

MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
DISTRICT 11NR ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING
17 August 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1900 PDT by DCO Angelo Perata. Joyce Bell, DSO-SR called the roll and the following were present:

DCO Angelo Perata	Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4
Rod Collins, DCOS	Wally Smith, DCDR-6
COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO	Lou Carroll, DCDR-7
Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS	Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8
Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES	Bill Correll, VCDR-10
Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP	Leon Borden, DCDR-11
CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX	Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12
CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO	Judy Esteban, P-PCA
Richard Celia, VCDR-1	Joyce Bell, DSO-SR
Ed Kief, DCDR-3	

DCO Perata introduced CDR Curtis Sumrok, our new DIRAUX. He is a fixed-wing pilot from Miami FL, and is now in his office at CG Island.

DCO Report to Board – DCO Perata stated that he does not have a formal report, but will comment, as needed.

District Board Reports – DCO Perata called for reports as follows:

Richard Celia, VCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment A). Celia attended a Fleet Week planning meeting along with Rick Saver and Dave Talton. They need about 125 volunteers. A district-wide letter requesting volunteers has been sent out.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment A). Division 3's membership started with 245, and they now have 252, which is an increase of 7 increase. Of these members, 219 are in 50-89 age group. We aren't getting young people like we should be. Kief would like feedback on ways to recruit younger members.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division had a successful OPTREX. J. Gordon, SO-PE has been invited by Dr. T. Wang to be part of a national committee to enhance PE curriculum and practices

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

Wally Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division has completed nearly 1500 VSC's so far this year. Many have come from lakes, which haven't been covered in the past. The lakes are a new focus for us. D-Train 2012 committees have been set up and planning is underway. It will be a great event.

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division held a successful OPTREX at Strawberry. Carroll thanked CWO Kilburger for his great help. There were 7 candidates, with 6 qualifying. Attendance was one of the smallest, mostly because everyone was busy assisting with OTW events on other lakes. Carroll described an event at Bear Lake which we were unable to assist because we couldn't get a crew member up there. Is there anyway to reimburse crew members for traveling long distances?

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division has doubled its VSC's this year. Many of them have also been on lakes. Crescent City hosted a visit from new DIRAUX and DCO Perata. The division OPTREX will be held on Sep 30-Oct 2. Lee Redding, long-time member and past flotilla commander, recently passed away. A memorial is planned, but a date is not yet available.

Bill Carroll, VCDR-10 – The division held its webinar meeting on 3 August. The meeting went well. Members were able to attend a CG-hosted IS-300 and 400 training session. Division members participated in the Delta Blitz. A PE class will begin on August 27, and division elections will be on September 17 at a face-to-face meeting which will also including awards presentations.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division needs an emergency call-out plan for the Lake Tahoe area. Kirkwood recommended they check with Division 1 to see what their plan looks like.

Nick Tarlson, DCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment A). The division has had great luck with "Tuesday Nite Live" in getting new members. The division tried to use the new AIMs program to do some call-out. There were some issues. Some members were somewhat suspicious, thinking it was "fishing." Tarlson would like guidance from EXCOM for better use of the program. A proposed "Operation Every Ready" was sent to everyone. It is designed to try to boost efforts in AWW and surface operations to heighten awareness as we come to the 9/11 10th Anniversary. Tarlson asked for feedback on the program and approval from EXCOM. DCO Perata requested additional information on the program.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – The memorial project has started. We will be pouring concrete on Friday. Roger Haynes will have material at PCA Fair to get volunteers to help cut tile. Elections will be held during September meeting. Any past district commander, if they are a member and their dues are up-to-date, is eligible to run for office.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment A). Kirkwood visited Division 6, and commended division members for their hours of assistance during the Japan earthquake tsunami event. Kirkwood attended the RBS conference in San Diego, which included state, Coast Guard and Auxiliary representatives from the four states of District 11, and is coordinated by Paul Newman. There was a lot of focus this year on the swift water fatalities because of the big snow melt. The NSB Advisory Council is recommending that everyone be required to wear life jackets on boats under 17'. That would cover most of the fatalities. The Delta Blitz in Sacramento went very well, with about 200 VSC's. PCA Fair – 150 students are registered. AuxChef will be providing food during the PCA. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with cutting tiles during the PCA Fair.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES – Report on file (Attachment A). The OPEX on July 16 turned out well. The AuxChef team members were great hosts. There were only 3 facilities, but it worked out well. We had 10 OTW events scheduled, but were only able to work on 4. CDR Sumrok was with us all day and did a

great job showing us how to work on his boat. Suggestions for the next OPEX include doing more close-quarters work. POMS is still down. We can still get pocket orders from the Patrol Area Coordinator.

Courtesy and Etiquette – CG Island is the center for the West Coast. When we go on the island, we need to follow courtesy and etiquette. Whenever an Auxiliarist receives a salute, it should be returned immediately and properly. When we pass a higher-ranking officer, we need to salute first. Many people have no military experience, so DCDR's need to do some training in that area, so that when we're on the Island we have the knowledge to behave properly.

