

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR  
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
10 September 2011

The meeting was called to order by DCO Angelo Perata at 0930, who introduced Howard Gladwin, Auxiliarist from District 9C and CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX, who gave a few words.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO and the Guardian Ethos was led by Rod Collins, DCOS. Following the Ethos, DCO Perata called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DCO Perata called for approval of the 18 June 2011 minutes.

Motion: Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 moved and Brian O'Mara, VCDR-4 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

DCO Perata called for approval of the 17 August 2011 minutes.

Motion: Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 moved and Simone Adair, DCDR-1 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

#### DCO REPORT

DCO Perata reported on the following items:

- The new *Auxiliary Manual* is on line and available to download.
- Members are encouraged to submit Form 7029 on line. The procedure is easy, and COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS will give a presentation on how it's done. The reporting of these hours is very important in order to provide justification for funding Auxiliary projects and activities.
- Thanks to CAPT Maguire and CDR Sumrok the Coast Guard is offering Auxiliarists "A Day on the Bay" on board the *Aspen* on 16 October. The cruise will accommodate 150 people, and the first 150 individuals registered will be allowed to attend. Registration is open to Auxiliary members and immediate family (don't know about children). Uniform is civilian casual, and lunch will be served for a nominal fee. Registration will be through the office of Rich Thomas, DCAPT, 707-987-2227 (M-F) 9am to 5pm. Information will be posted on the district web site under "What's New."
- District membership at the beginning of 2011 was 1496. We are currently at 1553 members.
- The State of California is no longer giving away brochures, whistles, etc., but they will give away safety equipment, including life jackets.

- Auxiliary volunteers wishing to work on America's Cup must go to our chairman, COMO Vic Connell, not to the America's Cup Committee.

#### NACON AWARDS

- DCO Perata, assisted by Rod Collins, DCOS and Roger Haynes, DSO-PE presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Place PE Photography Award to Mart Gardner of Flotilla 07-02.
- DCO Perata, assisted by CDR Sumrok, presented the VSC Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award to D11N, Flotilla 10-2. Mike Lauro, DSO-VE accepted the award.
- DCO Perata, assisted by CDR Sumrok, presented the NOAA Charting Award and the Charting Update Award to D11N. Jim Duncan, DSO-NS accepted the award.
- DCO Perata, assisted by CDR Sumrok, presented a Charting Update Award to Kevin Sellstrom.

#### DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS

DCO Perata called for district board reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Several facilities in the division participated in SAR cases this past month. Fleet Week shoreside planning continues, with 100 volunteers. We would still like more volunteers. Auxiliarist George Barantseff provided interpretation assistance for the Russian training ship **Pallada**. Two division members are attending planning meetings for the **Stratton** commissioning.

Ed Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division meeting was held on 9 September and the Everbridge test was discussed. Members expressed that because of high summer temperatures, they would like to be able to continue to wear the hot weather uniform for patrols. The 2011 Division COW is 10 December at 1200. The 2012 COW will be 8 December.

Brian O'Mara, VCDR-4, Report on file (Attachment B). The division will be supporting the VA Hospital on 11 November. They are also looking at supporting the Veterans' Day parade in San Jose. The division is planning an OPTREX in Redwood City.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has sponsored several PE classes in August, including paddleboat courses. They had 115 students and 12 adults in a PE class at the YMCA. They have an increased presence on waterways with their AWW work. This has been very successful. Division elections are 6 October. The Division COW is also 10 December.

Sean Sheehan, VCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The Santa Cruise tsunami repair work has been completed. The U-Dock held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the Port Director thanked all who participated, specifically mentioning the CG Auxiliary.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO for DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). Division elections will be on 13 September. The Auxiliary has provided support for 16 major marine events in Utah since May. There are two more events to go. The state of Utah has provided 4 facilities and 2 PWC's for Auxiliary use. The division is active in Ham radio, with several net programs.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is conducting a PE class at Ft. Bragg. The division OPTREX is at Clear Lake and all members are invited. Flotilla 08-11 will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 5 November.

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). Flotilla 10-3 is doing a PE booth at the Bean Festival. We have concluded the AUXCOM class via Webinar. We have been conducting division meetings via Webinar, which has worked very well. Division elections will be 17 September.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). On Labor Day weekend there were 5 vessels on Lake Tahoe for races. There are events scheduled every weekend through the end of September. The division participated in a training session with aircraft for the upcoming 22-mile paddleboard race. A few glitches were discovered and have been worked out. Division elections will be 26 September.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). Ferry vessel audits have been increased this weekend because of 9/11. There will be a dockwalker exercise on 17 September. There is space available on vessel *Journey* during Fleet Week. There will be a PA Affairs course on 15 October at CGI. District members are invited. Division COW is a luncheon at Pier 29 on 4 December. District award nominations need to be submitted ASAP. Sea Scout program information is available on line.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). The PCA fair had 200 members present. Thanks to AuxChef for providing the luncheon. Flotilla 04-09 received the award and check for most attendees at the PCA Fair. The Memorial patio is completed. Thanks to everyone who worked on the construction of it. Thanks to Roger Haynes for chairing the memorial construction. So far, 43 Auxiliary members and friends have participated. PCA elections will be in November.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – The boating season is drawing to an end, and this is a good time to check the tires on your boat trailer. They wear out from sun and salt rot. Also be sure to check your inflatable life jackets.

CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX – The POMS issue got a lot of attention at NACON. On the local level, CDR Sumrok expressed appreciation to Gail Ramsey and Anita Farnholtz for their work on POMS.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – At the PCA Fair CWO Kilburger gave a presentation on QE preparation. He has designed the presentation to help Crew/Coxswains prepare for QE signoff. SAMA expenditures this year will not be the basis for next year's funding, because of the POMS problems. This will happen next year instead. Kilburger introduced Tina Perry, DIRAUX Office Manager, who presented the following information:

- Travel Orders for the August PCA Fair, NACON 2011 and the 10 September Board and Staff Meeting must be in the DIRAUX office no later than 15 September.
- New Member Applications must be signed by the Flotilla Commander on page 1. Page 3 signature verifying actual viewing of the original birth certificate or passport must be by an Auxiliarist who holds a DO security clearance.
- C-School Travel Orders in FY12 will be part of a continuing resolution. Therefore, travel orders may not be available until 2-3 days before the class begins. Those requesting a C-School need to make sure they're available to attend on short notice any of the dates requested. There are penalties for no-shows and also for not completing homework assignments.

D-Train 2012 – DCO Perata announced that the Coast Guard has selected a date for the commissioning of the CG Cutter ***Dorothy Stratton***. Unfortunately, the date is the same weekend as D-Train 2012. DCO Perata and Phil Sanchez, EP will be meeting with the hotel in Monterey to see if they can change the scheduled week-end to avoid the current conflict.

Recess: 1045

Reconvene: 1050

#### DISTRICT ELECTIONS

DCO Perata directed COMO Mike Maddox to conduct the district elections. COMO Maddox reviewed the election process for the district board. Nine votes will be needed for election. COMO Maddox reported that the candidates for election are:

Curtis Han  
Mary Kirkwood  
Mark McLaughlin  
Nick Tarlson  
Richard Thomas

COMO Maddox called for nominations from the floor. There were none. COMO Maddox declared nominations from the floor closed. COMO Maddox invited each candidate to address the board. Following the candidates' speeches COMO Maddox announced that the tellers committee is COMO Gail Ramsey, COMO Vic Connell and Jim Duncan, DSO-NS.

1<sup>st</sup> Ballot:

Mary Kirkwood elected

2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot:

Richard Thomas elected

3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot:

Tie for low vote between Curtis Han and Mark McLaughlin

4<sup>th</sup> Ballot:

Mark McLaughlin eliminated

5<sup>th</sup> Ballot:

Curtis Han elected

COMO Maddox directed the tellers committee to retain the ballots for 24 hours and then destroy them.

7029 Web Form – COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS reviewed the procedure for using the on-line Form 7029.

9/11 – Sue Fry, DSO-MS discussed AWW enhanced activity and awareness during this 9/11 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary week-end. There will be a special commemoration event on CGI at 0800 on 9 September. The uniform is Tropical Blue, Long with Combination Hat.

Auxiliary Memorial– DCO Perata announced that there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Auxiliary memorial on 19 November during the district board and staff meeting. More details will be forthcoming.

Recess: 1130

Reconvene: 1235

#### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Rod Collins, DCOS directed the DCAPT's to call for staff reports as follows:

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS called for the following staff reports:

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). A good effort is being made in the AWW program. Ferry boat audit presence this weekend is being coordinated by Abigail Wagg.

Jim Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). 30 September is the deadline for all PATON work to be completed. Several still need to be done. Only 35% of the aid verifiers have submitted the 7030 for their activity. Duncan emphasized the importance of submitting time to continue funding.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Absent

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Haynes is entering classes on the web when information is available. Flotilla 05-07 has built a relationship with the school adult education program which has worked very well for them.

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

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

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). The Delta Blitz was great program. 385 VSC's were done over 3 weekends. There were several RBS classes at the PCA Fair. Kirkwood attended the RBS conference in San Diego and contacted several agencies. Kirkwood will have a list of VA hospitals in areas for divisions who might wish to be involved. Nick Tarlson and Steve Salmon received achievement awards at NACON. Paddlecraft purchases in 2012 will include membership in the National Paddlecraft Association, which will allow some registration of vessels out there.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES called for the following staff reports:

Larry Olsen DSO-AV – The AuxAir program is continuing on as normal with 4-5 patrols per week. They worked with Lake Tahoe on the standup paddleboard event. An Auxiliary helo on patrol today spotted a capsized boat with 4 PIW. The sighting was reported, and the helo directed the rescue vessel to pick up the victims. One of the victims appeared to be in serious condition. The sighting probably saved his life.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). Price will be working on Sector events at Monterey.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). Happiness is POMS working. We are still losing some facilities. There may be some changes district-wise to see what we can do. Next month there will be some stats.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). NACON introduced SABOT (Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training) program. We may extract some of the items used. When we do MOB training, most are done with Type IV's or fenders. They don't represent reality. We need to use something that looks more human-like so we have an opportunity to see how difficult a PIW is to locate. Using a weighted dummy allows planning on how to bring the person on board the boat. We are still working on whether or not to hold another District OPEX next year. We had great turnout for the 2011 OPEX. Dockside and comms training were great.

Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SUP called for the following staff reports:

Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). The election results have been entered on the district web site. Elected officers are responsible for use of the email distribution list. Some divisions are not using it, some are overusing it. Be sure you use the list appropriately and send only essential information. Make sure it's appropriate, secure and accurate.

Bob Davison, DSO-HR – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file (Attachment C). COMO McBain will be gone from 30 September to 20 October and will not be available via phone or email.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). The district store did well at the PCA Fair. Our year-to-date now equals what we have done totally in the past. We are bringing on a new line of products that will be maintenance and repair oriented. These items will be going onto the on-line store within the next week or so. On-line sales are going great. We're pulling from all over the country.

COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT - COMO Maddox is working on the elected officer training for November. New AUXOP members in the district who want to be able to mentor electronic testing need to let Maddox and Ramsey know so they can be added to the list of qualified mentors. There have been some glitches in some of the on-line exams. If you see any more glitches, send the page to Maddox. The AUXSEA and AUXNAV courses are being revised

Wes Craig, DSO-PB – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C). DCO Perata reported the commendation from RADM Castillo regarding an article in the last **Northwind**.

Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SUP – The AuxChef program is doing very well. Thomas acknowledged the great work of Linda Haynes as head of the program. The first AuxChef newsletter will be distributed within the week. Division 1 is working on land-based people for Fleet Week. 94 people are registered to date. AWW/Tuesday Nite Live business cards are available. "Tuesday Nite Live" is still going strong. Fast responses are getting new members. Attendees are interested. Thomas is working on a new program, "Tuesday Nite Late," which will be an advanced orientation for new members. It will be offered twice a month. When the program is completed, the board and staff will be invited to look at it and give feedback. Remember that we are responsible to make sure uniforms are being worn correctly. When we are on the CG station, we need to make sure we're wearing the right uniform.

Rod Collins, DCOS called for the following staff reports:

Steven Perez, DSO-DV – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C).

Fran Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). Effective 1 July, mileage reimbursement is 55.5-cents per mile. Member disenrollments must be sent to the DSO-HR by 1 October. Fisher reminded the board that the allocation of \$10,000 for next year's D-Train should be voted on today.

Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Nothing to report.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Randy Parent, DFSO – Absent.

Dave Talton for Robert Hendry, ASC – Excused. The Everbridge AIMS test recently completed was designed to introduce the program to the leadership. The next test will probably be a direct all-hands broadcast. We learned a lot from the first test and will be doing another test soon.

Rod Collins, DCOS – We now have the new ***Auxiliary Manual*** which is available on line. All DCDR's are encouraged to read it. There are a lot of changes and a lot of new things in there. Collins is now the Webinar contact person for all meetings. There is a lot of webinar time available if you want to use it, and it's available for all units in the district to use. We are the only district that is actively using a Webinar-type program. DCDR's, please confirm your division election dates with your DCAPT as soon as possible.

DCO Perata, assisted by CDR Sumrok and COMO Williams, conducted a frocking ceremony for Curtis Han, DCAPT(e).

#### OLD BUSINESS

2011 District OPEX – Nothing to add.

2012 District OPEX – Nothing to add

America's Cup – COMO Vic Connell reported that planning meetings are gearing up. Our role is yet to be defined. We are working with the Coast Guard on that. This is not a military event. It is a civilian event and will be run primarily by the Yacht Clubs. As soon as COMO Connell knows what we're going to be asked to do, he will let DCO Perata know. We won't have an on-shore presence and surface activity is still unclear. An AuxMed device is being worked on.

Everbridge – Already covered.

Uniforms – There has been some confusion about the hot weather uniform. The hot weather uniform has not been removed as an Auxiliary uniform. It is still an operational uniform.

#### NEW BUSINESS

D-Train 2012 – Phil Sanchez, EP reported that D-Train 2012 will be in Monterey CA at the Portola Hotel and Spa. He and DCO Perata will be trying to work on a date change. The hotel registration is ready. The price is \$107/night, plus \$9 parking. There will be tax-exempt forms available at check-in.

New Elected Officer Training – Nothing to add.

Change of Watch Dates – DCO Perata reminded DCDR's that Hendry needs COW information for the gold side ASAP. The gold side needs to review this information ahead of time. Please send the information to Hendry as soon as you receive the request.

COW Awards – DCO Perata reminded DCDR's to submit award requests 30-60 days before their COW. The district web site, under "awards," has templates for how to put together an award application. Contact Nick Tarlson if you need additional help. If anyone is interested in writing awards, Tarlson is looking for help.

D-Train 2012 Finance – DCO Perata reminded the board that funds for D-Train 2012 need to be approved.

Motion: COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO moved and Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS seconded that the board approve \$10,000 for D-Train 2012. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1400.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a district board webinar meeting on Wednesday, 19 October 2011 at 1900 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR



**ATTACHMENT A**

**ATTENDANCE LIST  
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
10 September 2011**

**DISTRICT BOARD:**

DCO Angelo Perata	Brian O'Mara, VCDR-4
Rod Collins, DCOS	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO	Sean Sheehan, VCDR-6
CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX	Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS	Denis Eaton, DCDR-10
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES	Leon Borden, DCDR-11
Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SUP	Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12
Simone Adair, DCDR-1	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Ed Kief, DCDR-3	

**DISTRICT STAFF:**

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Jim Duncan, DSO-NS
Tina Perry, DIRAUX Staff	COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP
Larry Olsen, DSO-AV	Roger Haynes, DSO-PE
Jeff Price, DSO-CM	Phil Grove, DSO-PV
Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN	Mike Lauro, DSO-VE
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS	Neil Nevesny, CRC
Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP	Phil Sanchez, EP
Dave Talton, DSO-MA	Linda Haynes, D-AD/H
Sue Fry, DSO-MS	COMO Vic Connell, America's Cup
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT	

**GUESTS:**

Bill Correll, VCDR-10/ADSO-PV	Marlene Phifer, FSO-SO
Jim Blackburn, VCDR-5	Marsha Sanchez, FL-55
Steve Johnson, ADSO	Jack Kane, FC-12-01
Robert Liu, ADSO-LP	Cathryn Villasenor, FL-12-01
John Banks, ADSO-OP	Howard Gladwon, FC-09-30-05
Robin Stewart, SO-SR/FSO-SR	George Barantseff, SO/FSO-DV FL-12
Bill Burns, ADSO	
Monica Eaton, FC-10-3	

## ATTACHMENT B

### DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 10 September 2011

#### **Simone Adair, DCDR-1**

##### HIGHLIGHTS

- Division 1 facilities participate in SAR cases.
- Fleet Week meetings underway.
- Diversity Officer/Russian Interpreter provides linguistic support for *Pallada* visit.
- Division 1 members attend PCA Fair

##### DETAILS

- Paul Charlton, FSO-OP for Flotilla 17, reports that his vessel *Fever* responded to a SAR request on August 4, towing a stranded vessel into Ballena Bay. Linda Vetter, FSO-OP for Flotilla 19, reports that her vessel *Silver Charm* conducted helicopter training for Air Station San Francisco on July 22, August 5 and August 10. All three patrols also involved SAR cases, in each case resulting in *Silver Charm* towing the vessel to safety. *Sunrise* also spent two hours on August 11 searching for a person in the water, and another seven hours in a similar search on August 18.
- Auxiliarists Richard Saber, David Talton and Richard Celia are attending Fleet Week planning meetings in San Francisco. Approximately 94 members have stepped up for shore side duties.
- George Barantseff, SO-Diversity, provided linguistic support for Russian Merchant Marine Academy (RMMA) Training Ship *Pallada*. Please see short article at end of report.
- Division 1 had a great turnout for PCA Fair, with members attending classes, teaching, and volunteering at District Store.

##### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Division members continue to volunteer and train with Air Station San Francisco, Stations Golden Gate and San Francisco, Sector San Francisco Prevention and Pacific Area Strike Team.

##### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- VE day planned for Modern Sailing's "Sailstice" Sept. 18 at 10 am.
- BSS class, at South San Francisco Adult Education School, Sept 12; Flotilla 1-4 is hosting a Weekend Navigator class, Sept. 20.

##### Division 1 Goals

- The successful planning, implementation and review of the following areas:
- Auxiliarist Leadership: Staff Officer Development, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Diversity Training, Member Training, Recognition, Fellowship
- Team Coast Guard Leadership: Fleet Week, AUXOP Classes, Disaster Preparedness
- Community Leadership: Instructor & Classroom Pooling, Speaker's Bureau, Public Education, National Safe Boating Week, Vessel Exam Days, Safety Days, Partnerships

#### **Ed Kief, DCDR-3**

##### HIGHLIGHTS

- Everbridge
- ALCOAST 291/11
- 2011 COW
- 8 hour TCT class

#### DETAILS

- The Everbridge test 31 August, 2011 brought up a good list of issues with the system. Two of the five FC's were out of town, therefore didn't receive the emergency message. One of the five FC's was at the hospital getting a chemo treatment, therefore didn't receive the message. The other two FC's received the message and immediately responded by sending an emergency message to their respective Flotilla's. The conclusion from the Division 3 Board is that their needs to be a back-up of some sort. Perhaps after 15 minutes and no response from a FC the call would go the VFC or back to the DCDR who could send the message to the flotilla members.
- The feedback I got from the FC's was that some members didn't wait for the whole message and push the number one telling the system that the call was acknowledged.
- ALCOAST 291/11 has the Div. 3 Operations members talking about mutiny. The average age of operations member on D-3 is around 68 and their old body's aren't as resilient to the heat as younger people. In the Sacramento, Redding are the ambient heat from May to October runs from 95 to 112 and the time frame SAR patrols are most needed on the inland waters is from 1300 to 2000. That time frame being the hottest part of the day and heat exhaustion becomes a magnanimous threat and the GAR will end the patrol before it starts.
- Way back in March or April I (I haven't checked the minutes for a correct date) I reported the COW would be 10 December, 1200 hours, at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd , Sacramento, UOD trop. The District Calendar shows otherwise.
- There will be an 8 hour TCT class held at Air Station Sacramento, 02 October, 2011. tentative time 0800 to 1700.

#### UP-COMING EVENTS

- Fleet week
- Division Nominations & election, 13 October
- Oct. 14 & 15 OPTREX at Brannan Island

#### Flotilla 31 – Air Squadron

- Flying support for the Gold side.
- Swim test at CGI 17 Sept. from 0930 to 1130.

#### Flotilla 33 – Gold Country

- Four members in AP status
- BS&S scheduled for 13 Sept.
- We are down to one facility to cover Folsom Lake
- VE's are working the Folsom Lake ramps making an Auxiliary presence.
- FC has been meeting with the Safety and Security Manager at the Central California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation concerning Auxiliary assistance in being more eyes watching Folsom Dam.

#### Flotilla 35 – Sacramento

- An ABS class is in progress with 23 students.
- VE stations will be set up in the Sacramento area
- 11 Sept. plan to have 3 facilities on the Sacramento River
- 13 Sept. train with Dart
- 17 Sept. Multi Agency training event on Lake Natoma

- Sept. 18 social media event “Rage on the River” held on the American River. There will be a couple assimilated medical SAR cases the Aux. can participate in.

