



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

Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA

From the Deputy's Corner:

Great news - There are plans to hold an AUX-12 Public Affairs Training program in Orland, Florida, in August, prior to NACON. Any member who has not completed the PA 3 specialist program or has not attended AUX-12 previously is eligible to apply. If you, or anyone you know is interested in a Public Affairs Staff Officer position you should work on completing AUX 20, 22,23, 26, and ICS 100 prior to attending AUX-12. Those interested in the AUX-12 program should notify DSO-PA Jane Smith ASAP. Members who do attend the AUX-12 program are strongly expected to complete the PA 3 Specialist certification program within one (1) year of competing the AUX-12 program.

Social Media - 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 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 of 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 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.

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, Michael Mitchell, Bob Schabert, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

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Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA

Report will be add as addendum

Division 3 – Nothing to Report

Division 4 – Nothing to Report

Division 5 – Jim Matthies – Flotilla-PA

Flotilla 55 has been busy so far this boating season. We have been qualifying and re qualifying VE’s at Bodega Bay, Petaluma River and Lake Sonoma. At Lake Sonoma we are working with the management to get their rental fleet into tip top shape for the coming boating season. We are also prepping to assist them with Loaner PFD’S, ABC’S, FED REG’S and other boating safety pamphlets and information. In Operations we have been busy training with Station Bodega Bay in towing evolutions getting our crew members and station members’ valuable training hours and keeping up on crew qualifications. We will meet with the Sheriffs’ and Army Corps of Engineers on May 12 to discuss operations on Lake Sonoma.



Twitchell and Jim Matthies performing VE's on Lake Sonoma's Rental Fleet

Doug



Aux Vessel Margarita in Long tow with Station Bodega Bay Surf Boat 47245

Trainee Therese Van Wiele and Coxswain Wil Sumner (of Division 5) in training with Station Bodega Bay CA.

Division 6 – Wally Smith – DSO-OP

This past month - 2021 Patrol -For the first patrol following the bursting of the “COVID Bubbles”, the crew of OpFac 301219 consisted of Alan Stanton & Onno Hommes, Marius Landaur and trainees Bruce Krogstad, with Wally Smith serving as Coxswain.



As we departed Santa Cruz Harbor, the RBS 29146 from CG Station Monterey was moored on their end tie with crew aboard. Following greetings, we offered to serve as a training target should they need some practice. They readily accepted and said they would be underway in about 30 minutes.

The “29” met the ‘219’ about ½ mile offshore for stern tow practice. Once in position, the tow line was passed.



The evolution went off without a hitch (pun intended). Photo shows the '219' in stern tow behind the 29146.

Once the stern tow evolution was completed, the crew of the 29146 brought the '219' alongside for a side tow evolution. Again ... without a hitch!



Upon completion of the towing exercises, the coxswain of the 29146 asked what our minimum “clutch” speed was ... we responded that it was around 2 to 2 ½ kts. We were requested to maintain course and clutch speed so that an “underway transfer” could be practiced. Complying with the request, the 29146 came alongside and a crew member stepped aboard the 219 ... and then stepped back ... without a hitch!



Our engagement with the 29146 provided multiple “sign-offs” for the young crew obviously in full training mode.



Following the exercises with the RBS 29146, the MLB 47321 from CG Station Monterey cruised by.

All things considered, a very productive day for the personnel from CG Station Monterey ... and a very rewarding day for the crew of the 301219 ... we got a great sense of duty & mission in support of our active duty colleagues!

Division 7 – Nothing to Report

Division 8 – 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. We covered approximately 28 NMs during the patrol. (Figure 1 illustrates tracking data for patrol