LaChapelle reviewed Coast Guard uniform information in ALCOAST 291/11, which indicates that the hot weather uniform is no longer authorized. However, Auxiliary Uniform Guidance 015/11 provides some clarification regarding Auxiliary uniforms and includes language authorizing the hot weather uniform for Auxiliary use. LaChapelle has sent a copy of 015/11 to all DCDR's, who are encouraged to share it with their division members.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SUP – Report on file (Attachment A). The AuxChef program concluded its summer activities with the BBQ at YBI on July 29. Regarding the AIM program at the Coast Guard Academy, if you talk with kids who are interested, let them know it's a tough program. Many AIM participants this year washed out early in the program. "Tuesday Nite Live" is going well. Divisions 3 and 4 are following through with interested members. Some divisions are not doing so well. Please pass onto your HR people that if there is an interested person, they need to be contacted right away. Currently "Tuesday Nite Live" and National referrals are being sent to the SO-HR. Copies of these referrals will now also be sent to the DCDR. The land side of Fleet Week needs more volunteers.

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – COMO Williams attended the San Diego RBS workshop. When boating on lakes, people sometimes forget about the trailer. Don't forget to take care of the trailers. RTO communications need to be cleaned up. We are able to participating in high frequency nets. Dave Harris, Utah, want to equip their boats with DSC radios with MMSI numbers. Can these be considered for communication training?

Rod Collins, DCOS – There is a change in the Webinar protocol. Collins will be the point of contact for all meetings. If you have any meetings you want to use the Webinar for, contact Collins. Collins reminded everyone to get out the AWW message to everyone.

CDR Curtis Sumrok, DIRAUX – CDR Sumrok stated that he liked the Webinar venue for meetings. CDR Sumrok stated he is impressed with activities going on. He is getting inundated with reports of all of the Auxiliary activities. He is very proud. Keep it up!

CWO Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger was at Strawberry Reservoir last week-end. He was the only QE, but got a lot done. CWO Kilburger plans to put some information about speed, distance, time in the next OPS report. There is no new information on POMS and when it will be operational. With 5132's stacking up, the Chief Director is instructing that the Operator should not submit a claim for reimbursement until POMS is up. We Hope to hear something soon. If different radio frequencies are to be used with outside agencies, permission must be received from the Coast Guard with an agreement. Any questions, Kilburger will provide some points of contact. PPE are now going out to trainees. CWO Kilburger needs written documentation from FC that the individual is working on qualification, and they will be issued. PPE for trainees are issued a year out. We are now adding the mesh SAR vest to the PPE inventory.

BUSINESS

America's Cup Update – CDR Sumrok reported that he attended a meeting with COMO Connell to find out how much support we need for the America's Cup event. It's uncertain, but his sense is that we will be heavily involved. COMO Connell will take the lead for the Auxiliary. We are well underway with initial planning, including funding. There will be more to come later. Funding will be handled on the administrative end (DIRAUX). COMO Connell will handle the Auxiliary liaison work with the Coast Guard.

Staff Reports – DCO Perata asked that when district staff officers send out reports, especially ASC and OPS, please make sure the information gets to the FC's and members. It would save a lot of time if people were reading these reports.

Finance – There are 3 divisions now in arrears with dues payments. Make sure your dues are current so you can vote at the September elections.

Emergency Broadcast System Test – DCO Perata reported that there will be a test of the emergency broadcast system in September. We will be doing one earlier. Instructions from Bob Hendry, ASC will go to the FC's ahead of time.

Uniforms – DCO Perata reminded DCDR's about the free tucked ODU uniform program. The information and orders have been sent to the DCDR's. Get these in from your FC's as quickly as possible because distribution will be first-come-first served, and the sizes most Auxiliarists need are in short supply.

Nominations for District Captain – DCO Perata reported that there are currently five nominees for the office of district captain. They are:

Curtis Han
Mary Kirkwood
Mark McLaughlin
Nick Tarlson
Richard Thomas

DCO Perata reported that elections will take place at the 10 September 10 board meeting. Only incumbent board members may self-nominate. Any other qualified members wishing to be run must be nominated by a member of the district board.

POMS – CDR Sumrok addressed the current frustration with POMS. He encouraged members to please, please, please use chain of leadership to his office regarding reimbursements, and he will address it. If there are personal needs, let us take care of that and bring it up. Let DIRAUX work through it, so there is just one voice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2025 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

APPENDIX A

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Simone Adair, DCDR-1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fleet Week meetings underway.
- Sunrise participated in *Bertholf* training.
- Carol Paz, Flotilla 1-4 Commander, attended Infineon's NASCAR.

DETAILS

- Auxiliarists Richard Saber, David Talton and Richard Celia are attending Fleet Week planning meetings in San Francisco. Approximately 70 members have stepped up for shore side duties. Another 40 Auxiliarists are needed to fill postings as well as reserve coverage.
- Auxiliary Vessel *Sunrise* participated in law enforcement training with USCGC *Bertholf* boarding teams serving as a practice platform. Training was followed by lunch in the galley and a tour of the cutter.
- Carol Paz, Flotilla 1-4 Commander, attended Infineon's NASCAR with a mini-exhibit and handed out fishing license covers and literature including information on AWW.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- VE days planned for Modern Rod and Gun Club "Kid's Day on the Bay," Aug. 26; Modern Sailing's "Sailstice" Sept. 18 at 10 am;
- BSS class, at South San Francisco Adult Education School, Sept 12; Flotilla 1-4 is hosting a Weekend Navigator class, Sept. 20.