#### Flotilla 39 – Thirtey-niners

- PV reported 21 Marine Dealer Visitations for July 2011 and a total of 158 YTD.
- VE reported 190 Vessel Inspections for July 2011, and a total of 957 YTD.
- OIC M. Maddox: Reported a Nav. Rule class is scheduled covered the Whiskeytown Park Moonlight Kayak Special Kayak program
- A request was made for a SAR patrol on Black Butte Lake and VE inspections by the Army Corps of Engineers, because of two recent fatalities on the lake.
- Discussed other up coming events, i.e. all Flotilla Barbeque at Whiskeytown Lake in August, Air Show in September and Salmon Festive in October.
- Redding Air Show 24 & 25 September
- 24 September Marina Safety Day at Jones Valley Marina, Shasta Lake
- 15 October Salmon Festival in Anderson at Coleman Fish Hatcher
- OPTREX scheduled for 27-30 October at Oroville Lake.
- Veterans Day Parade in November
- COW in December

#### Flotilla 3-10 – Elk Grove

- Putting the wheels in motion for the Brannan Island OPTREX.
- Conducted OTW training in the Delta in preparation of the OPTREX.
- 3-10 OPTREX = October 14-15 Brannan Island
- 3-10 Elections = Nominations taken for an October election
- 3-10 COW = December 15 at Vince’s Restorante

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- United States Coast Guard
- Dept. of Boating and Waterways
- Assist. California Park Rangers in D-3 AOR
- Asst. Law Enforcement within the boundary’s of the Auxiliary
- CA – EMA (California - Emergency Management Agency)

#### Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- PATONS including bridges completed except for SFO airport, to be done by mid-September
- Suddenly in command class held at West Marine – Saratoga, and Boating Safety and Seamanship class starting on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- PA Event being planned for November 11<sup>th</sup> at VA Hospital in Menlo Park. This will be the third one this year.
- Continued effort to enhance Division’s competence and readiness. Division 4 OPTREX being held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, dock 7 at Redwood City Marina. Several members from Divisions 6 and 12 participating along with members of Division 4.
- Paul Verveniotis fl. 43, and Mike Fiamingo received awards for completing 20 VSCs.
- Six new members receive ID and AP status. Two more in process.
- VE Events held at Alviso Marina, Redwood City Marina, and Anderson lakes.
- Derek Chan has updated the Division website, incorporating the PE class schedule from various flotillas.
- Conducted Everbridge trial run between DCDR and FCs.
- Flotillas 48 and 49 plan to participate in a Day in the Bay event at Alviso Park/Marina on 9/17/11

## DETAILS

- PA Support Event being held at Veterans Hospital on November 11<sup>th</sup>, coordinated by flotilla 43. This event being held at the request of the hospital and it will be the third one this year.
- BS&S class scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Another Suddenly in Command class held at West Marine – Saratoga for September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Division 4 OPTREX being held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, dock 7 at Redwood City Marina has been reserved. It will have the participation of candidates from Divisions 6 and 12.
- Walter Schilling, Pedro Baltar, Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz and Frederick Saunders received member IDs and are now AP status in fl. 43; Patricia Flood and James Gutierrez in fl. 49. Mr. Nicholas Normondo, previous Auxiliary member, will be re-joining flotilla 46, after his term of duty in the US Army. Application packet in progress. Ms Wendy Tsang a prospective new member for flotilla 49, has submitted her application packet.
- Successful run conducted with Everbridge Contact System between DCDR and Division 4 flotilla commanders. All FCs now have IDs and PWs.
- Continued effort on vessel safety checks at Santa Clara County inland lakes, and at Alviso as well as at Redwood City Marinas. Number of vessel safety checks completed so far this year exceed those done in 2010 during the same period by about 30%. 15 AWW contacts made so far this month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, LOCATIONS

- Flotillas 48 and 49 will be having an information booth at Day in the Bay event at Alviso Marina, on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2011. We had a similar booth last year at the same event. This provides an excellent opportunity for further awareness to our organization, vessel safety checks for kayaks, AWW, etc.
- PA event to be held at VA Hospital in Menlo Park on Veteran's Day. Studying the possibility of participating in the Veteran's Day Parade in San Jose.

## Curtis Han, DCDR-5

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Flotilla 55 provided Paddle Sport safety course at Station Bodega Bay.
- Water safety presentation given to YMCA Day Care Facility
- Boating safety session provided at California Cadet Academy
- Flotilla 55, 52 and 51 members continue to perform Watchstander duties and trainings
- Increased surface operations and AWW activities starting the month of August
- Division 5 logged 1600 hours in the month of August, including recreational boating safety, public education and surface operation missions.

### DETAILS

- Flotilla 55 members provided the Paddle-Sport safety classes for 3 people on August 13th at Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay.
- Instructors from Flotilla 57 provided water safety classes to 115 students and 12 adults at the local YMCA day care facility.
- Members of Flotilla 52 provided boating safety courses to the cadets of California Cadet Academy held at Pacific Union College.
- Members of Flotillas 51, 52 and 55 continue to perform Watchstander duties and break-in training throughout the month at Coast Guard Stations Vallejo and Bodega Bay.
- Starting in the month of August, members of Division 5 began increased safety/maritime observation patrols and America's Waterway Watch missions throughout the Division AOR.

Total of 11 patrols involving 10 Auxiliary Facilities participated, covering Vallejo and Bodega Bay areas of responsibility. AWW brochures and cards were distributed as members participated in VSC, PV and AWW missions throughout the month.

- In the month of August, Division 5 logged about 1600 hours, including 150 surface patrol hours, 81 vessel examination hours (85 exams), 41 program visit hours (90 visits), 43 hours of public education, 95 hours of marine safety and 63 hours of Coast Guard Administrative and Operational Support. Slower month for Division 5.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members of Flotilla 55 continue to work closely with the Sonoma County Sheriff Marine Unit and the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Sonoma.
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in activities and support Coast Guard Stations Rio Vista, Vallejo and Bodega Bay

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 5 October meeting is scheduled for October 6th -Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000. Uniform of the day is Tropical Blue or appropriate civilian attire.
- Election dates: Division 5 -October 6th @ 2000 Flotilla 51 -October 13th @ 1930 Flotilla 52 -October 18th @ 1930 Flotilla 53 -October 18th @ 1930 Flotilla 55 -October 11th @ 1930 Flotilla 57 -October 27th @ 1900
- Changes of Watch: Division 5 -December 10th @ 1200 Flotilla 51 -December 3rd @ 1700 Flotilla 52 -December 3rd @ 1100 Flotilla 53 -TBD Flotilla 55 -TBD Flotilla 57 -December 18th, Time TBD
- SPECIAL NOTE: Division 5 Tie-out at Brannan Island, scheduled for September 23-25 will be cancelled due to lack of response and interests. Additional social event will be scheduled at a later time.

#### DIVISION GOALS & FUTURE PLANS

- Continue increased surface operations and America's Waterway Watch missions throughout the 3-month operational period (AUG-OCT).
- 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 joint training opportunities.

#### Wally Smith, DCDR-6

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled VSC stations are underway in Santa Cruz and Monterey
- Nine patrols on Monterey Bay in August
- Coast Guard Birthday Picnic for Station Monterey
- Tsunami Recovery Update
- AUXSEA class completed in Santa Cruz
- BBQ held at CG Station "Santa Cruz – Small"
- PE classes resume in September

#### DETAILS

- Flotilla 6-4 continues to conduct Vessel Safety Checks at Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento in addition to the Monterey vicinity. Personnel from 6-4 have already conducted over 1,000 VSC's this year! The 6-4 "Lake Team" is led by FC Bill Dodson who has personally conducted over 750!
- Vessel Safety Checks are being performed on a scheduled basis in Santa Cruz Harbor. VSC's are offered by VE's from 6-7 on the second Saturday of each month, and by VE's from 6-10 on the fourth Saturday!
- 1,455 VSC's have been conducted in Division 6 thus far this year.
- The Boat Crew training program offered monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 1800 at an Operational Facility in Santa Cruz Harbor continues to be very popular. Fourteen members attended the August training session. All trainees are welcome and dockside training and sign-offs are available. Dockside training in August was divided into two groups with one training on communications and the other training on first aid. The first aid segment was led by a member who is a paramedic trainer in "real life."
- The majority of the Tsunami Recovery work has been completed in Santa Cruz Harbor. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 1400 on 26 August for the official reopening of U-Dock. U-Dock was devastated by the tsunami and most of the vessels lost were berthed there. The ceremony was presided over by the Chairman of the Port Commission and the Port Director. The Auxiliary was represented by the Flotilla Commander of 6-10 and yours truly. The Port Director thanked all who participated in the recovery effort and specifically thanked the Coast Guard Auxiliary for its many hours of volunteer service.
- The AUXSEA course in Santa Cruz concluded with sixteen members taking the final exam on 29 August. Members from four Flotillas representing three Divisions participated. Member training hours in Division 6 thus far this year are over 600!
- A full series of Public Education classes begin next week and will run through early December at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room. The following courses are offered by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10:
  - Boating Skills & Seamanship
  - Sailing Skills & Seamanship
  - Coastal Navigation
 Auxiliarists are welcome in all of the classes free of charge.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- On Friday 05 August, members of 6-4, 6-7, & 6-10, in conjunction with the Navy League, celebrated the Coast Guard's 221st Birthday with a barbeque and softball game at a park in Monterey. Approximately 75 guests from CG Station Monterey, the cutter Hawksbill, and the Monterey Fire Boat crew enjoyed tri-tip steaks, hamburgers, & hot dogs along with all the "trimmings". A great time was had by all!!! The new CO at Station Monterey, LT Ron Kooper, commented that he had never seen such a supportive Auxiliary at any of the Stations at which he has served!
- Every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day, CG Station Monterey trailers its RBS 25 to Santa Cruz Harbor. The crew of four is headquartered at "Santa Cruz Station – Small" which is a residential structure at the Harbor.
- On Saturday 27 August following safety & training patrols, a barbeque was provided for the crew of the "25", the new CO from Station Monterey, and the Station's AUXLO. The event was hosted by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10. The Auxiliary was represented by the Division 6 Commander, the Flotilla Commanders and Vice Commanders of Flotillas 6-7 & 6-10, and our own local

AUXCHEF. The Coast Guard personnel were most appreciative! The new CO reiterated that he had never had such support from the Auxiliary at any Station in the past.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 6 has five trainees actively pursuing Boat Crew qualification and one Boat Crew member pursuing Coxswain qualification. Division 6 has accepted the generous invitation of DCDR Joaquin Duran to join the Division 4 OPTREX on 24 September. There will be a practice session on 18 September prior to the event on the 24th. Stephen Chan's efforts in organizing the OPTREX are very much appreciated.

#### DIVISION GOALS

- Retain current members and recruit new members.
- Expand Marine Safety activities and AWW per Coast Guard request.
- Offer training to members as requested
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas
- Continue the excellent rapport with CG Station Monterey, and USCG Cutter *Hawksbill*.

#### Lou Carroll, DCDR-7

#### ACTIVITY

- POMS outage may have hurt patrol time
- Division election committee has received notice from four candidates
- Everbridge/AIMS test marginal
- Partnership grant with Utah Parks still on hold

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The recent POMS problems was initially taken as a typical problem with the system until it didn't come back up. As a result we had many active patrol members being reluctant to take out orders for fear of not being able to be reimbursed for an unknown amount of time. Most of our operations are willing to "foot the bill" for a period of time but the length of the outage made patrolling a real financial burden. We're hoping that the recovery of the system is timely enough that we can continue our service for what's left of our boating season.
- Our election committee, consisting of Bill Rouleau, VCDR, Morris Farmer and myself have received four notifications of intent to run for elected office. Two are for the DCDR and two for VCDR positions. We have many new and promising members that are going to be very effective in another year or so, but need some experience in leading the troops. We are hoping that this next year will serve as an interim/training year to prepare these people to take over. The two candidates for DCDR are former DCDRs and should help with mentoring the newer members. Both VCDR candidates are newer members that are hoping to gain experience by serving in this office. We will also see a change at the flotilla level with the election of many newer members.
- Our initial test run with Everbridge was somewhat marginal due mostly to my misunderstanding of the depth of the test. I was under the impression that the initial test was for the DCDR's and above so I had to do some hasty last-minute training to get the FC's in the system. They were unprepared to use the system to contact their flotilla members, again because of the lack of preparation. My initial feeling about the system is that it has some major drawbacks unless you're near a functioning computer and can access the system during an emergency. I was at work and was notified by my wife who happened to be checking the e-mail. She responded to



the query but it was almost seven hours before I could login and notify the FC's. Had it been a major physical disaster (earthquake) and power was lost, all bets would have been off. We will make a concerted effort to get more familiar with the system and be ready to give it an honest test next time!

