

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, DISTRICT 11NR
TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
16 February 2011

The meeting was called to order by DCO Angelo Perata at 1900 PST.

PRESENT:

DCO Angelo Perata	Curtis Han, DCDR-5
Rod Collins, DCOS	Wally Smith, DCDR-6
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS	Lou Carroll, DCDR-7
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES	Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8
Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP	Denis Eaton, DCDR-10
CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX	Leon Borden, DCDR-11
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12
Simone Adair, DCDR-1	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Ed Kief, DCDR-3	Phil Sanchez, EP
Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

D-Train – Phil Sanchez, EP reviewed D-Train as follows:

- To date 89 rooms have been reserved. We have guaranteed 100. Final date for the \$99 room rate is 3 March.
- 93 people registered so far.
- Training schedules are being finalized.
- We will also have some vendor displays in the lobby.
- Hotel restaurant will be serving meals all during the D-Train.
- Having difficulties getting raffle items. Would like each division to provide a raffle item.
- Friday schedule: EXCOM 1000 in Board Room (second floor); DCDRs meeting at 1215 in Board Room (second floor); District Board and Staff Meeting at 1400-1600.

Sanchez has received several proposals for the 2012 D-Train. Two proposals are from Monterey; however the room rates are high (\$140/night). Sacramento's room rate is \$109/night, plus \$15 parking. Encino's room rate is \$189/night on week-ends. Construction is still on-going on that facility, and Sanchez doesn't know if the facility will be ready in time. Rohnert Park's room rate is the same at \$99/night. DCO Perata asked DCDR's to email him their comments regarding the various proposals and locations.

DCO REPORT TO BOARD

DCO Perata reported on the following:

- COW Dates – The district calendar can go out two years, only. Therefore, each year the DCDR's should confirm the date for their COW. This can be done by contact Joyce Bell or Rod Collins. Also, please indicate whether it is luncheon or dinner meeting. Members are reminded to check district calendar frequently.
- Webinar – PCA Fair Webinar classes are being cancelled for non-participation. If you need training, you should attend one of the classes. This is the medium we're going to use. We will

try to have a class at D-Train, but if you can make it this week-end do so. PCA Fair Webinar classes are scheduled for 0800 and 1000 on Saturday and 1300 on Sunday.

- Form 7029 – So far only 4000 members throughout the Auxiliary are using the web site form 7029. For those who are using it, many more hours are being reported. DCDR's are reminded that this is good information for the Commodore to use to request more funding. Please encourage your members to report their time and expenses. It's not hard to use. The form is very user-friendly.

REPORTS

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). Nothing to add.

Ed Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). Kief reported on the division's survey on meetings. They are currently working on NSBW activities.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division presented Certificates of Appreciation to West Marine for their support. They are holding 2 PE classes on March 19, May 21. They are also hosting VSC stations and a booth at the volunteer fair on March 22.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment A). Two flotillas are holding doing Crew/Coxswain Academy. The flotilla commander of flotilla 05-07 resigned in January. A special election was held on 24 February at which time a new flotilla commander was elected.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). They have scheduled an AUXCOM course in January. They are also holding informal Coxswain training each week, plus fellowship.

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). We need help getting ICS-210 training done when needed. The division is currently working with the state on a possible partnership for Public Education.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). There will be a combined St Patrick's Day lunch on 16 March. Everyone in the district is invited.

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division meeting was held using Webinar. It went well. They are setting up their WOW web site. There will be an OPTREX April 30-May 1 – no QE's.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment A). Member training include ACN and CG Boat Crew training classes. The division provided coverage on Pyramid Lake and Lake Tahoe for fishing tournament and other boating activities.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division has held its first meeting and set plans and goals for the coming year. Tarlson attended N-Train where the focus was on Operations training. Tarlson also attended all of the flotilla meetings in January to encourage members to set goals for the coming year.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment A). We have 225 people registered for 22 classes for the PCA Fair. Esteban will report on the Memorial update during Old Business.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). There will be an inland lakes blitz on 4 June called “Adopt a Lake.” It is hoped that flotillas will adopt a lake and do VSC’s, etc. on that date.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES – Report on file (Attachment A). LaChapelle visited two boat stations this month and attended Division 10’s meeting. It went very well. Eighteen webinar meeting have been done now.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file (Attachment A). Thomas will be sending invitations on three nights to come on Web and view the unveiling of the prospective new member presentation. He would like the board to see it, and invites comments.

