



**Date:** October 2021  
**From:** Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs  
**Thru:** Alan Stanton, DCAPT- Prevention  
**To:** Commodore Dean McFarren  
**Subject:** All Activities report from September 2021

## **Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA**

### **From the Deputy's Corner:**

Great news - The AUXPA-12 organizers and staff are expecting that there will be a number of opportunities to hold AUX-12 classes in 2022. So, keep a close lookout for what is coming. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to make use of the great online resources to research and review the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary Public Affairs policies and procedures.

And, if you, or anyone you know is interested in Public Affairs Staff Officer training and a PA staff officer assignment you should work on completing AUX 20, 22, 23, 26, and the ICS 100 programs online.

As always, those Members who do attend the AUX-12 program are fully expected to complete, As a minimum, the PA 3 Specialist certification program within one (1) year of completing 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/or Auxiliary SM policies and rules. 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 does 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 the SM sites within their District, it will ultimately fall on Commodores to always 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.

**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**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

**Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA**

No report submitted

**Division 4 –**

No Report Submitted

**Division 5 – Jim Matthies – FSO-PA -Flt 55 and Kit Galvin SO-PA**

**FSO PA report for September 2021**

Flotilla 55 had no PA events in the month of September.

However, I do have to mention that Flotilla 55 and District 11NR will be losing a most valuable member of Flotilla 55 Sonoma County. Wil and Raychell Sumner are building a home in Florence Oregon and will be leaving California in November 2021.

Wil has been a member of Flotilla 55 since 2002 He mentored under Auxiliary members like Larry Kubo, Ray VanCleave, Dick Palmiter, Stu Halbersma and Tom Maxson. He got involved in Ops right away, got his crew qualification and became a coxswain in 2004. He was wore many FSO hats including OPS and Member Training, and was Vice and Flotilla Commander of Flotilla 55. He also held offices like Division Commander and D Captain.

He mentored members in Flotilla 55 in operations, boater education, public affairs, marine safety, hazardous materials, vessel exams, seamanship, flotilla procedures and more.



Wil spent countless hours working and training with Coast Guard Station Bodega Bay. Training and supporting in operations both Flotilla 55 and Coast Guard crew members. He has maintained a close and valuable relationship with the station and many of its commanding officers throughout the years. Wil has also developed a valuable relationship in operations with both the Army Corps of Engineers and Sonoma County Sheriffs in support of recreational boating on Lake Sonoma CA. His Facilities Margarita a 24' Boston Whaler and Sea Scum a 17' Montauk could be seen patrolling Lake Sonoma during the summer boating season especially on the big holiday weekends when needed the most.

Wil established an excellent working relationship with the Lakeville Fire Department's Marine Unit in Petaluma CA. The shared training on the Petaluma River was invaluable to all crew members involved.

Wil attended his last Bodega Bay OPTREX as a Flotilla 55 member on September 24th and 25th 2021. All members qualifying or re qualifying passed their check rides because of the hard work they put in and the excellent training that they received both from Wil and other dedicated crew members of our flotilla.

We will miss Wil and Raychell very much. We will also miss Margarita and Sea Scum his beloved facilities. Whichever Flotilla he decides to go to in Oregon will be a very lucky flotilla.

As for Flotilla 55 we will be ok. But we have some big shoes to fill for sure. Thank you Wil for all of your hard work and excellent mentoring!!

Wishing you and Raychell the best on your new adventure in Oregon.

**Wil Sumner contemplates his last Patrol on Lake Sonoma Ca. July 4th 2021**

## **Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA**

**Division 6 OPTREX – 10-11 September**



**OTO Dustin Finkelson & Chuck Cobery, DCDR, address the crews in the pre-underway briefing**



**Candidates and crew are assembled in the Santa Cruz Harbor Meeting Room during the pre-underway briefing.**



**Coxswain Chuck Cobery conducting pre-underway briefing with (l to r) Onno Hommes, Jill Weeks, & Brian O'Mara on board the '522'.**



