



Date: July 2021
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Alan Stanton, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore Dean McFarren
Subject: Activities from June 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. We are proud to report that two members of D11NR have been approved to attend this great training event.

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 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 AUX-12.

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, all proposed articles, which would include SM postings, are to be reviewed and approved by the COLM and 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 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 District 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 added as an Addendum

Division 1 – Roger Bazeley – ADSO-PA (Photography)

As USCG AUX PA1 photographed and covered four District Eleven *Change of Command* ceremonies at the bequest of the USCG. On June, 5th, 2021 I photographed and covered the Eleventh District’s Commander Change of Command ceremony, Alameda, CA.

On June 21, 2021 covered the COC of the USCGC PIKE and its Commanding Officers Lieutenant Alexander La Bell departing and Lieutenant Junior Grade John Lowenstein, USCG retuning from Schooling to resume command of USCGC PIKE 87365. The event was catered by the magnificent Auxiliary AUXFS Chefs and food specialists. (Photos available and submitted)

On June 24th augmented USCG Public Affairs Media Team covering Sector SF Commander's. Capt. Marie Byrd's *Change of Command* with incoming Captain Lam USCG and Captain Byrd's retirement ceremony after 26 years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard.

On June 30, 2021 as Auxiliary Public Affairs photojournalist covered the Change of Command of RADM Peter Gautier with incoming VADM Admiral Michael F. McAllister with Commandant Schultz present and participating.



AUX Culinary Assistance at PIKE Change of Command

Yerba Buena Island, Calif.—Auxiliary Culinary Assistance specialists Patty McSwin, Tommy Holtzman, Linda Haynes , Nancy Holtzman and USCGC Pike's Culinary Specialist Second Class, CS2 Healy, USCG serving up a reception lunch for attendees on the June 21, 2021 USCGC PIKE WPB 87365 *Change of Command* ceremony. LT Alexander J. Belle Commanding Officer since 2019 was reported to Alameda CA while LTJG Jan Lowewenstein resumed his position as Commanding Officer of the USCG cutter PIKE an 87' coastal Patrol Cutter. Photos by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary PA1 Roger Bazeley

Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA

Work continues on the ASPCA Fair in Orangevale (projected date September 2021). Our theme (Protecting Your Pet on The Water)

Opportunity for a both co-op advertising from the host to promote our theme and the AUX show supposed to draw over 1,000 visitors.

CAP CITY AIR SHOW still active and planned at Mather Field for October 2021. Spearhead by Don Anderson (VDCR) we will have a fully staffed AUX display and possible CG and CG-AUX air assets. Working in concert with CG AIR STATION-Sacramento via Russ Kaiser AUX Liaison to the Air Station

Pa will handle all promotions for upcoming PE classes and the Div OPTREX, the Fair, the Air Show and Fleet Week if it happens. (OPTREX is planned for August)

Photos will come in the next PA Report in August as there is a Div BBQ planned for the last Sat of July.

Division 4 –

Nothing to Report

Flotilla 55 – Wil Sumner – DSO-MS

US Coast Guard and Auxiliary Bodega Bay 2021

Flotilla 55 conducted two training patrols with Cg Station Bodega Bay during June, and plan on conducting Night OPS training with the station on July 29. John Guargalia has started training as TCO and Watchstander with the Station.

During Operation Dry Water, Flotilla 55 conducted two patrols on Lk Sonoma and had one SAR case, provided boater education for 26 boaters, and handed out I Got Caught T Shirts. We also had one PA event at Lk Sonoma and met with over 100 boaters and provided boating safety material. During the weekend we also examined 6 boats and 12 kayaks.

CG Station Bodega Bay during Operation Dry Water, had one SAR case, 9 boardings and 187 contacts.

June 1 and May 26 initiated AUDREY L and flotilla 5-2's first patrols of 2021.

Flotilla 53 - Lew Derfuss –DCDR for Division 5 & FSO-OPS

All our currently assigned bridges are complete and only Montezuma Locks and Suisun City Light 19 and 20 remain to be done after they remove flashboards in June.

We now have two AUXFACs SAR DOG and Kokua II. With two AUXFACs with crew support and the bursting of the Covid Bubble we now will have more flexibility and be able to reach out to other trainees and crew in other flotillas on future schedule patrols

We had our first two boat patrol with SAR DOG and KOKUA II on Sunday 27 June out of Brannon Island in Rio Vista AOR. On SAR DOG Coxswain Lew Derfuss, Crew Jim Minkel, Ron Nathan. On KOKUA II Coxswain Randy McCormick, Crew Bob Bain, Kit Galvin and Trainee Morgan Curtis. Our main focus was on multiple towing evolutions, man overboard along with Marlin spike and Risk Management evaluations with the main goal of preparing all aboard for QE session in early Aug. We plan another repeat session in July with both AUXFAC in Rio Vista AOR with focus on Search Patterns, anchoring and other tasks. Also went down to new temporary rock dam at False River by Jersey Island to provide some photos. See Photos Below taken 27 June 2021 By Lew Derfuss



A picture showing barrier Buoys and warning sign on False River Temporary Rock Dam



A picture showing barrier Buoys and warning sign on False River Temporary Rock Dam



A picture showing barrier Buoys and warning sign on False River Temporary Rock Dam



A picture showing outer lighted barrier Buoys and Do Not Enter markings on False River Temporary Rock Dam

Flotilla 55 – Wil Sumner – DSO-MS & FSO-OPS

Conducted 2 patrols in June.

