

MINUTES
US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DISTRICT 11NR
BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
25 March 2011
Rohnert Park CA

The meeting was called to order at 1400 by DCO Angelo Perata, who introduced the following special guests:

COMO Marie Scholle, DNACO-R
LT James Bell
CWO Curtis Bartell

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Coast Guard Ethos were led by Robert Firehock, VCDR-12.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DCO Perata called for approval of the 15 January and 16 February 2011 minutes.

DCO Perata reported that information provided in January and recorded in the January minutes regarding uniforms is incorrect. The corrected information will be provided during this meeting.

Motion: Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES moved and Curtis Han, DCDR-5 seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed/corrected. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted.

REPORT – DCO ANGELO PERATA:

Form 7029 – COMO Vass, NACO reported at N-Train that we only have 4000 members using this form. Even with the low number of members submitting form 7029 information, 10 million miles and \$2 million of personal expense were reported. We need to encourage all members to use the 7029 so that all of our hours and expenses are recorded. This information can be used to justify funds requests. DCO Perata recognized CDR Chareonsuphiphat, who created the form which more accurately reflects hours donated by the Auxiliary.

ODU Uniforms – DCO Perata displayed examples of three working uniforms and describe how and when they can and cannot be used as follows:

- Working Blues - These are good until 31 December 2012. After that date they are no longer an authorized uniform
- ODU untucked – These can be identified by the logo on right-hand shirt lapel and on the pants. This is the current authorized uniform, and can be worn now.
- ODU tucked – This uniform can be worn as long as it is serviceable. Note that the shirt and pants for the tucked and untucked are NOT interchangeable.
- Shoes with ODU's – Authorized shoes are black boots (don't have to be safety boot). Boat shoes are allowed on vessels only. The only authorized boat shoes are dark brown boat shoes with

brass eyelets. If an Auxiliarist has a health or injury issue requiring a special shoe, a waiver may be obtained by submitting a doctor's request.

RBS and Inland Waters – DCO Perata reported that COMO Vass continues to promote the RBS boating safety programs. We are also being encouraged to move inland. There are 70+ lakes in our district and this is where the majority of the accidents are occurring. We will also be emphasizing paddle sports. National is working on an MOU with the American Canoe Association to assist in educating the paddle sport public.

District Watch Words – Our district watch words are: Partnership, Preparation, Participation, and Proficiency.

District OPEX – DCO Perata reviewed preliminary plans for the District OPEX to be held at Coast Guard Island on 16-17 July. It is planned as a preparation for Fleet Week and the America's Cup. Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-RES is in charge of putting together the OPEX.

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS:

DCO Perata called for district board reports as follows:

Simone Adair, DCDR-1 – Report on file (Attachment B). Adair commended Bob Hendry, Jeff Price and Dave Talton who worked hard on the Tsunami call-out. NSBW events planned in the division. The division's diversity advisor has been promoted to the National Staff. 25 members of the division received commendations for work in various Auxiliary projects.

Edward Kief, DCDR-3 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division will be holding its first Webinar meeting on April 14. Division members voted against having combined COWs for 2011 because of time constraints. They will reconsider this option in 2012.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 – Report on file (Attachment B). Unit financial reports have been completed. VSC's are under away. Several PE classes have been scheduled. There was very good turnout at the Volunteer Fair in Santa Clara.

Curtis Han, DCDR-5 – Report on file (Attachment B). Division members are assisting at local stations, with additional members preparing to be trained. Division members were able to assist during the tsunami event. Two flotillas have started a Coxswain Academy. Division members Mike Marseille and Jim Blackburn are assisting in the DIRAUX office.

Wallace Smith, DCDR-6 – Report on file (Attachment B). During the tsunami event 38% of the members in the division assisted in some way. All told, 50 Auxiliarists participated, logging 400 hours over 9 days. Lesson learned: Keep call-out lists up to date

Lou Carroll, DCDR-7 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is currently working on the support training with the Utah State boating officers. We are also working with the state on plans for NSBW. The division is currently working on another unique partnership with state. Because of state budget cuts, we have been asked to take over their boating education program. We are currently working on how to take over this program. Division members are stepping up to the plate. We are receiving a 4th boat from Utah State for this year.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8 – Report on file (Attachment B). Members of the division helped during the tsunami event for 7 days supporting operations. Flotilla 8-11 members were able to get the CG boat up on land and to safety. Flotillas 8-7 and 8-8 put on a St. Patrick's Day lunch for CG personnel. Division members are already doing VSC's on paddle boats and are planning PE class.

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division is preparing for their upcoming OPTREX.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11 – Report on file (Attachment B). One member of flotilla 11-01 served as a watch stander on the radio during the tsunami. Weather permitting, we will begin two-boat training next month.

Robert Firehock, VCDR-12 – Report on file (Attachment B). The division was on alert as backup during the tsunami. Callout exercise discovered some discrepancies and they are working on correcting them. There will be a Boat Crew Academy OTW beginning in April. We hope to add more new crew members. The RBS programs are beginning, leading to NSBW. Flotilla 12-91 was in the St Patrick's Day parade and festival in Dublin CA, including an Auxiliary facility and one from STN Rio Vista.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA – Report on file (Attachment B). The February PCA fair had 234 participants and 19 classes. The leadership class was very successful. Thanks to instructors and coordinators. Memorial update – plans are moving forward. We hope to have a shovel in the ground this summer.

CG ETHICS WORKSHOP

CDR Chareonsuphphat introduced LT James Bell, for a special presentation on Coast Guard ethics. CG ethics is necessary because public service is a public trust.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

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

Larry Olsen, DSO-AV – Many flights have been washed out or rained out, but we have been able to do some flights. We were able to fly personnel where needed during the tsunami event. We have also done some ATON flights. Aviation took Sector personnel to Moss Landing for their program.

Jeff Price, DSO-CM – Report on file (Attachment C). Price thanked Wally Smith for his great work in Santa Cruz. Price is working with Sue Fry in AWW program. Some land mobiles are also handing out AWW material.

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP – Report on file (Attachment C). Sunday morning will be a combination OPS/TCT workshop. Next week members will be able to download the workshop from the web to their flotillas

Dean LaChapelle, DCAP-RES – Report on file (Attachment B). During the tsunami we had our first opportunity to call up the California Emergency Management Agency. Five members were on the team.

This was the first call-out since the program was initiated. The QE annual training session was held this month. It was conducted by CWO Kilburger and COMO Ramsey, and was an excellent program.

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

Sue Fry, DSO-MS – Report on file (Attachment C). Commercial fishing vessel examinations will become mandatory, so we need more examiners. There is a program to qualify Auxiliaries to do this. We have a good ADSO for the uninspected passenger program. Training is going on for pollution investigator.

James Duncan, DSO-NS – Report on file (Attachment C). All PATONS and bridge reports have been sent out. It is important to get information in as soon as possible. High water records do not include run-off high water, so bridge information can be very important. Check clearance gauges on the bridges, especially in areas with high water.

Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA – Kudos and Bravo Zulus for all Auxiliaries who assisted during the tsunami problems in California. This has been an interesting marketing tool. We will have a lot of pictures of the team's participation on display tomorrow. NSW is coming up. McAlwee will be meeting tomorrow with NSW coordinators to share best practices.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE – Report on file (Attachment C). There will be a PE workshop tomorrow afternoon, plus a paddle boat class. There is an information booth regarding memorial.

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

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

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS – Report on file (Attachment B). An inland lake blitz is scheduled for 4 June. Divisions and flotillas are encouraged to Adopt-a-Lake with safety booth, VSC's, etc. Everyone who does PE classes, VSCs or PV visits, make sure AWW information is given.

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

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS – Report on file (Attachment C). Wetzel described the district email distribution program.

Bob Davison, DSO-HS – Report on file (Attachment C). We currently have 1509 people in district, up 7 from a month ago. 46 are in AP status. Of 59 inquiries, 46 are now in AP status. There is a new system called AAMS (Auxiliary Application Management System), for National to track inquiries.

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS – Report on file (Attachment C). There is nothing new in IS. COMO McBain handed out trophies to the division for distribution to their members.

Dave Talton, DSO-MA – Report on file (Attachment C). The district on-line store is now functioning. Thanks to Tom Komandina for spearheading this project. More than 600 hours were volunteered by the MA staff to get it completed. We have a number of new products and will have more products coming in. \$5,000 was made at PCA Fair. Talton is monitoring the proposed ODU distribution from UDC and will keep DCDR's apprised when it is ready to go. The plan is that the uniforms will be going from the UDC to National Supply, who will contact DCDR's. They will give one uniform per person.

COMO Michael Maddox, DSO-MT – The test preparation web site has been renewed for two years, so the NavRules class will continue.

Wesley Craig, DSO-PB – Report on file (Attachment C). Nothing further to report. Deadline for **Northwind** articles is 8 April.

Richard Thomas, DCAPT-SPT – Report on file (Attachment B). The prospective members presentation is now on line every Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. on “Go to Web.” There is information on web site on how to do log on. Thanks to Mike Marseille for his assistance to set up this program. Thomas would appreciate feedback on the presentation. The AuxChef program has five new instructors now. There will be information on the AuxChef program tomorrow. There will be emails going out next week to members. In divisions 1, 3 and 5 Thomas has sent out invitations for NSBW proclamations to their counties. He will forward their responses to the DCDR’s.

Collins called for the following staff reports:

Bob Hendry, ASC – Report on file (Attachment C). In mid-February there was a call-out exercise. This gave us a head’s-up in areas where we need to improve. Hendry is updating the district contingency plan to match the national plan. Lessons learned during tsunami event:

- Work is needed on qualifications and lists.
- Need to get more members with ICS quals.
- Need to update non-Aux skills (engineers, photographers, drivers, etc.).
- The Everbridge callout program is now tied into AUXDATA and doesn’t need the administrative work usually required. That will mean that our AUXDATA information must be up-to-date.

We are working on policies for inland waters radio guard. We patrol 28 inland lakes. Those that are under Sector SF have now produced a policies list and some waivers that we may need that are justified in our policy. We will be appointing a Comms Safety Officer.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN – Report on file (Attachment C). All of the units have submitted 7025 forms.

Robert Firehock for Joanna Nevesny, DSO-LP – Nothing to report.

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR – Nothing to report

Neil Nevesny, CRC – Absent

Steven Perez, DA – Report on file (Attachment C). DSO-DV is new the title for DDA.

Larry Olsen for DFSO – The DFSO is preparing for the flight safety workshop in April.

Rodney Collins, DCOS – COMO Vass has given the following instructions regarding the national participatory agreements with Sea Cadets and Scouts. Auxiliary units need to contact their district legal staff for approval before you have any activities, in order to avoid any liability issues.

DCO Perata called for the following EXCOM reports:

COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO – Divisions are encouraged to coordinate activities and requirements for the lakes you are involved with. We are working on the appointment of a surface safety officer for and getting land mobiles for inland waters.