**OTO Dustin Finkelson conferring with Boat Crew candidate Bruce Krogstad aboard the '219'.**



**In training mode, Brian O'Mara hails the '219' assessing whether a tow was required**



**Alan Stanton on Port Watch on board the '219'**



**Michael Brown (right) preparing to pass the #1 line to Brian O'Mara for a stern tow.**



**Bruce Krogstad preparing to pass the #2 line from the '219' to the '522' for a side tow.**



**Bruce Krogstad (left) prepares to receive the #1 line on the '219' from Tracy Schultz on the '474'.**



**Steve McCann at the helm of the '474' with crew member Robb Kay in the bow.**



**Midday break in Santa Cruz Harbor with a rosy outlook for all!**



**Midday break ... the other table!**



Following on-the-water activities, the '522' prepares to take on fuel with Onno Hommes on the foredeck.



Marine life was abundant and thoroughly enjoyed the OPTREX "entertainment".

The event was a great success with 13 candidates from Divisions 4 & 6 qualifying or requalifying for coxswain or boat crew.



Presented by Jane Smith, DSO-PA2, Flotilla 6-10, Division 6 and successful boat crew "requalifier"

### **Division 7 – Lana Visser – 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**



**On Saturday, October 9,** Flotilla 10-03 and Flotilla 10-02, represented by Joseph Chavoen and Rebecca O'Brien-Witt, respectively, participated in an annual event held in Stockton called "Kid's Matter". Hosted by small community groups, it is a day of fun and learning to fish for the children. The auxiliary volunteers emphasize water safety and environmental responsibilities in an age-appropriate way, especially with a "fishing game" that was first introduced to the Auxiliary members by Monica Eaton several years ago, and remains extremely popular with the kids. This year's attendance was down, presumably due to Covid-19, but those who were there appeared to be having a lot of fun.

**OPTREX held September 24, 25, and 26** was very successful. All of the Division 10 flotillas had members in attendance, which was 10-02, 10-03, 10-05, and 10-06. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> was utilized for training and oral examinations, with fellowship in the evening. There was shoreside training as well as a night patrol. Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> had the initial qualification exams and requalifying exams, with every participant successfully passing all the examinations. Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> had on the water training and patrol.

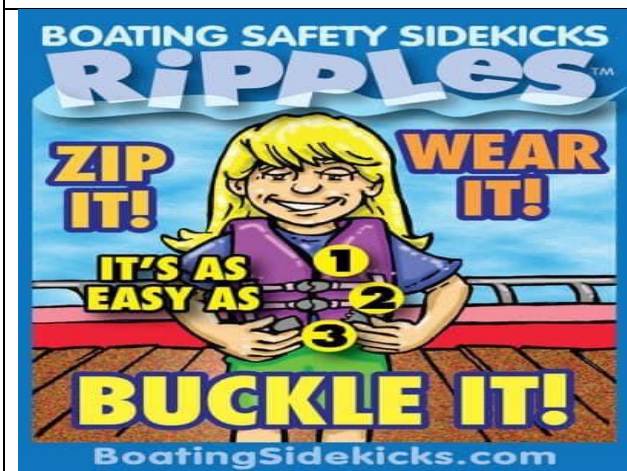
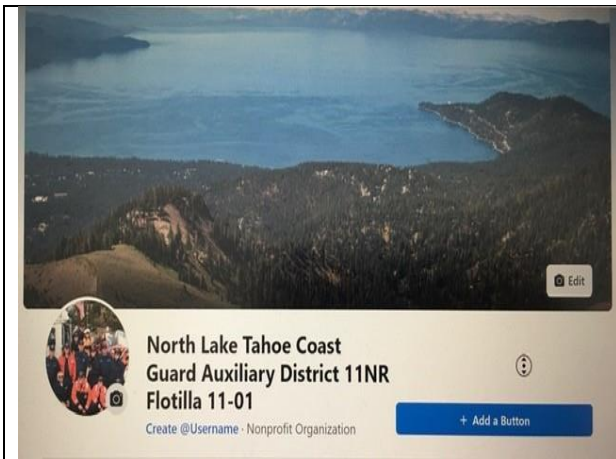
## **Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO – PA – Flotilla 11-01**

