# USCG AUXILIARY D11N DISTRICT TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING 21 April 2010

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

## **PRESENT**

DCO Mike Williams
Angelo Perata, COS
Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS
Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO
Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4
Curtis Han, DCDR-5

Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6 Larry Kelley, DCDR-7 Richard Thomas, DCDR-8 Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 David Law, DCDR-11 Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 Judy Esteban, P-PCA

## **OLD BUSINESS**

<u>D-Train</u> – DCO Williams reported that D-Train was a great success, with a record number of people attending.

<u>Elected Officer Training</u> – DCO Williams reported that the November District Board Meeting/Elected Officer Training schedule will be as follows:

- Friday Evening Incoming District Board orientation.
- Saturday District Board Meeting. Meeting will end by 1500, and training will begin immediately afterward.
- Sunday Morning Elected officer training to continue.

<u>ICS-210</u> – DCO Williams reported that D11N is over 100%, because we have trained all current Coxswains and have trained some people working on Coxswains and some crew. CWO Kilburger is looking for ways to get future trainees into the class, as they need it.

<u>PPE Purchases by Members</u> – DCO Williams reported that the recent survey showed that D11N has 514 members who purchased their own PPE equipment. There is no way they will be reimbursed for those purchases, because there is no funding. A request is being considered by National to allow members wear the personally-purchased PFD's as civilians. New Crew and Coxswains who have not received PPE's, let DIRAUX know so they can be outfitted. Outfitting will depend on inventory available and budget constraints. As PPE's become unserviceable, they will be replaced.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Budget</u> – DCO Williams reported that we have had a \$20,000 cut in budget this year. The May meeting, therefore, will only have partial staff funding.

<u>Retirements</u> – DCO Williams reviewed the following Coast Guard retirements:

- ADM Breckenridge 17 May
- CAPT Cullen -25 June

# • CAPT Gugg - 19 August

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA is preparing an electronic picture frame as a gift for each of them. Divisions are invited to contributed photos to be included. They need to be sent to McAlwee right away.

<u>NSBW</u> – Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS reported that all divisions were represented at D-Train NSBW meeting. He noted that everyone had a good plan for the week. All divisions have at least one thing going on. Please take lots of pictures and include the photographs in your report. NSBW report goes to Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA/NSBW Chairman.

<u>Operational Exercises</u> – Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES and Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP reported that there is a large OPEX planned at Brannan Island on 15-17 October. It will be multi-faceted with two SARs. No quals sign-offs are planned, but we could probably do some on Sunday, if needed. The OPEX will have air, surface and land mobile units and will operate under ICS criteria. Flotilla 3-10 will manage the exercise, but will not be participating.

<u>Elections</u> – DCO Williams reported that elections will be held in September for all district offices. Anyone wishing to run for a district office must file their "Intent to Run" by the July meeting. Williams will be available to talk about obligations and qualifications for office with anyone interested. All division elections will have a representative of the DCO in attendance. If the division's DCAPT liaison is unable to attend, another district officer will attend.

#### **REPORTS**

Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

Bob Gwaltney, DCDR-3 – Absent. Report on file (Attachment A).

<u>Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division completed Opening Day with 8 facilities on the water. Jeff Price brought the comms trailer down. They had one city boat there also. Crew quals is high priority with an OPTREX in June. There will be Dock Walker training in San Jose. The division is building a relationship with the Northern California outrigger canoe group.

<u>Curtis Han, DCDR-5</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). On 10 April the division had a PA event at Santa Rosa at the Wells Fargo Center, called "Pebble in a Pond." It was a boating safety event, and was well attended. They also assisted at a Bodega Bay "build and sail" canoe event. 27 April will be another boating safety class at Travis AFB.

<u>Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held a TCT class at STN Monterey for both CG and Auxiliary. STN Monterey has donated 3 RDF's to trace false Mayday calls. The division has been conducting some of the AUXOP classes.

<u>Larry Kelley, DCDR-7</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Kelley gave an update on the CG helo that went down in March. Three were injured. Two are back on duty. The third member is in the hospital in Portland OR near her home. Kelley talked with her father recently, who said recovery is slow, but is coming along. VSC stations are planned for NSBW. Two OPTREXs planned – one in June at Jordanelle and one in August at Strawberry.