Rod Collins, DCOS – All division staff members know who their district contact is and they have good connections. COMO Williams will be sending out a spreadsheet to all divisions asking for information on lakes that are supported, without Coast Guard presence. The new district store will be on line within next two weeks. It will be very easy to order from store.

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – The Coast Guard Ball is on 2 April. DCDRs are invited. They moved the CG Ball so it wouldn’t interfere with D-Train. The meeting with Coast Guard Island on the Auxiliary Memorial very successful.

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger is doing some training for some sheriff’s deputies. He is working on the MOU with Whiskeytown.

OLD BUSINESS

PCA Memorial Update – Judy Esteban, P-PCA reported as follows: During a meeting with R Haynes and CG Island for following items were covered:

- Engineering is taking project up the chain, and the Coast Guard has committed funds for everything but pavers.
- CG Engineering would like to change the design to have the sections more vertical
- We now need to prepare personnel list of volunteer workers.
- CDR Chareonsuphiphat reported that RADM Castillo will be moving into building near where the project is. We want to make sure the project is completed during this fiscal year.
- We need to make sure everything is carried through once the work has started.
- Dean La Chapelle has a friend who is a civil engineer. He will volunteer his time to help with structural design of the memorial

NEW BUSINESS

Uniforms – DCO Perata reported that effective 1 January 2013 the working blue uniform can no longer be worn. As of that date, the ODU’s will be the only working uniform. The tucked version of the ODU’s may be worn as long as they are serviceable. There are over 10,000 tucked uniforms in the UDC, which they are trying to get for Auxiliary members. DCO Perata is working on that. Black boots are to be worn when working on shore. Boat shoes may be worn when working on vessels.

District OPEX – July 16-17 at CG Island. Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES reported that the date has been set. Activities are in the planning stages. They are looking at having two comms trailers and as many

boats on orders as possible. They are hoping for air cover as well. We would like it to be a total Auxiliary event, except for a possible helo. There will be on-water exercises, but would like to have some classroom training also. Any suggestions, please contact LaChapelle.

America's Cup – DCO Perata stated that the district OPEX will be good training for the America's Cup. COMO Vic Connell is attending meetings already, and by July we may have more information on what will be asked of us.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

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ATTACHMENT A

Simone Adair, DCDR-1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted first Division Board meeting for the year
- Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA, gave presentation at Division meeting.
- Division budget approved
- Spring OPTREX planned

DETAILS

- The meeting was well attended. Division goals and strategic planning were distributed and discussed at January meeting. A Staff Officer Development class is in the planning stage. A 2011 Division Planning Calendar was created and distributed to aid in goal setting. Our COW was set for 08 Jan 2012.
- Jerry McAlwee attended our January Division meeting and gave a very thorough presentation on PA dos and don'ts, as well as how to successfully organize a PA event.
- Division budget was approved placing an emphasis on careful expenditures of Division funds.
- Spring OPTREX planned for Berkeley Yacht Club, 25 Jun 2012. 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
- Division 1 Auxiliarists continue to train and work in various Sector offices

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.
- Boating safety booth planned for West Marine, South San Francisco, 05 Feb 2011.
- Spring OPTREX is scheduled for Berkeley Yacht Club, 25 June 2012.

DIVISION GOALS

The successful planning, implementation and review of the following areas:

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

Ed Kief, DCDR-3

Highlights:

- International Sportsmen's Expo
- AUX-10
- Survey to poll the D-3 members on the possibility of having one COW instead of six.
- NSWB plan
- Meeting schedule

Details:

- Members of Flotilla's 33 and 35 manned the PA booth at the ISE for California Boating and Waterways and our assistance was deeply appreciated by CBW. Due to budget constraints they can no longer put in over time to work these events.
- AUX-10 (IS) 10-13 will be attended by a member of F-33 and yours truly, so the 10 Feb. division meeting will be presided over by the VCDR Lonny Singer.
- COW survey. A proposal was given to the Board to have COW to encompass all five flotilla's and the division. So the Board decided to poll the membership with a survey to determine whether that is a viable option. As of 3 Feb. I only had 36% of the roster having voted. I felt we should have at least 51% return to a decision, so I am having the survey run another two weeks. The FC's will be instructed at the division meeting to explain the importance of this survey to their members.
- My NSBW Coordinator's name and information has been sent to Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS/Prevention. We have had a Vis-à-vis meeting and talked over our goals for the NSBW kick-off. The coordinator has contacted DBW and is waiting for their Event Manager to set an appointment date for us to make a plan and set the wheels in motion.
- The VCDR will question the Board on going to a bimonthly meeting schedule considering the F-39 members have a 4 hour round trip to attend meetings.

