



Date: April 2021
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Alan Stanton, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore McFarren
Subject: Activities from March 2021

Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA

From the Deputy's Corner:

As the use of Social Media (SM) expands, the National Leadership has recognized that not everything being posted on Auxiliary SM sites meets the Coast Guard and Auxiliary SM policies and rules. A recent email from the National Leadership has suggested that all SM postings be vetted by flotilla, division and district leadership and the DSO-PA prior to being posted. In keeping with the D11NR policy that all proposed articles, which would include SM postings, be reviewed and approved by the DIRAUX, prior to being released, and in recognition of the need for timely posting of SM information, a 24 to 48-hour review process is imperative. It is recognized that this will require a Leadership monthly report. If there is no SM activity in your Division, report “No SM activity in the Division.” This tells the Leadership that Division Commanders are following the SM process and that there is no SM activity in their AOR. It requires flotilla, division and district leadership to develop systems that support their member’s use of SM.

As District Commodores are ultimately responsible for what is posted on SM sites within their District, it will ultimately fall on the Commodores to assure compliance with Coast Guard and Auxiliary SM policies, with the assistance and input from Division and Flotilla Commanders, their respective PAOs, and the DSO-PA.

District 11NR Division Commanders are expected to include a report of ongoing Social Media (SM) activities in the Flotillas in their AOR, and in

their Divisions, in their monthly reports to the District Leadership. The District Leadership has expressed strong interest in all Social Media activity. Division Commanders are expected to report any Division or Flotilla Facebook, or other Social Media activity to the District.

GREAT WORK - ALL!

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A reminder to Division Commanders that they are responsible for all SM in their AORs

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D11N PA Qualifications

PA - 1: Roger Bazeley, Vladimir Bukhankov, Jerry Edelen, Doug Manifold, John-Michael Zimmerle

PA – 2: Jane D. Smith

PA - 3: Bernard Brown, Jimmin, Chang, Gail Giacomini, Michael Goldberg, Steven Hill, Jim Losi, Bob Schabert, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

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Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA

Report will be add as addendum

Division 1 – Michael Mitchell – UPV Program Manager

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Prevention Directorate
Commercial Vessel Activity

The Commercial Vessel Activity Branch of the Prevention Directorate is charged with the oversight of activities related to Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV) as well as the Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations (CFVE) for the National staff. Headed by a Division Chief the group includes four Branch Chiefs located throughout the country as well as multiple Branch Assistants located within each USCG District.

Our focus this year has been the development and updating of several forms, PQS's, and on-line training information that will be made available to every member of the Auxiliary on the National Prevention web page.

The updating of the current UPV PQS, along with a video training session, will enhance and encourage additional participation from all members. Also, the branch will be providing an informational slide show for all members to see and to check out the possibilities of becoming involved with CFVE activities in their respective areas.

We have also provided the HQ-USCG Commercial Fishing Branch with updates to their current PQS for inclusion on their forms.

Along with the revisions for UPV and CFVE forms and the on-line training opportunities, the Branch has been charged with the development of outreach programs for both UPV and CFVE activities. These outreach programs are being developed for both Inland and Ocean Commercial Vessel Captains to generate more awareness and interest in requesting examinations nationwide. This information will be available by early summer of 2021.

As a final note, the Branch is charged with the re-writing of the UPV PQS into a standardized USCG format by no later than 1NOV2021.

If any member has a question, they can find more information on the National website for Prevention.

Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA

The only PA activity in March is that Don Anderson (VCDR, 113-03) and Richard Celia (SO-PA 113-03) continue to assemble people and teams to address NSBW. No reports were received from the 4 units (01, 33, 35, 10), however, as R. Celia is both FSO-PA for 35 and the Division his information is combined into this report. R Celia continues to work toward his PA3 certification.



SIDKICK on patrol on the Sacramento River in March 2021

Division 4 –

Nothing to report

Division 5 – Wil Sumner, Coxswain – DSO – MS

Flotilla 55 - Conducted 3 patrols in March.

March 6 - MOMS and Training Patrol on the Petaluma River with Margarita. Crew, Thomas Herbst, Frank Capuro and Therese Van Wiele. We also trained with CG Station Vallejo.

March 11 - PATON Patrol on Tomales Bay with Sea Scum II. Crew Frank Capuro. We surveyed 52 PATONS, 44 were unpermitted Mooring balls, 6 unpermitted oyster leases, and one unpermitted research buoy.