- Our grant for the partnership with Utah Parks is still being reviewed at the National level. We have yet to receive word as to why it is being delayed. In the interim we are doing our best to assist Utah Parks with their requests.

## **Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Crescent City 8-11 - Anniversary event invitations go out.
- Eureka 86 - Recruiting success at Open House at Station Humboldt Bay
- Mendocino 87 - Big weekend for VEs at Lake Mendocino
- Lake County 88 - Participated in safety booth at Lake County Fair.

### **DETAILS**

- Crescent City: The planning for the 10th Anniversary celebration in November has been completed and invitations went out this week to Flotillas, Division and District invitees and USCG guests. Crew training continues weekly on the RBS. The RBS responded to one night SAR case during the month. Flotilla outing on the Klamath River Jet Boat is set for September 18th.
- Eureka: The Flotilla participation at the Open House at USCG Station Humboldt Bay with a boating safety booth, has developed leads for 5 new members with the paper work in process. VEs continuing at Humboldt Bay marinas plus PV visits by Bob Shaw. Member Pat Davis continues providing Watch Stander support twice per week at CG Station Humboldt Bay. A newly formed Flotilla committee continues to work with the Maritime Museum in Eureka on plans to restore the historic 1930s 36-foot motor life boat at Station Humboldt Bay. Resolved communication issues over use of *Coastie*. Additional trained *Coastie* operators are required.
- Mendocino: Over the Labor Day weekend several members of the Flotilla spent time at the launch ramps at Lake Mendocino in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers doing VEs in 90 degree weather. A total of 92 vessel exams were given over the three day weekend. The Flotilla will offer a two day BS&S class this coming weekend at the College of the Redwoods in Fort Bragg. Flotilla continues to provide an AUXFAC in support of training for Station Noyo River and our crew members on a weekly basis. VFC Glenn Funk continues to provide watch stander support at Station Noyo River
- Lake County: Flotilla staffed a boating safety booth at the Lake County Fair Labor Day weekend which has produced a number of enquiries from potential new members. Flotilla will host a barbecue September 10th. at Lakeport Yacht Club and welcome the new potential members to their monthly meeting and the barbecue. Planning completed for the Division 8 OPTREX in October and registration information posted to District and Division web pages but more sign ups for this event are needed. Patrols continuing on Clear Lake and the Flotilla will be providing Regatta patrols in support of the Clear Lake Splash Down for seaplanes later this month.
- Division 8: Division Vice Commander Betty Strach has advised that she is unable to continue in the position for the remainder of 2011 and will not stand for re election in 2012. Candidates to fill the position are being sought by the Division Nominating chair.
- Attended 8-hour TCT at PCA

- Working with Flotillas 86 and 87 on plans for Dock Walker Training in April 2012 in Eureka and Ukiah.
- Summer edition of Division 8 Newsletter completed.
- Working on agenda and attendance at Division meeting set for October 1 at Clear Lake.

#### DIVISION GOALS

- Mentoring and supporting Flotilla 86 in Eureka - Assist on elected officer selection for 2012
- Sense of Community - Encourage member participation in Division Tie Out and OPTREX at month end.
- Qualifying and encouraging members to stand for elected office at Division level and higher to ensure that the leadership roles are filled in future years - Identifying potential candidates for several open Division SO positions for 2012.
- Recruiting new members for the flotillas in the Division - Supporting recruitment efforts of all flotillas.
- Start planning on Division COW program for December 10.

#### FUTURE DIVISION EVENTS

##### Flotilla 88 - Lake County

- September 10 - Flotilla Meeting and Barbecue
- September 23/24/25 - Regatta patrols for Clear Lake Splash Down event
- September 30, October 1 & 2. - Division 8 OPTREX and Tie Out at Clear Lake.

##### Flotilla 8-11 - Crescent City

- September 18- Klamath River Jet Boat Trip
- September 28 - Flotilla meeting
- November 5 - 10th Anniversary celebration

##### Flotilla 87- Mendocino County

- September 10/11 - BS&S Class
- September 17- Flotilla meeting
- September 24 - Cabrillo Day Tours at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse

##### Flotilla 86 - Eureka

- September 10 - Flotilla meeting

#### **Denis Eaton, DCDR-10**

#### ACTIVITY

- The next Division 10 face-to-face meeting and elections will be Saturday, Sept. 17.
- Finished AUXCOM class held via Webinar.
- Tracy Bean Festival September 10 and 11.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- We are continuing to hold our monthly Division Board and Staff meeting via GoToWebinar. When it works it has work out very well with good participation and saves on the time and expense for traveling up to 150 miles each way to attend a physical meeting. The only issue is with the management of GoToWebinar and that it places too much of a burden on the administrator of GoToWebinar.
- The next Division 10 Board Meeting will be a face-to-face meeting at which we will be holding the Division Elections. It will be at Doctor's Hospital in Modesto on Saturday, the 17 of

September start at 1000 hours till about 1400 hours, the uniform of the day will be Trops or ODU, members' choice.

- We finished out AUXCOM class that was held via webinars. This worked well when it worked. We had some administrative issues with conducting the webinars with GoToWebinar. We also tried AnyMeeting one time but only the presenter could speak, which is less than ideal.
- Flotilla 10-03 have a marine safety and boating safety booth at the Tracy Dry Bean Festival Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11.

#### PROJECTS

- Cleanup day at area lakes the 24th of September.
- Preparing to conduct training on Awards and Decorations following our face-to-face meeting Saturday, September 17.
- The Division Change of Watch will be a luncheon on the second Saturday in December, 10, at *Dameron Hospital Annex* in Stockton.
- Look at alternatives to using GoToMeeting /GoToWebinar.
- October OPTREX at Millerton Lake (may not need to have this year).

#### GOALS and OBJECTIVES

- Continue the work on the Division Incident Response Plan and encouraging the Flotillas to work on theirs.
- Update the Division Standing Rules
- Continue with additional member training via Webinar.

#### Leon Borden, DCDR-11

#### DETAILS

- Division 11 meeting – At August meeting went over election procedures and opened nominations for Division Commander and Division Vice-Commander. Leon Borden and Bill Stolz were nominated. Will accept nominations and hold elections at September 26 meeting. Went over things needed for COW and decided on content of Flyer. Discussed upcoming 22 mile SUP race.
- PE/MT classes – Nothing going on right now.
- Operations – Over Labor Day weekend the Auxiliary provided assets for 6 on the water events. On September 8 there was a planning meeting with Coxswains, AUXAIR and Station Lake Tahoe on how to provide coverage for 22 mile SUP race.

#### AGENCY INTERACTIONS

None

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- OPTREX Lake Tahoe Sept 17
- Canoe race North Lake Tahoe Sept 17
- Lake Tahoe 22 mile SUP 18

#### DIVISION GOALS

- Have flotillas working together to complete common goals.
- Get more Facilities, Crew and Coxswains

- Improve training opportunities for members of the Division.

## **Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12**

### DETAILS

- The Division 12 Board and Staff met at Coast Guard Island, Classroom 35 on Thursday, August 25, 2011. ADSO-MS Neil Nevesny presented the new, improved America's Waterway Watch programs. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 29 September at 1900, classroom 35 of MWR.
- Due to the early District Board and Staff meeting this month, the only flotillas which have met yet are Flotilla 12-3, which met Wednesday night, September 7, and Flotilla 12-91, which met last night and whose meeting I attended personally.
- Flotillas are scheduled to meet during the month as follows:
  - 12-1 Tuesday, September 13 Coast Guard Island
  - 12-3 Wednesday, September 7 Alameda
  - 12-5 Tuesday, September 20 Fremont
  - 12-91 Thursday, September 9 San Ramon
- I attended NACON in Charlotte August 25-29, attending many interesting workshops and exhibits despite Hurricane Irene's transit off the coast.
- The Academy Admissions Partner program is gearing up for the 2012-16 application season, and they still need assistance at many of the college fairs throughout the district. Members can participate by going to the Academy Admissions Partner Portal at: <http://admissions.uscga.edu/partners/> .
- Youth Programs in the Auxiliary are also experiencing an upsurge. Our Shore Side and Underway Training Program is fully developed and available for use by members district-wide. We have an informal group of members in our district who are especially involved with Sea Scouts and Sea Cadets, including Steve Johnson, Jim Blackburn, Perry Joiner, Steve Dolgin and Bryan Thompson. If you need assistance in identifying opportunities or developing programs working with these young people in your area, please contact one of us.
- I will be attending a Relationships Workshop at Philmont Scout Ranch September 20-23 with several other Auxiliarists from around the country to develop ways to elevate our relationship with BSA to the next level.
- On September 22, we will be meeting with the University of California at Berkeley Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps leaders and midshipmen to present a training program for midshipmen. Based in part on the Auxiliary University Programs curriculum, this has the potential of attracting 60-70 new members into our organization. Some of the midshipmen attend sister universities: California State University/Maritime Academy in Vallejo, Stanford University in Palo Alto and University of California at Davis. Depending on scheduling and logistics, Auxiliary units in these areas may have the opportunity to incorporate these midshipmen as local members and work with them in various aspects of the training program. The Auxiliary University Program is available to any university level student and should be offered to anyone in that situation who might be interested in our programs. Among other things, it provides networking and support opportunities from others in the same age group. For more information, see: <http://college.cgauxnet.us/home> .
- We introduced the Operation Ever Ready Program in our division on September 1, via email to every member. The response has been positive, and we are developing some social networking tools to bolster this effort.

- Several of our members are participating in the construction of the Auxiliary Memorial at Coast Guard Island.

#### Prevention

- Flotilla 12-1 is offering a Sailing Skills and Seamanship class at the Oakland Yacht Club for ten consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on October 12; 1830 to 2030. Flotilla 12-91 is offering the Boating Safely course on 24 September.
- Significant effort was devoted this to completing PATON assignments by the September 1 deadline. According to DSO-NS, we have completed all 9 of our bridge verifications and 137 out of 173 (the largest number assigned to any division) or 79 percent of our PATONs. SO-NS Linda Haynes is planning on completing the remaining PATONs later this month.
- We will be offering the Introduction to Public Affairs course, AUX-20, on Saturday, October 15, at 0900 in classroom 35, Coast Guard Island. This is a great way to get started in the Public Affairs training program, which is geared to qualification as a Public Affairs Specialist. Members from throughout the District are welcome to participate. Contact SO-PA Perry Joiner for more information.
- Several of our members will be participating in an unusually aggressive Ferry Vessel Audit program this weekend, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 911 terrorist attack.
- Sonia Foster will be offering a Dockwalker activity on Saturday, September 17.

