

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR  
TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING  
20 October 2010

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

PRESENT

DCO Mike Williams	Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3
Angelo Perata, DCOS/DCO(e)	Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R	Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6
Rodney Collins, DCAPT-RBS/DCOS(e)	Larry Kelley, DCDR-7
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES	Richard Thomas, DCDR-8/DCAPT(e)
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP	Roger Haynes, DCDR-12
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1/DCAPT(e)	

OLD BUSINESS

Elections – DCO Williams reported that all division elections have been complete except Divisions 6 and 12, both of which will be held later this week.

Flotilla Elections – DCO Williams reported that the Elected Officer Academy will be held on 20-21 November. Anyone wishing to attend the Academy is welcome. There will be some funding made available to newly-elected Flotilla Commanders. In order to facilitate orders for the eligible Flotilla Commanders, all DCDR's are asked to send a list of elected flotilla officers to Rod Collins as soon as the flotilla elections are complete. The list should indicate which flotilla commanders are newly-elected.

Uniform for November Meeting and Training – DCO Williams stated that the Commandant has indicated that the appropriate uniform for all meetings is Tropical Blue, Long. Therefore, the uniform will be Tropical Blue, Long.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported that we are now in a continuing resolution, which is 17% of budget. DIRAUX is still fighting some battles on air and surface funding to try to get some additional funding – particularly for SAMA. So far, it is not looking too bad, but we won't know for sure until the final budget comes down.

COW Schedule – DCO Williams reminded the DCDR's of the COW information form that Bob Hendry, ASC recently sent to them. The form asks for the following information regarding each division COW:

- Date and time of COW
- Location of COW
- Uniform for the event

This information is critical to get to the gold side so they can begin making assignments for attendance at the division COWs. They need the information right away in order to begin scheduling.

FC Roster – To Rod Collins ASAP – DCO Williams reiterated the need to get the information on newly-elected officers to Rod Collins as soon as possible in order to facilitate attendance at the Elected Officer Academy. If using the Form 7007, submit the information on the elected officers, only right now. A second copy can be forwarded to DIRAUX including the staff offices by the 10 December deadline.

Elected Officer Academy – DCO Williams reported that COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT has prepared the schedule for the Academy and it will be sent to the board soon. Everyone will be invited to attend officer training, but only newly-elected will be funded. A summary of the schedule is as follows:

Friday, 19 November:

1830 – 2011 District Board Orientation at the Executive Inn

Saturday, 20 November:

0930 – District Board and Staff Meeting at CG Island

1300 – 1700 – Elected Officer Academy at CG Island

1800 – 2130 – Elected Officer Academy continued at Executive Inn

Sunday, 21 November:

0800 – 1600 – Elected Officer Academy at CG Island

Uniform will be Tropical Blue, Long for the meeting and training at CG Island and civilian casual for the training at the Executive Inn.

## REPORTS

DCO Williams called for reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division had great participation in Fleet Week and in the San Mateo Disaster Preparedness Day. There will be an OPTREX on 30 October. A division member acted as a Russian interpreter by cell to a fisherman taking on water at sea. Recently the Coast Guard came upon a renegade unattended boat. The situation was a man overboard, who turned out to be an Auxiliarist. He was located and saved and is now promoting the wearing of life jackets, which he attributed to his safe rescue.

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division also participated in Fleet Week providing, sea, air and comms. The National 2009 First Place Award for Vessel Safety Check Overall Performance was awarded to Flotilla 39.

Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division participated in Fleet Week and Urban Shield. The project at Alviso Marina continues, with five flotillas sharing the responsibility. The division will participate in the VA Parade in San Jose. COW preparation is well underway.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division had good Fleet Week participation. Tony Budlong, FC-64 was honored as Sailor of the Quarter by the Coast Guard at STN Monterey. Members of flotilla 64 will be participating with local law enforcement agencies in a Hallowe'en event. Plans for the division COW on 14 November are going well.

Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). We have completed all flotillas elections and an e-mail was sent to DIRAUX with the election results and recommendation for attending the Elected Officer

Academy. Members of flotilla 76 will be participating in the VA Parade in Ogden. The boating season is closing down as everyone prepares for the winter season.

Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). Crescent City is sponsoring a Hallowe'en fellowship. Eureka is working on repairing Coastie. Mendocino is working with the CG and doing a lot of VSC's. Member Tom Dolan recently passed away at the age of 84. Lake County recently lost a businessman who had been very supportive of the Auxiliary. Two new crew members have been qualified. Members will be participating in a HAM radio event on 23 October.

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

David Law, DCDR-11 – Excused. Report on file (Attachment A).

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division had a lot of participation in Fleet Week and Urban Shield. Elections will be held on 21 October.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). The next PCA Fair is 19-20 February 2011. We are looking for curriculum suggestions. PCA elections will be held at the November District Board Meeting during lunch.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing further to report.

Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES – Farnholtz commend all who have had successful OPTREX's. He will be attending the exercise at Mare Island.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP – Things are going well. Divisions 5 and 8 have had elections and he will be attending Division 6 elections. LaChapelle meet with LCDR Green regarding an upcoming management program. They will have a training program for people involved. Please respond to the letter from Hendry regarding additional information needed to assign gold side officers to the division COWs. Send that info to him ASAP.

Angelo Perata, DCOS – Get your elected officer reports to DIRAUX ASAP. They are needed to determine funding for the November Elected Officer Academy.

COMO Vic Connell, IPDCO/DNACO-R – COMO Connell is finishing his tour as DNACO-R and is looking forward to being more involved in district activities.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported on his gold side activities and meetings. The office is finalizing Auxiliary awards. If there are any additional awards for COW presentation, the information needs to be turned in right now.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger has completed his tour of duty on the gulf. He shared some of his experiences there. We are now working on budget issues. We should receive some funding for PPEs. During check rides he is finding some PEPIRB whose batteries are expiring. Coxswains should contact Kilburger if their PEPIRB battery needs to be replaced.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

DCO Williams reported on the following:

There will be 9 new DCDR's in 2011. It's never too early to begin your transition planning. He encouraged the current DCDR's to make sure your new DCDR's know about preparing the year-end financial statements, including the inventory on the reverse side.

D-Train will be in Rohnert Park in 2011. This will be the last year of the 3-year contract we've had with Rohnert Park. The new board will need to decide if you want to move the location or keep it at Rohnert Park. Please let Angelo Perata or Rod Collins know your division's preferences of where, when and why for future D-Train conferences.

Webinar will soon be available for divisions to use. Mike Marseille is an excellent host to keep the meeting going. The audio quality is very good, and it will be used a lot. There will be training at the Elected Officer Academy on use of the Webinar system.

DCDR(e)'s should attend the November District Board and Staff Meeting as well as the current DCDR. Everyone is invited to attend the Elected Officer Academy, but only newly-elected officers will receive funding. Please submit your form 7007 now for elected officers, only. Submit the form with your staff later.

Letters went out to everyone in the district soliciting district staff officer position. If anyone has an interest, they should contact Rod Collins. The new DCDR's may want to do the same thing as they begin to fill their division staff positions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

## ATTACHMENT A

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### Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Flotilla Elections underway
- Flotilla 15 participated in San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day
- Flotilla 17 participated in "Taste of South Beach" event, 25 Sept.
- Division 1 members participated in Fleet Week
- Division 1 members participated in Urban Shield
- Fall OPTREX scheduled for 30 Oct
- Public Education classes underway
- Member served as Russian Interpreter
- Member victim of "Man Overboard"