On **28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 Auxiliary Facility Camie Marie of Flotilla 11-01** with Coxswain Bill Stolz, and Crew Cameran Stolz and Chris Minedew worked with Coast Guard Station Tahoe small boat 29155. Jointly we practiced the heaving line, stern towing, side towing and passing a P-6 pump from vessel to vessel. Although not directly involved, we had the opportunity observed Air Station Sacramento's C-27 making equipment supply drops to Lake Tahoe

### **September 2021 Photos**



Throughout the summer boating season we have added boating safety articles from the Safe Boating Campaign, Safety Sidekick, and the Coast Guard to our 11-01 Facebook page to promote boating safety to the public. The more Auxiliarist that "like" our page the more the message will be seen.



## Division 12 - Jim Losi - Public Affairs, PCA President & DSO-HR

### Patrol - September 19, 2021

- Crew(s) (8):                    **OPFAC SERVANT**
- Jim Losi** - Coxswain
- Greg Olsen** – Coxswain in Training
- Adam Kovalevsky** – Boat Crew Trainee
- Alex Bennett** – Boat Crew

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

1. This patrol involved a PATON patrol of two bridges in Alameda and a Kite Surfer Safety Patrol for the support of Station Golden Gate – STAGG.
2. After our Pre-Underway Patrol Briefing, the crew of SERVANT prepared to get underway and made our way over to the Bay Farm Island Bridge and the Bay Farm Island bike bridge to verify them for our annual bridge inspections.

3. The crew of SERVANT engaged in 4 SAR cases throughout the day:
  - a. First: Report of kite west of south tower, which was picked up by the 47.
  - b. Second: Yellow wing foil west of south tower, which self-rescued.
  - c. Third: White and blue wing foil we picked up under the center span.
  - d. Fourth: We were flagged down by a kite surfer and directed to a kite surfer with equipment failure just inside the center span.
  - e. Our MISLE number for all four cases was 1279043.
4. The sea state was very rough with sea swells of from 4' to 7' and wind gusts up to 15+ knots.
5. Adam Kovalevsky got several more sign offs in his Boat Crew PQS guide. He will be ready for his check ride during the Div 12 OPTREX in October.
6. The crew of SERVANT performed incredibly well throughout the prosecution of all four SAR rescues. Summary (Written by Greg Olsen of Flotilla 113-12-91 and Coxswain in Training) of the four SAR cases follows:
  - a. Summary of Action

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, OPFAC SERVANT (OPFAC 241647) conducted a kite surfer safety patrol in support of STATION GOLDEN GATE (hereafter STA GG). Crew of SERVANT were all Auxiliarists. The Coxswain was James Losi. Crew consisted of qualified boat crewmen Gregory Olsen and Alexander Bennett and boat crew trainee Adam Kovalevsky.

SERVANT entered STA GG'S AOR at 1405 and transferred radio guard from SECTOR SAN FRANCISCO to STA GG. SERVANT transited to STA GG for a briefing at 1435. At 1505 SERVANT was underway to start the patrol. Given the environmental conditions with a strong WNW winds and an ebb tide throughout the afternoon, the patrol would prove to be a challenging one. At 1525 SERVANT was directed by STA GG to proceed to the vicinity of the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge to search for a kite surfer in distress. On scene no kite surfer in distress was evident on the eastern side of the bridge. Further information from STA GG indicated that the kite surfer was west of the bridge. SERVANT requested permission from the order issuing authority (OIA) to exit the Gate, which was granted at the coxswain's discretion, while STA GG launched a 47-foot MLB to assist in the search.

SERVANT proceeded to search west of the south tower, however the sea state proved hazardous to the vessel and after searching 200 yards outside the gate, SERVANT came about and returned to the confines of San Francisco Bay. (STA GG communicated that the kite surfer was found and recovered at 1605 approximately 500 yards west of the Golden Gate by the MLB.)

