

MINUTES  
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR  
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING  
15 January 2011  
Coast Guard Island, Alameda CA

The meeting was called to order at 0945 by DCO Angelo Perata, who introduced the following special guests:

CAPT Cynthia Stowe, Commander Sector San Francisco  
CAPT Jay Jewess, Deputy Commander Sector San Francisco

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Coast Guard Ethos were led by COMO Mike Williams.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll, and DCO Perara declared that a quorum was present. The attendance list is attached to these minutes as Attachment 1.

DCO Perata announced the following special appointments:

COMO Vic Connell, Chair America's Cup 2013  
COMO Mike Williams, Chair Inland Waters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Perara called for any corrections or additions to the 20 October 2010 and the 20 November 2010 minutes. There were none. DCO Perata called for approval of the minutes, and the approval was adopted.

REMARKS - CAPT STOWE

CAPT Stowe discussed the following issues:

- The dates and locations of division meetings are on her calendar, and she may attend some of the meetings.
- Thanks to Auxiliary members for the service given to the Coast Guard and the boating public, including implementation of Rescue 21.
- America's Cup 2013 is already in the planning stage. Race officials are working with the Coast Guard to minimize the impact on shipping commerce. The race zone will be very large and will need a lot of waterside presence and communications. They will also need spectator assistance, etc, and the Auxiliary will be asked to assist. There will be between 9-18 days of racing in 2012, and between 20 and 30 days in 2013.

REPORT – DCO ANGELO PERATA:

DCO Perata reported on the following:

- The PCA Fair in February will have Coxswain and Crew training to qualify members in Operations programs. For those interested in operations this is a good place to start.
- Introduced his district watch words:
  - Partnership – enhance the partnership within our boating alliance and enlist more partnerships in the local areas.

- Preparation – prepare to meet all challenges through training and provide support to the members for their training.
- Participation – encourage all members to participate as often as possible in the core missions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Update our district strategic plan will address:
  - Short term and long term goals
  - Improve our integrity with Coast Guard, state and local agencies
- Conduct a district-wide OPTREX at Coast Guard Island, possibly in late summer.
- Increase AWW performance
- Work with Webinar for training and communications
- RBS is the #1 goal for the Auxiliary, as set forth by ADM Papp. There will be new emphasis on paddle boat activities because of increased fatalities in that area. We must emphasize training for all Auxiliarists.
- We need to support work on inland lakes, small boat stations and with state agencies.
- Recognized Mike Lauro for achieving personal goal of 10,000 VSC's during 2010. Because of that D11N achieved over 10,000 VSC's during the past two years

CDR Chareonsuphiphat read letters of appreciation to the Auxiliary from the sponsors of Fleet Week, commending them for their participation in the event. There were over 30,000 visitors to Fleet Week in 2010. CDR Chareonsuphiphat emphasized the importance of supporting inland waters. The latest accident reports show there were 40-50 accidents off shore, but 700 accidents on inland lakes.

#### DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Perata called for district board reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division has completed all of its COW's. CAPT Stowe attended the division COW. Mary Kirkwood received Aux. commendation Award, Richard Saber And George Barentseff received Aux. Achievement Awards; a special Meritorious Fleet Week Shoreside Team Award was given to Richard Saber and a number of other volunteers. There will be a spring OPTREX in late June. The division has one new facility, the **Nordic Charm**.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). Members of Flotillas 3-5 and 3-10 cooked Christmas dinner for Coast Guard personnel at STN Rio Vista. Flotilla 3-9 took second place in the lighted Christmas parade. Division 3 wants to run survey to see if the division would like to have a combined COW of division and flotillas. After the results of the survey they will schedule COW date. The Sportsman's Expo will have Auxiliarists assisting at a booth.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). CAPT Stowe attended the division COW. They are currently working on division goals. They plan to have a PE calendar of classes during February. They have a new meeting location, and all staff have been appointed.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division had a successful COW, which CAPT Stowe and COMO Connell attended. They have completed all flotilla COWs. Division 5 members continue to work with the Army Corps of Engineers in Sonoma. They are also working with county sheriffs on SAR activities.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division held a successful COW with CAPT Jewess, CAPT Maguire and CWO Kilburger attending. Auxiliarists participated in a 24/7 radio watch in Big Sur while their comms station was down. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 are holding navigation classes. Member training will include how to retrieve an overweight or incapacitated victim and the Flotilla leadership course in February.

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The first division meeting is next week for discussing plans for the coming year. The division COW is the end of January. The division will have a booth at the Boat Show Feb 10-13. The division PA officer is working on that, and is also working with the state of Utah on NSBW. We will have Auxiliarists on 3 different lakes to do NSBW events. We will continue with Boating Officer training with Utah Parks. SAR and Navigation training on Utah Lake will be in April. Seamanship training at Lake Powell for new officer will be in May. We will be supporting triathlons and paddleboard races throughout the summer. We will add one more boat to the state boat fleet for Auxiliary use, to make a total of 3 boats in use.

Betty Strach, VCDR-8 for Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). We are calendaring dates for the coming year. Crescent City's COW will be on 21 January. Auxiliarists have requaled on the RBS vessel at Crescent City. Eureka has a comms watch stander at Samoa STN. We will be working some admin duties. Mendocino is still working with the light house. Mendocino and Lake County will continue to do some special-day dinners for the Coast Guard personnel.

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). Flotillas 10-5 and 10-6 had vessels in holiday parades. One won second place. There are changes in format and times of division meetings. We will have quarterly meetings instead of monthly, with off-months being electronic. Face-to-face meetings will be on Saturday, followed by training and planning sessions. Our next meeting will be on staff development. One OPTREX is scheduled in April. It will be training only, no QE's.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is working with the Paddleboard and Kayak Association in Lake Tahoe. The Reno Boat Show is the last week in February. We are working with the California Department of Wildlife by providing information brochures.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). Member Linda Haynes is working on the AuxChef program. Flotilla 12-1 is developing a new PA program called PAVE (Public Affairs Vessel Examinations). They plan an event every month at different areas. We are also involved in the "Get on the water" program with the Sea Scouts. They would welcome other volunteers to work with this program. At the division COW an award was presented to Roger Haynes for his work in the division and on the lighthouse. Robert Firehock and Abigail Wagg also received awards for their work in the merger of Flotillas 12-22 and 12-21 into 12-1.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). The PCA Fair is in February. Early bird registration is coming up soon. Esteban introduced Roger Haynes as Chair of the memorial committee. Haynes described memorial design mock-up and proposal. Esteban reported that they have an inventory of about 230 members who have crossed the bar, which will begin the memorial. Other names will be added annually as members cross over the bar. Haynes asked for names of people who would be willing to volunteer to assist with construction. He has a sign-up sheet for names and skills. This information is needed for the base's Engineer's Department.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – We have had a great COW season, many of which were supported by CAPT Stowe. CDR Chareonsuphiphat expressed appreciation for the support of CAPT Stowe and CAPT Jewess. The DIRAUX office has been focused on member awards. National Strategic Guidance for 2011 is in final draft. The Coast Guard Ball is April 2. Auxiliarists are encouraged to attend. Division 7's MOU for 3 boats to be used on inland lakes has been completed. Dave Harris, Utah Boating Program Manager has worked great with the Auxiliary to get boats on the water. They provide maintenance, we provide people. It is a great partnership, a great relationship. The DIRAUX office lost a Yeoman who is leaving the service, and the other Yeoman is out on medical leave. We have appreciated the Auxiliarists who are stepping up to help fill the gap. District 11N has some of the best leadership in the nation.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – DIRAUX is going through a staff transition. In February or March we should receive a new Yeoman from A-School. CWO Kilburger expressed thanks for all of the assistance from Auxiliarists who are helping out at the office. N-Train was supposed to have the Operational Risk Management (ORM) program up and running, but it is not ready. TCT is going away; but until ORM is ready, TCT will continue to be used, probably for the next 3 years. Our budget is still under continuing resolution. This has been impacting SAMA, but now we have funds until March 4. You will always have fuel and per-diem, but SAMA is restricted to the amount budgeted. Our regular DIRAUX budget is already 80% spent. We have been able to restock PPE inventory from last year's funds, so that inventory is good for now.

#### GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CAPT Stowe, assisted by CAPT Jewess, swore in district board, district staff and district ADSO's.

#### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

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

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Excused. Nothing to report.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). He has been working with Sector on communications issues.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). The district has been working with Rio Vista doing OTW training twice a month. That is continuing and we have scheduled through December. CWO Kilburger will be teaching in the Boat Crew training class at the PCA Fair. Please schedule your OTW events ASAP, through Dean LaChapelle. Let him know whether you need QE's or not. The forms 7003 and 7008 are changing and will be out soon. Check to make sure you're using the newest form when they come out. The mandatory operations workshop will be created after N-Train and QE workshop. The first presentation will be at D-Train.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). Funding will continue to be a major problem, and will hit us about when the America's Cup starts rolling. We need to begin training now in Operations in order to meet the requests that will be coming. The Webinar program systems training needs to be done at the flotilla level, so that this program can make our training work.

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

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Mission hours have grown substantially. With AWW, we hope to meld in departments with contacts and literature that we hand out. AWW 2.0 is a new program at National. The ferry audit program is very successful. There will be training at the PCA Fair and D-Train. Commercial fishing vessels is a growing area because exams are becoming mandatory. We may need more examiners. We will hold training just before salmon and crab seasons. AWW, doing observation missions, has been discontinued as of the end of last year. Pollution Investigation training is to look for environmental pollution in areas. We have 10 people working in that department. Kayak and paddleboard race programs are being developed by Yacht Clubs.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). We completed 100% of our assignments. In 2010 we completed 950 bridges, PATONS and ATONS. Unfortunately only 500 got into AUXDATA. People who don't report their work hurt our program. On 22 January there will be a NS workshop via Webinar. During the PCA Fair we will be doing an aid verifier course and chart updated course. Duncan will be attending N-Train. Photos of every aid being maintained are now being requested. Email the photos to Roger Haynes to post to web site. The YBI lighthouse museum has been updated. Last Christmas season Auxiliarists served as tour guides of ADM Brown's guests during his Christmas party. Periodic tours are given, and Auxiliarists and families are welcome when they occur.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Report on file (Attachment C). McAlwee reiterated that everyone is a PA officer. Partnerships, preparation and proficiency begin with PA. There will be a PA competition at D-Train with some good awards. McAlwee encouraged PQS qualification for PA officers. STN Rio Vista has requested assistance for PA activities. Contact Bob Hendry if you are interested. There will be a PCA Fair class for customs and courtesies. Social media is going viral. There are some guidelines and expectations for those who become involved.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – We are working with CalTrans for employee training. Reminder of the availability of the PadRow class. We would like to post all classes on the web site. Haynes will be filling in for Wetzels at N-Train (health issues), so he is hoping to get some PE info as well.

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV – Report on file (Attachment C). We had a good year in 2010 with 7255 PV's, an increase from the previous year

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE – Report on file (Attachment C). We have enjoyed growth in the VSC program the last few years. Lauro will be assisting with the dock walker program this year. There is a PCA class scheduled, plus a class scheduled in Stockton. The classes are free. Goals have been set for the coming year. There is a new 7012a form for kayaks and canoes, which will be at ANSC in early February. Lauro will notify members when it is available.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). NSW materials need to be ordered now. We have a second **Coastie** now and are working on scheduling and policies for its use. Kirkwood encouraged divisions to have dockwalker programs. Kirkwood will be attending N-Train.

Recess: 1130.

Reconvene: 1230

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT called for the following reports:

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Excused. Report on file (Attachment C). Thomas reported for Wetzel that WOW classes are being offered beginning the end of January. There will be four tech classes during the PCA Fair and the district-wide Best of the Web annual award during D-Train.

Bob Davison, DSO-HR – Report on file (Attachment C). Every inquiry coming in will receive a letter welcoming them to the Auxiliary. If they haven't heard anything for 7-10 days, they will be invited to contact Davison. The district lost 121 people last year. Davison hopes to get that down to 60 through member retention efforts. He will contact each individual who disenrolles to make sure they really want to.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Eight members got AUXOP when we converted to the new format. In AUXDATA there is a new button entitled AUXOP progress. It can be used to track AUXOP progress. DCDR's are asked to make sure members get 2010 hours to their IS officers before 30 January. District awards will be based on figures as of 31 January.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). Talton is looking forward to working at MA again. We will have a virtual store with photos of all items up soon. We will begin photographing the inventory next week-end. For now, when ordering materials, please use the order form on line. When the virtual store is completed there will be a shopping cart.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – Report on file (Attachment C). Report includes a road map on the new AUXOP status. Sixty members will be AUXOP after completing the leadership course, which can be done on line.

Wesley Craig, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C). The first edition of the **Northwind** is completed and will be distributed this coming week.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file (Attachment C). The AuxChef program is going to go forward. They have been working with people at Yerba Buena Island for a class in March. Sector SF will be funding the training program. Thomas wants to focus on retention this year.

Collins called for the following staff reports:

Bob Hendry, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). We have a lot of support from Sector and they are looking for Auxiliary volunteer assistance often. The Incidence Response Plan template has been issued by National. Hendry is working on updating district plan for EXCOM approval.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). Fisher reminded the board that MaryAnne Collins, ADSO-FN now receives financial reports, and they need to include the year-end bank statement reconciliation.

Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP – Nothing to report. Chevron Humankind is a program where any employee of Chevron who volunteers 20 hours/year, may receive \$500 for their volunteer organization. Those who volunteer 40 hours/year may receive \$1,000 for their volunteer organization.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report.

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Nothing to report.

Steven Perez, DA – Perez reminded members of respect of diversity. Diversity is not a problem to be solved, but an asset to be developed. Helpful information will be posted on the web site.

Rod Collins, DCOS – Collins commented on the many COWs he was able to attend. Collins reminded people to use telephones to resolve issues, instead of email. It works better and quicker.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO - COMO Williams expressed appreciation to Auxiliarists who are helping in the DIRAUX office. On inland waters the most critical issue is the perception of the public that the Auxiliary is the Coast Guard. That means a lot of responsibility. We must be trained and be professional. One thing we bring to the table is a great local knowledge of various inland waters. We need to use more electronic and communications training. HAM radio nets are another valuable communications tool, especially during a disaster. Williams encouraged members to submit items in publications, scrapbooks, photographs, etc. at D-Train. We need to make sure our photographs meet the requirements. Consider difficult times for all members and help them cut costs.

#### OLD BUSINESS

November 2010 Elected Officer Academy – DCO Perata reported Maddox will be sending an evaluation form will be sent to attendees to determine what worked and what didn't work.

#### NEW BUSINESS

America's Cup 2013 – COMO Vic Connell reported that leadership training for members is will be important. Things are already changing and we will have multiple opportunities to volunteer. COMO Connell will send out information on the America's Cup to the district as he learns it.

Uniforms – DCO Perata called on Dan Tinney, who described some of the changes that are coming. Members are encouraged to wear their uniform correctly so that we represent the CG properly.

Webinar – Previously covered. DCO Perata stated that Mike Marseille is director of this project. There will be classes at the PCA Fair.

NSBW – Previously covered.

Operational Response Plan – Will be covered at a later meeting.

D-Train - Phil Sanchez reminded the board that D-Train will be on March 25-27, at the same location as the last two years. Sanchez reviewed the preliminary D-Train schedule. Fun Night will be a "South of the Border" fiesta event. Members are encouraged to get hotel reservations in soon in order to get \$99 price. Registration forms are on line now and can be filled in on line. A tentative workshop schedule is also out. It is subject to change, depending on items learned at N-Train. Registration cutoff is March 15 before the price increase.

#### FINAL COMMENTS

DCO Perata recognized Charles and Linda McCartney for their service with Deep Water Horizon.

Motion: Judy Esteban, P-PCA moved and Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 seconded that \$20,000 be transferred from the district funds to a Memorial Fund. Following discussion, the motion was adopted.

Motion: Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT moved and COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO seconded that up to \$10,000 of the Memorial Fund be authorized to commence construction of the memorial. Following discussion, COMO Williams called for the question. The motion was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a Webinar meeting on Wednesday, 16 February 2011 at 1900 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR



## ATTACHMENT A

### ATTENDANCE LIST DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 January 2011

#### DISTRICT BOARD:

DCO Angelo Perata  
Rod Collins, DCOS  
COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO  
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS  
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES  
Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP  
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX  
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO  
Simone Adair, DCDR-1  
Ed Kief, DCDR-3

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4  
Curtis Han, DCDR-5  
Wally Smith, DCDR-6  
Lou Carroll, DCDR-7  
Betty Strach, VCDR-8  
Denis Eaton, DCDR-10  
Leon Borden, DCDR-11  
Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12  
Judy Esteban, P-PCA

#### DISTRICT STAFF:

Jeff Price, DSO-CM  
Fran Fisher, DSO-FN  
Bob Davison, DSO-HR  
COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS  
JoAnna Nevesny, DSO-LP  
Dave Talton, DSO-MA  
Sue Fry, DSO-MS  
COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT  
Jim Duncan, DSO-NS  
COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP  
Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA  
Wes Craig, DSO-PB

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE  
Phillip Grove, DSO-PV  
Joyce Bell, DSO-SR  
Mike Lauro, DSO-VE  
Bob Hendry, ASC  
Steve Perez, DDA  
Neil Nevesny, CRA  
Phil Sanchez, EP  
Kenna Craig, D-AA  
Linda Haynes, D-AH  
COMO Vic Connell, America's Cup

#### GUESTS:

Jim Blackburn, VCDR-5  
Sean Sheehan, VCDR-6  
William Correll, VCDR-10  
Robert Firehock, VCDR-12  
Jim Goff, ADSO-VE  
Fred Sellstrom, ADSO-CM  
Kevin Sellstrom, ADSO-CM  
MaryAnne Collins, ADSO-FN  
Bill Correll, ADSO-PV

Dan Tinney, ADSO-MA  
Robert Liu, ADSO-LP  
Michael Coburn, ADSO-HR  
Jack Kane, FC-12-01  
Linda McCarty, FL-53  
Charles McCarty, FSO-PE, FL-53  
Steven Johnson, FC-51  
Marlene Phifer, SO-HR-5  
Monica Eaton, FC-10-03

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 January 2011**

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

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- All COWs in the Division have been completed
- Members received Auxiliary Commendation Award, Auxiliary Achievement Awards, Special Meritorious Team Award for Fleet Week
- Preliminary goals and strategic planning distributed
- Spring PE classes scheduled (see upcoming events)
- Members participated in the holiday party at the SF Veteran's Affairs Hospital
- Division 1 has new facility
- Spring OPTREX planned

##### **DETAILS**

- All COWs in the Division have been successfully completed. Senior Division members attended each COW. The Division COW was held at Sinbad's, in San Francisco, and was well attended with over 60 attendees, including CAPT Cynthia Stowe, Rod Collins, DCOS, and Rich Thomas, D-CAPT
- Mary Kirkwood received Aux. commendation Award, Richard Saber And George Barentseff received Aux. Achievement Awards; a special Meritorious Fleet Week Shoreside Team Award was given to Richard Saber and a number of other volunteers
- Division goals and strategic planning were distributed and will be discussed at January meeting. Emphasis is placed on serving our Auxiliarists, the Coast Guard, and the community. A 2011 Division Planning Calendar was created and distributed to aid in goal setting.
- Flotilla 1-9 has new facility, Nordic Charm, owned by Linda Vetter.
- Spring OPTREX planned for Berkeley Yacht Club. We will have quals/requals, on-the-water training exercises, and dockside classes for crew candidates.

##### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Continue to cross-train with Station Golden Gate, Sector San Francisco Prevention, Air Station San Francisco, and Pacific Area Training Team
- Two Flotilla 17 crew members work with Station San Francisco active-duty crew
- Auxiliarists and Gold-side worked side-by-side at the SF VA Hospital's annual Holiday party and brought some holiday spirit to the residents there
- Several gold-side members were trained and signed off on their Liferaft PQS by Division 1 members

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

- Flotilla 12 has S&S scheduled Feb. 1, at Station Golden Gate; Flotilla 14 has BS&S scheduled Feb. 8, at Loch Lomond YC; Flotilla 1-5 has BS&S scheduled Feb. 28, at South San Francisco Adult School; Flotilla 17 has BS&S/S&S combo scheduled Mar. 12, at Berkeley YC, ABS on Mar. 12, at YBI, GPS for Mariners in May, at YBI, and Weekend Navigator on May 25, at YBI.

- Spring OPTREX tentatively scheduled for Berkeley Yacht Club, in June.

## **Division 1 Policy, Goals, and Strategic Planning**

### Division 1 Vision Statement

Division 1 is committed to providing the highest level of service to our Auxiliarists, the Coast Guard, and the community, through leadership, professionalism, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

### Division 1 Goals

Our 2011 Division goals include, but are not limited to, emphasizing safety in all activities, achieving 100% retention, providing leadership in all appropriate mission areas, representing the Coast Guard with the highest level of professionalism, emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness, encouraging staff officer development at all levels, and promoting personal satisfaction for all our members.

### Strategic Planning

Division 1 Board and Staff members will provide leadership, communication, administration and training in support of our members, the Coast Guard and the community. We will track our success through the 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, OPTREX & OPEX, 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:**

- Four Flotillas have had their Change of Watch, one has not.
- The Division meeting is 13 January
- D-3 has secured meeting place.
- D-3 has a request from California Boating and Waterway's
- Flotilla members of F- 35 and 3-10 cooked a Christmas dinner for the active duty personnel at Station Rio Vista and it was very much appreciated.
- Flotilla 39 took second place in the Lighted Christmas Parade in Redding.
- When our NSBW event coordinator gets back from Europe we will begin setting the wheels in motion for a joint event with California Boating and Waterways.

### **Details:**

- Flotilla 33 will have their COW 14 January
- The Div. meeting will 13 January and topics to be covered will be Division goals, 2011 Cow, Committee's, elected officers WOW data base sites for D-11N, getting PE classes scheduled,

Standing Rules, swear in staff officers that were not at the COW and anything else that comes up. Remind FC's to bring Training Management Reports to their meetings. Remind FC's when their reports are due.

- Permission to use the Sacramento Air Station big training room for 2011 meetings was secured from Lt. Commander Green.
- D-3 has a request to assist CBW at the International Sportsman's Expo 20-23 and we have members from 33 and 35 offering assistance at this time, but I am sure there will be more.

#### **Up-coming Events:**

- International Sportsman's Expo 20-23
- PCA Training Fair 19-20 February
- Boat Show in February
- Boat Show in March
- NSBW
- Public Education Classes

#### **Agency Interactions:**

- Asst. Coast Guard
- Assist. CBW
- Assist. Folsom Lake Park Rangers

#### **Division Goals**

- Measure Flotilla progress and provide support and assistance.
- More to follow after the first meeting.

#### **Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Preliminary set of goals and objectives for the Division have been drafted.

New meeting location has been secured.

- Addition to membership in progress.
- Division Staff appointed.

##### **DETAILS**

A preliminary set of goals and objectives have been drafted and distributed to flotilla commanders and Division staff for review and comments. It is planned to be firmed up by late February. Continued emphasis on Vessel Examination, Public Education, Aids to Navigation, and Public Affairs programs; while attempting to expand role and participation on Marine Safety.

A new meeting location has been secured at the South Bay Yacht Club located at 1491 Hope Street in Alviso. The previous location at Verizon located at 2560 N. First St., in San Jose is no longer available due to employee transfer. Two new additions to the membership in progress. Bob Brown for flotilla 4-9 has received his temporary ID number; and Michael Korzen is transferring to flotilla 4-6 from 11S, 4-7. All Division staff positions have been filled, and form 7007 sent to DIRAUX in December 2010. Recent patrol with two boats (Lifesaver and Maverick) signed off many tasks for three crew candidates.

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

A new schedule of Boating Safety Courses to be held at West Marine, Saratoga planned to be established in mid-February 2011.

## **DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS**

- Loose no qualifications or certifications in 2011
- Continue upgrade efforts on websites
- Establish committees for National Safe Boating Week, Change of Watch during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011.

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Division 5 board member and Flotilla Commanders orientation meeting.
- Changes of Watch in December, 2010.
- Flotillas 51 and 55 participated in Christmas party at the Coast Guard Stations.
- Members of the Flotilla 52 assist Napa County Sheriff at Lake Berryessa.
- 20 patrols in October, including 14 patrols during San Francisco Fleet Week.
- Division 5 members continue to participate in surface ops and RBS missions.
- Division 5 board member meeting; Flotilla Commander orientation meeting

### **DETAILS**

- On Thursday, December 2, 2010, Division's first Flotilla Commander orientation and new FC training session was held. Both the outgoing and incoming Flotilla Commanders and Vice Division Commanders attended the session. During the session, all new Flotilla Commanders were briefed of Division meeting and report submission procedures. Division and Flotilla goals were also discussed. In January, there will be a Vice Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff orientation meeting.
- In the month of December, 2010, there were 2 Flotilla Changes of Watch and a Division 5 Change of Watch. Flotilla 51 (Vallejo) and 52 (Napa) held their COW on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Division 5 Change of Watch was held on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Zio Fraedos Restaurant in Vallejo, CA. Special guests included CAPT Cynthia Stowe, CO, Sector San Francisco; CDR David K. Chareonsuphiphat, Director of Auxiliary, D11NR; Angelo Perata, DCOS, Rod Collins, DCAPT, Dean Lachapelle, DCAPT, Rich Thomas, DCAPT-e, Vic Connell, IPDNACO.
- Flotilla 51 members and 55 members participated in an annual Christmas party at the Coast Guard Stations Vallejo and Bodega, respectively. The members presented Christmas gifts to the children of the active duty members.
- On December 11, 2010, 10 members from Flotilla 52 assisted the Napa County Sheriff Marine Unit at Lake Berryessa on their newly acquired 25-foot boat. The members spent the entire day helping the deputies with maintenance and cleanup. The Napa County Sheriff will offer several boats for use for Auxiliary Surface Operations. Once the facilities are ready, offer for use inspections will be performed.
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in safety and training patrols, vessel safety and program visitation missions throughout their respective areas of operation. Division logged 165 hours of safety patrols, 162 program visits and 20 vessel safety checks.