<u>Richard Thomas, DCDR-8</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Crescent City finished their spaghetti feed, with 65 attendees, and 5 or 6 new members. Thomas met with station commanders at the CG stations in the division to promote Auxiliary participation to assist with CG activities.

Rod Rollins, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment A). Mike Lauro completed his 10,000<sup>th</sup> VSC at Lake Millerton last week. The division qualified several people at their OPTREX and have held a TCT class.

<u>David Law, DCDR-11</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). Nevada is still in winter mode. They are getting with winter boat storage boat people by sponsoring an open house to do VSC's while boats are still in storage.

Roger Haynes, DCDR-12 – The division participated at a booth last weekend in the Jack London Boat Show with CalBoating. They distributed 800 dock-walker kits. The division OPTREX is on 19 June. Ray Tsunioshi is no longer head of Cal Boating.

<u>Judy Esteban, P-PCA</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). We are looking for any class suggestions for the August PCA Fair. The PCA Poker Run is on the calendar and on web site. We are doing something to encourage early registration – the registration fee waived if you sign-up early. There will also be some bonus events.

Rod Collins, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). Kudos to all the divisions on their NSBW planning.

<u>Wayne Farnholtz, DCAPT-RES</u> – Orders requests through POMS need to be submitted 1 week in advance. Some coordinators have had difficulty getting on to approve orders, but this is being worked out. Divisions and flotillas are encouraged to regenerate their telephone trees this summer. A telephone tree template is available from Division 11 (on division web site).

<u>Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP</u> – LaChapelle is reviewing video conferencing options. The Brannan Island OPEX is underway. They will be looking to DCDRs to assist with this exercise.

<u>Angelo Perata, COS</u> – Report on file (Attachment A). All district members are invited to the Lake Shasta OPTREX.

<u>CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO</u> – Regarding the upcoming *Waesche* commissioning, email invitations have gone out to the Auxiliary in general. Parking on the island will be restricted. If your invitation did not come with a parking pass, you will not be able to get on the Island. If you don't have a pass, you should park at the coliseum parking lot, where visitors will be bused to the commissioning.

DCO Williams reported on the following agenda items from the NAPM meeting:

- The new Auxiliary Manual is in review. It should be ready for distribution in Sept/Oct. There will be some significant changes.
- There will be no funding for SAR Competitions in the Pacific area or at National.
- New Division and Flotilla Procedures manuals are in for approval. They should be coming out in the fall.
- AUXOP courses status This is being reviewed at Headquarters. We hope to have info available at NACON regarding course changes.

- Logos, Patches, Flags Will be reviewed by National for District, and District for Divisions. We hope to have something to you on this by May.
- A new SAR reporting form will be out in late fall.
- National is still working on a method to get ICS-210 to people in the pipeline.
- There has been a request to change the National policy so that elected leaders must live in their geographic area.
- Paddlecraft ID decals we hope to have them shortly.
- VSC decals have been distributed to the units.
- RBS is still the focus of the Admiral in D11, so keep working on this part of the Auxiliary program.

# **FINAL COMMENTS**

Curtis Han – Will not be available as photographer for the *Waesche* commissioning. Anyone taking photos, please submit them to Bill Darling.

Wayne Farnholtz – DIRAUX has just received a box of paddlecraft decals. There are not a lot for the public, but members may request some for use with their VSC work.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

# ATTACHMENT A DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS 21 April 2010

# Mary Kirkwood, DCDR-1

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

- PE classes underway
- Continue to support communications activities
- Spring OPTREX planned
- NSBW activities planned
- Member qualified as interpreter
- Flotilla 12 made 3mo commitment to training with Station Golden Gate

## **DETAILS**

- Flotillas 12, 14 and 17 PE classes underway: BS&S, SS&S, ABS and GPS for Mariners
- Communications activities included watchstanding at the Pacific Strike Team, and assistance in several SAR cases, including 2 high profile SARs
- 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, West Marine
- Daniel Merle, Flotilla 12, qualified as Interpreter in French
- Flotilla 12 committed to 3months of training each Sunday afternoon with Station Golden Gate