#### Response

- *Melody* worked with the new 45' Response Boat Medium (RBM), CG 45667, this past weekend, serving as the target boat for several towing evolutions.
- Two of our flotillas broadcast the AIMS test message timely in our recent test. One flotilla sent the message out a day or so later. I am still working with one flotilla. My recommendations based on the test are to establish additional backup systems.
- It would be extremely useful to have the Vice Commanders accessing and working with the system in parallel with the Commanders. Any individual can be tied up for a few hours or even a couple of days, and this would provide us with more depth in the response effort.
- I am also concerned about our ability to work fluidly through the flotilla commanders in the initial broadcast. I agree that the FCs should be able to use the system, particularly to follow up on local tasking. But I believe we would have a much better response if the initial broadcast went out to the entire membership, with a note to anticipate tactical follow up at the division and flotilla level.
- Finally, the email message is particularly confusing. It directs the recipient to click on a link to confirm receipt. The message content follows the link. If the recipient clicks on the link without reading the message, they will very likely miss it completely, which is what I think happened in our cases. This is even more likely to be a problem for those who review email on a smart phone or pda, due to the limited screen size.
- Several of our members are planning to complete their boat crew certifications at the Division 4 OPEX on 24 September.
- Our members are gearing up for Fleet Week. We have openings on *Journey* for all four days, for those who would like to join us. We have had some success using the doodle.com scheduling system to manage our crew assignments and staffing for this vessel. You or your members can register to join us for Fleet Week patrols by going to the links indicated below:

Thursday October 6 <http://doodle.com/cc6nhetxguppmzu5>

Friday October 7 <http://doodle.com/f9w3zubkuwkc38sv>

Saturday October 8 <http://doodle.com/69mcrxixsu77x45z>

Sunday October 9 <http://doodle.com/zdic5bnapgkbengs>

- Those who would like to be included in the information feed for *Journey* can subscribe at: <http://groups.google.com/group/OPFAC-Journey>
- We are planning to offer a boat crew training class for this fall.

#### **Mission Support**

- Dues notice processing, standing rules review, and nominations for elected office appear to be proceeding in each flotilla along a regular schedule.
- Flotilla 12-1 is planning a Chili Cook-off at Coast Guard Island on Saturday, October 1. You are all of course invited to join us and demonstrate your chili cooking prowess.

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

##### PCA Fair - August 2011

- Approximately 200 members attended included Instructors and support staff
- Special Thank to AUX Chefs for managing the refreshment. Thank You Linda Haynes for you great work.
- To improve coffee services, we need two carafes
- Winner of the PCA Fair attendance award is Flotilla 4-9

District Commanders join the Past Commander Association. Dues are \$3.00 per year or \$30.00 lifetime

##### Memorial Update

- Tentative date for completion is November 2011
- Need a committee to plan a commissioning ceremony

Special thanks to Marilyn McBain who is resigning as Secretary - Treasurer

Agenda Change – to comply with the Standing Rules:

The election will take place at the November Meeting for:

President

Vice President

Vote on the Standing Rules

Past District Commanders and Captains are eligible, must be current member of PCA and dues paid. To vote PCA members must be present.

On Saturday 10 September a meeting will be held to establish a Nomination Committee and the Committee to plan the commissioning ceremony

#### **Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS**

##### Delta Blitz:

Attended the final of 3 weekend Delta Blitz's, which was held in August at Discovery Marina in Sacramento. It was another successful weekend with over 200 VSC's performed over the weekend. The final count for the 3 weekend event (Stockton and Sacramento) was 385 VSC's. Special thanks to Mike Lauro for his coordination and leadership for the events, and to all the Auxiliarists who helped make it a great success.

##### RBS Classes offered at the PCA Fair:

Several classes related to Recreational Boating Safety were offered at the PCA Fair in August:

Vessel Examiner

Instructor: Mike Lauro

Intro to Waterways Management

Instructors: Sue Fry and Simone Adair

Hazwhoper

Instructor: Jerry Bymnum

Prevention Outreach Specialist Instructors: Sue Fry and Simone Adair  
Program Visitor and **Coastie** classes were canceled due to lack of signups. I will be working with DSO-PV Philip Grove to brainstorm ways to re-energize the program as this program has great potential to provide needed boating safety education to the public.

#### Attended Annual RBS Workshop:

In early August I attended the state-wide RBS workshop in San Diego. This conference was attended by several agencies, including Parks and Rec, Fish and Game, National Parks, Cal Boating, and Power Squadron.

#### Small Vessel Safety Conference:

Coordinated the Auxiliary's participation in the upcoming Small Vessel Safety Conference to be held at Fort Mason, SF later this month. Sue Fry will be attending to participate on a speaker panel to discuss America's Waterway Watch.

#### VA Holiday Parties:

Members from Division 1 and 12 have participated in the SF VA Hospital's Holiday party each December for the past few years. I am working with the VA Hospital system to expand our participation into holiday activities at all VA Hospitals within our AOR.

#### NACON:

- Attended the 2011 NACON held in Charlotte, NC. Highlights/information:
- Auxiliary ranks #3 in providing boating safety education (should be #1)
- National PE working on revitalizing our PE courses to include other mediums: on the water training, online training, etc., to bring in more students
- AUXNAV-part B has been redesigned, as has AUXSEA
- Must use National templates for Standing Rules, located on the Chief Counsel website (National)... all Flotillas should review their standing rules now and ensure they adhere to the new standards/template
- The Financial Report needs to be submitted anytime there is a change in leadership, finance officer, etc.
- PACAREA membership is up in all 5 Districts; we comprise of 19% of the membership but account for 49% of the lives saved and 20% or more in each of the missions
- National RBS team to now include a PA person
- Revising the National Chart Updating manual
- International corps and interpreter corps are being combined
- Steve Salmon and Nick Tarlson were awarded the Achievement Medal
- Workshop on Paddlesports:
  - if outside the surf zone, you must wear a lifejacket
  - in 2013, a free American Canoe Association membership will be included in the purchase of all paddlescraft
  - 23,000,000 people go canoeing each year
  - 15,000,000 people go kayaking/yr
  - 13,000,000 people go rafting/yr
- Workshop on Mass Casualties:
  - Mass Casualty drill at Lake Lanier, GA... it was a multi-agency exercise

- SABOT (Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training) workshop:
  - from District 9<sup>th</sup> Eastern
  - Not an additional qualification, just additional training/competencies...
  - the goal is the end point, not pass/fail
  - classroom and on-the-water training
  - mimics training on the gold side

## **Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SUP**

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Aux Chef Program Update
2. Go-To-Meeting-Tuesday Night Live
3. Fleet Week
4. Survey- VE
5. NACON
6. November New Elected Officers Course
7. Scheduling Division Election meetings.

### DETAILS

- Several Aux chefs have been participating in a variety of smaller events throughout the district. During NACON I had the opportunity to meet Vice Admiral Brown and he will be looking into making arrangements for the Aux Chefs to begin participating in a variety of VIP events.
- Additionally, I am scheduled in the next couple of weeks to meet with the Food Service Officers for both the Morgenthau and the Aspen regarding providing on board galley help.
- Aux chefs are looking into helping out at various locations, for those available, to help over holiday season. I completed the first Aux Chef Newsletter and should go out to all of D-11 NR in the next few days.
- There is one class left for 2011 – see below
  - Nov. 25th- 27th Yerba Buena Island Coast Guard Station - San Francisco-open
- Nothing significant to report on Tuesday Night Live. We continue to get 3 to 5 sign-ups per Tuesday evening. There was a lot of interest regarding the program at NACON and the OTO of D-13 has been in contact with me to make a reservation so that his folks up in that district and attend one of the Tuesday Night live.
- I have continued to stay in touch with Rick Saber regarding fleet week. It appears Rick and his dedicated support help of Dave Talton and Richard Celia have met their goals of having nearly 100 auxiliaries participating at various land operation at various piers and event locations. I have signed up to be present from Thursday October 6th through Sunday October 9th.
- I completed the requested VE/PV survey for Mike Lauro and it has been sent out for response and will close at the end of September.
- I attended NACON and sat in on various training classes. The *Video Training* class was extremely interesting and educating and I came away with some great ideas for developing some videos for D-11NR. Another class that I found very interesting was *Aquatic Nuisance Species*.
- I have been in contact with Rob Firehock regarding some preliminary outlines for the New Elected Officers Training in November. Rob and Commodore Maddox have worked very hard in putting together a great program with consideration given to the results and ideas provided by members during a recent survey.



- In the process of planning to attend Division Meetings for upcoming elections and COW schedules.

#### PROJECTS

- Continue with previously set goals
- Continue to provide support as requested.

## ATTACHMENT C

### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 10 September 2011

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

##### OPEX 2011

I wish to thank Dean LaChappelle, DCAPT for coordinating the event that really took the communications department to a different level. For the first time ever, two communications trailers parked side by side were able to maintain radio guards for the San Francisco Bay, Bodega Bay, Folsom Lake by VHF and Lake Tahoe and Utah by H/F. The radio coverage proved that not only does the equipment work without issue but what we can expect when the immediate call for comms comes through the chain. The Auxiliary Trailer, supported by ADSO-CM's Sellstrom made the most impact with not only their professionalism over the radio but their complete attention to detail when dealing with issues that may come up in an emergency situation. OSCS Samp (Sector San Francisco Command Center Supervisor) came out to see the comms team in action and was very impressed with what we had to offer and reiterated the need for the Auxiliary Trailer in areas like the Delta and beyond. We were able to show CDR Sumrok how we would utilize the ICA platform by submitting real time detail. Division 11 made a video and showed us what things looked like from their end.

<http://www.sierracgaux.org/radioopex.html>

##### PCA FAIR AUGUST

The Comms team put on a fantastic Communications Workshop for the members of this District. I believe we had somewhere in the area of 16 in the class on a Sunday morning. Many of the members were either brand new to the Auxiliary or have been in for a while and wanted to know more about the latest radio related items that we had information about. The power points we had, had a lot of attention to detail but did not go overboard for those who were new to comms. Sellstrom, ADSO-CM and I paid a lot of attention to the discussion of Rescue 21 and how it works for not only the Auxiliary but the boating public as well. OSCS Samp from Sector San Francisco attended the class and put in some key information and also put an invite out to the class to come out and see the new IOC. He asked that the requests come through the DSO-CM. Many new relationships were made at this workshop with some very new members. The amount of talent that is coming up from the Flotilla's is really something to be proud of. We would like to do more of these so I will be reaching out to Kirkwood, DCAPT for scheduling another workshop.

##### FLEET WEEK 2011

There has been much talk about Fleet Week 2011 and the planning of this event has started and the Communications Department has its tasking. This year will come with a couple of changes. We have had to contend with a lot of road blocks and because we are a flexible bunch, we have managed to pull through with no issue. The mission for this year is to provide the very best to the very best so we have the very best taking part. The AUXCOMM position will still be in play, but just not in the same location. The Muni Pier will still be the same, but with a couple of changes. The PATCOMM will still remain the same. I have received many inquiries from those who want to help out and I will be reaching out to a few who want to learn about what we do at these locations and perhaps get some radio time as long as they are qualified. I am in the process of getting the ICS-205 approved so that I will be able to let the

OPS folks know what channel we will be authorized to use. The Comms Team will be present at the Skippers meeting in October.