#### DETAILS

- Flotilla Election results so far:
  - 12- Ray Dunaway, FC; Doug Scrouton, VFC
  - 14- Carol Paz, FC; Jerol Berkov, VFC
  - 17- Diana Serchia, FC; Bill Burns, VFCLast two Flotilla elections to be held in next 2 weeks.
- Flotilla 15 participated in the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day at USGS in Menlo Park. It was well attended. The Sector provided a CPO and an OS2 from the watch floor as well as the Comms trailer.
- Flotilla 17 assisted Sector SF by assisting in "The Taste of South Beach" event at Pier 40 in San Francisco. They set up and manned a PA booth.
- Many members of the Division participated in Fleet Week. Member activities included radiowatch/comms, boat patrols, PA booth, and assistance with boat visitations by the public. Two of our Division boats served as the "tarp boats" for the civilian air show.
- Several members of Division 1 participated in last weekend's "Urban Shield". This is a SF Bay Area event that is intended to test how well all local agencies can respond/work together in the event of terrorist type events. Also serves as a competition amongst local SWAT teams. Scenarios were held all over the Bay Area. The Coast Guard was involved in a scenario in which a ferry was hijacked and civilians taken as hostages. Activities for Auxiliarists included boat patrols, simulated victims of a ferry hostage/hijacking, and logistics.
- Division 1 Fall OPTREX set for 30 October at Pier 40, SF. Will include initial and re-quals for crew and coxswain, as well as land-based training for crew candidates.
- Flotilla 12 has a Navigation class underway, Flotilla 17 is planning a GPS course
- George Barantseff (Flotilla 12) completed a SAR assist in the Russian language. He received a call on his cell phone from Station Rio Vista that a fisherman with limited English language skills had called in a May Day. Station Rio Vista put through the fisherman to Mr. Barantseff, who ascertained that the fisherman was dead in the water with no power and taking on water

because his pump had died without power. Station Rio Vista was able assist the fisherman with a pump. There was no damage/injuries.

- A Division 1 Auxiliarist was recently the victim of a “man overboard” when his feet got tangled in his lines. He was alone on the boat near Berkeley, and watched his vessel (under power) motor away and out of sight. Despite being in a commercial shipping lane, the Auxiliarist was in the water approx 30 minutes before finally being seen. Fortunately he was wearing an inflatable life jacket before he went overboard. He was rescued safely, and his boat (discovered later) suffered only minor damage as it crashed into a dock across the bay, in SF.

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

- 30 October- OPTREX, Pier 40, SF
- Elections for Flotilla 15 and 19

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Recreational boating service doing well.
2. Fleet Week
3. Fire Boat Completed
4. Brannan Island OPTREX
5. Division Election
6. C.O.W.
7. FL-39 Wins National

#### **DETAILS**

1. 44 program visits completed for September, and 183 vessel exams.
2. Many members from all flotillas attended Fleet Week in San Francisco engaged in crowd control.
3. Whiskeytown Fireboat now meets facility requirements in inspection, Memorandum of agreement is at DIRAUX awaiting approval.
4. Brannan Island OPTREX Oct 16 th booming success with Air Craft, Mobil Radios, and Six Vessels. Continuous radio traffic, vessels assists and S.A.R.s mixed in.
5. Division 3 has new DCDR - Ed Kief and VCDR – Lonny Singer.
6. Division 3 C.O.W. Will be DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> . This is a change from original date. Look for flyer
7. National Vessel Safety Check Overall Performance. First Place for 2009 Awarded to FLOTILLA 39

#### **INTERAGENCY ACTIVITIES**

1. Coast Guard personnel at Rio Vista working directly with Aux . Well represented at Brannan Island Optrex Dinner.
2. National Park Service donating time and equipment in mutual enterprise. Whiskeytown Fireboat.

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

- Veterans Parade in Shasta City on November 6<sup>th</sup> .
- Christmas Parade in Redding on December 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS**

- Train more Cox,ns and Crews , and get more Facility Boats available.

- Reach more Recreational Boaters with more VEs. Some Flotillas still not responding.
- Keep up Public Education classes. Starting to reach more people.

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Division elections held –Joaquin Duran, DCDR(e) Brian O’Mara, VCDR(e)
- Rotating schedule established across all flotillas to maintain weekend presence at Alviso.

### **DETAILS**

- Division election was held at September meeting. DCDR(e) is Joaquin Duran, VCDR(e) is Brian O’Mara. Election was attended by Rod Collins, DCOS(e). Thanks to Mr. Collins in helping frock these new officers
- FL-43 leads the division in social activities, and continues with plans to have a social outing with FL-64 at STA MONTEREY, sometime in Oct.
- OPS activities with surface patrols in the Central Bay as well as in the Delta.
- To maintain presence at Alviso Marina, a weekly rotation has been set up for the five flotillas to share responsibility for attendance. This includes VSCs as well as setting up a table with brochures for safety awareness.
- BS&S class has kicked off with weekly attendance.
- Processing one new member.
- Two meeting location options have been found for future division meetings now that Verizon is no longer available.
- Planning for upcoming Division Change of Watch - planning committee is busy with arrangements
- Jimmin Chang recently returned from his translator deployment on a cutter in the North Pacific.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Signed up for Veteran’s Day parade in San Jose – a facility from FL46 will be trailered in the parade.
- Continued positive contact with Rangers at Alviso Marina