March 20 - MOMS/PATON patrol on Bodega Bay with Margarita. Crew, Brian Barton, and Thomas Herbst. We did some two-boat training with CG MLB 257, and surveyed 9 PATONS plus filed a 7054 on an unlit range light.

Covid Bubble Status

Margarita Bubble: Wil Sumner, Thomas Herbst, Brian Barton, Doug Twitchell, Jimmy Matthies, and Therese Van Wiele

Minnow Bubble: Frank Capuro, Jeff Tuttle, John Teague, Steve Kilgariff



Two Boat Training with Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay



Verification of Weather Paton



Tying up at dock

Division 6 – Wally Smith – DSO-OPS

PATROL – OpFac 301219 - Santa Cruz Vicinity – 27 March 2021

The patrol got underway at approximately 0830 with three of our loyal “C.R.A.F.T. Bubblers” ... Michael Brown & Tracy Schultz, crew, and Wally Smith, coxswain. We proceeded to the vicinity of Santa Cruz Wharf where we stopped making way and shut the motors off to listen to CAPT Marie Byrd, C.O. of Sector San Francisco, report on the Auxiliary and pending develops with regards to COVID-19 and loosening of restrictions (hopefully!).



Flat calm conditions off the Santa Cruz Wharf while listening to CAPT Byrd and her team at Sector SF.

The patrol continued uneventfully in M.O.M. (Maritime Observation Mission) status until a late morning stand down for chow.



Michael Brown getting some helm time.



Tracy Schultz maintains a sharp-eyed starboard lookout with the Santa Cruz Wharf and Boardwalk in the background.

Following the break, the M.O.M. patrol was back underway and at 1330, a radio call came in reporting that there was a 28' Grady White powerboat dead in the water (D.I.W.) ½ mile from the entrance to Santa Cruz Harbor. The '219' responded and was first on scene. The Harbor Patrol Boat was dispatched and when they became aware that we were on scene, they radioed back to the Harbor Office that "the Auxiliary is on scene ... they can handle it ... we're returning to the Harbor".

There were three persons on board the D.I.W. vessel and all were OK and the vessel was not taking on water so was "safe". When asked, the vessel owner responded that TowBoatU.S. had been contacted and were on the way. We contacted TowBoatU.S. and provided information on the exact location of the vessel. Once TowBoatU.S. had the vessel safely in tow, the '219' took up position astern of the boat in tow and provided a security screen due to heavy traffic returning to the Harbor. The evolution ended safely.



Following astern of TowBoatU.S. with vessel in tow.

Prior to the patrol concluding, there was some training accomplished with man overboard (M.O.B.) exercises and a good amount of helm time for the crew.

Upon returning the '219r's berth, a small vessel with a mom, pop, and small girl were passing astern of the '219r'. They were summoned over and the youngster was presented with one of our "I Got Caught Wearing A Life Jacket" T-Shirts! The great smiles received and the safety message delivered made it all worthwhile!



Michael Brown models the correct way to photograph children without having written consent from the parents.



It was a stretch but Michael Brown, with boat hook extended, safely delivered the T-Shirt to Mom & Daughter.



Happy family! You can see the smiles ... except for the masks!

Division 7 – Lana Visser – SO-PA



Willard Bay, Utah – Auxiliary facilities Z-Boat and Rover tied up at the docks after a day of patrols. Photo by Tony Zocchi.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

District 11N Board and Staff Meeting

Wed, Apr 21, 2021 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM (MST)

Please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/805852461>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States:
(872) 240-3212 **Access Code: 805-852-461**

Division 7 - Board and Staff Meeting

Thu, Apr 22, 2021 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (MST)

Please join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/868326189>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States:
(312) 757-3121 **Access Code: 868-326-189**

DIVISION 7 HIGHLIGHTS

Division 7 Meeting – The Division Board and Staff, comprised of the Division Commander and Vice Division Commander (DCDR and VCDR), Immediate Past Division Commander (IPDCDR), Flotilla Commanders (FC), and Division Staff Officers (SO) met on March 25th via GoToMeeting. Each board and staff member reported on what has been accomplished the past month and items that are being worked on or need to be addressed. Information from the District Board and Staff Meeting was also passed down per the chain of leadership.

We welcome all members to attend and listen in on the meeting to see the bigger picture of how the Auxiliary operates at another level.

MARCH FLOTILLA HIGHLIGHTS:

Flotilla 72 – March Flotilla Meeting was cancelled this month.