#### AMERICA'S CUP COMMS

COMO Connell, Talton, DASC and I have attended the last few meetings at YBI regarding the America's Cup event. During one of these meetings, a communications committee was formed and the Auxiliary Communications will most certainly play a huge part of the event. The planning has begun but nothing has been ironed out. COMO Connell will provide all the normal details. The need for qualified and detail oriented communicators will be sought when the time comes.

#### NEW AUXILIARY REPEATER

The newest repeater is still taking shape. Discussions about power have come into focus so the Auxiliary team will be looking to go green! I have been investigating a solar power source on the SF Peninsula and the talks have begun. I will be working with the EO at the Sector as he needs to sign off on this project and a trip to the top of Mt. Umunhum will be coming shortly. The items needed to put the repeater into service are just about in place. I have also contacted a local County Communications Manager and inquired if the Auxiliary can use some free space in their very well maintained shack. There is also a possibility of adding another one on a north bay mountain top that will cover areas like Petaluma, Sonoma and east through the Carquinez straits. The MT. Umunhum repeater is the first priority and the others will come with reports down the line.

#### POMS information for Land Mobiles

Recently we have experienced an outage with POMS. At this time the PAC for the Mobiles (Me) is unable to log in from home, but can log in at the WS3 at the Sector. I will make sure that all orders are processed by the Wednesday before the patrol is activated. The following information is being sent out again in hopes that everyone requesting orders will know exactly what to do. I am ALWAYS available by phone for those who have questions no matter what Division the member is in. When placing orders in POMS, please make sure that you have listed ALL LAND MOBILE PATROLS. This is important for recording the numbers for District awards and recognition. Also, during a mobile patrol the only thing that can be reimbursed is mileage not things like ICE or FUEL. Please note that ANY 5132's that are turned in that have things other than mileage will be returned to the member thus making your reimbursement take a little longer.

There will be no more same day patrols. I have been getting emails from communicators that they have had a last minute change in their plans and would like to be activated. It is the responsibility of the member to make sure that his or her calendar is in order. The surface assets require a week's advance notice. I will not go that far, but I would appreciate having all orders in POMS by the Wednesday prior to the patrol.

SAR CALL OUTS fall into a completely different category and orders for call outs will be entered at the time of the call out.

#### OPERATIONS RIBBON RECOGNIZED – TCO-PQS

CHDIRAUX has announced that "Effective immediately Section 11.A.14a. of the Auxiliary Manual is amended as follows and will be so included in the next update:

"This ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas. Auxiliarists who qualify as an Auxiliary boat or air crew member, air observer, AtoN verifier, Coast Guard watch stander, Coast Guard boat crewman, Coast Guard boat engineer, or Auxiliary interpreter (Level A) may wear the Operations Program ribbon. Watch standers and boat engineers are defined as Auxiliarists who have been designated in writing by a Coast Guard unit, or the Director, as qualified in that position.

Auxiliarists designated by the Director as Auxiliary watch standers according to District requirements may also wear the Operations Program ribbon. Additionally, Auxiliarists holding the Auxiliary Telecommunications Operator (TCO) qualification or who have qualified as AUXCOM prior to August 1, 2008, are authorized to wear the Operations Program ribbon. Auxiliarists show multiple qualifications by adding 3/16-inch bronze or silver stars. The "E" device is authorized to be worn on the Auxiliary Operations Program ribbon by Auxiliarists who are currently appointed, or have been appointed, as a Qualification Examiner (QE) or Flight Examiner (FE). No miniature "E" device for miniature medals is authorized."

#### ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System)

The ARMS program still exists in this District and still remains the only way to be called out for any Sector related mission. Entry into this system is very simple, just be a mobile communicator (passing AUXCOM or TCO-PQS) and be willing to be available 24 hours a day for any type of assistance that is needed. This could range from helping with securing open microphones to other Government agency liaison work. The Delta region has been stood up as well as the long standing Bay Area. Please contact the DSO-CM to be involved. We currently have 65 members listed in the system. This system also has the ability to text and send out real time emergency information.

#### CONTINUED REQUESTS FOR AUX COMMUNICATIONS

Sector San Francisco has put the Auxiliary Comms Unit in the monthly rotation for the Rescue 21 update. Each month the Sector requests to use the AUX repeater to help them while updates to the R21 system get made. This requires that the repeater be placed on full remote base transmit. We are fully committed to this and will continue to provide that service at no cost.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS -COMMS

Fleet Week New AWO IOC Orientation Sector SF COOP in Monterey

#### AGENCY ASSISTS

The Auxiliary Communications Units have been in contact with the following agencies while conducting SAR related missions. The ACU's have set up with these agencies as Sector SF Liaisons:  
SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE SANTA CRUZ/ CAL-FIRE SAN FRANCISCO  
POLICE/FIRE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT FIRE ALAMEDA COUNTY/CITY FIRE OAKLAND FIRE FREMONT FIRE  
MONTEREY FIRE CHP SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF/FIRE

#### **Jimmin Chang, DSO-CS**

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer of office completed. Details documented.
- Proper usage of e-mail lists should be observed.
- Plan to set up monthly Webinar meetings for CS district, division and flotilla staff.

#### DETAILS

- Transfer of DSO-CS office completed. Details of the District Website and account details were documented in writing, for future reference.
- PCA Fair CS sessions on Internet Resources, Basic and Advanced Website without Webmaster (WOW) were held on August 18-19. Seven members attended the Internet Resources class, which discussed the Auxiliary Directory, AUXINFO, and other AUX websites. Ten attended the

WOW classes, which oriented members to set up unit websites using the National developed content-driven application, WOW-II, instead of programming with HTML codes. Steve Johnson, ANACO-IT, who developed the application, was in town, and showed up in class to give us intimate insight on the new application, and fixed some bugs too.

- Elected officers are responsible for proper use of e-mail distribution lists. There is no need to forward e-mails that have been distributed to all members already. Multiple e-mails sent on the same day, or e-mails that are not time critical should be consolidated to reduce e-mail traffic. E-mails applicable to targeted audience should not be sent using general distribution lists. AuxDirectory can help generate specific e-mail list for use. Please read all content, including attachments, for accuracy or security concerns, before forwarding for distribution.
- ADSO Team: Irene Wetzel is working with different divisions and flotillas to convert into WOW websites. Jan Jewell fixed all the broken links on the Marine Safety web pages. Raymond Flissingner has been posting reports on the District website, except when out of town in September. Morris Farmer has been updating e-mail lists and approving distributions of group e-mails on behalf of DCO.
- Division Reports: Division 1 [Dyane Mohr, SO-CS]: Division 1 WOW website continues to work well, with continued updates, additions and deletions. Report submitted early as SO-CS out of town from Aug 9 – 23 . Flotilla 12: The website works very well and looks excellent. Flotilla 14: Flotilla website has been updated, new photos added, and continues to be current and operational.
- Flotilla 15: Dale Fajardo is new FSO-CS, and attended PCA CS training. Flotilla website has been migrated to WOW site. Old website automatically forward to new WOW site. It is working well and looks great.
- Flotilla 19: Dave Cohen is the FSO-CS. Website continues to work well. Several recent changes made, including verifying and updating links for tide and buoy info. Also added some photos taken on Silver Charm on 4 July fireworks in SF – can be found by clicking “New Stuff” button.
- Division 3 [Cal Faulkner, SO-CS]: (a) Corrected one file on Division site from 3 years ago that contained personal information on a member (deleted and removed from search engine). (b) New checklist issued for all websites prior to publishing from National. (c) Posted Flotilla 3-10 OPTREX flyer on web site. Had no response from anyone outside of the flotilla. Working on flyer to advertise for dissemination to entire district.
- Division 4 [Derek Chan, SO-CS]: Division 4 website has been updated with the following: (a) Mike Fiamingo's contact info has replaced Joaquin Duran's for the VE page. (b) Meeting info for FL41 has been updated. FL48's has remain unchanged (it says "TBA" since their site is an Auxiliarist's home). (c) PE web page has been updated with upcoming classes hosted by Div 4's flotillas.
- Division 5 [Kevin Malloy, SO-CS]: (a) Frank Kastl is now FSO-CS 57. (b) Steve McCabe, FSO-CS 52 provided an introduction to WOW. Plans are to convert Division 5 website to WOW.
- Division 8 [Jan Jewell, SO-CS]: Division 8 websites update include (a) removed stale dates; (b) added Div 8 AUXINFO page, with link to sidebar; (c) added ALCOAST-291/11 AUXILIARY UNIFORM GUIDANCE-015/11 to Member Training; (d) posted Change of Command photos to photos page; (e) began migration to WOW; (f) posted Div8 OPTREX and Tie Out flyer to Div 8 calendar and what's new; (g) added 2012 Nat'l Safe Boating Week to Calendar; (h) added Benbow Inn to Div COW calendar and what's new; (i) changed all Div 8 links to reflect 8-11 move to WOW; (j) added 2012 calendars and holidays. Flotilla 88 [Deana McAllister]: Took WOW seminar at PCA and is migrating site to WOW. Flotilla 8-11 [Evelin Santillan]: Site has been migrated to WOW. Flotilla 87 [Jan Jewell]: (a) removed stale dates from calendar and other pages; (b) added ALCOAST-291/11 AUXILIARY UNIFORM GUIDANCE-015/11 to uniforms page; (c)

FL calendar: deleted Mendocino Parade; (d) added annual operations and TCT class after Aug FL mtg to calendar and what's new; (e) uploaded final Q3 Point Cabrillo ATON schedule (f) Check the What's New link on the side bar for current additions (g) added Div8 OPTREX and Tie Out flyer to FL87 calendar and what's new; (h) updated FL87 VSC count from AUXINFO; (i) added 2012 Nat'l Safe Boating Week FL87 Calendar; (j) added Benbow Inn to Div COW on FL87 calendar and what's new; (k) added link to FL boat crew page: FINANCE to check if Patrol Orders have been paid, Check ride task list, Nav Rules update; (l) added 2012 calendars and holidays; (m) added August FL member recognition; (n) added USCG Boating Safety Resource Center's Recalls to PE.

- Division 10 [Irene Wetzel, SO-CS]: Division 10 Website is on WOW-II and is current. Flotilla 10-2 has some updates. Flotilla 10-3 is current. Flotilla 10-5 plans to migrate to WOW. Flotilla 10-6 migrated to WOW this month.

#### GOALS and FUTURE PLANS

- Plan to set up monthly webinar meetings for district, division and flotilla CS staff, to maintain close liaison.
- Will discuss with Steve Johnson, ANACO-IT, regarding content management based website application, to simplify complex hierarchy issues.

#### Fran Fisher, DSO-FN

EXCOM and DSOs ... Submit reimbursement requests timely.

Audits – We are still waiting for materials from two delinquent units FI 12-5 and FI 6-4.

REMINDER – All units should check their rosters in AUXDATA to make certain they are correct. If you get used to checking them every couple of months, we shouldn't have the problem of non-members being listed on the annual dues billing.

By now all units should have sent out a second dues billing to those members who have not yet paid 2012 dues. Remember units are responsible for dues unless they submit disenrollment forms to the DSO-HR by 1 October.

#### COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS

A new report has been generated by OSC, Martinsberg, which sends an e-mail to all members who need any tasks to maintain their currency maintenance requirements before 31 December 2011. Copies of this e-mail were to go to FC, FSO-IS, SO-IS, and FSO-MT. There was a glitch and the SO-IS did not receive the copies of the e-mail and I have not heard any word from any FCs, FSOs-IS, or FSO-MT officers with questions as to why they got them.