Up-coming Events:

- PCA Training Fair 19-20 February
- Boat Show in March
- D-train
- NSBW
- Public Education Classes

Flotilla 31

- Air Squadron SAR flights scheduled for Feb.

Flotilla 33 – Gold Country

- BS&S, ABS schedules are listed on the National web site
- Adopted Folsom Lake. Will have a June 4 VE Blitz
- Work group appointed to prepare breakfast for Active Duty personnel at Station Rio Vista as a fellowship gesture and interaction between Aux. & CG
- Flotilla has been assigned a booth at the March Sacramento Boat Show and will man a PA site.

Flotilla 35 – Sacramento

- 29 Program visits in January
- 41 Vessel Exams performed in January
- BS&S class starting 23 February
- Materials ordered for NSBW

- Working on REYR members

Flotilla 39 – Thirtey-niners

- 9 Program Visits in January
- 53 Vessel Exams in January
- Crew and Coxswain training beginning 17 February
- Booth in the Boat Show beginning 4 March and will have a PA booth
- Preparing for the Antlers OPTREX
- Preparing for NSWB kick-off on Whiskey Town Lake

Flotilla 3-10 – Elk Grove

- Completed On The Water training with Station Rio Vista
- Swore in one new member
- Member training scheduled for every meeting
- On the water training schedule in place

Agency Interactions:

- United States Coast Guard
- Dept. of Boating and Waterways
- Assist. California Park Rangers in D-3 AOR
- Asst. Law Enforcement within the boundary's of the Auxiliary

Division Goals

- Measure Flotilla progress and provide support and assistance.
- Encourage flotillas to make an all out Blitz on Recreational Boating Safety in 2011.
- Encourage better interaction between air and surface facilities.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- Preliminary set of goals and objectives for 2011 under review by Board, to be finalized by next meeting
- First meeting held at new location, South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso with large turn out. Presentation on membership to the SBYC given by Vice-Commodore Craig Parada. Special Training Award given to P. Verveniotis; and Human resources 2011 Award to Gaylord Vandyne.
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to West Marine – Saratoga on February 7th, 2011.
- Division Budget approved.
- Tentative Public Education classes schedule to be completed by next Division meeting.
- PATONS/Bridge survey sheets received and assignments have been made.
- VSC Event conducted at Calero Lake in San Jose on February 11th 2011.
- Planning to participate in Volunteer Fair at CISCO Systems in March 2011

DETAILS

- A preliminary set of objectives currently under review by Board and Staff. Expect to have finalized by next Division meeting.
- First Division meeting held on January 26th at new location, South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso, with a large participation, including the full board and most of staff.

- Awards given to P. Verveniotis and G. Vandyne, for Special Training and Human Resources respectively.
- A presentation was given by guest C. Parada, SBYC Vice-Commodore on membership benefits. We plan a similar presentation on membership to the Auxiliary to SBYC members during the First Quarter 2011.
- Division Budget was approved, and flotillas' 7025 forms being completed.
- Tentative schedule of PE classes being firmed up, and expect completion by late February. Motion made and approved to require deposit for registration to PE classes to encourage attendance once signed-up. ABS completed on November 30th at Santa Clara County Water District with 20 participants.
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to West Marine, Saratoga mgr. Ms Adrienne Adams on February 7th 2011, for their continued support to Auxiliary PE and PA missions.
- PATONS/Bridge survey sheets have been received from J. Duncan and assignments made to respective flotillas.
- Mike Fiamingo, flotilla 41, will be Coordinator for our Division in support of NSBW
- VSC Event held at Calero Lake in San Jose on February 11, 2011. New VE Ricardo Moreno completed 5 VSCs under supervision for his certification.

UPCOMING EVENTS , DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Suddenly in Command classes to be held at West Marine, Saratoga on March 19th and May 21st 2011 respectively. At least one more ABS class requested and to be scheduled for 2011 at Santa Clara County Water District.
- VSC Event to be held at Alviso Marina on February 12th as part of ongoing effort at that location.
- Flotilla 49 plans to participate with an information table at a Volunteer Fair to be held at CISCO Systems on March 22nd, 2011. Two members of that flotilla are CISCO employees.

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLAN

- Continue effort in recruiting and retention.
- Foster membership qualifications for crew and coxswain.
- Expand effort in Marine Safety.