## **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

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

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

- Flotilla 53 Change of Watch is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Stars Recreational Center, Vacaville. Social hour 1800, dinner at 1900. Uniform of the day -Service Dress Blue. POC: Randy McCormick.

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

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

#### **Wally Smith, DCDR-6**

#### **DETAILS**

- On Sunday November 14, Division 6 held a very successful Change of Watch at the Seascope Golf Club in Aptos. 65 V.I.P.s, members and guests attended. The Gold Side was represented by Capt. Jay Jewess, Sector San Francisco; Capt. Patrick Maguire, District 11N; Lt Cmdr Michael Kahle, CO Station Monterey; CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO District 11N; and BM2 Luke Shaeffer, AUXLO Station Monterey. From the Silver Side were Angelo Perata, Como(e); Rod Collins, COS(e); and Dean LaChapelle, District Captain. Honored guest was Marian Olin, Santa Cruz Harbor – Administration. Awards included Certificates of Appreciation to Marian Olin for her support of the Auxiliary, and to Maryanne Collins and Ray Burch for their continuing support of the Division; and the Award of Operational Merit presented to Scott Galloway, Lynda Dossett, and Michael Diosezgi for saving a life while on patrol near Santa Cruz last summer. The highlight of the event was an honorarium and 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Ralph Neal, a 40-yr member.
- The Division 6 Staff has been appointed and, for the most part, staff officers remained in their respective positions from 2010. There were several positions that had changes and two positions that were vacant are now filled.
- A New Member Training was presented to 19 members of Flotillas 6-7 & 6-10 on 12 December in Santa Cruz. A PowerPoint series was developed that included seven segments as follows:
  - Introduction / Structure / Map of CGI
  - Navigating the Aux Web
  - Protocol
  - Uniforms
  - Forms
  - Qualifications & Training

- Awards
- Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 are offering full Boating Skills & Seamanship, Sailing Skills & Seamanship, and Coastal Navigation classes. Registration was on 05 January and a total of approximately 35 students signed up. Classes begin the week of 10 January.
- The first Division 6 of 2011 was held on Saturday 08 January in Morro Bay. A Certificate of Award was presented to the Division recognizing membership growth in 2010. The Certificate was presented to Bill Dodson, SO-HR and newly elected FC of Monterey Flotilla 6-4. The meeting was followed by a training session at CG Station Morro Bay on how best to retrieve an overweight or incapacitated victim from the water.
- Division 6 had one of the most active years in its history with many hours spent in a variety of areas. Highlights include:
 

Marine Dealer Visits - 895	Public Affairs - 230 Hours
Marine Patrols - 2,782 Hours	Public Education - 489 Hours
Member Training - 861 Hours	Vessel Exams – 371
RBS (99) – 15,608 Hours	

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Division 6 personnel representing three Flotillas in concert with the Navy League participated in CG Station Monterey's Holiday Party at the Elks Club in Monterey. Raffle and grab bag prizes were donated by members of all three Flotillas. The party was a great success and many thanks were directed toward the Auxiliary and the Navy League.

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

- Several Member Training events are on the calendar
  - The AUXCOM course will be offered in two segments in Santa Cruz on 16 & 23 January. 20 members representing four Flotillas have registered.
  - The Flotilla Leadership Course will be offered in Santa Cruz on 05 February. 23 members representing three Flotillas have registered.
  - The New Member Training will be presented in Monterey on 12 February.
  - AUXWEA will be offered sometime this spring.
- A QE session is under discussion for sometime this spring in the Santa Cruz area.
- A Division OPTREX is under discussion for later in the year.
- Division 6 will participate in the CG Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party on 14 February.
- Two patrols are scheduled for later this month.

### **DIVISION GOALS**

- Retain current members and recruit new members.
- Offer training to members as requested
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas
- Continue the excellent rapport with CG Station Monterey, CG Station Morro Bay, and USCG Cutter Hawksbill

### **Lou Carroll, DCDR-7**

- We have yet to have our first Division meeting. It will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing changing our meeting dates to better coincide with the District meetings, and preliminary plans for Operational events after the water becomes less hard.

- Planning for the annual Boat Show on February 10-13 is well underway. This event is one of the major highlights for public contact for our division. Our SO-PA Lana Visser is in charge of this event. She has also started with the planning of NSBW. She has been working with Utah Parks in planning events at three lakes for that weekend.
- Planning for the Utah Parks Ranger training at Lake Powell is also underway under the direction of Commodore Williams.
- Our COW will be on Jan 29. The final touches are being completed on the planning.

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Crescent City 8-11 - Preparing for Flotilla COW Sunday January 16, 2011
- Eureka 86 - New Flotilla Commander Linda Hoffman sworn in at Division COW and working on her staff officer appointments.
- Mendocino 87 - New Flotilla Commander Chris Jewell has issued Flotilla Goals for the year for discussion at the Flotilla meeting January 15.
- Lake County 88 - Held the first meeting of the year January 8.

#### **DETAILS:**

- Crescent City: Flotilla Commander Becky Barlow will be sworn in for 2011 for a second term leading the flotilla. The crew and coxswain on the CG RBS Safe Boat 25543 passed their physical fitness and pyro tests in December under the supervision of CG Station Humboldt Bay. There were two SAR call outs during the month including one for pumps on a sinking fishing boat in the harbor which also required a boom deployment by the team. Flotilla member Tom Dennis passed his QE check ride and is now qualified as crew for 25543.
- Eureka: Social Meeting held on December 12th, 2010 at Gallaghers saying goodbye to outgoing FC Thom O'Conner and VFC Helen O'Conner and welcoming FC Linda Hoffman. Station Petty Officers Jones and Wolf were in attendance, along with Richard Thomas and CDR David Chareonsuphiphat.
- Mendocino: New Flotilla Commander Chris Jewell reports that 2011 calendar and training activities for 2011 will be focus of the Flotilla meeting January 15. A schedule of boat crew training classes has already been set to start in February. It is anticipated that the weekly boat crew training sessions in partnership with CG Station Noyo River will resume in February.
- Lake County: Flotilla Commander Dan Hayward lead the first meeting of the year at the Lakeport Yacht Club Saturday January 8. The meeting established key dates for the calendar including two events in support of CG Station Noyo River again during the year, a Life Jacket Giveaway in support of NSBW in partnership with WALMART and boat patrols on both Clear Lake and Lake Mendocino. Additional member training sessions are being scheduled to coincide with flotilla meeting dates. The flotilla has also resumed publication of its monthly newsletter thanks to FSO-PB Dan Fish.
- Division 8: I have been busy assuming the responsibilities of Division Commander following our COW last month, coordinating the Division Calendar with the FCs, updating our division organization chart and more. All staff appointments have been completed. Saturday January 8 I attended the Flotilla 88 monthly meeting in Lakeport and I plan to get to each of the Flotillas over the next three months. I have arranged for VCDR Betty Strach to represent me at the District Meeting January 15 and to represent the Division at the Flotilla 8-11 COW January 16 in Crescent City. I will not be able to attend these events following surgery on January 14.



### **DIVISION GOALS:**

- Reestablishing the sense of community and fellowship within the division.
- Creating value added from the division to the Flotillas as a bridge to the broad spectrum of programs offered by our unique organization - the U.S. Coast Auxiliary.
- Mentoring and supporting Flotilla 86 in Eureka.
- Identifying new sources of funding for future Division activities.
- 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.
- Ensuring membership retention in addition to recruiting new members for the flotillas in the Division.

### **FUTURE DIVISION EVENTS:**

- Flotilla 88 - February 5 - Monthly Meeting March 16 - Annual St. Patricks Day lunch at CG Station Noyo River.
- Flotilla 8-11 - January 16 - Flotilla COW at Lighthouse Inn, Crescent City 1300 February 23 - Monthly Flotilla meeting at Fisherman's Hall at 1800
- Flotilla 87 - January 15 - Flotilla meeting at CG Station Noyo River 1030 February 8 - Crew Classroom training commences at 1300 CG Station Noyo River Flotilla 86 February 12 -Flotilla Meeting at CG Station Humboldt Bay 1000

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

#### **ACTIVITY**

1. Division 10 and all of its Flotillas have had their COW
2. Flotilla 10-05 and 10-06 were in the Holiday Parade
3. Change Division meeting time and format
4. Division Staff Development training
5. OPEX for April at Lake Kaweah

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The Division and all of its Flotillas have had their COW
2. Boats in Holiday parades
  - a. Fresno Flotilla 10-05 along with the Fresno Coast Guard recruiting station had a boat in a Holiday Parade.
  - b. Visalia Flotilla 10-06 had a boat in a Holiday parade and won the second place for their entry.
3. We have changed the time, dates and format of our Division meetings.
  - a. We will have four Face to Face meetings. The will be on the Fourth Saturday of January, April and September. The fourth meeting will be the Division COW which is on the second Saturday of December. These meetings will be at Doctors Hospital Annex in Modesto at 1000. We will follow the meeting with training or group planning/brainstorming session from around 1200 to 1400.
  - b. On the other months we will have an electronic meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 1900.

4. Following the January Division meeting we will have a training session for Division and Flotilla Staff on the Staff structure and responsibilities.
5. We are in the planning stages for the Annual OPEX at Lake Kaweah in April. There will be an on the water and on the dock train weekend. There will be no QEs.

### **PROJECTS**

1. Finalize the Division Incident Response Plan that we start working on last year.
2. Revamping and updating the Division web site and making sure that the Flotilla's are also current.
3. Determining if the Division will have a need for it Spring and/or Fall OPTREXs this year

### **Leon Borden, DCDR-11**

#### **DETAILS**

- Due to weather and holidays Division 11 has not had much Activity.
- PE/MT classes:
- ACN Class part A was completed in December, Part B is starting in January.
- Operations: 2 boat training with Station Tahoe was conducted in December. No boat training with the station is scheduled for Jan.
- Station Tahoe is training their staff on pyrotechnics on Jan 12, the Auxiliary is invited.
- Jan 3 Concluded Dry Suit training, the majority on Division 11's Coxswains, Boat Crew and PWC Operators are now Dry suit qualified and have been issued MSD900s.
- On Jan 19 the Auxiliary is taking channel 16 guard while maintenance is done on Station Tahoe's equipment
- Division 11's First meeting of the year is January 24, 2011

#### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS**

- Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boat Working Group - Wants to work with the Auxiliary on ways to promote safety for Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddleboards on Lake Tahoe. Division 11 is going to add a section on our Web site for Non-Motorized Boaters
- Nevada Department of Wildlife(NDOW) - going to print pamphlets and stickers promoting safety for Non-Motorized boaters

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

1. Fishing Derby - Pyramid Lake, Feb 12-13 and 19-20
2. Polar Bear Swim – Lake Tahoe, March

#### **DIVISION GOALS**

1. Have flotillas working together to complete common goals.
2. Improve training opportunities for members of the Division.

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

The Change of Watch (COW) for Division 12 and Flotillas 12-1, 12-3 and 12-5 was held Sunday, December 5, 2010, at Pier 29 Restaurant in Alameda. Flotilla 12-91's COW will be held next Saturday, January 22, 2011. Individual awards were received by Roger Haynes for his service as Division Commander and by Robert Firehock and Abigail Wagg for their efforts in coordinating the merger of Flotillas 12-2 and 12-21 into the new Flotilla 12-1.

The Division activity for the last year represents a seven percent increase over 2009, which is consistent with levels of growth in activity the district and nationally. Distribution of the activity follows; we will be evaluating other aspects of our performance in connection with goal setting in the coming months. Our membership increased in the past year, as well. We had over 20 new members and a net gain of at least 8, finishing the year with 189 members. Each flotilla commander has been asked to identify their major goals for the year, and we will be discussing the responses at our next meeting, January 20, 2011 at Classroom 35 in the MWR building at Coast Guard Island.

### **Prevention**

Each of our flotillas is planning their public education programs for the coming year.

Flotilla 12-1 has developed a concept of a "Public Affairs Vessel Examination" (PAVE) activity, which involves an intensive effort toward outreach in a particular marina on a given day – usually a weekend day when a lot of marina tenants will be active. They have PAVE events planned as follows:

- Encinal Yacht Club 29 January
- Grand Marina 26 February
- Emeryville Marina 19 March
- Oakland Yacht Club April
- Alameda Marina 28 May
- Ballena Bay 25 June
- Encinal Yacht Club 3 July

They are also planning a public affairs training program in Alameda on 8-9 April.

Our SO-PA and SO-PB are both young, energetic past Navy PAOs, who will be working as a team to revitalize and train our flotilla elected and staff officers, and to focus their efforts on communication and outreach activities. This effort will build to a training weekend April 8-9, 2011 at Coast Guard Island, in anticipation of National Safe Boating Week in May, and in support of the Flotilla 12-1 PAVE events all year. The training is consistent with the national public affairs training and recognition program, and those completing the program should be able to earn the PA ribbon. Member of other divisions who are interested in the training should contact SO-PA Perry Joiner.

Several of our members are working with high schools in Alameda as judges of their Science Fair on 12 February for the second year in a row.

### **Response**

We will begin planning this year's division OPTREX at our next meeting, which will be 20 January.