CDR David Chareonsuphiphat, DIRAUX – CDR Chareonsuphiphat has been serving as Acting Division Chief, for CAPT Maguire. CDR Chareonsuphiphat commended Auxiliarists for their coordination during the tsunami event. Safety is a very important in District 11. There may be a District Safety Officer for surface operation. There are currently 3 state boats, maybe 4, in Utah; 6 boats in Napa County and perhaps one in Whiskeytown. That is potentially 11 boats of other agencies that we can use. Roger Haynes is commended for his work on the Auxiliary memorial. COMO Vic Connell is working as Auxiliary liaison for the America's Cup. RADM Castillo will be briefing us on that in the next few weeks. Commercial vessels are a big issue coming up. CWO Kilburger has spent a lot of time working on the awards that will be given at D-Train.

CWO2 Danny Kilburger, OTO – CWO Kilburger recognized importance of awards. We have new personnel in the office and will be getting a new DIRAUX this summer. The work of Auxiliary volunteers in the office has been invaluable. We still don't have a budget from congress. We're on the 6th continuing resolution. Regarding SAMA, it has been changing a lot lately on how we will receiving funding (especially next year). There will be some ways to identify how much is being spent on surface and on air, now that they are all in one pot. Make sure you get your information in as quickly as possible in order to your reimbursement. Sector will not be doing contract fuel companies next year for Fleet Week. QE training was very productive.

GOOD OF THE AUXILIARY

CDR Chareonsuphiphat, assisted by DCO Angelo Perata and COMO Marie Scholle, DNACO-R presented the following awards:

- Recruiting Service Award, with 42 recruits – Bill Dotson
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – Jim Duncan, DSO-NA
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Commendation Medal – Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Rescue 21 Update – DCO Perata reported that Sector is working on smoothing out the wrinkles.

NSBW – A lot of flotillas and divisions have been turning in their plans. Kirkwood has sent out a form to guide people on how to put on an NSBW event. She will have a meeting with NSBW coordinators and McAlwee tomorrow. They are also planning to have an award for the team that has best plan.

America's Cup – COMO Vic Connell reported that he will have an update with a video presentation during tomorrow's opening ceremony. Planning with Sector SF is still in preliminary staging. As of now we have not been tasked for any specific request for our services.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1640.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the District Board is a Webinar Meeting on 20 April 2011 at 1700 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bell, DSO-SR

ATTACHMENT A

**ATTENDANCE LIST
DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING
26 March 2011**

DISTRICT BOARD:

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| COMO Marie Scholle, DNACO-R | Ed Kief, DCDR-3 |
| DCO Angelo Perata | Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4 |
| Rod Collins, DCOS | Curtis Han, DCDR-5 |
| COMO Mike Williams, IPDCO | 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 | Robert Firehock, VCDR-12 |
| Simone Adair, DCDR-1 | Judy Esteban P-PCA |

DISTRICT STAFF:

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| Larry Olsen, DSO-AV | Jerry McAlwee, DSO-PA |
| Jeff Price, DSO-CM | Wesley Craig, DSO-PB |
| Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS | Roger Haynes, DSO-PE |
| Randy Parent, DFSO | Phil Grove, DSO-PV |
| Fran Fisher, DSO-FN | Joyce Bell, DSO-SR |
| Bob Davison, DSO-HR | Mike Lauro, DSO-VE |
| COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS | Bob Hendry, ASC |
| Dave Talton, DSO-MA | Steven Perez, DDA |
| Sue Fry, DSO-MS | Phil Sanchez, EP |
| COMO Mike Maddox, DSO-MT | Kenna Craig, D-AA |
| Jim Duncan, DSO-NS | Linda Haynes, D-AD/H |
| COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP | |

GUESTS:

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| Jim Blackburn, VCDR-5 | Marsha Sanchez, FL-55 |
| Jim Goff, ADSO-VE | Monica Eaton, FC-10-03 |
| Don Robertson, FSO-OP, FL-78 | Elliot Moses, FC-76 |
| Charles McCarty, FSO-MS, FL-53 | Chester Bartalini, FSO-VE, FL-12-01 |
| Linda McCarty, FSO-IS, FL-53 | Laron Huddleston, FL-78 |
| Marlene Phifer, SO-HR-5 | Margo Huddleston, FL-78 |

ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 25 March 2011

Simone Adair, DCDR-1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Emergency Preparedness Committee conducted first meeting
- Division members participated in Tsunami Operations
- NSBW events are being planned throughout the Division AOR
- Division Diversity Advisor promoted
- Division 1 members receive Coast Guard Unit Commendation
- Flotilla 1-2 held three safety days
- Attended Flotilla 1-9 dinner

DETAILS

- Steve Salmon, SO-OPS, chaired the first meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Robert Hendry, ASC, as well as representatives from each Flotilla were in attendance. The Division and District Contingency Plans were reviewed and discussed, as well as ways to update member information. An online survey is being developed. Auxiliarists Hendry and Salmon also conducted a Contingency Plan PowerPoint presentation at the March Division meeting.
- Division 1 members Robert Hendry, ASC, Jeff Price, SO-CM/Deputy ASC, and David Talton, Deputy ASC, worked at length in various capacities during Tsunami Operations.
- NSBW events will include Flotilla 1-2 & 1-4 activities at Station Golden Gate; Flotilla 1-5 and 1-9 joint events at Oyster Point Marina; and Flotilla 1-7 events at South Beach Marina.
- George Barantseff, DDA, was promoted to National Staff Diversity Inclusion Branch Chief.
- Air Station San Francisco included 22 Division 1 members in a recent Coast Guard Unit Commendation for Air Aux and Boat Crew activities.
- Flotilla 1-2 members held safety days at Corinthian Yacht Club, Paradise Cay Group in Tiburon, and the Presidio Yacht Club, handing out literature, giving talks and performing vessel exams.
- Attended Flotilla 1-9 Annual Larry Goodwin Memorial St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. I ate a lot of really good food.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- *Sunrise* conducted helicopter training with Air Station San Francisco and two-boat training with Station San Francisco. Other Division members continue to volunteer and train with Station San Francisco, Sector San Francisco Prevention and Pacific Area Strike Team.
- Division 1 Auxiliarists volunteered in a variety of areas during Tsunami Operations.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Flotilla 1-2 has S&S scheduled May 21 & 22, at Station Golden Gate; Flotilla 1-4 has BS&S scheduled May 17, and Weekend Navigator, in September, at Loch Lomond YC; Flotilla 1-5

has BS&S started, Feb. 26, at South San Francisco Adult School; Flotilla 1-7 has ABS started, Mar. 12, at YBI, GPS for Mariners, May 17, 19 & 21, at YBI.

- NSBW events are planned at Station Golden Gate, Oyster Point Marina in South San Francisco, and South Beach Marina, San Francisco, May 21.
- Spring OPTREX is scheduled for Berkeley Yacht Club, June 25.

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:

- Survey to poll the D-3 members on the possibility of having one COW instead of six.
- Div. Meetings
- CA-EMA
- NSBW plan

Details:

COW survey. We had a 45% participation on the survey. Flotilla 31 and Flotilla 33 want to maintain autonomy. Flotilla's 33, 35 and 39 desire to incorporate their COW's into the Division Cow. After much discussion it was apparent that it is too late in the year to put a single COW together for 2011. Thus the Division Board voted to have one COW in 2012 for FL-33, 35, 3-10, and Division 3. Flotilla 31 will be included if they desire in 2012.

Division meetings will be held bi-monthly at Air Station Sacramento, however the Board agreed to have WEBINAR meetings on the off months when needed.

The CA – EMA team was called out on 11 Friday at 1245 hours for tsunami watch on the California Coast. The emergency was declared over at 1900 hours and the team was released. It was a good exercise for the team since it has been almost a year since they have been at the Command Center.

An NSBW meeting was held with Boating and Waterways 22 February to discuss an event at Discovery Park. B&W is making contacts and trying to find out what the state is willing to do, because of the budget constraints.

Up-coming Events:

- D-train
- Coast Guard Ball
- The Lake Shasta OPTREX
- NSBW
- Public Education Classes

Flotilla 31 – Air Squadron

- SAR flights scheduled for Mar.

Flotilla 33 – Gold Country

- BS&S scheduled for 15 March
- Work group appointed to prepare breakfast for Active Duty personnel at Station Rio Vista as a fellowship gesture and interaction between Aux. & CG on 30 March.
- Adopted Folsom Lake. Will have a June 4 VE Blitz

Flotilla 35 – Sacramento

- 109 Program visits in February
- 12 Vessel Exams performed in February
- BS&S class started 23 February with 25 students
- Materials ordered for NSBW
- Pushing E-train

Flotilla 39 – Thirtey-niners

- 21 Program Visits in February
- 29 Vessel Exams in February
- Inducted two new members
- 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 annual Sexual Harassment
- Two new members assigned numbers
- 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
- 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.

Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Financial reports for all flotillas have been submitted to District
- All PATONS and bridges have been assigned. Westpoint Slough channel buoys will be surveyed this year and reported.
- Suddenly in Command class scheduled for March 19th, and May 21st respectively at West Marine, Saratoga. Paddling Safety class scheduled for May 14th, and ABS class for July 23rd 2011. Boating Safety and Seamanship classes planned starting April 30th.

- February meeting attended by guests District Captain Ms Mary Kirkwood, and South Bay Yacht Club Commodore Mr. Charles Taylor .
- Ms Judy Esteban assisted in covering PA event with the Coast Guard and state officials, while reviewing damage at Santa Cruz harbor from recent tsunami. Several Division 4 members also provided assistance to Division 6 at Santa Cruz harbor, staffing the Incident Management Center, accompanying boat owners to the dock, etc.
- Continued support to Alviso Marina with boating information and vessel safety checks.
- Flotilla 49 will participate in Volunteer Fair at Cisco Systems on March 22nd

DETAILS

- Flotilla financial reports were submitted to District before deadline, along with YE summaries.
- PATONS and bridges have been assigned to various flotillas and inspection work will soon get underway.
- Suddenly in Command class to be held at West Marine, Saratoga on March 19th. Other classes scheduled as well. A Division-wide schedule is being finalized by end of the month.
- Calendar of PA/VE events being formalized, and expect to have it completed by end of the month.
- February meeting was well attended, and had the participation of District Captain Ms Mary Kirkwood, as well as our host Commodore Charles Taylor from South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso. Awards were given to Dale Vaccarello for 35 years of service; as well as to David Naumann, Mike Fiamingo, and William Shepard for 20 VSCs performed. We plan to switch the bulk of our Division meetings starting in March to the American Red Cross building at 2731 North First St., in San Jose. It features better lighting, parking, and technology services.
- Ms Judy Esteban from flotilla 49, provided photography assistance and documentation to the PA event held at Santa Cruz harbor by the Coast Guard for state officials, while reviewing the impact of the recent tsunami to the harbor and boating facilities. Other Division 4 personnel have been assisting at the Santa Cruz harbor at the information booth and tracking of lost or damaged vessels.
- Members from various flotillas continue to cover the Alviso Marina virtually every weekend, with vessel safety checks and boating safety information.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES, LOCATIONS

- Flotilla 49 will participate on a Volunteer Fair to be held at Cisco Systems in Santa Clara on March 22nd. It will have an information table with varied material on boating safety, and possible recruiting as an additional objective.