# **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
- Dream Machines, April
- 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. D-Train over, Division 3 took home 62 awards
- 2. Antlers OPTREX April 29th
- 3. National Safe Boating Week
- 4. California Office of Emergency Service Liaison with USCG Air Station Sacramento
- 5. RBS moving ahead

- All flotillas represent division, 3-1 Hours of In Flight Patrols. 3-5 Trophy for Most Improved
  Flotilla, work on Atons, Team Commendation, Assist Rio Vista CG Sta. 3-9 For vessel patrol hrs,
  CG Operational support, Best of show, Outstanding Photography, Distinguished Service . 3-10
  for Training Aid Trophies, Best of Type and Most Displayed.
- 2. April 29<sup>th</sup> starts qualifying and requalifying those members who want to becoming operational both in and out of the water, Four days of training and testing will be done at Antlers Marina on Lake Shasta.
- 3. NSBW Begins on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Discovery Park in Sacramento. Free vessel Safety Checks, Life Jacket Trade Ins, Information Booth, Free Inflatable Life Jackets. On Whiskeytown Lake it begins at Brandy Creek Marina on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with helicopters from CHP and Coast Guard Air station Group Humboldt giving tours and demonstrations. Calif. National Guard Portable Bridge Battalion will also demonstrate some of their abilities. FL. 3-9 will also give free vessel safety checks and have an information booth to pass out printed material to the public.

- 4. Calif. OES and CG Air STA. Sacramento are looking for USCG Auxiliarists who will be able to respond to the state OES Command Center at Mather Field and sit at the desk to pass emergency info. Back and forth between the Operation Center Air Station Sacramento and the states Emergency Management Command Center. This will relieve a C-130 pilot who usually performs this function. We have been asked to assume this responsibility. We will need about four members who can be available on short notice, to respond to Mather Field during State Emergencies. These include large fires, floods, earthquakes, and tsunamis. These missions can go on for several hours or several days. Volunteers will work shifts during extended missions. Uniform of the day will be ODUs with member insignias. Training will be provided by the Air Station and OES. This will be a very important mission for Division 3 specifically, and the District as a whole.
- 5. Recreation Boating Safety is being watched closely through our Vessel Safety checks, dealer Visits, and PE classes. All three are being scheduled heavily throughout the division.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

Outside cooperation has been outstanding with all the agencies we are dealing with.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- 1. Antlers OPTREX-April 29<sup>th</sup> Shasta Lake
- 2. NSBW May 15<sup>th</sup> Discovery Park ,Whiskeytown-22nd
- 3. Elk Grove Jazz Parade May 28<sup>th</sup> Down town

**DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS** 

BE SAFE, GET THE WORK DONE, HAVE FUN

## Paul Verveniotis, DCDR-4

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- South Bay Opening Day successful with 8 OPFACS OTW, Sector comms trailer, and interaction with Redwood City PD.
- Continued OPS Training with STA SF and STA RIO VISTA.
- Crew qualifications remain a priority and are actively pursued
- Dockwalker training completed, several new trained personnel
- Working with Northern California Outrigger Canoe Association for heightened safety awareness and development of formal safety program.

- NSBW activities with West Marine include having a public booth and VSCs for 22 MAY. For 23 MAY will be booth only, no VSCs.
- PE Class for SJ Water Dept. had 9 students; all passed the test.
- Vessel Safety Checks conducted for 6 boats of Santa Clara Water District.
- VSC Event at Anderson Lake in Morgan Hill on 03 APR.
- VSC Event at Calero Lake in San Jose on 17 APR.