We have a draft contingency plan, based on the template provided on the national website.

One new OPFAC was recently added to our "fleet", a 50' yawl owned by Perry Joiner, a former U.S. Navy PAO.

### **Mission Support**

We are offering a nine week navigation class for members, beginning last Saturday. As a result of the class, we are hoping these members will be able to complete their AUX-NAV specialization.

We are attempting to develop a new web site using the national WOW template. This template promises a lot of benefits, by virtue of allowing the user to update the website with little knowledge of

web programming techniques, and we are hoping it will be useful to our flotillas, as well. If you would like to try it in your division, contact Irene Wetzel, SO-IS or me.

We have been in touch with Coast Guard personnel on Coast Guard Island in connection with participating in their pulling whaleboat program. Apparently, there are regular pulling sessions several times a week at the small boat dock. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact me.

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

#### **PCA Fair - February 19 – 20, 2011**

Registrations are coming in

Early bird registration closes Jan 19<sup>th</sup>; then the price goes up to \$15

Secured a discounted price at Executive Inn

Great job Mary Kirkwood!

#### **Memorial Update**

Roger Haynes Chairperson

Detail composted drawing draft completed

Site plans

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

#### **ACTIVITY**

1. Attended District Training Conference for D11S in Costa Mesa, CA
2. Discussed potential AUX support of the Dive Investigation Team with Capt. Stowe
3. Coordinating the revision to the Coastie scheduling process
4. Continue planning District activities for NSBW
5. Established contact with DCDRs and DSOs

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Attended D-Train (D11s) in Costa Mesa. Got ideas to improve the awards presentation at our D-Train in March. Attended great overview seminar on the Marine Safety program which enhanced my knowledge of the program. Identified different ways the Auxiliary supports the CG in the South that could be adopted for our District. Networked with DCAP counterparts in 11S.
2. Discussed with Capt. Stowe the Auxiliary involvement in the CG Dive Investigation Team in D11s, with the intent to bring the program to D11n. The Sector does not have a "dive team", but is responsible for investigating dive accidents when they occur. The investigating team could use Auxiliarists with dive expertise (divemasters, instructors) to augment their investigations.
3. Coordinating revision of the Coastie program with Jerry McAlwee and Wally Smith. Hope to have on-line scheduling, updated instructor lists, routine maintenance schedule, etc.
4. Requested names of Division Coordinators for NSBW, and distributed list of how to obtain boating safety materials. District Coordinator Jerry McAlwee is sponsoring a contest to elicit more involvement from the Divisions in NSBW
5. Have established contact with new Division Commanders for 4, 6 and 12. Made contact with DSOs. Working on goal-setting for 2011.

## **PROJECTS**

4. Plans underway for NSBW
5. Auxiliary representation on Harbor Safety Committee
6. Auxiliary support of Dive Investigation Teams
7. Will be attending AMLOC/DCAPT training at N-Train in St. Louis

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. National Safe Boating Week
2. Expand boating safety & AWW to dive clubs, dive shops
3. Improve reporting process for AWW activities
4. Establish AUX support of Dive Investigation Teams

## **Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT**

Contact with Division Commanders 1, 3, and 5

Contact with DSO's - Support

Contact with Commander Johnson - AUX Chef Program

Goals - 2011

During the month of December I sent letters of introduction and congratulations to each of the Division Commanders along with my availability to assist them in any manner that I can.

I have also sent out letters to each of the DSO's with my desire to aide them in any way I can and also discussed putting together their goals for 2011.

I have been in contact with Commander Johnson and Chief Kita to discuss the Aux Chef Program.

The primary goals for 2011 are to communicate with the Division Commanders frequently and discuss any issues that they might have in solving problems and or to provide support when needed.

Considering that the DSO's in the Support area consists of:

Irene Wetzel-CS

David Talton-MA

COMO Marilyn McBain -IS

COMO Mike Maddox-MT

Bob Davison-HR

Wesley Craig-PB

We are fortunate to have this great consortium of leadership and well experienced personnel over-seeing these specific responsibilities.

Irene needs no introduction: Her dedication and superb background in making District 11 North the stand-out of web site presentation Auxiliary wide.

David Talton returns to operating our materials department and Auxiliary store. Dave brings with him a crew of dedicated assistants that have made a major shift in the operation of our shopping on line store. During December EXCOM has had continuous contact with go to web in viewing the "new" store

operation and there are substantial changes that have been made that will make "our" store best in the nation.

Commodore's Maddox and McBain have seen it all and done it all. We are blessed with their dedication to remain active even after reaching the climax of their prior high level leadership. Nationwide it is not unusual to see those who reach that level to "disappear" after their senior positions.

Our newest DSO's Bob Davison and Wesley Craig, while new in these positions, offer a significant number of years in Auxiliary involvement.

Wesley Craig has been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary since 1994 and has been active in several positions.

Bob Davison, has served as my ADSO National Inquiry specialist over the past three years and has done an incredible job beyond expectations in providing instant information to divisions as to leads from the National Lead system.

Goals for 2011:

1. Aux Chef – I have been in contact with Linda Haynes, Russ Venti (instructor- 11South) CDR Johnson head of SF Sector logistics, and Chief Kita head of Yerba Buena Island Galley. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, I met with Chief Kita and we discussed the basics of the program. Subject to further discussion within EXCOM – it appears that we are initially setting the second week of March as the target date to have 4 or 5 of us in D-11N – be trained as Aux-Chef Instructors.
2. I sent out a sample survey system to all elected officers as well as all the DSO's of D11N. This is a total of 62 individuals and as of the date of this report I have had 60 responses which is a 96.7% returned. In the final analysis 68.4% (39-persons) responded that they felt the survey system would be a potential useful tool. 10.5% (6-persons) responded that they would not have use for the system. 21.1% (12-persons) responded that they were undecided – and 3 persons did not answer the question. Since this survey system is at reasonable low cost – I will set a goal to get EXCOM approval to add this system to our tool of retention.
3. Board of Supervisor Recognition – In my home flotilla each year we are recognized by the Board of Supervisors and given a proclamation for safe-boating week. I plan on covering the counties that my divisions are located in and then branch out – this is a recruitment tool via public recognition of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
4. ADSO-team recruitment – I will be working with Bob Davison – DSO-HR on developing a new "team" group of ADSO's to provide a pilot program for recruitment that will deal specifically with timely contact and perseverance of member contact. In addition, I have created an introduction to the Auxiliary that I am looking into having presented twice a month on Go-to-Meeting webinar for potential new members that are interested in an orientation presentation.
5. Creation of a couple of D11N video productions for recruitment.
6. To work closely with each Division Commander as well as each DSO to achieve goals of the District and Divisions.

During December I attended Flotilla COW's of Humboldt Bay, Lake County, and Mendocino. I attended Division COW's of Division 3 and 5 and Division 1 on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

I will be attending the DCAPT Academy in St Louis during N-Train.

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 15 January 2011**

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

##### **Neptune Coalition Radio Technician:**

During the month of December, I received a very special invite to join up with the Neptune Coalition for Radio Technicians. This group consists of several radio people from both Police and Fire from all over the Bay Area and Delta regions. The discussion thus far has been in response to all the R21 stuff and that has all been addressed by the Sector Command staff who attended. I accepted this invite in hopes that the Auxiliary would be able to work directly with responding agencies in the bay, delta and inland lakes. The idea of having an Auxiliary repeater on every sole state lake mountain top will never happen, but working together with Fire, EMS and Police/ Sheriff can certainly be done. So far, I have had some very good dialogue with some representatives from various agencies. The D11/DT sponsored the meeting and will sponsor more in the coming months. The D11/DT is responsible for frequency allocation and the management of MOA's with the agencies that want to transmit on CG frequencies and also for CG or in this case CG AUX to transmit on their frequencies. We know this can work because of memos for the AUX already exist in D10, D5, D6 and D1. Other Divisions who work closely with the local EMS, Fire and Police/ Sheriff are encouraged to have their Communications Specialist at the Flotilla or Division level contact these agencies. They are ALL open for business and want to work with us. All we need to do is ask!

##### **Bay Area VHF Radio Net:**

The DSO-CM has been the voice of the Bay Area VHF Radio Net that is held on Monday nights at 2000 local time for many years now. In 2011, the DSO-CM will no longer be the main voice of this net. The door for others to be the "Net Control Operator" has opened up. So far, we have four members that have stepped up thus creating a small rotation. These members are in the Bay Area and Sacramento Delta Region. The program is now also including the "Facility Identification Number" (NM11?? Or NF11??). The Net control Operator is now calling the call sign and the station called is encouraged to respond with the facility call sign. This is currently being done in the HF program. The Communications Department will be adding a brand new repeater to a mountain top that will help the Coast Guard with their interoperability as well as providing our members other frequencies to transmit on for training purposes. D6, D12, D4, D1 and D10 will likely benefit very nicely from this new site. We will also be implementing brand new VHF net so that we can get more communicators involved. Please see the ADSO-CM report for more info.

##### **Sector Communications Trailer:**

The Sector Command has just deemed the Communications trailer as an unclassified trailer meaning it is available for auxiliary usage 24/7. The only time it becomes classified is when an active duty member of the Coast Guard is at the trailer uploading code into the radios. Training of this trailer can be available at D-TRAIN.

### **Mavericks 2010:**

The window for the Mavericks surfing event opened up on 01Dec10. There was a break during the holidays, but now we are back in the waiting game. Once we get the 24 to 48 hour notice, the call for Auxiliary comms and Auxiliary VSC's come down. The Sector has requested several VE's to be located at Pillar Point Harbor as well as the Sector Comms Trailer to be present at the Incident Command Post. The radios inside the trailer will be run by the Auxiliary Communications Staff alongside a couple of Sector San Francisco Watch Standers. We will be using both the VHF marine band as well as the new digital frequencies. The DSO-CM will coordinate with the VE folks in order to get what is being requested. The window for the event closes on 28FEB11.

### **Americas Cup – 2011-13:**

The District Auxiliary Communications has been tapped to assist the Coast Guard with a rather intensive communication plan that may involve the usage of some readily available CALEMA resources. As more unfolds, more will be sent out. The need for experienced communicators to stand the watch for this event is very real and the need to be very flexible is also very real. The Sector Communications Trailer and others will be deployed.

### **Repeaters:**

Mt. Diablo: The Diablo repeater is operating normally.

Periodic Preventative Maintenance was performed at the Diablo radio site on December 28th.

During the month of November and December, the Diablo repeater system was utilized three times by and in support of Sector S.F. operations. These missions provided primary communications to the Sector while Rescue 21 equipment was serviced, and during un-planned system outages.

Shasta Lake: The Shasta Lake repeater is operating normally.

### **Santa Cruz/Monterey:**

The repeater team continues to investigate options to install a repeater system serve the Monterey/Santa Cruz area and strengthen communications capabilities in the So. Bay Area. Tower space has been tentatively secured, and vault space is in process with Sector S.F. Electrical engineering studies will be completed upon final approval of site co-location. Equipment donors are being actively investigated, however equipment funding will continue to be problematic to the completion of this site.

Sacramento Valley: Options for the Sacramento Valley/North Delta repeater continue to be investigated, however funding for equipment purchase and site rental do not exist and are the primary barrier to a radio system in this area.

Tahoe: Tahoe area repeater planning has been tabled until further notice due to lack of funding and lack of interest from area auxiliarists.

### **Contingency Communications:**

Discussions are ongoing with Cal-EMA regarding narrow-banding of state mutual aid radio frequencies and the effects on Auxiliary communication interoperability.

### **The following report is from the ADSO-CM/HF – Fred Sellstrom**

HF operations have greatly improved the past several months with additional members and coordinated



training activity. The weekly West Coast Contingency Net has evolved thru the support of CAMSPAC, Point Reyes, and efforts of Net Control, Upland Radio, 11S (Bill Scholz). This net has great potential for providing emergency as well as backup communications for the west coast and CAMSPAC. The net encompasses stations from San Diego to Juneau, Alaska, and as far east as Utah and New Mexico. The net has a reliable core of near thirty operators checking in each week, as well as filling in for net control, and acting as an alternate net control. Due to the nature of HF atmospheric conditions and the CG frequencies allotted for the net, an alternate is necessary for relaying stations the net control station cannot hear. Due to 11N being located closer to midpoint in the net AOR, the alternate is usually from 11N. Lone Radio, Truckee Radio, or Wilton Radio are usually called upon to act as alternate net control. Also due to the nature of atmospheric and local noise (such as electrical interference) conditions, a recent net addition has been the simultaneous use of two frequencies to allow a member to check in on the frequency best suited for his/her particular area and conditions. Net training activities include proper net protocol as well as digital transmission (MT63) and relaying familiarization. Digital communications have proven to be very reliable when voice communications are unreliable. Net control, Bill Scholz presented an informative HF workshop in Costa Mesa, at the 11south DTRAIN on January 9th, that I was able to attend. Some of us exchanged ideas and information over breakfast or breaks. Much of the workshop information could be applied to a similar workshop in our District in the future. This would also be a good time for potential or experienced net members to meet and discuss technical issues.

### **Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS**

Communication Services GOALS 2011

<http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/membership/dso/dsocsGOALS.pdf>

This report focuses on three pressing issues.