DIVISION GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

- Continue effort in recruiting and retention
- Foster membership qualifications for crew and coxswain
- Certify more facilities for use on orders
- Expand effort in Marine Safety

Curtis Han, DCDR-5

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coxswain/Crew Academy training underway

- NSBW activities planning started
- Public Affairs event at Healdsburg Steelhead Festival
- Auxiliarists participate in Watchstanding training and duties at local stations
- Update on Lake Berryessa and Napa County Sheriff
- 2 Division 5 members assist at DIRAUX office
- February mission hours for Division 5 in recreational boating safety and operation programs.

DETAILS

- Flotilla 52 and 53 have started their Coxswain/Crew Academy training for their members at Lake Berryessa and Delta areas, respectively. The training began roughly in January, including in-port, classroom sessions and specialty courses and underway training. Approximately 10 coxswains and 5 boat crew trainees are participating.
- Preparations for the National Safe Boating Week is well underway. All Flotillas have initiated the planning, and they are scheduling RBS and OPS events for the NSBW.
- Flotilla 55 participated in the 2-day Steelhead Festival at both Healdsburg and Lake Sonoma Visitor Center. There were over 1500 participants and they conducted some recruitment and public awareness at the same time.
- 2 members from Flotilla 55 continue to assist the Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay by performing watchstander duties. 1 member from FL51 is completing his training as a watchstander at CGSTA Vallejo. In addition, 3 members from Flotilla 52 have expressed the interest and are planning on starting training at Station Vallejo.
- Unfortunately, the signing and approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Napa County Sheriff has been put on hold for the time being. The Risk Management Division at Napa County Sheriff was not in favor of the “offer-for-use” program with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, despite both the Director’s office and the Sheriff of Napa County Sheriffs Office were in favor of the proposed program. However, Flotilla 52 team will continue to provide safety patrols and assist the Sheriff Office aboard their Auxiliary Facilities.
- Michael Marseille (FL52) and Jim Blackburn (FL57) have been volunteering their time during the weekdays at DIRAUX office since January, 2011. Mr. Marseille assists on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Mr. Blackburn assists on Mondays and Fridays.
- Logged hours in the month of February includes 312 hours of safety patrols, 136 vessel examinations and 115 program visits performed and 106 hours in public education courses.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- Members of Flotilla 55 continues to work with CGSTA Bodega Bay at the coast and Sonoma County Sheriffs at Lake Sonoma.
- Members of Flotilla 52 continues to assist the Napa County Sheriff Marine Unit at Lake Berryessa by performing safety patrols and joint training at the lake.
- Members of Division 5 continue to participate in joint training with Coast Guard Stations Rio Vista, Vallejo, and Bodega Bay.
- Members assist at Coast Guard Stations Bodega Bay and Vallejo, performing Watchstanding duties and training.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Vessel examinations at the Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove resorts in the month of April,

- providing VSCs for their rental fleet
- Joint operations training at Lake Berryessa with Napa County Sheriff Marine Unit, Cal-Fire, California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Flight Division, and Coast Guard Auxiliary. April 16-17, 2011.
- Division 5 Operation Exercise is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Coast Guard Station Vallejo. Classroom training and underway training will be offered by the active duty members of the station. Operation workshop and 1-hour TCT refresher will also be offered.

DIVISION GOALS

- Continue to enhance member training by providing additional operation exercises, coordinate Division-wide specialty course training sessions.
- Increase recreational boating safety activities during National Safe Boating week and throughout the year.
- Encourage each Flotilla to implement mentoring system to the new members and member training sessions every Flotilla meeting.
- Encourage and facilitate effective communications throughout the Flotilla and Division.

Increase Coast Guard support mission hours, providing additional operation and administrative support to local stations.

Wally Smith, DCDR-6

HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled VSC station is underway in Santa Cruz
- Three patrols on Monterey Bay in February
- Full offering of PE classes scheduled
- Scheduled member training underway
- Supported tsunami surge recovery efforts in Santa Cruz Harbor

DETAILS

- A Vessel Safety Check schedule has been established for Santa Cruz Harbor. VSCs will be offered by VEs from 6-7 on the second Saturday of each month, and by VEs from 6-10 on the fourth Saturday. ... all VEs are welcome at either or both! For the Division, a total of 105 VSCs were completed through 14 March.
- There were three on-water patrols in February in the Santa Cruz vicinity. Two facilities trained with towing evolutions and man overboard exercises utilizing "Oscar". Five patrols were scheduled for this month; however the closure of Santa Cruz Harbor due to the 11 March tsunami eliminated three of them.
- Public Education classes are underway with BS&S, SS&S, and CN currently being conducted in Santa Cruz; classes were postponed for the week of 14-18 March as the classroom was being used as an Incident Command Post by FEMA. Of the eleven boating safety courses available, ten have been scheduled in the Division; most to be offered in the upcoming warmer months.
- The new program for Boat Crew training is offered monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 1800 at an Operational Facility in Santa Cruz Harbor. Nine members attended the first training session in February. 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 at CG Station Monterey. The course will also be of-

ferred in Santa Cruz sometime this spring.

- A “Boat Crew Training Academy” is underway at Flotilla 6-4. It is being presented on five consecutive Wednesday evenings at Station Monterey.

AGENCY INTERACTIONS

- The annual Valentine’s Day Party presented at CG Station Monterey was a huge success with somewhere around 50 to 60 attendees. Most attendees were active duty personnel from the Station and crew from the USCGC Hawksbill. A great time was had by all.
- On Wednesday 09 March, Division 6 personnel participated in an Oil Spill Prevention Response Drill at Moss Landing / Elkhorn Slough. One Operational Facility with a crew of five, three land mobile radios, an Aux Air fly-over, and the Monterey Fire Boat staffed by two Auxiliarists participated. Agencies involved included CG Sector San Francisco, CG Station Monterey, California Dept. of Fish & Game, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Monterey Bay Sanctuary and maybe a couple of others ... there were a lot of participants!
- The exercise included deployment of containment booms and the dumping of rice hulls to simulate oil or chemical dispersion patterns. The Auxiliary facility, the fire boat, and the 47” patrol boat from Station Monterey provided security for the exercise by preventing vessel traffic in the dispersion zone.
- 40 Division 6 members augmented by five Division 4 members and one Division 12 member provided support to the Coast Guard and the Santa Cruz Harbormaster from 11 March through 19 March during tsunami recovery efforts. Missions included:
- Early communications support utilizing the Santa Cruz Radio Tower during the tsunami and the following day
- Support for the Sector Comms trailer
- Support of the Santa Cruz Harbormaster by manning three information booths located around the harbor from 0800-1800 daily. This was reduced to one station directly at the front door of the Harbormaster’s office from 14 – 19 March.
- Escort boat owners to their vessels located on docks not yet open for general access.
- Going to homes of „unaccounted for vessels if no phone contact was established by the Harbor staff. Six vessels were on the “missing list”. Division 4 personnel found two at addresses in Santa Clara County. Division 6 personnel found three in Santa Cruz County. This physical search reduced the number of missing vessels to one. This significantly reduced the search requirements for boats presumed to be sunk in the harbor.
- A portable generator was provided to the Sector Command trailer when their generator experienced mechanical difficulties
- Conduct a “review walk” of all docks with CG personnel to ascertain that all damage to vessels and/or docks had been reported. Report on any vessels taking on water and/or any other issues requiring immediate attention.
- Appreciation for the Auxiliary’s support was expressed numerous times. A full report will be forwarded once the mission is concluded.

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- It was noted in last month’s report that *“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.” This event is cancelled as a result of the on-going recovery efforts from the 11 March tsunami.

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

ACTIVITY

1. TCT class 8 – hour conducted
2. Planning for Ranger training at Utah Lake and Lake Powell
3. Planning for NSBW
4. OPEX planning for June
5. Partnership with Utah Parks planning

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Joyce Bell conducted an 8 – hour TCT class at Utah Lake State Park on March 5th. We encouraged everyone who needed to, to attend. There were still a few who missed it.
2. We have had meetings to finalize plans for the Ranger training. COMO Williams will be in charge of the Powell training and Roger Bennett in charge of the Utah Lake training.
3. Lana Visser, SO-PA is working with the flotillas to come up with ideas. We are planning to be represented at two of the State Parks.
4. Dick Hoelle is currently working on the OPEX planned for June 18. This date was decided on by the Division board with an alternative of June 11 if there are conflicts.
5. All members of the Division have been notified of the plan to form a partnership with Utah Parks to enhance public education. It was met with enthusiasm and so we’ll proceed to get guidance from the District and DIRAUX on how to proceed.

Bruce Rogerson, DCDR-8

DIVISION EIGHT - SARDOGS

March 2011

DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

Crescent City 8-11 - Responding to Tsunami damage in Crescent City Harbor.

Eureka 86 - Final preparations for a joint boating safety event with Humboldt Yacht Club and local agencies April 17 in Eureka.

Mendocino 87 - Support for Whale Festival events at Point Cabrillo Light Station including lantern room tours at the lighthouse.

Lake County 88 - Hosting St. Patrick’s Day Lunch at USCG Station Noyo River.

DETAILS:

Crescent City: Training continuing on CG RBS Safe Boat 25543 with a total of 3 coxswain and 5 crew members. Two SAR cases handled during the month. The RBS boat was trailered ahead of the Tsunami warning March 11 and sustained no damage.

Eureka: 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. Final planning completed for Boating Safety Day April 17.

Mendocino: The Flotilla held a BS&S class for the public in March 12/13. Boat crew training continues weekly at Station Noyo River. Flotilla member Glenn Funk continues weekly watch stander at Station Noyo River. Received additional PPE from Group Humboldt Bay.

Lake County: Plans in hand for NSBW including lifejacket give away for kids in partnership with WalMart. VSEs and PVs underway for 2011. Boat patrols planned for April for local yacht club events.

Division 8: Made a courtesy call on USCG Group Humboldt Bay to discuss plans for 2011 boating season. Held telephone conference call with 13 division members participating. Planning underway for mid year division meeting in Fort Bragg. VCDR coordinated emergency call out exercise reaching 57 of our members.