Flotilla 73 – Flotilla Meeting was held via GoToMeeting on March 11th. A quorum was present with Bill Ross presiding as FC. FC and VFC discussed specific flotilla goals established by the decision of all members and a flotilla recruiting plan and direction. FSO reports were given. COMO Mary Kirkwood, Deputy National Commodore (DNACO)-Operations and Pacific Area, and Immediate Past Commodore D11N, was the guest speaker. The next Flotilla Meeting will be April 8th.

Flotilla 76 – Flotilla Meeting was held via GoToMeeting on March 1st. A quorum was present with Gary Mlynarski presiding as FC. FSO reports were given and relevant topics the FC wanted to discuss. The next Flotilla Meeting will be April 5th.

Flotilla 78 – Flotilla Meeting was held via GoToMeeting on March 2nd. A quorum was present with Rex Miner presiding as FC. FSO reports were given and discussed along with relevant topics the FC wanted to discuss. FSO-MT Scott Wells gave a short presentation on COVID-19 safety reminders we need to still be conscious of even as we get our vaccinations. Next meeting will be on April 6th.

AWARDS

Congratulations to Doug and Karen Hammer for receiving their Leadership Competency Level 1. If you are interested in receiving your Leadership Competencies, visit <https://bit.ly/3bY3OOG> for more information.

Congratulations to Sherry Custance for being awarded the Flotilla 73 Founding Member Award.

FLOTILLA MEETING SCHEDULE:

Flotilla 72 – Webinar until further notice - meets the second Monday of each month at 1900 hrs.

Flotilla 73 – Webinar until further notice – meets the second Thursday of each month at 1900 hrs.

Flotilla 76 – Webinar until further notice – meets the first Monday of each month at 1900 hrs.

Division 8 – Flotilla 08-39 – William Hale, FSO-PA

Nothing to report

Division 10 – Nothing to Report

Division 11- Nothing to Report

Division 12 – Jim Losi – PCA President, DSO-HR

Crew: OPFAC SERVANT – The KRAKEN Bubble

Losi, Jim - Coxswain

Thomas, Renee - Coxswain

Busch, Stephen – Boat Crew

Stephens, Mary – Boat Crew Trainee

This is a very brief after-action review and/or evaluation of the above-mentioned patrol.

1. We surveilled the Oakland Estuary for an appropriate place to engage in anchoring evolutions with little success. The bottom was very rocky and the shoreline areas were generally covered in piers or development. Instead, we headed over to Clipper cove, (See Figure 2) where there were great options for anchoring evolutions. The area is protected and the bottom is soft mud.
2. We engaged in two anchoring evolutions at Clipper Cove. See Figure 2 for location.
3. We then engaged in a MOM patrol from Clipper Cove to Station Golden Gate and then along the SF waterfront and the RTB to Oakland Yacht Club.
4. The following are the check rides that will be required on 17 April:
 - a. Coxswain(s):
 - i. Terry Blanchard
 - ii. Renee Thomas
 - b. Boat Crew Member and Trainees:
 - i. Stephen Busch, Recertification
 - ii. Tiffany Townsend, Recertification
 - iii. Alex Bennett, Recertification
 - iv. Mary Stephens, Initial Check Ride
 - v. Cassandra Mani, Initial Check Ride
5. We covered approximately 28 NMs during the patrol. (Figure 1 illustrates tracking data for patrol)