1. WOW data driven websites have been created for every unit in the nation. Units may use the WOW function, if desired. One hour usage classes are available via Webinar. For the January/February sessions, deadline is extended to Sunday, January 16. For details, visit: [http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/staff/wow\\_sites.html](http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/staff/wow_sites.html)
2. Member Internet Resource classes will be available during PCA Fair Classes, February 19-20.
  - Saturday AM – Application usages for email, reports, flyers, record keeping, and security
  - Saturday PM – Internet Member Resources: Browsers, Forms, AuxInfo, AuxData, AuxDirectory, AUX Websites, eLearning, Groups, and more
  - Sunday AM – WOW for Elected Leader and CS Officers, as site editors
  - Sunday PM – CS Officer Website Workshop to exchange ideas and website enhancements
3. District Best Of Web (DBOW) is an annual recognition awarded during D-Train and are the nominees for the National BOW. Flotilla DBOW nominations by DCDR/SO-CS are due January 25. District website judging will take place the first week in February.

WEBSITE REQUIREMENTS FOR DBOW - National and District Templates meet these standards:

- Standard page width of approximately 800 pixels with light gray background
- Top banner includes the Auxiliary diagonal lines, identified as AUX Mark in the Image Library
- Top banner includes the text: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Top banner includes a navigation bar under the banner graphic

- Additional navigation available on the left menu.
- Navigation links on the top and left side panel uses text, not buttons
- Bottom banner provides basic website required information

For DBOW information and criteria, visit: <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/staff/cs.html>

### **Frances Fisher, DSO-FN**

All dues are current. 2011 annual dues billing will go out this month.

EXCOM and DSOs ... I am assuming that I have now received all reimbursement requests for 2010.

Audits – No audits were completed in the last month. Lists were distributed to DCAPTs regarding delinquent units.

NEW for this year—Year end bank statements along with reconciliations must be attached to Forms 7025. Please make certain that you inform your SO-FNs about this...and remind them that they should inform their respective FSO-FNs. This year's form 7025 should be sent to:

Maryanne Collins ADSO-FN  
PO Box 756  
Felton, CA 95018

REMINDER – All units must submit disenrollment forms to the DSO-HR by 1 October. Otherwise, they may be liable for dues.

### **Bob Davison, DSO-HR**

- I am setting up a system where Michael Colburn my ADSO and I will be able to follow up on inquiry's that have been received by us and sent to the appropriate Flotilla.
- Each inquiry that is received will get a WELCOME LETTER from us. Michael will handle Divisions 7-8-10-11 and 12; I will take 1-3-4-5 and 6.
- We receive over 325 inquiry's a year and by breaking it up neither one of us will get burned out. (See attached Letter)
- I plan on visiting at least one Div. meeting a month and I will be bringing handouts to give to the Flotilla Commanders to take back to their perspective units.
- Hopefully we can increase our new member recruitment.

#### **Goals: Retention**

Every disenrollment form I receive I will personally call that individual to see why they are leaving the Auxiliary. Hopefully in talking it over with the person and seeing the reason I can make arrangement's so that whatever the problem is it can be corrected and the person will want to stay in the Auxiliary

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

I look forward to once again taking over the helm of the District Store. We have exciting plans for the Store this year. With Tom Komadina's help we will soon have an online presence rivaled by no Auxiliary purchasing source. The online store will have pictures of each item as well as a shopping cart, making it easier and clearer for the buyer to make the purchase.

As always, it is important that all orders are placed properly using the order form found on the District website or, once the online store is active, the online shopping cart. In an attempt to eliminate errors and unfilled orders no email or phone orders will be accepted.

I will be reviewing inventory levels and bringing stock levels up to match the needs of the District members. We hope to have the new and improved Store up and running by DTRAIN including some new and exciting products.

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

This report includes Final Numbers for some areas, review of programs and tentative plans for 2011 subject to change due to information from N-TRAIN

We have had a general increase in Marine Safety/Prevention participation shown by 30 members earning the Marine Safety Training Ribbon. Their names appear in the Marine Safety pages on the District website.

### **America's Waterways Watch**

We will continue to merge this program with PE, Info Booths, Dockwalkers, and PV missions. Look for an expansion as we move closer to America's Cup Activities for the next 2½ years.

### **Ferry Vessel Audits**

We had a total of 163 Ferry Vessel audits in 2010 with a goal of 200 for 2011. **Abigail Wagg, ADSO** is planning a training session at PCA and at DTRAIN this year. This is a great opportunity for new members to get right to work assisting the CG in making riding Ferry boats safer.

### **Facilities and Containers**

These Departments continue to take interested Auxiliarists on Inspections. Each Department provides training opportunities and **Neil Nevesny, ADSO** or a qualified member conducts classes for members to complete the PQS (Personal Qualification Standard). There is also opportunity to participate with the Reserves on the weekends.

### **Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety**

Our District's qualified members provide a substantial number of Dockside Exams for the Industry. Close to 85% of exams done in D11NR are completed by our members. Our members also provide training to the Active Duty, Reserves, VTS and civilian CG employees. Because Commercial Fishing Vessel Exams will become Mandatory Inspections we are anticipating an increased demand for Inspections this year. We will also need to have an increased number of Examiners. Training will be held in the Spring before the Salmon season opener and again in the Fall before the Crab season. Approximately 70 Dockside Exams were performed by 10 Auxiliary members from Crescent City to Monterey including Bodega Bay, San Francisco Bay, Pillar Point and Moss Landing. We have about 1500 Fishing Vessels in the District and that will prove to be a challenge. Each exam takes about 2 hours on average and is a big time resource for the Coast Guard. **Skip Morford, ADSO** is the POC

### **Uninspected Passenger Vessels**

We will be addressing this more fully in 2011. The education of the Sailing School operators and tour operators on passenger safety will be of importance. **Rick Saber, ADSO** is the POC

### **Uninspected Towing Vessels**

The tug boat operators are in a bridging program leading toward a Mandatory Inspection. There are a limited number of vessels that are prepared for this inspection. This area is open to Auxiliaries who have a keen interest in Marine Inspection. It requires working with Active duty personnel and the completion of a PQS. The Department is working toward qualification of their members and so will be willing to take one Auxiliary at a time to train. It takes doing 10 inspections that are approximately 3 hours in length, so with few vessels ready it takes about a year to get the qualification. One member is qualifying at this time.

### **Pacific Strike Team and Incident Management Division**

The Strike Team is in Novato and Auxiliaries usually assist in the office and in receptionist activities. The PST responds to major incidents throughout the PACAREA and beyond. **Richard Celia, ADSO** is the POC (Point of contact) for information at PST. The Incident Management Division responds to District oil or hazardous material spills. An Auxiliary usually starts with the Pollution Workshop, followed by ICS 300/400 and then the completion of the Pollution Investigator PQS training supplied by the IMD staff. This is followed by Harbor Patrols for familiarization and also to respond to an actual event if it occurs. A 24 hour Hazwoper course is a required part of the final training. An Oral Board completes the process. We have 10 Auxiliaries participating.

### **Environmental/Prevention Education**

We are excited about the development of training tools for two of the Trident PQS's, The Prevention Outreach Specialist and the Marine Safety Administrative Management Specialist courses. These have been prepared by our **Simone Adair, ADSO** for training newly interested Auxiliary members in Marine Safety. Both will be given at PCA and DTRAIN and both courses will be ¾ completed during the class. The final phase is to be completed by the member at their Flotilla and the items signed off by their Flotilla Commander. The Outreach Specialist does require the Instructor qualification which should also be of help to the Flotilla PE programs. The PQS is then sent to the DSO-MS/P for review.

### **Regional Exam Center**

Since the National Maritime Center has become the Examiner and Evaluator of Marine Licenses the local Regional Exam Centers assists Mariners in assembling their necessary papers to forward to the NMC, gives Mariner License tests for forwarding and audits local Merchant Mariner School classes and proctors the California Maritime Academy Senior License Exams. We have two Auxiliary members who correct and grade Bar Pilot Exams for the REC and in early January four Auxiliary members proctored the Cal Maritime Academy Senior License Exams. There are seven exams over a period of four days. This year there were 70 sitting for exams in deck and engineering.

### **Domestic Inspections**

These are inspections dealing with US Flag Vessels, Ferry Vessels, Tug boats, Cruise Ships, Tour Boats, Barges and the like. We have one Auxiliary member working on the K and T Boat qualification at this time. The Department is willing to accept one or two members for quals at a time. Contact **Simone Adair, ADSO** if interested in this area.

### **Liferaft Inspection**

The **ADSO** is **Bill Burns** as the POC. These Inspections are held at two places in the Bay Area. At Sal's in Alameda and at Coast Marine near the Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco. They are held at a moments notice usually with a one day warning. The Lifeboats come off of Cruise ships. Coast Guard vessels and other large ships who must carry them.

## **Agency Contacts and Working Relationships**

California Boating and Waterways  
Port of San Francisco  
Port of Oakland  
Various local Harbormasters and Marina Operators

## **General Considerations**

New Members are especially welcome to earn the **Marine Safety Training Ribbon**. It is a great introduction to the worth and value of the Auxiliary. The information fits into Public Boater Education as well as PV Environmental materials, and the ICS courses that are required in Boat Operations and to be an elected leader.

## **COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT**

The road to AUXOP

For those members that completed the six (or seven) specialty courses before 31 Dec 2010, there is no change. You retain your AUXOP status.

1 Jan 2011 saw the introduction of new rules that have placed the device easily within reach of all members. It is no longer required to complete the difficult AUXNAV course. The AUXOP program now has three components:

1. Required courses (all three must be completed)
  - a. AUXCOM
  - b. AUXSEA
  - c. AUXWEA
2. A Leadership Course (any one of these, no substitution)
  - a. AUXLAMs
  - b. AMLOC
  - c. Auxiliary District Captain Course (Formally RCO Course)
  - d. ASOC
  - e. Flotilla Leadership Course (on-line or classroom version)
3. Optional Courses, minimum of three points
  - a. AUXNAV – 2 pts
  - b. AUXSC&E – 2pts (note: AUXNAV is now a prerequisite)
  - c. Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMS) – 2pts
  - d. AUXPAT – 1pt
  - e. Auxiliary Aids-to-Navigation (ATON) and Chart Updating C-school (AUX-06) – 1pt
  - f. Coast Guard Incident Command System (ICS) 300 & 400 (ICS 210 cannot be used as a substitution) – 1pt
  - g. Auxiliary Air Coordinator C-school (AUX-15) – 1pt
  - h. ICS 346 (Situation Unit Leader) – 1pt
  - i. ICS 347 (Demobilization Unit Leader) – 1pt
  - j. ICS 248 (Resources Unit Leader) – 1pt
  - k. ICS 430 (Operations Section Chief) – 1pt
  - l. ICS 440 (Planning Section Chief) – 1pt
  - m. ICS 351 (Finance Section Chief) – 1pt
  - n. AUXMIN (discontinued but if already completed) – 1pt
  - o. AUXSAR (discontinued but if already completed) – 1pt

p. Additional courses as specified by CG-5421

Each Flotilla and Division has the Instructor materials for the three required courses and each Division should plan to present each of these courses annually or more frequently to meet the needs of the members. Similarly, AUXPAT is an easy course to present. Student Study Guides for these four courses can be downloaded from the National web site ([www.cgaux.org/auxop.html](http://www.cgaux.org/auxop.html) , requires password) or ordered from ANSC. Examinations for these courses are available on-line or can be obtained from DIRAUX. Only current AUXOP members can proctor either the written or on-line exams. There is an exam preparation site at: <http://www.comomike.info/Default.aspx>.

AUXLAMs, AMLOC, ASOC, and the District Captain Course are "C" Schools. Orders for the C School are required for attendance. Experience has shown that students without orders might be able to attend the sessions (space permitting), but they might not get credit for completing the course. While AUXLAMs is open to all members, attendance at the others is restricted to Vice Division Commanders or higher office. The National web site has a listing of C School locations and schedules (<http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/CSchoolSchedule.pdf> ). The Coast Guard LAMs course cannot be substituted for AUXLAMs.

The Flotilla Leadership Course, FLC, can be taken on-line, see the National web site for access. (<http://www.cgaux.org/training/FlotillaCommander.html> ). Alternatively, the FLC can be given in a classroom environment that takes about 16 hours. Each attendee at the Flotilla Commander Academy last November received a copy of the training materials for the classroom version of the FLC. At this time, there are no restrictions on who can facilitate the course when given in a classroom environment. The texts for the FLC are the AUXMAN and Flotilla Procedures Manual, both of which can be downloaded from <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/default.asp> . Completion of the classroom version of the FLC is reported using [Workshop Mission & Attendance Report](#) ANSC 7039, indicating Flotilla Leadership Course. At this time, the completed form needs to be sent to DSO-IS. In this District, there are over 60 members who would qualify as AUXOP simply by completing the FLC. The FLC will be given at the PCA Fair in February. If each Division would give the FLC, the members could complete the Leadership step toward AUXOP status. Completion of the FLC is also one of the requirements for holding elected office.