Division Goals Next Month:

- Mentoring and supporting Flotilla 86 in Eureka - *Solicit division support for Boating Safety Day in Eureka April 17.*
- Sense of Community - *Finalize plans 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 attend D-Train*
- Ensuring membership retention in addition to recruiting new members for the flotillas in the Division - *Encourage Flotillas to develop outreach to local voluntary organizations to recruit new Auxiliary members.*

Future Division Events:

Flotilla 88

- April 2 - Monthly Meeting
- April 16 - Yacht Club race patrols
- April 30 - Yacht Club race patrols

Flotilla 8-11

- March 23 - Flotilla meeting

Flotilla 87

- March 19/20 - Point Cabrillo Light Station Whale Festival
- April 16 - Flotilla meeting

Flotilla 86

- April 9 - Flotilla Meeting at CG Station Humboldt Bay 1000
- April 17 - Joint boating safety event in Eureka with Humboldt Yacht Club
- April 26 - Dock Walker Training - Eureka

Denis Eaton, DCDR-10

ACTIVITY

- Aprils Division meeting, Saturday 23rd, face to face.
- Following April's meeting we will do the required workshops.

- September's face to face was changed to, Saturday 17th .

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our next Division Board meeting will be a face to face meeting on Saturday, April 23rd .
- At noon following the face to face meeting in April we will have the required Operation and TCT refresher workshops.
- Several Flotillas are planning on working with the Army Corps of Engineers on their Lake cleanup day, which is the Fourth Saturday of September.
- To remove the conflict with the Corps' clean up day we voted to change the September meeting and the Division elections from the fourth Saturday to the third Saturday 17th .

PROJECTS

- Moving the Division Website completely to the WOW website as having two websites and going back and forth between is confusing.
- Update the Google Group used for the Division 10 Board and Staff (plus).
- Lake Kaweah OPEX April 30 and May 1.
- Making plans for Save Boating Week.
- Setting up October OPTREX at Millerton Lake.

GOALS and OBJECTIVES

- Getting all of the Flotilla Websites update.
- We were updating the Division Incident Response Plan but now we will review and update that work with new information that is coming out from national and the District.

Leon Borden, DCDR-11

DETAILS

Division 11 meeting.

Location of COW narrowed to 2 locations

Had discussions on NSBW and passed out worksheets to record NSBW activities

Had discussions on Safety Fairs and boating classes at Cabala's and West Marine,

Also discussed total lack of cooperation from Scheels

PE/MT classes:

ACN Part B is underway

There are 3 members are trying to Qualify for Coast Guard Boat crew.

5 members in training for Coast Guard watch standers qualifications.

Operations:

Second half of Crosby's Fishing Tournament was held on February 19 and 20 on Pyramid Lake. There was no Auxiliary Facilities available for Feb 19

March 5 was the Polar Bear Swim. The coverage was 1 Aux Facility, 1 boat from Station Tahoe and 3 Aux PWC's .

March 12 and 13 the Hook , Line and Sinker Fishing Derby was held at Pyramid Lake. The Auxiliary provided coverage both days.

Also on March 12 a Stand Up Paddleboard race was held at Lake Tahoe. There was An Auxiliary Facility providing coverage

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

UPCOMING EVENTS, DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Reno Boat Show – Reno NV March 25 - 27
- Fishing Derby – Pyramid Lake April 9-10 and 16-17
- Safety Patrols and training with Lyon County SAR 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
- Sail Boat Race Lake Tahoe June 25
- Trans Tahoe swim Lake Tahoe July 23
- OPTREX Lake Tahoe July 23
- Stand Up Paddleboard race on Lake Tahoe Aug 13 14
- 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

Division 12 Board and Staff met 24 February 2011 at Coast Guard Island. March meeting cancelled due to DTrain. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 April 2011.

Flotillas met during the month as follows:

- 12-1 Tuesday 8 March
- 12-3 Wednesday 2 March
- 12-5 No meeting
- 12-91 Thursday 10 March
- Flotilla 12-91 had their annual pizza night at the end of February.

The whaleboat rowing program continues at Coast Guard Island each Wednesday at 1800. Contact Perry Joiner for details and to confirm if you would like to join us.

Three of our members participated in AUX-Chef “train the trainers” training at Station San Francisco March 18-20. They plan to have an exhibit at DTrain, make the training available district-wide, and serve a number of Coast Guard and Auxiliary units and events.

One of our members is supporting the PAC Area Historian on Coast Guard Island.

Prevention

The Flotilla 12-1 Paddlesports America course at Berkeley Yacht Club on March 20 was cancelled due to inclement weather and poor response. Flotilla 12-3 is offering a BS&S class April 9-May 14. Flotilla 12-91 is also offering a PE class in the coming month.

Flotilla 12-1 held a Public Affairs – Vessel Examination (PAVE) event at Grand Marina Yacht Club on 26 February. The PAVE event for Emeryville was cancelled due to inclement weather. Future events are planned as follows.

- Oakland Yacht Club April
- Alameda Marina 28 May
- Ballena Bay 25 June
- Encinal Yacht Club 3 July

Flotilla 12-5 has a new vessel examiner. Flotilla 12-3 has VSC dates scheduled as follows:

- February 13, Brannan Island
- March 13, Martinez
- April 3, Berkeley Marina
- May 14, Marina Village
- June 4, Martinez (Date of District-wide VSC Blitz)
- July, 2, 3, 4, Brannan Island
- August 7, Pillar Point
- September 3, 4, 5, Brannan Island
- October 22, Del Valle
- November 19, Bethel Island

PATON sheets have been distributed to each flotilla.

Flotilla 12-91 participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and festival in Dublin, with a Coast Guard boat from Station Rio Vista as well as an Auxiliary vessel.

Our SO-PA is attending AUX-12 Public Affairs training on 2-3 April. We are still planning a public affairs training program in Alameda, date to be announced. 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 for PA training, earn their PA ribbons and augment the PAC Area and District 11 PA offices at Coast Guard Island. We should be able to include interested members of other divisions. Member of other divisions who are interested in the training should contact SO-PA Perry Joiner.

We have registered for and will sponsor an exhibit at the Strictly Sail expo at Jack London Square in April. Our exhibit will include the district America's Waterway Watch display and Coastie. Members from throughout the district are welcome to participate.

Plans are underway by several flotillas for National Safe Boating Week. Six of our members are participating in the Dockwalkers program.

Response

- Two patrols were scheduled but cancelled due to inclement weather during the past month.
- We have an OPTREX scheduled for May 12-13, 2011, with a pre-OPTREX boat crew training day on April 16.

- We have a draft contingency plan, based on the template provided on the national website. Our members were on alert for the recent tsunami incident, but none were called out.

Mission Support

- We completed a nine week navigation class for members, oriented toward AUX-NAV specialization.
- The division and several flotillas have designed new web sites using the WOW system after attending the orientation at the Past Captain's Association Training Fair Saturday.
- Flotilla 12-1 completed paperwork on one new member and a member transfer from another division in the last month.

Judy Esteban, P-PCA

PCA Fair - February 19 – 20, 2011

We have a very successful fair. 234 participants with 19 classes and 19 plus instructors. The Leadership class was one on the highlight of the fair.

Fantastic job!

- Mary Kirkwood
- Team members Jack Kane, Bill Burns, and Norlan Macias
- All 19 instructors

Thanks for all that you do!

Memorial Update

- The project is being vetted by Base Engineer.
- Detail design, plans and site location can fluctuate with each meeting.
- The redesign will require increased funding.
- Thanks to COMO Marilyn McBain for the list of members passing over the bar. Also thank to Irene Wetzel and Jim Kitchen for add information.
- Great job! Roger Haynes

Attend to the PCA Breakfast for the later details.

Mary Kirkwood, DCAPT-RBS

ACTIVITY

1. Continuing to coordinate the revision to the Coastie scheduling process
2. Continue planning District activities for NSBW
3. Revised Strategic Plan and Goals for RBS/Prevention

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Continuing to support the revision of the Coastie program with Jerry McAlwee and Wally Smith.
2. Continuing discussion with Division Commanders regarding NSBW
3. Updated Strategic Plan and Goals for RBS/Prevention.

PROJECTS

1. Plans underway for NSBW
2. Create more effective way to account for AWW activity

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

- Meetings Div-10 Webinar, PCA FAIR, Div. 8 Tele Meeting, Flotilla 31.
- QE Training reviewed OP Workshop and TCT presentation. Reviewed SABOT
- Inland Waters Communication Policy ASC Bob Hendry.
- Our first CA-EMA assignment
- Tele Meeting with CWO Berthel Group Humboldt Bay

DETAILS

- Attended, Divisions 8 & 10 telephone and Webinar meetings, FL -31 AUXAIR meeting
- Boat Crew Training Guide "SABOT" mentor guide reviewed as well as the 2011 OP Wk Shop TCT Program that will be presented at D-Trai during QE training meeting.
- Worked with ASC Hendry through several renditions of the Sector San Francisco Inland Waters Communications Policy, including a meeting on CGI with LCDR Lusk
- The California Emergency Management Agency CA-EMA, called out our team for 8 hours, due to the tsunami. All five members were able to participate except one, which was due to a communications error.
- Telephone meeting with CWO Berthel regarding Operational needs within Group Humboldt as a result of the tsunami. Will meet again with Mr. Berthel and BOSN2 Kilburger at D-train regarding Auxiliary support.

PROJECTS

District OPEX – Still in research stage, general program defined to be in two sections and two areas of the Bay and Estuary. Have contacted one key Coxswain and have requested a CG Hilo. The Command Post location has been determined.

Rich Thomas, DCAPT-SPT

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Will attend Division Meeting on March 23rd at YBI
2. Completed Division Three's survey
3. Reviewed results of Rob Firehock's survey on New Elected Officers Training
4. Concluded Phase I of the Aux-Chef Program
5. Final touches on new prospective power point for go-to-meeting
6. Visited Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park with Phil Sanchez
7. Over-seeing D-Train activities

8. Lining up County Proclamations for Safe Boating Week
9. Preparing for D-Train with Vendor Tables.

DETAILS

1. Wednesday evening on March 23rd I will attend Division One's meeting and will give a brief presentation on retention per the request of DCDR Simone Adair.
2. Sent out and am tracking responses for Division three 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. – This was completed at the beginning of March and results sent to the DCDR & VDCDR.
3. Rob Firehock has completed the survey with a favorable percentage of responses and the responses are being evaluated with a full report due to EXCOM shortly.
4. Aux-Chef program completed its Phase I status with the certification of 5 District 11 North personnel qualifying as chefs and instructors. Phase II will begin shortly after D-Train and that will be to schedule classes for interested District 11N members that have a desire to complete the course.
5. Completed power point for go-to-web use for new prospective members with a review and some minor changes. I have been allocated access to go-to-web for every Tuesday night through June 2011 for prospective new members. A private invitation will be going out to all elected officers to attend a sample run of the program at their availability on March 29, 30, and 31st.
6. Met Phil Sanchez at D-Train hotel location to review layout of the function.
7. In contact with various participants of D-Train
8. Sent Board of Supervisors of 13 counties requesting a public proclamation be presented to the flotilla/s in their county for National Safe Boating Week. Thus far 12 have responded that they will support this function.
9. In contact with vendors regarding materials and expectations of having their own tables in the lobby areas of the hotel for D-Train.