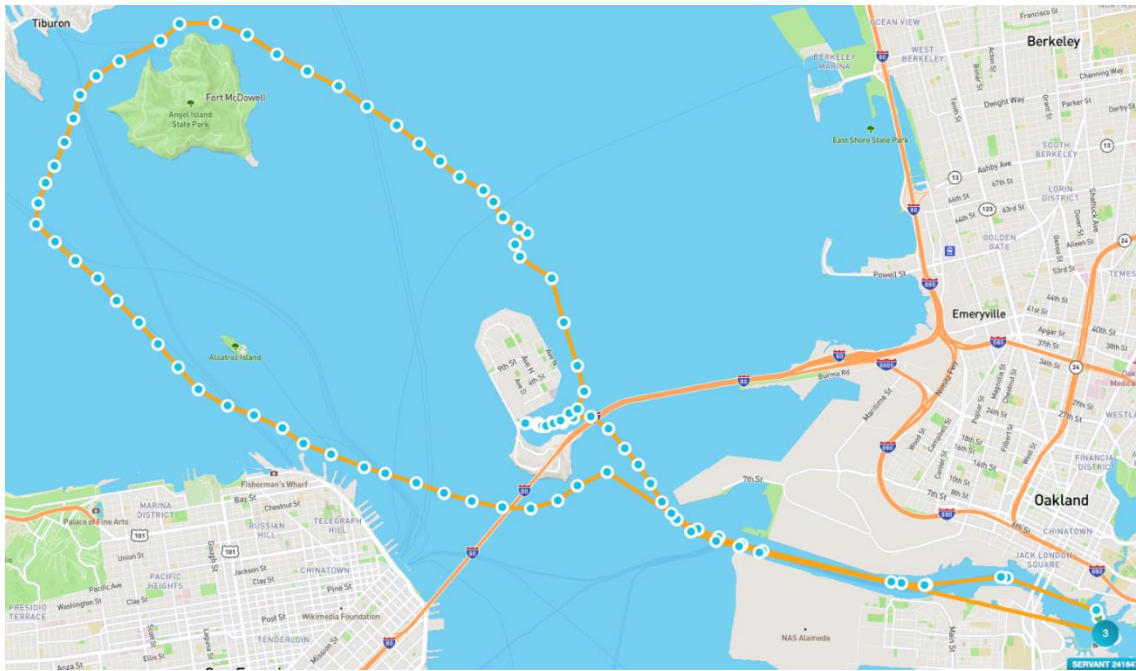


FIGURE 1 – TRACK LINE OF PATROL FOR OPFAC SERVANT. SPY-TEC.

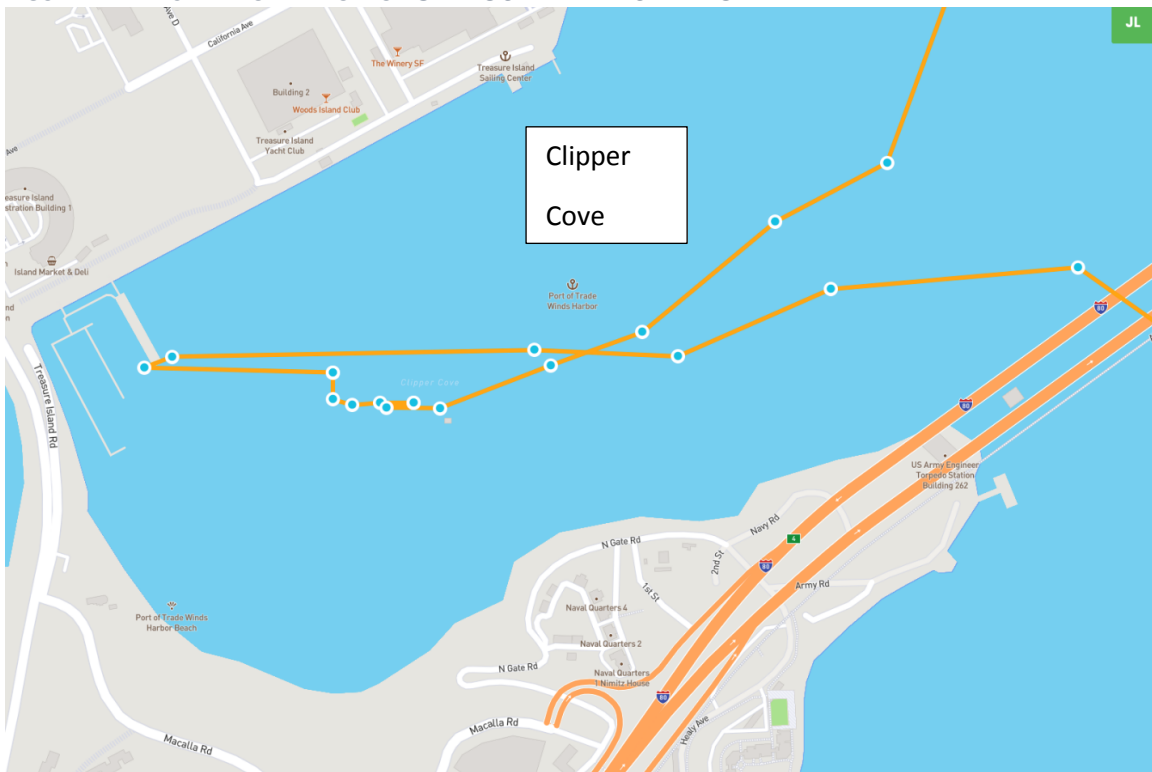


FIGURE 2 -

CLIPPER COVE WHERE WE ENGAGED IN ANCHORING EVOLUTIONS. SPY-TEC.