- OPTREX set for 05JUN QEs have been assigned.
- Dockwalkers training took place on 03 APR in San Jose 9 members attended.
- South Bay Opening Day Eight OPFACs participated from multiple flotillas, as well as Sector Comms trailer manned by DSO-CM Jeff Price and Mike Nolan. All went smoothly, although weather resulted in low participant turnout. CGC Tern attended as a static display. Worked with Redwood City PD patrol boat. Flotilla 41 manned their VE/PA trailer.
- OPS Training with Station San Francisco on 05 and 22 APR
- A Standard First Aid and CPR class was conducted for several members in late March.
- Various new quals are progressing (crew, VE, UPV examiner).
- Two members attended the ICS 400 class organized by D11 Prevention.
- One TCT Annual Refresher Workshop has been completed.
- A BS&S graduate invited one member to attend the Coastside Fishing Club social at Westpoint Harbor Marina in Redwood City on March 6th. Served as a PA and recruiting event with brochures distributed.
- Additional flotilla websites have begun switching over to the District template and are "Under Construction".
- Numerous members working on or have completed various quals Telecommunications
  Operator (TCO), boat crew, MS-OM, VE, UPV Examiner. Two crewmembers are completely
  signed off and awaiting OPTREX.
- Two members incorrectly lost their boat crew currency due to clerical errors have been corrected.
- Provided a safety seminar to the Northern California Outrigger Canoe Association (NCOCA).
   This was attended by 20 club representatives for this annual event. Will likely participate more to help foster safety for this high risk group.
- Contacted by Operations Mgr at Treasure Island Sailing Center for assistance with activities on NSBW. Handed off to DSO-PA and Div 01 since in their AOR.
- Division website conversion to district template still underway.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- The residents of Menlo Park's VA Hospital moved to a new building in the last few days of March special thanks to FL43 John Gordon for participating in moving day(s).
- Redwood City Police Dept provided a vessel to assist with South Bay Opening Day.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- Flotilla 49 New meeting Place is at Santa Clara Adult Education Center on Benton Street,
   Santa Clara, Room 36. Flotilla 49 will again join Flotilla 41 for joint meetings in May and July.
- Boating Safety Course on Saturday 24 APR at West Marine on Saratoga Ave, San Jose
- OPS training with Station Rio Vista on 05 MAY
- West Marine NSBW activities on 22 MAY
- VSC Weekend scheduled at Calero Reservoir on 29 May
- Participation in upcoming Opening Day and KFOG Kaboom.

# **DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS**

• Lose no quals in 2010

- Improve satisfaction levels by membership involvement in their "favorite" activities
- Increase focus on MS-OM activities
- Support NSBW
- Prep for upcoming OPTREX

# Curtis Han, DCDR-5

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Another successful DTRAIN at Rohnert Park, hosted by Division 5
- Division 5/CGSTA Bodega Bay wins Robert Phifer Award at DTRAIN
- 90 PV and 73 VSC performed in the month of March
- Digital photos of deep-draft vessels taken and submitted to Coast Guard
- Flotilla 51 and 52 hosted Dockwalker training programs in Benicia and Napa
- Flotilla 52 continues to assist California Maritime Academy cadets with their community service program.
- 3 Flotilla newsletters issued and distributed in March.
- Public education courses taught throughout the Division in March, including a class at Travis AFB.

## **DETAILS**

- On March 26-28, Division 5 hosted another successful DTRAIN. Thanks to Phil Sanchez and his dedicated DTRAIN staff, the event was very successful and well attended.
- At DTRAIN awards banquet, Division 5 and Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay were presented with the 'Robert Phifer Award'. Station Bodega Bay works closely with Division 5 members, mostly with Flotilla 55 members.
- In the month of March, total of 90 program visits and 73 vessel safety checks were performed throughout the Division AOR.
- During the safety patrol aboard Flotilla 51 and 57 surface facilities, total of 11 deep draft vessels were taken and submitted to the appropriate Coast Guard officials.
- Flotilla 52 hosted a Dockwalker training program at Napa Valley Yacht Club on March 16 with 18 students attending. Flotilla 51 also hosted a training session at Benicia Yacht Club on April 1. 24 students attended this event.
- Members of Flotilla 52 have been working with selected cadets from California Maritime
  Academy in their community service program where the cadets observe and participate in some
  of the Coast Guard Auxiliary activities. Recent activities included a cadet attending a Dockwalker
  training session and Ferry Vessel Audits.
- Flotillas 51, 52 and 57 have continued to issue and publish monthly newsletters. Flotillas 55 has
  just appointed a new Flotilla Publication Staff Officer and will resume working on their Flotilla
  newsletter.
- 7 public education classes were taught in the month of March, with all 5 Flotillas participating, including a class at Travis Air Force Base on March 20, as part of Travis AFB Recreational Boating Safety Task Force program.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

• Flotillas in Division 5 have been working closely with local yacht clubs in establishing annual vessel safety check days and safety days, in helping promote recreational boating safety.