PowerPoint slides for the AUXNAV class were provided to each attendee at the Flotilla Commander Academy last November. The text and workbook can be obtained from ANSC if the member's name and employee ID are furnished. Obtaining the Advanced Coastal Navigation text is sometimes difficult and needs to be ordered well in advance of the class. Previous editions may be sufficient to provide knowledge for passing the examinations. The part A exam (AUXNAV A) is available on-line but the part B exam (AUXNAV B) is available only in hard copy. Instructors in AUXNAV must have previously completed the course. The AUXNAV course is (currently undergoing revision, completion date unknown) a prerequisite to AUXSC&E and must be satisfactorily completed prior to enrolling in AUXSC&E. While it is possible to complete AUXNAV in four days, a longer schedule allows the student to complete the exercises at the end of each chapter.

AUXSC&E is unique among the specialty courses. It is virtually identical to the Coast Guard SC&E course, periodically revised by the CG SAR School. The text is the U.S. Coast Guard Addendum to the United States National Search and Rescue Supplement (NSS) to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR), COMDTINST M16130.2E that can be downloaded from <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/default.asp> . The student study guide is available only from ANSC after completing the required forms. The Policy for AUXSC&E changes

periodically and potential students and instructors need to review current policy before attempting this course: see <http://www.cgaux.org/training/AUXSCE.html> . AUXSC&E can only be taught by currently qualified and certified AUXSC&E instructors and only these instructors can administer the two exams that are graded at the SAR School. The written exam is 30 questions (open book) with a 1 hour time limit and answers must be verbatim from the text or student study guide. The second exam is a series of plotting problems with time, distance, and angle calculations. Self study and challenging the exams is permitted. For immediate access to the training materials, if planning self study, contact a recent graduate of the course. For information on completing the IMS course, see: <http://msep.d11nuscgaux.info/ms/trident.html> .

Contact DSO-MS for further information on training in the prevention directorate.

Check the C School calendar for places and times of C Schools,

<http://www.cgaux.org/training/PDF/CSchoolSchedule.pdf>

If interested in the AUX-06 school, contact the DSO-NS.

If interested in the AUX-15 school, contact the DSO-AV.

Complete the Short Term Training Request, ANSC 7059, and submit via the chain of leadership and management.

The specific ICS courses that qualify for points toward the AUXOP device contain both a classroom part, 1 pt and a PQS that may be completed for a second point. At this time, there is no mechanism to complete these courses in D11N other than to attend an educational institution that offers them. Expenses are the responsibility of the member. Note that the points for ICS 300 and 400 specifically state CG ICS300 and CG ICS400. Completion of FEMA Standard ICS 300 and ICS 400 might not meet the requirement. Clearly, the easiest route to complete the three optional points is IMS and AUXPAT.

The Flotilla IS Officer can run a report in AUXDATA that shows your status and what if anything is needed for completing AUXOP status.

#### Annual Required Workshops

The National TCT required workshop has been released. PDF versions of the Facilitator Guide, Student Guide, and Slide Presentation can be found at: <http://www.cgaux.org/response/> under the Training and Qualification tab. The District Operations workshop won't be available until March. There appears not to be a National required operations workshop this year.

The workshops for VE, PV, and IT have not been updated for 2011 and apparently are not required this year.

Each Flotilla is required to present annually, a Sexual Harassment Prevention Workshop, see: AUXMAN p7-10. The workshop can easily be presented in an hour and given before, during, or after the regular Flotilla meeting. Be sure to report the workshop on the ANSC 7039.

### **James Duncan, DSO-NS**

**1. DISTRICT, DIVISION & FLOTILLA NAVIGATION SYSTEMS PROGRAMS:** For D11 Northern Region Auxiliary Members here is an overview of our Navigation Systems Programs. If you have any interest and would like to explore any of these Navigation Systems programs contact your FSO-NS and SO-NS Officer for information. You can also checkout our web site. <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html>

#### **a. PROGRAMS WITHIN NAVIGATION SYSTEMS**

The U.S. Coast Guard has the responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of all Aids to Navigation on the Waterways of the U.S. This is an all-inclusive responsibility, and it includes the coastal waters and inland waters of the U.S. This responsibility is affected in conjunction with NOAA, National Ocean Service and other Federal Government agencies, State and Local Government elements and Private entities. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, in its overall supplemental supporting role, provides specifically authorized assistance to the Coast Guard in its Aids to navigation missions and National Ocean Service in its Chart Updating missions. This Auxiliary support effort is provided through the Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating (ATON/CU) Programs.

District 11 Northern Region Navigation Systems Department which is a part of the Marine Safety (Prevention) Department focuses geographically on Northern California, Nevada and Utah waterways. Our mission is to insure the safety of both commercial and recreational boaters; supporting them in their navigation efforts through five major roles; Federal Aids to Navigation (ATON) , Private Aids to Navigation (PATON) , Bridge Administration Program (BAP) . Chart Updating (CU) , also within the Chart Updating (CU) you have 1) Navigational Charts updating (CU), 2) Small Craft Facility Chart Updating (SCFU) and 3) Coast Pilot Updating (CP).

Federal Aids to Navigation (ATON); As a member of the USCG Auxiliary we are tasked with looking for and reporting any and all discrepancies to Federal Aids to Navigation. Assisting District Eleven (dpw), Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) units and other Aids to Navigation request for assistance as needed. All members of the USCG Auxiliary should be on the watch for any aids to navigation discrepancies they see and report them.

Private Aids to Navigation (PATON); As a Qualified & Certified Aid Verifier we are tasked with checking all Private Aids to Navigation assigned by District Eleven (dpw) on an annual basis, looking for discrepant private aids and report all private aids that have been put in our federal waterway without a permit. Report any private aids to navigation that become or are hazards to navigation. Want to become and AID Verifier?

b. Any member who would like to become Aid Verifier (AV) you must qualify by take the 6 hour D11 Aid Verifier Qualification Course & Exam. This course is given once a year in February at the PCA Training Fair at Coast Island, Alameda, CA. A member can also take the D11 Aid Verifier Qualification Course & Exam online via GO-TO-MEETING throughout the year. For more information contact James Duncan the District 11 Northern Region DSO-NS. All Qualified Aid Verifier as stated in "Chapter 11 in the Auxiliary Manual A.13.a. Operations Program" states that this ribbon recognizes qualifications in the various operations program areas and as qualify Aid Verifier may wear the Operations Program Ribbon.

#### **AID VERIFER**

Bridge Administration Program (BAP): As a Qualified & Certified Aid Verifier we are tasked with surveying all assigned Bridge Lighting & Fender Systems by District Eleven (dpw) Bridge Section on an annual basis. We also assist D11 (dpw) Bridge Section with information about waterways where new bridges may be planned. All members of the USCG Auxiliary should be on the watch for any bridge lighting & fender discrepancies they see and report them.

Chart Updating (CU): Chart updating programs is divided into three parts, 1) Navigational Chart updating (CU), 2) Small Craft Facility Chart Updating (SCFU) and 3) Coast Pilot Updating (CP). As a member of the USCG Auxiliary we are tasked with looking for and reporting any and all discrepancies, corrections, & additions to our Navigational Charts & Coast Pilot. This work helps make sure that our charts are accurate for the maritime public and keeps the environment safe from pollution. Small Craft Facility Chart Updating (SCFU): As a member of the USCG Auxiliary we are tasked with surveying on an



annual base all public marinas, boat harbors and other public marine facilities. We check for and report any and all discrepancies, correction, & additions to our Small Craft Navigational Charts. This work helps make sure that our Small Craft Navigational Charts are accurate for the maritime public looking for the best location to get the needed supplies while on a boating or fishing cruise.

**2. PAST COMMANDERS TRAINING FAIR:** I will be conducting two classes at the Past Commanders Training Fair on February 19 & 20 2011. If you have not signed up yet, you can get the "Past Commanders Training Fair" flyer is on the District web site in the Calendar page.

**<http://ops.d11nuscgaux.info/calendar/district.html>** Sign up for both classes. They complement each other. Come and join us.

(1). AID VERIFIER QUALIFICATION COURSE: This is an eight-hour qualification course and will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2009. In the Aid Verifier Qualification Course you will learn everything you need to become a District 11 Aid Verifier. This class is for those who would like to become an Aid Verifier and assist the Coast Guard with their Aids to Navigation & Bridges. Any pass or present Aid Verifiers who would like to update their qualification, re-certification or skills are also welcome. You can get course information for Auxiliary Aid Verifier Candidates at District Navigation Systems web site

**<http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html>**. Please download a copy of the "Aid to navigation Aid Verifier Qualification Guide & Check off List" by click on "Aid Verifier QUAL". Use this study guide before attending the AV Course. Just sign up.

(2). CHART UPDATING CLASS will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2009. Any Auxiliary member can do chart updating. This class is for those who would like to learn about Chart Updating to assist the NOAA National Ocean Service in keeping our charts and waterways information correct. Any Auxiliary Member who would like to update or improve their charting skills can also sign up. You can also download Chart Updating guides & forms from the District Navigation Systems web site

**<http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html>**.

**3. THANK YOU AND A JOB WELL DONE:** The 2010 D11 Aids to Navigation and Chart Updating Year is over. Our Navigation Systems program is still growing ever year. My most sincere appreciation to all the Aid Verifiers, SO-NSs, FSO-NSs, & ADSOs that assisted and promoted the 2010 Aids to Navigation, Bridge, and Chart Updating programs. You have all worked so hard and long and contributed tremendously in making our goal of 100% in PATON & Bridge programs work efficiently. Words I get from our District 11(dpw) office are they could not do a complete job without your help in so many ATON areas. We do talk about your work all the time at our morning meetings. There are a lot of new people in our D11 (dpw) Office.

The reports I received from you (see the 2010 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING SUMMARY REPORT item No 7) shows that you've completed 67 ATON Reports; 814 PATON Reports; 69 Bridge Reports; 9 Chart Updating Reports. That is with only 87 Aid Verifiers out of 99 doing the checks & verifications. Unfortunately only 53% Aid Verifiers submitted their 7030 reports this year. The low percent of Aid Verifiers submitting 7030 forms hurts our program. All and all a Job well done to all of you that worked so hard.

**4. 2011 SO-NSs & FSO-NSs WELCOME ABOARD:** Mike, Dyane, Roger, and myself would like to welcome aboard our new first time Navigation Systems Division Officers. They are Leonard Lee for SO-NS 1, Wendy Zampardi for SO-NS 3, Brian Omara for SO-NS 4 and William (Marty) Walker for SO-NS 10 welcome to the world of Aids to Navigation, Bridges, and Chart Updating. We also welcome back those

of you that have held the Division "NS" office previously and are returning for another "tour-of-duty". Mike Hay, ADSO-NS/B will be handling the Bridge Section again this year. Dyane ADSO-NS/CS will be handling all of our web site information. Roger Haynes is our ANT San Francisco coordinator. I will be handling all ATON reports, PATON reports, Charting Information, & Chart Updating reports.

The transferring of all SO-NS & FSO-NS files, charts, & equipment should be completed by now. All National DSO-NS Officers going to N-Train Jan 28-30 so I'm looking forward to bigger and better things happening with our programs, as well as our partnership with D11 (dpw) at Coast Guard Island and NOAA-National Ocean Service.

**5. 2011 SO-NSs WORKSHOP:** I have scheduled the 2011 SO-NS Officers Workshop to be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 0900. You will be sitting at your home computer using our new District GO TO WEBINAR. SO-NS's this is a very important workshop for your division & flotillas to assist you & your FSO-NS's in their job. We will be covering the new Web site, Changes to the D11 Bridge, ATON, & Chart Updating Guide, Bridge Survey Program, Private Aids to Navigation Program, Chart Updating Program, AUXDATA, Q & A, GO-TO-WEBINAR as training tool and what the duties are as a SO-NS & FSO-NS. <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> this is our web page address and it will be a big part of this discussion. I'm also planning an open discussion on GO-TO-WEBINAR and how we can use this technology to assist you in improving your training needs for division and flotilla. Mark your calendar. We will be starting out 2011 with 86 Certified Aid Verifiers a loss of 14.

**6. NAVIGATION SYSTEMS is using GO TO WEBINAR (GTW):** The District Navigation Systems Department has started using GO TO WEBINAR for Navigation Systems meetings and training session. All SO-NS will be invited to the next GO TO WEBINAR training session in January. You'll receive an e-mail invitation giving you the time & dates using VoIP, voice over the internet. There is no cost to the attendee; all you need is to sit in front of your computer.

All new 2011 SO-NS and 2010 SO-NS returning in 2011 please go to the following GO TO WEBINAR web site <http://www.gotowebinar.com> and click on How it Works then click on Watch Demo. This will give you a basic idea how it works. I will be sending with your invitational e-mail and a copy of the "Attendee Quick Reference Guide". This will help you lot.

**2011 SO-NS ADVANCE NOTES:** The 2011 SO-NS Officers Workshop will be held on GO TO WEBINAR. Your invitation to the GTW will come as an email. This work shop is scheduled to be on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 0900 on your computer. SO-NS's this is a very important workshop for your division & flotillas to assist you & your FSO-NS's in their job. I'm also planning an open discussion on the course we want to take this program and the needs of each division and flotilla. Mark your calendar. Our new web page <http://ns.d11nuscgaux.info/ns.html> will be a big part of this discussion. What do you want on our web site?

