

District 11NR
Board & Staff Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 19 2024

Prepared By: Robin Stewart, DSO-SR

1. Call To Order

- a. @ 1900

2. Roll Call

- a) DIRAUX CDR Jones
- b) OTO BOSN Perez – Excused
- c) DCO Curtis Han
- d) DCOS Jim Losi
- e) IPDCO COMO McFarren
- f) DCAPT COMO Dale Fajardo – Excused
- g) DCAPT Michael Brown
- h) DCAPT Bill Hale
- i) Div 1 Peter Gorenberg
- j) Div 3 Doug MacPherson – Excused
- k) Div 4 Kristan Verveniotis
- l) Div 5 Randy McCormick
- m) Div 6 Bruce Krogstad
- n) Div 7 Bill Ross
- o) Div 8 Richard Stanton – Excused
- p) Div 10 Michael Rafatti – Excused
- q) Div 11 Bruce Martin – Excused VCDR Bill Stolz standing in for him.
- r) Div 12 Nikolay Zherebnenkov – Excused
- s) PCA President Nancy Marion

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve May’s meeting minutes made by Bruce Krogstad and seconded by Bill Hale. DCO Han called for a vote and the motion passed.

4. District Board & Staff Reports

DCDRs

- a. Div 1 Peter Gorenberg – Report on file.
 - i. May’s Water Safety Fair was successful. There was good turnout and support from the Active Duty and Agency partners.
 - ii. Surface Ops – Silver Charm completed 3 Helo Air Ops patrols supporting ASSF, 3 PATONs, and was part of a two boat training patrol

- preparing for a recertification QE check ride on July 20. Flotilla 1-4 members have completed 33 PATON verifications.
- iii. Division 1 and its flotillas' application for NACO Award was accepted on 21 May.
 - iv. 12 VSC's completed by members of Flotilla 14 on June 1 allowed Flotilla 17 to re-certify one VE and initially qualify another VE.
 - v. BZ to Nancy Marion of Flotilla 14 for receiving the Gold Hourglass Device with sustained service of 15,000 hours. Chris Armbrust of Flotilla 14 is now a certified VE.
- b. Div 3 Doug MacPherson – Report on file.
- i. Many NSBW activities were conducted including information booths, VSCs, Boating Safety courses and on the water activities. BZ to Division Coordinator Richard Celia and the many Division members who participated.
 - ii. Station Rio Vista named their radio watch room the “Auxiliarist Steve Harrison Communications Center” in recognition of the numerous hours he stood watch there. BZ to Steve Harrison!
- c. Div 4 Kristen Verveniotis – Report on file.
- i. NSBW activities included a RBS and VSC event at Alviso Launch Ramp in San Jose, with 14 VSCs being completed. The Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show in Redwood City had members from Divisions 4, 1, and 6 participating in two booths. Information on the CA State Parks Clean Boating Initiative and recreational boating safety was shared with the public.
 - ii. A TCO training was held on June 9. Two Division members are close to completing their qualification. A TCT Training was held June 11.
- d. Div 5 Randy McCormick – Report on file.
- i. Flotilla 5-1 conducted several VSCs on Opening Day on the Straits.
 - ii. Seaman Harold Bray memorial statue unveiled. Bray was the last surviving sailor from the U.S.S. Indianapolis and a local resident. Members of Flotilla 5-2 donated money towards a memorial brick placed at the foot of the statue with the USCGAUX emblem on it.
 - iii. Flotilla 5-3 has held several safe boating classes in May.
 - iv. Flotilla 5-5 held a successful PA event at the Bodega Bay Fish Festival.
 - v. Auxiliarists and Station Vallejo Reservists held a Meet and Greet in May. A Helo-Ops SAR Standby Mission is continuing and Active Duty/Reservists are requesting joint training with AUX facilities.
- e. Div 6 Bruce Krogstad – Report on file.
- i. NSBW participation included an info booth, multiple VSCs, tours of a CG MLB, Harbor Patrol boat, Boat US Rescue vessel, and AUX Facility