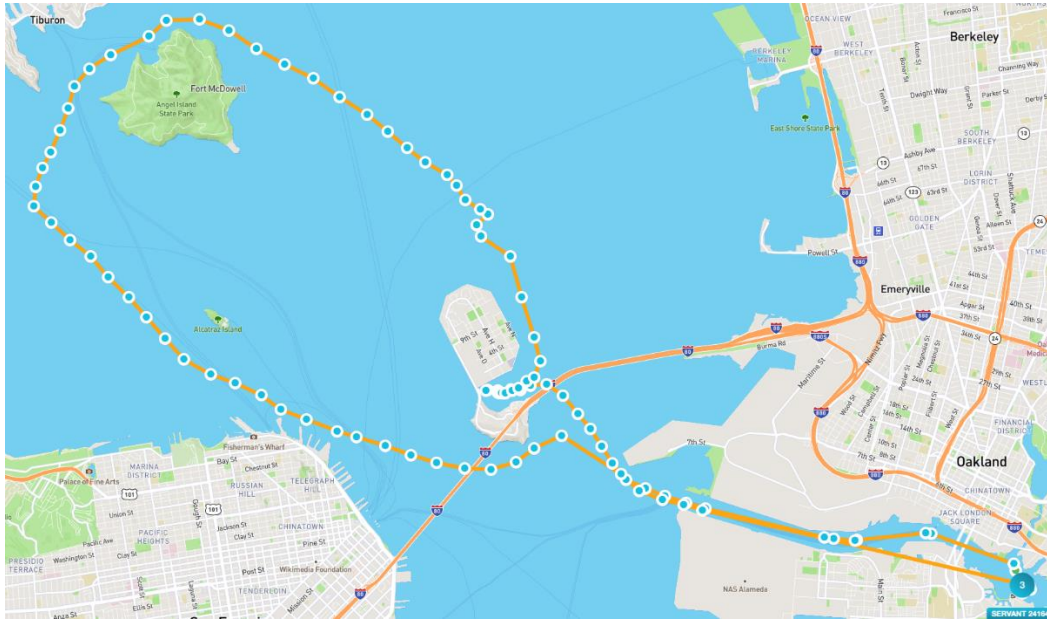


FIGURE 1 – TRACK LINE OF PATROL FOR OPFAC SERVANT. SPY-TEC.

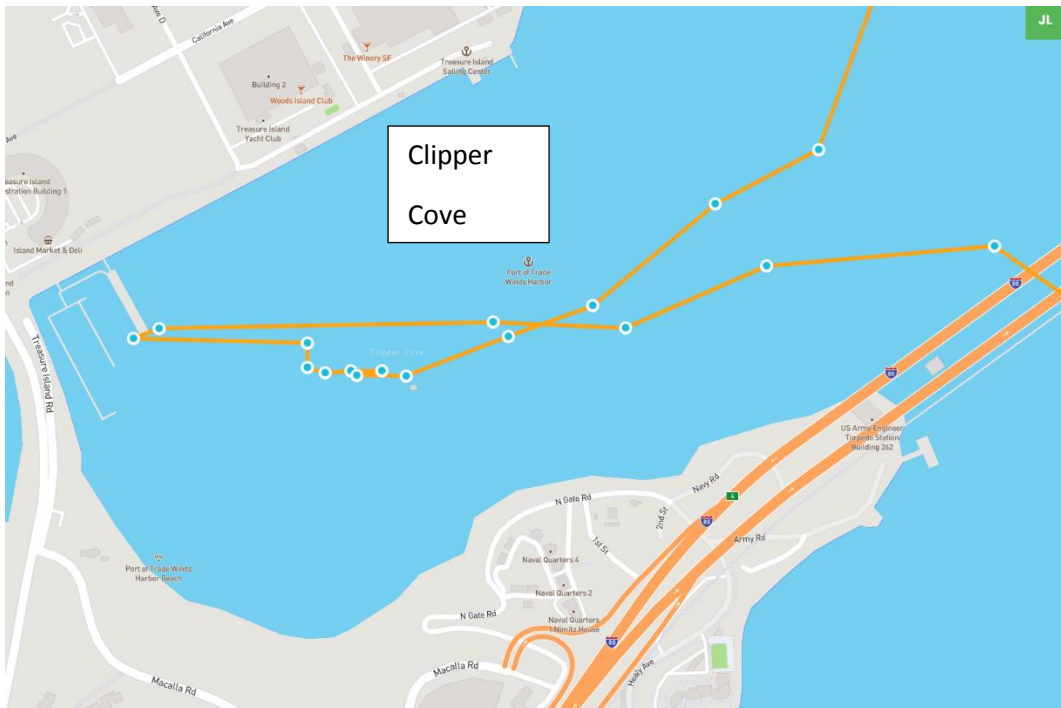


FIGURE 2 - CLIPPER COVE WHERE WE ENGAGED IN ANCHORING EVOLUTIONS. SPY-TEC.



FIGURE 3 - RENEE THOMAS BRIEFING MARY STEPHENS AND STEPHEN BUSCH ON THE FINER POINTS OF ANCHORING IN CLIPPER COVE. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.



FIGURE 4 – MARY STEPHENS AND STEPHEN BUSCH PREPARING SERVANT FOR ARRIVAL AT CLIPPER COVE. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.

**Very respectfully submitted,
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