Continue effort in Vessel Examinations, Public Education, and Public Affairs.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coxswain/Crew Academy at Flotilla levels
- Operational support to Napa County Sheriff, including missing person search at Lake Berryessa
- A new home for Napa Flotilla (FL52)
- Public Affairs event in FL55 AOR
- A great start in Vessel Examination and Program Visitation activities
- Flotilla 52 provide free basic boating safety class at Cotati, CA
- Flotilla 55 Change of Watch on January 8, 2011
- Flotilla 53 Change of Watch on January 13, 2011

DETAILS

- Flotilla 52 (Napa) and Flotilla 53 (North Solano Co) started their coxswain/crew academy in January. 1 crew and 6 coxswain candidates from Napa Flotilla are being trained at Napa County

Sheriff Marine Unit at Lake Berryessa. Flotilla 53 coxswain candidates are trained at Rio Vista AOR.

- Flotilla 52 members continue to provide operational support to the Napa County Sheriff marine unit at Lake Berryessa, upon their request. The Sheriff's office request that Coast Guard Auxiliary assist them with safety patrols at the lake. Recent event includes missing kayaker for several days in January. Auxiliary vessel, Mars, provided transport support and assisted in shoreline searches using side scanning, 3D sonar onboard. The kayaker was not found.
- Due to necessary circumstances, Napa Flotilla (FL52) needed to find a new home for the unit. The Flotilla moved from Napa Valley Yacht Club to California Highway Patrol Air-operation, Golden Gate Division, located at Napa County Airport.
- Flotilla 55 PA team participated in a Public Affairs event where the members were interviewed by KAFX radio station regarding boating safety.
- Division 5 had a great start in RBS program by performing at least 60 vessel exams, 11 commercial fishing vessel exams, 7 facility inspections, and 80 program visits.
- Flotilla 52 instructor provided free basic boating safety class, ABS, to 24 members of Mosquito & Vector Control Division at Cotati.
- On January 8, 2011, Flotilla 55 held their annual Change of Watch. Members of the Sonoma County Sheriff and Army Corp of Engineer members were presented with special awards for their joint operations with Coast Guard
- Auxiliary members at Lake Sonoma.
- On January 13, 2011, Flotilla 53 held their annual Change of Watch in Vacaville, CA. Special guests attending were Officer in Charge, CGSTA Rio Vista, Senior Chief Goley and Curtis Han, DCDR-5.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members of Division 5, especially Flotilla 55 continue to work closely with the Sonoma County Sheriffs and the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Sonoma.
- Members of Flotilla 52 continues to assist the Napa County Sheriffs Department at Lake Berryessa, by providing safety patrols and RBS missions (VE, PV and PA) and joint training missions.
- Members of Flotilla 55 conducted Friday night ops exercise with Station Bodega Bay.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Flotilla 52 will host D11NR QE annual training at Lake Berryessa -February 26-27 at Markley Cove Resort.
- GPS/Chart Reading for Mariners course, March 19th at Grey Eagle Farms, in Sonoma.
- Division 5 meeting in March is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2011. The meeting location: Vallejo Yacht Club @ 2000. Uniform of the day: Tropical Blue Long. POC: Curtis Han, DCDR 5.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- AUXCOM Course presented to 22 members
- Flotilla Leadership Course presented to 19 members
- Scheduled VSC station is underway in Santa Cruz
- Four patrols on Monterey Bay in January
- Full offering of PE classes scheduled
- Scheduled member training underway

DETAILS

- Instructors from Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 presented the AUXCOM Course in January. 22 members from four Flotillas (6-4, 6-7, 6-10, & 12-1) attended. Attendees' feedback was very positive. The exam was given on 23 January and resulted in over 90% passing (our thanks to DIRAUX for the quick turnaround of results).
- The Flotilla Leadership Course was offered in Santa Cruz on 05 February. Nineteen members from three Flotillas (6-4, 6-7, & 6-10) attended.
- A Vessel Safety Check schedule has been established for Santa Cruz Harbor. VSC's will be offered on the second Saturday of each month. VE's from 6-7 and 6-10 will be offering the VSC's ... all VE's are welcome! For the Division, a total of 52 VSC's were completed in January.
- There were four on-water patrols in January in the Santa Cruz vicinity. Two facilities trained with towing evolutions and man overboard exercises utilizing "Oscar." Three patrols are scheduled for this month.
- Public Education classes are underway with BS&S, SS&S, and CN currently being conducted in Santa Cruz. Of the eleven boating safety courses available, ten have been scheduled in the Division; most to be offered in the upcoming warmer months.
- In addition to the AUXCOM Course and FLC being presented, regularly scheduled Member Training is underway.
- A new program for Boat Crew training will be available monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 1800 at an Operational Facility in Santa Cruz Harbor. All trainees are welcome and dockside training and sign-offs will be done. All coxswains & boat crew are invited to assist in training, mentoring, & sign-offs. This monthly event will also serve to provide "fellowship" as everyone is welcome to bring a "picnic" supper.
- Flotilla 6-4 is presenting the AUXWEA course beginning next week at CG Station Monterey. The course will also be offered in Santa Cruz sometime this spring.
- A New Member Training Course was presented to seven members of 6-4 at Station Monterey on 12 February.
- A "Boat Crew Training Academy" will be getting underway for Flotilla 6-4 next week. It will be presented on five consecutive Wednesday evenings at Station Monterey.
- Division 6 has received its list of PATONs for verification in 2011. The list includes 107 PATONs and two bridges. Division 6's goal for 2011 is to repeat the 100% verifications that were completed in 2010.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- The annual Valentines Day Party will be held at Station Monterey on 13 February from 1600 to 1800. This is a very popular event is presented by the Auxiliary for the benefit of the active

