



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

District Eleven North Region DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

June 8, 2021

To: Dean McFarren

Cc: Curtis Han

Cc: District Board and Staff, ADSO-SO CM

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. Service Catalog delayed. Planning continues to finalize SOP for Cal Link (CAL OES HF Program)
3. Planning continues on 2021 Contingency Communications drills.
4. I will be holding a workshop to discuss VHF RTX (digital mode) in accordance with planned exercises in FY 2021.
5. We have 5 HF stations assigned to the CAL-OES HF net representing the USCG-USCG-AUX (CAL LINK) and ALE/RTX HF radio programs. Final meeting set for 6-9-21 at CGI.
6. Planned meeting with CGI Amateur Radio Club member(s) to finalize inspection of site for facility use for AUX CM programs.
7. Stood up Mt. Diablo High-site for Sector use, Channel 16 and VTS.
8. I received information regarding Aux Data II entry for communications team members:

20B-Radio Watch standing/Net: Hours spent as a qualified Watchstander at a Coast Guard or Aux fixed land station, when specifically requested by Coast Guard. Wearing a beeper is not reportable. Only one operator is reportable per radio. Also, report any time on an authorized Aux Radio Net.

07A- Watch Standing: Use for any mission that is at a Coast Guard Station or Sector other than Radio Watch (for radio watch, is mission code 20-B).

(Thank you Anita Farnholtz and Bob Waterman).

9. Received approval for new D11N logo. Special thank you to BC-ASG Kathlene Ruhan for her assistance with design of the logo.



ADSO Reports:

1. DDSO-Vanderhyde- Nothing to report.
2. ADSO-CC Scholz-Ongoing training-1. A District 11 Northern Region (D11N) (Station Availability Net) HF net is now being conducted weekly, separate from the West Coast Region Net. The D11N net meets at 1830 Pacific Time on the same frequency and as the West Coast Net. It is conducted primarily using RTX (digital messaging) followed by a brief voice check in.

Ongoing training-weekly testing of ALE stations. A tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) document for the ALE is currently being drafted and will shortly be released for review and comment. It is expected that the first of regular monthly webinars dealing with ALE will soon be held.

3. ADSO-ARMS-Firehock: ARMS program functioning well.

SO-Reports:

Division 1- FSO Reports:

Flotilla 12: Report received.

- 1) Completed the build of Telepath Motorola Capacity Max DMR Trunking Emergency Communications Network for Flotilla 12;
- 2) Completed testing of the aforementioned Emergency Communications Network for Flotilla 12: range is from Lake Tahoe to Bakersfield California;
- 3) Set up four transceivers, Motorola XPR 7550, for four Flotilla 12 Members to use the Emergency Communications Network;
- 4) Drafted a Implementation Illustration Document for Flotilla 12's Emergency Communications Network for Flotilla 12's vote; and,
- 5) Drafted a Leadership Summary Document for Flotilla 12's Emergency Communications Network for scope description.

Presently, Flotilla 12's Emergency Communications Network is running and operational. It is military-grade encrypted using talk-group 1130102.

Flotilla 14: Report on file.

Central Marin Mobil 3 and Novato Mobile 1 participated in Monday Radio Nets.

Novato Mobile 1 continues to be the AWO on Saturdays and Central Marin Mobile 3

AWO on Tuesdays

Flotilla 17: No report received.

Flotilla 19: Report received. Participated in Monday night Nets. No call outs.

Projects:

Goals and Objectives:

Flotilla 14: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator.

Flotilla 19: Goal to add one more Radio Communicator

Division 3

Members attended Opening Day Discovery Bay. No communications services provided.

3-1 No FSO-CM, DSO Stanton planning to attend June meeting.

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3-10 participating in VHF and HF nets.

Division 5- flotilla 51 No FSO CM

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Flotilla 53, Robert Galvin, No activity to report.

Flotilla 55 No FSO CM,

Ray Van Cleave put in 25 hours of watch standing at Petaluma TRACEN.

Therese Van Weile trained as AUXCOM during the Memorial Day Patrols on Lake Sonoma.

There were two auxiliary facilities underway (Margarita, and Sea Scum II) plus the Sonoma County Sheriff Boat and USACE boat, all operating on Channel 16 (VHF) and Channel 2 (Digital).

Ray Van Cleave has requested for his Land Mobile facility to be inspected. He and John Guaraglia have been training to complete John's TCO PQS.



Therese Van Weile as AUXCOM, and John Zowalki at the helm on Lake Sonoma

Flotilla 57 No FSO-CM

Division 6-No report filed.

Division 7- No report filed.

Division 8-No report filed.

Division 10- No report filed.

Division 11- Two land mobile facilities re-inspected.

Division 12-No report filed.

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 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:

See Division 5.