water problem scenarios including a night SAR.
- Children's Fair. Members of Flotilla 78, under the direction of Lana Visser, FSO-PA, participated in a Children's Safety Fair at Eagle Mountain Elementary School. Demonstrations of wearing a properly fitted life jacket and discussion of other boating safety topics highlighted the day.
- ICS 210. Fourteen members of Division 7 attended the ICS 210 training sessions led by MSTC Freddie Bizzelle who came to Utah specifically to service Division 7's need for this class. This completed the prerequisite for two members who will take their qualifying exams at the Lake Powell Ranger Training session for coxswain and others who will qualify at the OPTREX to be held on 12 June.
- Ham Radio Class. The Ham Radio class is continuing. Licensing at the General and Technician levels is the focus of this class work. The final written exam is scheduled for 8 May.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. 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. They include:
 - a. Green River State Park. Staff a VSC station over Memorial Day weekend for boats participating in the Green River Friendship Cruise. In addition to the State and Federal requirements, the National Park Service permit items for Labyrinth Canyon and Stillwater Canyon must also be included in the vessel checks.
 - b. Utah Lake State Park. Support the Utah Lake Festival on 5 June with a VSC station and a trailered boat to demonstrate safety equipment.
 - c. Deer Creek State Park. Provide perimeter control and SAR standby for a small triathlon in the morning of 12 June, and for a sailing regatta that afternoon as part of the Utah Summer Games.

Like many other State agencies, The Department's budget has been severely slashed, and the Auxiliary is asked to augment the Department's personnel wherever we can help at those events where the Department will be short handed. This effort is in addition to the Division staffing the two Boston Whaler boats the Department makes available to the Auxiliary each season for our training and patrol work.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS

1. The Division will present a two-day SAR training session in conjunction with units from D11 South at Page, AZ over 6-7 May for Utah Park Rangers, Sheriff's personnel and National Park Rangers serving the Lake Powell area. Facilities from Arizona tend to support the area near

the Glen Canyon dam at the southwestern end of the reservoir, while facilities from Division 7 along with units from western Colorado service the area out of Bullfrog Marina – about a hundred miles upstream from the dam.

2. The Division plans VSC stations at three major reservoirs on 22 May. Staffing for this Safe Boating Week event is under the direction of Kay Hansen, SO-VE.
3. An OPTREX is planned for 12 June. Support for a triathlon and a Utah Summer Games sailing regatta is also planned for this same day.

DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

1. The Division's goal for Safe Boating Week is to complete fifty VSC's.
2. The Division's goal for member training is to qualify six people at the Crew level and four at the Coxswain level this summer.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS:

Crescent City – Coast Guard Ball

Eureka – New VE personnel

Mendocino – Cross training with Noyo River Coast Guard Station

Lake County – Guest speakers

DETAILS:

Crescent City – held a spaghetti feed that free to the public in April and had 65 people turn out for the event. They plan on doing VE's and Dock Walking on Opening weekend of Safe Boating Week. Members have been doing presentations to various Service clubs regarding the Auxiliary. Without solicitation some of the service clubs donated money toward life-jacket give-away program. The Coast Guard Ball is coming up and will have details in June.

Eureka – The flotilla has two newly qualified VE examiners and jointly they have completed 24 VE's this year. The flotilla took Coastie to the rhododendron parade in Eureka and also to another community event held at the yacht club. James Long a member of the Eureka flotilla is currently in the process of qualifying as a Coast Guard 47 foot crew member. The flotilla voted to use \$400 of their funds to purchase replacement life jackets- primarily for children.

Mendocino – Ken Renoldson 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.

Lake County – Preparing for Safe Boating week. Life jacket give-away at Walmart is set up. Completed ATON night operations on Clear Lake and discovered shag rock lights burned out and reported to County of Lake. Patrolled regatta and had a SAR case involving a 35 foot sail boat that lost control. The flotilla is having a fellowship bbq following there June flotilla meeting. Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward noted that a boat was seized and quarantined with quaga mussels prior to being in the water.

DIVISION EIGHT

During April I did the 800 mile round trip visiting all the flotillas in the division. Of particular interest was my visits with Chief Betts – Soma Island Coast Guard Station and Lt. Starr and Commander Fuller –

Humboldt Air Group to discuss additional responsibilities and jobs for Auxiliarists. Commander Fuller stated that they are ready to re-open the Helo Fuel Depot in Pt. Arena and will do some up-coming training in the next month or two. They will also be doing Helicopter ops in various areas.

On May 6th Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward and myself were guest speakers for a Lake County Breakfast meeting club with approximately 35 people and we gave over-view of the Auxiliary – and I gave a short presentation on America Waterway Watch.