duty. 50 to 60 Station personnel and guests are expected to attend.

- The AUXLO at Station Monterey has requested that we begin to “informally inform” ... in a friendly way ... those on paddleboards and kayaks that they are “vessels” and as such must comply with the regulation requiring a life jacket and sound producing device on board.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 6 has been asked to participate in an event on 26 March at Santa Cruz Harbor being sponsored by West Marine. While in the very early planning stage, this event hopefully will include representation from CG Station Monterey, Santa Cruz Harbor District, Sea Scouts, Santa Cruz Lifeguards, and the Auxiliary. Division 6 participation will likely include an information booth and a VSC station.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Change of Watch completed. Attended by CAPT Stowe and COMO Williams.
- Conducted first Division Board meeting for the year.
- Began planning for this year’s major events.
- Attending flotilla meetings.
- Boat show completed.
- Working on enhanced partnership with Utah Parks and Recreation.

DETAILS

1. Our Change of Watch was held on January 29 with CAPT Cynthia Stowe giving our keynote address along with COMO Mike Williams and Dave Harris, Utah State Boating Manager. We were commended for our accomplishments while covering the “eastern front” of 11N and for our partnership with Utah Parks.
2. We began the laborious process of setting things in place for the coming year. Our meeting time has been amended to immediately follow the District meeting. We have also decided on Jan. 14, 2012 for our next COW.
3. We are actively planning for our annual major events such as Ranger training at Utah Lake and Lake Powell and an OPEX in June and August. We are working to insure that the District communications requirements for Operations are being met. We are also working issues with 11S concerning their patrol requirements for Lake Powell.
4. Bill Rouleau, VCDR and I are attending the flotilla meetings so we have a chance to meet the new members and to explain our philosophy on what we want to accomplish as a Division.
5. We are completing our participation in the Annual Boat Show. It appears to be very successful but we’ll know more after we have tallied the contacts we have made. We also purchased new soft floor tiles which make standing watch a lot more “standing friendly”. Lana Visser, SO-PA did an excellent job on the booth design and the myriad of details that made it successful.

6. We are currently working with Dave Harris, Boating Director for Utah Parks in significantly enhancing our partnership with them.

PROJECTS

1. Enhancing membership participation in division/flotilla events and projects.
2. Enhanced partnership with Utah Parks will take a major commitment to planning and execution.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS

- Crescent City 8-11 - Successful COW held January 16.
- Eureka 86 - Working on planning for a joint boating safety event with Humboldt Yacht Club and local agencies April 17 in Eureka.
- Mendocino 87 - Flotilla crew members commenced weekly joint training with Station
- Noyo River last week.
- Lake County 88 - Planning under way for NSBW.

DETAILS:

