



**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**  
District Eleven North Region  
**DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**



April 5, 2021

**To: Dean McFarren**

**Cc: Curtis Han**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Larry Stanton DSO-CM**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Working to complete authorization to use HF on ACV and trailer. Site visits set to reinstall programmed HF radios and tuner.
2. New D11N HF (local) net has been initiated. This will occur at 1830 hrs, Tuesdays before the West Coast Region Net. This net will also use voice and digital modes.
3. Planning continues with CDR. Graham on the Aux Service Catalog to be used by CG with respect to communications.
4. Planning continues on 2021 Contingency Communications drills.
5. We are receiving strong interest in our participation with CAL OES HF Net (Cal Link) as the link to the USCG.
6. 2021 goals passed to D-Capt Marion for review.
7. Emailed information on a web based emergency communications workshop to SO-CM to pass on to members.

**Division reports:**

Division 1- SO-Paz is working with members on possible participation in regional OES drill. A simulated disaster in San Francisco Bay Area. New TCO operator in Division 1. ACV inventoried.

Division 3- 3-10 VTS returned Diablo to Aux. Inventory and testing of comms gear in trailer, Air Station Sacramento. New trailer plate arrived. VHF net will be moved to 1900 hrs starting March 15. An RTX (digital) mode will follow at 1930.

Division 11- Nothing to report. Goal of recruiting more TCO in Division and more HF operators to participate in the West Coast Region Net.

**ADSO Reports:**

1. ADSO-CC Scholz: Becoming familiar with 11N. Plans for small scale radio training in support of the D11CCNET. Working on TTP document to solidify creation, evaluation and training of HF and VHF radio facilities in support of D11CCNET and Cal Office of Emergency Services Contingency Net. Working on marketing document to explain the purpose of and function of D11 North and

West Coast Region Net for Elected Leadership of D11N. Continue to check in to Region Net, Cal-OES Net and southern VHF nets.

2. ADSO-ARMS-Firehock: ARMS program functioning well. Note: We had a Sector request for assistance with a hot mic (ch-16). Members searched the delta area Friday 4-2-21 and Saturday 4-3-21. The radio was located Saturday late afternoon at Buckley Cove Marina (Stockton) and secured by the Harbor Master.
3. ADSO-ACV Busch: Purchased fire extinguishers and wiper blades for the vehicle.

#### **SO-Reports:**

1. Division 1- No report filed.
2. Division 3- and Aux Unit Coordinator- AUC-

### **D11 Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for Coast Guard Station Rio Vista**

#### **Report for March 2021**

#### **Highlights:**

- \* Attended via telephone the review of Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Overview presented by Jeff Fite Division 3 SO-MS on 04 March.
- \* Had lunch at the Point Restaurant with the Station's leadership (OIC, XO, OPS & MK) on 12 March.
- \* Noted the one year anniversary since I last stood Radio Watch at the Station on 13 March 2020.
- \* Attended via telephone the Annual OPS Workshop conducted after Elk Grove Flotilla 3-10 meeting on 18 March.
- \* The Station has a direct 24/7 cell number 707-389-0518 for the Officer Of the Day (OOD). This is **NOT** to replace radio communications with the Station but to augment it to pass vital information or ask serious questions.

#### **Activity Details:**

- \* CG Station Rio Vista conducted 17 SAR cases during the last 30 days. The average March SARs over the last 15 years is 13 with 2010 seeing 24. The Station conducted 87 vessel boardings. The average March boardings for the last 09 years is 33. This month's 87 is a new record beating 2014's 68.
- \* Submitted my High-Risk Assessment Form + COVID-19 Vaccine Card to DIRAUX and other CG and AUX Officials on 20 March.

#### **Current Projects:**

- \* Auxiliary Unit Coordinator (AUC) for CG Station Rio Vista for D11. I contact the Station by phone weekly for a SitRep as Auxiliary have not been permitted on the Station since March 2020.
- \* Doug MacPherson is working with BMC Bennett to present a Boating Season Kickoff class for Auxiliary members on 10 April. It will be via computer and not at the Station.

#### **Challenges:**

- \* To continue to be optimistic about the future of the Auxiliary in the Delta.
- \* To get AUX Coxswains to submit CG4612 Report to the Station when they tow a disabled boat or provide assistance. BMC Bennett prefers the report for the Station records but its not required.

\* To gain physical access to CG Station Rio Vista and re-establish a working relationship with the crew.

### **Agency Interactions:**

\* Participated in the Station's monthly DOIT (Delta Officers Intelligence Team) meeting via teleconference on 03 March. Participants included; Sacramento, San Joaquin and Contra Costa county sheriff marine divisions, Fish and Wildlife, CG Sector San Francisco, Cal Boating and Waterways, Cal Guard, Delta Protection Commission, Assemblyman Jim Frasier's office. Topics discussed this month included:

- Station OIC noted that this spring and summer he hopes to have two boats underway at same time – one north and one south
- Station OPS offered to have a Boarding Officer (BO) and a Boarding Team member (BTM) to ride with Sheriffs marine units on occasion at their request. Sacramento and San Joaquin Sheriffs want to participate with this assistance and training.
- He also noted they are emphasizing safety boardings. Most discrepancies were for no type 4s, fire extinguishers or sound producing devices.
- Sector Command Center reported having success with a one hour zoom training for civilian 911 Dispatchers in dealing with CG in Bay Area. Dates are flexible. Sacramento Sheriff wants to participate.
- San Joaquin Sheriff reported two boats stolen from Paradise Marina. One recovered.
- Contra Costa Sheriff reported couple boats stolen from Bethel Island and stripped. They had three boat fires with one fatality.
- Cal Guard reported training with their 47 foot boat in anticipation of summer boating season.
- Next DOIT meeting scheduled for 07 April at 1000.

### **My Goal and Objective for the month:**

\* To be only an American and nothing else hyphenated.

3. Division 5- No report filed.
4. Division 6-No report filed.
5. Division 7- No report filed.
6. Division 8-No report filed.
7. Division 10- No report filed.
8. Division 11- Members expressed an interest in obtaining TCO qualifications. We discussed a series of webinars to go through training manual as a group. Goals- Build up TCO, promote HF programs to increase West Coast Region Net participation as well as District Nets.
9. Division 12-SO-CM working on getting additional FSO-CM for units that do not have CM officers.

### **DETAILS:**

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### **PROJECTS:**

1. Promote more TCO program with Divisions.
2. Amateur Radio Field Day (fellowship) event under discussion with amateur radio club members (if COVID allows).

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Meet all SO-Cm members.
2. Increase TCO operators.
3. Get CGI ham shack operational as Facility at the request of D-11 (it).

**Goals:**

Promote a high level of reliable communications services to the Coast Guard and USCG-AUX using VHF, HF and digital modes (fixed and mobile). This goal can be achieved by doing the following:

Long term:

1. Increase number of HF stations in D11N. PCA Fair demonstrations.
2. Promote VHF nets in each division, voice and digital modes. When realistic, each division should initiate a VHF net utilizing available frequencies.

Short term:

1. Hold large and small scale communications exercises to enhance training of members.
2. Train with gold side communications team. Planned training includes Radio Direction Finding, HF and VHF field training exercises within next 8 months.

**PHOTO GALLERY:**

None this month