PROJECTS

1. Set up access to Survey program availability on D-11 N web-site
2. Begin pilot program on Tuesday nights in April for prospective new members.
3. Begin work on recruiting DVD for District 11 North-start delayed until May.
4. Work on Coast Guard Mutual fund raiser.
5. Over-see Aux Chef program and assure training class moves forward
6. Continue to support Divisions when needed.

ATTACHMENT C

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS DISTRICT 11NR BOARD AND STAFF MEETING 25 March 2011

Jeff Price, DSO-CM

Tsunami Response:

On Friday the 18th at 12:00pm, I received a call from the Sector Command Center requesting the Sector Communications trailer to respond immediately to the Santa Cruz Harbor. The task was to have the comms trailer take over the communications for the Coast Guard units on scene, the Santa Cruz Harbor-master and other government agencies that were taking part for this natural disaster. I arrived in the afternoon, set up the trailer and stood by for instructions by the Coast Guard team that was evaluating the scene. I remained on location overnight and attended the morning brief. I met with Wally Smith (DCDR 6) and advised him of what had been done and what was likely to be expected. The mid morning brief concluded and it was decided by the Coast Guard Incident Commander that the Auxiliary would need to come out and assist with the mission. I discussed what the Auxiliary could do and how quickly we could do it and they gave me the thumbs up. I met with Wally Smith and advised him that the Auxiliary was now being activated. Wally went to his phone tree and started the calling. I notified Bob Hendry (ASC) and let him know of the activation so that EXCOM could be notified. Both Saturday and Sunday, the trailer remained on location and then was stood down at 1800 Sunday. A very special thank you to Dave Wormington (SO-CMD6), Tony Budlong and Ryan Dimeo for all their communications assistance.

HF Tsunami Reports:

It was reported through the Communications links that the HF Communicators were stood up in D14, D13, D17 and D11S. Lots of real time information was being passed by the HF coordinator in D11S and he was sending the information via email. One of our own HF communicators Bill Leppard was at his station monitoring from 0500 on and transmitting traffic. Here is a quote from the D11S station **"ALCON, As of 111930Z MAR 2011, the Tsunami session of the West Coast Region Net is standing down by the mutual agreement of all parties involved. Thank you all for your participation in this response to what could have been a major event for the West Coast and Districts 14 and 17. Special thanks are due to NF11BN for acting as ANECOS and a key relay station between D11S and D13 and also to NF13ER for acting as NECOS for the D13 HF net."** Thank you very much Bill for all that you did. I am very happy that you are on board with the Comms team!

DTRAIN:

The Communications Department will be having a scheduled workshop. We will be discussing a variety of different items up to and including the R21 radio system. We will have a special guest speaker to discuss the latest news and what the Auxiliary needs to if anything. The workshop is also going to include the combined efforts between the Prevention side and Land Mobiles and what we can do to make things a lot easier for reporting.

AWW Patrol Assistance:

As most of you know, the MSOM program was stood down by the Coast Guard. That program left wide open the AWW aspect of that program and Sector San Francisco has been struggling to get some key numbers lined up for their reports. I have been asked by the Sector to help out with AWW in conjunction with Land Mobile patrols. I have agreed to help out and so now ALL mobiles under patrol orders will be assisting with this process. It's really simple, spread the word, hand out AWW related material to a targeted audience and log the time on your POMS 7030 form under 70V. I will be going over this at the DTRAIN workshop.

ARMS (Auxiliary Resource Management System)

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

POMS information for Land Mobiles:

When placing orders in POMS, please make sure that you have listed ALL LAND MOBILE PATROLS. This is important for recording the numbers for District awards and recognition. Also, during a mobile patrol the only thing that can be reimbursed is mileage not things like ICE or FUEL. Please note that ANY 5132's that are turned in that have things other than mileage will be returned to the member thus making your reimbursement take a little longer.

Repeaters:

Mt. Diablo: The Diablo repeater system is operating normally.

During the months of January and February, the Diablo repeater system was utilized three times by and in support of Sector S.F. operations. Two of these missions provided primary communications to the Sector during Rescue 21 equipment maintenance or failures, and a third was during the scheduled move of the VTS systems into a new building.

Shasta Lake/Whiskeytown: The Shasta Lake repeater system is operating normally.

Santa Cruz/Monterey/South Bay Area: The repeater team has secured the use of an equipment shelter to serve the Monterey/Santa Cruz/South Bay Area. Tower use agreements were initially secured through R21, however constantly changing requirements and POC's have stymied the process -the agreements may or may not still be in place. The series of delays has cost the AUX the services of one volunteer contractor, and risks the availability of another, though we're doing our best to press through the many CG regulations and offices as quickly as possible. The cost of electricity at the site was previously offered by the CG, however this agreement seems to have evaporated, and alternative long-term funding sources are being sought. Equipment funding continues to be non-existent from CG or AUX sources, however equipment has been and is expected to be purchased by members of the repeater team at personal expense (costs approaching \$20,000 at this time). The ongoing lack of funding and support continues to be problematic to the completion of this project.

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

Tahoe: Tahoe area repeater planning has been tabled and site use agreements nullified until further notice due to lack of funding and support from the CG and AUX, as well as lack of interest from Tahoe area Auxiliaries.

Irene Wetzel, DSO-CS

1. District **Best of Web (DBOW)** will be presented during D-Train. Those two flotilla and two division websites will be nominated for the National BOW Award.
2. **PCA Fair CS technology sessions** were well attended with excellent evaluations. The four different sessions were: Applications for Auxiliary usages, Auxiliary Internet Resources, WOW Usage, and Website Discussions for Web Managers. Next class offering will two sessions for WOW Usage of different content levels. The four session Webinar WOW Class was well received. Currently, there are two websites using the Websites WithOut Webmasters (WOW) beta application, more to come.
<http://a1131003.wow.uscgaux.info>
<http://a11310.wow.uscgaux.info>
3. Currently, units have four options for **template usage** for their websites, as long as the necessary website standards are applied. The templates are: National, District, WOW, and unit unique format. The first three incorporate, W3 website standards, government site standards, and Auxiliary branding. Unit unique format need to follow the same standards. National will provide support for national template usage and the DSO-CS/SO-CS will provide support for the district template usage.
4. **District Template Version 2** is now available; those using version 1, need to upgrade soon. Selecting an appropriate template involves two considerations: 1) the best navigation for the user, and 2) skill, time available, and motivation of the unit CS Officer. A unique unit website may appear attractive, but my lack the standards, branding, and navigation to be an effective site.
5. **To assist CS Officers**, National has updated the CS Guide, Website Requirements, CS Officer Descriptions and much more. Links are provided on D11NR CS webpage, and also the District Template Version 2 download: <http://services.d11nuscgaux.info/staff/cs.html>
6. **D11NR technical website upgrades** have been implemented. The major upgrade is the bottom portion of the left menu bar. The district search engine is readily available under the district left menu, followed by the 'Member Quick Link' box. These Quick Links take members to the most used resources. The new National Security Advisories now host the new Homeland Security Alert system.
7. A major project is near completion, the **D11NR Online Store**. Tom Komadina, ADSO-CS has created the online store from 'ground-up', working with Jack Leth, Dave Talton, DSO-MA, and staff. They photographed the inventory and uploaded to the site. This online store is well over 600 hours in the making. The entire district is looking forward to this valuable resource.
8. D11NR sites visits in 2011 average about 250 a day, doubling 2010 visits.

Frances Fisher, DSO-FN

EXCOM and DSOs ... Submit reimbursement requests timely.

Audits – We are still waiting for materials from the delinquent units. (see list attached)

Forms 7025- We are down to just 4 units who have not yet submitted their forms 7025. Please send the reports to:

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

(Those units whose reports do not reconcile, please correct them ASAP....see attached)
Many thanks to all those who have submitted reports!

REMINDER – All units must submit disenrollment forms to the DSO-HR by 1 October. Otherwise, they may be liable for dues. Please remind your units to check their AUXDATA rosters.

Bob Davison, DSO-HR

Highlights

- D-Train
- Total members and AP status
- Staff Reports
- New Spreadsheet from DIR-H
- Totals members and total in AP by Div.

Details

- I have prepared a power point presentation for D-train.
- We have a total of 1502 members in our District and have 46 people in AP status. We have added 4 new members and have added 18 in AP status.
- I have received a new spreadsheet from Joe O'Leary, this will give me the ability to track National inquiry's and to see what there progress in joining the Auxiliary.
- D-1 They added 5 new members in so far this year, they are in contact with 7 potential new members.
- D-3 They are working on two potential new member and one person in AP was sworn in at there last meeting.
- D-5 Two new members packets have been sent in to DIRAUX one member transferred out and two new members sworn in.
- D-8 Three prospective new members have completed the New Member packets and one was sent in to DIRAUX.
- D-11 All inquiry's are being received and forwarded to there prospective Flotilla's.
- D-12 They have made contact with 4 prospective new members and are working on getting there paper work done.

Total Members by Division and total in AP

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Total Member</u> | <u>Total in AP</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 246 | 7 |
| 3 | 234 | 10 |
| 4 | 92 | 3 |
| 5 | 178 | 6 |
| 6 | 152 | 2 |
| 7 | 106 | 7 |
| 8 | 120 | 2 |
| 10 | 87 | 1 |
| 11 | 100 | 3 |
| 12 | 187 | 5 |

COMO Marilyn McBain, DSO-IS

At this time there is nothing new to report for AUXDATA/AUXINFO.

For awards, there were 211 trophies ordered and 155 will be handed out at the board and staff meeting to the DCDRs to distribute to their members.

At the banquet on Saturday evening there will be 56 presented to the outstanding flotillas and individuals for the great volumn of hours reported during 2010.

David Talton, DSO-MA

I am very pleased to announce that the online District Store is up and functional. We are still working on double checking the systems and products to make sure the site is accurate and functioning as planned, but orders are being taken and filled. We will be adding new products and continuing to monitor the site over the next few weeks to make sure we haven't missed something.

All this would not have happened without the dedication of Tom Komadina who has spent hundreds of hours creating and working on the site. He and Jack Leth photographed product and uploaded them to the site to help enhance the look of the Store. My extreme gratitude goes to both.

We have had a few problems with the Public Education orders due, I believe, to the change in contact information for the orders. All PE orders should be placed using the information displayed on the District Store website. PE orders can now be placed as any other order through the Store and a credit card can be accepted for payment, if desired.

I encourage the Board and Staff to review the new website and give feedback at DTRAIN. The site can be accessed by clicking on the District Store link on the District website or directly at: <http://www.d11nstore.org/>

Sue Fry, DSO-MS

America's Waterways Watch

A new effort is going to be made to rekindle interest in this Mission. An Introduction to the AWW Outreach Mission will be presented on Saturday afternoon after the Ferry Boat Auditors class. The Outreach Mission will combine elements of the old MSOM of last year with Environmental issues outreach.