**7. FINAL 2010 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 & AUXDATA through January 9, 2011.

**Final 2010 DIVISIONAL, BRIDGE, ATON, & CHART UPDATING FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

Div.	AIDS TO NAVIGATION ACTIVITY			PATON's ASSIGNED			BRIDGE's ASSIGNED			
	A	AI	P	U	PI	B	AOR	CHECK	% Done	STILL TO DO
1		5	120	4	60	4	108	108	100	0
3	65	53	50	14	37	26	46	46	100	0
4			65		15	2	65	65	100	0
5		11	115		38	9	104	104	100	0
6		1	118	1	81	4	117	117	100	0
8			4			1	4	4	100	0
10	2	3	46	1	40	13	45	45	100	0
1			91		43		88	88	100	0
12			179	5	70	10	177	177	100	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>

#### AID VERIFIERS WITH NO ACTIVITY IN 2010

ID NO.	DIST		NAME	CERT	Qual
	DIV-FLOT			AV	DATE
1227644	113-01-02		JOSEPH M. HARRIS	1	090221
1187614	113-01-04		ROGER MACHIN	1	090221
1220979	113-01-05		DARYLL ANN SANTURAY	1	060218
1220544	113-04-06		JEFFREY WILCOX	1	070217
1172179	113-10-03		DENIS EATON	1	070911
1172213	113-10-03		MONICA EATON	1	070911

#### Aid Verifiers that have not completed their 5 Year Re-certification Open Book Exam

ID NO.	DIST		NAME	CERT	Qual. or Cert.
	DIV-FLOT			AV	DATE
1144665	113-01-02		JOHN F. SULLIVAN	1	051123
1176361	113-01-02		SHIRLEY A. VAUGHAN	1	051127
1214225	113-04-06		STEPHEN F. POWELL	1	050219
1172108	113-11-01		ANGELO A PERATA	1	050428
1213843	113-11-01		BRUCE D McINTYRE	1	050428
1219025	113-11-01		RAY E. WISSE	1	050428
1130780	113-12-01		SUSAN H. ZIKAWORDEN	1	050825
1183447	113-12-01		JAMES ELLIOTT	1	050219
1211790	113-12-05		KAETHE LANGS	1	050219

## COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

I trust all had great Holidays and are surviving the cool weather our entire District is experiencing.

### AMERICA'S CUP COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO:

The 34<sup>th</sup> America's Cup will be coming to San Francisco Bay in 2013. San Francisco will see at least 43 days of racing spread over more than a year before the final match in September 2013. Needless to say the USCGAUX talents and facilities will be needed and utilized to the maximum. Stay tuned for further updates.

### BOAT CREW CLASS:

The highly successful Boat Crew Ground School class will be offered again at the February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> PCA Fair that will be held at Coast Guard Island. Remind your members to sign up as soon as possible since the class limit of thirty fills rapidly. Those that attended the 2010 class and went before a Qualification Examiner, later in the year for Boat Crew, all passed with flying colors. Taking the class is well worth the time.

### ICS UPDATE:

The FEMA (version) ICS courses **300 & 400** will not be accepted by AUXDATA after December 31st, 2010.

Beginning January 01, 2011, **only the Coast Guard versions** will be accepted since the Coast Guard adds necessary content to the CG versions. USCGAUX members are responsible for all Coast Guard content not taught in FEMA version. For all COXSWAINS and single resource leaders remember ICS 210 is available at the PCA Fair and can be substituted for ICS-300.

### POMS UPDATE:

A nice additional has been incorporated with POMS, when your order has been activated by the Patrol Area Coordinator, you automatically receive an email with all the necessary information that you can print and it will suffice for having a copy of your orders on board.

[Cube questions should be directed to Harry Schoepe, BC-ISL@cgaux.org. Cube last refreshed on Sunday, January 02, 2011.](#)

[All Missions][Sector San Francisco][All Facilities][All Unit Locations][U/W - Underway][CY 2010][All Statuses][All Positions][All Operations][All Claimants]MEASURES

Mission Hours as values	AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a,55a)	GOVSUP - Government Agency Support (41,42,43)	MEP - Marine Environmental Protection (28)	MS - Marine Safety	SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24)	All Missions
Div 01	2,084.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.60	2,090.30
Div 03	3,900.80	107.20	0.00	0.00	70.40	4,078.40
Div 04	1,045.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	1,051.80
Div 05	4,404.80	21.90	0.00	0.00	88.70	4,515.40
Div 06	2,620.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.00	2,687.80
Div 07	4,329.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	291.70	4,621.60
Div 08	1,033.80	43.00	12.90	7.20	38.00	1,134.90
Div 10	749.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.30	815.40

Div 11	2,036.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.80	2,096.10
Div 12	1,524.40	9.00	0.00	0.00	15.80	1,549.20
Sector San Francisco	23,730.20	181.10	12.90	7.20	709.50	24,640.90

### **DISTRICT 2011 MANDATORY OPERATIONS WORKSHOP**

The National (optional) Operations Workshop does not replace the D11N *Mandatory* workshop that will be offered in March to our members. We have two main screening processes that have to be entered into the D11N OPS Workshop; the first is information is gained from NTRAIN that is offered the end of January and the second is the input by our Qualification Examiners at their mandatory workshop the end of February. This puts the timeline to March 2011.

### **SOBERING STATS: LOSS OF FACILITIES AND COXSWAINS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SURFACE</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>RADIO</u>
2004	234	24	226
2009	160	13	166
2010	157	12	164
2011	143	9	160

In 2008 we had 170 Coxswains, as of January 1, 2011 we have 145. These figures are sobering to say the least.

### **OPERATIONAL D11N EVENTS**

#### **QE OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR**

AS OF: 06 JANUARY 2011

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE &amp; CONTACT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
BERKELEY YACHT CLUB	DIV 1	OPTREX	JUNE 25, 2011 STEVE SALMON	
FLOTILLA 5-5	FLOTILLA 5-5	OPTREX	OCTOBER 21, 2011 POC RICHARD PALMITER	

Please schedule your event as soon as possible so we can put it on the calendar so others will know to schedule around that date. All OPTREX/OPEXs, that require Qualification Examiners, need to be submitted to Dean LaChapelle to verify lack of conflict and he will see that they get on the District Calendar.

### **Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS of District PA Activities in D11N from DEC – JAN**

1. District ADSO-PA Appointments
2. Social Media Guidelines
3. Welcome to new and returning Division and Flotilla PAOs
4. Updated 2011 PA SMART Goals
5. Second Coastie Joins DIRAUX CGI Fleet
6. Project Hometown Kick-Off with USCG Academy
7. Station Rio Vista PA Assistance Request

## 8. Dockwalker Kits for 2011

### DETAILS

#### 1. ADSO-PA Appointments

- a. Coastie Coordinator – Wallace Smith
- b. Special Events and Projects - Don Anderson
- c. Video/Multi-Media – Robert Belongie
- d. Photography - Melvin Gruesbeck
- e. Liaison / U.S. Naval Sea Cadets - Stephen Dolgin
- f. Liaison / Boy Scouts of America/Sea Scouts – Robert Whitehead

2. **Social Media Guidelines:** standards and ethical guidelines for members using social media have been established. Please review USCG Compass site (<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/index.php/2009/07/official-coast-guard-social-media/>) , ALCOAST 457/08 (<http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcoast/ALCOAST45708.txt>), and updated guidelines posted on D11N Web.
3. **SO-PA and FSO-PA Appointed Staff:** In D11N there are 45 Public Affairs Officers that will facilitate external and internal communication as stewards of the Team Coast Guard brand. Please welcome and utilize these passionate professional volunteers to promote and improve your mission effectiveness.
4. **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely (S.M.A.R.T.)** goals for D11N PA have been created – see attachment.
5. **Coastie Program Development** – a second Coastie has recently joined the DIRAUX CGI fleet and will be formerly commissioned during the Coastie Course at the PCA Fair, 20 FEB. The Coastie scheduling calendar is gaining visibility and early scheduling is required to avoid conflicts. Not all requests can be filled depending upon best use of Coastie resource and logistical considerations. DIRAUX OTO is coordinating a maintenance and support team to improve Coastie operation in 2011.
6. **Project Hometown Kick-Off:** Hundreds of request from USCG Academy cadets as well as active duty/reserve/civilian staff currently serving in New London, CT request to have notices of accomplishments forwarded to their hometown media outlets. There are nearly 300 alone in May each year following graduation. If interested in assisting, contact DSO-PA for training.
7. **Station Rio Vista PA Assistance:** Opportunity for Auxiliarist to support PA activities for USCG Station Rio Vista. Contact DSO-PA and ASC.
8. **Dockwalker Clean Boating Kits:** Trained Dockwalkers order now for 2011.
  - a. Kits for Delta (*Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano, Sacramento and Yolo Counties*) Contact: [djord@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:djord@pw.cccounty.us)
  - b. Statewide Kits: [vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov)
  - c. 2011 Questionnaire: [www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide\\_boating\\_survey.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide_boating_survey.pdf)

### 2011 PAO S.M.A.R.T. Goals

1. **PA Training & Qualification** - this could arguably be the only SMART Goal needed as effort on this would effectively take care of the others listed here.
  - a. Start with Courtesy and Customs training;  
<http://a0541202.uscgaux.info/MilitaryCourtesy.ppt>

- b. then the PA PQS series;  
<http://www.training.auxpa.org/>

**2. All member participation in NSBW effort (May 21 - 27):**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

Use ICS methodology to encourage maximum participation and efficiency in marketing and execution of NSBW activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NSBW Plan Competition will be judged at DTRAIN 2011. Don't miss out on getting a useful PA/RBS program award. Ready, Set, Inflate!

**3. Send in your monthly reports up the chain** - get out the keyboard and spread the word about all the great things happening. Remember, part of your job is to give relevance and reflection to those serving the causes of Team Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Be a positive and enthusiastic force multiplier. Collaborate with PB officers to leverage internal communications. Write articles and stories about an event, SAR case, or other outstanding example of Auxiliary service. Get this published in the media, a newsletter, Northwind, or Navigator. Other publications like AFRAS (Association for Rescue at Sea) are even bigger prizes. On that note, what other Maritime Publications do you read? Concept here is to be knowledgeable about the Maritime Community, State Boating legislation, etc. ***Policy Note: Get all original articles pre-approved by a DCAPT and DSO-PA before release!***

**4. PSA's and Speaker's Bureau** – Contact DSO-PA @ 408-591-8259 or USCG MSC Alameda Speaker's Request Number: 510-437-3319. Templates exist for many different event types.

**5. Build a PA Exhibit Booth capability with your Flotilla:** <http://www.training.auxpa.org/exhibits.shtml>

**6. Earn a new qualification** - this will broaden your knowledge of the Auxiliary and help those serving that mission area by allowing you to help them get visibility. Evaluate that group's PA knowledge and offer to do a PA training event - there are great materials on the District PA site. Recommend the MSTR, IT, PE, VE, PV, and OPS programs.

**APPENDIX – additional PA info and activity details.**

[www.AUXPA.org](http://www.AUXPA.org) – Stay up events, learn about new and updated classes, and other PA tools. Collaborate on projects and get recruiting ideas, etc.

***Recruiting is Everyone's Responsibility - Vinyl Stickers Available:***

8.5" x 1.5", White w/ Blue & Black Letters.

Write to [dso-pa@d11nuscgaux.info](mailto:dso-pa@d11nuscgaux.info) and include USPS address for more.

**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

**America's Volunteer Guardians** <http://join.cgaux.org>

**Standing RBS "Command Message":** BOAT RESPONSIBLY: Always Wear a Life Jacket, Never Boat Under the Influence, Take a Boating Safety Course, Get a Vessel Safety Check.

**COTP – Rule 9 Awareness Request:** Requested of all Auxiliary RBS team members to add Rule 9 as a focal to education events and discussions with boating public.

**Modernization Information Site:**

<http://iforcecom.blogspot.com/2009/07/coast-guard-produces-5-minute.html>

**NSC 4 build contract awarded, commissioning plan for 2015.**

<http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/newsroom/updates/nsc112910.asp>

**NSC 1, USCGC Bertholf returned to Alameda on 24 NOV** after 90-day East-Pacific patrol deployment.

**NSC 3, Dorothy Stratton - Now 70% complete.**

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg9/newsroom/pdf/cg9newsletterdec08.pdf>

**Maritime Domain Awareness:** Get photos of deep-draft, commercial ocean-going vessels. Only send photos of container ships, tankers, bulk freighters, ROROs (Roll-On, Roll-Off large car carriers), and integrated tugs and barges (not individual tugs and barges). Photos details: current ones, digital only, no cropping, 2/3rds of the shot, no people, any of the eight primary points (bow, stern, port, starboard, and all quarter angles) but at least one of stern and beam. Email photos to: LT. Sean Valentine ([Sean.M.Valentine@uscg.mil](mailto:Sean.M.Valentine@uscg.mil)). Include in the cover email with your submission what information you happen to notice about the vessel that would identify it (name, home port, flag, and/or IMO number), the approximate location, date and time of the photo, and the camera make and model used.