- Crescent City: Becky Barlow, FC was sworn in for 2011 for a second term leading the flotilla January 16. Added another qualified crew member for CG RBS Safe Boat 25543 for a total of 3 coxswain and 5 crew members with another crew member in training. One new flotilla member added during the month. A 8-hour TCT planned for end of February in Crescent City.
- Eureka: Flotilla will hold its second meeting of the year under Linda Hoffman, FC Saturday February 12. Member Pat Davis is providing Watch Stander support twice per week at CG Station Humboldt Bay. Flotilla Vessel Examiners have started on VSEs for the new year at Eureka marinas and boat ramps.
- Mendocino: Flotilla member and SO-VE for Division 8 Charles Poplinger passed away January 24. He will be much missed by the flotilla and division. As a tribute to Charles Poplinger, the FC has set an ambitious goal of 350 VSEs for 2011 and adding two additional vessel examiners. Glenn Funk, VFC received the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Achievement Award from BMCS Donald Miterko OIC Station Noyo River at the January meeting for his service as a Watch Stander and trainer at the Station. The Flotilla will offer a BS&S class for the public in March and support the annual Whale Festival Event at the Point Cabrillo Light Station over two weekends in March.
- Lake County: Dane Hayward, FC attended the Instructor School at USCG Training Center Two Rock this last week. Planning is under way for the Annual St. Patrick's day Lunch at Coast Guard Station Noyo River and for NSBW on Clear Lake. Discussions also took place regarding AUXCOM coverage for the both Clear Lake and Lake Mendocino. At the February monthly meeting the flotilla held its required Sexual Harassment Training program.
- Division 8: Completed publication of the winter edition of the Division 8 Newsletter as SO-PB for Division. Provided photos for DCP Rich Thomas for a DVD project and responded to request for AUXCOM information for inland lakes from COMO Gail Ramsey. Attended meeting of our local Ocean Safety group here on the Mendocino Coast as the representative of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Represented Division at Flotilla 87s meeting Saturday. Recorded a video promo on our local community TV station for upcoming BS&S class.

Division Goals:

- Mentoring and supporting Flotilla 86 in Eureka - *Attending Flotilla meeting March 12*

- Sense of Community -*Hold Division Conference call and plan for mid year Division meeting.*
- 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 - *Encourage members to take online FC Course*
- Ensuring membership retention in addition to recruiting new members for the flotillas in the Division -*Emphasis importance of mentoring new members and introducing them to the whole range of missions and training opportunities in the Auxiliary.*

Future Division Events:

- Flotilla 88, March 5 - Monthly Meeting, March 16 - Annual St. Patricks Day lunch at CG Station Noyo River.
- Flotilla 8-11, February 23 - Flotilla meeting
- Flotilla 87, March 5/6 - Point Cabrillo Light Station Whale Festival March 12/13 - BS&S Class in Fort Bragg March 16 - Annual St. Patricks Day lunch at CG Station Noyo River with Fl 88. March 19/20 - Point Cabrillo Light Station Whale Festival
- Flotilla 86 , March 12 -Flotilla Meeting at CG Station Humboldt Bay 1000, April 16 - Dock Walker Training, April 17 - Joint boating safety event in Eureka with Humboldt Yacht Club

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10

ACTIVITY

- January Division meeting
- Division Staff Development Training
- February Division meeting was with GoToMeeting
- April Division meeting will be a face-to-face meeting followed by the required OPs and TCT Workshops

HIGHLIGHTS

- January Division meeting was at our new date and time of the fourth Saturday at 1000. Only had three members of the board and staff that could not attend and one of them was there via GoToMeeting.
- Following the January Division meeting we had a two hour training session on Division Staff Development. This was lead by Bill Correll and Phil Grove. We also had a walkthrough of the Division Websites and a demo of the WOW data driven website by Irene Wetzal via GoToMeeting.
- Our February Division Meeting was an electronic meeting via GoToMeeting and was well attended.
- We are planning on doing the required Operational and TCT workshops after our April face-to-face meeting.

PROJECTS

- Finalizing the Division Incident Response Plan that we start working on last year is being delayed a little as we are waiting for some new information.

- Moving the Division Website completely to the WOW website as having two websites and going back and forth between is confusing.
- Getting all of the Flotilla Websites update.
- Lake Kaweah OPEX April 30 and May 1.
- Setting up October OPTREX at Millerton Lake.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11

DETAILS

- Division 11 held the first meeting of the year on January 24.
- Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff Officers were sworn in
- Flotilla Commanders and Staff Officers presented their goals for the next 12 months
- PE/MT classes:
- ACN Part B is underway
- Received and reviewed New Member Training CD from Division 6. SO MT is working with FSO MT's to schedule a Division wide class.
- Coast Guard Station Lake Tahoe is starting a program for Auxiliary members to qualify for Coast Guard Boat crew. 6 members have signed up There are also 5 members in training for Coast Guard watch standers qualifications.
- Operations:
- First half of Crosbys Fishing Tournament was held on February 12 and 13 on Pyramid Lake. On February 12, A Aux Vessel (Following Seas) and a Coast Boat from Station Tahoe provided coverage. On February 13 Aux vessel Camie Marie provided coverage. At the end of the day they towed a disabled boat back to the dock