- 301219 at Santa Cruz Harbor. In Capitola, an info table inside a West Marine store and VSC opportunities gave good results.
- ii. Support missions included watch standing at Station Monterey, joint at sea training with CG MLB, one Helo Support patrol, 2 days of Aux Physician duty at Alameda Clinic and 1 day at sea aboard the Hawksbill.
 - iii. BZ to Craig Johnson for conducting 304 VSCs to date.
- f. Div 7 Bill Ross – Report on file.
- i. NSBW activities included setting up a display table in the boating section of Cabela’s store for the entire week and educating the public about the Invasive Species course requirement; Flotilla 7-3 members participated in a Paddle With Care event; two members completed their VE requirements at NSBW events.
 - ii. Mike Thompson has been certified as Division Operations Workshop Instructor. Classes were held June 6 and 10.
 - iii. PA events were held at the Utah Lake Festival on June 8 and at Intermountain Rigging in SLC on June 14. West Haven community requested a PA booth and life jacket training at their Founder’s Days event on June 18.
 - iv. The first patrols of the season started on Memorial Day weekend.
- g. Div 8 Richard Stanton – Excused. No Report Received.
- i. Bill Hale reported that Lighthouse maintenance is ongoing. Boat America classes are continuing. Lifejacket giveaways are planned.
- h. Div 10 Michael Rafatti – Absent. No Report Received.
- i. Div 11 Bruce Martin – Report on file.
- i. Lake Tahoe water temp is at and above 60 degrees now. MOM, PATON and special events patrols are on the schedule.
 - ii. STA LT held a Change of Command ceremony on June 13, 2024. Division 11 was well represented and AUX (AUC) Robert Wilson provided the invocation for the ceremony.
 - iii. Summer means many seasonal PATONs are reinstalled; Div 11 verifies them annually.
- j. Div 12 Nikolay Zhrebnekov – Absent. Report on file.
- i. Successful PR event at the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival on Memorial Day weekend.
 - ii. Multiple search and rescues were performed in the past month by the crew of SERVANT conducting Kite Surfer Safety Patrols in San Francisco Bay. SERVANT is also conducting training for new boat crew

- and coxswains, and is preparing for some check rides at the Division 1 OPTREX scheduled for July 20.
- iii. Aviation patrols continue in coastal Bravo and Charlie sectors and inland Delta sector, with 3 aircraft in the flotilla performing active patrols.
- iv. Flotilla 12-01 will have a brand new VSC event at Alameda Marina on July 13.

Board Members

- a. PCA President Nancy Marion – Report on file.
 - a. Instructor request form for PCA Fair classes is completed and will be available next week.
 - b. Arrangements are in progress for the Lucky Bag to be available.
 - c. Commemorative plaques on the entrance to the memorial site are being refurbished and will be installed shortly.
 - d. The Memorial Service will be held September 21.
- b. IPDCO COMO McFarren
 - a. Nothing to report.
 - b. Yielded the rest of his time.
- c. DIRAUX CDR Jones
 - a. Thanks for all the reports; it puts the Auxiliary in a good light.
 - b. C-School deadline was June 15.
 - c. DIRAUX SAMA money is available for surface patrols.
 - d. Getting orders ready for September PCA Fair.
 - e. Blood Borne Pathogen training requirement and frequency is under review.
- d. OTO BOSN Perez – Excused. No Report.

Prevention – DCAPT Dale Fajardo – Excused.

- a. DSO-MS – Joseph Chavoan absent. Report on file.
 - a. USCG Base CGI Shoreline Cleanup SAT 11 May very successful.
 - b. USCG BASE(s) Requested and Planned 2024 Shoreline Cleanups for YBI and Station Golden Gate. Planned to take place in late Summer/early Fall.
 - c. Alameda Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup USCG AUX 20 APR was great success.
 - d. MS QUALS WORKSHOP DAY – 15 JUN US CG STA RIO VISTA was successful.