**USCG Anthem - Semper Paratus:** The original words and music were written by Captain Francis S. Van Boskerck, USCG in 1927. The first line of each chorus was changed in 1969.

Current Version Verse:

From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone  
To Europe and Far East.  
The Flag is carried by our ships,  
In times of war and peace.  
And never have we struck it yet  
In spite of foe-men's might,  
Who cheered our crews and cheered again,  
For showing how to fight.  
Chorus

We're always ready for the call,  
We place our trust in Thee.  
Through surf and storm and howling gale,  
High shall our purpose be.  
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,  
Our fame, our glory, too.  
To fight to save or fight and die,  
Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!

### **11NR VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is to promote a volunteer environment and organizational climate that empowers our members and enables them to successfully carry out Coast Guard and Auxiliary missions with a high level of personal fulfillment and satisfaction.



## 11NR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of District 11 North of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of the citizens, ports, waterways and maritime environment of our area through direct operational support to the Coast Guard, maritime domain awareness, and programs that promote and enhance recreational boating safety.

**With clear communications, we build strength**

### **Wes Craig, DSO-PB**

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to be a member of the District Staff. I have assumed the duties of the DSO-PB as of January 1, 2011. A great thank you also to George Knies for all of the great work he has done with the *Northwind*, he has set the bar very high. I also congratulate Flotilla 88 along with a special thank you to Dan Fish for bringing the Flotsam & Jetsam newsletter back from retirement.

**Goals:** To ensure there are quarterly issues of the *Northwind* published by the due dates as well as publishing special editions for events such as NSBW and Fleetweek, etc.

**Plan:** My plan is to challenge all Auxiliary members, which includes all elected officers as well as all appointed staff officers, in the district, to support the *Northwind* by submitting articles, along with associated photographs, for as many articles as possible. I also plan to seek input from Sector San Francisco, which includes the Coast Guard Stations. A section is now ready for any information that the Director's Office wishes to add, this includes the OTO and the office staff.

**Direction:** To take a great publication and make it even greater. To also actively seek "out of the box" articles and to use more graphics and photographs, there is truth that "*a picture is worth a thousand words*".

**Support:** To achieve these goals the *Northwind* will require the support of all of the District Board and Staff members as well as the District members at large. There are three months between each edition and the Board should prepare something for each, and encourage the members to also submit something about their respective activities. The members will then support the *Northwind* by looking forward to reading the great articles in each issue.

There is a great disappointment that there are but a few Division and Flotilla Publications Officers. I am sure there is at least one member in each Division who would very much enjoy bragging about the great things their members are doing. I challenge the Division and Flotilla Officers to locate these members and get them on board, they are there. These members would not necessarily need to publish a newsletter but they would be a great asset to their Flotillas and Divisions by gathering the information, taking the photos and sending everything to the *Northwind*.

Contacts for future issues, i.e.: Fleetweek, NSBW, etc. have been made and leads for future articles are being pursued.

**A reminder for Board & Staff Members.** Please forward your articles and JPEG photos for the *Northwind*, they are due prior to **Jan 01, Apr 08, Jul 01 and Oct 01.**

### **Phillip Grove, DSO-PV**

Division Reports: Top 5 Flotillas	and	Members
05-05 Sonoma County 1150 visits		05-05 Gary Murray 1011 visits
10-05 Fresno 825 visits		10-05 Phillip Grove 625 visits
01-05 Oyster Point 651 visits		06-07 Peter Kyril 540 visits
06-07 Santa Cruz 644 visits		10-02 Michael Lauro 399 visits

10-02 Modesto

399 visits

01-05 Arthur Park

394 visits

Local Statistics (visits):

	<u>PYTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
DIV 01	853	1167	+ 314
DIV 03	455	478	+ 23
DIV 04	386	367	- 19
DIV 05	1700	1952	+ 252
DIV 06	735	895	+ 160
DIV 07	79	81	+ 2
DIV 08	176	271	+ 95
DIV 10	1524	1701	+ 177
DIV 11	519	301	- 218
DIV 12	39	32	- 7
Totals	6466	7245	+ 779

PACAREA Statistics (visits):

D11N	D11S	D13 (OR&WA)	D14 (HI)	D17 (AK)
7245	4871	6794	605	709

(statistics shown from AUXINFO through December 2010)

There will be a Program Visitor training review and test Saturday AM at the PCA in February.

Manuals needed are RBSVP # M16796.3C & VSC # M16796.8

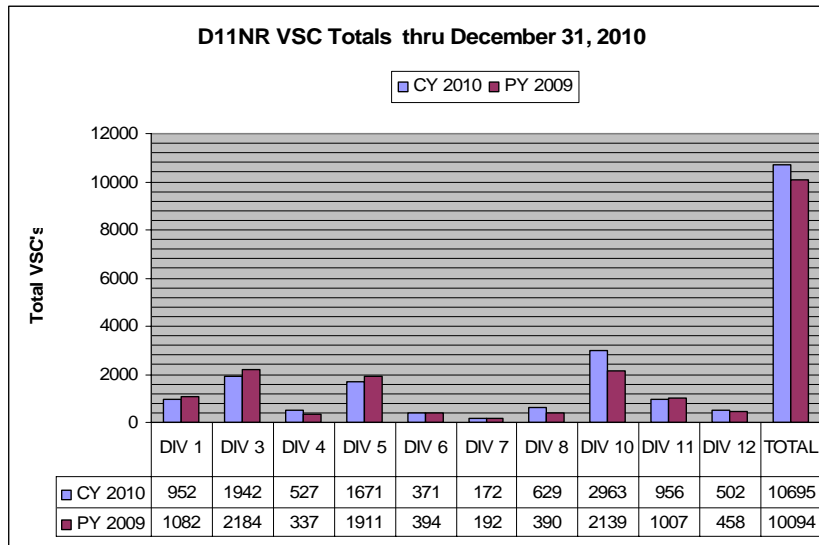
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<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve.html>

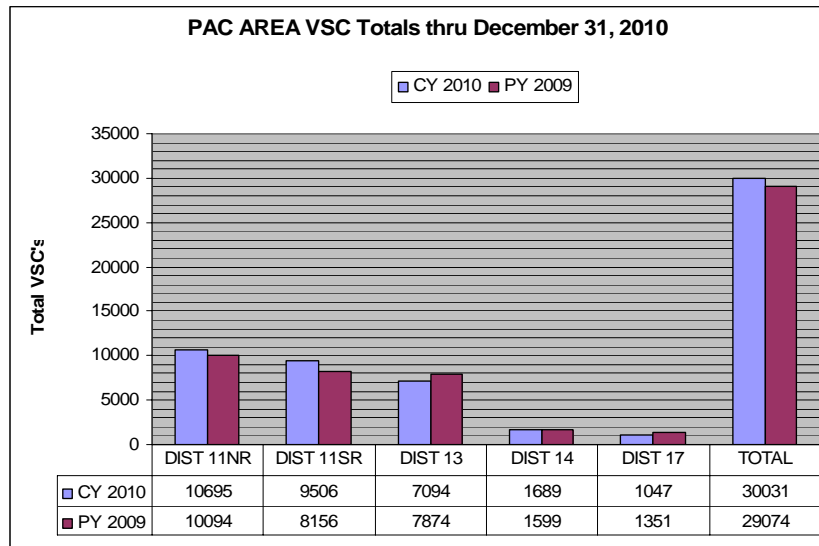
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**Michael Lauro, DSO-VE**

**D11NR 2010 Statistics\***



## PAC AREA 2010 Statistics\*



The goal for D11NR for 2010 was **10,000** VSC's. We are **106%** of our goal for the year and **106%** of 2009 production! The data source is AUXINFO\*.

Additional stats from AUXINFO\* indicates that **6,049** or **60%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **6,812** or **68%** are High Risk VSC's.

\*Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru December 31, 2010-FINAL

### VSC Calendar

Vessel Examiner Class at the PCA Fair-February 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

National Safe Boating Week-May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

VSC Mega-Weeks-June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

National Marina Day-June 11<sup>th</sup>

### Dockwalker News

Please check the **Winter 2010** Issue of the **Changing Tide Newsletter** at

[http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ct/ct-winter\\_2010.pdf](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ct/ct-winter_2010.pdf). The **Changing Tide Newsletter** is the quarterly publication of the California Clean Boating Network (CCBN) and it is presented by the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green program, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, and the Keep the Delta Clean program. The newsletter is dedicated to promoting clean boating practices in California by focusing on new trends in clean boating practices and environmental services for boaters. In this issue you will find great information on the statewide mobile-boat-to-boat services, Honey Pot Day in the Port of Los Angeles and Marina del Rey Harbors, how to order the new version of the Southern CA Boater's Guide, the Wear it CA Life Jacket Campaign, information **on Lake Berryessa** and the new City of Stockton Marina, the 2011 Dockwalker winners, and how to order the newly updated San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map. Each issue also showcases great boating destinations throughout California. This is a great publication to have at bulletin boards, informational kiosks, marinas, harbor or yacht club offices, dock entrances, boat launch ramps, and fuel docks. You can also distribute this publication at boating events. (Source Vivan Matuk) The District Vessel Examiner Dept. will be helping to support the Dockwalker program for 2011. Look for more news and emails regarding this important program.

## **District News**

-I'd like to remind everyone of the Vessel Examiner class coming to the PCA Training Fair over the weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The 2-day class includes many handouts, discussion, the final exam and weather and Coast Guard permission permitting, a VSC demo. This class is a great bargain at \$10.00 and an excellent opportunity for new members to get involved in the Auxiliary. The member is required to bring a copy of the VSC Manual, which is available for download on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>. In addition the member needs to review the material prior to class. Additional arrangements can be made at the class to perform 5 VSC's to complete the qualification. If there are any questions, please have the member contact me at: [sumfun@juno.com](mailto:sumfun@juno.com).

-Please take a minute to review the Marine Safety Alert 0910 dated December 15, 2010 regarding type I pfd's on the D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html> under "Hotline Messages".

It may be a good idea to print and carry a copy when performing VSC's, especially along the coast.

-Thanks to Jan Jewell, the new webmaster of the D11NR Vessel Examiner website:

<http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>, there many updates and changes on the District Vessel Examiner. In addition to the new 2011 VSC Decal order form and instructions, you'll find the recently approved and updated 7012A, and 2011 updated examiner workshops. While workshops are NOT mandatory this year, I encourage everyone to spend a few minutes refreshing your memory.

-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.

## **National News**

-Congratulations to Lillian M. Haynes! Lillian formally DSO-VE 1SR has been appointed to Director of the National V Department. Richard Myrick, who has previously been on the National Staff as DVC-VQ has been appointed Deputy Director.

In addition, Jim Blackburn, who also been on the National Staff has been appointed to Branch Chief of Project Development and Phil Grove DSO-PV has been appointed as Branch Chief for PV Awards.

-New for 2011 in AUXINFO. When accessing AUXINFO, you will notice that VSC activity is now divided into Coast Guard Sectors. As D11NR is in Sector San Francisco, this doesn't affect us much. However, if you access D11SR, D13, or any other District you will note that VSC activity is divided into Sectors.

## **Bob Hendry, ASC**

### ***America's Cup Planning***

As recently announced, the next America's Cup Race will be held in San Francisco Bay. The City and Events Committee has begun planning with the US Coast Guard being an important member of the planning activity. Internally, the USCG has requested the support of the Auxiliary and COMO Vic Connell has been appointed the Person of Contact for District 11N.

Qualification races could start as early as this summer (2011) with activities during the summer of 2012 and the actual races series from July through September of 2013.

We can expect that the Auxiliary, similar to Fleet Week, will be requested to supply boat facilities to assist in establishing safety zones during the practice sessions and races. We need to

line up our volunteers now so that we can provide an estimate of the number of boats that can possible be counted on. Also, there will be shoreside activities involving safety zones as well as public affairs teams providing recreational boating safety information.

COMO Connell will undoubtedly need planning support so all interested parties should contact him directly.

### ***2011 Sector Prevention Request for Assistance***

At the December meeting of the Harbor Safety Committee, a complaint was received regarding waterside signage on marine facilities. The Auxiliary was requested to provide boat facilities to transport facility inspectors to perform the survey. Facilities in question are located in the San Francisco Bay area, San Pablo Bay, Suisun Bay, Sacramento and Stockton. We were successful in obtaining sufficient facilities for this mission.

### **Update of Incident Response Plan**

The National Auxiliary had developed templates for Districts and Divisions to follow in establishing their incident response plans. The writer is in the process of updating our previously approved plan to conform with the national template. Work will be progressing over the next several weeks with the Planning Department at Sector SF to ensure that our plan integrates nicely into the Sector Plan. The resulting document will be provided to the District 11 North Executive Committee for their approval and subsequently distributed throughout the District.

### **New Commanders Communications on Information Process with Sector and on Incident Response Plan**

To ensure that good practices are communicated throughout the District, the writer is providing all new Division Commanders with copies of the process for making contacts with members of Sector San Francisco. They will also be furnished with copies of our existing Incident Response Plan.

### **Requests processed since mid-December**

Since December 13, fourteen formal requests were handled for Sector/Auxiliary assistance between myself and Jeff Price and Dave Talton. All matters were handled satisfactorily.