The program will target Marinas, Harbor offices, Yacht and Cruising clubs, Sportfishing, Ferry boats and Tour Vessels, Launch ramps and public docks by presenting informational materials and wallet cards to each organization and to the public. These materials give contact numbers for notification in case of sightings of unusual activity and/or observation of hazardous substances in the waters or on land directly draining to rivers, delta, bay or coastal waters.

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

Final word has not come from HQ as to how Auxiliarists will be used in the Safety program, but our Sector CFVS program director/coordinator has planned for trained Auxiliarists to do the safety exam, submit the paperwork to his office and he will coordinate with the Chain of Command as to the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance that the vessel must carry to be able to fish outside the 3 mile line. There are approximately 1200 fishing vessels in D11N and the exams are on a two year cycle. So that leaves approximately 600 exams per year plus call backs for deficiencies. Since the mandatory program won't begin until the latter part of the year, training will continue as it has in the past for this coming Salmon season. We have 10 trained members at this time and plan to add more at the 20Apr11 training to be held directly before the Commercial Salmon season opens 2 May11. Of our 11 qualified CFVS examiners ALL have attended the Yorktown CFVS examiners course including the Drill Instructors Course except the one newly qual'd member.

Uninspected Passenger Vessels

We are still working out how to identify where the UPV's are operating. As of now our ADSO-UPV has been contacting previously examined skippers to set up re-checks. A meeting has been set up with the manager of Modern Sailing in Sausalito to explain the UPV program. He is interested in the exam and we may be successful in scheduling exams for their fleet. As you can see the growth of this voluntary exam program moves slowly.

Uninspected Towing Vessels

Mandatory Inspections have been put on hold by HQ, so the UTV operators are holding back on completing the inspections. We are awaiting further word from the CG. Meanwhile, those that have completed the PQS, will move forward with the qualification by completing the oral Board. There is one newly qualified UTV Auxiliarist who completed the Oral Board 17Mar11.

Regional Exam Center

Make-up exams for the Calif Maritime Academy were conducted and proctored by several Auxiliarists at the REC during March. Pilot Exams are being graded by Auxiliarists as they are being completed at REC.

Environmental/Prevention Education

Two PQS workshops were held at PCA , 40 members were in attendance. Sign-offs for ¾ of the PQS were accomplished for most members and the remainder signoffs are to be done at the Flotilla or Division level with the FC or DCDR able to sign on projects completed at that level. The MSAM class will be given again at DTRAIN. We will have room for 20 students. The PQS's require completion ICS 100,200,700,800 and either 210 or 300.

Ferry Vessel Audits

A class was held at PCA with an Active Duty Instructor. 42 members took the refresher course, about 1/3 of whom were new auditors. The FVA class will be given again at DTRAIN just after lunch in the MS/Prevention classroom. An opportunity for Auditor training is planned for mid June. Another popular training event will be a mid April WALKTHROUGH aboard a Baylink Ferry at their drydock in Vallejo in

order to make Auditor visits more familiar and Auditors more comfortable. So far this year, 24 Audits have been done, in spite of the cold, wet weather. Abigail stresses that newly trained and qualified Auditors should go out with a training partner that comes from a pool of training Auditors that have been established.

Domestic Inspection

Continuing activities with members training in T and K Boat Inspections.

Liferaft Servicing Inspections

Comar serviced 8 liferafts which included a gas inflation and davit weight testing. These are rare tests that Auxiliaries do not often observe. There is one new trainee who is a member of D11S, but is employed on tugs in the Bay Area.

Agency Contacts and Working Relationships

CA Boating and Waterways

Various Harbor Offices throughout the Bay and Coastal areas

Modern Sailing School in Sausalito

Incident Management Division and PacArea Readiness and Force Com

General Observations on Tsunami on California Coast

Aux had a good turnout for the Santa Cruz Harbor Safety Information tables set up at the Harbor Office and at designated spots around the Harbor to give information as well as providing escorted visits for Boat Owners to the Unsecured Docks. Flotilla's in Division 6 and members from Division 4 were among the participants. Div 6 members also provided assistance in the Crows Nest Radio, listening to Channel 16 and scanning all emergency channels including the Harbor Channel 9 for activity with communications to the Auxiliary staff at the Information Tables.

An area of concern is the following:

Crescent/Humboldt requested names of Auxiliaries who had Hazmat Training who live in or near Crescent city or in upper Nor Cal that proved to be impossible because there is no place in AUXDATA where that information is kept. That is because each State has its own criteria for Hazmat Training so there isn't an Aux National Standard of Training, thus no record is kept in AUXDATA. The exception is the FEMA IS-5 course which does show up in AUXDATA and is required for the Marine Safety Outreach Specialist PQS. We know there are many who have had the 4 and 8 hour training at the many PCA's and DTRAIN's and at least one in the Clear Lake area. We will be working on having lists of trained Auxiliaries that are current and updated at least annually available at DIRAUX for such requests in the future.

Incident Command System training is on a continuing basis fitting Aux into classes being held for Active Duty and Reservists. This includes Intermediate ICS 300/400, and specific ICS 341 and the Pollution Workshop that includes ICS 339. Numbers of Auxiliaries who can be accommodated are not high because of the numbers of Active Duty that must be trained. However, we are making headway through the names of Auxiliaries who have requested the training and for those that have had a high interest in Marine Safety/Prevention. These trainings have been scheduled on going for the past year. The DSO-MS/P receives all notices of specific ICS course being held locally. All Marine Safety PQS's require ICS 100,200,700,800, 210 or 300 for completion.

Just for your general information on the Pacific Strike Team (Novato)

- The Pacific Strike Team from Novato had 2 AD's in Santa Cruz doing air and water monitoring oversight.
- 4 members were in Japan on non-related business the day before the quake and are still there on a stand-by-basis
- 2 AD's went to Humboldt county area (Eureka & Crescent City)
- The entire PST is on standby and prepared to move out if directed to do so by the National Strike Force.

James Duncan, DSO-NS

What new in Navigation Systems from N-Train at D-Train: Your D11NR Navigation Systems will bring you up to date in what is coming and changes we received at N-Train in St Louis, MO. A review the new Aid Verifier Performance Qualification Standard (PQS), changes in three of the Navigation Systems forms, and a possible change in chart updating.

2011 Light List: Do you have your new 2011 Light List? Ever operational facility, Aid Verifier and member with a boat should have your copy of the 2011 Light List. The 2011 Light List Book is now available for download. The new updated copy is updated through the Local Notice (**01-2011**). The electronic version of the Light List Book is updated monthly, by the first Friday of each month, and is also available on the USCG NAVCEN website at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>. If you have questions regarding this message, LNM's, Charts, Chart Corrections, or the Light Lists you may contact DSO-NS

PAST COMMANDERS TRAINING FAIR: I conducted two classes at the Past Commanders Training Fair on February 19 & 20 2011.

DATES OF CHART LATEST EDITIONS: D11 Northern Region has 2 New Chart Editions for 2011. We had only 3 New Chart Editions in 2010. See "Dates of Chart Latest Edition Table" for D11 Northern Region on page 5. The traditional paper chart is available by Charts-on-Demand which is the most up to date charts. The newest chart edition is Chart 18652 for San Francisco to Antioch. This is our major Small Craft Facility Chart which covers all of the San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, Carquinez Strait and Suisun Bay.

2011 ATON, PATON, BRIDGE, & CHART UPDATING ACTIVITIES TABLE: D11 (NR) Aids to Navigation, Bridge, & Chart Updating Summary Report Table for Divisional ATON & CU activities to date. This table covers all ATON, PATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating reports received by D11 (dpw), NOAA-NOS & AUXIN-FO through March 6, 2011.

| Div. | AIDS TO NAVIGATION ACTIVITY | | | | | | PATON's ASSIGNED | | | | BRIDGE's ASSIGNED | | | | 2011 AV's |
|------|-----------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----|-------|--------|-----------|
| | A | AI | P | U | PI | B | AOR | CHECK | % Done | STILL TO DO | BI | AOR | Check | % Done | |
| 1 | | | | | | | 108 | | | 108 | | 4 | | | 19 |
| 3 | 1 | | | | | | 46 | | | 46 | | 13 | | | 14 |
| 4 | | | 6 | | 6 | | 65 | 6 | 9 | 59 | | 2 | | | 7 |
| 5 | | | | | | 5 | 104 | | | 104 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 56 | 17 |
| 6 | 1 | | | | | | 117 | | | 117 | | 2 | | | 9 |
| 8 | | | | | | | 4 | | | 4 | | 1 | | | 4 |
| 10 | 16 | 11 | 2 | | | | 45 | 2 | 4 | 43 | 2 | 10 | | | 9 |
| 11 | | | | | | | 88 | | | 88 | | N/A | | NA | 6 |
| 12 | | | | | | | 177 | | | 177 | | 9 | | | 12 |

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|--|---|--------|-----|---------|--------|---|---|--------|-----|---------|--|-----|---------|--------|-----|
| <i>Total</i> | 18 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 754 | 8 | 1% | 746 | 4 | 50 | 5 | 10% | 97 |
| | 2011 D11 NR Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011 | | | | | 2010 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Jan 1, 2011 to Mar 31, 2011 | | | | | 2010-2011 NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year Apr 1, 2010 to Mar 31, 2011 | | | | |
| Div | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC | Reports | 2nd Ob | CUC |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 2 | | 1027 | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 2 | | 1027 | | |
| Total D11 Reports 1/1 through 12/31/11 → | | | | | | | Total D11-NOAA CUC 1/1 through 12/31/11 → | | | | | | | | |
| Total Aids to Navigation Reports | | | | 31 | | Total Members Submitting Reports in 2011 → | | | | 7 | | | | | |
| Total Aids to Navigation in AUXINFO* | | | | 21 | | 21 out of 31 reports showing up in AUXINFO → | | | | 68% | | | | | |
| Total Chart Updating Reports | | | | 6 | | A= ATON, P= PATON, B= Bridges, U= Unauthorized | | | | | | | | | |
| Total ATON & Chart Updating | | | | 37 | | NOAA-CUC=Charting Credit Points award by NOS to date. | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ Note: *Red numbers above is the information from AUXINFO as of March 07, 2011 update. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ We have started NOAA-NOS Chart Updating Year - April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ We are in the D11NR Chart Updating Year - January 1 through December 31. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ Note: The Green number under 2 nd Ob indicates secondary Chart Updating Observers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ Note: "ALWAYS submit a 7030 for all ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating Activity. Your work is not completed until your 7030 is in your FSO-IS hands." | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ➤ "Always check AUXINFO for your ATON, Bridge, & Chart Updating activity. If you don't find your activity recorded and you have submitted the proper ANSC 7030, check with your FSO-IS or SO-IS for help." | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

COMO Gail Ramsey, DSO-OP

FACILITY INSPECTION FORM S #7003:

Facility Inspection Forms # 7003 come to DIRAUX, not SECTOR. Your facility will not be entered into AUXDATA /POMS unless the paper work is sent to DIRAUX. The correct address to send the 7003 Form to is:

Commander (dpa-n)
 Eleventh Coast Guard District
 Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 50-2
 Alameda, California 94501-5100

FUEL ON THE WATER UPDATE:

There is great concern that boaters will be unaware of the E15 fuel at their local gas stations and inadvertently fill up their boats with E15 gas which can harm marine engines, hoses, etc. Marine engines are

not built to the same standards as road vehicle engines. The increased alcohol/ethanol content has been an issue of concern for boaters and manufacturers.