- b. DSO-PA – Chuck Cobery – Report on file.
 - a. NSBW was a complete success. IPDCO COMO Dean McFarren is compiling all reports which will be shared with the District and go to the National level.
 - b. BZ to West Marine stores for their cooperation with local safe boating promotions, from having VEs in their store or displaying VSC sign-up booths.
 - c. Noted that more PA events are planned District-wide.

- c. DSO-PV – Mike Thompson – Absent. Report on file.
 - a. FSO & SO-PVs please report your work promptly to either your IS Officer or directly into AuxData. A tutorial is provided at the end of this report.
 - b. Congratulations to Craig Johnson for being third member of the Century Club.

- d. DSO-NS - Michael Hay – Absent. Report on file.
 - a. 2024 D11 (dpw) tasking assignments (52 Bridges & 830 PATONs) for District Aid Verifiers:
 - Completed 166 PATON Verifications (20%) which are due Sept 30.
 - Completed 48 Bridge Surveys (92%) which were due May 31.
 - b. District has 36 raster charts subject to cancellation. All raster charts will be eliminated July 31. Chart is attached in report.
 - c. New priorities established to complete surveys and verifications in the following order: Bridges, Class I, Class II and then Class III PATONs.

- e. DSO-PE – Sean Harvey – Report on file.
 - a. Renewing NASBLA certification for Boat America is in progress. California has provisionally extended its approval of BA and BS&S through June 30 2024. Upon receiving final approval, new PowerPoint slides must be downloaded and used.

- f. DSO-VE – Laurence Boag – Report on file.
 - a. VSCs are getting done. More decals are being requested.

Response – DCAPT Michael Brown

- a. DSO-AV – Larry Olson – Report on file.
 - a. Six training patrols were held in May.
 - b. Doug Kerr’s Air Facility 1955 Bell 47 Helicopter was a highlight at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival.

- b. DSO-OP – Wally Smith – Excused. Report on file.
 - a. OPTREXs are scheduled from July through September.
 - b. Check Ride Tracker shows 107 members due for requalification on a sliding scale through 2027.
 - c. CPR/First Aid not a requirement for Boat Crew members and Coxswains.

- c. DSO-CM – Larry Stanton – Report on file.
 - a. A TCO Workshop was presented with 20 attendees.
 - b. The Mt. Diablo site remains non-operational as a link to the marine VHF system used by Auxiliarists. Alternative solutions are being explored.

- d. DSO-EM – Nikolay Zherebnenkov – Absent. Report on file.
 - a. DSO and ADSO awaiting training exercise to start Unit Leader Part A PQS with the gold side.

- e. DSO-AS – Andrew Manning – Absent. No Report Received.

Support – DCAPT Bill Hale

- a. DSO-CS – Carl Henning – Report on file.
 - a. District webpages are being updated with new material.
 - b. DTRAIN reports created to assist DCO Han, Randy McCormick, and John-Michael Zimmerle.
 - c. Reports received from District Staff were prepared for uploading.

- b. DSO-CA – John-Michael Zimmerle – No Report Received.
 - a. Preparations for DTRAIN in progress.

- c. DSO-IS – Pam Berger – Report on file.
 - a. AUXDATA II home page updated with hyperlink boxes for members to access their member record, a new Activity Log, and a new Service Request with hyperlinks to Competencies, Tasks and Awards is coming.

- d. DSO-MT – Anne Zocchi – Report on file.
 - a. Thank you to Instructors for teaching required classes.
 - b. Extra classes are being scheduled to meet June 30 deadline.

- e. DSO-DV – Nancy Peterson – Report on file.
 - a. 21 Flotillas received the NACO Three Star Award for Diversity.

- f. DSO-HR – Lou Sarto – Report on file.
 - a. District has 947 active members.
 - b. PSI checks on new enrollees is delayed due to being short-handed.
 - c. ADSO Larry Morales continues to support the new member onboarding process.
- g. DSO-MA - John Brandenburg – Absent. No Report Received.
 - a. The District Store will be open during DTrain. The Coastie trailer is being maintained.
- h. DSO-PB – Roger Bazeley – Report on file.
 - a. Northwind Q2 will be released in July.
 - b. National staff looks forward to seeing the coverage of DCO Han’s Cutterman Ceremony along with DSO-CA Zimmerle’s feature article that National wants to publish.