Division 1 Goals

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

Ed Kief, DCDR-3

HIGHLIGHTS

- AWW
- Rio Vista
- Dues are due

- Div. meetings
- 2012 cow
- Operations
- Stats

DETAILS

- Neil Nevesny was our guest speaker assisted by Joanna Nevesny and talked about AWW. There was a great deal of interaction by the members present and I appreciate Mr. Nevesny having taken the time to make a presentation of the most important AWW program at our meeting.
- Station Rio Vista presented Flotilla 33 with a Plaque of Appreciation for assisting with Station Activities and treating the troops to a breakfast at the station.
- FC's were reminded to get the dues letters in the mail to avoid disenrollment's.
- The Board canceled the August meeting and there will be a physical meeting in Sept. and Oct. for nominations and elections in addition to usual business.
- The Div. 3 2012 COW will be held Dec. 10, 2012 in the VFW Hall in West Sac. It will be a catered lunch and be a multi flotilla Change of Watch.
- I have concerns about the low number of boat crew and facilities in the Sacramento area. As the older members drop out there are not younger members stepping up for a variety of reasons.
- Division 3 started the year with 245 members and currently has 252 members on the active roster. We are just holding our own. 219 members are in the 50-89 age group which says the Auxiliary has nothing to offer the younger people. That should alarm the Coast Guard if they indeed appreciate the assistance of the Auxiliary.
- Auxinfo shows the entire Division doing 1,221 VSC's since January 1, 2011. Flotilla 39 does that many in a couple months, so I am thinking the reports are not being sent to the IS Officers.
- Marine Dealer Visits = 154 for the year.
- ABS classes = 506.4 hours
- BS&S = 710.7 hours
- Facilities: 4 Land Based radio's, 21 mobile units, 8 Aircraft, 23 surface facilities.
- There is a lot of room for improvement in Div.3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PCA Fair
- NACON
- Fleet week
- Division Nominations
- Oct. 14 & 15 OPTREX at Brannan Island
- Flotilla 31 – Air Squadron
- Flying support for the Gold side.

- Flotilla 33 – Gold Country
- Two prospective members have submitted paper work and a third is expected to submit his paper work at the next meeting.
- ABS class 20 August
- BS&S scheduled for 13 Sept.
- Aids to Navigation assignments have been completed

- Flotilla 35 – Sacramento
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 - A BS&S class will soon be scheduled.
 - VE stations will be set up in the Sacramento area
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- Flotilla 39 – Thirty-niners
 - PV reported 21 Marine Dealer Visitations for July 2011 and a total of 158 YTD.
 - VE reported 190 Vessel Inspections for July 2011, and a total of 883 YTD.
 - OIC M. Maddox: Reported on Operation Dry Water (BUI enforcement).
 - Rex reported that 4 Coxswain covered the Kayak torus for Whiskeytown Park.
 - Discussed the up coming Kayak program at Whiskeytown Lake, and schedule a Coxswain meeting for the Moonlight Kayak program at Whiskeytown for the upcoming Whiskeytown Park for August and September.
 - Discussed other up coming events, i.e. all Flotilla Barbeque at Whiskeytown Lake in August, Air Show in September and Salmon Festive in October.
 - The OTO from Group Humboldt COW Curtis Barthel was a guest speaker covering three topics, Crew & Coxswain Fatigue, Guest Clearance Letter and Group Humboldt Bay GAR RISK vs. GAIN MATRIX.
 - Question, what took place during Operation Dry Water (BUI enforcement) 25 June on Oroville Lake? OIC M. Maddox gave a report several law enforcement personal were active on the lake and several arrest were made requiring C. G. Auxiliary facilities for tows.
 - Flotilla will be having this summer an All-Family Picnic at Whiskeytown Lake on Sunday 14 August. Also requested volunteers to help with the Picnic.
 - Planning minimum of one facility per night on each Kayak tour with a possible two on some nights for training. Reviewed what Coxswain would be on duty for each night of the Kayak tours, this was the result of the Coxswain 19 July meeting. Also reviewed what facilities and which Coxswain will be on patrol during August and September Kayak patrol.
 - Hannelore Maddox reported on the upcoming active scheduled for Black Butte Lake, i.e. VE's and boat patrols a request form Black Butte park person due to 2 deaths on the Lake month of July.
 - Discussed the up coming Redding Air Show scheduled for 24 & 25 September and the need for help, contact person (POC C. Duncan). Also reviewed the 15 October Salmon Festival in Anderson and the need for a facility and help, contact person (POC M. Garcia).
 - Hannelore Maddox announces the September OPTREX scheduled at Lake Oroville and requested help form Redding people. The Flotilla approved the OPTREX providing enough personal would volunteer to cover both Redding Air Show and the OPTREX which are scheduled for the same week end.
 - The OTO from Group Humboldt Bay spend most of his time reviewing the reason for the GAR RISK vs. GAIN MATRIX and its effect on Coxswain and Crew Fatigue. Members lives are more important than someone boat, a boat can be replaced, a life can not.
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- Flotilla 3-10 – Elk Grove
 - Putting the wheels in motion for the Brannan Island OPTREX.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- United States Coast Guard
- Dept. of Boating and Waterways

- Assist. California Park Rangers in D-3 AOR
- Asst. Law Enforcement within the boundary's of the Auxiliary
- CA – EMA (California - Emergency Management Agency)

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.