June 12, Margarita conducted a MOMS Patrol on Lake Sonoma

Margarita. Crew, Thomas Herbst, Wil Sumner and Marquis

Margarita had two SAR cases on Lk Sonoma, assisted the Sonoma Co Sheriff on one DUI, plus reported an oil spill to the US ACE and State OES. We also conducted 10 kayak exams and handed out 20 "I Got Caught" ice cream coupons. Mascot Marquis had a lot of fun with the kids.



June 26, Margarita conducted two boat training with CG MLB 245 at Bodega Bay and MOM patrol during the opening of Salmon Season. 55 also provided AUXCOM for this patrol as we expected the station to be very busy due the multiple recreational fisherman underway

Margarita Crew: Thomas Herbst, John Teague, Therese Van Weile.

Our focus was to conduct both long and side tow practice with the CG MLB 245, in order for two candidate coxswains to practice how to approach a larger vessel and determine locations for our Number 1, 2 and 4 lines. We also practiced holding station for passing the pump exercise, use of the radar during day conditions in preparation for our July night ops, search pattern management, and boat handling in seas with 4-foot wind waves and 6-foot swells. (no one got seasick). While there were over 200 recreational fishermen out that day (and many fish were caught, there were no SAR cases. Therese got a lot of line handling and heaving line practice.

We also set up an AUXCOM station to handle the anticipated extra radio traffic and provide COMMS training to John Guargalia.

Comms: Ray Van Cleave, and trainee John Guargalia

Flotilla 52 - Tom Hurley – FSO-OPS

Leaving our homeport at Glen Cove in the late evening, PATONS, and bridge lights of the Carquinez Straits and Mare Island straits were our focus, with some chart plotting thrown in as well. Another very important part of this patrol was reviewing basic seamanship and procedures. COVID 19 restrictions shut down most of 2020 for patrols and we are all out of practice. Training and practice are fundamental to successful and safe patrols. Mike Hay, Earl Berg and Bob Bain were the hero's that did all the hard work of charting, counting, writing, taking photos, timing and listing the lights. Tom Hurley turned the wheel, pushed a lever, and looked out the window. 4 persons out, 4 persons back, no dings, no damage, no drama.

Division 6 – COMO Wally Smith – DSO-OPS

Santa Cruz, CA, - June 2021 Patrols

Patrols were rather scarce out of Santa Cruz with one two-boat patrol and another single facility patrol. Unless there is a specific mission for a patrol, every patrol should include one or more of the following:

1. Maritime Observation Mission a.k.a. “M.O.M.”, where the Auxiliary facility cruises in the vicinity of populated shorelines and other boats on the water. During a M.O.M., the Auxiliary is the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard and we show the “colors” of the active duty thus letting the public know that “we” are ‘out there’. The mission is to see and to be seen.



Auxiliary facility C.R.A.F.T. MOMENT on a M.O.M. patrol offshore of Santa Cruz. COMO Mary Kirkwood and Jane Smith, DSO-PA, standing lookout duties.

2. Every patrol should include some training which could be anchoring, man overboard (M.O.B.) exercises, towing, search patterns, etc. Maintaining our skill levels is an important component of successful patrols and evolutions.



As OpFac MEI LONG approaches, Auxiliarist Bard Mansager prepares the #1 line to pass to the C.R.A.F.T. MOMENT ... both vessels well fendered!



With the #1 line made, Auxiliarist Jane Smith tends a “walking fender” ... a fender that is hand-held and can be placed quickly when and if needed.

- Public Affairs should always be considered when on patrol. Division 6 proudly produces and hands out youth T-Shirts emblazoned with the Auxiliary logo and “I Got Caught Wearing A Life Jacket” to kids wearing life jackets while on vessels. This goes a long way in supporting the Command Message “Life Jackets Save Lives”. And how many times will the recipient wear that T-Shirt among friends and classmates thus spreading the message of RBS ... Recreational Boating Safety?!



Happy “kid” ... Happy Mom! Mission Accomplished!

Division 7 – Lana Turner – SO-PA & PB

No Report Submitted

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA – Flotilla 88

No Report Submitted

Division 10 – Rebecca O’Brian-Witt- SO – PA

10-02: Sector San Francisco received a request for Auxiliary support (patrol or shoreside presence addressing boater safety) from Bureau of Reclamation New Melones for the Independence Day weekend. They have experienced three visitor drownings in the past month, all of which involved life jackets not being worn, and were expecting a large number of visitors for the weekend. New Melones is within the area of responsibility for Flotilla 10-02, so as Flotilla PA officer I set up PA Booths shoreside on Sunday, July 4, and Monday July 5. (The currently operational 10-02 patrol facility was already deployed under orders to another recreational reservoir within our AOR, and thus unavailable for New Melones on the 4th and 5th.) New Melones is also currently conducting inspection stations on the weekends for detecting invasive mussel species utilizing canines trained in sniffing out those infestations. I was able to set up next to their booths both days, and interact with incoming boaters about boating safety in general, and life jacket wearing in particular, while the boats were being inspected.