- A group of members from Division 5 continues to participate in recreational boating safety
  activities at Travis Air Force Base. Recent activity involved a boating safety class (ABS) made
  available to the active, reserve and civilian members of the U.S. Air Force.
- Division 5 is working closely with Vivian Matuk and California Coastal Commission (DBW) in providing Dockwalker Training throughout the Division at each Flotilla levels.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Dockwalker Training and AWW/MSOM training session is scheduled on May 15. Location -Grey Eagle Farm, 201 Meadowlark Ln, Sonoma, CA. For more information, contact Wil Sumner wilsumner\_cgaux@yahoo.com
- Division 5 Operation Training Exercise is scheduled for April 24 at CGSTA Vallejo. There will not be a QE session on this date. Contact Curtis Han curtis.s.han@gmail.com.
- QE-only event is scheduled for June 26 at CGSTA Vallejo.

# Mark McLaughlin, DCDR-6

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- A major QE session is being planned by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 to be held at Santa Cruz Harbor on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. The plans are for one initial coxswain, two requal coxswain, three crew in REYER requal and five initial crew. With eleven qualifications needed to be carried out the QEs' will have a full schedule.
- Preparations are being made by all four Division 6 flotillas for NSBW. Events at Monterey and Morro Bay are being planned in conjunction with Coast Guard Stations Monterey and Morro Bay respectively. Santa Cruz and Capitola will utilize Coastie and will both flotillas will be organizing events with West Marine and the Santa Cruz Harbor District.
- 3. Robert Burt FSO-MS for Flotilla 6-4 has taken on the task of being the Division 6 coordinator for AWW. Robert is an exactive duty USCG commander and should be a productive and knowledgeable liaison between Division 6 and Sector.

## **DETAILS:**

- 1. Division 6 AuxNet call out continues on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 Auxiliary radio facilities are participating with occasional communication with Station Monterey Comms.
- 2. The Agreement was completed with Monterey Bay Kayaks for the 2010 Kayak Vendor Project. The vessel examinations have begun with over 70 kayaks receiving their VE decal after completion of a successful examination. The Paddle Safe PE course is being reviewed and a presentation will be made to the vendors for possible classes to be given to their clients.
- 3. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 taught AUXPAT on two consecutive Saturdays, March 6 and March 13, with eleven members taking the course.
- 4. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 provided safety patrols in Monterey Bay for the opening of salmon season on April 3. Prior to opening day a safety booth was set up at West Marine and close to 180 boaters were contacted.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

- 1. On March 31<sup>st</sup> Station Monterey held an eight hour TCT class was held for active duty and auxiliary members. Senior Chief Prentice from Coast Guard Island was the instructor for the class. Four auxiliary members attended as well as active duty members from Station Monterey and Station Vallejo
- 2. Members of Flotilla 6-4 are continuing to provide fingerprinting service for the active duty members of Station Monterey. This is a great service for the active duty members as it negates their having to go to Oakland for this requirement.
- 3. Tony Budlong FC 6-4 will begin training at Station Monterey Comms
- 4. Flotilla 6-4 will be participating in a Safety Fair at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Flotilla 6-1 participated in the Station Morro Bay Change of Command on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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.