GLOVES WHILE WORKING WITH LINES:

When you are working with lines, underway, be safe and use fingerless gloves or no gloves. Your fingers are important and do not want to see you lose them. It is so easy for a glove to get caught and trap a finger.

NAV RULES TOOL:

This is a reminder of COMO Mike Maddox's web site that is designed to assist you with many difficult tests and marvelous tools. Just for you. Say; "Thank you Mike"/<http://www.comomike.info/>

NEW FACILITY PHOTOS:

The office is still not receiving photos of new Facilities. The photo needs to be included with the offer for use forms and the Facilities cannot be approved until we have the photo for your file. When the facility is in POMS then you can enter a digital photo.

OPS / TCT 2011 WORKSHOP

This year we are working hard to combine the Operations Workshop as well as the One Hour TCT Workshop into one unit. If you are a Coxswain, Crew or PWC Operator the D11N OPS Workshop is mandatory. Others, not listed above, only need to take the TCT and that is still available off the National WEB Site separate.

POMS ACCESS:

Several members have had problems of late gaining access to POMS. Linda Vetter was able to get to POMS by going through the CG Finance Center link – <http://www.fincen.uscg.mil/poms.htm> but not directly through the Statronics links (and she tried them with multiple browsers, like Firefox and Netscape, etc.) - they all got the same results, "Waiting on Statronics" and then "Timed out with no connection to Server". If you are one of the members having problems try the "Finance" link above.

REVIEW & PRE-SEASON PLANNING:

Now is the time of year to review all the tasks you need to maintain current on the water. It is so easy to let things slide. Get a study group together in your Flotilla or Division and go over the GAR, towing evolutions, first aid and any number of items you know would be beneficial to your members. Take a Boat Crew and/or a Coxswain Qualification Guide and walk through each step. The items you know you are weak on spend extra time on. Review past DSO-OP reports, attend a First Aid class and anything else that will assist you in sharpened your skills and your fellow member's skills. Practice precise radio communications. Make certain your check-off sheet for your facility is current. We all find new "great" places to store our equipment, make certain all will be able to find it. Check your batteries in your hand-held radios, GPS units, EPIRPs and anything else that is not wired into your facility. Every member of your crew should be familiar with the equipment and be able to operate it in an efficient manner.

QE OPERATIONS EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF: 04 MARCH 2011

LOCATION SPONSOR EVENT DATE & CONTACT QEs NOTES

See the District Calendar for sign-up sheets for below events.

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|--|--|--|--|--------|--|
| | | | | QEs ?? | |
|--|--|--|--|--------|--|

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|---|--------------|------------------------|--|-----|---|
| TBA | DIV 12 | OPTREX | MAY 13 TH , 14 TH , 15 TH | YES | POC GEORGE PROWS caseyct@pacbell.net |
| CGSTA VALLEJO | DIV 5 | TRAINING ONLY | APRIL 23 RD | NO | POC CURTIS HAN curtis.s.han@gmail.com |
| LAKE SHASTA | FLT 3-9 | OPTREX | APR 28 TH - MAY 1 ST | YES | POC CARL PIERCE OR CHARLIE DUNCAN cpierce7223@sbcglobal.net |
| CGSTA VALLEJO | FLT | OPTREX | JUNE 11 TH , 2011 | YES | POC CURTIS HAN curtis.s.han@gmail.com |
| BERKELEY YACHT CLUB | DIV 1 | OPTREX | JUNE 25 STEVE SALMON | YES | |
| COAST GUARD ISLAND | D11N | EXERCISE TRAINING ONLY | JULY 16 th / 17 th | NO | DEAN LACHAPPLE |
| SO LAKE TAHOE | D11 | OPTREX | JULY 23 RD | | POC JIM SNELL snellj@charter.net |
| SO LAKE TAHOE | DIV 11 | OPTREX | SEPT 17 TH , 2011 | | POC JIM SNELL snellj@charter.net |
| CLEAR LAKE | DIV 8 | OPTREX | SEPT 30 TH – OCT 2 | | |
| FLOTILLA 5-5 COAST GUARD STATION BODEGA BAY | FLOTILLA 5-5 | OPTREX | OCTOBER 21, 2011 | | POC RICHARD PALMITER Rkp01@comcast.net |
| | | | | | |

HOURS SHOWN IN AUXINFO JAN TO MARCH 6TH

| Mission Hours as values | Div 01 | Div 03 | Div 04 | Div 05 | Div 06 | Div 07 | Div 08 | Div 10 | Div 11 | Div 12 | Sector San Francisco |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| AUXMP - Marine Patrols (01a,01b,02,03,22a,54a, 55a) | 132.00 | 32.60 | 0.00 | 371.40 | 174.50 | 0.00 | 25.10 | 7.00 | 38.80 | 33.00 | 814.40 |
| SAR - Search And Rescue (23,24) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.80 | 0.00 | 9.20 | 0.00 | 39.50 |
| All Missions | 132.00 | 32.60 | 0.00 | 390.90 | 174.50 | 0.00 | 35.90 | 7.00 | 48.00 | 33.00 | 853.90 |

Wes Craig, DSO-PB

At this point time no articles have been received from any members of the District Board or Staff. The PCA Fair went well and I have set aside pages needed for the PCA to present their great event. **Northwind** is looking forward to D-TRAIN. It will be the highlight of the April issue.

A reminder for the Board & Staff Members;.....Please forward JPEG photos for inclusion in your articles to dso-pb@d11nuscgaux.info, which are due prior to **JAN 01, APR 08, JUL 01 and OCT 01**. Since your articles appear on the lead pages, early submittal will facilitate publication during the early weeks of the month.

Roger Haynes, DSO-PE

- **Paddlesports America** class at DTRAIN. Many flotillas are looking to this “new” market as a way to serve the boating public and to help with flotilla revenue. Some are finding it difficult to reach this group due to their laissez faire, non-boater mindset. 05-07 is partnering with the park at a local reservoir to teach this class both to their employees and to the boat renters. Tahoe flotilla is working with a regional regulatory group. Let me know of other success stories and I’ll pass them on. Attend my class at DTRAIN for an update on PE and to take this class. Local retailer Sonoma Outfitters will assist me in teaching the class, during which we will ask for your input of best practices. - **Check the District PE course offerings web site for classes planned**

Phillip Grove, DSO-PV

Division Reports:

- Division 01 has 23 visits to report
- Division 03 has 33 visits to report
- Division 05 has 125 visits to report
- Division 06 has 48 visits to report
- Division 10 has 49 visits to report
- NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

Local Statistics (visits):

| | <u>PYTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>NET CHANGE</u> |
|--------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| DIV 01 | 104 | 55 | - 49 |
| DIV 03 | 53 | 28 | - 25 |
| DIV 04 | 16 | 3 | - 13 |
| DIV 05 | 161 | 136 | - 25 |
| DIV 06 | 74 | 82 | + 8 |
| DIV 07 | 0 | 4 | + 4 |
| DIV 08 | 21 | 33 | + 12 |
| DIV 10 | 242 | 231 | - 11 |
| DIV 11 | 11 | 6 | - 5 |
| DIV 12 | 0 | 4 | - 4 |
| Totals | 682 | 582 | -100 |

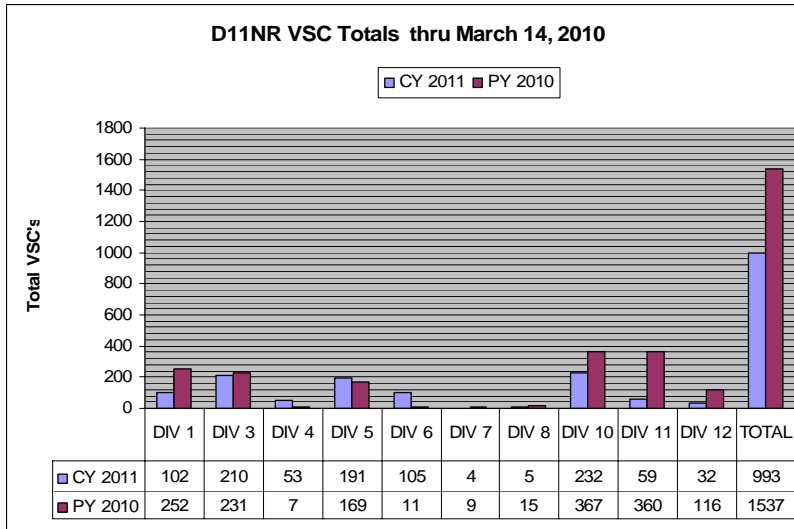
PACAREA Statistics (visits):

| D11N | D11S | D13 (OR&WA) | D14 (HI) | D17 (AK) |
|------|------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 582 | 297 | 570 | 7 | 16 |

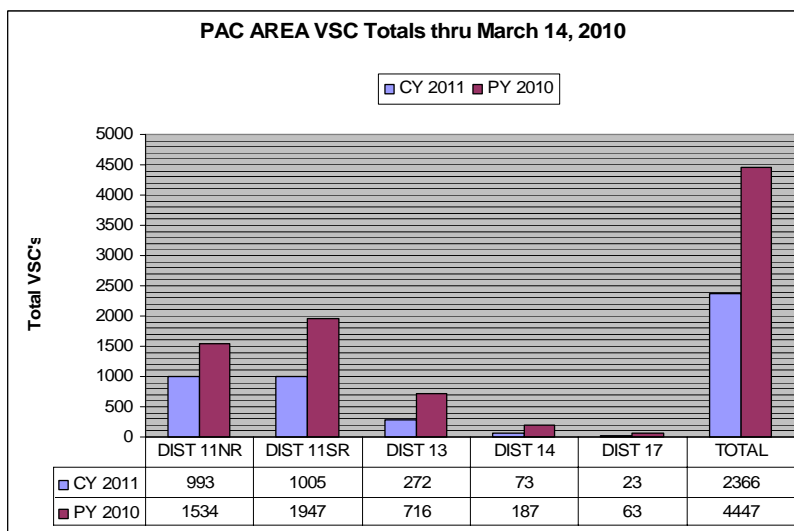
(statistics shown from AUXINFO through February 2011)

Michael Lauro, DSO-VE

D11NR 2011 Statistics



PAC AREA 2011 Statistics



The goal for D11NR is **11,000** VSC's. We are **9%** of our goal for the year and **64%** of 2010 production! The data source is AUXINFO*. Additional stats from AUXINFO* indicates that **500** or **50%** of our VSC's are First Time VSC's. In addition **483** or **49%** are High Risk VSC's. *Statistics as shown in AUXINFO thru March 14, 2011.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who passed the Vessel Examiners class over the Past Commander Assoc. Training Fair over the weekend of February 19-20:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Michael Baskett | 12-01 | William Dodson | 06-04 |
| Chris Jewell | 08-07 | Shirley Johnson | 06-04 |
| Craig Johnson | 06-04 | John Loero | 12-05 |
| Nancy Marion | 01-04 | Scott Richert | 06-10 |
| Rob Ruby | 01-04 | Neil Shea | 05-05 |
| Tom Sprague | 06-04 | Dan Swett | 01-05 |
| Cathryn Villasenor | 12-01 | Julia Vincenzini | 01-07 |

Delbert Worden 08-07

Please offer assistance to help one of your flotilla members complete their qualification ASAP.