SERVANT resumed her patrol between the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. At 1550, SERVANT was directed to respond to a call for help from a kite surfer in distress in the vicinity of the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge. SERVANT arrived on scene and spotted a wing foil surfer in struggling in the wind and waves approximately 100 yards north of the south tower under the center span. That was not the target of the SAR however, and SERVANT proceeded outside the gate to check the west side of the south tower, where a wing foil surfer who had been caught in the eddy behind the tower was able to self-rescue. The self-rescue was reported to STA GG and SERVANT proceeded to pick up the other wing foil surfer in distress under the center span at 1605.

The pickup of the surfer was challenging. The westerly wind combined with the ebb tide to produce treacherous seas of 5 to 6 feet for the 24-foot OPFAC, however, the crew performed with outstanding skill in maneuvering alongside the surfer, recovering his equipment, and the surfer without risking the vessel or crew. The victim was assessed and then transported to Saint Francis Yacht Club. SERVANT got back underway from Saint Francis Yacht Club at 1635.

Two wing foil surfers, one with a black and teal wing, and another with a white wing, located between Chrissy Field and Alcatraz Island refused help even though they appeared to be struggling. Via radio, the 47-foot MLB said that they would keep an eye on them, because they were in the vicinity.

At 1707 SERVANT was directed by STA GG to look for a kite surfer stranded under the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge. The bladder of the kite surfer's kite had popped. SERVANT was on scene in 9 minutes and had safely recovered the surfer and his equipment also in very challenging conditions due to the tide, winds, and swell at the Gate. Recovery took less than a minute and the kite surfer was transported to Saint Francis Yacht Club. SERVANT got back underway at 1735 from SFYC and at 1745 left STA GG'S AOR and RTB at 1830 at Oakland Yacht Club. Note: all SAR activity for the day was recorded under MISLE 1279043.

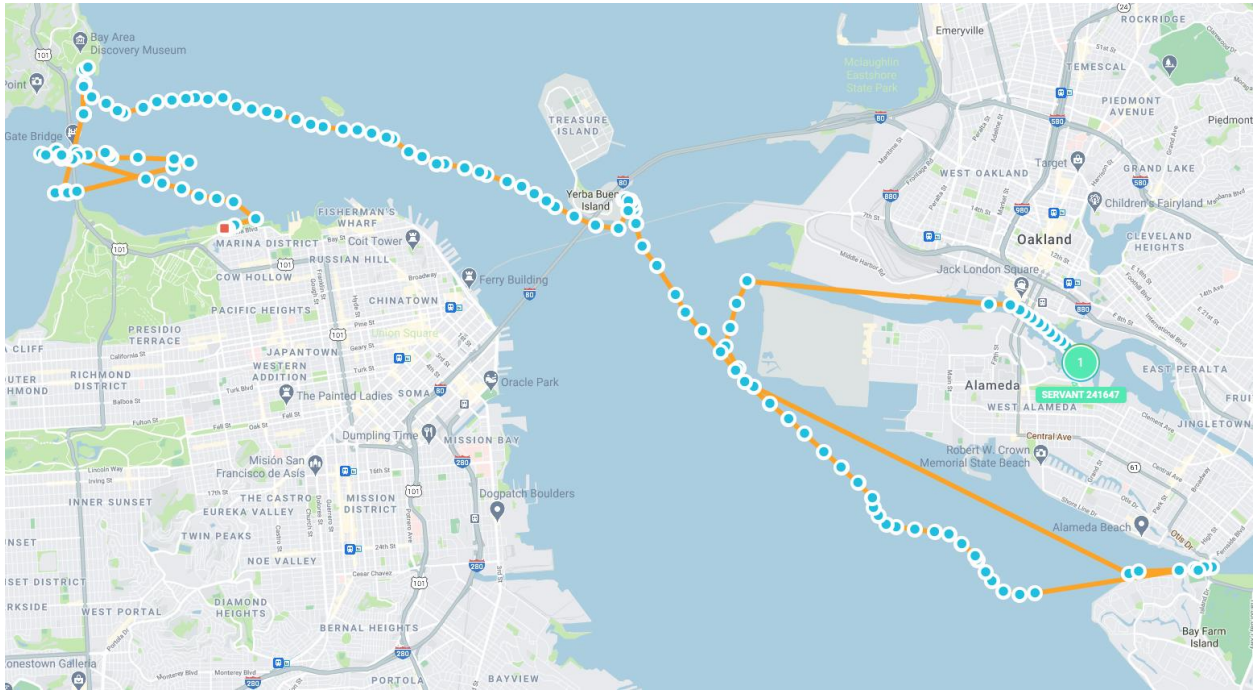
The crew performed admirably in very challenging conditions on this patrol including: the helmsman maneuvering the 24-foot boat in strong wind, waves, and swell to recover persons in the water, the lookouts picking out victims in swell at long distances, excellent radio protocol during the SAR evolutions, and the deckhands performed efficiently and safely to recover equipment and people under extreme conditions for the vessel.