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

- Veterans’ Day event, Nov 11, at Menlo Park VA Hospital
- ABS class with the Santa Clara Water Valley Distr., in late-Nov.
- Visit to STA MONTEREY, sometime in Oct
- Division COW 07NOV at Michael’s (at Shoreline) in Mountain View.

### **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 election was held on October Division meeting.

- Annual Division 5 Tie-out at Brannan Island State Park.
- 2 of 5 Flotillas have conducted their elections to date.
- Members of Division 5 continue to train at Sector San Francisco
- 108 VSC and 102 PV reported in the month of September.

#### **DETAILS**

- Division 5 elections were held during the October month meeting on 7 October. Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT attended the election meeting to validate the Division election. Elected members are:
  - Curtis Han, DCDR (Incumbent)
  - Jim Blackburn, VCDR
- Division 5's annual Tie-out was held on 24-26 September at Brannan Island State Park. This is one of the few social events our Division hosts for the members. Total of 25 members attended the event. On Saturday, 25 September 25, some of the members also participated in the annual Coastal Cleanup event in the morning. Afternoon events included lunch, heaving-line and marlinespike competitions, presentation by Chuck and Linda McCarty on their recent Deepwater Horizon experience, and a nice BBQ dinner.
- The Flotilla election updates: Flotilla 51 -Steven Johnson, FC-e, Glenn Hunter, VFC-e Flotilla 52 - Scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 Flotilla 53 -Scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 Flotilla 55 -Will Sumner, FC (Incumbent), Jeff Tuttle, VFC (Incumbent) Flotilla 57 -Scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010
- 4 members of Division 5 are currently receiving Assistant Pollution Investigation training at Sector San Francisco Incident Management Division. The classroom session training is almost complete, and they have begun training on the field, during Harbor Patrols with the active duty members.
- In the month of September, total of 108 vessel safety checks and 102 program visits were reported for Division 5.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Members of Division 5, especially Flotilla 55 continue to work closely with the Sonoma County Sheriffs and the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Sonoma.
- Members of Flotilla 52 continue to assist the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Napa County Sheriffs Department at Lake Berryessa, by providing safety patrols and RBS missions (VE, PV and PA).
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in joint training with Coast Guard Stations Rio Vista, Vallejo, and Bodega Bay.

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

- Flotilla 51 Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2010 @ 1700 in Benicia. POC: Mike Ungersma, [m.ungersma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.ungersma@sbcglobal.net)
- Flotilla 52 Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2010 @ 1200 at Napa Valley Yacht Club. POC: Robert Gorham [rccbcb2@att.net](mailto:rccbcb2@att.net)
- Division 5 Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 1200 to 1600, at Zio Fraedos Restaurant, next to Station Vallejo and Vallejo Marina. Invitation/registration flyer is available in District calendar. POC: Curtis Han [curtis.s.han@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.s.han@gmail.com)

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



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

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tony Budlong FC 6-4 received the Sailor of the Quarter Award at Coast Guard Station Monterey. Tony Budlong was recognized for his time and efforts in support of Station Monterey.
- Division 6 was assigned 116 PATONS for verification and 2 bridges for verification and all assignments were completed.
- Flotilla 6-10 in conjunction with West Marine is offering a marine radio seminar to the public at the Santa Cruz store on November 4th.