This process will be repeated again on 1 October. Because of this, please encourage your members to get their tasks/hours reported prior to their going to REYR status this year.

There was a change to AUXDATA that has removed IT, VE, PV, and OPS certifications, from the Awards listing as they are NOT awards but Competencies. Also the Specialty Training Ribbon is not an award but

Tasks toward AUXOP Status. Not all DIRAUX offices were reporting these items the same. OSC removed these certifications from Awards and your members will see them in AUXINFO under the Competency Cube. It does not affect the member, as the ribbon will still be issued to them and they are still allowed to wear the ribbons.

Please make sure your members understand this. I had lots of questions from the "What's New" article.

### **Dave Talton, DSO-MA**

August results for the District Store have been relatively good. We ended up with \$6,154.11 in Total Income with \$1,837.81 in Gross Profit. Sales at the recent PCA Fair were in line with previous PCAs and this year's DTRAIN with \$4,925.51 and about 400 items sold. In comparison the February PCA brought \$4,838.22 in sales with 409 items sold while at DTRAIN we had \$4,120.22 in sales and 406 items sold.

Year-to-date we have \$21,327.32 in sales with a Gross Profit of just over \$8,000.

Hopefully, the addition of the new "Repair and Maintenance" line of products will help boost our sales over \$30,000 in the near future.

There are new uniform changes blowing in the wind but nothing that affects us at this point. Most of the changes you are hearing about are for Active Duty and are not required of the Auxiliary at this time.

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

#### **AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH**

An increased interest in AWW material and educational activities for the public have been noted throughout the District. The Neil Nevesny, ADSO has visited most Divisions to review the program and encourage contacting the public at Marinas, docks, Ferry terminals, ramps, and at information booths and public events. He has reviewed the reporting procedure and answered any questions. The Coast Guard has requested Auxiliary support in distributing the brochure and wallet card with phone contact numbers for the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802) or 877 24WATCH (877-249-2824).

#### **FERRY VESSEL AUDITS**

Abigail Wagg, ADSO has set up a schedule for Ferry Vessel Audits for the weekend of Sept 10/11. Vessel Schedules were sent to all Auditors and all Ferry Vessels will have Auxiliary Auditors on them for those two days, including late afternoon and early evening runs. A Bravo Zulu to Abigail for her outstanding planning.

#### **UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS**

We have a new ADSO for UPV's, Dale Fajardo, a member of Flotilla 15 and a newly qualified CFVS examiner. He is presently completing his UPV PQS.. He is near both Half Moon Bay and the Hyde St/Fisherman Wharf areas and is situated well to make contacts with UPV owner/operators in two of our prime areas. Be looking for development of improving contacts with OUPV's. Our thanks go to Rick Saber who gave the UPV program his attention for the past year and a half. There is interest in the Tahoe area for training. The Coast Guard is assessing the need for examiners and to locate UPV owner/operators to be included in an educational program. We may be asking for help from the VE's on their rounds of Marina's in the Delta areas.

### COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL

A training will be held in the fall for the Crab Season. Trainings are held by the Coast Guard coordinator and are usually held on Wednesdays at CGI. Contact Skip Morford , ADSO or Sue Fry, DSO for information. The training date will be 2 Nov and the CFV dockside exams at 5 locations on 7,8,9 Nov 2011.

### PREVENTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ADSO Simone Adair reports that the new presentation Waterways Management went well at the PCA Training Fair as did the Prevention Outreach Specialist PQS training. Teaching the courses were Simone Adair, Sue Fry and Dale Fajardo. The new course WWM is appropriate for all members, those in Operations as well as Prevention. The material covers many of the Coast Guard Departments/Branches and gives an overview of what they do and how they work together. It is recommended for members who have been in the Auxiliary for a year or are familiar with the Coast Guard Missions.

Wil Sumner is a Coast Guard qualified Hazwoper trainer having completed the course at Petaluma. He now joins Jerry Bynum, and Frank Shelly in being able to give the 4 and 8 hour course and has been assisting Jerry at the PCA and DTRAINS.

Additional training in the ICS series, Pollution Responder and other courses are usually available when presented for Active Duty. Please contact Sue Fry for availability or a POC contact.

### REGIONAL EXAM CENTER

There is no longer a Coast Guard presence at the REC. so the Auxiliary is of great help to them. The Auxiliary is being used to grade pilot exams and charting sets. Also Auxiliarists were used in preparing a proposal for a new R-OUPV exam. This is a test for OUPV's operating on Rivers and streams, usually as river and fishing guides.

### INCIDENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Four Auxiliarists continue active training. Two are ready for the Board and four received their qualification letter from Captain Stowe at an ALL HANDS on CGI last month: Jimmin Chang, Sue Fry, Curtis Han, and Dave Talton are the new Asst Aux Pollution Responders.

### AGENCY CONTACTS

The DSO-Prevention will participate on a Panel at the Small Vessel Security Conference to be held at the Marines Memorial Auditorium in San Francisco in late September. The Auxiliary emphasis is on the AWW program and how the Auxiliary increases awareness to the boating community through the various Auxiliary programs.

### Jim Duncan, DSO-NS

**1. IMPORTANCE OF THE ANSC 7030:** Have you submitted your ANSC 7030 form to your FSO-IS officer for your ATON, Bridge and Chart Updating activity? Why not! To date only 35% of Aid Verifier Activities has been submitted into AUXDATA. If you are not submitting your 7030's, you are short changing yourself, your Flotilla, your Division, District Auxiliary members and our Auxiliary programs. You have not completed your Aid Verifying activity if you have not given your 7030 to your FSO-IS Officer.

The 7030 reports provide one of the bases for AUXDATA. This report serves three major functions:



a. The 7030 cumulative data forms the statistical basis for justification to the United States Congress of expenditures of public monies to support Team Coast Guard. This is funds that we use for Auxiliary activity. By not submitting your 7030 you're hurting our bottom line.

b. Accurate and timely activity reporting to ensure adequate and prompt recognition of accomplishments at both the individual and unit levels. The "Sustains Auxiliary Service Award" for each 750 hours of activity is just one of many awards that are based on AUXDATA information.

c. Areas requiring attention and/or correction are revealed promptly, making timely action feasible. We cannot improve our Auxiliary programs without this important information.

**2. QUALITY STATEMENT FOR ALL ATON & CHART UPDATING REPORTS:** The Navigation Systems Division's goals of **accuracy, credibility, professionalism and service to the Coast Guard and NOAA-NOS**, it is necessary to revisit the ways that, as Auxiliarists, we submit information to all branches of the Coast Guard and other agencies such as NOAA-NOS. So much information, in the past, was unusable that a negative image of the Auxiliary was created. Adhere to the following suggestions and you can be assured that your data will be of high quality.

Many members & Aid Verifiers are using the statement below in the Comments section of NS-AN04 [7054 Aid to Navigation Report] and the NS-CU03 [Chart Updating Report 77-5a] for their ATON, Non-Permitted PATON & Chart Updating Reports as a statement of the quality of their submission. Much of the data is static, reflecting the pre-underway check status--the model and manufacturer's name of equipment. The rest of the data is collected on scene.

Use the below statement in the Comments section of your ATON/CU Reports as a reference of the quality of your submission. The **yellow data** is static, reflecting the pre-underway equipment check status--the model and manufacturer's name and setting etc. The **green data** is collected on scene. Keep this statement in your computer and simply copy and paste it on each report and update the necessary fields.

**3. 2011 ATON, PATON, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITIES TABLE:**

D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON & CU activities to date. This table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating reports received by D11 (dpw), NOAA-NOS & AUXINFO through **September 5, 2011**.

**2011 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION ACTIVITY						PATON's ASSIGNED				BRIDGE's ASSIGNED				2011 AV's
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	AOR	CHECK	% Done	STILL TO DO	BI	AOR	Check	% Done	
1		3	68		4	4	116	67	58	49	5	4	4	100	19
3	1	1	47		8	15	61	31	51	30	4	13	13	100	16
4			36		26	2	62	36	58	26	2	2	2	100	7
5			61		29	9	113	55	49	58	5	9	9	100	17
6	1		69	6	0	2	106	68	64	38	0	2	2	100	10
8			4		0	1	4	4	100	0	0	1	1	100	4
10	30	18	38		51	10	45	38	84	7	10	10	10	100	10

11			81	2	49		88	79	90	9		N/A		NA	6
12			139	6	9	9	173	137	79	36	4	9	9	100	13
<i>Total</i>	32	22	543	14	171	52	768	515	67%	253	30	50	50	100%	102
	<i>2011 D11 NR Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011</i>					<i>2010 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2011 to Mar 31, 2011</i>					<i>2010-2011 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2011 to Mar 31, 2012</i>				
<b>Div</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>2nd Ob</b>	<b>CUC</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>2nd Ob</b>	<b>CUC</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>2nd Ob</b>	<b>CUC</b>						
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Total D11 Reports 1/1 through 12/31/11 →				0		Total D11-NOAA CUC 1/1 through 12/31/11 →				0					
Total Aids to Navigation Reports			641		Total Members Submitting Reports in 2011 →			66							
Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO*			223		223 out of 641 reports showing up in AUXINFO →			35%							
Total Chart Updating Reports			0		A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized										
Total ATON & Chart Updating			641		NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date.										
➤ <b>Note: *Red numbers above is the information from AUXINFO as of August 28, 2011 update.</b>															
➤ <u>We have started NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year - April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.</u>															
➤ <u>We are in the D11NR Chart Updating Year - January 1 through December 31.</u>															
➤ Note: The <b>Green</b> number under 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers.															

- Note: "ALWAYS submit a 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not completed until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands."
- "Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don't find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help."

**4. MISSING MARINAS ON SMALL CRAFT FACILITY CHARTS:** Are you noticing a lot of marinas missing from your Small Craft Facility Chart 18652, 18661 & 18662? When you get any of the three new charts all Auxiliary Operational and Recreational vessels should look them over very closely! You will be very surprised. Chart 18652 lost 64 marina locations, Chart 18661 has lost 62 marina locations and Chart 18662 has lost 18 marina locations for a total of 144 marinas not on you charts. This is why our three D11 small craft facility charts [covering all of San Francisco Bay to Antioch and the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta] are missing these marinas.

**5. First Repeater AUXILIARY AID TO NAVIGATION VERIFIER PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION STANDARD (PQS):** At long last, the Aids Verifier Performance Qualification Standard (AV PQS) is now out in the field. Captain Andy Rizzo Chief Director of Auxiliary, recently signed the ATON Verifier PQS provides the minimum knowledge base required and must be completed for Coast Guard Auxiliarists to qualify for **new** applicants for Auxiliary ATON Verifier status only; however, I highly recommended that all currently certified Aid Verifiers at least work through the PQS to familiarize you with its tasks because you will be the **Verifying Officer**. This qualification is the baseline national standard for qualification as an Aid Verifier. The ATON Verifier PQS, training guides, power points and other important AV-PQS information is located on the National Prevention Department website at <http://pdept.cgaux.org/nsAidVerifier.html>. You can also get a complete copy from our Districts Northern Region Navigation Systems web page at <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html>.