Miscellaneous -DCOS Jim Losi

- a. DSO-FN – Morgan Swiggett – Report on file.
- b. DSO-IR – Ricardo Moreno – Absent. No Report Received.
 - a. DCOS Jim Losi reported that 3 new linguists have signed on.
- c. DSO-SL – Don Anderson – Report on file.
 - a. Don Anderson, SLO-CA – DSO-LLO Kevin Powers is monitoring SB 1066 that establishes a “Marine Flare Recovery Fund” and procedures for disposal of expired pyrotechnics.
 - b. Lana Visser, SLO-UT – Attempting to meet with State BLA Ty Hunter.
 - c. Roger Haynes, SLO-NV – Aaron Meier, NDOW Public Information Officer says BLA position is vacant. Meier has signing authority and wants the contact at NASBLA, and he will sign an extension for Nevada.
- d. DSO-SR – Robin Stewart – No Report.
 - a. May’s minutes were submitted to DCO Han.
- e. ASC-SF – Sue Fry – Excused. No Report Received.
- f. ASC-HUM – Bill Hale – Report on file.
 - a. Flotilla 08-08 continues to support Point Arena Lighthouse and assisting with refueling the Point Arena fuel farm.
 - b. Flotilla 08-11 is planning a lifejacket giveaway in Crescent City.

- c. Flotilla 08-39 continues to support Whiskeytown Lake safety patrols and moonlight kayaking safety patrols. One member has become certified to operate NPS motorboats.

Miscellaneous -DCO Curtis Han

- a. DSO-LP – Joanna Nevesny – Absent. No Report Received.
- b. DSO-CR – Neil Nevesny – Absent. No Report Received.

5. Leadership reports

- a. DCOS – Jim Losi
 - i. ACV – Update
 - 1. Is in the process of being delivered to Sacramento Academy.
 - ii. RFF – Update
 - 1. There are many requests for Forces from the Coast Guard. Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Portuguese, and Russian linguists are needed, as well as active operational members, and additional CAs are needed.
- b. DCO – Curtis Han
 - i. Uniform Inspection Update

30% of members, Nationally, have completed uniform inspections. After 31DEC, members will be placed in REYR status. There are 3 ways to conduct uniform inspections—in person, virtually or by sending photograph of members in uniform. Uniforms accepted – ODU, Tropical Blue, AWU. Elected leaders are responsible for conducting the inspection and entering the data in AD2. IS officers may support the elected leaders with entries.
 - ii. Annual Workshop Deadline June 30

All required workshops are due June 30; after this deadline members will be placed in REWK status.
 - iii. District Elections – July 22 deadline for Letters of Intent

All eligible candidates for District election are encouraged to submit the letter of intent by no later than 22JUL. So far the candidates are:
For DCO – Jim Losi
For DCOS – Randy McCormick, Charles Cobery
For DCAPT – Michael Brown (incumbent), Pete Gorenberg, Michael Mitchell, Nikolay Zherebnenkov, Gregory Olsen, Bill Ross, Steven Johnson, Bryce Leinan. Election date is 21SEP.
 - iv. DTRAIN Update – good attendance noted; approximately 150 attendees anticipated, including special guests from Active Duty units, USNL, and 8 participating AUX-CAs. DTRAIN planning team

has been working tirelessly for the past three months, planning and preparing for the event.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Good of the Auxiliary

- a. Congratulations to Timothy Smith from Flotilla 3-5 for achieving AUXOP status and receiving the device.
- b. BZ to Christopher Zawislak from Division 7 who enrolled in February and has achieved BQ status and is AUXOP.
- c. Congratulations to Joseph Heap from Flotilla 3-10 for being awarded the RBS device.
- d. DCO Han spoke about his experience becoming a Cutterman and receiving the device and shared photos of the ceremony.

9. Adjourn

- a. @ 2025
- b. Motion: Nancy Marion
- c. Seconded: Bill Hale