Congratulations!

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

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Richard A. Saber | 01-02 | Robert J. Aston | 01-04 |
| James R. Goff | 03-05 | Tommy W. Holtzman | 03-05 |
| Lonny B. Singer | 03-09 | Dan W. Weggeland | 03-09 |
| Jimmin Chang | 04-08 | Steven M. Johnson | 05-01 |
| William A. Yawn | 05-01 | Gary N. Murray | 05-05 |
| Barbara R. Balch | 05-07 | Jim D. Blackburn | 05-07 |
| Richard L. Allen | 06-07 | Michael J. Lauro | 10-02 |
| Phillip E. Grove | 10-05 | Thomas B. Henderson | 11-01 |
| Ricky A. Thomas | 11-05 | | |

This brings our total to 17 examiners reaching this plateau!! This is approximately 5% of the total District examiner base. 2010 had 10 examiners or 2% at this time.

Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

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

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Christopher M. Poehlmann | 01-04 | Calvin J. Faulkner* | 03-10 |
| Joan A. La Chapelle* | 03-10 | Andrew E. Lai | 04-03 |
| Cecil L. Claspell | 06-10 | George W. Woltkamp | 07-02 |
| Ronald E. Ouimette* | 12-91 | | |

*recertified

District News

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

-While **96.6%** of D11NR VSC's in 2010 were performed at **INLAND WATERS**, and in keeping with ADM. Castillo's and CAPT. Stowe's request to promote boating safety on INLAND LAKES in D11NR for 2011, I have designated Saturday June 4th as D11NR INLAND LAKE VSC BLITZ DAY. This date immediately follows NSBW, the Memorial Day weekend, and is the start of National's VSC Mega-Weeks promotion. While I know that many Flotilla's have adopted ramps and scheduled VSC stations throughout the Delta area, San Francisco Bay, and off-shore, I'd like to ask that if possible, each Flotilla promote this specific VSC day at a lake in their geographic area. Flotilla's that have not adopted a lake and Flotilla's that need to order supplies from ANSC and elsewhere have plenty of advance notice to establish the necessary contacts and obtain supplies. In addition to the VSC station, a PA and Information table should also be considered to supply boating safety information to the boater. Lastly, consider a potluck BBQ at the end of the day making this a true Flotilla effort. After the event, I would ask each Vessel Examiner to contact their local FSO-VE's and report their day's VSC count and the name of the location where the VSC Blitz occurred so results can be forwarded to me ASAP for my District report. By working together we can make this a successful event for 2011 and the future, and have an impact on boating safety on inland lakes here in D11NR. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

-The Coast Guard has withdrawn its attempt to get an expanded Hull Identification Number (HIN) for recreational boats. This was the second attempt that started in 2008. The previous attempt was in

1994. CG-542 had tried to get a 17-character HIN in place of the 12-character one currently used. It was supposed to help with stolen vessel recovery, etc. LE agencies wanted it. Apparently not many others did. Source: Paul Newman, 11th District RBS Program Manager

-In keeping with the 2011 revised District 11NR Vessel Examiner communication process, there have been several email communications throughout the months of February and March. Some of the messages sent include: the Inland Lake VSC Blitz on June 4, 2011, DSC info, the revised public VSC website: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public.ve.html> and the new public VSC site locator website: <http://resource.d11nuscgaux.info/public.ve/vsc-ca-nv-ut.html>. For more information on these topics and past information, please refer to your D11NR Vessel Examiner website: <http://rbsafety.d11nuscgaux.info/ve/ve.html>.

National News

-"The "I Want A VSC" data base had not been updated for a number of years. There have been concerns that names may have been listed that were no longer active or qualified VE's. To this end, Branch Chief Communications, Paul Mayer has worked closely with Bill Pritchard of the National IT department to resolve the issue. A solution was developed that resulted in a purge of outdated material, and now ALL current and qualified VE's - 7,522 in total are listed. There is no longer a need for Auxiliary members to request to be listed on the site. All VE's are listed and it will be automatically updated every month from AUXDATA. The sign up page is changing to let Auxiliary Members know that we have gone to using AUXDATA and that only USPS VE's need to use the sign-up page. The only drawback is that as in the past, new examiners will not be able to sign-up for more than one ZIP Code." Source: Lillian Haines DIR-V

Bob Hendry, ASC

Results of Test of Emergency Callout System

On February 18, a drill testing our emergency callout systems was conducted resulting in just over 50% of our membership being reached within a 10 hour period. Of those reached, about two-third of them volunteered to offer assistance. The best results were achieved by groups utilizing multiple methods simultaneously (telephone calls, text messages and emails) while many reported a need to refresh their phone lists. The unofficial consensus was that we will be better off in a real emergency as a result of this drill. We should consider another drill later this year.

Update of District Contingency Plan

The National Auxiliary Office of Contingency Planning has released a template for Districts to follow in developing their contingency plans. The template was developed based on our plan and that of one other district. Our plan, which was approved by EXCOM, in March last year, has been evaluated in light of the template and is under review by Sector SF to ensure it is still in line with their plan. Rather than substantive changes, improvements lie in descriptions of how the Auxiliary may assist in various response scenarios: Wellness checks, Situation Assessments, Emergency Communications, Transport of personnel, supplies & equipment, Search and Rescue, Safety Zone Enforcement, Incident Command Post Assistance (marine safety and admin), ATON verification and interpreter assistance. Appendices are being added to provide a checklist for common ICS responsibilities and to show an ideal information flow chart. Examples of how Auxiliary assistance may be applied in various scenarios are included as Annexes. The revised plan will be submitted to EXCOM for approval after integration into the plan of Sector SF.

Northern California Tsunami Incident

A unified incident command center was set up on Yerba Buena Island consisting of CA Fish and Game personnel as Incident Commander and the USCG Sector SF Command as Deputy Incident Commander. Incident Command Posts were established at the Santa Cruz Harbor and at the Crescent City Harbor. Over 50 Auxiliarists have been providing assistance in providing emergency communications, rendering assistance at the Command Posts (crowd control, harbormaster support and photography) or standing by for a callout. Jeff Price had mobilized the Sector SF Communications Trailer in Santa Cruz on Friday and, with the assistance of other communications operators, handled emergency communications for the next 48 hours until it was ordered to stand down. In addition, there were many other land mobile operators on standby. Wally Smith, DCDR-6, organized auxiliary resources in the Santa Cruz area for Incident Command Post duties from Saturday morning and is still continuing. Joaquin Duran, DCDR-4, is standing by to assist Division 6 as needed. Both Division 6 and 4 are assisting by contacting boat owners to determine if all boats have been accounted for. Judy Esteban provided photography assistance as requested. Division 8 has members on standby pending better weather conditions to assist in the Crescent City area. They will be called upon to provide assistance as soon as practical. A High Frequency communications net on the west coast had been set up early on and details on it are provided in the report of the DSO-CM.

The Auxiliary has been commended by CAPTs Stowe and Jewess for its quick response and professionalism.

Lessons Learned from Above

Lessons learned from the above three activities should serve as reminders to us all as follows.

- a. Ensure that our callout lists are updated for current contact information and a shared approach to making the calls is organized ahead of time.
- b. Promote the completion of at least basic Incident Command System courses (ICS 100 & 700) for all members, encourage the completion of next level ICS course (200 210 and 800) for those who volunteer to assist and encourage HAZWOPER training.
- c. Encourage members to seek qualifications in an Incident Command capacity. More information on how to do this will be furnished later.
- d. Update skills survey of members who volunteer to assist in an emergency (non-Auxiliary skills such as merchant marine officers, doctors, nurses and EMTs, architects and engineers, translators, divers, photographers, computer technicians, drivers, cooks and child care).
- e. Provide familiarization training for all members in their division's/flotilla's area of responsibility.
- f. Promote members being familiar with proper radio procedures and encourage completion of the Specialty course AUXCOM.

Inland Lakes Authorization and Radio Guard

This study, which was reported on last month, was completed and a meeting was held between Dean LaChapelle, DCAPT-Response, and LCDR Leanne Lusk resulting in proposed safety improvements in our policies as it relates to inland lake safety patrols. A meeting to confirm our agreement with Sector SF, the OIA for most of our inland lake patrols, will be held at D-Train between CAPT Stowe, COMO Perata and COMO Williams. The policy changes will be rolled out in the upcoming Operations Workshop.

National Safe Boating Week requests for Sector SF involvement

Several requests have been received for Sector SF participation in Auxiliary events during the upcoming National Safe Boating Week. These include requests for personnel and CG assets. It is requested that all divisions get their requests in to me as early as possible to ensure an efficient use of CG resources and to give them the best chance of securing support.

Requests processed since mid-February

Since February 13, 22 formal requests were handled for Sector/Auxiliary assistance between myself and Jeff Price and Dave Talton. All matters were handled satisfactorily; there are several open items. Above does not include requests for the Northern California Tsunami Incident.

Steven Perez, DDA

Highlights:

- Collected and reviewed materials needed to evaluate a NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity.
- Had 2 phone conferences with COMMO Richard Miller (D11SR) Pac Branch Chief (Diversity). Discussed N-Train information, DDA Position, and Obtaining 3 Star information to evaluate 3 Star Awards.
- Received and started evaluation process on NACO 3 Star Award submitted by D 11 NR Flotilla.
- Responded back to 3 Star applicant, and am working with the flotilla on format and submitting further information for review.
- Make Note of Admiral Robert Papp's (Shipmate's 9 - Commandant's Direction 2011-2012 - 005/11 Dated 2/12, 2011). His vision and goals for the Auxiliary in the coming year is clearly focused on our heritage, our values and the Auxiliary's role in accomplishing our assigned missions. He also states the importance of how Diversity will help us become a better and more dynamic organization.

Future Goals:

- In receiving a 3 Star Award for evaluation, I realized what a special and dynamic award it is. I also realized that the application and it's requirements can be somewhat intimidating. My goal in the next couple of months is to provide all of the flotilla's and divisions with the information on how to apply for this award. I will then assist any applicant in the application process to see if they do in fact meet the criteria for this award.
- At first blush, my first recommendation when applying for this award would be to select a committee to work through the application and worksheet prior to submitting it for review.
- I will always be available both by phone or e-mail to assist with the application as well.