### **COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP**

#### AUXLO NEWS

As soon as POMS returned to life ENS Mark Leahey as our new AUXLO at SECTOR San Francisco was able to do the following:

Approved: 195 orders

Error Return: 25 orders

Total: 220 orders

Curtis Barthel, BOSN4, AUXLO at Group Humboldt has been equally busy.

As we all know access to POMS may be difficult for a while since the AUX across the Nation has 3000 members trying to access POMS and only 25 at a time can get in. Patience is a virtue right now.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINEES (PPE)

The current policy so Trainees can obtain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from DIRAUX in that trainees need a letter from their Flotilla Commander (FC) stating they are currently active in on the water training. Send all sizes needed along with the letter from the FC to DIRAUX or if coming in person please contact the office and make an appointment before appearing at DIRAUX.

#### POMS & PATROL ORDERS

HOORAY!!!! Yes POMS is back in service. If you are unable to currently print your 5132, save the file to your desktop as a PDF file then the member should be able to print. For POMS access, with the updated POMS, you may have to use the new Citrix client link. Start at the Statronics web site

<http://poms.statronics.com/> and click on the POM-OE.ica that is highlighted right under the bright

yellow banner that says you have to use the new link. You don't have to re-install anything, just use that new link. You may have the old link on your desktop as a shortcut that isn't valid anymore. Some member's old POMS ICON works, others do not work. NO, I do not know why but use the current one if yours does not. POMS has some updates, some new messages and things, but basically is the same. The printing problem may even be solved by the time you receive this.

SO LAKE TAHOE	DIV 11	OPTREX	SEP 17	3	WS - JB	POC JIM SNELL <a href="mailto:snellj@charter.net">snellj@charter.net</a>
SO BAY	DIV 4	OPTREX	SEP 24		YES – BP – WS –ML- JB	DAVE NAUMANN
CLEAR LAKE	DIV 8	OPTREX	SEP 30 – OCT 2		BP - JB	
MILLERTON	DIV 10	OPTREX	OCT 15 – 16		JB	POC Rod Rollins <a href="mailto:svalleyrod@aol.com">svalleyrod@aol.com</a>
CG STN BODEGA BAY	FLOTILLA 5-5	OPTREX	OCT 21		BP – WS- JB	POC RICHARD PALMITER <a href="mailto:Rkp01@comcast.net">Rkp01@comcast.net</a>
FLT 3-9	CHICO DETACHMENT	OPTREX	OCT 26-30			LAKE OROVILLE HANNELORE MADDOX POC

### **Phil Grove, DSO-PV**

#### Division Reports:

Division 05 has 86 visits to report  
 Division 06 has 68 visits to report  
 Division 07 has 44 visits to report  
 Division 10 has 79 visits to report  
 NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

#### Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	809	373	- 436
DIV 03	286	259	- 27
DIV 04	49	87	+ 38
DIV 05	1062	1018	- 44
DIV 06	582	394	- 188
DIV 07	36	54	+ 18
DIV 08	189	105	- 84
DIV 10	1035	1380	+ 345
DIV 11	129	120	- 9
DIV 12	15	16	+ 1
Totals	4192	3806	- 386

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
3806	2921	4479	313	77

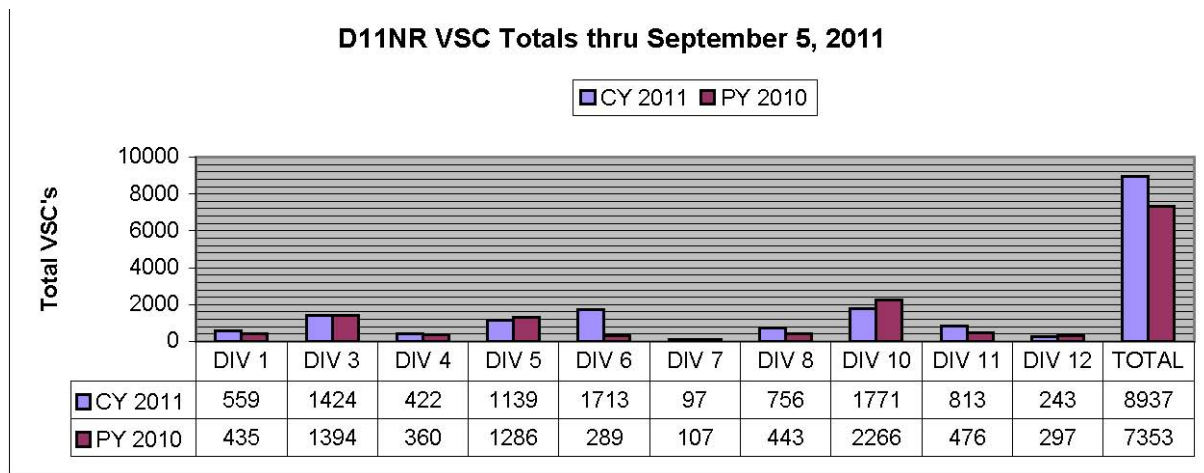
(statistics shown from AUXINFO through August 2011)

To all District 11N Program Visitors; Please complete a survey that will help to with direction of the VE/PV departments. The survey will only be around until the last day of September. Use this temporary web site: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/pv/pv.html>

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

**Mike Lauro, DSO-VE**

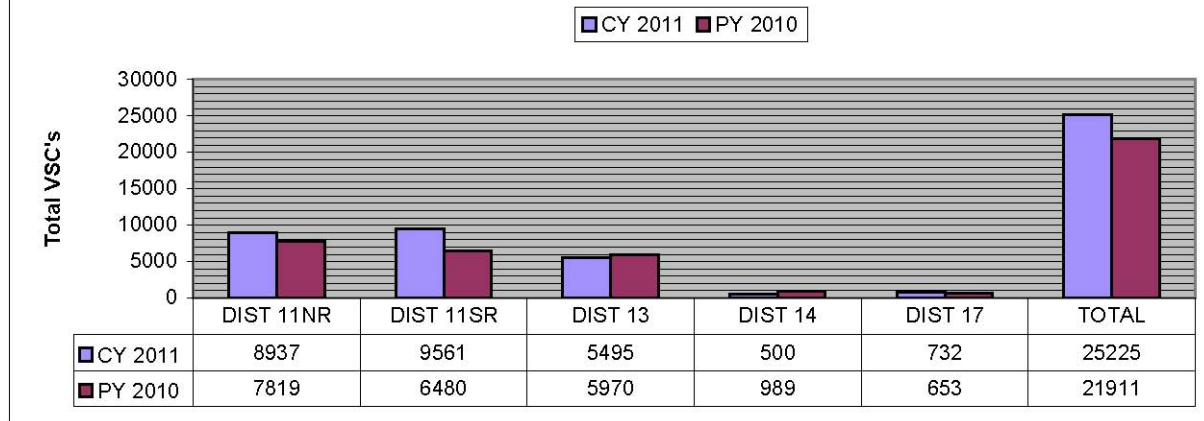
D11NR 2011 Statistics



The goal for D11NR is **11,000** VSC's. We are **81%** of our goal for the year and **121%** of 2010 production at this time! The data source is AUXINFO\*. Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **5,100** or **57%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **5,745** or 64% are High Risk VSC's. \*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru September 5, 2011

PAC Area 2011 Statistics

PAC AREA VSC Totals thru September 5, 2011



**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following members who passed the Vessel Examiners class over the PCA Fair over the weekend of August 20-21:

Radeene Anguiano 06-07	Benjamin Anguiano 06-07	Pamela Stracey-Rowe 05-05
Anson Hung 01-05	Brian Babcock 10-02	Cynthia Dragon 01-07
Cynthia Perazzo 05-07	Lewis Alexander 06-04	Norwood Maddry 05-01

Congratulations to the following examiners who have performed 20 or more VSC's during 2011:

Steven M. Johnson 05-01	Patrick W. O'Reilly 05-05	Eldred W. Johnston 06-04
Arturo Alvarez 10-06	Kenneth L. Mc sheehy 10-06	Michael R. Arnold 11-05
Joseph W. Harris 11-01		

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back! With the addition of new examiners for 2011, our examiner base is now 325 active examiners! This represents about 20% of our total District membership. This information is supplied by the Director's office, as examiners are qualified.

John J. Loero 01-07	Willie C. Burr* 05-03	Thomas L. Sprague 06-04
Sterling K. Hansen* 07-06	Tony J. Zocchi 07-06	Roy M. Jones 08-07
Wayne Farnholtz* 08-08	Michael W. Coburn 10-05	James J. Duffley 12-01
Katharine L Langs* 12-05		

\*Recertified

**National and District News**

**District News**

-A special request from the Director's office; PLEASE have the qualifying members 7038 with the 5 VSC's entered into AUXDATA by the FSO/SO-IS PRIOR to submission of the MT-2 to the Director's office.

-D11NR Vessel Examiner/Program Visitor Survey-There is now a temporary link on the District Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> for a survey that mirrors the PV/VE survey on the National VE website. Thanks to Rich Thomas DCAPT and Jan Jewell ADSO-CS/VE this one has been re-created on Monkey Survey for our District. Please take a minute to click on the link and answer the 16 multiple choice questions. In addition, there are 2 optional questions at the bottom that will allow you to express your thoughts and provide contact information should you choose. Your truthful answers are very important to the future direction of the District "V" and "PV" Depts. You only

will get one opportunity to fill out the survey as the site will remember your computer and the survey will only be active for 14-days. Your answers will remain confidential.

**The Delta Blitz**-Thank you to the following HARD working vessel examiners for a hugely successful Delta Blitz 3 at Discovery Park in the high 90's heat in Sacramento over the weekend of 13-14 August:

James Ippolito 3-3

Jan Jewell 8-7

James Goff 3-5

Michael J. Lauro 10-02

Tommy Holtzman 3-5

Carrie Van De Boom 10-3

**205 VSC's** were performed over both days-a **NEW** D11NR record for the Coast Guard's law enforcement blitz days! Many examiners drove many miles, donated many hours of their time, and incurred significant expense in helping to educate and prepare the boaters prior to launching this recent weekend. Special thanks to Carrie Van De Boom from 10-03 for her effort in providing a Marine Safety table, meeting and greeting the boaters in line, and directing traffic. She also jumped in to perform a VSC or two when necessary. In addition she and all the vessel examiners kept a smile as they enduring temperatures and walked MANY miles up and down the rows of waiting boaters. The combined total for the Stockton and Sacramento events is **385 VSC's!** This is a new performance record for this event.

**Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) FAQ's.** A recently released Coast Guard memo from July 2011 that answers questions about paddleboards is available on the D11NR website:

**<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>**. under "Hotline Line Messages". Please take a minute to review this information. Also, please remember that paddleboards DO NOT qualify for a VSC. However, they may present an educational opportunity about safety and the kayak I.D. decal.

#### National News

-2012/VSC DECALS-National Commodore James Vass, and Chris Edmonston, President of the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BOAT/US) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide VSC decals for the next 4-years. The four year partnership with Boat/U.S. ® will provide resources to support, promote and help grow the Vessel Safety Check program. The new partnership between Boat/U.S.® and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue to add value of Vessel Safety Checks for the overall safety efforts of the boating community. (Source: Navigator Express 9/2011)