Joquin Duran, DCDR-4

HIGHLIGHTS

- PATONS including bridges completed except for SFO airport, to be done by mid-September
- PA Event held at Veterans Hospital on July 4th, coordinated by flotilla 43 and with participation from flotillas 46 and 49.
- ABS class completed for San Jose Water District with 21 students.
- Continued effort to enhance Division's competence and readiness. Several members complete various MT courses. One member completed AUXOP. Division 4 OPTREX being held on September 24th, dock 7 at Redwood City Marina. Extended invitation to Division 6, with two possible participants.
- Paul Verveniotis fl. 43, and Mike Fiamingo received awards for completing 20 VSCs.
- Flotilla 46, under the guidance of FSO-PE, Leeyee Su, has conducted an educational event at the Advanced Pro Nursing Institute in Hayward.
- Six new members receive ID and AP status.
- VE Events held at Alviso Marina, Calero, and Anderson lakes.
- Bob Brown (fl. 49) and Andy Lai (fl. 43) participated in crew training patrol with Division 1, aboard 44 feet trawler Journey.
- Derek Chan has updated the Division website, incorporating the PE class schedule from various flotillas.
- Conducted Everbridge trial run between DCDR and FCs.

DETAILS

- PA Support Event held at Veterans Hospital on July 4th, coordinated by flotilla 43 and with participation from flotillas 46 and 49. Meals served at BBQ, with games and other services provided to Veterans. VA Hospital has requested another event on Veteran's Day.
- BS&S class scheduled for September 8th, 2011. Another Suddenly in Command class scheduled at West Marine – Saratoga for September 3rd. J. Gordon, SO-PE has been invited by Dr. T. Wang to be part of a national committee to enhance PE curriculum and practices. B. Whitehead, assisted by G. Van Dyne moored a boat and showed students aboard, the appropriate safety measures to be taken when boating.
- Division 4 OPTREX being held on September 24th, dock 7 at Redwood City Marina has been reserved. E. Lam has completed AUXOP, C. Johnson completed AUXWEA, J. Duran completed AUXWEA and Flotilla Leadership Course as well as becoming member of Interpreter Corps. Richard Norat passed Aviation Exam Part A. Pedro Baltar passed Administrative Procedures Course (APC), Instructor Development Course (IDC), Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (IMSEP) and Good Mate exams

- Walter Schilling, Pedro Baltar, Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz and Frederick Saunders received member IDs and are now AP status in fl. 43; Patricia Flood and James Gutierrez in fl. 49. Mr. Nicholas Normondo, previous Auxiliary member, will be re-joining flotilla 46, after his term of duty in the US Army. Application packet in progress. Ms Wendy Tsang a prospective new member for flotilla 49, has submitted her application packet.
- Successful run conducted with Everbridge Contact System between DCDR and Division 4 flotilla commanders. All FCs now have IDs and PWs.
- Continued effort on vessel safety checks at Santa Clara County inland lakes, and at Alviso as well as at Redwood City Marinas. Number of vessel safety checks completed so far this year exceed those done in 2010 during the same period by about 30%. 20 AWW contacts were made.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, LOCATIONS

- PA event to be held at VA Hospital in Menlo Park on Veteran's Day. Studying the possibility of participating in the Veteran's Day Parade in San Jose.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Public Education classes held throughout the Division
- Flotillas continue to support the local Coast Guard Stations
- Surface operation at Lake Berryessa on hold until further notice
- Division 5 commenced increased safety patrols and AWW missions starting the month of August.
- Division 5 performed 83 program visits, 167 vessel exams and 98 hours of public education

DETAILS

- Flotilla 52 offered About Boating Safety classes to BSA in Concord and California Cadet Academy in Angwin, CA. Flotilla 53 started their BS&S class in July with 10 students. Flotilla 55 provided ABS course at Station Bodega Bay for 6 students. Flotilla 57 PE staff graduated 19 students from their ABS course.
- Flotillas in Division 5 continue to provide support to the Coast Guard Stations Vallejo and Bodega Bay. Activities such as joint operations training, providing platforms for boarding exercises, Watchstander duties and breaking in as one.
- Surface operation at Lake Berryessa, in support of the Napa County Sheriff Marine Unit, has been temporarily suspended until further notice. Upon re-evaluation of the program, Memorandum of Agreement, and interagency meetings, joint operation program will be suspended.
- Division 5 commenced the "Operation Eveready" program by performing increased safety patrols on weekends and America's Waterway Watch missions throughout the AOR and navigable waterways. Each local Coast Guard station is being notified of our presence during the weekend.
- Total of 83 program visits, 167 vessel exams, 98 hours of public education was performed in the month of July, including other missions totaling 2880 hours.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members of Flotilla 52 continue to provide operational support and communication support at the Coast Guard Station Vallejo.

- Members of Flotilla 55 continue to work closely with the Sonoma County
- Sheriff Marine Unit and the Army Corp of Engineers at Lake Sonoma and continue to participate in activities and support Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 5 Annual Tie Out is scheduled for September 23-25 at Brannan Island State Park. 5 RV & tent sites and 5 free small-boat berths are available. Please contact Curtis Han for more information. curtis.s.han@gmail.com
- Flotilla 55 is sponsoring an OPTREX at Bodega Bay on October 21st. For more information, please contact Gregory Degennaro gregoryd@sonic.net

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 joint training opportunities.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled VSC stations are underway in Santa Cruz and Monterey
- Ten patrols on Monterey Bay in July
- Coast Guard Birthday Picnic for Station Monterey
- Scheduled member training underway
- AUXSEA class underway in Santa Cruz