## **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**

- Support to Team Coast Guard during hospitalization of three Cost Guardsmen.
- Report of D-Train activity
- Support of Utah Department of Natural Resources at a Youth Fair
- Support of Utah Department of Natural Resources at two SAR training events
- Safe Boating Week VSC activity
- OPTREX activity

## **DETAILS**

1. Support to Team Cost Guard. A pair of Coast Guard MH-60T Jayhawk helicopters were enroute from Vancouver BC to their home base in North Carolina via Salt Lake City, Utah on 3 March 2010 when tragedy struck. Flying east after refueling, one of the helicopters went down after encountering heavy snowfall just before 0900 hours. The copter crashed in mountainous terrain in the Silver Meadows area on top of Soapstone Peak at an elevation of about 9600 feet. Of the five persons on board, three suffered major injuries: Cmdr. Patrick Shaw (pilot), Lt. Cmdr. Steven Cerveny (copilot), and PO2nd Gina Panuzzi. All three were life-flighted to University Hospital in Salt Lake City. Commodore Mike Williams and DCDR Lawrence Kelley, at Captain Maguire's request, met the families of the injured Coast Guardsmen at the hospital and offered their support. Over the next several days, both visited the three patients. Fortunately, Michelle

Thompson, a member of Flotilla 72, is a nurse at the hospital, and she kept a constant check on the three as their convalescence progressed. The pilot and copilot were released to return to their duty stations. PO Panuzzi, the most seriously injured, has been transferred to a hospital near Portland, OR, which is near her family home.

2. <u>D-Train</u>. In addition to DCO Mike Williams, Joyce Bell, DSO-SR, Morris Farmer, D-AA, Lawrence Kelley, DCDR and Elliot Moses, VDCDR - eight members of Division 7 attended D-Train events at Rohnert Park, CA over 25-26 March 2010. Members paid close attention to Rear Admiral Castillo's comments on what he expects the Auxiliary to accomplish in the coming years, particularly the inland units. He summarized his desire for the way the Auxiliary is to carry out its assignments in three phrases: Be Safe, Get the Job Done, and Have Fun. The high point of the event was Division 7 taking home the trophy for being the Outstanding Division for 2009. This was a clear recognition of Dick Hoelle, IPDCDR's leadership, and the trophy now rests on his mantle.

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

1. <u>International Sportsmen's Expo.</u> Division 7 teamed with the Utah Department of Natural Resources to support the Department's Youth Fair at the International Sportsmen's Expo held at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah over 18-21 March. The DNR offered fifteen booths displaying fishing, fly tying, off-road vehicles, etc. The Auxiliary demonstrated the correct way to wear a life jacket and the importance of choosing the right jacket before it's needed

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

- 1. The Auxiliary will present a two-day SAR training session for Utah Park Rangers, Sheriff's personnel, and other interested people at Utah Lake State Park over 5-6 May. This is an annual affair the Division has been presenting for several years.
- 2. The Auxiliary 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 personnel. This event poses a serious logistical problem for the Division because boats must be trailered four hundred miles from the Salt Lake City area to support the event.
- The Division plans VSC stations at three major reservoirs in Utah at the beginning of Safe Boating Week, 22 May. Stations will be set up at Jordanelle Reservoir, Utah Lake, Pineview Reservoir, and if we can support additional stations, we'll be at Echo Reservoir and Willard Bay.
- 4. OPTREX's are planned for 11-13 June at Jordanelle Reservoir and over 13-14 August at Strawberry Reservoir.

# **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:**

- Flotilla preparations for Safe Boating Week
- Division Tour

#### **DETAILS:**

Since the last board meeting was three weeks ago there has not been much significant events throughout the Division with the exception of preparations for Safe Boating Week.

#### **DIVISION EIGHT**

I will be making a tour of Division Eight and meeting both with Gold Side and Flotilla Members April 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>rd</sup>. I will have add-on material at the District telephone meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

# **Up-Coming/Events**

- Flotilla 8-11 Flotilla meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Flotilla 88 Flotilla meeting May 1st
- Flotilla 87 Flotilla meeting May 8th
- Flotilla 86 Flotilla meeting May 15th

#### Flotilla 8-11

• May 8<sup>th</sup> – Formal Dance

## Flotilla 88

- May 15<sup>th</sup> Life Jacket Give-away
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Flotilla 88 assist to Clean-up lake shoreline
- June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Division Board Meeting and weekend training-Eureka
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Stand-by patrols for card-board boat lake races
- July 24<sup>th</sup>- Rummage sale

# Flotilla 87

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# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

Invitations to Loran Station Closure

#### **DIVISION GOALS:**

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

- To retain membership keep close attention to those members we now have –especially the new people give them authority, give them task, pay attention to them, recognize them, give them a mentor and make them feel part of the team.
- Create new blood for Division Staff Officers for the future. Take on assistants to help you and to guide them with knowledge regarding a specific position.
- Identify and provide guidance to potential leadership positions within each flotilla for future elected officers and specifically aid in obtaining required courses, ie, ICS, APC, etc.
- To have each flotilla in the Division concluding a plus 4 "net" membership. Recruit & retain!!!