### **DETAILS:**

- Division 6 AuxNet now has a call out on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 radio facilities are participating.
- Division 6 has performed 2430 marine patrol hours so far this year. In addition there were 100.9 hours credited to SAR.
- The four flotillas of Division 6 currently have currently performed 736 hours of member training. Classes being offered at this time are AUXCOM, AUXWEA and AUXSEA
- The four flotillas of Division 6 have provided 391 hours of Public Education courses. Classes currently being offered are Coastal Navigation, BS&S and SS&S.
- The four flotillas of Division 6 have provided 10621 hours of RBS activities.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

- Members of Division 6 participated in this year's San Francisco Fleet Week. Various members were on surface facilities on the water and performed crowd control duties for ship visits on the shore. Two members attended the Third Fleet Admiral's Reception on the USS Makin Island.
- One additional member of Flotilla 6-4 has completed the finger printing course and will offer this service to auxiliaries and to the staff of Station Monterey.
- Members of Flotilla 6-4 will once again participate in Halloween Safety Spooktacular which is held at the DOD La Mesa housing unit in Monterey. Local law enforcement agencies, the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary facilitate this event every year where children have Halloween activities plus safety education.

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

The Division 6 Change of Watch will be held on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Aptos Seascapes Golf Course. A round of golf is also available with a 0800 start time.

### **DIVISION GOALS**

- Retain current members, recruit new members.

- To have more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division
- 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 Elections
- Webinar Implementation
- Boating Season Ends
- Safety Fairs
- AUXNAV Class
- Veterans' Day Parade

### **DETAILS**

- Division Elections: Division 7 held its elections on 21 September. Lou Carroll was elected to lead the Division as Division Commander. He will be ably assisted by William "Bill" Rouleau as Division Vice-Commander. Both have served previously as Division Commanders.
- Webinar Implementation: Elliot Moses, who served the Division as Division Vice-Commander in 2010, has been named to the team headed by Mark Marseille to bring the GoToWebinar.com system into use within the District. The system is commercially available and is considered to be highly reliable and user friendly. The system is expected to improve communication among the participants in the meetings that are now held by group telephone hookup. The first test will be the District EXCOM meeting in October.
- Boating Season Ends: Utah's boating season has essentially ended. The facilities have been brought down from the high elevation lakes, and on the lower elevation lakes (that freeze over later). Only an occasional facility goes out for training purposes.
- Safety Fairs: Flotilla 76 has been asked to present boating safety talks to the general public at two fire stations in northern Utah at planned safety fairs to be held on selected Saturdays. If these presentations are successful, the Division will evaluate expanding the presentations to other fire stations in the greater Salt Lake valley.

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

- Member Training: An AUXNAV class is planned to start in October. This will run approximately 14 weeks. This class will be followed by the new search and rescue class. Dick Hoelle, IPDCDR will be the lead instructor for the AUXNAV class and Joyce Bell will lead the other.
- Veterans' Day Celebration: Flotilla 76 has been invited to participate in Ogden's (Utah) Veterans' Day parade for the second year. The unit has been asked to bring an Auxiliary patrol boat to the parade rather than to march as a unit as the Flotilla did last year. Arrangements have been made to bring one of the 19-ft Boston Whalers from winter storage to support the event.

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Crescent City – Physical QE's preparations, Halloween fellowship party

- Eureka – Repairs to Coastie, Preparation for new local Flotilla
- Mendocino – Flotilla Elections, VE's, Misc.
- Lake County – OPTREX,
- Division – Tie-Out -OPTREX, BBQ & Pool Party

#### **DETAILS:**

Crescent City –Becky Barlow, FC reports that the crew and coxswains are preparing for their QE for physical conditioning test coming shortly to remain qualified participants on the RBS boat. They will also be having pyro training.

Becky reports that they have a couple new members working toward full membership. The flotilla is hosting a Halloween fellowship costume party at the end of the month with Auxiliarists and Coast Guard personnel participating.

Eureka – Flotilla Commander Thom O'Connor that the flotilla still has one member giving several support hours as a watch-stander. FC O'Connor states that it appears that they will have a qualified member of the flotilla that possibly will run for 2011 FC and they have been working on preparing for their election and new lead of the flotilla. For the past two years Thom has made superior dedication making the trip from Crescent City to Eureka to keep the flotilla afloat.

Eureka is working bids for parts and repairs to Coastie.

Mendocino – This flotilla has been very active with their usual commitments:

- 2 new VE examiners that are approaching 100 VE's.
- VE's at Lake Sonoma
- VE's at Lake Mendocino
- Continuous work on Point Cabrillo Light House
- Joint Training with Noyo River Station

The flotilla held their elections last Saturday and Chris Jewell was elected FC and Glenn Funk VFC. The flotilla also lost long time member (10 years) Tom Dolan who passed away at the age of 84.