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boat Working Group:
- Working with SO CS to get links on Division 11 web page. Links will have safety tips, Lake Tahoe weather , and other useful information for Kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards
- Lyon County Sheriffs Search and Rescue: coordinate for Safety Patrols and mutual training over Memorial Day weekend

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Fishing Derby - Pyramid Lake, Feb 19-20
- Polar Bear Swim – Lake Tahoe, March 5
- Stand Up Paddle board race March 13 –permit pending
- Fishing Derby – Pyramid Lake March 12-13
- Fishing Derby – Pyramid Lake April 9-10 and 16-17
- Safety Patrols on Lake Lahontan May 28-30
- Splash In Lake Tahoe May 30
- Stand Up Paddle Board Race Lake Tahoe June 11 permit pending
- Rowing regatta Lake Tahoe June 18
- Trans Tahoe swim Lake Tahoe July 23
- OPTREX Lake Tahoe July 23

DIVISION GOALS

- Have flotillas working together to complete common goals.
- Get more Facilities, Crew and Coxswains
- Improve training opportunities for members of the Division.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12

Division 12 Board and Staff met 20 January 2011 at Coast Guard Island. The Board meeting was preceded by a Staff orientation conducted by Robert Firehock, VCDR. Our next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, 24 February 2011. Our future Changes of Watch are scheduled for December 4, 2011 and December 2, 2012.

Flotillas met during the month as follows:

- 12-1 Tuesday 8 February
- 12-3 Wednesday 2 February
- 12-5 Tuesday 15 February
- 12-91 Thursday 10 February

Attended each flotilla's meeting in the past month to encourage planning and activities for the coming year, outline the division's resources to support each, and encourage attendance at PCA Training Fair and DTrain. Many of our members will be attending this weekend. I also attended the Flotilla 12-91 Change of Watch on 15 January 2011.

Flotilla 12-1 held a winter luncheon aboard the Hornet on 22 January 2011. This is a great venue for a fourth cornerstone event and includes a tour of the ship.

Flotilla 12-1 had a guest speaker: LCDR Glenn J. Galman, CO Maritime Safety and Security Team San Francisco "MSST 101 – Introduction to Maritime Safety and Security Team." Highly recommend him for your future programs.

Attended NTrain in St. Louis 25-29 January 2011. The training focus this year was on DSOs in the operations areas.

Several of our members participate in a whaleboat rowing program at Coast Guard Island each Wednesday at 1630. Anyone interested can join us at the small boat dock at that time. Check with me first to make sure we are on for that week.

Rob Firehock, VCDR and I had a planning session last week to establish our goals for the division for 2011. They include:

1. Supporting flotillas, esp. 12-3, 12-5
2. Support traditional missions – PE (rebuild), VE, Ops, MS
3. Build/Rebuild new missions – PV, Paddlecraft
4. Build division organization - Working SO groups - Contingency plans - Planning model - Diversity Award Program - Budget - Fellowship activities - Training

Prevention

Each of our flotillas is planning their public education programs for the coming year. Flotilla 12-1 already completed an ABS class and is offering Paddlesports America at Berkeley Yacht Club on March 20. Flotilla 12-3 plans to offer BS&S and Suddenly in Command.

Flotilla 12-91 held a Public Affairs – Vessel Examination (PAVE) event at Encinal Yacht Club on 29 January. Future events are planned as follows.

- 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

Flotilla 12-5 is planning Vessel Examination weekends at several marinas each month through the summer.

I provided an orientation to the RBS-PV program at a Flotilla 12-91 meeting last week. If anyone is interested in the Powerpoint, please let me know.

We are still planning a public affairs training program in Alameda on 8-9 April. The focus will be on community relations and elements of the national Public Affairs Training and Recognition program. Our goal is to have all PA, PB and CS officers attend and to get them trained and earn their PA ribbons. We may be able to accommodate members of other divisions. Member of other divisions who are interested in the training should contact SO-PA Perry Joiner.

We are planning to sponsor an exhibit at the Strictly Sail expo at Jack London Square in April.

Several of our members served as judges of a high school Science Fair on 12 February, for the second year in a row.

National Safe Boating Week co-coordinators are Stu Hunter and Perry Joiner.

America's Cup coordinator is Robert Firehock.

Response

Our OPTREX is scheduled for May 12-13, 2011.

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

Mission Support

We are in the midst of a nine week navigation class for members, oriented toward AUX-NAV specialization.

We are attempting to develop a new web site using the national WOW template. Our SO-CS, Fazale Shariff, will be attending the orientation at the Past Captain's Association Training Fair Saturday.