- To provide substantial effort to develop Flotilla 8-6 to continue as an independent flotilla in 2011 by increasing membership and getting local leadership roles and elected officers in place. After all the work the O'Connor's have done, as well as many of us throughout the division, it would be a shame to have to make this a detachment.
- To explore and develop a minor Division Fund Raiser.
- To continue with support to Flotilla's on their annual operations in a *safe and effective* manner.

# Rod Rollins, DCDR-10

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mike Lauro has completed 10,000 VSC's
- Planning for OPEX-Lake Kaweah
- Successful OPTREX at Don Pedro

# DETAILS

- Mike Lauro completed 10,000 VSC's the 10.000<sup>th</sup> was done at Lake Millerton on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Kaweah Flotilla has an OPEX this weekend.
- The OPTREX at Don Pedro went very well. Two new crew and one new coxswain. Two coxswains and four crew requalified, Members of three divisions and seven flotillas attended as part of the OPTREX not including the QE's.
- An ABS class is taught twice a month every month by Flotilla 10-05.

# **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

None noted.

# UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

None at this time except NSBW events.

NOTE: I will be at the Virginia Tech Graduation Ceremonies next month and therefore will not be attending the next board meeting. Denis Eaton will be attending in my absence.

# **David Law, DCDR-11**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. Boat Crew Training with Station Tahoe
- 2. Boat Storage VE Day
- 3. Division 11 Wins District Award for Best Website
- 4. Flotilla 11-01 Wins District Award for Best VE Flotilla
- 5. Reno Boat Show booths were shared with Nevada Division Of Wildlife and Division 11

- 1. Boat Crew Training continued with Station Tahoe through the month of April
- 2. Boy! It's still winter here. So, go where the boats are and have a VE day at a large boat storage facility

- 3. Congratulations to Division 11 Webmaster Tom Komadina and his contributors for winning the District Best Web Site award
- 4. Congratulations to flotilla 11-01 for winning the Best VE Flotilla in the district

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- 1. At the request of Station Tahoe, Two-boat Trainings are scheduled throughout the month
- **2.** Nevada Division Of Wildlife shared a booth with us at the Reno Boat Show. Show attendance was much lower than previous years

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

- 1. April 18<sup>th</sup> Operations workshop and TCT
- 2. April 18<sup>th</sup> VE Day at Reno Toy Storage
- 3. April 26th:Division meeting, Fire Station 1, Carson City, NV, 17:00 hours

# **DIVISION GOALS**

1. Increase Safe Boating Training with interagency partners

# Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Meeting Breakfast at D-TRAIN

Very well attended

Uniform for PCA Fair members can choose between Tropical Blue or ODU's

Roger Haynes will head the Poker Run scheduled for July 31

Please submit suggestions for classes for the August Fair

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

#### <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

- Attended DTRAIN
- NSBW Update
- Waesche Commissioning Update
- Division 10 OPTREX at Lake Don Pedro

- Attended DTRAIN. I was fortunate to be asked to do a presentation for the RBS session on Project planning. I had a great time at DTRAIN and I believe that this was another successful event that was enjoyed by all in attendance.
- While at DTRAIN I attended a session that was scheduled by Jerry McAlwee, for all of the
  Division NSBW chairpersons. From all of the reports, of the events that are scheduled, I think
  this year is going to have excellent results! Every Division has planned an event and many have
  multiple events scheduled during NSBW week. All I can ask is that you take lots of pictures and
  include them with your NSBW reports to Jerry McAlwee. Thanks to all of the Division

- Commanders and their chairpersons for making this a high priority with all of the other activities you are doing.
- Simone Adair is the Tour Guide Lead for the *Waesche* Commissioning on May 7. As of today Simone has a full complement of volunteers for the duties of the day. If any late comers would like to offer their services, please have them contact Simone directly.
- Attended the Lake Don Pedro OPTREX for Division 10 on April 17 & 18. Great people, food, weather and training. Thanks for the hospitality!