7. We now have a signal system for each SAR case the crew of SERVANT is involved in. Thus far, SERVANT and crew have had eight SAR cases. Picture attached.
8. We covered approximately 52 NMs during the patrol. Figures 1 thru 3 illustrates our

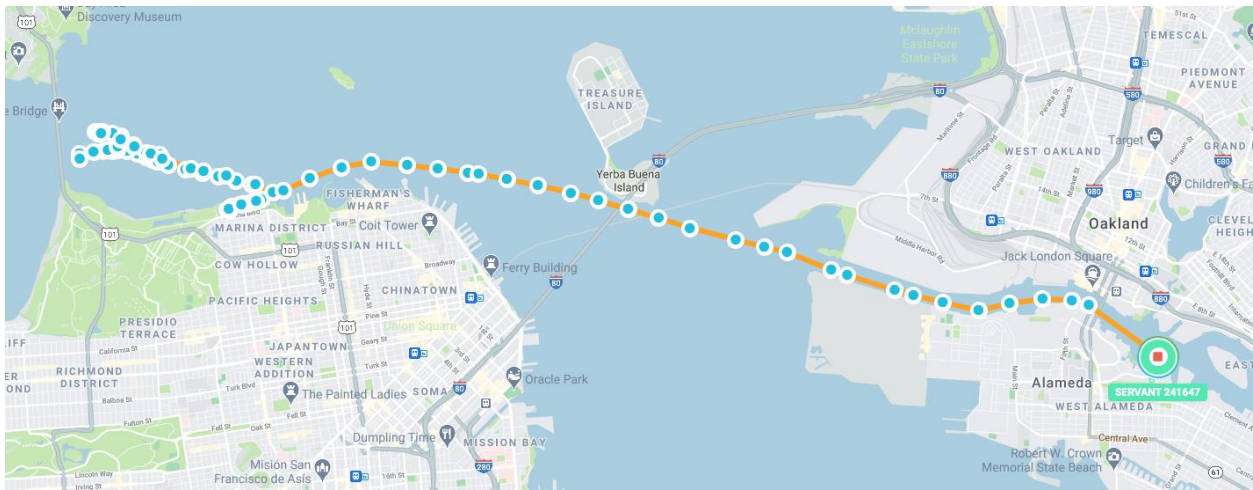
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**FIGURE 1 - COVERED 52 NMs FOR OUR PATROL FROM 1143 TO 1824. SPYTECH TRACKER.**



**FIGURE 2 - PART 1 OF PATROL TRACKING. SPYTECH TRACKER**





**BAY FARM BRIDGE.**



**GREG OLSEN AND ADAM KOVALEVSKY REVIEWING RADIO PROTOCOL.**



Greg Olsen and Adam Kovalevsky reviewing anchoring protocols





**GREG OLSEN SUPERVISING THE RESCUING OF THE KITE SURFER IN DISTRESS.**



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. "THE SEAS WERE ROUGH THAT DAY MY FRIEND." INCREDIBLY SO.



**SERVANT KITE SURFER SAFETY PATROL SAR CASES.**

**Very respectfully submitted,  
Jane D. Smith,  
District Staff Officer - Public Affairs**