Flotilla 12-1 completed paperwork on two new members last week.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Fair - February 19 – 20, 2011

We have about 225 coming to 22 different classes. Many classes are very full.

Memorial Update

The project will be taken up the chain for approval soon. Engineering department will order materials and take it from their budget. Appears the department can cover virtually all the costs except perhaps the pavers. Engineering wants a project schedule identifying Aux personnel by dates of work through project end. Engineering also redesigned the project adding support structures and would rather have the display panels vertical because engineering designs required in-place forms. Engineering wants the construction including the prefab to occur on CGI so the department can oversee it, which implies weekday work.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS

ACTIVITY

1. Attended N-Train Conference in St. Louis
2. Attended AUX-05 DCAPT training program at N-Train
3. Continuing to coordinate the revision to the Coastie scheduling process
4. Continue planning District activities for NSBW
5. Revised Strategic Plan and Goals for RBS/Prevention

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Attended N-Train in St. Louis. Attended combined seminar on Marine Safety/Navigation Systems, and attended the National Board meeting.
2. Completed DCAPT training at N-Train
3. Continuing to support the revision of the Coastie program with Jerry McAlwee and Wally Smith.
4. Created and distributed NSBW Plan template to Division Commanders and NSBW Coordinators, with reporting template for Divisions/Flotillas to use
5. Revised Strategic Plan and Goals for RBS/Prevention based on feedback from Staff Officers and updated goals discussed at the National Board meeting.

PROJECTS

1. Plans underway for NSBW
2. Auxiliary representation on Harbor Safety Committee
3. Auxiliary support of Dive Investigation Teams
4. Past Captains Fair

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (under revision)

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
5. Revise Coastie scheduling and program

6. Encourage “succession planning” for all DSOs
7. Expand the involvement of the AUX in the VA Christmas Party, possibly to other VA Hospitals

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Visits Small Boat Stations
2. Attended N-Train
3. Attended PAC Tele-Conf
4. Attended GOTO MEETING and WOW Tele com class.

DETAILS

1. Visited Station Bodega Bay gave the AUXLO facility information of D-8 facilities and contacts. Visited AUXLO James Bufford Station Rio Vista. General support and activity discussions.
2. Attended N-Train and attended the Operations Response Classes. The Class included Aviation, Communications and Surface Operations. Consisted of lecture, Gold Side Reports and scenario problem solving.
3. Attended the Patrol Area Coordinator tele-conference. A discussion about GAR came up and will have to be followed later.
4. Attended the Division 10 B & S meeting and DSO-CI's WOW class via GOTO MEETING.

PROJECTS

1. GAR Metric
2. Inland Waters Communications-Guards
3. Challenge Coin
4. WEBINAR Project.
5. OPTREXs

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Attended DCAPT Academy-N-Train
2. Attended Division Five – Division Board Meeting
3. Submitted Survey to members of Division one per Div. Commander’s request
4. Working with Rob Firehock on Survey
5. Aux-Chef
6. Developed Power Point for Prospective New Member Go-to-Meeting
7. Over-seeing D-Train activities

DETAILS

1. Attended DCAPT Academy with Mary Kirkwood in St. Louis and covered aspects of roles of DCAPTS and leadership responsibilities.
2. Attended the Division Five monthly board and staff meeting in Vallejo and met with Division Commander Curtis Han.
3. Sent out and am tracking responses for Division one for leadership inquiring as to the response of members as to having one COW which would be a joint event with all flotillas and division on the same day at the same location.

4. Rob Firehock is developing a survey for EXCOM and MT as to feed- back regarding last year's New Elected Officers Training.
5. Continuing in efforts to develop AUX-CHEF for District 11 N. Have the prospective student instructors lined up, medical lined up to provide Hepatitis A shots, approval to proceed, approval to utilize the Yerba Buena Island galley as our training site, and orders have been issued to the instructor to come up from San Diego to qualify our D-11 Instructors. Class is officially set for March 11th – 13th and sign-ups to become an Aux-Chef will begin starting at D-Train.
6. Completed power point for go-to-web use for new prospective members. Completed a trial run on internet and will be presenting to EXCOM at next meeting.

PROJECTS

1. Get approval to make Survey system a tool for District 11 N
2. Do dry runs to elected officers by invitation to view power-point presentation
3. Begin work on recruiting DVD for District 11 North
4. As newly appointed chair of District 11N - Coast Guard Mutual Assistance program – I will be reviewing responsibilities
5. Oversee Aux Chef program and assure training class moves forward
6. Continue to support Divisions when needed.