DETAILS

- Vessel Safety Checks are being performed on a scheduled basis in Santa Cruz Harbor. VSC's are offered by VE's from 6-7 on the second Saturday of each month, and by VE's from 6-10 on the fourth Saturday. ... all VE's are welcome at either or both! Flotilla 6-4 conducted VSC's at Lake San Antonio and, in conjunction with Flotilla 6-1, at Lake Nacimiento on several weekend in July. Over 1,300 VSC's have been done in Division 6 thus far this year.
- There were 10 on-the-water patrols on Monterey Bay in July. On 17 July, an Operational Facility conducted crew training in conjunction with the RBS 25 from Station Monterey. Two new crew members of the 25' practiced with the heaving bag, close quarter maneuvering, and towing. Year to date, over 1,000 hours of patrol time have been logged by Division members.
- A QE session was held in Morro Bay in July. Successful candidates included one new Boat Crew and one Coxswain requalification.
- The Boat Crew training program offered monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 1800 at an Operational Facility in Santa Cruz Harbor continues to be very popular. Twelve members attended the July training session. All trainees are welcome and dockside training and sign-offs are available. Dockside training in July included marlinspike.
- All coxswains & boat crew are invited to assist in training, mentoring, & sign-offs. This monthly event also serves to provide "fellowship" as everyone is welcome to bring a "picnic" supper.

- The AUXSEA course in Santa Cruz is underway. The final exam on 29 August. Eighteen members are enrolled as students with four instructors from Flotillas 6-4, 6-7, & 6-10 providing the training.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- On Friday 05 August, members of 6-4, 6-7, & 6-10, in conjunction with the Navy League, celebrated the Coast Guard's 221st Birthday with a barbeque and softball game at a park in Monterey. Approximately 65 guests from CG Station Monterey, the cutter Hawksbill, and the Monterey Fire Boat crew enjoyed tri-tip steaks, hamburgers, & hot dogs along with all the "trimmings". A great time was had by all!!! The new CO at Station Monterey, LT Ron Kooper, commented that he had never seen such a supportive Auxiliary at any of the Stations at which he has served!

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Division 6 has several trainees actively pursuing Boat Crew qualification. There may be a QE session requested in Santa Cruz in October. It is more likely that the Division will accept the kind invitation of Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 to join the Division 4 OPTREX on 24 September.

DIVISION GOALS

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

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7

ACTIVITY

- OPTREX August 11 at Strawberry reservoir.
- Division election committee selected.
- Utah "tsunami" has abated.

HIGHLIGHTS

- We conducted an OPTREX at Strawberry Reservoir. Though it was one of the smallest events, in terms of participation, that we have ever had, it was still very productive. We had 7 candidates ready for qualification (crew) or re-qualification (coxswain) and six of the seven made it. CWO2 Danny Kilburger served valiantly as our QE and did an excellent job by completing these 7 examinations in only two days. He made a very positive impression on all who attended and instilled the importance of quality and integrity in the operations program. All qualifications were performed on either Dick Hoelle's OPFAC "Starfire" or on our State Parks loaner OPFAC "Little Bear."
- We attribute the lack of participation at this event to the patrol activity occurring at many other lakes and events in our area. We have been extremely active in trying to cover all the requests for patrol assistance.

- Bill Rouleau, VCDR and Morris Farmer have offered to help me serve as the election committee for Division 7. Bill and I have opted to serve only this one year before turning the reins over.
- Our spring/summer runoff has abated and has caused relatively few problems in the state. There have been several drownings in the rivers and streams because of the high water but few problems with boating related accidents. We have been working with Utah Parks in conducting on-site education on the wisdom and legal requirement of having a PFD on while floating or rafting the rivers.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8

HIGHLIGHTS

- Crescent City 8-11 - Hosted visit by DIRAUX party
- Eureka 86 - Participated in Open House at Station Humboldt Bay
- Mendocino 87 - Promoting BS&S Class for September
- Lake County 88 - Planning for boating safety booth at Lake County Fair.

DETAILS:

- Crescent City: Members of Flotilla 8-11 hosted the new Director of Auxiliary Commander Sumrok along with Captain Maguire, COMO Perata and Tina Perry for a visit which included a short underway ride on RBS 25543 operated by Flotilla 8-11 and tour of the Crescent City Harbor. The visit was made possible by an AUX aircraft piloted by Hal Seibert. Crew training continues weekly on the RBS. Flotilla barbecue scheduled for Saturday August 21 and a Flotilla outing on the Klamath River Jet Boat in September.
- Eureka: Flotilla participated at the Open House at USCG Station Humboldt Bay Saturday August 13 with a boating safety booth, Coastie and life jacket giveaway for kids. VEs continuing at Humboldt Bay marinas with 63 for the season so far plus PV visits by Bob Shaw. Member Pat Davis continues providing Watch Stander support twice per week at CG Station Humboldt Bay. Flotilla has formed a committee to work with the Maritime Museum in Eureka on restoring the historic 1930s 36-foot motor life boat at Station Humboldt Bay.
- Mendocino: Media materials are being distributed this week for an upcoming BS&S class in September at the College of the Redwoods including a video segment for the local Community TV station, flyers, newspaper articles. Flotilla continues to provide an AUXFAC in support of training for Station Noyo River and our crew members on a weekly basis. Flotilla members led tours at the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse for National Lighthouse Day August 6 reaching over 170 visitors. VE blitz planned for Lake Mendocino over Labor Day weekend in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Lake County: Flotilla will have a boating safety booth at the Lake County Fair Labor Day weekend. Flotilla barbecue set for September 10th. at Lakeport Yacht Club. Planning completed for the Division 8 Optrex in October and registration information posted to District and Division web pages. Patrols continuing on Clear Lake as well as VEs at local ramps and marinas.
- Division 8: Received word at the Flotilla 87 meeting last weekend of the passing of long time member and past FC Lee Redding, USCG Retired, after a long battle with cancer. Details of a planned memorial at Point Arena Light House will be announced shortly.
- Finalized location for Division 8 COW December 10th which will be at the Benbow Inn, Garberville.
- Canvassed Division members for Tucked ODU orders and submitted to National this week.
- Working on summer edition of Division 8 Newsletter.