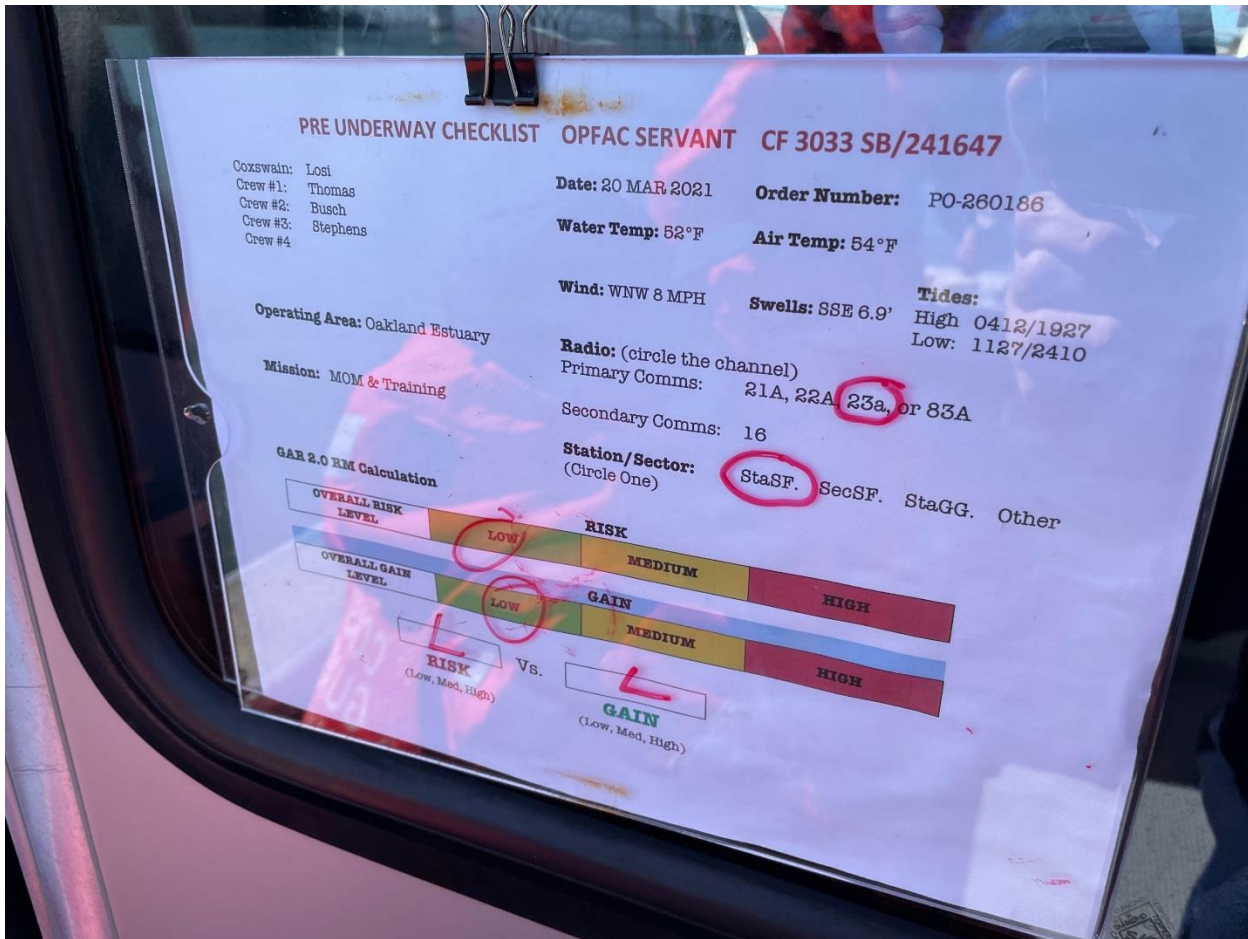


FIGURE 3 – THIS IS A PHOTO OF OUR PRE-UNDERWAY BRIEFING TOOL THAT REMAINS VISIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE PATROL. IT HAS ALL OF THE PERTINENT PATROL INFORMATION AVAILABLE. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.



FIGURE

4 - RENEE THOMAS BRIEFING MARY STEPHENS AND STEPHEN BUSCH ON THE FINER POINTS OF ANCHORING IN CLIPPER COVE.
PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.



FIGURE 5 – MARY STEPHENS AND STEPHEN BUSCH PREPARING SERVANT FOR ARRIVAL AT CLIPPER COVE. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.

**Very respectfully submitted,
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