Lake County –

- Lake County also had a tragic loss when Flotilla Member Zino Mezoui was a victim of a hit and run driver and later succumbed to his injuries. Zino was owner of a very popular lake front restaurant and member and great supporter of flotilla 88. He will be deeply missed.
- Flotilla Commander Dane Hayward reports that the majority of September was dedicated for preparation for the OPTREX. There were some on lake patrols which were utilized for preparing Gary Dromi to take his initial crew quals.
- On Saturday October 23, 2010 the flotilla will host and participate in the Special Radio Event Day with ham operators in celebration of the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- The flotilla is preparing to provide home cook meal at Noyo River Station in November.

#### **DIVISION EIGHT**

- I hosted a pool and BBQ at my home in September and was well travelled with Chris and Jan Jewell making the trip from Gualala.
- Bruce Rogerson from Flotilla 86 was elected Division Commander for 2011 and Betty Strach from Flotilla 88 will be the Vice-Division Commander.
- The OPTREX was held during the first weekend of October: - The following is my report that was sent out to Division Eight:

Events started at 4pm registration which was held at Buckingham home-owners assn. club house situated on the shores of Clear Lake. Prior to the BBQ rib dinner Jerry Collins provided a one hour OPS refresher course. After dinner a briefing presented by Flotilla 88 member Jerry Collins for the night ops exercise. After the briefing several crews went out on Clear Lake and had a pre-set night SAR mission.

#### Saturday

Continental breakfast was provided at 7:30am and Jerry Collins provided the 1 hour TCT refresher for those that were interested. The remainder of the day was spent on initial and 3 year maintenance re-quals. There was a break at noon with picnic lunches served at the Clear Lake State Park and following lunch Dr. Lyons provided a one hour seminar on the history of Clear Lake. This presentation was followed by Division Eight Board and Staff meeting as well as Division Elections. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Bruce Rogerson has been elected Division Commander for 2011 and Betty Strach has been elected Division Vice-Commander for 2011. The events concluded with a prime rib/salmon dinner at Zino's Restaurant in Soda Bay.

#### Sunday

The day started with continental breakfast at Zino's at 7:30am. Jerry Collins and Gary Jolley provided a dock side presentation on preparation for helo ops. The presentation covered the do's and don'ts of Auxiliary safe practices while performing joint training operations with Humboldt Group helicopters. After the presentation attendees departed for Lampson Field and greeted Commander Fuller and his flight crew as they landed a Coast Guard Helicopter and gave a presentation on the operations of the Dolphin class helo as well as other useful information. Auxiliarists then went back to Clear Lake and the Helo provided on water demonstration.

There are so many to give thanks: I think it is appropriate that the first thank you goes to Jan Mezoui for continuing to move forward in allowing the Auxiliary to have its functions at Zino's Restaurant in light of losing her husband Zino unexpectedly just two weeks before the OPTREX. Thank you to Dane Hayward and Gary Dromi for all their efforts in organization of the tie-out events, Dan Fish for his organization and structured financial care of registrations and meals. Jerry Collins, Gary Jolley, and John Fox for stepping up to the plate and setting up the night ops course as well as Jerry for putting on classes. Bruce Rogerson, Wayne Farnholtz, and John Fox for providing their vessels for quals. Thanks go to COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP, Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT, Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT and Anita Farnholtz for providing their time to QE the 13+ candidates. DA Butts for his help in over-seeing the registrations as well as providing us the Clear Lake presentation by Dr. Lyons and the free use of the State Park facilities. A very special thanks to CWO Curtis Barthel for making the trip down from Group and spending the entire weekend with us and performing QE's as well as arranging the helo ops presentation. Thanks to Thom O'Connor, Flotilla Commander Eureka, for making the trip from Crescent City to fill his obligation to be present for the board and staff meeting and participate in the election and making the long trip back in the same day. Thanks go to Harry and Bunny DeLope for handling the raffle and sponsoring the continental breakfast on Sunday and to Dane Hayward for sponsoring the continental breakfast on Saturday. A special thanks to John McEwen for his time as radio watch at the OPTREX. Thanks to all the Auxiliarists that came from outside the Division to participate in Division Eight OPTREX.