Division Goals Next Month:

- Mentoring and supporting Flotilla 86 in Eureka - Assist on elected officer selection for 2012
- Sense of Community - Attend Flotilla 8-11 Klamath Jet Boat outing September 18th.
- Qualifying and encouraging members to stand for elected office at Division level and higher to ensure that the leadership roles are filled in future years - Identifying new FCs for 2012 for Elected Officer Training in November.
- Recruiting new members for the flotillas in the Division - Continue evaluation of media resources to reach our local audiences, Community TV, local cinemas, newspaper articles etc.

Future Division Events:

- Flotilla 88 - Lake County
- September 3/4 - Lake County Fair Boating Safety Booth
- September 10 - Flotilla Barbecue
- September 30, October 1 & 2. - Division 8 OPTREX and Tie Out at Clear Lake.

- Flotilla 8-11 - Crescent City
- August 21 - Flotilla barbecue and meeting.
- September 18- Klamath River Jet Boat Trip
- November 5 - 10th Anniversary celebration

- Flotilla 87- Mendocino County
- September 10/11 - BS&S Class
- September 17- Flotilla meeting
- September 24 - Cabrillo Day Tours at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse

- Flotilla 86 - Eureka
- September 10 - Flotilla meeting

Leon Borden, DCDR-11

DETAILS

Division 11 meeting.

- At June meeting Bill Stolz was elected VCDR
- Bill Stolz and myself attended a presentation put on by Capt Stow and the Coast
- Guard inspection team. We will be working with Sector to get a UPV inspection program going at Lake Tahoe..
- At our July meeting Dick McSorley from Flotilla 4 gave an update on UPV status. We have 7 Auxiliarists interested in becoming inspectors and Sector has mentioned the possibility of a class in Oct
- Since July 1st Division 11 has provided assets for 11 special events on Lake Tahoe

PE/MT classes:

- 1 member qualified as Coast Guard boat crew and is now standing regular watches at Station Tahoe.
- Flotilla 11-04 is teaching on water boating safety with Douglas County Sheriff's Department

Operations:

- 2 boat training is going on with the station.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boat Working Group:
- Flotilla 11-04 (South Lake Tahoe) is working with Douglas County Sheriff's Office for a class on safe boating practices for deputies patrolling on Lake Tahoe

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- OPTREX Lake Tahoe Sept 17

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

We met at Coast Guard Island, Classroom 35 on Thursday, July 28. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 25 August at 1900, classroom 35 of MWR, with webinar access for those who cannot attend physically (such as those attending NACON).

Flotillas met during the month as follows:

- 12-1 Tuesday, August 9
- 12-3 Wednesday, August 3
- 12-5 no meeting
- 12-91 Thursday August 11

Prevention

- Public education courses are being planned for the next several months, but no specific dates have been identified as yet.
- Significant effort was devoted this month to completing PATON assignments by the September 1 deadline. Many of these had been completed but the paperwork was still pending. Spending 3.2 and Journey were both deployed to complete assignments at the Oakland Airport and Richmond areas, respectively.
- The Division will be assisting with an open house at the Oakland Central Basin marina on Saturday, August 27. The event will include a pyrotechnic flare training exercise where marina tenants will be instructed and have the opportunity to fire off expired flares. The Sector procedure for such events is as follows:
 - Call Sector one hour prior to the flare exercise at 415-399-3547 to advise of the exercise.
 - Immediately before and every 15 minutes during the exercise, transmit the following message on Channel 16:
 - Securite, Securite, Securite, this is Coast Guard Auxiliary (insert your call sign here) break, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting flare exercises at Oakland Central Basin Marina at Latitude: 37 degrees 78.3 minutes north, Longitude: 122 degrees 24.3 minutes west from approximately 1300 to 1400 on Saturday, August 27, 2011 Any concerns should be directed to Coast Guard Auxiliary (insert your call sign here) on VHF 16 or VHF CH21A, this is Coast Guard Auxiliary (insert your call sign here) OUT.

- Following the exercise, call Sector to advise that you have secured the flare exercise at 415-399-3547.
- Sector contact is: ENS Mark Leahey Mark.C.Leahey@uscg.mil 415.399.3586.
- If you need any information on this event, or would like to participate, please contact Duane Blackwell, who will be serving as the Incident Commander.