## **INTERAGENCY INTERACTIONS**

No contacts so far this month.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS**

- National Safe Boating Week, May 22 28.
- Boating Safety is our mission!!!

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

- Plan to work with Division 11N Commanders Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals for 2010.
- Plan to work with Division 11N Staff and assist them where needed in the completions of their goals and projects for 2010.
- Plan for activities during NSBW (May 22-28)
- Assist in getting the AWW program restarted in District 11N.

# Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-SUP

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Video Teleconferencing -Up Date
- OPEX Brannan Island October
- Cal-E.M.A USCG Air Station Sacramento Liaison

- 1. Cisco's "WEBEX" program sales people indicate that they can provide Video Teleconferencing for 25 separate sites. View up to six (6) sites at a time, with the ability to change to any remote site at any time. The can pass on PPT video to the remote sites. Cost \$49.95/month (about \$600.00/year.)
- 2. We have formed a Brannan Island Committee. Flotilla 3-10 will set-up the program using Flotilla Asset as much as possible. The Exercise will be designed as a mini Lake Powell OPEX. Being as the Flotilla Resources will be devoted to developing, managing and supporting the OPEX, all the players will come from outside the Flotilla. The exercise is designed for eight (8) surface facilities, two (2) land mobile radio units, one (1) Mobile Communications Trailer (provided by

- FL-3-10), and one (1) Aux Aircraft. Funding available, We would like 10-14 Surface Facilities, 4 LMR, 2 Aux Aircraft. During the OPEX, There will be provisions for people to observe the Mission Operations at the C.P. including Plotting Maps and speakers broadcasting the radio transmissions.
- 3. We have selected 4 members, and myself, to be trained as Liaison for the USCG AIR STATION SACRAMENTO-to the State Office of Emergency Services, (OES): Bob McCaw, Bob Davison, James Duncan, Harry Sinclair, and myself.
- 4. I have attended a class at the Cal-E.M.A (Emergency Management Agency. The other four members will attend the same class April 27th. It is my intention to remain as the manage until the program is well underway, then appoint one of the current members to manage the program.
- 5. We are awaiting the Air Station to complete their JOB GUIDE booklet, which will provide policy and procedures for our Liaison Officers to follow.

PROJECTS (Not listed above)

Heraldry - Guide in writing stage

# **Angelo Perata, COS**

- 1. Auxiliary Manual will be out soon (we hope.) CD's only no printed copies.
- 2. SAFE BOATING in the DELTA from the State of California.
  - a. 2006 only 6% of Boaters were wearing life jackets while boating in the Delta.
  - b. 2009 we have seen an increase of 15%.
  - c. While the numbers seem small, it's a step in the right direction and we will continue to improve this number.
- 3. Vice Admiral Breckenridge will be retiring May 17 2010. VDM Breckenridge was a great supporter of the Auxiliary and we will miss her. We wish her good luck & happiness.
- 4. Captain Gugg of Sector San Francisco will be retiring in August 19 2010
- 5. Captain Cullen also from Sector S.F. will be retiring June 25 2010
- 6. We had the opportunity to meet them at our Change of Watches and they were very appreciative of what the Auxiliary does and how valuable to the Coast Guard in the many things we do.
- 7. D-TRAIN 2010, ROHNERT PARK Another success, thanks to our hard working committee, with Phil Sanchez at the helm.
- 8. Our Auxiliary store did another outstanding job. Thank you all for your hard work in all phases. We do not want to miss anybody, so thank you all.

FINAL NOTE - The ANNUAL DELTA POKER RUN July 31 2010 At Brannan Island Park. Lets get behind Roger Haynes and keep this event rolling. What better way for fellowship, training, and just good fun and food. Division Commanders talk this up at your Division meeting. The flyer is out on the web.