#### Up-Coming/Events

##### Flotilla 88

- November 6<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla Meeting- Lakeport Yacht Club
- November –TBA – Thanksgiving luncheon for Noyo River.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla COW

##### Flotilla 8-11

- October 27 – Flotilla Meeting
- October 30 – Halloween Party

Flotilla 86

- November 13 –Flotilla Meeting – Noyo River Station

Flotilla 87

- November 13- – Flotilla meeting. - Eureka

**AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

- RBS-25543 operational and assist Coast Guard
- Mendocino joint training with Noyo River Station & watch-stander
- Mendocino continues supporting the Army Corp of Engineers

**DIVISION GOALS:**

Continue observation of safety and begin preparation of new Division Commander.

**Rod Rollins, DCDR-10**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- D. Eaton is the Division Commander-Elect
- B. Correl is Vice-Division Commander-Elect

**DETAILS**

- OPTREX will be held on Oct. 23 at Lake Millerton. Four requals from 10-06 are the only candidates.
- VSC and PV continue at a rapid rate.

**AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

None reported

**UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

OPTREX-Lake Millerton

**David Law, DCDR-11**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
- Area Patrols Continue
- All Flotillas Division 11
- Division Elections Complete
- Boating Season

**DETAILS**

- Boat Crew Training continues with Station Tahoe through the month of October
- Area Patrols continue in the month of October with various Lake Tahoe events including two days of Outrigger Canoe Races, Big Blue Adventure races, Lake Tahoe Marathon, and the Fall Classic SUP race from Camp Richardson to Kings beach
- All flotillas are conducting training for Coxswain, boat Crew and AUX Op classes.
- Flotilla Elections are being held this month Flotilla 11-04 conducted over 160 Vessel Exams this season

- Division 11 Elections were completed, Leon Borden is Division Commander Elect and Dave Young is Division Vice- Commander elect. The meeting was attended by Angelo Perata, DCOS and Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT.
- The end to boating season is fast approaching with the advent of freezing weather. The Division patrols are already wearing Mustang Suits, and as water temps drop we will transition to 900 Suits. Very little activity is forecast beyond this month with most boats entering winter storage.

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

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

### **DIVISION GOALS**

Increase Safe Boating Training with interagency partners

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS and DETAILS**

- PE classes: 12-91 is offering a Tuesday evenings Navigation class (ACN or WN TBD) starting November 2.
- Operations: About 15 members continue in the crew class which started Sept 18. The Division had an active schedule with Fleet Week and Urban Warfare patrols, area FAMS and Station training patrols.
- Division COW will be Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at Pier 29 in Alameda. Elections will be held this Thursday, Oct 21.
- This year end the 7025 financial statements must have Year End bank statements attached. FCs, please pass this to your FN officers.

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

- Oct 21 Div 12 elections
- Crew class every Saturday 0900-1400.
- Dec 5 at Pier 29 in Alameda for COW.

#### **DIVISION GOALS**

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

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

- Next - PCA Fair - February 19 – 20, 2011
- Please submit curriculum ideas for the February Fair to Mary Kirkwood. Planning is already underway
- PCA election will be held on November 20 at Lunch time

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Division 10 Monthly meeting

- Division 4 Monthly Meeting
- Division 1 Monthly Meeting
- Fleet Week Activities

#### **DETAILS**

- I attended the Division 10 monthly meeting. Elections were held and congratulations go out to Denis Eaton, DCDR and William Correll, VCDR.
- I attended the Division 4 monthly meeting. Elections were held and congratulations go out to Joaquin Duran, DCDR and Brian O'Mara, VCDR.
- Rob Firehock, DSO-LP, attended the Division 1 monthly meeting for me. He was the District representative to oversee the election and congratulations go out to Simone Adair, DCDR and Richard Celia, VCDR.
- I was out on the "Sea Horse" on Saturday and as always the Auxiliary was fantastic in keeping the box clear. On Sunday I worked a watchstander shift for the USS Makin Island. The crowds were in a great mood and the weather was excellent! I applaud Rick Saber and all of the Auxiliarists that helped with this activity. They did a great job.

#### **INTERAGENCY INTERACTIONS**

No contacts so far this month.

#### **Upcoming Events**

November New Officer Training

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

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