Response

- *Melody* and *Journey* supported the Alcatraz Sharkfest swim on Sunday, 24 July. *Journey* brought a sailing coach from Russia who was attending the Sailboard World Championship at the St. Francis Yacht Club, with George Barantseff serving as interpreter. *Melody* served as mission coordinator for the four Auxiliary vessels which participated.
- *Journey* completed two patrols involving 18 personnel from divisions 1, 4 and 12, including a night SAR exercise on July 30. Any coxswain, crew or trainee in the district is welcome to join us. If you or a member are interested in this program, please join our google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/OPFAC-Journey> .
- *Spending 3.2* was engaged in several days of patrols, including PATON patrols at the Oakland Airport and vicinity.
- Several of our members are planning to complete their boat crew certifications at the Division 4 OPEX on 24 September.

Mission Support

- Several new members were enrolled, including some who were recruited via Tuesday Night Live.
- Several of our members are active in the AUX-CHEF program, completing the certification process and participating in a special event at Yerba Buena Island on Friday, 29 July, in which Sector, CGC Tern and CGC Pike personnel were recognized for their roles in facilitating the AUX-CHEF program.
- We assisted the MWR in moving a Cal 227 to Coast Guard Island yesterday, adding to the J-24 which was procured last month and several paddlecraft. Use of these vessels will be open to Coast Guard and Auxiliary personnel, conditional on completion of an appropriate boating safety class (Paddlesports America or Sailing Safety and Seamanship) administered by our members.
- Most of our flotillas report July dues notices are out, quarterly dues payments have been made to DSO-FS, and standing rules are under review.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Fair - August 20 – 21, 2011 at Coast Guard Island

- Approximately 150 enroll, with 15 classes
- Numerous new member are taking advantage of the free classes
- Need to train more TCT instructors

District Commanders join the Past Commander Association

- \$3.00 per year or \$30.00 lifetime

Memorial Update

- The project is moving ahead. Construction of the patio at CGI began in early August. The sod was removed and the soil and rock were compact. The frames are in and the cement will be pored on Friday August 19th. Great job to all!

Election for the next President and Vice President will take place on Saturday September 10 after the District election. Past District Commanders and Captains are eligible, must be current member of PCA and dues paid. To vote PCA members must be present.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS

Highlights:

- Division 6 quarterly meeting in Santa Cruz
- District OPEX
- RBS Workshop in San Diego
- Delta Blitz
- PCA Fair
- NACON

Details:

- Attended Division 6 quarterly meeting in Santa Cruz. Presentation by the Santa Cruz Harbormaster for the work performed by the Auxiliarists following the tsunami.
- Attended the District OPEX
- Attended the RBS Workshop in San Diego. Coordinated by Paul Newman, workshop participants included Coast Guard (Sector SF, Group Humboldt Bay, Sector LA/LB, Station Morro Bay, Station Channel Islands) and Auxiliary D11N and D11S, Power Squadrons, Arizona Game & Fish, Nevada Dept of Wildlife, NPS Grand Canyon, NPS Lake Mead, Utah State Parks & Recreation; and Calif Boating and Waterways.
- 2010- Nevada lowest # of boating accidents, only 2 fatalities (both canoes)
- 2010- Arizona had 6 fatalities
- 2010- Calif had 49 boating fatalities, 570 accidents, 283 injuries
- 2011- Calif with 11 swift-water fatalities YTD (highest # previous was 12 in 1993 for full year)... many due to use of "pool toys" in fast-moving rivers Need to promote swift-water education to anglers, fly fishing clubs, boat shops
- Cal Boating:
safety course being revised... will be avail as an online course
still able to distribute lifejackets and brochures
boatcalifornia.com on facebook and on you-tube
- Focus on sobriety on Lake Havasu (17 BUI arrests in 45min)
- Discussion about having boating safety courses/materials in alternate languages (spanish, mandarin)
- Safe Boating Council:
developed Nav Rules for Kids with grant;
offering Close Quarters Boat Control course;
focus on drowning prevention
"Ready, Set, Inflate" dates set for 2012: 5/22/12
- Visit with Admiral Castillo:
discussed recent missing kite surfer in San Mateo- focus on visibility (black wetsuit, batteries

failed, no reflection on wetsuit or board);

discussed personal location devices (we should be encouraging our paddleboarders to have one);

discussed possibility of placards or signs at lakes and rivers alerting what phone # to set their personal beacons to send messages to... 911 is not always the correct # for that area- may be a ranger station, etc.

- Power Squadron:
working collaboratively with several agencies (including Coast Guard) to develop a single paddleboard course
have an interactive anchoring module
developing simulation modules: boat docking, anchoring, extinguishing a fire
National Safe Boating Advisory Council - making recommendation for change in boating law to require lifejackets in boats <17ft (82% of fatalities)
- Attended last weekend of Delta Blitz at Discovery Park in Sacramento. Over 200 safety checks performed during the weekend. Boaters motivated as there were 8 LE agencies patrolling the Delta that weekend. Mike Lauro did an incredible job coordinating and runs an excellent, fast-paced program
- Finalizing PCA Fair this weekend. 150 students/15 classes.
- Will be attending NACON in North Carolina next week.

Projects:

- Auxiliarist participation in VA Hospital Holiday events
- "Be Seen" campaign- hope to work with Cal Boating on new campaign
- Grow the PV program
- Encourage PE to add "symptoms of drowning" to Boating classes
- Placards for lakes/rivers/boat ramps on appropriate #s to call for emergencies, personal locator devices, etc.

Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES

HIGHLIGHTS

- OPEX 2011
- Courtesy Etiquette
- POMS
- Uniforms - [ALCOAST 291/11](#)

DETAILS

- Our first District OPEX went off with few hitches. Over 60 members attended. Como Maddox's Classroom instruction were well attended. There were additional operational exercises running concurrently in Utah, Nevada, Bodega Bay and Folsom Lake and Lake Tahoe CA. Three Vessel Facilities in the Oakland Estuary ran a series of maneuvering and Navigation exercises. Our AUX Chef's, lead by Auxiliarist Linda Haynes, demonstrated their skills in providing an outstanding BBQ
- As we move about on Coast Guard Island, we should remember that we are at the Headquarters Stations of USCG District Eleven Northern Region, the Headquarter for District Eleven as well as the Headquarters of the USCG Pacific Area Command. Just as Courtesy handshakes are important in the civilian business environment, so is the hand salute very important to the

culture and heritage of all military service. It is even more so on a facility occupied by three major commands. With this in mind please review Chapter 12 of our Auxiliary Manual, which can be found on the Manuals page of the National Web Site.

<http://uscg.mil/hq/cg3/cg3pcx/publications/comdtinst/default.asphttp>

- As a Rule, Auxiliarist do not, generally, exchange salutes between each other. However, protocol requires that we extend the courtesy to the activity duty members and return every salute and do so properly. Though we do not initiate a salute to enlisted men and woman of the services, we should always salute commissioned Officers who wear emblems of rank (our Office devices) equal to or high than that we are wearing. Please review them at the UDC web site.
<http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/MetalRankInsignia.asp>
<http://www.uscg.mil/UNIFORMS/docs/UniformIssue2.pdf>
- It seems as if POMS is down more and more often. When it is down, requests for Orders reimbursements requests cannot be made, we'll have to wait for it to come back on line. However, it does not prevent you from requesting orders. Patrol Area Coordinators can issue "Pocket" orders while POMS is down. The order number should be something that won't be repeated by another PAC, such as the Date Time code followed by the PAC's initials. For example; 081420110957DVL would be the order number issued on August 14th, 2011 at 0957 by PAC Dean V. LaChapelle. The PAC will need all the information that you will normally need to fill out the order request on POMS so it can be entered once POMS is back on line.
- There have been some Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) changes that we need to be aware of:
 - a. Boonie and Tilley covers (Hats). Although the Uniform Distribution Center sells "Boonie" hats, they are not authorized for the Auxiliary. The only authorized sun hat is the "Tilley" brand which can be purchased at the District Materials Store or from the National Materials Store.
 - b. Effective IMMEDIATELY ([ALCOAST 291/11](#)-June 2011). The Hot Weather Uniform is no longer authorized. Long ODU Trousers and 8-10in. non-marking boots. Brown deck shoes are allowed only while aboard vessel facilities. The removal of the ODU Blouse is authorized while engaged in demanding operations in high temperatures. In all cases the Coast Guard Auxiliary Dark Blue Crew Neck T-shirt shall be worn with the words U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary across the left chest in white 3/4" tall Blocked-Style letters.

PROJECTS

- D-11 NR Aux Challenged Coin
- There are four OPTREX'S in September: Division 11 at Lake Tahoe, Division 4 at Redwood City and Division 8 at Clear Lake. Check the District Members and Operations Calendars for details.

Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SUP

HIGHLIGHTS

- Aux Chef Program Update
- AIM Program
- VIP BBQ -YBI
- Go-To-Meeting-Tuesday Night Live
- D-Train Survey
- Fleet Week
- Survey- VE
- PCA- Facilitator
- NACON

DETAILS

- The Aux Chef program completed the Station Golden Gate class with a total of 9 attendees plus facilitator's. This brings the total to 25 qualified Aux Chefs in D-11N. There is one more class being offered this year and should conclude the current goal of 35 Aux Chefs.

May 13th - 15th	Humboldt Bay Coast Guard Station - Eureka, California -	Completed
June 3rd - 5th	Yerba Buena Island Coast Guard Station - San Francisco-	Completed
June 10th - 12th	Coast Guard Station Monterey- Monterey-	Completed
July 8th - 10th	Coast Guard Station Golden Gate – Sausalito-	Completed
Nov. 25th- 27th	Yerba Buena Island Coast Guard Station - San Francisco-	open

- In mid July I was XO at week three at the Academy Introduction Mission(AIM) at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT.
- Tuesday Night Live continues to operate smoothly and we have reached the 100 attendee milestone.
- On July 29th the Aux Chefs put on a VIP BBQ for those Gold Side contributors that have supported the Aux Chef program. Guest included: Capt. Stowe who paid a visit but had another meeting to go to and Capt. Jewess, CDR Johnson, CDR Chareonsuphiphat, LTJG Pekoske- CO of the Tern, LTJG Hood-CO of the Pike, Chief Kita, Commodore Perata, Rod Collins, Chief of Staff, along with other members of the Coast Guard crews and management. There were a dozen Aux Chefs present to prepare the meal and serve.
- I completed a D-Train survey per the request of Rod Collins, DCOS and submitted the final results to EXCOM.
- I have been in contact with Rick Saber to provide support for up-coming fleet week and need for both on water and land support by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I have signed up to be present for 2 to 3 days of support.
- Currently working on a survey requested by the District VE department.
- I will be facilitator for two chapters of the Flotilla Leadership course being offered at the PCA in August.
- I will be attending NACON, in Charlotte, North Carolina in August.

PROJECTS

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