Incorporating more information and visual demonstrations into our PA events about the environmental and financial threat these invasive species represent for all of the ways we use water could really be helpful in getting the word out, and aid in addressing the very real threat to our waterways, which are already stressed by the drought conditions. Many of the boaters we spoke to had little to no knowledge about these invasive species.

10-03 PA Booth planned for July 17, 2021 at Stockton Sailing Club, in conjunction with VSC’s and Dock Walker activities.

Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO - PA

No Report Submitted

Division 12 – Greg Olson - DCDR

No Report Submitted

Division 12 – Jim Losi – PCA President, DSO-HR & PCA Pres.

Day: Saturday

Date: 26 JUN 2021

Patrol Number: PO-243507

Patrol Mission: MOM with Two Boat Training

Crew: **OPFAC SERVANT**

Jim Losi - Coxswain

Mary Stephens – Coxswain in Training

Adam Kovalevsky – Boat Crew Trainee

Lou Sarto – Boat Crew Trainee

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

1. This patrol involved a MOM patrol and then the practicing of line handling, lookout, and helm commands and control.
2. SERVANT hosted Lou Sarto who engaged in his very first Aux surface operations patrol. Lou fit in perfectly with the culture of SERVANT and was an extremely hard-working boat crew trainee.
3. Sea conditions were moderately challenging for our transit to STATION GOLDEN GATE. We located two significant floating objects in the water and reported them to Station San Francisco. Pictures attached.
4. We docked at St. Francis Yacht Club where we had our lunch, told some sea stories, and then debrief on our training exercises.
5. We covered approximately 21 NMs during the patrol. (Figure 1 illustrates tracking data for patrol)

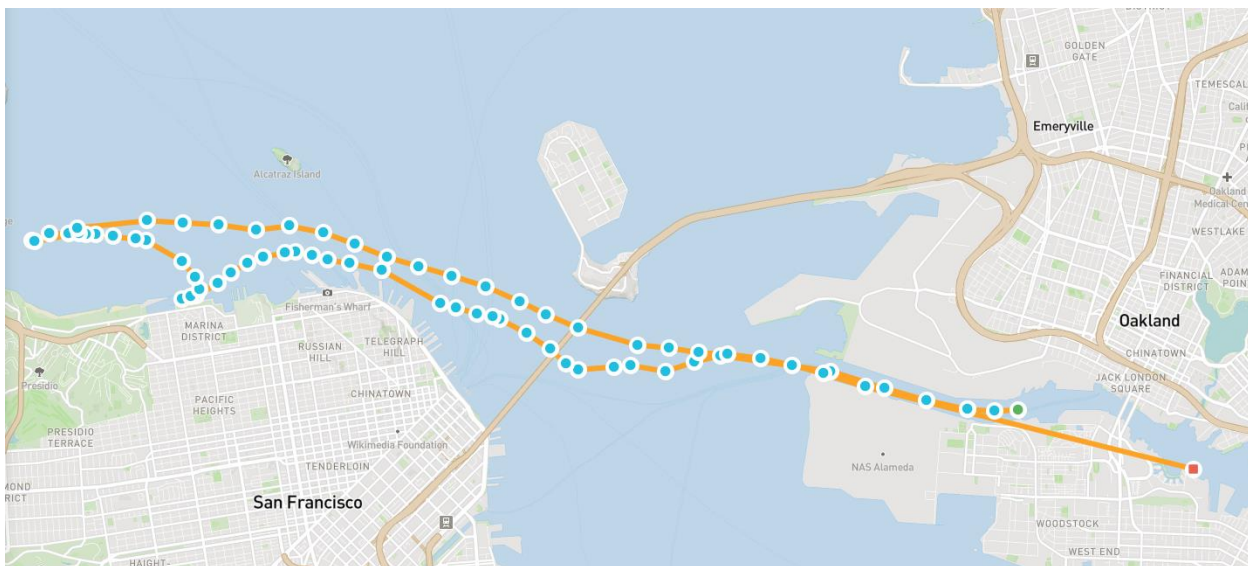


FIGURE 1 - TRACK LINE OF PATROL FOR OPFAC SERVANT TO ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB AND THEN BACK TO OYC... SPY-TECH



FIGURE 2 – FLOATING STRUCTURAL WOODEN BEAM APPROXIMATELY 25' IN LENGTH. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.



FIGURE 3 - - 5' TO 7' PIECE OF TELEPHONE POLE FLOATING NEAR GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.



FIGURE 4 – LOU SARTO AND ADAM KOVALEVSKY ON THE WEATHER DECK OF OPFAC SERVANT. PHOTO BY JIM LOSI.

**Very respectfully submitted,
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