This report is being generated earlier than usual as I depart May 7th for vacation in Europe and will NOT be on board for the May telephonic board meeting. I will not be able to report on safe boating week results until the June report.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Flotilla 87 - Flotilla meeting – May 15th

Flotilla 86 – Flotilla meeting - May 15th

Flotilla 8-11 Flotilla meeting – May 26th

Flotilla 88 Flotilla meeting – June 5th

Division 8 - Board & Staff - June 26th –In Eureka

Flotilla 8-11

May 8th – Formal Dance

May 15th – Variety of Safe Boating Operations

Flotilla 88

May 15th – Life Jacket Give-away

May 15th – all week – VE's

May 16th safe boating classes-public

June 6th safe boating classes – public

June 19th – Garage Sale

July – 4th – Stand-by patrols for card-board boat lake races

July – 24th- Rummage sale

Flotilla 87

May 8th – Boating Safety outreach and VE's- Lake Mendocino

June 5th – BS & S public class- College of the Redwoods

May – Ongoing maintenance of Pt Cabrillo Light House

AGENCY INTERACTIONS:

- We will have representatives at the Loran Station in Middletown for the official closing of the facility. Admiral Castillo will be present to make the closing dedication.
- Flotilla 88 was asked to make a presentation at a two day California Fish and Game function that is training for the wardens.
- Flotilla 87 crossed trained on the water tows, dead on the water, man over-board drills with Coast Guard Station Noyo River.

DIVISION GOALS:

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

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12

HIGHLIGHTS/DETAILS

- Auxiliaries from Division 12, 1, 4 and 10 participated in the April 15-18 Boat Show at JLS Oakland. We helped man the "Clean & Green" booth along with Cal-Boating. We set records for distributing dock walker surveys and gift bags, totaling almost 800 for the three days.
- Division OPTREX scheduled for June 19th with a mandatory practice June 5th for first time applicants. Location CGI small boat dock. To date 20 people and 6 boats have signed up. Five members have signed up to begin their training for crew. Signup cut-off date is May 24 to be assured of meeting with a QE.
- PE classes - 12-1 completed a SS&S at OYC, graduating 12 students, and an ABS class at CGI graduated 10 students.
- NSBW chairman is Stuart Hunter.
- 12-91 scheduling a PAVE May 22 as part of a Lions event at Discovery Bay launch ramp, and a PA booth at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival. Flotilla 12-1 is arranging 4 PAVE events – see schedule below.
- Operations: 12-1 is scheduling boat and land mobile operations, including the June OPTREX. 12-91 has scheduled operations for KABOOM, Sta Rio Vista training, and the June OPTREX.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

1. None

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- May 22 PAVE event by 12-1 at Grand Marina, Alameda
- May 22 PAVE event by 12-91 at Discovery Bay Launch ramp, with Lyons Club
- May 22 KABOOM operational patrol on Melody.
- May 31-31 PA booth by 12-91 at San Ramon Art and Wind Festival, with helo landings.
- June 2 OPS with Sta Rio Vista on Spending 3.2
- June 5 OPS U/W training and workshops CGI small boat docks and classroom 35
- June 12 PAVE event by 12-1 at Bellena Isl Marina
- June 19 Div 12 OPTREX with QE at CGI small boat docks
- June 19 PAVE event by 12-1 at OYC
- July 4PAVE event by 12-1 at Encinal YC.

DIVISION GOALS

Assist rebuilding of flotillas.

Provide training opportunities for members of the Division.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

Poker Run July 31! Check your email to sign up - Roger Haynes is in charge of the event.

Please submit suggestions for classes for the August Fair

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP

HIGHLIGHTS

1. LMR-Station Rio Vista Program
2. Heraldry Guide
3. Video Tele-Conferencing
4. Leadership Class
5. Air Station Sacramento / Cal-AME Liaison up-date
6. Brannan Island District OPTREX

ACTIVITY

1. Conducted a meeting with Senior Chief Goley OIC Station Rio Vista, regarding Land Mobile response to the Stations AOR in the Sacramento Area. Also in attendance were the SO-CM/3 George Cusack, SO-OP/3 Steve Allen and BM/1 James Buford Station Rio Vista Executive Petty Officer. A call out system has been agreed upon in that the Officer of the Deck (OOD) would call an ARMS Auxiliary Watch Officer who would dispatch an on-call Auxiliarist to the site of an incident. The Auxiliarist would respond to the site solely to provide eyes and ears for the station's response team.
2. The HERALDRY GUIDE has been submitted to EXCOM for review.
3. Video Teleconferencing Program providers have been reduced to WEBEX, by Cisco and GO to Meeting. I should have enough information prior to the next EXCOM Meeting for submittal.
4. Work has began on the November Leadership Class. Mr. Firehock has submitted a subject matter paper that will be beneficial to the class development.
5. Five Division 03 members have received CAL-AME Emergency Operation Center training and passwords for accessing the Calif. State OES RIM program. We await a Job Guide document under development by USCG Air Station Sacramento.
6. The 2010 Brannan Island OPTREX committee met and laid out the foundation on which to develop the exercises. It will be very complex and in depth. We anticipate having the first table top review in June.